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in the third round of the
GHSA state playoffs?

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His Word

They that sow
in tears shall
reap in joy.

Psalms 126:5,
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Newton County



A reported kitchen fire destroyed a local family's home of 27 years located on Cedar Court on Thursday, Dec. 10, inside the Newton Ridge subdivision, east of Covington. No injuries were reported.

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Kitchen fire engulfs Cedar Court home

Family thankful no one hurt in Thursday incident

By TAYLOR BECK
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Flames broke out inside a house Thursday, Dec. 10, on Cedar Court within the Newton Ridge subdivision, destroying a local family's home of 27 years. The Newton County Fire Service was called to the home located east of Covington after

a fire reportedly started in the kitchen area. The exact cause had not been determined as of Friday, Dec. 11.

"When we got the call, it came out as a stove fire," Battalion Chief Clint Aaron said. "When the first unit arrived on location, the house was fully involved."

Newton County Sheriff's

Office, Piedmont Hospital EMS and the City of Covington also responded to the incident.

Resident Jason Kenney said no one was at home when the fire started. His family was returning to the home when they realized it was on fire. "My dad's wife said she

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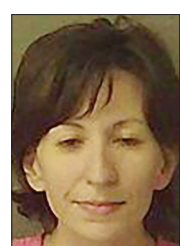
Judge denies bond for woman accused in mother's 2019 murder

By TOM SPIGOLON
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COVINGTON, GA. — A judge has denied bond for a 36-year-old woman accused of murder in the April 2019 shooting death of her mother in Covington. Superior Court Judge Cheveda McCamy denied setting a bond for Carly Suzanne Walden Thursday, Dec. 10.

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bond that would allow

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Carly Suzanne
Walden

General Election

Advance voting begins at two sites Monday for Senate, PSC runoffs

Will expand to additional east, west
Newton locations beginning Dec. 21

By TOM SPIGOLON
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COVINGTON, GA. — Advance voting for the Jan. 5 runoff election is set to begin Monday, Dec. 14, at two locations in Covington before expanding to include additional locations in western and eastern Newton County.

The three-week advance voting period is set for Dec. 14 through 31 with no

voting on the Christmas Day; Monday, Dec. 28; New Year's Day or the weekends. According to the Department of Elections and Registration, the advance voting schedule includes:

- From Dec. 14 through 18, locations will only include the Newton County Administration Building at 1113 Usher St. and the Covington branch

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Newton County officially opens larger, renovated animal shelter

By TOM SPIGOLON
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Newton County Animal Services officially opened its expanded and renovated shelter Wednesday, Dec. 9, that doubled its space and is designed to improve the experience for those considering adopting a pet.

The county department hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the sales tax-funded project that included an addition and renovation to the 40-year-old original building on Lower River Road near Porterdales.

About 4,000 square feet was included in the addition and gives it a

total of more than 8,900 square feet of new and renovated space, said program manager Jeff Prine of Monroe-based Ascension Program Management.

County government staff members and elected officials were among those attending the ceremony, led by County Chairman Marcello Banes.

County Manager Lloyd Kerr said the opening of the new facility marks "a great day" for the county's efforts to care for and find homes for stray animals.

"We've made a quantum leap forward, I think, in the way we treat our animals in



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the county," Kerr said. "This is a wonderful facility."

Proceeds of a 2017

Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax and \$100,000 from an anonymous donor were

used to fund the \$1.2 million project, Kerr said.

Newton County An-

imal Services director Cindy Wiemann said

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OBITUARY

Melvin Huff, Sr.
Melvin Huff, Sr., of Sharpsburg, passed away Dec. 6, 2020, at the age of 79. Mr. Huff had a tireless work ethic and started his career in the lighting industry with Lithonia Lighting. He went on to work for and subsequently retired from Cooper Lighting, which had locations in both Americus and Peachtree City. Mr. Huff grew up in Social Circle where his athletic strengths made him a star player for his high school's basketball and baseball teams. As an adult, he lent his talents to several fast-pitch softball teams, traveling across the state to compete. Other hobbies that Mr. Huff enjoyed were bowling, golfing, and taking care of his antique cars. He was preceded in death by his parents, Arnold Dewitt and Della Mae (Sorrells) Huff; sister, Joan Hewell; brothers, Felton Huff, Edward Huff. Mr. Huff, a loving father and loyal family man, will be remembered by his son, Melvin Randall Huff, Jr.; sister, Linda Lee; several nieces and nephews; as well as former spouse, Janie Henderson.

A graveside service for Mr. Huff was held Saturday, Dec. 12, 2020, 12:45 p.m., at Social Circle City Cemetery, Lakewood Drive, in Social Circle, with Pastor Jeff Clegg, Bobby Clegg, and Greg Hancock officiating. Visit [caldwellandcowan.com](https://www.caldwellandcowan.com) to place online condolences.



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Pursuit of Excellence

Newton County

County cuts ribbon on \$1.7 million senior center addition

By **TOM SPIGOLON**
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COVINGTON, Ga. — The grand opening of a major addition and renovation of its Senior Center near Turner Lake is the latest phase in the half-century evolution of the county's Senior Services department.

Current and former county officials helped cut the ribbon to ceremonially open a 5,300-square-foot addition to the Josephine E. Brown Senior Center on Turner Lake Road on Wednesday.

The \$1.7 million project increased the senior center's total space to almost 12,000 square feet, said officials with general contractor Sunbelt Builders.

New space in the facility includes a large fellowship hall and dining room with south side windows overlooking Turner Lake; new administrative offices; and an expanded kitchen facility.

A renovation of the original 6,500-square-foot building included converting part of it into a media center and a quilting room, officials said.

Proceeds from the county's 2017 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) provided the funding.

The center has been named for Josephine Brown, who headed the department for 46 years, prior to her retirement in 2016.

She told attendees of a ribbon-cutting ceremony that she needed a job in 1970 when she applied to lead a pilot program to provide meals for Covington seniors.

It evolved over the years to include programs and activities for seniors and



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New space in the Josephine E. Brown Senior Center includes a large fellowship hall and dining room with south side windows overlooking Turner Lake.

went through several locations.

"We had to go through so many sub-standard buildings," Brown said.

In 2001, the original Senior Center was completed, which Brown said was a "dream accomplished for the moment."

District 4 County Commissioner J.C. Henderson, in whose district the center operates, recognized former County Chairman Keith Ellis for his efforts to include funding for the addition in the 2017 SPLOST.

Ellis said the expansion had been a topic of discussion for almost two decades before "seniors wearing their red shirts" to commission meetings helped convince the board to include the funding.

Senior Services director Freda Reed

now leads the center that offers on-site and home-delivered meals to Newton County residents 55 and over.

It also offers its 300 members classes on ceramics, arts and crafts, quilting, sewing, exercise, drama, dancing and more.

State, federal and local governments provide funding for on-site and most home delivered meals, staff, vehicles, and some basic recreational programs.

In addition, the nonprofit Newton County Senior Services Inc. provides funding for extra programs and activities.

For more information on meals, programs and fees, call 770-787-0038 or visit <https://www.co.newton.ga.us/227/Senior-Services>.

Newton funds new position to help EMA distribute vaccine

County government also giving employees one-time pandemic incentive payment

By **TOM SPIGOLON**
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Newton County is giving its employees a one-time payment for working during the pandemic and has added a new emergency management agency position to help distrib-

ute a vaccine when it becomes available.

County commissioners voted to give a \$300 "pandemic incentive" payment to each of its employees hired before March 2020 after more sales tax than anticipated had come into county coffers recently.

The payment "is a pandemic incentive that was used to recognize the hard work and sacrifice for employees who worked to keep things going and our community safe during this time of public health emergency," said County Manager Lloyd Kerr.

It will be given to employees hired after March on a prorated basis, Kerr said.

County officials will use \$225,000 from its Local Option Sales Tax

fund to pay for the incentive after revenues came in 19% higher than budgeted in recent months, said county finance director Brittany White.

"They've been coming in really strong," she said.

Collections of the sales tax — which counties use to allow them to decrease property taxes — had been budgeted at a lower amount because of economic uncertainty due to COVID-19, White said.

