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Alcovy, Eastside look to keep their state
championship hopes alive.

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His Word

Now the Lord is that
Spirit: and where the
Spirit of the Lord is,
there is liberty.

2 Corinthians 3:17,
KJV

Covington



Special Photo

A five-year analysis of Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) modeling recently mapped out (below) and published by news company ProPublica shows that EtO emissions from Becton Dickinson & Co. in Covington added an estimated 1 in 1,100 excess lifetime cancer risk within the community. BD officials say the data used was outdated and not based on real air monitoring.

Clearing the air

News report shows Covington plant's EtO
emission rate 9.1 times 'acceptable risk'

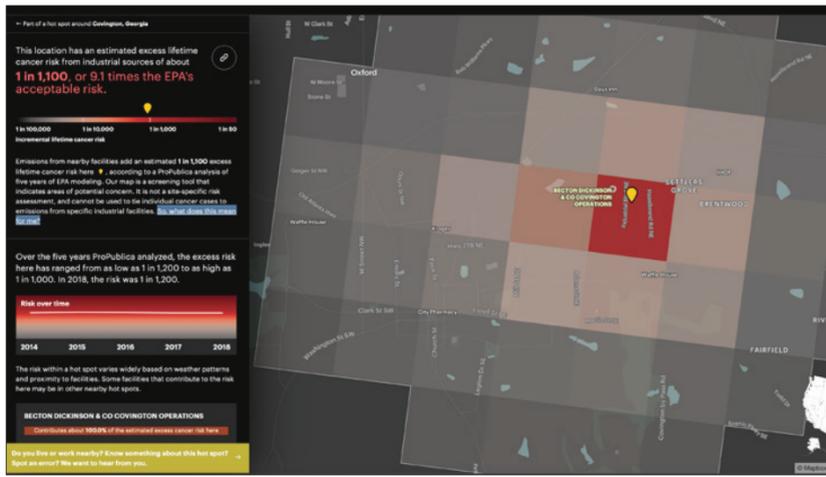
By TAYLOR BECK
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COVINGTON, Ga. — An area
company scrutinized in years past
for its ethylene oxide (EtO) emis-
sions was recently put back under
the microscope.

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cancer risk within the community

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Company says data used outdated,
not based on real air monitoring



ProPublica

Newton County

What's next for county manager?

Kerr waiting to see what BOC
majority wants to do with contract

By TOM SPIGOLON
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Newton
County's longest-serving commis-
sioner said other Board members may be
considering ways to keep Lloyd Kerr
as county manager for
some amount of time
— but he is not one of
them.

J.C. Henderson said
he will “see what the
other commissioners
do” but he will contin-
ue to oppose extension
of Kerr's contract after
Henderson was part of
a 3-2 vote not to extend it on Nov. 2.

“I stand by what I said,” Henderson
said. “I will not rescind my vote. I will
not vote to extend his contract.”

Kerr said recently that County At-
torney Patrick Jaugstetter told him Chair-
man Marcello Banes' planned veto
of the commissioners' action will not
be legally sufficient to extend Kerr's
contract.

State law requires that a majority
of a governing body vote to extend a
manager's contract, Kerr said.

Banes had said he wanted the Board
to vote again on the contract Dec. 7 but
that was before he was told the veto
would not affect the Board's Nov. 2

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Lloyd
Kerr

Covington OKs \$22M bond issue for Magnolia Heights renovation

Request passed
after initial motion
for denial fails;
second bond issue
request tabled

By TAYLOR BECK
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COVINGTON, Ga.
— Magnolia Heights
Apartments is set to be
renovated after a \$22
million bond issuance
by the Covington
Housing Authority for a
Valdosta-based prop-
erty management firm



Special Photo

**Magnolia Heights Apartments is a 20-year-old, 200-unit
complex located at 10156 Magnolia Heights Circle in
Covington.**

was recently approved
by the city council.

Ambling Covington,

a limited partnership
that was formed in
April, per the Secre-

tary of State's website,
made an application
earlier this year to the
Covington Housing Au-
thority for tax-exempt
revenue bond or note
financing for “the ac-
quisition, rehabilitation
and equipping” of the
200-unit multi-family
housing development
located at 10156 Mag-
nolia Heights Circle.

In approving the
bond issue, the city
of Covington is not
indebted or obligated
to financially back the
bond. Bonds are “to

be payable solely from
the revenues derived
from [Ambling] and
pledged to the payment
thereof,” the resolu-
tion stated. The city of
Covington was asked
to approve the bond is-
suanace to meet Internal
Revenue code require-
ments, said Allison
Dyer, who is a partner
with Holland & Knight
and served as bond
counsel.

A representative of
Ambling was on hand
to speak about the
renovation plans for the

20-year-old complex
and its impact on the
area. He said construc-
tion was anticipated to
begin in February bar-
ring any setbacks and
would take between 12-
18 months to complete.
During the course of
construction, only one
to two buildings would
be renovated at a time,
he said. The apartment
complex was currently
creating vacancies to
allow enough space to
temporarily relocate

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• Sunny and clear



Sunday, Nov. 21
High: 63° Low: 45°
• Mostly cloudy

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Covington Police

Concerns addressed at first CRB meeting

By PHILLIP B. HUBBARD
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COVINGTON, Ga. — The newly formed Citizen Review Board held its first official meeting Tuesday night where appointed members voiced their concerns and the city's police chief talked about expectations.

The Citizen Review Board was established by the Covington City Council in April after a five-year process by the city government and police department.

Janet Goodman, Chris Smith, Pat Showalter, Rosie Crawford, Greg Shy, the Rev. Barbara Brown, Elizabeth Sullivan and



Phillip B. Hubbard | The Covington News
Covington Police Chief Stacey Cotton addresses a question Tuesday during the first official meeting of the newly formed Citizen Review Board.

Wanda Dunham, who is a non-voting member, make up the board.

Sullivan, who was just appointed a couple of weeks ago, was absent

from the meeting.

Chief Stacey Cotton led the meeting. He first went over the board's purpose and mission, which is to operate similar to an oversight committee for the police department, which, in turn, will develop trust through transparency between the police department and city residents.

"I think everyone in the room probably has a different version of how that might look," Cotton said.

Questions and concerns were raised by every board member throughout the meeting. The first came from Smith.

After a copy of the ordinance was given out during the meeting, Smith highlighted Section F No. 2 and No. 5 as seemingly contradicting.

No. 2 states all meetings shall be open to the public. No. 5 states members shall not publicly address any confidential police document.

Smith questioned how the board was supposed to accomplish being open to the public while also not being able to disclose any confidential documents.

"There's a procedure in the Open Meetings Act," City Attorney Frank Turner Jr. said. "You have to notice your meetings and you can go into executive session if that's the only way to talk about a confidential document."

After Turner's response, Smith said she was concerned about who would determine when to go into executive session.

Cotton stressed that the board would only receive documents that were redacted unless deemed necessary to include all names of people involved in an incident.

"You're going to understand the subject matter of the event, the policy violation and the termination that occurred," Cotton said. "But you're not going to know the 'who.'"

Turner followed Cotton's statement with further explanation.

"You're just trying to determine if policy was

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Fighting leads to charges against four students in two area high schools

By TOM SPIGOLON
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Fights reportedly kept Newton County school resource officers busy recently as they made four arrests of students following alleged assaults on other students at two different high schools. Newton County sheriff's deputies charged two 18-year-olds and two juveniles with crimes related to fighting, and one of the 18-year-olds for a weapons violation, in separate incidents in the past week at Newton and Eastside high schools.

All students charged will also be disciplined according to the Newton County School System Student Code of Conduct, said spokesperson Sherri Partee.

Two incidents at Newton High — one involving a body slam to the floor and the other in which the offender was charged with having brass knuckles — were reported a little more than an hour and a half apart inside the school building, according to the Newton County Sheriff's Office.

On Nov. 11, School Resource Officer Andre Lawrence responded to a request for assistance in Newton High's J-Hall at about 10:40 a.m. and found "a very irate male student who was involved in a fight" being held by an assistant principal.

"The male student was so uncontrollable (the assistant principal) put him on the floor as I was holding him," the officer reported.

Partee said two male students had engaged in an altercation and one "was in possession of brass knuckles."

Andre Wilburn, 18, of Oxford and an unidentified juvenile were later arrested in the incident.

Wilburn was charged with Carrying a Weapon in a School Safety Zone or School Functions as a Non-Licensed Holder and Disorderly Conduct.

He was booked at the Newton County Detention Center.

The juvenile was charged with Disorderly Conduct and referred to another agency, the report stated.

No injury was reported for the victim, who also was a juvenile.

About 95 minutes later, Partee said a verbal altercation led to an incident in which "one student picked up and dropped another student."

School Resource Officer Shelton Herbert reported being called to a "disturbance" in Newton High's F-Hall at about 12:15 p.m. and found two teachers restraining a juvenile female student on the ground.

"The female student was agitated and was being combative. At that time, I placed the female student in handcuffs for her, teachers, and other students' protection," the officer reported.

"Once the female was in handcuffs, I walked the female inside an empty classroom with the help of the assistant principal at the school.

"She stated a male student picked her up and slammed her to the ground, causing her head to strike the floor. I immediately called for the school nurse to be en route to my location," the officer reported.

The victim was transported to Atlanta Medical Center by ambulance following the alleged assault, a report stated.

Isaac Thettle Monet, 18, of Oxford was later arrested and charged with Battery in the incident. He was transported to the Newton County Detention Center by another officer.

The two Newton High School incidents were not related, Partee said.

At Eastside High School on Tuesday, Nov. 16, School Resource Officer Earl Nesbitt reported he

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To reserve your space, please RSVP to TAPP at TAPP@griffinresa.net.

To register, please send an email to TAPP@griffinresa.net

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REGIONAL REPORT

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Former PSC candidate to head EPA's Southeast region

A 2020 Democratic candidate for a seat on the Georgia Public Service Commission (PSC) is President Joe Biden's choice to become Southeast regional administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Biden appointed Daniel Blackman Thursday to head an Atlanta-based EPA region covering six states. Blackman was recommended for the post by U.S. Sen. Jon Ossoff, D-Ga.

"I am confident and expect that he will bring vision and focus to environmental protection in the Southeast region," Ossoff said Thursday.

Blackman, who lives in Forsyth County, has spent more than a decade advising policymakers at the Georgia capitol and advocating on behalf of Georgia ratepayers and small businesses in energy-related matters before the PSC. He ran for the commission last year, forcing Republican incumbent Lauren "Bubba" McDonald into a January runoff before narrowly losing.

"I've spent my entire career working to protect the environment and our communities from the effects of climate change, especially those marginalized and left behind," Blackman said. "I look forward to hitting the ground running to support Administrator [Michael] Regan in advancing the Biden administration's commitment to working with our state, local, and tribal partners to secure clean air, safe food, and clean drinking water throughout the region."

Blackman is the son of immigrants from Barbados and is an alumnus of Clark Atlanta University.

— Capitol Beat News

State lawmakers hear pitch on vehicle-miles-traveled tax

With sales of electric vehicles on the rise, transportation agencies are going to have to

find a way to raise tax revenue other than the gasoline tax, a transportation consultant told Georgia lawmakers this week.

Robert Poole, director of transportation policy for the Los Angeles-based Reason Foundation, urged members of the Georgia Freight & Logistics Commission to start thinking about replacing the gas tax by taxing motorists based on the number of miles they drive.

"Electric vehicle technology is coming much faster than most people realize," Poole said. "Fuel tax revenues have begun what is going to be a long decline. We're going to need to replace the fuel tax as a source of transportation funding."

Poole and Benita Dodd, vice president of the Georgia Public Policy Foundation, teamed up on a recent report extolling the potential of the vehicle-miles-traveled (VMT) tax.

"We support looking at this as an alternative to a declining fuel tax base," Dodd said.

Poole said another reason to consider the VMT besides the flood of electric vehicles hitting the auto market is the tightening of mileage standards for new cars by the federal government.

While the Trump administration temporarily blunted the push for higher mileage requirements by rolling back the CAFE (Corporate Average Fuel Economy) standards, the Biden administration is working on restoring them, Poole said.

But Poole conceded the concept of a VMT has run into both practical and psychological obstacles.

On the practical side is the bureaucratic complexity of collecting a tax based on miles driven, compared to the simplicity of collecting gas taxes at the pump.

"This looks like a lot of record-keeping," said state Sen. Frank Ginn, R-Danielsville, chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee and a member of the Freight & Logistics

Commission.

Poole said the collection issue could be addressed by phasing in the VMT tax to apply only to interstate highways at first, which account for 28% of the road miles traveled in Georgia. Transponders installed along interstates could reduce the cost of collection to 5% of the revenue the tax brings in, he said.

But the idea of using transponders to track how far drivers are traveling has raised concerns among the public.

Sen. Steve Gooch, R-Dahlonega, suggested a way to sell the VMT politically would be to levy the tax only on electric vehicles and continue taxing motorists who use gasoline when they fill up.

He said the General Assembly passed legislation in 2015 levying an annual fee of \$200 on non-commercial EVs in order to avoid the unpopular idea of tracking motorists.

The Reason Foundation report recommended that Georgia take part in a multi-state VMT pilot project, then look to phase in the tax by imposing it first on limited-access highways before moving to state and local roads.

— Capitol Beat News

Lt. Governor hopeful Butch Miller pushes to repeal Georgia income tax

Georgia Senate President Pro Tempore Butch Miller pre-filed legislation Monday calling for the repeal of the state income tax.

Miller, R-Gainesville, who is running for lieutenant governor, cited the large budget surplus the state posted at the

end of the last fiscal year in June, which is likely to continue through the current year.

"We must figure out a way to only tax what is needed and no more," Miller said in a prepared statement. "Georgians know how to use their hard-earned money more than we do, and in order for Georgia to continue building on its reputation and attract top businesses and talent, we must do more to limit the financial burden placed on our citizens."

Georgia's income tax rate stood at 6% for decades until 2018, when the Republican-controlled General Assembly lowered it to 5.75%. Last year, legislative leaders held off on a proposal to further reduce the tax rate, arguing the fiscal uncertainty raised by the coronavirus pandemic made it the wrong time to reduce state tax revenues.

With the pandemic now on the wane, GOP leaders are expected to push legislation during the 2022 session starting in January to further reduce the tax rate to 5.5% or even lower, but Miller's repeal proposal promises to lend a new element to that debate.

Monday marked the first day members of the General Assembly could pre-file bills for the 2022 legislative session.

— Capitol Beat News

Hitachi plant in Monroe evacuated after fire

Employees at the Hitachi automotive plant in Monroe were evacuated Monday morning due to a fire.

There were no reports of injuries.

The Monroe Fire Department and Walton County Fire Rescue responded at 8:24 a.m. to the plant on Unisia Drive.

Monroe fire Chief Andrew Dykes said the first units to arrive from his department found a working fire with thick black smoke coming from Building 2.

City and county units deployed multiple hose lines and put out the fire within half an hour.

Dykes said the fire appeared to have started in the paint booth area, but all three attacked buildings of the main complex filled with smoke.

Dykes said the Fire Department was working with company management to establish a timeline for the facility to reopen.

The cause was under investigation Monday afternoon.

Hitachi Astemo Automotive Americas is the largest private employer in Monroe. It produces advanced technology products for major automotive original equipment

manufacturers including Ford, General Motors, Honda, Nissan and Subaru.

— The Walton Tribune

Toddler flown from Loganville crash scene with injuries

A toddler had to be extricated from a vehicle after a crash Thursday morning.

Walton County Fire Rescue and the Georgia State Patrol responded shortly after 9 a.m. to a two-vehicle collision at state Route 20 and Logans Bluff.

Assistant Chief Craig League said an 18-month-old was trapped and had to be extricated. That patient had critical injuries and was flown from the scene to Children's Healthcare of Atlanta at Egleston.

Two other people had minor injuries and were transported to hospitals.