The county also recently received almost \$600,000 after an audit of an undisclosed corporation resulted in the state government sending money originally coded as state sales tax back to the county government, White said.

The incentive is in addition to a \$300 Christmas bonus each employee already has received this year, an area newspaper reported.

Commissioners also voted to fund a new employee for the county's Emergency Management Agency after its director explained the agency would help the Georgia Department of Public Health distribute any COVID-19 vaccine the state receives.

County commissioners had not anticipated the position in their 2021 budget. However, they voted to use \$9,495 in contingency funds for new employees and combine it with about \$19,500 the Emergency Management Agency had left over in its budget for a

total of \$28,969 to fund the position for six months, White said.

Newton County EMA Director Jody Nolan said his agency would assist the Gwinnett, Newton and Rockdale Health Departments in distributing a COVID-19 vaccine when it becomes available in Newton County.

The Capitol Beat News Bureau reported Tuesday Georgia could have "several hundred thousand doses" of the vaccines in the next week or so for distribution to health-care workers and elderly care facilities.

Dr. Kathleen Toomey, commissioner of the state Department of Public Health, said the doses will roll

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Covington

Council purchases \$1.43 million ladder fire truck

Replacement for one in current fleet to arrive within 18 months

By **TAYLOR BECK**
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Replacing one of the Covington Fire Department's current fleet of trucks with a 100-foot,

mid-mount ladder truck will cost nearly \$1.43 million dollars.

During its meeting Monday, Dec. 7, the Covington City Council unanimously ap-

proved a resolution to purchase a new ladder truck in the amount of \$1,429,800 from Pierce Manufacturing, Inc. and an associated budget amendment to cover up-front costs, contingent upon the city attorney's review of the agreement.

Up-front costs will equal approximately \$285,960 (20% of the purchase price). Covington Mayor Steve Horton said the amount would be transferred from the city's General Fund balance to the necessary fund accounts to meet the required payment. Covington Fire Chief Jeremy Holmes said the overall price tag was a bit lower than he originally anticipated by more than \$100,000. If the council waits to

issue a purchase order after Feb. 1, there would be an increase in total cost of 3%.

Once the truck is delivered to the city, the total cost will be financed over 10 years through a Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) Master Lease program, equating to roughly \$157,000 per year of debt service, at that time \$285,960 will be used to replenish the General Fund balance, Covington City Manager Scott Andrews said.

Councilman Don Floyd was first to vocalize his support for the purchase by calling for the initial motion for approval. The former firefighter said ladders typically have 20-year lifespan,

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Crime

GBI arrests Newton County man on child porn charge

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COVINGTON, Ga. — A Newton County resident is facing charges in connection with uploading suspected child pornography. The Georgia Bureau of Investigation charged Carlos Porter, 21, with Sexual Exploitation of Children (Possession of Child Sexual Abuse Material) in violation of state law, a news release stated. Porter, whose address is listed as Conyers, was being held Friday in the Newton County Jail without bond on one count of the felony charge, according to

information from the Newton County Sheriff's Office. The GBI's Child Exploitation and Computer Crimes (CEACC) Unit began an investigation into Porter's online activity after receiving a cybertip from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children regarding the upload of suspected child pornography by Porter using a popular social media application, the release stated. It stated a search of Porter's home and electronic devices produced evidence that led to his Tuesday, Dec. 8, arrest. Porter was taken into

custody and booked into the Newton County Jail. "This investigation is part of the ongoing effort by the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, housed within the GBI's Child Exploitation and Computer Crimes Unit, to identify those involved in the child pornography trade," the release stated. The CEACC Unit brought the charges, a news release stated. "The ICAC Program, created by the U. S. Department of Justice, was developed in response to the increas-

ing number of children and teenagers using the Internet, the proliferation of child pornography, and the heightened online activity by predators searching for unsupervised contact with underage victims." Anyone with information about other cases of child exploitation is asked to contact the GBI Child Exploitation Unit at 404-270-8870. Tips can also be submitted by calling 1-800-597-8477, online at <https://gbi.georgia.gov/submit-tips-online>, or by downloading the See Something, Send Something mobile app.

Newton County Schools

Students to make brief all-virtual return after holidays

STAFF REPORTS

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COVINGTON, Ga. — Newton County Schools students will return from the winter break to an all-virtual learning format for the first four days Jan. 5 through 8. Students will begin the second semester in a virtual format "and/or with pre-developed assignments" for the first four days before in-person learners return Jan. 11, Superintendent Samantha Fuhrey announced. "I want to stress that there are no plans to revert to an all-virtual learning model for the second semester," Fuhrey said in a news release. "Additionally, it is very important that all students participate Jan. 5-8, 2021. Depending on the information you receive from your child's school, our current in-person students will be required to par-

ticipate virtually and/or do the coursework assigned during this period of time in order to be marked present. "Pre-developed assignments that are provided to students before the break begins must be completed by the time in-person students report to their first day in-person on Jan. 11, 2021." Fuhrey said school district officials "are already excited about having a fresh start in 2021." "This year has been hard for everyone, and we are continually grateful for our families' resilience, flexibility, and support as we have navigated these challenging times together," she said. She said, "With the current quarantine guidelines and recommendations, we will begin all learning in a virtual format and/or with pre-designed assignments for the first

four days of school immediately following the winter holidays, Jan. 5-8, 2021. "Our regular in-person learning option will resume on Jan. 11. Please note, current virtual students will participate as normal," Fuhrey said. "We know that many students and their families will gather to celebrate during the holiday season and, as a result, may come in close contact with or actually contract the COVID-19 virus. "These extra few days of virtual-only learning will allow for exposure times to occur after the holidays and will minimize risk for students and faculty returning to school following the holiday break. "It is always our top priority to keep our staff and your children safe as we educate them for the future." Fuhrey said schools would develop their

instructional guidelines and procedures and notify parents of assignments and coursework required during the first four days of school in January. If students need technology, schools "will work with parents to provide devices," Fuhrey said. Parents or guardians of in-person learners can pick up free breakfast and lunch meals daily from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the nearest school. Virtual learners will continue to receive meals via their assigned bus route stops, the superintendent said. Parents with questions or concerns should contact their school administrator for additional details, she said. For more information, visit https://newtoncountyschools.org/reopening_of_schools/f_a_q_regarding_january_5-8_2021.

Alcovy Judicial Circuit

Court for mentally ill crime suspects named 'model' program

By TOM SPIGOLON

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COVINGTON, Ga. — A Newton County court program designed for crime suspects whose mental illness contributed to their alleged actions has been named "model courts" in Georgia. The Georgia Council of Accountability Court Judges (CACJ) has recognized the Newton County Mental Health Court for the honor which carries with it a commitment to provide assistance to similar court programs in the state. Model courts are programs reviewed and selected by the CACJ's Nominations Committee to provide assistance to other court programs across the state, according to the council's website.



Layla Zon



Samuel Ozburn

A panel of accountability court judges from throughout Georgia evaluated the court and selected it for the award based on "its strong performance in this peer review process," said Robert Fox, coordinator for the program in Newton and Walton counties. Superior Court Judge Layla Zon is the presiding judge for the Newton County program which works with individuals whose mental illnesses contributed to their criminal conduct, Fox said. The Newton program was established in 2013 and serves an average of 16 participants, Fox said. Superior Court Judge Samuel Ozburn established the Newton County program in 2013 and presided over it until his retirement earlier this year. Fox has served as coordinator since 2017. Since the courts were established, the Newton County program has graduated 41 participants, according to Fox. Ozburn said organizing and presiding over the court program "was one of the most rewarding experiences I had as

a judge." "It is rare for a court to not only save lives but save money as well, but that's what this court has been able to do," Ozburn said. "Credit must be given to the court staff members who provided treatment, random drug testing, home visits, curfew checks and much care and kindness to the participants. I am confident that under the capable leadership of Judge Zon this will continue," he said. Fox said Mental Health Courts help participants improve their independent functioning, reduce substance abuse, provide greater consistency in receiving mental health treatment, spend fewer days in jail, and reduce long-term government costs. The programs provide

a full range of support and supervision to the participants including individual therapy, evidence-based group treatment, psychiatric assessments, medication management, clinical case management, and more, the CACJ stated in a review of the program. Participants are screened to determine eligibility. They regularly attend treatment, and the court regularly supervises their actions through random drug testing and in-home visits by sheriff's deputies, Fox said. However, he noted state law prohibits participation by individuals who have committed such offenses as murder, armed robbery and sex-related crimes. CACJ Executive See COURT, A6

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Community Calendar

SATURDAY, DEC. 12

- Abiding Grace Lutheran Church will host Christmas for Kids from 10 a.m. to noon at the church, located on 5500 Hwy. 212 in Covington. Admission is free but space is limited. Register at c4k.abidinggrace.com or call 770-385-7691.
- Santa on the Square, from 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- The Porterdales Christmas Parade begins at 7 p.m. and will move through city neighborhoods "where residents can safely view the parade from their front porches," according to the city's website. A map of the parade route can be found at CovNews.com.

SUNDAY, DEC. 13

- Tuba Christmas in Porterdales begins at 3 p.m. in front of the Porterdales Memorial Gymnasium facility. Tuba player registration begins at 1 p.m.; rehearsal runs from 2-3 p.m. Public is asked to bring folding chairs and wear masks.

SATURDAY, DEC. 19

- Santa on the Square, from 5-8 p.m.

MONDAY, DEC. 21

- Walton County GOP Chairman Roy Roberts Sr. is hosting a "Rally for the Senate" event at his farm on Nunnally Farm Road in Monroe at 4 p.m. The public is invited.

FRIDAY, DEC. 25

- Christmas Day! The Covington News, like other area businesses and government offices, will close Dec. 24-25 to allow its staff to observe the holiday.

ONGOING

- Paint Party at Southern Heartland Visual Art Center has resumed! Hosted by professional gallery artists, this weekly get-together for those in our community interested in painting with others is free and open to the public each Friday from 10-2. Both classrooms will be utilized to insure participants have enough space to social distance from other participants.

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OPINIONS

The Covington News

Patrick Graham owner

Loeffler, Perdue are nation's only chance for survival

You will never convince me Joe Biden is the legitimate winner of the 2020 presidential election.

Like, ever. I'm not going to go over everything I've seen that has brought me to that conclusion. I could, but what would be the point, really?

That's the way I feel about it, and if you feel the same way, great. No reason to review all the information out there you've probably already seen as well.

If you don't feel the same way I do, that's fine too. No hard feelings, at least not on my part. But let's not waste each other's time trying to change the other's mind.

With that being said, I'm also not convinced President Donald Trump's efforts to set aside the alleged outcome of the election will be success-

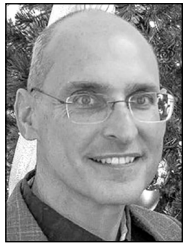
ful.

I want the president to pursue every possible legal remedy available to him, but time is running out — in a hurry. His record in court to date leaves little reason for optimism, honestly, and the Electoral College is scheduled to vote Monday.

So...

Whether we agree on who won the presidential election or not, one thing we should all be able to agree on is the importance of the U.S. Senate runoffs in Georgia.

The only way to at least slow down the kind of left-wing agenda that would come out of the White House and the U.S. House is if Republicans maintain control of the



Senate. You know who gets to decide that?

You and me.

That's a lot of responsibility, but would you want the fate of our republic in someone else's hands? Not me.

I've heard there are Trump supporters in Georgia who feel disenfranchised and are at a minimum disenchanted. They don't intend to vote in Senate runoffs because, after all, what's the point? Democrats are just going to steal the election anyway, right?

Wrong. Or at least the wrong approach.

Sitting on the sidelines for this one is exactly what Democrats hope Republicans and Trump supporters will do. It's just as important, maybe more so, for Republicans to have the kind of turnout for the Jan. 5 Senate runoffs that the outcome can't even be questioned,

unlike the presidential election.

Walton County GOP Chairman Roy Roberts Sr. is hosting a "Rally for the Senate" event at his farm on Nunnally Farm Road in Monroe at 4 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 21. The public is invited, and I would urge you to take Roy up on his offer and show your support.

More importantly, I would urge you to show your support and to vote for Republican incumbents Kelly Loeffler and David Perdue.

They are not just our great country's best chance for survival. They are its only chance.

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Chris Bridges columnist

Moving from supporting to worshipping a politician

Even with the 2020 presidential election now more than a month behind us, there still remains a large contingent of Americans who will not accept the results.

Even as Donald Trump's own attorney general says there is no evidence of massive voter fraud, many supporters of the president continue to march on. Why do they do so? It's simple. President Trump has yet to wave the white flag.

There certainly is nothing wrong with not liking the outcome of an election. In a presidential election which we knew would be close, whichever candidate fell short was going to have millions of upset people whose preferred choice finished second.

What is not understandable is how some (note some not all) Trump supporters have thrown all sense of logic out of the window about the election. They continue to grasp at any straw and truly believe the United States Supreme Court is going to allow their candidate to remain in the White House another four years.

It's not going to happen. Every so-called challenge that has gone to court has been tossed and tossed quickly. If you read what is going on in these cases, the arguments being presented on television are not being offered up in court. The reason is also clear. There is no evidence to present.

None of the challenges (including ones in Georgia) have even gone to a trial so there is no verdict or ruling to appeal to a higher court.

Yet we have somehow reached the point that the Republican Secretary of State for Georgia, along with his family and elections staff, have received death threats.

From a political observer standpoint, it has been truly amazing to see how loyal some Trump supporters are.



There are even more die-hard about their candidate than when he was running in 2016.

It has gotten to the point where some supporters believe President Trump can do no wrong. If he does something that is wrong or even questionable, it is overlooked by these die-hards because it's President Trump doing it.

One conservative talk show host on Atlanta radio brought up an interesting, and somewhat disturbing, analysis of the non-rational Trump supporters. The talk show host, who is as conservative and right-wing as they come, said there is a large number of Trump backers who have moved from supporting his presidency to outright worshipping him.

This host makes no qualms of his religious beliefs and says the type of blind loyalty to President Trump has crossed the line and encouraged those engaged in it to do some serious soul-searching.

At this point the best thing that Trump supporters can do is to prepare for 2024. There is a legitimate chance that he will run again. In fact, Trump has always seemed to bask in the spotlight at rallies which are often attended by thousands of his supporters.

Nationwide rallies during the next four years which would lead into a massive rematch for the next presidential contest. It should be noted, however, that Joe Biden may not even run for a second term and that is if he even finishes one term.

Anyone who has ever taken the time to vote doesn't want their candidate to lose. That is understandable. At some point, however, the game is over, at least for this time.

The great thing about politics and political campaigns is that there is always a next time. It is time to focus on that. Continuing to try and keep a sinking ship afloat on the political seas is not wise.

There is nothing wrong with being disappointed that your preferred candidate lost. My presidential candidate finished third. When we began threatening the lives of people because we don't like the outcome then it has clearly crossed the line.

The great thing about our country is that no president, regardless of how bad they are perceived to be by some, can destroy it. We are too strong and that is something we should all be able to agree on.

It's great to see so many more people involved in political campaigns. That has not always been the case. We cannot, however, lose track of the fact our election system is still the best. Are there some flaws? Sure. But we cannot become so blinded by our support of someone that we turn a blind eye and allow that politician free reign to do whatever he or she desires.

That is dangerous and it has that same kind of danger that can be associated with cult leaders like Jim Jones. Never give up thinking for yourself.

Maybe it's just the crazy year we've all been through. Maybe it's the stress overload we all are experiencing right now. Regardless, we cannot lose track that the loss of an election does not justify death threats. The pointless lawsuits are bad enough but being willing to jump off a cliff just because someone says so has reached brainwashing proportions.

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Kasey Jordan columnist

Shame and humility

At the beginning of each December, we celebrate the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary. On this day we read in Luke the amazing response of a young girl to the angel standing before her, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word."



The amazing humility expressed in these words and later words as she visited her cousin Elizabeth, are shockingly convicting. When I am faced with a situation that is outside of my comfort zone or outside of the way I thought life was going to be, I am often filled with doubt and fear and questions. She gave her "fiat," and accepted what God had planned for her life.