One lane of state Route 20 had reopened at about 10:30 a.m., said League of the Walton County Fire Rescue.

— The Walton Tribune

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OPINIONS

The Covington News

Tom Branch guest columnist

Safely storing medicine can save lives

Safe storage of medications protects you and your family members from harm. Medicines that are not stored properly can result in accidental poisoning and overdoses.



Every year, about 60,000 children go to the emergency room because they took medicine when an adult was not looking. If medications are not stored properly, they may not work as well or could become harmful. Preventing access to medicines means using safe storage, which can reduce the risk of overdoses, suicides and thefts.

Any medication, including those purchased over the counter, can be dangerous if taken incorrectly or by the wrong person. All medications should be stored securely in order to prevent your child or others from accessing them.

When storing medications, remember these tips:

- Keep all medications out of reach and

out of sight of children, even those with child-proof safety caps.

- Do not store medicine in the bathroom that may be accessible by others in the home.
- Lock prescription and OTC drugs away in a medicine cabinet or lock box.
- Do not keep medication in your vehicle.
- Store medicines in their original, labeled containers.
- Close and put medication away after every use.
- Do not leave medicine on the counter or in a purse or diaper bag, even if it will need to be given again in a few hours.
- Do not save unused or unwanted prescription medicines for later use. Expired medication may no longer work and could be dangerous if consumed.

For more information about safe medication storage, visit <https://stoprxabuseinga.org>

If you believe someone may have accidentally taken medicine or vitamins not prescribed for them – even if you aren't completely sure – please call the Georgia Poison Center right away at (800) 222-1222.

How to Dispose of Unused Medicines

After making a plan to safely store drugs, it's important to remember to discard expired drugs or medications you no longer use. Your medicine should only be used by you as prescribed and then disposed of if no longer in date or part of your treatment. Even though a medication is safe for you, it might be harmful to someone else. The best way to dispose of your expired, unwanted or unused medicines is through a drug take back program.

Each year, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) sponsors National Prescription Drug Take Back Day in communities nationwide. This take-back program provides a safe place for expired, unwanted or unused medications to be properly discarded and prevent drug addiction and overdose deaths.

Georgians yielded 7,112 pounds of unwanted or expired medications for safe and proper disposal as part of DEA's recent Take Back Day held on October 24, 2020. To learn more about con-

trolled substance public disposal locations in your community, visit <https://apps2.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/pubdispsearch/spring/main?execution=e1s1>

Please safely dispose of expired, unwanted or unused medications and help your community prevent prescription drug abuse and theft.

By visiting <https://stoprxabuseinga.org/prescription-drug-disposal>, you can find the Prescription Drug Drop Box that is closest to you.

In Newton County, drop boxes are currently located at:

- Georgia State University Perimeter College (Police Department Lobby) 239 Cedar Lane Covington, GA 30014 Mon. – Fri. 8AM to 5PM

- Newton County Sheriff's Office 15151 Alcovy Road Covington, GA 30014 Mon. – Fri. 8AM to 5PM

Check with a pharmacist. Some pharmacies offer on-site medicine drop-off boxes, mail-back programs and other ways to help safely dispose of medications.

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Dick Yarbrough columnist

Talking national media's lack of respect for the Atlanta Braves — and other random thoughts

Maybe I am being a bit too Southern Sentitive here but I got the distinct feeling the national media disrespected the Atlanta Braves from the beginning of the playoffs through the World Series and beyond. Had they had their way, I think they would have preferred Los Angeles or San Francisco. Then some MSNBC weenie decried us as racist because of the Tomahawk Chop and a sleazebag agent claims the win was "tainted" because of general manager Alex Anthopoulos getting three outstanding hitters from clubs willing to trade them. Both Anthopoulos and manager Brian Snitker were snubbed for postseason awards which they clearly deserved. As a result, all the team has as a consolation prize is the forever honor of being undisputed 2021 World Series champions! Eat your heart out, whiners, and kiss our grits. . . .



The few responses I got supporting Donald Trump's harrumph about the late Gen. Colin Powell was not because Powell was an up-from-the-bootstraps South Bronx success story who served his country with distinction in Vietnam and later as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and then secretary of state in the George W. Bush Administration. No, it was because he was considered (shudder!) a RINO. That is someone who is said to be a Republican In Name Only or, more succinctly, someone who does not support Donald Trump down to his or her tippytoes. I hear that term a lot but never DINO – a Democrat In Name Only. . . .

Trump is on record as saying he wishes Democrat Stacey Abrams had been elected governor of Georgia instead of Brian Kemp. He also financially supported current vice president Kamala Harris when she was running for attorney general of California as a Democrat. Does that make him a RINO or a DINO? I don't have the answer but I do have a feeling someone is going to straighten me out on that. . . .

My dear wife used to tell our grandsons, you are free to do whatever you choose. Just understand there will be consequences to pay if your choices are bad ones. Somebody should have told that to UGA linebacker Adam Anderson, who has been arrested and accused of sexually assaulting a 21-year-old woman in the wee hours of October 29. His lawyer says he is innocent. I say he should never have had the woman in the apartment between 5 and 6 a.m. as has been alleged and doing what he is alleged to have done. What was he thinking? Obviously, he wasn't. . . .

Speaking of lawyers and football (Can I segue, or what!), I saw a recent article decrying the lack of Black attorneys in this country, saying that people of color make up 13.4% of the nation's population but only 5% of the legal profession. If we are going to use that as a standard, then we need to apply the same rule to the National Football League, which is 69 % Black in a country that is 72% white. Maybe we can get the ACLU to quit stewing over who can go to what bathrooms and devote their efforts to getting more white running backs in the league. Talk about an underrepresented class. . . .

Seven law enforcement officers in Georgia have been killed in the line of duty so far in 2021, including two this month. But I don't seem to recall a bunch of wet-behind-the-ear anarchists hurling Molotov cocktails, turning over cars and looting small businesses in protest. Frankly, they don't deserve to be on the same planet with these brave heroes and their grieving families. . . .

Finally, my friend, Toby Probst, an ardent baseball fan and an Auburn War Eagle of the first rank, informs me that of the last three World Series the Braves have won – 1957 in Milwaukee and 1995 and 2021 in Atlanta – the quarterback at Auburn has been named Nix: Lloyd Nix in 1957. Patrick Nix in 1995. His son, Bo Nix this year. I did some fact checking and discovered Bo Nix has just one more year of eligibility left and the only other two Nix surnames I could find on the Internet were Wendy Nix, an ESPN reporter and Sofia Nix, a porn star (I'll take their word for it), neither of whom seem to be quarterback material. Hmmm. This could be serious. Let's hope Alex Anthopoulos and Brian Snitker come up with a brilliant alternative. Like re-signing Freddie Freeman.

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Rev. Lyn Pace religious columnist

Consider writing a gratitude letter this year

A few years ago, at a student retreat, I introduced the practice of gratitude letters.



The retreat theme of "Paying Attention" allowed us to spend time with mindfulness practices designed to focus our attention on what really matters. These letters gave participants an opportunity to offer thanks for a particular person and then give or send them the letter, if possible.

Gratitude letters seem appropriate for this time of year too. Many of us celebrate

Thanksgiving, an occasion when we gather with family and friends and spend intentional moments giving thanks. We are also nearing the end of a calendar year, which is a chance for reflection on where we have been, what we have done, and perhaps even what we have left undone as the year ends.

There are clear benefits to writing such letters. Mindfulness and paying attention are two, of course, but focusing on someone in our life who has mattered is my focus in today's article. It could be a family member, friend, mentor or teacher, coach, faith leader, or even someone who is no longer

physically present in our lives. One friend of mine wrote a letter to a teacher who had died earlier that year, and then she gave it to his spouse. Through her own teary whisper, his spouse mentioned how deeply touched she was; how the thoughtful letter helped her with her grief. For my friend, it was the chance she never took in person to say thank you and then to say goodbye to her mentor.

At that same retreat several years ago, I received a letter from one of the students. That was a surprise, especially given that we had not spent much time getting to know one another. Her letter was written with gratitude for the time and energy I (and others) had put into designing and offering the retreat. It was a gift to me at the end of a tiring weekend.

To whom would you write your letter? Better yet, when will you write to them? Set a date by which you want to write the letter, sometime between now and New Year's Eve. Carve out some time to write. Some people do well with an outline or bullet points as a starting place. Perhaps free form writing, letting thoughts come as they will, is more your style. Whatever helps you put pen to paper is what I recommend.

I'm taking my chances that my mother will read this article, like I think she has for most of my previous ones. My letter is to her. Recently, I found myself thinking about how she went to college while I was in elementary and middle school. I remember waiting for her to finish one of her elective classes while I worked on my own homework. Having been to college, now working at a college, and parenting, I know what kind of sacrifice that was for her as a working parent.

I'm grateful for her sacrifice as well as her commitment to education. She didn't have the kind of experience with college I got to have 10 years later straight out of high school. But her willingness to go back to school for her nursing degree and to take me to her class, left a lasting impression. No doubt, it became a significant factor in my own love and dedication to higher education today.

My mother shaped my vocation, and that is pure gift when someone does that for us. A gift that deserves my gratitude.

To whom do you owe your thanks?

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

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Piedmont Newton gastroenterologists share food tips ahead of holiday

By MEGAN NEUNAN
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Thanksgiving dinner is a tough meal for anyone who experiences gastrointestinal conditions such as acid reflux or heartburn.

After all, overeating can lead to the issues, as it causes stomach acid to back up into the esophagus.

Moreover, fatty foods, onions, garlic, acidic fruits, and alcohol are known triggers, and a tradition-

al Thanksgiving feast features all of these things in abundance, especially fatty foods.

But according to Dr. Michael Cheng and Dr. Gregory Gibson of Piedmont Physicians Gastroenterology Newton, a few modifications can allow everyone to enjoy the holiday in comfort.

1. Do not skip earlier meals. To limit calories or save room on Thanksgiving, some people skip breakfast and lunch in anticipa-

tion of a big dinner. This strategy is a bad one for those prone to heartburn and acid reflux. “Empty stomachs are acidic,” explained Dr. Cheng.

2. Eat earlier. Many families already do this, but moving dinnertime up to mid-afternoon can help. The ideal time to eat if heartburn or reflux is a concern is between 3 and 4 p.m. This way, a person’s stomach will likely empty before he or she is reclined for bed.

“Gravity is great for digestion,” said Dr. Gibson.

3. Drink water. It will make you feel full faster and dilute stomach acid.

4. Have smaller portions of problematic foods. Stuffing often includes onions and garlic. Mashed potatoes are frequently prepared with a lot of butter. Gravy comes from turkey pan drippings and is, thus, high in fat. And cranberry sauce and sweet potato

side dishes sometimes include acidic fruits, like oranges. “It would be unrealistic to advise my patients not to eat any of these things,” said Dr. Cheng. “So, I suggest they have a few bites of any food that bothers them.” Dr. Gibson added, “I tell my patients to focus on the turkey, vegetables and maybe a plain roll.”

Heartburn is a symptom of acid reflux, a digestive disorder in which the valve between the stomach

and esophagus routinely opens when it shouldn’t, allowing stomach contents to flow back through the esophagus. If these symptoms interfere with daily life, it could be gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD).

Cheng and Gibson treat heartburn, acid reflux and GERD.

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Your Letters to the Editor

Reader poses several questions concerning property taxes and collections

To the Editor and property owners:

Did y’all receive your thoughtful, (yet later than usual), Happy Holiday, Forced Offering, property tax bill from Scrooge, (I mean), the Commissioner’s Office? Just in time for Christmas! Yay, just what we all were wishing for, huh? Some came with sweet little notes addressing some of us elderly or disabled folks, (but not me), explaining the delay in the bill and why some older people were receiving discounts & tax breaks. You should see the form letter I received from Marcus Jordan’s office earlier this year. Without too much detail, these are the words that cropped up: execution (four

times), against (twice), lien, penalty, accrue. All wording to break, intimidate and wreak fear. (I know, I make it my point to try and master the meanings of words and their affects for good, not evil). And just because I told them I wouldn’t pay the \$1,000 school tax I didn’t owe. I did let him know he needed to tone down the wording if he was working toward any kind of complacency from anybody.

Some of you probably own your house now and/or have no children going to school but are still, like me, being sent extortion bills from this corporation we have no contract with.

Ask yourself these

questions: Are these people appointed by us? Do they work for us? Are property taxes constitutional? Do we have a constitutional right to own property? Is it the law? (or a mandate). [https://bensguide.gpo.gov/how-laws-are-made ...](https://bensguide.gpo.gov/how-laws-are-made...) or if you are 64, remember School House Rock? Can property only be taxed to commercial and business only? Is the only entity that can sell your property the Title Holder – which is you? Did more people appeal their taxes in Georgia this year than any? Do corporations and bankers contract with men and women without their consent like when mortgage companies and tax commissioners slip in

property tax fees into mortgage loans claiming, “It’s the law!”

Can assessors make up predictions about the value of your land? Should you pay a counterfeit bill year after year you already paid taxes on when you bought your house and ever after?

Are we being taxed for things over and over just by a different name to confuse us, pad their pockets and hide the money? Are you being illegally taxed out of your legacy and hard life’s work? If a person or business sent you a bill you hadn’t contracted with, or received services from, would you pay it?

Before you get in a hurry to part with your hard earned cash, don’t

take it from me, do your own research. I’d be happy to send you a copy of my findings

and essay on this subject though.

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Your Letters to the Editor

Reader has issue with recent Georgia Power announcement

Dear Editor:

A recent announcement by the Georgia Power Company indicated that an additional \$224 million would be needed to complete the construction of their nuclear power plant. The current cost is \$27 billion, nearly twice the original estimate. The additional money will cost the average rate payer, out of an esti-

mated 2,635,000, will be \$85.

There are two significant issues here, first of which is that Snapping Shoals Electric Cooperative is operated in such a way that these cost overruns and rate increases are not necessary.

The second is based on an estimated 206,000 households in Georgia. The \$27

billion Georgia Power has spent on an as yet non functioning nuclear power plant, would have provided approximately \$131,000 per Georgia household to install solar panels on every home, storage batteries in every garage and reverse electric meters that would have provided income to the home owner for any power generated

by their system, beyond what is consumed.

This is the return on investment that these ratepayers should have received from Georgia Power and how easy it would have been to have created a solar powered grid in our state.

Jay Munro
Covington

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With prescription drug misuse on the rise, the methods outlined above can help us make our families and communities safer. In 2019, an average of 38 people died each day in the United States from overdoses involving prescription opioids, totaling more than 14,000 deaths. By storing and disposing of our personal medications properly, we protect the lives of those that matter most to us.

Want to get involved

in your drug-free community? Reach out to Newton County Drug Free Community Coalition and visit their website: nwtnfamily-connection.org.