Beyond the content of the amazing news that she received was her visit with a heavenly angel! As I thought about her response to this glorious messenger coming to give her the good news, I began to ponder what my response to a visitor like this would be. And honestly, I think I would be much like the shepherds and others in scripture who had to be told "do not fear" when they saw these heavenly beings. I also thought about the shame I believe I would feel. In the presence of pure goodness and light, my own sin would be glaringly and painfully obvious.

The amazing thing about Mary's response is that while she is also told not to fear, you don't see that kind of shame. Humility and obedience, absolutely. But shame, none. She was able to do this because she was sinless and therefore able to stand before the angel without shame while I often sink into my sin and my shame.

While Mary's salvation was achieved outside of time and before Christ was even born, I too have the opportunity to be cleansed of my sin through confessing my sin and accepting the absolution that comes from the sacrifice that Christ made for me. So why do I allow shame to separate me from the grace and love God wants to share with me?

Shame is the exact opposite of what Christ gained for us on the cross. He died to bring us forgiveness and newness of life and the opportunity to have our sin taken away "as far as the east is from the west." But even after I confess my sin, I dwell in it and allow that "forgotten" sin to still dominate my life. I obviously don't really think that God has forgiven me if I can't forgive myself. I have made myself and my sin bigger than God and taken him out of the equation of my life.

Only in taking my focus off of myself and onto him can I overcome this shame and have victory in my life. No wonder I keep stumbling when I keep looking down instead of up. The only way I can have the kind of humility that Mary exudes is to focus on the grace that has been given me. She who the angel calls "full of grace" offers us the answer to our hopeless situation. It is by the grace received in the sacraments of the Eucharist and Reconciliation that I can walk in the confidence of what God has done for me.

If we truly walked with the awareness of the grace God has shown us, pride would have no place in us. If it is by the grace of God that I can have freedom, I have no right to feel and act better than other people because it is His work in me that has accomplished this freedom. I then live in love of him by serving those around me, but ultimately, he is the source of it all.

If we as Christians lived life like this, non-believers would see the beauty of Christianity. Not as a club of people who think they are better than other people, but as a community of people who acknowledge their need for help and then help those around them in turn. And in doing this, our lives can be fully used by God as a vessel of his grace as we respond as Mary in every situation, "May it be done to me according to your word."

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Covington farmer named to national Christmas tree promotion board

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COVINGTON, Ga. — The longtime owner of a Newton County Christmas tree farm will become the first Georgia grower to help guide a national promotional effort for the product.

Chuck Berry, owner of Berry's Tree Farm & Nursery west of Covington, has been appointed to serve a three-year term on the U.S. Christmas Tree Promotion Board.

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue appointed Berry

and four other U.S. tree producers to the board, which oversees a national research and promotion program for the trees.

The board's purpose is to promote, publicize and educate the public about the trees "while engaging in research to better serve our customers and growers," according to its website.



Chuck Berry

Berry said the program operates in a similar promotional fashion as the one that produced classic advertising series like "Got Milk?" for U.S. dairy farmers.

The lifelong farmer is the fifth generation of his family to operate a farm of some sort in 126 years on the site of Berry's Tree Farm.

He and other members of his family run the 206-acre operation on Mt. Tabor Road in the Almon community.

After operating as a dairy and row crop farm for 80 years, it

began converting its crops solely to Christmas trees in 1977 and sold its first trees in 1983, according to its website.

Berry said he has sold more than 2,000 trees this year, marking his best sales season in 20 years.

He attributed the increase to the pandemic prompting many area residents to seek to celebrate a more traditional kind of holiday.

"People are wanting to slow down," he said.

Berry said he was proud to be the first Georgian on the board

because the state is not usually seen as a major producer of the trees compared to states like North Carolina.

He noted the Georgia Farm Bureau was among the individuals and organizations that sent letters of support for his appointment.

Berry joined Roger W. Beyer of Oregon, Michael Cocco of California, Jane M. Neubauer of Ohio, Renee' Beutell Campbell of North Carolina and Larry Downey of Quebec, Canada, as new appointees.

The 12-member

board includes 11 growers representing production in the eastern, central and western regions of the U.S., and one importer member.

Each member can serve up to two consecutive three-year terms.

Then-U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack appointed the first board in January 2015.

The board is made up of Christmas tree producers representing production in the east, central and west regions of the U.S., along with an importer member.

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the addition created space for 24 large dog runs, eight small dog cages, four puppy pens, and 45 cat cages.

It also allowed the animal services staff to provide better segregation of cats and dogs throughout the building; and create areas that allow potential adopters to have better access to the animals, Wiemann said.

She said the new construction will provide better ventilation for the building; make cleaning and maintenance faster and easier; create more quarantine space for sick animals; and allows the shelter to provide emergency space in situations when animals are discovered in illegal hoarding situations.

Covington veterinarian Dr. Kristian Shriver, who has assisted Animal Services since 1998, said the shelter is now overseeing the most adoptions of dogs and cats in 20 years.

He noted it also has been able to lower its animal euthanasia rate from around 90% to

around 30%.

"That's phenomenal," Shriver said.

Wiemann thanked her staff, and county commissioners and county voters for approving the SPLOST that funded the project.

She said the shelter had been successful enough in finding

homes for kittens in recent weeks that it was able to offer space to other counties after they ran out of room for cats in their shelters.

The county department employs eight full-time workers.

Wiemann has led the department since February 2018 and is active

in such organizations as the Georgia Animal Control Association and National Animal Care and Control Association.

For more information about the shelter and Animal Service, call 770-786-9514; or visit <https://www.co.newton.ga.us/154/Animal-Services> or [petfinder.com](https://www.petfinder.com).



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The addition at the Newton County Animal Services shelter created space for 24 large dog runs, eight small dog cages, four puppy pens and 45 cat cages.

FIRE:

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saw the flames — or the smoke — from (the main road), and I honestly didn't think anything about it," Kenney recalled. "Once we turned the corner here to the driveway, I saw the kitchen and flames coming out the windows. I just went in panic mode. Didn't

really know what to think, what to do, how to react, because I've never been in a situation like this."

The 46-year-old said he was unsure when the fire started, but guessed it was between 2 and 2:30 p.m.

Kenney said he didn't know where his fam-

ily would go or what would happen next, but he was thankful no one was around to get hurt.

"First and foremost, you got to thank God everybody is safe. That's the most important thing, no matter what else didn't make it," he said.

Kenney said his fam-

ily's home was built in 1993 and the first of December marked its 27th anniversary.

It took firefighters approximately one hour to extinguish the fire. The home was ruled a total loss. The incident remained under investigation, as of Friday.

VOTING:

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of the Newton County Library at 7116 Floyd St. NE in Covington. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

- During the second and third weeks of advance voting, from Dec. 21 through 24 and Dec. 29 through 31, locations also will include Zion Baptist Church at 7037 Ga. Hwy. 212 North, and St. Augustine Catholic Church at 11524 Hwy. 278 East.
- Times from Dec. 21 to 23 will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; on Dec. 29 and 30, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Dec. 31 from 8 a.m. to noon.
- Voting will end at noon on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, and New Year's Eve, Dec. 31.
- No voting will be done Christmas Day, Dec. 25; Monday, Dec. 28; or New Year's Day, Jan. 1.

Three races will be on the ballot, including Georgia's two U.S. Senate seats and the District 4 seat on the Georgia Public Service Commission.

Democrat Raphael Warnock is challenging incumbent Republican Kelly Loeffler for the right to complete the remaining two years of the term of Johnny Isakson, who resigned in December 2019 for health reasons.

Democrat Jon Ossoff is challenging incumbent Republican David Perdue for the U.S. Senate seat that Perdue has held since 2014.

The Public Service Commission race features Democrat Daniel Blackman challenging incumbent Republican Lauren "Bubba" McDonald.

The Commission primari-

ly regulates Georgia Power, including the rate it charges customers, and some other utilities providing natural gas and telephone service in Georgia.

There will also be two absentee ballot drop-off box locations available:

- The north entrance of the Newton County Administration Building.
- The Newton County Sheriff's Office Westside Precinct in the Kroger shopping center at 3612 Salem Road.