Tom Branch is the Opioid Surveillance and Prevention Specialist for Gwinnett, Newton and Rockdale County Health Departments. Tom has worked in the Public Safety sector for over 30 years and volunteers for multiple non-profits in the

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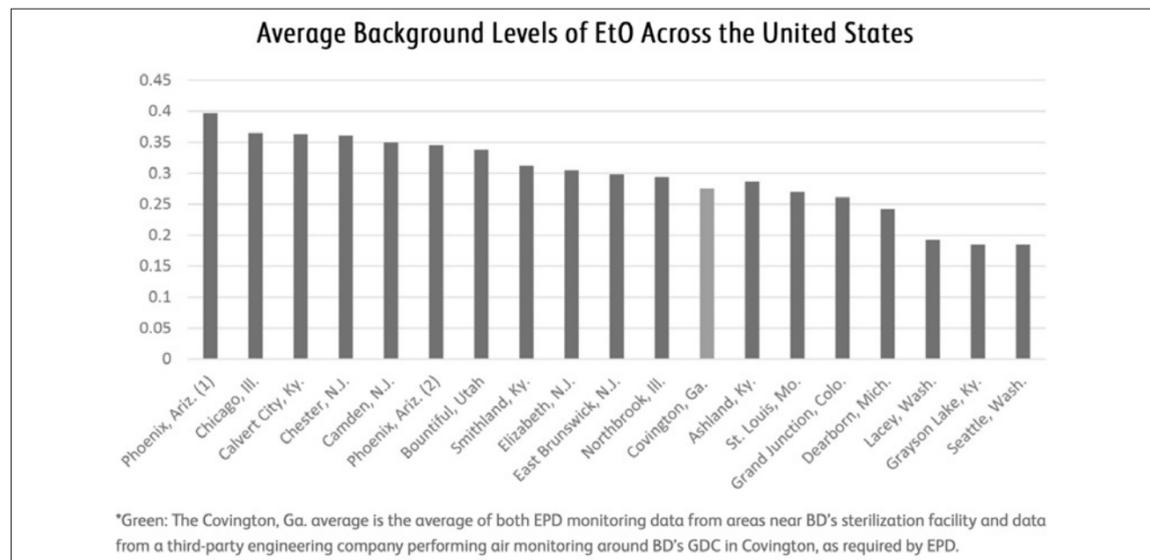
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— approximately 9.1 times the EPA’s acceptable risk. The map features several industrial facilities located across the U.S. in addition to BD.

However, in a phone interview with The Covington News, BD officials said data from the report was outdated and not based on real air monitoring, and the overall report on BD could easily be “misunderstood.”

“The ProPublica article reports that [it] relies on computer modeling based on data collected from different sources to project emissions over a period from 2014 to 2018,” BD Vice President of Public Relations Troy Kirkpatrick initially stated. “ProPublica did



*Green: The Covington, Ga. average is the average of both EPD monitoring data from areas near BD’s sterilization facility and data from a third-party engineering company performing air monitoring around BD’s GDC in Covington, as required by EPD.

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not report on the vast amount of data available from actual air sampling and additional modeling around Covington and greater Atlanta. Actual air monitoring, provides better data on which to understand realized levels of EtO in the air versus computer models.”

ProPublica did state that its map was “built using data modeled from the EPA’s Toxics Release Inventory, and “because this data is self-reported by the facilities and not always vetted for accuracy by the EPA, we’ve found that it may contain errors.”

Kirkpatrick said the

Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) has collected a vast amount of real air monitoring data from October 2019 to April 2021 in not only Covington, but across greater Atlanta as well. Data had also been collected at a “background” monitoring location in rural General Coffee State Park in south Georgia.

“What the EPD data shows is that the average amounts of EtO in the air in Covington are about the same or below what is found at any other monitoring location in Georgia,” he said, “and is also in line with actual EtO measurements in the air taken by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency at more than a dozen locations across the country.”

The average EtO concentration rate in Covington was 0.27 ug/m3 (micrograms per cubic meter air), which was lower than General Coffee State Park (0.385), Cobb County (0.425), South DeKalb (0.45) and Fulton County (0.839). The Covington average is the average of both EPD monitoring data from areas near BD’s sterilization facility and data from a third-party engineering company performing air monitoring around BD’s Global Distribution Center in Covington, as required by the EPD.

“When you search for Covington, the [ProPublica] map indicates that the average risk is 56% lower than EPA’s risk threshold,” Kirkpatrick said. “The numbers you cite are the maximum levels on or in very close proximity to BD’s property.”

“As stated previously, actual air monitoring,

which EPD has done provides better data on which to understand realized levels of EtO in the air versus computer models,” he added. “Comparison of data against risk thresholds established by regulatory agencies is one tool used to manage exposure at acceptable levels. ProPublica clearly acknowledges on the map: ‘Our map is a screening tool that indicates areas of potential concern. It is not a site-specific risk assessment and cannot be used to tie individual cancer cases to emissions from specific industrial facilities.’”

Kirkpatrick said ProPublica also drew its conclusions using an EPA screening threshold value of 0.02 micrograms of EtO per cubic meter, also characterized as a cancer risk of 100 in 1 million.

“Importantly, this comparison to this EPA screening value is only a first step in risk analysis and does not mean emissions have increased risk or caused any adverse health effects,” Kirkpatrick said. “If using that EPA screening threshold value, actual air measurements across the country, including areas nowhere near any known EtO industrial source, would be considered higher than the EPA risk tolerance value. For example, using this value, the actual measurements of EtO in the air around Georgia and across the U.S. all exceed this risk tolerance, including rural General Coffee State Park — where there are no industrial sources of EtO anywhere near — which would be considered 19.25 times higher than the EPA risk threshold.”

Since 2019, BD has invested more than \$40 million into its Georgia facilities to further reduce EtO emissions, including dry bed systems to reduce fugitive emissions (off-gassing of products while in the warehouse) by more than 90%. Be-

fore, the company had already been destroying 99.95% of EtO emissions.

And as part of the investment, BD is currently undergoing a new permitting process “that includes the positive effect of these new technologies, and the modeling that is required as part of the permitting process show that both facilities are currently operating significantly below the EPA risk threshold,” Kirkpatrick stated. Kirkpatrick said BD was working diligently with the FDA to find more ways to continue decreasing the rate of EtO emissions.

It was in August 2019 that BD initially faced local scrutiny about its EtO emissions. Area residents reportedly first voiced their concerns about EtO emissions and unreported releases of the chemical — however low the rate may be — and claimed the emissions were poisoning the air and causing cancer in Newton County.

According to the EPA, ethylene oxide is a gas used to make other chemicals that produce many everyday products, and it is used to sterilize devices that can’t be sterilized using steam. It is reacted to make ethylene glycol, which is a key ingredient in a variety of consumer household products. Ethylene oxide is an essential building block for synthetic fibers (e.g., upholstery, carpet), plastics, PVC pipe and cosmetics.

It is one of 187 pollutants that Congress classified as “hazardous air pollutants,” also called “air toxics.” The Clean Air Act instructs the U.S. EPA to regulate air toxics by setting limits on the amount of pollution that industrial sources can emit to the air, rather than by setting ambient standards, which are limits on the amount of a pollutant that is allowed in the outdoor air.

There is currently not a “bright line,” or a

level for ethylene oxide below which air quality is considered OK, per the EPA.

In December 2019, BD was reportedly issued a notice of violation from the EPD for operating its Global Distribution Center, located on Lochridge Boulevard in Covington, without an air quality permit. The warehouse stores medical equipment sterilized using EtO at the BD Covington and BD Madison facilities, as well as medical equipment sterilized at other BD facilities outside of Georgia.

In August 2020, Gov. Brian Kemp signed new restrictions on the use of ethylene oxide into law. Senate Bill 426, introduced by Sen. Brian Strickland, R-McDonough, who represents part of Newton County, requires manufacturers that use ethylene oxide to report any waste spills or gas releases to the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) within 24 hours. The director of the EPD then must post the information on the agency’s website.

Nearly one year later, in July 2021, an Atlanta-based law firm said it had filed 154 lawsuits “claiming medical sterilization company BD Bard has released a chemical linked to cancer into the air surrounding its Covington plant since the late 1960s.” BD officials denied all allegations.

Covington resident Jason McCarthy said he applauded ProPublica’s work and said it was important for all residents to remain informed about the issue of EtO emissions.

“People need to be informed of the serious health risks that come with exposure to Ethylene Oxide (EtO),” he said. “Most people are likely not aware of, but very likely experiencing such exposures if they live near these facilities.”

McCarthy said he has petitioned for 24-hour monitoring to hold companies like BD accountable and ensure the public’s safety.

“I have no doubt that there are children affected by this issue, and that is something that I have great passion about preventing,” he said. “Life is hard enough and there are enough reasons in life that may cause any one of us to get cancer. Living near a medical sterilizer shouldn’t be one of them.”

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tenants on site while renovations are completed.

Rent rates would not change very much, the Ambling representative said. In fact, rates for one-bedroom units (currently \$702-\$950 per month) and two-bedroom units (\$842-\$1,050) would decrease, on average. Only three-bedroom units (\$969-\$1,150) would increase, but not by much he said. The Ambling representative confirmed that there were protections in place that would keep current tenants' rate from changing for at least one year after moving into a renovated unit.

Renovations would involve changes to each unit's interior and exterior. Ambling plans to spend up to \$55,000 in upgrades per unit. Plans include but are not limited to a new roof, new HVAC, electrical and plumbing work, and the addition of new amenities. There were also plans to spend more than \$130,000 on a new 32-camera video surveillance system at the apartment complex to address crime and improve quality of life.

The Ambling representative said Magnolia Heights Apartments was currently restricted to 70% affordable housing, but after renovations, it would be proposed to change that rate to 100%.

During its Monday, Nov. 15, meeting, the Covington City Council voted 4-2 to pass a resolution that approved the bond issuance and certify that a public hearing had been held by the Covington Housing Authority. But the approval did not come without contention.

Councilwoman Fleeta Baggett, who was one of the two opposing votes, initially motioned for the council to deny the bond issuance request.

Baggett was visibly frustrated with plans to restrict the apartment complex to 100% affordable housing, and she also voiced her displeasure to see that no one directly affiliated with the housing authority was present for the meeting. She said this was the first time the council had

heard of the housing authority's plans.

"Unfortunately for you," Baggett said to the Ambling representative and Dyer, "we've not been given clear parameters by the housing authority lately. And I'm very uncomfortable with this. And due to that fact — I mean, how many more projects do they have going on? I mean, we just are hearing of this. We had the whole Baker Field debacle that went on a month ago. Now we're turning around on the next thing, item 10 is a whole other thing going on ... and no one can show up? I'm a hard 'no.'"

Councilman Don Floyd (who also voted to oppose the bond issuance) seconded Baggett's motion, but the move to deny failed 4-2. Only Baggett and Floyd voted in favor of denial.

To clarify, the Ambling representative said the affordable rent program for Magnolia Heights required potential tenants to pass background checks and credit checks, and pay the rent. He said the bulk of tenants are self-paid and do not get a voucher or any type of rental assistance.

"In this program, affordable housing is not provided through a monthly subsidy to tenants, but instead by offering tax credits to finance the project and then, in exchange, the developer keeps the rents artificially below market," the representative said.

He said if the council did not approve, other options to fund the project would be exhausted, but he felt this was the most viable option for this specific property.

Councilman Anthony Henderson eventually made the motion to approve the resolution, and Councilwoman Hawnethia Williams seconded. It was then passed 4-2.

Henderson said he was initially concerned with the proposed bond approval and project, but he said the upside in improving the quality of life was what made the difference for him.

"We have to realize a lot of people living

in this community may not have the ability to pay full market rent," Henderson said. "This gives people opportunity for people not as fortunate to ... still get a great quality of life and great place to live in."

The following business item, as Baggett alluded to previously, was another request for the Covington City Council to approve a bond issuance, but this time from the Covington Housing Authority to The Reserve at Jackson Highway, LP, in the amount of \$23 million to finance the "acquisition, construction and equipping" of a 102-unit multi-family housing development to be located at 9155 SW Jackson Highway.

The Reserve at Jackson Highway is a domestic limited partnership that was formed by Cogency Global Inc. on June 30 and is based out of Woodland Hills, according to the Secretary of State's website.

Developer Keith Bauer said plans would call for 72 single-family homes constructed on the property and 30 townhomes that would be available for long-term rental.

"We were told [at the time of the land sale] that they would not be rentals," Baggett said.

Bauer responded by saying that the goal would be to work toward homeownership. "We've set it up to be an affordable housing project," he said. "It'll start off as long-term rental of single-family and townhome units. Then our exit strategy would be to sell them as low-income, affordable homes."

He said they were working with housing authority on the financing.

At that point, Councilman Kenneth Morgan said he didn't understand the issue of the housing authority not being present for this particular request, as well as the previous request.

"We've approved things like this all the time without representation being here," he said. "I don't know why [we say tonight], 'Well, where's the housing authority?' We've done this all the

time ... I think this is spill over of what has happened [with Baker Field], but what has happened shouldn't have anything to do with this particular situation."

"I'm not apologizing for asking questions," Baggett said in rebuttal to Morgan's comments. "I apologize if I, personally, am coming off as rude, but we got blistered, and it's not happening again. Not on my watch. And I'm sitting here with four pages of stuff the housing authority owns. I can't even begin to tell you when I started digging into this what I found. We need to either table it, or they need to show up. Because I'm not willing to put my name on any of this stuff. And in saying that they're not here is not an excuse. If it's important to put their name on the bond, it's important enough for them to show up for \$22 million."

"We also are fixing to do a program where \$350,000 is going to improve homes of people that are here," Baggett later continued. "\$750,000 is going toward people buying their homes. At some point we have to stop. I'll be happy to give everybody copies of what I've looked at over the weekend. It is very important that we get on top of this. We can't go from one extreme to the other and be saying, 'We don't have anywhere to eat; we don't have anything for people to do; we don't have any of this; we don't have any of that; the traffic, the traffic, the traffic;' and then you're willing to turn around and do this again? I'm just dumbfounded. And it doesn't have to be this. I'm talking the Neely property. I'm talking about all of it. I mean, y'all put the brakes on it."

Horton suggested the council table the item considering the questions surrounding the proposed development, including what was originally approved at the time of property's sale and what had been discussed during Monday's meeting.

Bauer appeared to have no issue with the

council tabling the request and said his development group was willing to work with the city in whatever way necessary.

"We're trying to give you the best quality affordable housing that we can in this area," Bauer said.

Williams said the issue at hand was the stigma that comes with the term "affordable housing" or "low-income housing."

"Sir, there's a real stigma here in Covington with affordable housing," she said to Bauer. "They see it as too many people with low incomes, too many brown and Black people coming in with low incomes. That's basically the stigma

that has come out with low-income housing. Every time you say low-income housing, the folks just frown all over the room, saying, 'Oh lord, here they come. There's already too many already. We don't want any more.' People need quality of living whether they're Black, white, purple, green or polka dot. The stigma of the structure has caused the anti-feeling against affordable [housing]. Anytime we mention affordable, we get into a boxing match ... Our concern should be providing quality of living for people who [are in] need."

After discussion concluded, the item was tabled to Jan. 18.

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decision. Henderson said he

asked Jaugstetter why he did not say any-

thing during the Nov. 2 meeting about the law's effect.

"I guess he didn't want to say the chairman was wrong out in the public," Henderson said.

"That's one of the reasons I said then — I made no secret — I do not like Jarrard & Davis as our county attorney because when stuff like that comes up they don't say a word," Henderson said.

He said such an action leads Board members not to be given accurate information on which to make decisions that can affect the entire county.

Jaugstetter has declined public comment on his interpretation of the state law's effect on Kerr's contract.

He is a partner in the Jarrard & Davis law firm that works under contract with Newton and other local governments in Metro Atlanta to provide government legal services.

If Kerr leaves the job at the end of his contract Jan. 1, the county charter requires the chairman to submit at least three candidates and the majority of Board members appoint someone to the job.

"In the event less than three candidates are submitted, all applications shall be provided to the board for review and determination of whether additional candidates should be added to the list provided by the chair," the charter states.

However, the time required to find qualified candidates, interview them and choose a finalist could stretch into months, during which time the government would be without someone running the day-to-day operations.

Sanders and Mason have not commented publicly since the county attorney gave his opinion.

Kerr said he wants to see what a majority of the Board now wants to do about him remaining

past Jan. 1 in the job overseeing day-to-day operations of the county government.

He said he believed commissioners J.C. Henderson, Alana Sanders and Demond Mason remain against renewal of the contract.

"At least me staying on — they haven't said anything to the contrary," Kerr said.

Kerr's contract requires the county to pay 75% of his annual salary of \$130,000 if he is terminated before the document's end date.

He said the severance clause in his contract appears to be "part of the rub" for the commissioners who want to terminate him immediately, Kerr said.

"While it appears that they don't want me, they don't want to terminate me which would (allow) me to collect the severance package," he said.