Election day for in-person voting at the county's 22 voting precincts is set for Jan. 5.

For information on times for advance voting, or how to apply for an absentee ballot for the election, visit [co.newton.ga.us/169/Ways-to-Vote](https://www.co.newton.ga.us/169/Ways-to-Vote).

DENIES:

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her to be released from jail while she awaited trial.

"We felt that she was a danger to the community if she was let out on bond," Hall said.

Walden was charged after her mother was found dead from a gunshot wound in the

home they shared on Alcovy Way in Covington on April 28, 2019.

According to a news release from the Newton County Sheriff's Office, deputies responded to a report of a penetrating trauma at 355 Alcovy Way on April 28, 2019,

and found a deceased female, identified as Andrea Walker, 57, in a bedroom. They then took Walden into custody at the scene without incident.

Walden was arraigned on the charges in August 2019 in Newton County Super-

ior Court and has been held without bond in the Newton County jail for a year and a half.

She faces charges of malice murder, felony murder, aggravated assault and possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony.

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TRUCK:

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so “it’s not like we’re buying a ladder truck every budget cycle.” But one concern Floyd brought to light was about getting the truck on time.

Holmes said the truck would likely take up to 18 months to build and deliver to Covington. Floyd asked if there was a penalty clause for the manufacturer being late on the order. Holmes said there was not because their delivery dates had been as early as 12 months in the past.

“At least ask them to see if that’s something that they would look at,” Floyd said. “My experience with Pierce was very positive in that nature.”

Holmes agreed with Floyd’s stance and said the department would seek information about a penalty clause with the company.

Councilman Kenneth Morgan asked if the purchase would be a replacement or an addition to the fleet. Holmes said it would be a replacement, but he was not yet sure which truck it would replace. He said the department had recently been experiencing trouble with a few different trucks.

Ladder fire trucks are commonly used to reach high locations, but they can provide a high vantage point for spraying water and creating ventilation as well. They also double as an access/escape route for firefighters.



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County Manager Lloyd Kerr speaks during the ceremonial grand opening of the new Newton County Fire Service Station No. 2 on Georgia Hwy. 162 at Parr Farm Road on Friday, Dec. 11. The former Rocky Plains volunteer fire station was renovated to create space for two trucks and six NCFS firefighters.

HELP:

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out immediately once approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration this month but will not be enough to cover all of Georgia’s hospital workers and nursing-home staff and residents, the news bureau reported.

More rounds of the vaccine will arrive depending on how fast pharmaceutical companies Pfizer and Moderna produce it, as well as how the federal government’s Operation Warp Speed distribution

program plans to divide up the doses, Toomey said at a news conference Tuesday.

Nolan said Newton County EMA has two full-time employees and one part-timer. It will typically use employees from other county departments temporarily to help it respond to natural disasters, he said.

He said he is in the early stages of filling the new position but wants it to continue to be funded in future EMA

budgets.

Nolan also said he wants the new employee to be certified by the state’s Peace Office Standards and Training Council (POST) to help provide security for the vaccines the Newton County agency will help distribute.

POST is the primary agency that provides law enforcement officers with certification that many agencies require in Georgia.

The public health depart-

ment reported a total of 4,206 Newton County COVID-19 cases had been reported by Tuesday, Dec. 8. Almost one in eight of those cases were reported in the last two weeks, according to the department.

It also reported 111 Newton County residents had died, with 357 hospitalized because of the disease.

COURT:

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Director Taylor Jones said the Newton program is part of the inaugural group of Mental Health Court programs to be named model courts, following other accountability

courts which received the same awards.

The agency rates individual court programs on such objective criteria as program age, length of time the judge and coordinator

have served, certification, and peer review results, according to the CACJ.

Once selected, the state agency notifies them of the award and requests that the model

court assist other programs for three years. Model courts provide support ranging from simple calls and emails, to hosting visitors who want to observe their accountability court

processes firsthand.

They also assist other judicial circuits with establishing new programs, Jones said.



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Alcovy Tigers
Class AAAAAA
2-7 (2-1)

North Forsyth – 3-35, L
@ Newton – 0-27, L
@ Duluth – 27-42, L
Eastside – 31-34, L
South Forsyth – 7-39, L
@ Grovetown – 44-14, W
Lakeside, Evans – 35-0, W
@ Evans – 30-40, L
*Brunswick – 6-41, L

Eastside Eagles
Class AAAAAA
10-3 (6-1)

@ Winder-Barrow – 27-14, W
Newton – 7-21, L
@ Alcovy – 34-31, W
@ Johnson – 47-7, W
Apalachee – 35-7, W
Clarke Central – 34-35, L
@ Loganville – 7-3, W
Jackson County – 27-0, W
Walnut Grove – 31-0, W
@ Greenbrier – 44-7, W
*SW DeKalb – 3-0, W
*New Manchester – 37-7, W
*Jones County – 7-28, L

Newton Rams
Class AAAAAA
4-6 (2-2)

Alcovy – 27-0, W
@ Eastside – 21-7, W
@ McEachern – 7-8, L
@ Houston County – 7-21, L
Parkview – 7-35, L
Brookwood – 28-16, W
@ Mill Creek – 0-31, L
@ Grayson – 0-37, L
South Gwinnett – 17-10, W
*@ Lowndes – 0-42, L

Social Circle Redskins
Class A-Public
4-7 (2-3)

G.W. Academy – 7-35, L
@ Providence Ch. – 31-28, W
Walnut Grove – 16-42, L
Putnam County – 0-45, L
@ Oglethorpe Co. – 27-12, W
Washington-Wilkes – 0-56, L
@ Lincoln County – 20-36, L
Commerce – 22-48, L
@ Towns Co. – 34-27, W
Greene Co. – 44-7, W
*@ Macon Co. – 21-41, L

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QUARTERFINALS: Jones County Greyhounds 28, Eastside Eagles 7

EASTSIDE FALLS

Eagles' historic season comes to bitter end against Jones County

Eastside's season came to a close Friday night with a 28-7 loss to Jones County in the Class AAAAA State quarterfinals. Despite the deficit, the Eagles finished the year allowing just 12.3 points per game.

By MASON WITTNER
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GRAY, Ga. — Eastside's quest for a state title came to an end in the Class AAAAA state quarterfinals on Friday night.

A fourth-quarter push from the No. 2 seed Eagles temporarily placed top-seeded Jones County on its heels. The Greyhounds found a way to defend their home turf, however, as they salted the game away late en route to a 28-7 victory.

Eastside finished its first season in Class AAAAA at 10-3. The team has now met the end of the road in the third round of the playoffs twice in the last three seasons.

Trailing 14-0 late in the third quarter, Eastside swung the momentum in its favor when senior defensive end Sambo Button made an acrobatic interception at the Greyhound 30-yard line. Six plays later, senior quarterback Jaylen Woods connected with junior tight end Cole Shannon for a 9-yard touchdown pass.

Jones County's advantage was slimmed down to 14-7 with 10:38 remaining in reg-

Dallas Johnson (3) and the Eagles found success on the ground but were unable to convert into points for the majority of the contest.

ulation.

Unfortunately for the Eagles, the Greyhounds had an answer — and quick.

On its ensuing drive, Jones County marched the length of the field before senior running back Andrew Carner rolled

into the end zone from two yards out. The score pushed the point differential back out to 14 at the 6:41 mark.

Desperate to stay in the game, the Eagles were forced to go for it on fourth down and 14 deep in their own

territory on the next drive. They failed to convert, giving Jones County the ball on the 33-yard line going in. Shortly thereafter, the Greyhounds put the game away on Carner's third and final rushing touchdown of the game.

Carner and company found a way to crack the code to the Eagle defense. Prior to giving up 28 points on Friday, Eastside had refused to allow an opponent to reach 10 points in six consecutive contests.

Just how dominant was head coach Troy Hoff's bunch on the defensive side of the ball this fall?

Eastside allowed 130 points through 13 games. That average of 12.31 points per game ranks fourth all-time in program history behind only the Eagle defenses in 2008 (11.15 PPG), 2009 (11.64 PPG) and 1997 (11.75).

Jones County put Eastside's defense to the test right away Friday night.

The Greyhounds started their opening drive on their own 33-yard line. After back-to-back incompletions

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Prep Football

Newton's Green commits to Georgia

By MASON WITTNER
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Nyland Green is going to be a Georgia Bulldog.

The Newton senior announced his commitment to play college football in Athens on Tuesday morning inside the Newton High School auditorium. Rated as a four-star cornerback by Rivals and 247Sports, the 6-foot-2, 183-pound Green was listed as the No. 2 corner in the nation and the No. 69 overall prospect in the Class of 2021.

Green was primarily recruited as a cornerback, but he proved to be a versatile phenomenon on the gridiron for the Rams. He left his fingerprints on games week after week, whether he was locking down receivers, making acrobatic interceptions, returning punts and kickoffs or hauling in touchdown passes.

During his senior season, Green reeled in 25 receptions as a wide receiver for 457 yards and four touchdowns. On the defensive side of the ball, he totaled 47 tackles,



Surrounded by family, coaches and school administrators Tuesday, Dec. 8, Newton High School standout Nyland Green officially committed to the play football at the University of Georgia.

five tackles for loss and five interceptions, one which was returned for a touchdown.

Green's top performance of the season came against county rival Alcovy on Sept. 11. On the Rams' second drive of the night, he showed off his wheels by catching an

intermediate pass and taking off for a 72-yard touchdown. He put his athleticism on display once again at the start of the third quarter by returning the Tigers' kickoff 97 yards for a score.

"Every time he touches the ball, a simple play can be an

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explosive [play,]" Newton head coach Camiel Grant Jr. said of Green that night. "You don't have to do something huge with him; just get it to him."

Grant spoke Tuesday morning about Green closing his recruitment with the

commitment.

"I'm just happy that he can finally get to the end of the process. I don't think a lot of people understand the pressure that's on these kids," Grant said. "At the end of the day, kids like him, they just want to play ball."

"Georgia is getting a good one in Nyland. He's an explosive player and a great kid, and he can help them out in a lot of different ways."

Green received offers from across the country, with Auburn, Clemson and Tennessee also listed among his finalists.

He's the 20th player to commit to Georgia for the Class of 2021.

Green is verbally committed to begin his collegiate career with the Bulldogs, but he's expected to make things official by signing his National Letter of Intent within the next few months. The early signing period for Division I football begins Dec. 16 and runs through Dec. 18. This small window will be followed by the regular signing period, which begins Feb. 3, 2021.

Prep Baseball

Piedmont's Mobley signs with North Georgia

By CHRIS BRIDGES
Correspondent

COVINGTON, Ga. — Piedmont Academy's Cameron Mobley has played a big role in the recent success of the Diamond Cougar baseball program.

Now the senior has his athletic and academic careers mapped out following his high school education. Mobley officially signed to play baseball for the University of North Georgia during a ceremony held at Piedmont Academy last week.

"I felt it was the best fit for me," Mobley said. "It's not too far from home plus it is a very competitive program. I believe I can go in and make an impact."

With the senior season of high school play on the horizon, Mobley said he is eager to do whatever it takes to help the Diamond Cougars win whether it is pitching, playing in the field or delivering at the plate.

"Ultimately, we want to win another championship," he said. "It was disappointing losing most of last season but we hope to make up for it this time."

Mobley was joined by family members, teammates and classmates during his signing. He has been one of the top pitchers for Piedmont being called upon in many key games. Mobley will get the chance to pitch at North Georgia as well.

"Cameron has always worked hard to make this dream of his come true," said Piedmont baseball coach



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Piedmont Academy senior Cameron Mobley signed last week to play baseball at the University of North Georgia. He is shown with his mother Julie, sister Bailey and father Chad.

Matt Britt. "He is always working in the weight room and doing everything he can to get better. Even in the offseason Cameron is always working."

Mobley and his teammates had the 2020 season cut short due to the COVID-19 health crisis but even in the few games the Cougars played the senior was impressive on the diamond.

"He was set for a breakout junior season," Britt said. "We started as pitcher in two of the game we did play and he excelled in both. Cameron is also a very good player in other aspects of the sport."

The Piedmont coach said he believes North Georgia is a good fit for Mobley.

"They aren't signing many

players due to everything going on so it says a lot that they wanted him," Britt said. "Their coach told he that Cameron was one of the top players they wanted. In athletics it's good to go where you are wanted. Their facilities are comparable to many smaller Division I programs."

The North Georgia Night-hawks are coached by Tom Cantrell and compete in the Peach Belt Conference. Cantrell has coached the program for more than two decades.

Cameron's father, Chad, said the entire family is excited about this opportunity and were impressed with the school and its baseball facilities.

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— both of which were the result of batted-down balls that could've been intercepted — they moved the chains with a 19-yard pass.

The big gain gave the offense momentum, which later resulted in a 30-yard touchdown pass from junior quarterback John Alan Richter to senior Maleek Wooten to make it 7-0.

Jones County's first score of the night came by way of dissecting the Eagle defense through the air. On their second scoring drive, they gashed the unit on the ground.

Following a series of big-yardage runs from Carner and sophomore Javious Bond, Carner ran it into the end zone from one yard out.

Jones County took a 14-0 lead with 2:27 to go in the first quarter.

Jones County will take on Warner Robins in the state semifinals next week in a battle of No. 1 seeds. The Demons took down Blessed Trinity, 35-28, in the quarterfinals Friday night.

Prep Wrestling

Eagles wrestling captures Newton Cup

STAFF REPORTS
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COVINGTON, Ga. — The Eastside wrestling team reclaimed the Newton Cup this week when it took down county rivals Alcovy and Newton on Wednesday.

On the mats at Newton High School, the Eagles

prevailed over the Tigers, 72-12, before triumphing over the Rams, 51-18.

Eastside is back in action this weekend at Ola High School for the South Metro tournament. The event began Friday night and will continue Saturday at 9 a.m.

C4 Cycling donates bikes to Fairview Elementary



Mason Wittner | The Covington News
The Covington Conyers Cycling Club made a generous donation of more than 50 bicycles to the underprivileged youth at Fairview Elementary School on Friday.

STAFF REPORTS
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COVINGTON, Ga. — The Covington Conyers Cycling Club (C4) donated 55 bicycles to underprivileged children at Fairview Elementary School on Friday morning.

Each year, C4 receives donations of used bicycles, which its members repair before donating them back to the community. According to president John Keck, Friday marked his organization's largest contribution of bikes in the metro area.


"It gives us a great deal of pleasure and pride to be able to make children happy at Christmas," Keck said. "The purpose is really to give some kids a merry

Christmas."

Keck noted that giving back to the community is one of the three pillars of his organization. The other two pillars are providing a safe infrastructure for cyclists, joggers and pedestrians in Newton County and encouraging people to lead a healthy lifestyle.

Keck stated his organization has 17 additional bikes that are expected to be donated either at Christmas or early in 2021.

C4 is a non-profit cycling club headquartered in Newton and Rockdale counties. For additional information about the organization and its efforts for community outreach, visit c4cycling.com.

									
@ Arkansas 37-10	vs. Auburn 27-6	vs. Tennessee 44-21	@ Alabama 24-41	@ Kentucky 14-3	Florida 28-44	Mississippi State 31-24	@ South Carolina 45-16	@ Missouri Dec. 12	Vanderbilt Dec. 19

No. 12 Georgia hits the road for Missouri make-up

By DAVE SKRETTA
The Associated Press

The game between No. 12 Georgia and Missouri that will take place Saturday at Faurot Field probably won't look a whole lot like the one the Bulldogs and Tigers would have played if they met a few weeks ago.

Georgia was still trying to settle on a quarterback, listing four possibilities at the position, before the matchup set for Nov. 14 was postponed because of COVID-19 issues within the Tigers program. Missouri was still trying to get on track after a lopsided loss at Florida left coach Eli Drinkwitz's team 2-3 in his first season.

Nearly a month later, J.T. Daniels is entrenched under center for the Bulldogs, while the Tigers have ripped off three straight wins, capped by a dramatic comeback victory over Arkansas last weekend.