Kerr also said he will not remain in the position without an employment contract because his exact salary and other terms of employment would not be specified in writing.

"Having a contract at this level position is standard. A contract is meant to protect whoever is in the seat from an emotional response, if you will, because of the political nature of the position," he said.

"There's probably not an administrator or a manager in this state that does not have some sort of contract agreement that protects them from the whim of the political body," Kerr said.

"It's meant that there's due consideration given to the termination of the administrator or manager," he said. "It gives you some security ... understanding things change and what-not."

"The severance package is to give them pause before something happens to make sure that you're being discharged for some good cause."

CLASH ON FUNDS DISTRIBUTION

Kerr has repeatedly clashed with Henderson and Sanders about what they said is Kerr's lack of action to distribute the county's share of federal American Rescue Plan funds.

Newton County in May received the first installment — totaling \$10.8 million — of two installments of federal COVID-19 relief funding.

Henderson and Sanders have been the most vocal about the need for Kerr as chief administrator to devise a plan to distribute the money to qualifying county residents — saying other Metro Atlanta counties have done so.

Kerr has maintained the county needs to wait to see final U.S. Treasury Department guidelines on the money's distribution because of the possibility any use of the money other than what is in the guidelines could lead the federal government to demand reimbursement.

He said he knew "that I was at odds with the Democratic members, particularly because of the (American Rescue Plan) funds."

"I anticipated there would be some acrimony over that but I have not received any kind of a negative performance review, there's been nothing negative in my personnel file," he said.

"I knew that there had been some strained relations," Kerr said. "But at the same time ... it seems that in doing my job and exercising my job, that seems to cause some point of contention."

The Treasury Department has issued "interim" final guidelines but not final guidelines, Kerr said.

He said the danger in using interim guidelines is the Treasury Department is changing the requirements constantly.

Kerr also wants to hire a program manager for the distribution in part because of the time-consuming requirement for residents to qualify for the money by showing COVID-19 had harmed them economically, he said.

Henderson said he had a problem with Kerr telling Board members he "did not have time" rather than he was "trying" to find a way to distribute some of the funds.

He said Kerr could have assigned a staff member or hired someone to figure out a distribution plan because some residents need the funding to pay rent and utilities.

"These are trying times," Henderson said.

He also repeated his desire to have controversial former county attorney Tommy Craig help sort through the legal details of finding a way to distribute the funds.

"(Craig) would have got it done," Henderson said.

Craig's law firm represented the county government for parts of five decades before the Board of Commissioners fired him in 2015 amid questions about financial problems with a reservoir project that was later abandoned.

The law firm still provides legal services to the Newton County Sheriff's and Tax Commissioner's offices.

Henderson said some may have seen his opposition to Kerr's rehiring as being part of a personal dislike for the county manager. However, he said he believes he has an employer-employee relationship with Kerr.

He admitted some may disapprove of his stand on the county manager issue but they are free not to re-elect him to a seventh term in 2022.

"If the people in District 4 think I'm doing a bad job, that's why you run," Henderson said.

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followed or not," Turner said. "And, if it was followed but you think the policy needs to be changed, then you'll recommend a policy change."

Crawford then asked when the board would find out about complaints.

In response, Cotton referred back to the ordinance, which states that once a complaint is received by the police chief, he would have up to 10 business days to notify the chairperson

of the board.

Neither a chairperson nor vice chairperson was not elected during Tuesday's meeting. Crawford requested the election of officers be handled at the next meeting to allow board members an opportunity to consider who would be best for each role.

Reviews of each complaint would not occur until the next quarter after the complaint has been dealt with, Cotton said.

Crawford then reiterated her concern and asked, "What if I disagree with your decision?"

Cotton said that was the purpose of this board's installment. He said the board's primary responsibilities were to:

- Hold police officers accountable.
- Make recommendations to help the police force be better
- Echo to the community that the police officers are doing their

job correctly when a complaint comes up.

"We have this review board to not support the police department," Cotton said. "But support that transparency between citizens and city government."

After all questions and concerns were addressed, Cotton walked the board through a trial run of how to deal with complaints. He used a few cases from 2020 last year as an example of how the board would conduct its meetings.

FIGHTING:

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stopped an assault at

about 10:45 a.m.

A 14-year-old student was charged with Battery after the incident, which occurred between classes, Partee said.

The school resource officer reported the unidentified juvenile was listed as the offender in the assault on two other students, which left both with apparent

minor injuries.

The student was arrested and referred to another agency, the officer reported.

Tuesday's incident followed the Nov. 8 arrest of two female Eastside students on weapons and assault charges following a fight in a school parking lot.

Covington hosts annual Lighting of the Square

By **TOM SPIGOLON**
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Santa asked if Covington residents believed in him. Young singers did their best to conjure the Christmas spirit.

An estimated 5,000 heard live choral music and saw the official lighting of Covington's Christmas tree during the annual Lighting of the Square festivities Thursday night on the Covington Square.

Brandon Rose of the Arts Association in Newton County led the festivities which included performances by the Oxford Singing Children and Oxford Youth Singers choral groups on a stage in front of the Historic Courthouse on a crowded Covington Square.

Chairman Marcello Banes of the Newton County Board of Commissioners joined Covington Mayor Steve Horton and Councilwoman Hawnetha Williams in welcoming the crowd before Santa emerged from the Historic Courthouse.

"Do you believe?" Santa asked the crowd. He and Horton flipped the switch to light the city's official Christmas tree on the southeast corner of the park in the middle of the Covington Square.

An energetic Williams, who is retiring Dec. 31 after 16 years on the city council, told the crowd she was glad the event allowed residents to come together



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Attendees check out the city's Christmas tree and hang out on a closed Washington Street during the annual Lighting of the Square held Thursday night. Thousands turned out for the event to help ring in the holiday season.

again after a year and a half of few, large public gatherings because of the pandemic.

She also led a chant that encouraged residents to move past COVID — prompting a response from Horton.

"That sounded more like a campaign speech than a retirement speech," Horton said.

The event ended with Santa appearing briefly at the Christmas tree, and some attendees enjoying free s'mores after roasting marshmallows over a flame inside a barbecue drum sponsored by Newton Electric Supply.

The county government also invited the crowd to enjoy cider

and cookies and see the holiday decorations inside the Historic Courthouse.

Attendees were able to walk freely around the Square after Covington leaders closed the parts of Monticello, Floyd, Pace and Washington streets to motorized vehicles.



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Santa Claus appears on the Covington Square during the annual Lighting of the Square Thursday night.



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The Oxford Youth Singers performed during the annual Lighting of the Square.



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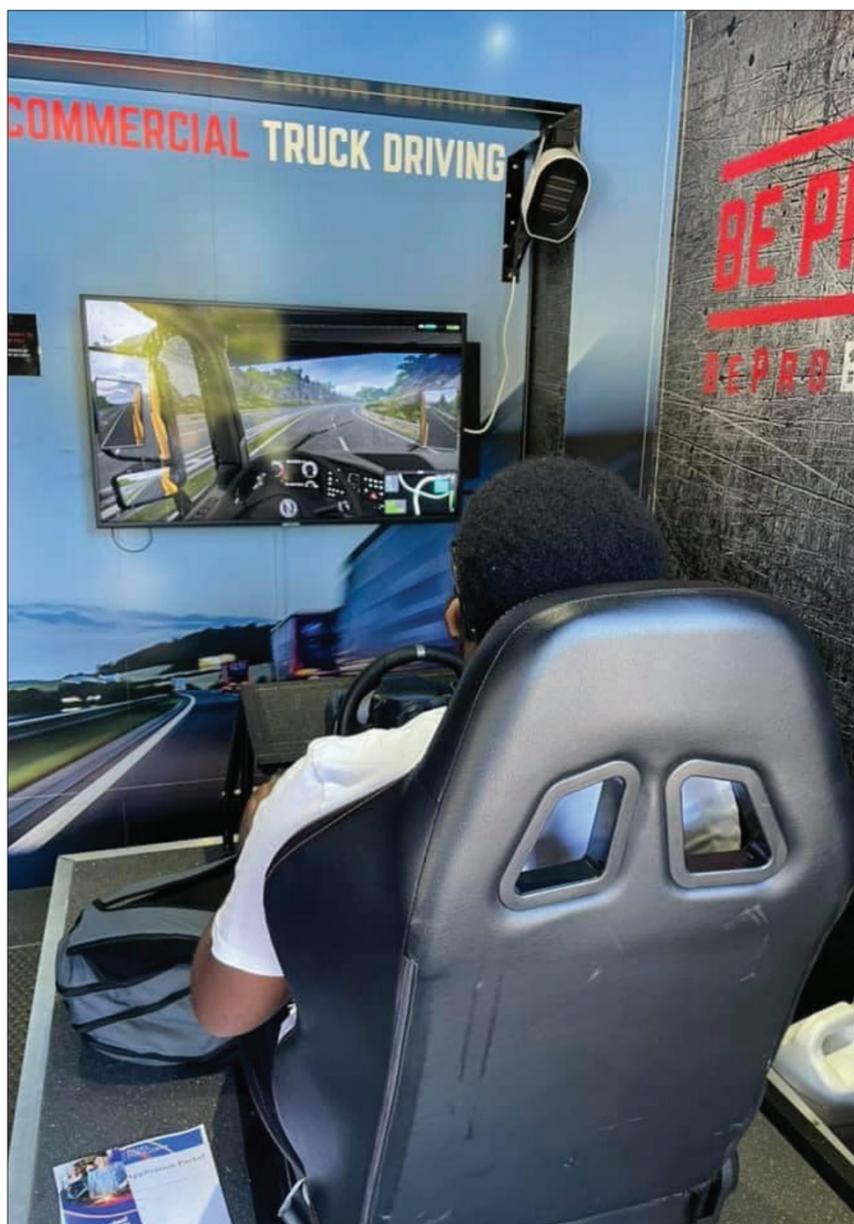
The Be Pro Be Proud Mobile Workshop, a 40-foot rig that showcases numerous technical professions through gamified simulators, visited Newton High School, Newton College & Career Academy, and Alcovy High School in October.

The Mobile Workshop allows students the opportunity to gauge their interest, skills, and aptitude for various technical careers.

Students in the Newton County School System had the opportunity to “Join the Movement” and be connected to training and potential employers that are in need of new employees to replenish the diminishing workforce in various professions.

“Be Pro Be Proud Georgia supports our school system vision of ensuring students are well-rounded and prepared for the future. It is an exciting opportunity for our students to further connect their content knowledge and skills directly to advanced learning and employment opportunities,” stated Newton County School System Superintendent Samantha Fuhrey.

The initiative’s



Be Pro Be Proud Georgia is a statewide workforce development initiative working out of the Cherokee Office of Economic Development that connects students around the state to high-tech, high-paying careers.

gamified stations allow students to see what it’s

like to get behind the wheel of an 18-wheeler,

assemble a PVC pipe, analyze human anat-

omy through augmented reality, bind metal through a virtual welding experience, and test hand-eye coordination through an engaging skills challenge.

“We are thrilled, along with our partners at the Newton County School System, Georgia Piedmont Technical College, and the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission, to offer the Be Pro Be Proud experience to Newton County high school students,” said Asher Dozier, VP of Economic Development for the Newton County Industrial Development Authority. “Doing so introduces our students to the opportunities available in our region for high-demand, high paying skills and lays out pathways available to maximize their opportunities for meaningful employment. Students trained in these high demand areas are prepared for lifelong success while also supporting a talent pipeline for the industries that are so important to the continued economic vitality of Newton County and the surrounding region. We look forward to continued partnerships with Newton County Schools as we believe that nothing is more

important to the success of our community than the success of our K-12 students.”

Since 2020, Be Pro Be Proud has hosted more than 11,000 visitors on the Mobile Workshop, across 30 cities and 60 tour stops. Newton County’s decision to invite Be Pro Be Proud to their campus adds the school district to a growing number of communities that see the opportunity for their students to have high-tech, high-earning careers without going into debt. In revitalizing the professional workforce, the state of Georgia’s economy will continue to grow, and communities will be stronger and more prosperous.

Be Pro Be Proud Georgia is a statewide workforce development initiative working out of the Cherokee Office of Economic Development that connects students around the state to high-tech, high-paying careers. Through partnerships with state agencies, local industry and higher education entities, Be Pro Be Proud is effectively working to replenish the professional workforce that has been experiencing a drastic decline.



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Newton County Board of Education members officially honored the Newton County Board of Commissioners with a proclamation celebrating Newton County’s Bicentennial. Board of Education chairperson Abigail Coggin, presented the proclamation to BOC Chairman Marcello Baner, on Tuesday, Oct. 26. In return, members of the Newton County Bicentennial committee presented the Board of Education members with an official Bicentennial flag.

Piedmont Academy



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Piedmont Academy’s robotics team recently won the Most Robust Robot award and won second place in Georgia’s BEST Robotics competition in Doraville. The robotics team will now advance to Auburn University on Dec. 4-5 for the South’s BEST Robotics competition. South’s BEST features competitors from Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi and Tennessee. Pictured, from left, are team members Mallory Boyd, mentor; Madalynn Bryant; Taylor Boyd; T.J. White; Eli Ray; Isabel White; and Ralph Hickman, coach.



Ninth grader Ava Kitchens presents her cell analogy project for her Honors Biology class, instructed by Jennifer Freeman.

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Eastside falls in Round 2

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2021 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Alcovy Tigers
5-5 (5-0)

- @ North Forsyth – 37-7, L
- 8/27-vs-Newton
- @ Eastside – 30-21, L
- @ Rockdale County* – 24-6, W
- @ Lowndes – 34-7, L
- @ Colquitt County – 55-18, L
- Grovetown* – 43-20, W
- @ Lakeside-Evans* – 13-3, W
- @ Heritage-Conyers* – 27-18, W
- Evans* – 28-25, W
- Round 1 - BYE^
- Carrollton^ - 43-21, L

Eastside Eagles
8-4 (5-2)

- @ 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
- Loganville* – 10-9, W
- @ Jackson County* – 42-7, W
- @ Walnut Grove* – 13-0, W
- Greenbrier* – 38-28, W
- @ New Manchester^ - 41-35, W
- @ Jones County^ - 66-42, L

Newton Rams
4-5 (1-3)

- @ Langston Hughes – 7-6, W/OT
- 8/27@Alcovy
- Eastside – 27-7, W
- @ McEachern – 39-21, W
- Houston County – 20-13, L
- Parkview* – 27-24, W
- @ Brookwood* – 28-6, L
- vs. Mill Creek – 17-14, L
- Grayson* – 15-7, L
- South Gwinnett* – 13-6, L

Social Circle Redskins
6-5 (3-2)

- 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
- Lincoln County* – 28-27, L
- @ Commerce* – 28-19, W
- Towns County* – 42-22, W
- @ Greene County* – 42-19, W
- @ Trion^ - 55-21, L

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

Carrollton Trojans 43, Alcovy Tigers 21

ELIMINATED

Trojans pull away in second half to end Tigers' championship hopes

By PHILLIP B. HUBBARD
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COVINGTON, Ga. — It was offensive fireworks by the Carrollton Trojans that did the Alcovy Tigers in Friday night at Sharp Stadium.

Alcovy lost 43-21 in round two of the Class AAAAAA state playoffs to conclude its 2021 season.

Carrollton scored 34 of its points in the second half to the Tigers' 14. The Trojans scored in different ways, too, which seemed to confuse the Tigers' defense.

First, the running trio of Jamun Evans, Bryce Hicks and, occasionally, M.J. Morris ran the ball with ease.

Evans had two rushing touchdowns while Hicks and Morris accounted for one apiece.

Alcovy's defense could not stop the Carrollton rushing attack in the final 24 minutes. And, when it did, Morris would find Ace Williamson or Terrell Carmichael behind the Tigers' secondary for a big gain through the air.

Each receiver had a touchdown reception, too.

Through it all, Alcovy kept battling, especially its quarterback Ashton Evans.

Evans either scored or set up all three scores in Friday's game for the Tigers.

His first score came off a roll out passing play on third and goal in the closing seconds of the first half. Seeing no one open, Evans scampered in for a 5-yard touchdown.

That seemed to give Alcovy a much needed boost heading into half-



Alcovy's Alex Mitchell (7) tries to break a tackle during the first quarter of the Tigers' at Sharp Stadium against Carrollton on Friday night in the second round of the GHSA playoffs.

Taylor Beck | The Covington News

time, only down 9-7.

But, on the first drive of the second half, Alcovy's Bobby Smith coughed the ball up and it was recovered by Carrollton.

After the Trojans

scored again, Evans led another scoring drive to respond.

Alcovy went six plays for 80 yards. The drive was capped off by a 1-yard touchdown run by Tristan Mayweather.

Mayweather's score was set up one play before when Evans kept the ball on an option play for a 47-yard run.

With 7:47 remaining in the final frame of action, Evans delivered

a passing touchdown.

Finding Jamel Johnson open down the seam, Evans connected with him for a touchdown pass to draw the

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Tigers quarterback Ashton Evans hands the football off to Tristan Mayweather against Carrollton on Friday.

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score 36-21. But, the Tigers' defense could never respond. Carrollton kept scoring points and Alcovy's offense couldn't keep up. That ultimately led to the Tigers' demise and eliminated them from playoff contention.

Alcovy finishes 2021 with a 5-4 overall record while remaining perfect in region play at 5-0. That led the Tigers to claim their first ever Region 3-AAAAA championship in program history. Following Friday's loss, the Tigers will look to 2022 for more success.

Jones County Greyhounds 66, Eastside Eagles 42

Eagles fall to Greyhounds in offensive shootout

By GARRETT PITTS
Correspondent

GRAY, Ga. — The Eagles' season came to an end Friday night following a 66-42 loss to the Jones County Greyhounds in the second round of the AAAAA state playoffs.

It was a tale of two halves for the Eagles. The game got off to a quick start. The Greyhounds marched down the field first but came away with nothing as Eagles' junior Jordan Edwards jumped a route and intercepted Jones County quarterback John Alan Richter in the end zone.

Just a few plays later, the Greyhounds got the ball right back with an interception of their own.

Eagles' quarterback E'sean Arnold's pass was picked off by Javian Washington to give the Jones County offense the ball around midfield.

The Greyhounds took advantage as Javious Bond scored on a 48-yard run to put Jones County up 7-0.

The Eagles shot right back as the offense put together a stellar drive led by Arnold and the Eagles' leading rusher Dallas Johnson. The drive finished with a 1-yard touchdown run by Johnson to tie the game 7-7.



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Dallas Johnson (3) stiff arms a Jones County defender on his way to moving the Eagles offense down inside the red zone during Eastside's second round GHSA playoff round matchup against Jones County.

The tie lasted until the second quarter when the Eagles and Greyhounds started to trade touchdowns just before halftime.

Jones County broke the tie early into the second quarter with a 17-yard rush by Bond to put the Greyhounds ahead 14-7.

On the next drive, Arnold led the Eagles offense down the field before capping the drive with a 22-yard touchdown pass to Cole Shannon to tie it back up at 14-14.

The Greyhounds

responded on their next drive with a 3-yard quarterback keeper by Richter to give Jones County a 21-14 lead.

With less than a minute left in the half, the Eagles broke through and tied the game on Johnson's second touchdown of the game to even the score at 21-21.

As time expired in the second quarter, Carrollton converted a 38-yard field goal to take a 24-21 halftime lead.

The Eagles received the kickoff to open the third quarter, and with

the ball around mid-field, Arnold and Shannon connected once again for a momentous 24-yard gain to put the Eagles at the goal line.

Two plays later, Johnson found the end zone for a third time to put the Eagles in the lead 28-24.

The Greyhounds quickly regained their lead and never looked back.

Bond took in the carry on the goal line for his third touchdown of the game to put Jones County ahead 31-28 early in the third quarter.

Following the touchdown by Bond, Jones County attempted three straight inside kicks and recovered each.

The three inside kicks led to a trio of touchdowns for Richter.

Richter connected with both Tyler Stewart and Zion Ragins for the first two touchdowns before taking it in himself for the third.

After a close game at halftime, the Eagles quickly found themselves down 52-28 before the fourth quarter even started.

The Eagles went on to lose 66-42.

Eastside finished with an 8-4 record and were able to put together another quality run through the playoffs.

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Prep Football: Season in Review
Redskins developed competitive nature in 2021

By PHILLIP B. HUBBARD
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SOCIAL CIRCLE, Ga. — The Social Circle Redskins football team concluded their season last Saturday. They lost to Trion High School 55-21 in round one of the Class A-Public state playoffs to finish the year at 6-5

overall and a 3-2 region record.

Social Circle finished third in Region 8A-Public standings, too.

Head coach Rob Patton had a lot of positives to take away from 2021.

"Our kids have really bought into what the

coaching staff has been telling them," Patton said. "We had some tough losses, but the kids showed up every Monday working to improve. We saw that throughout the year there was a steady improvement."

Though the season ended in the first round,

qualifying for the state playoffs is an accomplishment on its own.

This year's playoff appearance marked the first time since 2008-09 that Social Circle made it to the postseason back-to-back years.

Social Circle began

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Social Circle's Amarion Russell (1) finished the season with a team-high 380 rushing yards and 8 touchdowns.

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its season 2-0 with twins versus George Walton Academy and Providence Christian Academy. It returned to .500 with two straight losses at Walnut Grove and at Putnam County.

The following two weeks went up and down for the Redskins.

They lost 40-6 to Washington-Wilkes (the eventual region champion) and lost a nail-biter to Lincoln County 28-27.

But the Redskins figured things out following the close home loss riding a three-game winning streak to finish the regular season.

Social Circle triumphed over Commerce, Towns and Greene County.

The win over Commerce carried a lot of weight deciding the No. 3 seed in the region standings.

For Patton, beating the Tigers was a huge stepping stone to the program's bright future.

"Our kids learned how to compete," Patton said. "Their mental and physical toughness improved so much over the course of the year. Then, really getting over the hump with the Commerce win, upsetting someone we weren't supposed to beat. So, I think that's something the kids can build off of."

Quarterback Logan Cross completed 61% of his passes in 2021 while throwing for

2,213 yards, 24 touchdowns and only six interceptions.

Amarion Russell led the team in rushing with 380 yards on 66 carries and scoring eight touchdowns. The leading receiver for the Redskins was KJ Reid who had 56 receptions for 668 yards and five touchdowns.

Defensively, Tucker Cleary led the team in total tackles with 117. Meanwhile, Rowen Vandergriff had three total sacks on the year. Reid also contributed on defense as well, recording seven interceptions.

Now, the Redskins will set their sights to 2022.

It won't be a usual offseason, though.

With the Georgia High School Association's reclassification, Social Circle will move up from Class A to Class AA.

It'll be members of Region 8-AA for the next two years, at least.

Patton and his staff, however, aren't too concerned about the transition. They plan to prepare as they normally would.

"It's a really strong football region," Patton said. "We're excited for the competition. It's not like we were in a bad region in single A with Commerce, Lincoln County and Washington-Wilkes. I think it's just another challenge for our kids to step up and I think they'll answer the call."

College Basketball
Georgia Tech still seeking respect even after ACC title

By PAUL NEWBERRY

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Georgia Tech is still searching for respect, even after winning the Atlantic Coast Conference championship.

Coming off their first ACC Tournament title since 1993, and first appearance in the NCAA Tournament in 11 years, the Yellow Jackets are projected to slip back after losing two key players, Moses Wright and Jose Alvarado.

Georgia Tech didn't even get a mention in The Associated Press preseason poll. An ACC media panel picked the Yellow Jackets to finish 10th — only the second time since the league expanded in 2005 that a reigning champion was picked to finish that low the following season.

Coach Josh Pastner said it's important to put last season's success in the rearview mirror.

The championship won't mean nearly as much if the Yellow Jackets quickly crumble back to mediocrity.

"We're not defending anything. We were the 2021 ACC champions, and now we're moving into next season," Pastner said. "We've got to do a great job of turning the page and knowing that that was last year and this is a new year."



Matt Kelley | AP

Georgia Tech head coach Josh Pastner smiles during NCAA college basketball Atlantic Coast Conference media day, Tuesday, Oct. 12, in Charlotte, North Carolina.

KEY RETURNERS

Michael Devoe passed on a chance to enter the NBA draft, electing to return for another season after averaging 15 points a game.

The 6-foot-5 guard will be joined by super senior Jordan Usher, who elected to play a fifth season after the pandemic-marred 2020-21 campaign.

Usher averaged 11.6 points. The Yellow Jackets are counting on even bigger things this season.

"He's going to be the best cutter this year in the country," Devoe predicted. "He's going to have a really good year this year, and I'm looking forward to seeing it."

BIG SHOES TO FILL

Wright and Alvarado were a huge part of the Yellow Jackets' suc-

cess, two players who arrived on campus as lightly regarded recruits but developed into ACC standouts.

Wright was the conference's player of the year, leading the team in scoring (17.4 points) and rebounding (8.0).

Alvarado was Georgia Tech's gritty leader at point guard. He averaged 15.2 points and a team-high 4.1 assists.

Both decided not to return to college for an extra year.

After being passed over in the NBA draft, Alvarado earned a two-way contract from the New Orleans Pelicans, while Wright was cut during the preseason by the Los Angeles Clippers.

Usher said the Yellow Jackets are eager to carry on what Wright and Alvarado started.

"They text us all the time saying, kind of a joke, like, 'Hey, let us

still be able to wear our GT gear,'" Usher said. "It's our turn to keep the torch burning, and I take that with a lot of pride. I'm not going to let them down."

SLOW STARTS

Georgia Tech got off to a terrible start last season, losing its first two games at home to in-state schools Georgia State and Mercer.

"We felt like the world was ending," Devoe said.

Pastner is focused on avoiding a repeat this season. The Yellow Jackets open Nov. 9 at home against Miami of Ohio and follow with two more games at McCamish Pavilion against Stetson and Lamar.

Georgia Tech has often struggled in November and December, losing to teams such as Grambling, Wofford and Gardner-Webb during Pastner's first five seasons.

"Just keeping that same stride that we seem to have found the past two seasons like around January or maybe late December, where our team really starts to click, and just put that at the beginning of our season," Usher said. "Coach has preached that to us all summer — no slow starts."

CORRECTION

In the Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2021 edition, the Player of the Week for Eastside

High School should have been listed as Anquez Cobb. Also, in the Nov. 13-14 edition, Anquez Cobb was

misidentified as Jayden Barr. The Covington News was using a roster provided by Eastside High School at the

beginning of the season and had not been informed of roster changes.

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ATHENS, Ga. — No. 1 Georgia vs. Charleston Southern. Kickoff set for noon ET on SECN+

Smart sees value in Charleston So. game

Seniors eye win in final contest at Sanford Stadium

By CHARLES ODUM
The Associated Press

ATHENS, Ga. — As the Southeastern Conference prepares to expand to 16 teams with the addition of Texas and Oklahoma, it may be more difficult for teams such as Georgia to find room on their schedules for such nonconference opponents as Charleston Southern.

That's tough for Georgia coach Kirby Smart to accept.

Smart says such FCS programs like Charleston Southern, which plays at No. 1 Georgia on Saturday, are boosted by the payouts they receive and "need these games to survive."

"I think some of these programs are really struggling after talking to some of their athletic directors, talking to some of their coaches pregame," Smart said. "It funds sometimes 50%, sometimes 45% of their budget to have one of these games."

The game also is important to Georgia, which is looking to protect its national championship hopes.

Georgia (10-0) already has completed its Southeastern Conference schedule with a perfect 8-0 mark. The Bulldogs close their regular season with nonconference games against Charleston Southern (4-5) and Georgia Tech on Nov. 27 before playing in the SEC championship game in Atlanta on Dec. 5.

Georgia paid Charleston Southern \$500,000 to play in Athens.

Smart said he has mixed feelings about scheduling FCS opponents. He says most fans prefer such high-profile nonconference matchups as Georgia's 10-3 season-opening win over Clemson.

It would have been more difficult to schedule Saturday's game if Georgia played nine SEC regular-season games, instead of eight.

"The league is going to get bigger," Smart said. "There's going to be more games, and fans want the bigger games. Fans don't usually want these games. It's a pulling of two



Georgia head coach Kirby Smart directs his players on the field in the second half of an NCAA college football game against Missouri Saturday, Nov. 6, 2021, in Athens, Ga.

separate ways."

Charleston Southern coach Autry Denson says the game is a "great opportunity" for his players and for the budget of his school's athletic department.

"It's one of those deals where you don't want to see those opportunities go away," Denson told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

PLAYING TIME FOR ALL

This could be a week Georgia backups gain experience while Smart protects the health of his starters.

"I hope everybody gets to play, but I don't control that," he said. "... The hope is that we go out and play our best game."

Stetson Bennett is expected to make his eighth start of the season for Georgia after passing and running for touchdowns in last week's 41-17 win at Tennessee. JT Daniels, who opened the season as the starter, could play behind Bennett.

BIG CROWD NO CONCERN

Charleston Southern regularly plays before fewer than 4,000 fans

in its home games. The Buccaneers' biggest crowd this season was



The Matchup

Who: No. 1 Georgia (10-0, 8-0) vs. Charleston So. (4-5, 3-4)
When: Saturday, Nov. 20, at noon
Where: Sanford Stadium in Athens
Watch: SECN+
Listen: Georgia Bulldogs Sports Network (IMG)

Quick Facts

Georgia leads the nation in Scoring Defense giving up just 7.6 points per game. The Bulldogs are averaging 38.7 points per game, which is ranked 11th nationally. The defense has allowed just seven touchdowns while the unit has scored three touchdowns. Georgia opponents have scored just 76 points in 2021, which is the lowest since 1950 when the Bulldogs had allowed 58 through 10 contests.

39,218 at East Carolina.

There should be more than 92,000 fans at Sanford Stadium on Saturday. Denson, the former Notre Dame running back, says he is not worried about how his players will react.

"Our guys are going to follow leadership," Denson said. "I was raised in these games. They're going to follow my lead."

Besides, says Denson, "at the end of the day the fans can't go on the field."

FLU BUG

Smart said Georgia had seven or eight players recovering from a flu virus, including some who became sick after the Tennessee game. He said some coaches also had the bug, though up to 85% of the team had been given the flu vaccine shot.

SENIOR DAY II

This may be the first of two senior days for some Georgia players.

The NCAA has granted an extra year of eligibility to student-athletes due to the coronavirus pandemic, so some seniors have the option to return in 2022. One of those

players is Georgia quarterback Stetson Bennett, who is 7-0 as a starter this season.

Smart doesn't want to rush those decisions. He is encouraging players to participate in the pregame ceremony even if they ultimately return for another season.

"We're going to honor those that choose to walk and a lot of them may decide to come back," Smart said. "A lot of them have an extra year of eligibility, but we're not crossing that bridge yet. So, we're going to have them walk and then make the decision. If they walk twice, great, then they have a special opportunity."

Smart said Wednesday he expects 28 to 30 seniors to be honored before the game, including 16 or 17 who are considering taking advantage of the extra year.