"Any time you have a new quarterback who's got game experience under him, there's going to be a challenge to figuring out how to stop him," Drinkwitz said. "One of the benefits of film is that you get to see other people try things and figure out, 'OK, that gives him problems. That doesn't give him problems. This fits into our scheme.' And there's just not a lot of tape on J.T. We know he's a tremendous talent at quarterback, so we'll have to hunt and peck and make adjustments."

Daniels put together some solid performances at Southern California before tearing his ACL and transferring to Georgia (6-2, all SEC), where he continued to rehab early this season. And when he was cleared to play against Mississippi State, he promptly threw for 401 yards and three touchdowns.

He won't be the only hot-handed quarterback on the field Saturday, though.

One of the biggest reasons Missouri (5-3) has been on a tear is Connor Bazelak, the redshirt freshman who has been playing beyond his years. He threw for 380 yards against the Razorbacks



Georgia wide receiver George Pickens catches a touchdown pass against Missouri defensive back Jarvis Ware during the fourth quarter of an NCAA college football game Saturday, Nov. 9, 2019, in Athens, Ga.

and calmly led the Tigers downfield in the closing seconds to set up Harrison Mevis' winning field goal as time expired.

"I'm extremely impressed with the guy's composure, poise, and he's going to be there for a while," Georgia coach Kirby Smart said. "He knows coverages — as soon as he sees a coverage, he knows where to go with the ball. He throws a really good deep ball. When you play contested, pressed man all over the field, he makes the throws and they make 50-50 catches. When you play zone and you spot-drop all over, he knows where to go with the ball and he completes it."

Smart was equally impressed by Drinkwitz, the front-runner for SEC coach of the year.

"If you're not in the perfect call then they can get you here or they can get you there," he said. "He's going to be great for our league be-

cause when you look at what he does, there are going to be people copycatting what he does to add that to their offense because his history at App State was that, his story at NC State was that. He was really good at creating offense."

SPEAKING OF OFFENSE

The Bulldogs also have had some time to adjust to new offensive coordinator Jeff Monken, and it has shown in the way their offense has hammered Mississippi State and South Carolina the past couple of weeks.

"He's really added some explosiveness to it," Drinkwitz said.

AWARD SEASON

Georgia punter Jake Camarda was announced as a finalist for the Ray Guy Award, kicker Jack Podlesny for the Lou Groza Award and linebacker Azeez Ojulari for the Bednarik Award. They

joined linebackers Monty Rice and Nakobe Dean, who had already been announced as semifinalists for the Butkus Award.

The Tigers' Nick Bolton is also a Bednarik semifinalist, and Mevis is on the short list for the Groza.

CHILLY RECEPTION

The forecast for Saturday calls for temperatures in the 30s and a mixture of rain and sleet.

"Playing in cold weather doesn't bother me at all. I feel like it's a mindset," said Dean, the Georgia linebacker. "My senior year of high school, we went to the playoffs, so we played in cold weather. Three of my last four games, we played in 36-degree weather with rain."

INJURY NEWS

Bulldogs center Trey Hill is out with a meniscus injury, leaving Warren Ericson and

Sedrick Van Pran competing for the starting job. Safety Richard LeCounte (concussion and ribs) is unlikely to play despite getting some reps in practice this week, though running back Kendall Milton (knee) and nose tackle Jordan Davis (elbow) should be available.

ROSTER WATCH

Missouri defensive end Tre Williams is no longer with the team, Drinkwitz said, after he was honored as part of the team's senior day festivities last weekend.

"Tre came in and had a conversation about the future, about his future with Mizzou football, and as of right now, he's exploring opportunities outside of Mizzou football," Drinkwitz said. "We wish him the absolute best in whatever he decides to do with his future."


VS.


The Matchup

Who: No. 8 Georgia (6-2) vs. No. 25 Missouri (5-3)

When: Saturday, Dec. 12; 12 p.m. ET kickoff

Where: Memorial Stadium, Columbia, Missouri

Watch: SEC Network

Listen: Georgia Bulldogs Sports Network (IMG)


Tre' McKitty

Quick Facts

Bulldogs hold a 8-1 edge in the series history with Missouri. The first meeting came in the 1960 Orange Bowl in Miami, and the Bulldogs posted a 14-0 victory to cap a 10-1 season under coach Wallace Butts.

In 2018 — their last meeting in Columbia — then second-ranked Georgia outlasted the Tigers 43-29.

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9/20	@ Dallas — 39-40, L
9/27	Chicago — 26-30, L
10/5	@ Green Bay — 16-30, L
10/11	Carolina — 16-23, L
10/18	@ Minnesota — 40-23, W
10/25	Detroit — 22-23, L
10/29	@ Carolina — 25-17, W
11/8	Denver — 34-27, W
11/22	@ New Orleans — 9-24, L
11/29	Las Vegas — 43-6, W
12/6	New Orleans — 16-21, L
12/13	@ LA Chargers, 4:25 p.m.
12/20	Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
12/27	@ Kansas City, 1 p.m.
1/3/21	@ Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.

Note: Schedule is subject to change.

Atlanta travels to Chargers; all eyes on future

By **JOE REEDY**
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — If a team is still trying to figure out its identity going into the last quarter of the season, that’s usually a sign things aren’t going well. Such is the state of affairs for the Atlanta Falcons and Los Angeles Chargers as they prepare for Sunday’s game.

Both teams have been an enigma to coaches and fans in the ways they have squandered games. That’s why both are focused on draft pick positioning and what changes are going to be made during the offseason.

“Their local guys are probably saying the same thing about us right now. They’re asking Anthony Lynn the same type of things. Who is this team? What is this team? What are they capable of doing? With all of that being said, you have to think of who they are now on tape,” Falcons coach Raheem Morris said.

Atlanta is 4-3 under Morris after Dan Quinn was fired for an 0-5 start, but it still is a defeat away from consecutive losing seasons for the first time since 2001. Lynn is on the hot seat with Los An-



Courtesy of Atlanta Falcons

Atlanta Falcons wide receiver Russel Gage (83) celebrates with wide receiver Julio Jones (11) after diving for a touchdown against the New Orleans Saints on Sunday.

geles (3-9) assured of a losing season for the second straight year.

While Falcons owner Arthur Blank is preparing to evaluate general manager and coaching candidates, Chargers owner Dean Spanos would like to wait until the end of the season before making any final decisions. However, a repeat of last week’s 45-0 loss to New England, the largest in franchise history, could move up that timeline.

This may also be a game when no lead is safe because both have a mystifying case of “can you top this?” when it comes to blowing games. Atlanta squandered leads of 16 points or more two straight weeks, includ-

ing a 20-point advantage against Dallas on Sept. 20. Los Angeles went one step further, becoming the first team in NFL history to squander leads of 16 points or more in four straight games. The Chargers’ nadir came on Nov. 1 when they were up by 21 in the third quarter only to see Denver rally for a win on the final play of the game.

“We talk about life situations all the time. We’re in a valley right now, but we’re down but we’re not out. So, we’re gonna finish the season out the right way,” Lynn said. “You can only talk so much. You got to go out and execute.”

VETERAN VERSUS ROOKIE

Chargers rookie Justin Herbert is fourth in the league in passing yards per game (278.5) while Atlanta’s Matt Ryan is eighth at 270.6. Both can accomplish significant milestones Sunday.

Ryan, who has 54,622 career yards, needs 207 to surpass Peyton Manning for most by a player in his first 13 seasons. Herbert needs two touchdown passes to become the fourth rookie with at least 25.

Ryan said he had a chance to meet Herbert before the start of the season and has been impressed.

“We’ve seen them a couple of times on film playing like opponents

and he’s played extremely well, not only for a rookie but for anybody,” said Ryan of Herbert. “He’s gone out there, been really competitive, very accurate, and battled. I think he’s only going to get better. I think he’s going to do a great job moving forward.”

RUNNING WOES

The Falcons must improve their running game, a big reason for the team’s red-zone woes.

Atlanta rushed for only 70 yards in last week’s loss to the Saints. Todd Gurley was thrown for a 7-yard loss on a crucial third-down run from the Saints 12 with less than two minutes remaining, ruining a chance for the Falcons to pull off an upset.