25 THE CHARM?

Charleston Southern is 0-24 all-time against FBS teams. They came close to the elusive win over a FBS team in a 31-28 loss at East Carolina on Sept. 25.



vs. Clemson
FINAL: 10-3



vs. UAB
FINAL: 56-7



vs. South Carolina
FINAL: 40-13



@ Vanderbilt
FINAL: 62-0



vs. Arkansas
FINAL: 37-0



@ Auburn
FINAL: 34-10



vs. Kentucky
FINAL: 30-13



vs. Florida
FINAL: 34-7



vs. Missouri
FINAL: 43-6



@ Tennessee
FINAL: 41-17



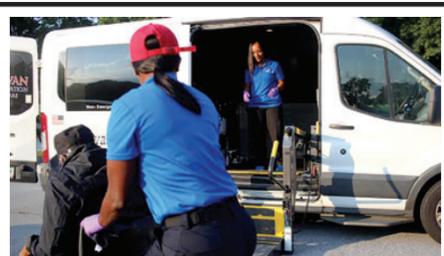
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of the vehicles is: 4199 Old Atlanta Hwy. Covington, Ga 30014
ANYONE WITH an ownership interest in a vehicle listed herein may file an answer to the petition on or before: 12/1/2021
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FORMS MAY also be obtained online at www.georgiamagistratecouncil.com.
VEHICLE MAKE: Ford Year: 2001 Model: Explorer Sport Vehicle ID #:1FMYU60E61UC79806 Vehicle License #: DP9PUB State: GA Magistrate Court Case No.: 21-4367AV

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THE VEHICLES are subject to liens as stated above are identified as:

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PUBLIC NOTICE #300203 11/21,28

SELLARS WRECKER SERVICE

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- **2000** DODGE STRATUS 1B3EJ46C1YN212529
- **2001** CHEVROLET S10 BLAZER 3GNEC16T61G141941
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PUBLIC NOTICE #300176 11/14,21

Adoptions

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BLOUNT COUNTY, TENNESSEE

IN RE: The adoption of a male child AIDEN JAMES MARTIN DOB 6/17/2015

BY: TAMARA CHRISTINE SEATON, and husband, STEWART CHARLES SEATON, PETITIONERS, V.

TREASURE DOTTER, biological mother, CODY DOTTER, step-father, and D E A N FRAZIER, **ALLEGED BIOLOGICAL** father. Respondents.

NO. E-28642

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

IT APPEARING to the Court that from the attached Motion of the Petitioners in this cause that the whereabouts of Dean Frazier are not known to the Petitioners nor the whereabouts of Dean Frazier can be ascertained by diligent inquiry; and that ordinary process cannot be served upon him. **IT IS ORDERED** that publication be made for four (4) consecutive weeks in The Covington News, located at 1166 Usher St., Covington, GA 30014, a newspaper of general circulation published in the Covington, Georgia and Newton, Georgia area, to notify the Respondent, regarding the Petition to Terminate Parental Rights and for Adoption of a Non-Related Child filed in this matter.

PUBLIC NOTICE #300078 10/31-11/7,14,21

Alcoholic Beverage

NOTICE - APPLICATION ALCOHOL LICENSE

NOTICE IS hereby given that an application has been made to the Mayor and Council of the City of Covington to obtain a license to sell alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption only for: **ALVEEZ INTERNATIONAL Inc. DBA BONDS BP 8145 WASHINGTON Street**
APPLICANT: SALIM Ismail
THE APPLICATION will be heard on December 13, 2021 at 6:30 PM at City of Covington Council Room, 2116 Stallings Street, NW, Covington, GA. This notice is published pursuant to the provisions of Section 5.12.080(C), Covington Municipal Code.

ATTEST: JENNIFER HISE, PERMITTING AND LICENSE SPECIALIST
 CITY OF Covington, Georgia

PUBLIC NOTICE #300198 11/21

NOTICE - APPLICATION ALCOHOL LICENSE

NOTICE IS hereby given that an application has been made to the Mayor and Council of the City of Covington to obtain a license to sell alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption only for: **GEORGIA CVS Pharmacy, LLC DBA CVS/PHARMACY # 4695 4183 HWY 278 NE**
APPLICANT: KEVIN Kinzlaw
THE APPLICATION will be heard on December 13, 2021 at 6:30 PM at City of Covington Council Room, 2116 Stallings Street, NW, Covington, GA. This notice is published pursuant to the provisions of Section 5.12.080(C), Covington Municipal Code.

ATTEST: JENNIFER HISE, PERMITTING AND LICENSE SPECIALIST
 CITY OF Covington, Georgia

PUBLIC NOTICE #300145 11/21

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LEGALS

Public Notices

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The City of Covington is currently accepting applications for a **Crew Member** in the **Street Department** with a starting hourly rate of \$15.31 to a maximum hourly rate of \$19.40 depending upon qualifications. Qualified applicants **MUST** apply on our website by downloading an application packet at cityofcovington.org or apply in person at Covington City Hall, 2194 Emory Street, Covington, Georgia 30014. This position will remain open until 4:00 PM on **Tuesday November 30, 2021**. The City of Covington is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



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The Covington News

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See LEGALS, C2

LEGALS:

Continued from C1

NOTICE – APPLICATION ALCOHOL LICENSE

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THE APPLICATION will be heard on December 13, 2021 at 6:30 PM at City of Covington Council Room, 2116 Stallings Street, NW, Covington, GA. This notice is published pursuant to the provisions of Section 5.12.080(C), Covington Municipal Code.

ATTEST: JENNIFER HISE, PERMITTING AND LICENSE SPECIALIST CITY OF Covington, Georgia

PUBLIC NOTICE #300146 11/21

NOTICE – APPLICATION ALCOHOL LICENSE

NOTICE IS hereby given that an application has been made to the Mayor and Council of the City of Covington to obtain a license to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption only for: C.K.S. ENTERPRISES DBA JOHNNY'S New York Style Pizza 10176 CARLIN Drive APPLICANT'S NAME: Kimberly Shirah

THE APPLICATION will be heard on December 13, 2021 at 6:30 PM at City of Covington Council Room, 2116 Stallings Street, NW, Covington, GA. This notice is published pursuant to the provisions of Section 5.12.080(C), Covington Municipal Code.

ATTEST: JENNIFER HISE, PERMITTING AND LICENSE SPECIALIST CITY OF Covington, Georgia

PUBLIC NOTICE #300147 11/21

NOTICE APPLICATION FOR ALCOHOL LICENSE

NOTICE IS hereby given that an application has been made to the Newton County Board of Commissioners to obtain a license to sell alcoholic beverages (beer & wine) for off premises consumption by: Walmart #4558 Shanta Latrell White 4200 Salem Rd Covington, GA

PUBLIC NOTICE #300178 11/14,21

NOTICE APPLICATION FOR ALCOHOL LICENSE

NOTICE IS hereby given that an application has been made to the Mayor and Council of the City of Covington for a license to sell alcoholic beverages for on premises, off-premises consumption and ancillary tastings only: BREAD & BUTTER BAKERY LLC DBA BREAD AND BUTTER 1124 MONTICELLO STREET The said application(s) will come before the Mayor and Council, City of Covington, Georgia, for consideration on December 13, 2021 at 6:30 PM in the Council Room located at 2116 Stallings Street, NW, Covington, Georgia. This notice is published pursuant to the provisions of Section 5.12.080(C), Covington Municipal Code.

ATTEST: JENNIFER HISE, PERMITTING AND LICENSE SPECIALIST CITY OF Covington, Georgia

PUBLIC NOTICE #300187 11/21

Bids

THE CITY of Covington is accepting bids for the purchase of LED Lighting Fixtures as specified in Exhibit "A" attached in the bid packet. Sealed bids must be received by the Purchasing department, Attn: Scott Cromer in City Hall by 10:00 AM on Tuesday, November 30, 2021 at which time the bids will be opened. REQUEST FOR Bids and additional information may be obtained by accessing the request for proposals/bids on the City's website at https://www.cityofcovington.org/index.php?section=business-opportunities THE CITY of Covington reserves the right to reject any and all bids

PUBLIC NOTICE #300180 11/14,21

THE CITY of Covington is soliciting for sealed bids to furnish all labor and equipment to perform tree & brush cutting removal services for the electric utility right-of-ways. A MANDATORY pre-bid meeting will be held on Monday, December 6, 2021 at 10:00 am at the council / court room located at 2116 Stallings Street NW, Covington, Georgia 30014.

SEALED PROPOSALS must be delivered to City Hall, 2194 Emory Street NW, Covington, GA 30014, Attn: Scott Cromer no later than 10:00am on Thursday, December 16, 2021.

REQUEST FOR Bids and additional information may be obtained by accessing the request for proposals on the City's website at https://www.cityofcovington.org/index.php?section=business-opportunities THE CITY of Covington reserves the right to reject any and all bids / proposals

PUBLIC NOTICE #300181 11/14,21

Citations

CITATION

AMANDA SALLEY has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of GEORGE ERNEST HOUGH 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 DECEMBER 6, 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 #300011 11/7,14,21,28

CITATION

ANGELA AIKENS MCGEE has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of TIMOTHY WAYNE MCGEE 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 DECEMBER 6, 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 #300049 11/7,14,21,28

CITATION

CYNTHIA B. MILLIGAN has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of WILLIE LEE MILLIGAN 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 DECEMBER 6, 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 #200986 11/7,14,21,28

CITATION

EDDIE JERELL JOHNSON has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of SONYA SIMONE HARPER JOHNSON 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 DECEMBER 6, 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 #200982 11/7,14,21,28

CITATION

ELLA TURNER has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of ELASIE W. DELAMAR 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 DECEMBER 6, 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 #200987 11/7,14,21,28

CITATION

ELLIS S REYNOLDS has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of ROBERT LAMAR REYNOLDS 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 DECEMBER 6, 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 #300050 11/7,14,21,28

CITATION

GARY MERRITT has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of MARGIE LEE MATHIS 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 DECEMBER 6, 2021, next,

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. German philosopher
6. A type of stock trading (abbr.)
9. Cincinnati ballplayers
13. Deerlike water buffaloes
14. Island
15. Jewish calendar month
16. Round Dutch cheese
17. Unstressed syllable of a metrical foot
18. A restaurant needs one
19. Decent behaviors
21. Groans
22. Works hard
23. Upset
24. A sound made in speech
25. One point east of due south
28. Boxing's GOAT
29. Whittles
31. Tailless amphibian
33. Surrounded
36. Doesn't stay still
38. Copycat
39. Four-door car
41. Morally correct behavior
44. Something that is owed
45. Pasta needs it
46. Ant-Man's last name
48. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
49. Small period of time (abbr.)
51. Woman (French)
52. On or around
54. Fencing swords
56. Fonts
60. A command in the name of the court
61. Sprays with an irritant
62. Georgetown athlete
63. Dry or withered
64. Sign of injury
65. Tracts of land (abbr.)
66. 365 days
67. Physique
68. Icelandic poems

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Bodily substance
2. Internal
3. Provoke or annoy
4. Type of lounge chair
5. Losses
6. Makes less severe
7. Identifies a thing close at hand
8. Group of blood disorders

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 #300156 11/7,14,21,28

CITATION

JACOB LASSITER has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of JAMES D. LASSITER 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 DECEMBER 6, 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 #300012 11/7,14,21,28

CITATION

JAMES HUNTER WARREN has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of MICHAEL OMAR WARREN 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 DECEMBER 6, 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 #300043 11/7,14,21,28

CITATION

JAMES THOMAS RHODES has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of MANDIE MAE THOMAS deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A 53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objection must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before DECEMBER 6, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

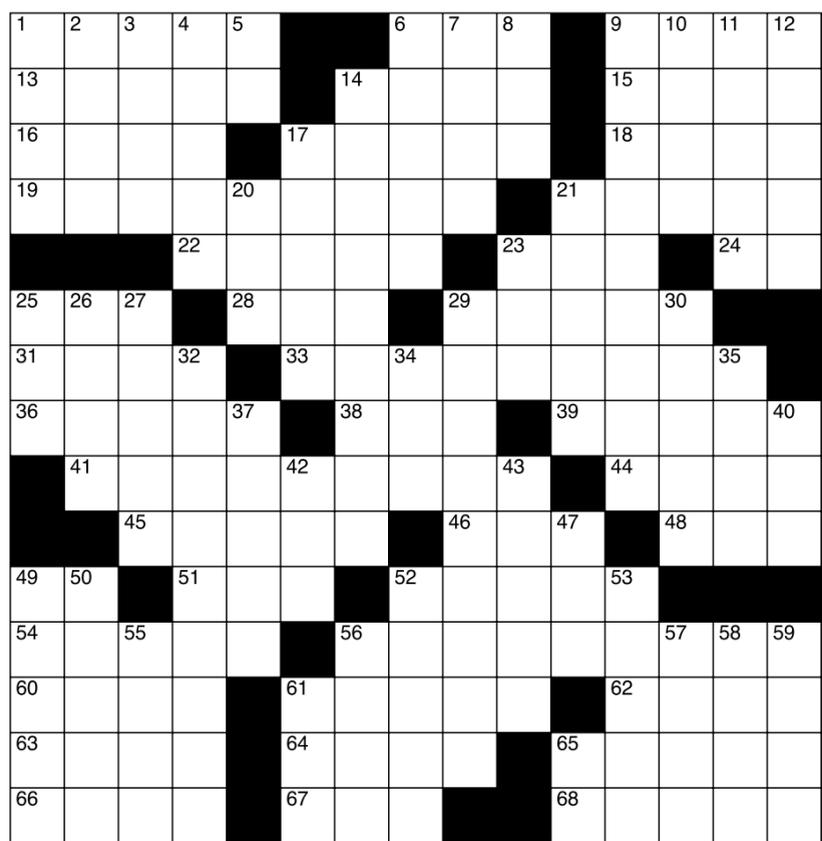
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NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT 1132 USHER STREET-148 COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200981 11/7,14,21,28

CITATION

JANE F. BARBER has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of ARTHUR BOWERS BARBER 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

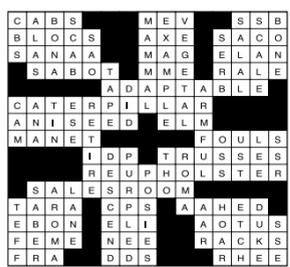


- (abbr.)
9. Rebuilt
10. Ancient Greek City
11. American investigative journalist
12. Partially melted snow
14. Take shape
17. Mexican beverage
20. Patti Hearst's captors
21. Jacobs and Summers are two
23. Disfigure
25. Scientists' tool (abbr.)
26. Ill-mannered person
27. Overhang
29. Famed rat catcher
30. Passover feast and ceremony

- 32. Equal to 10 meters
34. Central processing unit
35. Chinese native religion
37. Unfermented juices
40. "To the ___ degree"
42. Frozen water
43. Medieval circuit courts
47. 1,000 cubic feet (abbr.)
49. Gossipy
50. Shopping is one type
52. Palmlike plant
53. Partner to "oohed"
55. Welsh name meaning "snow"
56. Popular Mexican dish
57. It helps power devices
58. Reddish-brown wildcat
59. Impertinence

- 61. Legal financial term (abbr.)
65. Atomic #52

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:



to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objection must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before DECEMBER 6, 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 #300014 11/7,14,21,28

CITATION

JOHN DOUGLAS MOYERS has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of GILBERT WAYNE MOYERS 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 DECEMBER 6, 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 #300047 11/7,14,21,28

CITATION

KAREEN M. HUTCHINSON has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of KENYANA HUTCHINSON 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 DECEMBER 6, 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 #300046 11/7,14,21,28

CITATION

KEAIRA KELLY has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of DIANNA R. BROWN 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 DECEMBER 6, 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 #300048 11/7,14,21,28

CITATION

KENT S. PRICE has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of EMILY RUTH PRICE 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 DECEMBER 6, 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 #300013 11/7,14,21,28

CITATION

LASHAUNDRA HALPHEN has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of MITCHELL DAVIS LITTLE 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 DECEMBER 6, 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 #300017 11/7,14,21,28

CITATION

MARSHA A. ITKIN has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of ROBERT ITKIN 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 DECEMBER 6, 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 #200984 11/7,14,21,28

CITATION

MICHAEL JAMAL THORNE has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of MICHAEL THORNE 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 DECEMBER 6, 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 #300095 11/7,14,21,28

CITATION RE: ESTATE of KEVIN ANDREW MCLOUGHLIN DECEASED

KENNETH P. ROBIN, EXECUTOR has petitioned to be discharged from Office and all Liability. All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause as to why said petition should not be granted. All objections must be in writing and filed with this Court on or before DECEMBER 6, 2021, at ten o'clock am.

MELANIE M. Bell, Judge By: Marcia Wynne, Clerk Probate Court NEWTON COUNTY, GA

NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT 1132 USHER STREET COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #300167 11/21

CITATION

RE: ESTATE of LARRY BURNLEY, FORMER WARD

WANDA DUDLEY, CONSERVATOR. Administrator has petitioned to be discharged from Office and all Liability. All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause as to why said petition should not be granted. All objections must be in writing and filed with this Court on or before DECEMBER 6, 2021, at ten o'clock am.

MELANIE M. Bell, Judge By: Marcia Wynne, Clerk Probate Court NEWTON COUNTY, GA

NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT 1132 USHER STREET COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #300042 11/21

CITATION

RE: ESTATE of LISA MARIE HERMAN DECEASED

MARVIN WILSON CLABORN, JR. ADMINISTRATOR has petitioned to be discharged from Office and all Liability. All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause as to why said petition should not be granted. All objections must be in writing and filed with this Court on or before DECEMBER 6, 2021, at ten o'clock am.

MELANIE M. Bell, Judge By: Marcia Wynne, Clerk Probate Court NEWTON COUNTY, GA

NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT 1132 USHER STREET COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #300094 11/21

CITATION

RE: ESTATE of LORRAINE M. RICHARDSON DECEASED

CATRICE JONES-MYERS EXECUTRIX has petitioned to be discharged from Office and all Liability. All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause as to why said petition should not be granted. All objections must be in writing and filed with this Court on or before DECEMBER 6, 2021, at ten o'clock am.

MELANIE M. Bell, Judge By: Marcia Wynne, Clerk Probate Court NEWTON COUNTY, GA

NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE

LEGALS:

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1132 USHER STREET
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #300041
11/21

CITATION

ROBERT THORNTON has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **CASSANDRA E. THORNTON** 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 DECEMBER 6, 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 #300045
11/7,14,21,28

CITATION

RUTHIE GOODMAN GREEN has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **LEILA GOODMAN** 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 DECEMBER 6, 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 #200983
11/7,14,21,28

CITATION

SUSAN ANN SPIKES has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **TIMOTHY JOHNSON** 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 DECEMBER 6, 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 #300044
11/7,14,21,28

CITATION

THE PETITION of **CARLA RODMAN** widow of **DANIEL L. RODMAN**, 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 December 6, 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 ST- RM 148
COVINGTON, GA 30014-2435

PUBLIC NOTICE #300040
11/7,14,21,28

CITATION

THE PETITION of **KIMBERLY MCGINNIS** widow of **JACOB S. MCGINNIS, JR** 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 December 6, 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 ST- RM 148
COVINGTON, GA 30014-2435

PUBLIC NOTICE #300096
11/7,14,21,28

CITATION

THE PETITION of **Monica Hannah** on behalf of **Journey Williams**, minor child of **George Williams** 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 December 6, 2021, at ten o'clock a.m.

MELANIE M. Bell, Judge
BY: MARCIA Wynne, Clerk
PROBATE COURT, Newton County, Georgia

(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 DECEMBER 6, 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 #300016
11/7,14,21,28

CITATION

TONYA L. NEWBERRY has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **ROY JACKSON NEWBERRY, 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 DECEMBER 6, 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 #200985
11/7,14,21,28

CITATION

VICTORIA S. GILES has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **CHELSEY MARISE GILES** 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 DECEMBER 6, 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 #300015
11/7,14,21,28

NOTICE

RE: PETITION of **DERWIN DAVIS** for Letters of Administration, Estate of **ROBERT HUGHES**, UPON WHICH AN ORDER FOR SERVICE WAS GRANTED BY THIS COURT ON October 4, 2021

TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS

THIS IS to notify you to file objection, if there is any, to the Petition of Derwin Davis to Probate Will in Solemn Form, Estate of Robert Hughes.

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 December 6, 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 #300097
11/7,14,21,28

NOTICE

RE: PETITION of **EDDIE L. STINSON**, to Petition for Appointment of a County Administrator for the Sole Purpose of Commencing or Continuing a Lawsuit Against an Estate, Pursuant to O.C.G.A. 53-6-40(b), Estate of **BENNIE E. SMITH**, UPON WHICH AN ORDER FOR SERVICE WAS GRANTED BY THE COURT ON October 25, 2021.

TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS

THIS IS to notify you to file objection, if there is any, to the Petition of Eddie L. Stinson Petition for Appointment of a County Administrator for the Sole purpose of Commencing or Continuing a Lawsuit Against an Estate, Pursuant to O.C.G.A. 53-6-40(b). Estate of **BENNIE E. SMITH**.

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 December 6, 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 #300157
11/7,14,21,28

Corporations

NOTICE IS given that articles of incorporation which will incorporate **THE CHURCH AT HAYNES CREEK, INC.** have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code (O.C.G.A. Section 14-2-202.1). The initial registered office of the corporation will be located at 9108 Golfview Circle, Covington, Newton County, Georgia 30014, and its initial registered agent at such address is Taylor Stewart.

EDGAR LAW FIRM, LLC
HILLARY W. EDGAR
P.O. BOX 566
COVINGTON, GEORGIA 30015
TELEPHONE (770) 786-1353

PUBLIC NOTICE #300204
11/21,28-12/5,12

NOTICE OF INCORPORATION

NOTICE IS given that articles of incorporation that will incorporate **LOVELY EYES HAS IT, LLC.** have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Business Corporation Code. The initial registered office of the corporation is located at 180 Upper River Rd, Covington, GA 30016 and its initial registered agent at such address is Tiphani A. Prater.

PUBLIC NOTICE #300170
11/14,21

NOTICE OF INCORPORATION

NOTICE IS given that articles of incorporation which incorporate **JEFFRIES MACHINE EMPLOYEE COMPANY, INC.** have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Business Corporation Code. The initial registered office of the corporation is located at 5413 SALEM ROAD, COVINGTON, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA 30016 The initial registered agent of the corporation at such address is SHARON H. MCCULLOUGH

LISA M. GABLE
ROBERTSON & GABLE, LLC
5875 PEACHTREE Industrial Blvd., Suite 170
PEACHTREE CORNERS, GA 30092 (770) 736-5182

PUBLIC NOTICE #300174
11/14,21

Debtors Creditors

ALL CREDITORS of the Estate of **ELIZABETH ANN HUNTER**, late of Newton County, deceased, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law and all persons indebted to the said estate are required to make payment to:

NAME OF EXECUTOR OR ADMINISTRATOR: BEVERLY JANE ROBINSON
EXECUTOR/ADMINISTRATOR ADDRESS c/o DANIEL S. DIGBY ATTORNEY AT LAW LAW OFFICE OF DANIEL S DIGBY, LLC
PO BOX 263
CONYERS, GA 30012

PUBLIC NOTICE #300200
11/21,28-12/5,12

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF NEWTON

ALL CREDITORS of the Estate of **HOLLY ANN BAUMSTARK** late of Newton County, Georgia, 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 1ST day of Nov, 2021.

ROBERT LEE Blasingame, II, Executor of the Estate Holly Ann Baumstark, Deceased

KAREN C. Gainey, Attorney for the **ESTATE OF** Holly Ann Baumstark, Deceased
LAW OFFICE of Karen Gainey, P.C.
430 PRIME Point, Suite 105
PEACHTREE CITY, GA 30269

PUBLIC NOTICE #300139
11/7,14,21,28

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

ALL CREDITORS of the estate of **Raymond Hinkle**, deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia, are hereby notified to submit their claims to the undersigned, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned

DATE: OCTOBER 25, 2021

BY: BRENDA Ann Hinkle, Executor
225 RIVER Cove Meadows
SOCIAL CIRCLE, Georgia 30025

PUBLIC NOTICE #300112
11/7,14,21,28

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

ALL CREDITORS of the Estate of **EDWARD WALTER NEEDHAM** late of Newton County, are notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to this estate are required to make immediate payment.

CHARLES JOSEPH Needham, Executor
C/O ROBERT J. Waddell, Esq. CHAMBERLAIN, HRDLICKA, White, Williams & Aughtry
191 PEACHTREE ST, N.E. FORTY-SIXTH FLOOR
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303

PUBLIC NOTICE #300077
10/31-11/7,14,21

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

of **BETTY CHANDLER 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 5TH day of NOVEMBER, 2021.

SHARON B. BEAMON
170 STEWART HOLLOW LANE
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #300192
11/21,28-12/5,12

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **BOBBETTE S. KLAASSEN** 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 NOVEMBER, 2021.

GINA RODGERS
135 KING RICHARD DR
GRIFFIN, GA 30223

PUBLIC NOTICE #300165
11/14,21,28-12/5

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **CHRISTINE ELLERBEE** 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 10TH day of NOVEMBER, 2021.

REPONZEL HARRIS
415 SYLVIA DR
FOREST PARK, GA 30297

PUBLIC NOTICE #300217
11/21,28-12/5,12

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **DONOVAN GLOVER** 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 NOVEMBER, 2021.

JULIE JAMES
120 MUIRFIELD DRIVE
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #300166
11/14,21,28-12/5

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **EDWARD M. SIGMAN** 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 4TH day of NOVEMBER, 2021.

FRANK SIGMAN
3 HAYS PLACE SE
SILVER CREEK, GA 30173

PUBLIC NOTICE #300190
11/21,28-12/5,12

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **ELMER USHER** 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 NOVEMBER, 2021.

CONNIE USHER
2604 A COUNTRY TRACE
CONYERS, GA 30013

PUBLIC NOTICE #300211
11/21,28-12/5,12

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **ERVINA K. CAMPBELL** 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 19TH day of OCTOBER, 2021.

DAVID MOODY
195 GUM CREEK RD
OXFORD, GA 30054

PUBLIC NOTICE #300051
10/31-11/7,14,21

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **JANET BUCHANAN LANE** 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 4TH day of NOVEMBER, 2021.

ROBERT LANE
1060 RIVER COVE RD
SOCIAL CIRCLE, GA 30025

PUBLIC NOTICE #300193
11/21,28-12/5,12

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **JOE LANIER NORWOOD** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.
THIS THE 9TH day of NOVEMBER, 2021.

JO LOUANNE NORWOOD

STARGEL
2059 OLD BACCUS RD
MONROE, GA 30656

PUBLIC NOTICE #300188
11/21,28-12/5,12

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **LEONA B CARTER** 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 12TH day of NOVEMBER, 2021.

CHARLES A CARTER
116 E CLARK ST
OXFORD, GA 30054

PUBLIC NOTICE #300216
11/21,28-12/5,12

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **MARY FRANCIS MADDOX** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.
THIS THE 15TH day of NOVEMBER, 2021.

BEVERLY JEAN MADDOX-BEASLEY
10288 OLD ATLANTA HIGHWAY
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #300215
11/21,28-12/5,12

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **NANCY MURDY** 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 14TH day of OCTOBER, 2021.

MARTHA ORLANDO
3689 DR. NW
KENNESAW, GA 30144

PUBLIC NOTICE #300054
10-31-11/7,14,21

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **RALPH LEWIS WINTHROW** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.
THIS THE 8TH day of NOVEMBER, 2021.

EUGENE RENNO
3535 LAKESTONE COURT
AUGUSTA, GA 30907

PUBLIC NOTICE #300189
11/21,28-12/5,12

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **REGINALD E. ESSEX** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.
THIS THE 8TH day of NOVEMBER, 2021.

ELLA MAE COLES
15 HUNTINGTON ST
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #300191
11/21,28-12/5,12

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **RICHARD LOUIS DAVIS** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.
THIS THE 15TH day of OCTOBER, 2021.

DEBRA CATO DAVIS
190 CLEAR SPRING LANE
OXFORD GA 30054

PUBLIC NOTICE #300053
10/31-11/7,14,21

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **ROSEMARY LOUISE SPRAUVE** 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 12TH day of NOVEMBER, 2021.

REGINA CONEY
40 CHAPARRAL COURT
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #300213
11/21,28-12/5,12

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **VICKIE LYNN BINNS** 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 NOVEMBER, 2021.

of **WILLIAM RICHARDSON BERRY, JR** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.
THIS THE 9TH day of NOVEMBER, 2021.

JACQUELYN NEAL-BERRY
110 BROOKVIEW PLACE
OXFORD, GA 30054

PUBLIC NOTICE #300194
11/21,28-12/5,12

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **WILLIAM RICHARDSON BERRY, JR** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.
THIS THE 9TH day of NOVEMBER, 2021.

JACQUELYN NEAL-BERRY
110 BROOKVIEW PLACE
OXFORD, GA 30054

PUBLIC NOTICE #300194
11/21,28-12/5,12

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **WILLIS RAY BRITT** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.
THIS THE 18TH day of OCTOBER, 2021.

ALLISON DIAZ
P.O. BOX 1173
DUNCAN, SC 29334

PUBLIC NOTICE #300052
10/31-11/7,14,21

LEGALS:

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DISTRICT OF Newton County, Georgia and being Lot 37, Creekview Heights, Phase One, as per plat of same filed for record at Plat Book 36, pages 270 through 274, Newton County, Georgia records. The description of said Lot as shown on said plat is by reference, specifically incorporated herein.

SAID PROPERTY is known as **40 Kirkland Meadows, Covington, GA 30016**, together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any.

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

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

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

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

WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-FF6 as Attorney-in-Fact for Doris Smith

FILE NO. 14-050381

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #300086

11/7,14,21,28

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF RIGHT TO REDEEM

[REF. O.C.G.A., Section 48-4-5 et seq.; 48-4-45 & 48-4-46]

TO: DIV TAX VENTURE II, LLC OR ITS UNKNOWN SUCCESSORS, ASSIGNS OR SHAREHOLDERS;

ALL PARTIES KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HAVING OF RECORD IN NEWTON COUNTY ANY RIGHT, TITLE, INTEREST IN, OR LIEN UPON 0 SYCAMORE TRAIL, INCLUDING ANY TENANT / OWNER / OCCUPANT OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY;

RE: FORECLOSURE OF EQUITY OF REDEMPTION FOR TAX SALE DEED (REF. O.C.G.A. § 48-4-45, 46)

TAKE NOTICE that:

THE RIGHT to redeem the following described property, to wit will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred as of four o'clock (4 p.m.) on and after December 15, 2021, or within 30 days after legal service of the Notice pursuant to OCGA 48-4-45 et seq., whichever date is later:

ALL THAT tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 189 of the 10th District, Newton County, Georgia being Lot 6A containing 1.2 acres, more or less and being more particularly described in Deed book 238, Page 574, Newton County Land Records. Said property is also known as Map and Parcel No. 0043B00000062000 in the Newton County Tax Assessors Office.

TOGETHER WITH all right, title, and interest running with the above-described property; and **TOGETHER** with all rights, members, privileges and appurtenant easements.

THE TAX deed to which this notice relates is dated August 4, 2020, and is recorded at Deed Book 4087, Page 599 in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia. This notice also constitutes a demand for possession of the property described herein on and after the foreclosure date and time set out above in the event the property is not timely redeemed.

THE PROPERTY may be redeemed on or before the time and date stated above by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address:

TRAVIS MOSS

C/O JOHN Coleman, Esq.

COLEMAN LAW, LLC

675 SEMINOLE Avenue, Suite 302

ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30307

404.974.4537

PLEASE BE governed accordingly.

PUBLIC NOTICE #300125

11/14,21,28-12/5

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF RIGHT TO REDEEM

[REF. O.C.G.A., Section 48-4-5 et seq.; 48-4-45 & 48-4-46]

TO: OXFORD VENTURES, INC. OR ITS UNKNOWN SUCCESSORS, ASSIGNS OR SHAREHOLDERS;

HAZELBRAND ENTERPRISES INC. OR ITS UNKNOWN SUCCESSORS, ASSIGNS OR SHAREHOLDERS;

ALL PARTIES KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HAVING OF RECORD IN NEWTON COUNTY ANY RIGHT, TITLE, INTEREST IN, OR LIEN UPON 0 MOORE STREET, INCLUDING ANY TENANT / OWNER / OCCUPANT OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY;

RE: FORECLOSURE OF EQUITY OF REDEMPTION FOR TAX SALE DEED (REF. O.C.G.A. § 48-4-45, 46)

TAKE NOTICE that:

THE RIGHT to redeem the following described property, to wit will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred as of four o'clock (4 p.m.) on and after December 15, 2021, or within 30 days after legal service of the Notice pursuant to OCGA 48-4-45 et seq., whichever date is later:

ALL AND only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0042000000033A00, being all that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 193 of the 10th

District of Newton County, Georgia and being 1.09 acres, more or less, and being that property bounded on the west by property described in Deed Book 2864, Page 620, Newton County records; on the north by property described in Deed Book 4049, Page 591, aforesaid records; on the north and east by property described in Deed Book 635, Page 566, aforesaid records; and on the south by Moore Street. **TOGETHER WITH** all right, title, and interest running with the above-described property; and **TOGETHER** with all rights, members, privileges and appurtenant easements.

THE TAX deed to which this notice relates is dated August 4, 2020, and is recorded at Deed Book 4087, Page 607 in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia. This notice also constitutes a demand for possession of the property described herein on and after the foreclosure date and time set out above in the event the property is not timely redeemed.

THE PROPERTY may be redeemed on or before the time and date stated above by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address:

MOSS ELITE Trucking Service, LLC

C/O JOHN Coleman, Esq.

COLEMAN LAW, LLC

675 SEMINOLE Avenue, Suite 302

ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30307

404.974.4537

PLEASE BE governed accordingly.

PUBLIC NOTICE #300118

11/14,21,28-12/5

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE UNDER POWER NEWTON COUNTY GEORGIA

UNDER AND by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Janaee T. Heard and Jada Heard** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., As Grantee, As Nominee For Americahomekey, Inc., dated March 2, 2009, and recorded in Deed Book 2698, Page 278, Newton County, Georgia Records, subsequently modified by a Loan Modification Agreement recorded August 3, 2016 in Book 3463, Page 527 in the amount of Two Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Seven and 34/100 (\$225,457.34) Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust by assignment recorded on December 18, 2014 in Book 3286 Page 551 in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of One Hundred Fifty-Seven Thousand One Hundred Two and 0/100 dollars (\$157,102.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on December 7, 2021, the following described property:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

BROCK & Scott, PLLC

4360 CHAMBLEE Dunwoody Road

SUITE 310

ATLANTA, GA 30341

404-789-2661

B&S FILE no.: 20-04926

PUBLIC NOTICE #300160

11/14,21,28-12/5

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER NEWTON COUNTY GEORGIA

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 **Phyllis Johnson** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Mortgage Lenders Network USA, Inc. dated 03/29/2006 and filed 04/06/2006, recorded in Deed Book 2155, Pages 318-328, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of Thirty Five Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Eight Dollar and Forty Cents (\$35,788.40), (later assigned to Reliant Loan Servicing, LLC), 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, December 7, 2021, the following described property:

ALL THAT Tract or parcel of land lying and being in land Lot 156, 10th district, Newton County, Georgia, being Lot 58, Oakwood Manor Subdivision, unit 1, as per plat recorded at plat Book 43, Pages 154-160, Newton County records, said Plat being incorporated herein by reference thereto.

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 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 Phyllis Johnson to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc as nominee for Mortgage Lenders Network USA, Inc. dated 03/29/2006 and filed 04/06/2006, recorded in Deed Book 2155, Pages 295-317, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the above-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$143,153.60.

TO THE best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Phyllis (Estate) Johnson and Kim C. Johnson or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **45 Lakeview Crossing 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.

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 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.

RELIANT LOAN Servicing, LLC, as Attorney in Fact for Phyllis Johnson and Kim C. Johnson

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE #300079

11/7,14,21,28

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER NEWTON COUNTY GEORGIA

BY VIRTUE of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from **DOYLE WEST, JUDITH WEST, ADA C. MCDUFFIE LIFE ESTATE** to SAFEWAY MORTGAGE, INC., dated November 23, 2005, recorded December 6, 2005, in Deed Book 2065, Page 85, Newton County, Georgia Records, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of One Hundred Ninety-Eight Thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$198,000.00), with interest thereon as provided for therein, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned and transferred to Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. as Trustee for Mortgage Assets Management Series I Trust, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the Newton County Courthouse, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in December, 2021, all property described in said Security Deed including but not limited to the following described property:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 249, 9TH DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA AND BEING SHOWN AS LOT 1, BLOCK A,

of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed given by **Phyllis Johnson** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Mortgage Lenders Network USA, Inc. dated 03/29/2006 and filed 04/06/2006, recorded in Deed Book 2155, Pages 318-328, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of Thirty Five Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Eight Dollar and Forty Cents (\$35,788.40), (later assigned to Reliant Loan Servicing, LLC), 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, December 7, 2021, the following described property:

ALL THAT Tract or parcel of land lying and being in land Lot 156, 10th district, Newton County, Georgia, being Lot 58, Oakwood Manor Subdivision, unit 1, as per plat recorded at plat Book 43, Pages 154-160, Newton County records, said Plat being incorporated herein by reference thereto.

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 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 Phyllis Johnson to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc as nominee for Mortgage Lenders Network USA, Inc. dated 03/29/2006 and filed 04/06/2006, recorded in Deed Book 2155, Pages 295-317, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the above-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$143,153.60.

TO THE best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Phyllis (Estate) Johnson and Kim C. Johnson or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **45 Lakeview Crossing 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.

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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 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.

RELIANT LOAN Servicing, LLC, as Attorney in Fact for Phyllis Johnson and Kim C. Johnson

BY: ANDREW D. Gleason

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PUBLIC NOTICE #300079

11/7,14,21,28

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER NEWTON COUNTY GEORGIA

BY VIRTUE of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from **MEAGAN B PORCH** to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS GRANTEE, AS NOMINEE FOR PINNACLE BANK, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, dated October 6, 2017, recorded October 16, 2017, in Deed Book 3621, Page 281, Newton County, Georgia Records, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of One Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Twenty-Seven and 00/100 dollars (\$135,027.00), with interest thereon as provided for therein, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned and transferred to Citizens Bank NA, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the Newton County Courthouse, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in December, 2021, all property described in said Security Deed including but not limited to the following described property:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 54 OF THE 10TH DISTRICT OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 180 OF BERKSHIRE SUBDIVISION, UNIT TWO AS SHOWN ON PLAT OF BERKSHIRE SUBDIVISION-UNIT TWO AS SAME IS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 34, PAGES 189-192, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS . THE DESCRIPTION OF SAID PROPERTY AS CONTAINED ON SAID PLAT IS HEREBY INCORPORATED HEREIN AND MADE AN ESSENTIAL PART HEREOF BY REFERENCE.

SAID LEGAL description being controlling, however the property is more commonly known as **100 BERKSHIRE KEEP, COVINGTON, GA 30016.**

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

SAID PROPERTY will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The sale will also be subject to the following items which may affect the title: any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, whether or not now due and payable); the right of redemption of any taxing authority; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; all zoning ordinances; assessments; liens; encumbrances; restrictions; covenants, and any other matters of record superior to said Security

COVINGTON LUMBER COMPANY SUBDIVISION, ON A PLAT OF SURVEY OF SAME RECORDED ON PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 148, 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.

SAID LEGAL description being controlling, however the property is more commonly known as **3133 REBECCA STREET, COVINGTON, GA 30014.**

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

SAID PROPERTY will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The sale will also be subject to the following items which may affect the title: any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, whether or not now due and payable); the right of redemption of any taxing authority; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; all zoning ordinances; assessments; liens; encumbrances; restrictions; covenants, and any other matters of record superior to said Security Deed.

TO THE best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owner and party in possession of the property is **DOYLE WEST, JUDITH WEST, ADA C. MCDUFFIE LIFE ESTATE, or tenants(s).**

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

PLEASE NOTE that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, you are not entitled by law to an amendment or modification of the terms of your loan. The entity having full authority to negotiate, amend or modify all

LEGALS:

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CANNOT AFTER due diligence, be found within the State, or conceals himself to avoid service of the Summons, and it further appearing, by verified Complaint on file, that a claim exists against the Defendant in respect to whom service is to be made, and that he is a necessary or proper party to the action.
IT IS HEREBY CONSIDERED, ORDERED AND DECREED THAT, service be made by publication as provided by law.
SO ORDERED this 2nd day of November, 2021

PUBLIC NOTICE #300207
 11/21,28-12/5,12

IN THE MAGISTRATE COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

JAMILLA DOUMA, PLAINTIFF,

ADMAN RHONE, DEFENDANT

CIVIL ACTION FILE NO 21-833CS

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

IT APPEARING by Complaint, that the above named Defendant on whom service is to be made in this case resides out of the State, or has departed from the State, or cannot after due diligence, be found within the State, or conceals himself to avoid service of the Summons, and it further appearing, by verified Complaint on file, that a claim exists against the Defendant in respect to whom service is to be made, and that he is a necessary or proper party to the action.
IT IS HEREBY CONSIDERED, ORDERED AND DECREED THAT, service be made by publication as provided by law.
SO ORDERED this 2nd day of November, 2021

PUBLIC NOTICE #300206
 11/21,28-12/5,12

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

ORLANDA MAHDI PLAINTIFF,
CHAD SPEER and KNACK CONSTRUCTION, LLC DEFENDANTS.

2021-CV-1124-3 CIVIL ACTION File No.:SUC'o' 2921 981124

TO: CHAD Speer

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

BY ORDER for Service by Publication dated the 2ND DAY OF NOVEMBER 2021, you are hereby **NOTIFIED THAT** on May 13,2021, Plaintiff Orlanda Mahdi, filed a Complaint against you.
YOU ARE required to file with the Clerk of Newton County Superior Court and serve upon Plaintiff's attorney, Sean S. Campbell, Wood Craig & Avery, LLC, 3520 Piedmont Road, NE, Suite 280, Atlanta, GA 30305, (404) 888-9962, an Answer in writing within (60) days of the date **OF THE** Order for Publication.
WITNESS, THE Honorable **COUNTY. LAYLA H. ZON**, Judge of the Superior Court of Newton

THIS 2ND day of NOVEMBER , 2021.

FILED IN OFFICE CLERK OF NEWTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
 11/02/2021 4:15PM LINDA D. HAYS, CLERK NEWTON COUNTY, GA

DEPUTY, CLERK SUPERIOR COURT of Newton County
 1132 USHER St NW #338 COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #300152
 11/7,14,21,28

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE CURRENT January 2022-March 2021 Grand Jury of Newton County, not less than sixty (60) days after the second publication of this notice, shall appoint two (2) individuals who are otherwise qualified to serve as Member No. 3 and Alternate Member No. 2 of the Newton County Board of Equalization. These members shall be appointed to serve the Term from January 2022 to December 31, 2024.

THIS 4TH day of November, 2021

LINDA D. Hays, Clerk NEWTON COUNTY Clerk of Superior Court
 1132 USHER Street, Room 338 COVINGTON, GA 30014
 770-784-2035
 FAX: 770-788-3717

PUBLIC NOTICE #300184
 11/14,21

Public Sales Auctions

AFFORDABLE SELF Storage East 5272 Ga Hwy 20 S Covington Ga. 30016
PURSUANT TO the Georgia Self Storage Facility Act, shall conduct a Public Auction for the following units for non-payment.

GENE ALLISTON K-18
 Household items

JEROME BELCHER K-11
 Household items

TORONSA BENNETT L-06
 Household items

TED LEWIS J-13 Household items
LISA SHAFFER L-02 L-32
 Household items

IRA WITCHETT B-12 E-34
 Household items

AUCTION WILL be held 12-17-2021 at 10:30 am

PUBLIC NOTICE #300202
 11/21,28

NOTICE OF Public Sale of Personal Property: Notice is hereby given that Covington Stor-it, located at 8165 Washington St SW, Covington, GA 30014; intends to sell the personal

property according to the Georgia Self Storage Act, 10-4-210 through 10-4-215 to satisfy the owner's lien. All bids will be accepted online through www.storageauctions.com. The auction will end on or after 29 November 2021, 3PM. Covington Stor-it reserves the right to withdraw units from such a sale and reject any bid. Terms of sale are cash or money order only.
LACY MULLINAX, 034, appears to contain; Baby walker, toys, car seat, backpack, bassinet
JESSICA WARD, 038, appears to contain; Luggage, booster seat, sheets, comforters, chest, totes
RIDLEY INGRAM, 160, appears to contain; Walker, living room set, television, ladder, wheelchair, boxes, stools, gas can.
DAVID MANESS, 277, appears to contain; twin bed, dresser,

speaker, car seat, chairs, car seat, microwave, living room set, armor, (vehicle not included).
SHANNON WRIGHT, 348, appears to contain; televisions, luggage, toys, dresser, power wheel, mattress, Michael Kors purse, sewing machine, crockpot, dining room table, file cabinet, kitchenware, toddler bed, clothing, chairs, tricycle.
JASON MYERS, 495, appears to contain; tool box, file cabinet, holiday lights, dresser

PURCHASE MUST be paid for on the day of the auction with cash and valid ID at the location of the unit. All items are sold as is and must be removed from the property within 72 hours, unless otherwise approved by the Manager, after the time of the sale. Sale is subject to cancellation in the event of a settlement between

the owner and the obligated party.
PATRICIA DANIELS
PROPERTY MANAGER
COVINGTON STOR-IT
8165 WASHINGTON St. S.W.
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #300142
 11/14,21

Trade Names

TRADE NAME REGISTRATION AFFIDAVIT GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

TO WHOM It may Concern: **PLEASE BE** advised that **DIVANCE WALKER** whose address is 20 CLEAR SPRING COURT OXFORD, GA 30054 is/are the owner(s) of the certain business now being carried

on at 20 CLEAR SPRING COURT OXFORD, GA 30054 n the following trade name, to-wit: CAFE FWI and that the nature of said business is: COFFEE ROASTING & SERVING This statement is made in conformity with O.C.G.A. §10-1-490 et seq. requiring the filing of such statement with the Clerk of Superior Court of this county.
THIS 9TH day of NOVEMBER 2021

PUBLIC NOTICE #300177
 11/14,21

TRADE NAME REGISTRATION AFFIDAVIT GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

TO WHOM It may Concern: **PLEASE BE** advised that **TYLER WILCOX AND KAYLA LEFAVOR** whose address is 3116 ACADEMY

SPRINGS CIRCLE COVINGTON GA 30014 is/are the owner(s) of the certain business now being carried on at 3116 ACADEMY SPRINGS CIRCLE COVINGTON, GA 30014 n the following trade name, to-wit: BETTER IN THE SHADE INSTALLATIONS and that the nature of said business is: CUSTOM BLINDS AND SHUTTER INSTALLATIONS This statement is made in conformity with O.C.G.A. §10-1-490 et seq. requiring the filing of such statement with the Clerk of Superior Court of this county.
THIS 4TH day of NOVEMBER 2021

PUBLIC NOTICE #300175
 11/14,21

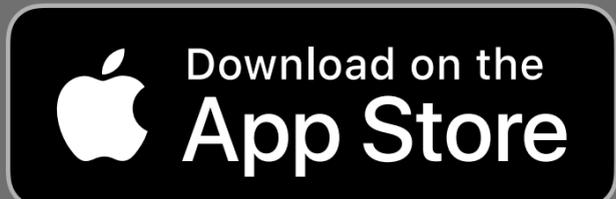
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