Gurley has rushed for nine touchdowns this season and is still counted on for the tough yards in the red zone. But Gurley has been held under 3 yards per carry in five of the past six games, and a balky knee limited his availability against the Saints.

The Falcons have touchdowns in only 50% of their red-zone possessions this season, ranking 29th out of 32 teams.

WHEN: Sunday, Dec. 13; 4:25 p.m. • WHERE: SoFi Stadium, Los Angeles, CA • WATCH: FOX 5 Atlanta, WAGA-TV • LISTEN: 92.9 FM, The Game

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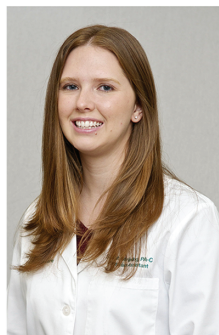


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'Tis the Season!

4 Tips for Serving a Sanitary Buffet

A buffet-style meal is a practical alternative to a sit-down dinner. However, there are several precautions you need to take to ensure your guests remain safe. Here are a few basic tips to follow.

1. PLAN YOUR MENU CAREFULLY

Before you decide what you want to serve, ask your guests if they have any allergies or dietary restrictions. Omit or substitute ingredients as needed. For example, you can use chia seeds instead of eggs and swap cow's milk for a plant-based alternative.

2. KEEP YOUR PREP SPACE CLEAN

Thoroughly wash your hands before and after you handle food. You should also use hot, soapy water to clean utensils and cooking surfaces between recipes and after preparing raw meat. If you need to cough or sneeze, turn away from the food and cover

your face.

3. REGULATE FOOD TEMPERATURE

Meat needs to be properly cooked to prevent food poisoning caused by salmonella or E. coli. Additionally, certain foods such as oysters must be kept cool at all times. Use bowls of ice and warming trays to control the temperature of each dish.

4. ENCOURAGE SAFE SELF-SERVING

Put a bottle of alcohol-based hand sanitizer at each end of the table to ensure everyone washes their hands before helping themselves to the buffet. You should also urge guests to wear a face mask while they serve their meal to avoid contaminating the food.

Finally, avoid leaving food out for more than a few hours.

How to Help People in Need During the Holidays

The holidays are an ideal time to give back to your community. If you have the means and want to help the less fortunate, here are a few local causes you can support.

TOY DRIVES

Numerous local groups and businesses organize fundraisers to ensure every child in the community gets a present at Christmas. In some cases, you might be matched with a kid so you can use information about their age and interests to buy a personalized gift.

GIFT WRAPPING

Look for kiosks set up in stores and shopping malls where volunteers will expertly wrap your gifts in exchange for a donation to a local cause. This is a great way to give back to your community and check a task off your holiday to-do list.

FOOD BASKETS

Many organizations collect non-perishable

items to support low-income families during the holiday season. As a volunteer you can help sort donations, pack boxes or deliver baskets. Alternatively, you can make a donation to your local food bank.

To find out how you can help members of your community during the holidays, reach out to charities and organizations in your area.

ANONYMOUS DONATIONS

If you know someone who's experiencing financial hardship, there are plenty of ways to offer your support during the holidays without making the person feel uncomfortable. Consider secretly dropping off presents for their children or mailing them a gift card from a local shop.



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PUBLIC NOTICE #117660 12/6,13

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PUBLIC NOTICE #117698 12/13,20

Bids

THE CITY of Covington invites proposals to craft a master plan for Central Park, a 250+ acre park located in the heart of Covington, GA. The park will serve as a leisure destination for the entire city and directly connect to eleven or more neighborhoods. This master plan aims to provide expert landscape design, graphic renderings, and budgeted phases to achieve to overall scope. The master plans should be done in consultation with consultants for the Urban Redevelopment Plan, thereby achieving the secondary objective of illustrating public investments that may spur economic development.

SEALED PROPOSALS must be submitted via mail by no later than 5:00 p.m., January 22nd, 2021. Responses should include all identified components. Responses received after this time and date will not be considered. Please address responses to:

WILLIAM SMITH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Manager P.O. BOX 1527 COVINGTON, GA 30015 678-212-6459 COMM.DEV@CITYOFCOVINGTON.ORG

REQUEST FOR Proposals 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 proposals.

PUBLIC NOTICE #117692 12/13,20

Citations

CITATION

ADONIS M. HARDEMAN has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of CAROLYN JEAN HARDEMAN**, deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before JANUARY 4, 2021, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #117620 12/6,13,20,27

CITATION

BRIDGET LATONIA MITCHELL has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of JEFFERY KEITH MITCHELL**, deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before JANUARY 4, 2021, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #117619 12/6,13,20,27

CITATION

CATINA M. PARKER has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of LEONARD CHARLES PARKER, JR.**, deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before JANUARY 4, 2021, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #117621 12/6,13,20,27

CITATION

CHERYL B. HILL has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of BRANDACE LESLIE**, deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before JANUARY 4, 2021, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #117678 12/6,13,20,27

CITATION

CRISTI ROBINSON has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of TIM LAWSON ROBINSON**, deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before JANUARY 4, 2021, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #117616 12/6,13,20,27

CITATION

EDDIE GEORGE MANUEL has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of BETTY JEAN BELL MANUEL**, deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before JANUARY 4, 2021, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #117675 12/6,13,20,27

CITATION

EDDIE GEORGE MANUEL has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of EDRICA MANUEL**, deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before JANUARY 4, 2021, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #117674 12/6,13,20,27

CITATION

ELLA LOUISE MILLS has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of WILLIAM DOUGLAS MILLS**, deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before JANUARY 4, 2021, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #117677 12/6,13,20,27

CITATION

GREGORY THOMAS has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of ELOISE MARTIN**,

deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before JANUARY 4, 2021, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #117617 12/6,13,20,27

CITATION

HARRY WILLIAM HODGES has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of RALPH HODGES**, deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before JANUARY 4, 2021, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #117616 12/6,13,20,27

CITATION

JOEY L. JOHNSON has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of HELEN KELLY 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 objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before JANUARY 4, 2021, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #117676 12/6,13,20,27

CITATION

KATIE MELOVITZ has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of STACEY LYNNE ANDERSON**, deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before JANUARY 4, 2021, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #117623 12/6,13,20,27

CITATION

KEYWANDER A. FLOYD has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of HENRY THOMAS 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 objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before JANUARY 4, 2021, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #117680 12/6,13,20,27

CITATION

MARVIN WILSON CLABORN, JR. has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of LISA MARIE HERMAN**, deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before JANUARY 4, 2021, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #117622 12/6,13,20,27

CITATION

MELVA L. MONTGOMERY has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of WILLIE MONTGOMERY, JR.**, deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before JANUARY 4, 2021, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #117679 12/6,13,20,27

CITATION

MERLENE ST. LUCE has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of AMAYAH PARRIS**, deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show

cause why said application should not be granted. All objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before JANUARY 4, 2021, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #117625 12/6,13,20,27

CITATION

ROBIN A. BUTZ has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of DONALD BRIAN ADAMS, SR.**, deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before JANUARY 4, 2021, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #117624 12/6,13,20,27

CITATION

THE PETITION of **ALAN D. CANNON**, widow/widower of **TERI DIANE CANNON**, 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 JANUARY 4, 2021, next at ten o'clock a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #117639 12/6,13,20,27

CITATION

THE PETITION of **OBY NWANDU, ON BEHALF OF CHIMABI NWANDU**, for Twelve Month's Support, Estate of Augustine Ifenayi Nwandu, deceased, 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 JANUARY 4, 2021, next at ten o'clock

a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #117683 12/6,13,20,27

Corporations

A NOTICE of Intent to Dissolve IMJ DRYWALL, INC., a Georgia corporation with registered office at 5618 Highway 212, Covington GA 30016, has been delivered to the Secretary of State by said corporation and filed by him on December 2, 2020, in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Georgia Business Corporation Code.

PERSONS WITH claims against said corporation may present them by sending written notice setting forth the name of the creditor, the amount of the claim, and the basis for the claim to Jeremy A. Moulton, 925 Railroad Street NW, Conyers GA 30012. Except for claims that are contingent at the time of the filing of the notice of intent to dissolve or that arise after the filing of the notice of intent to dissolve, a claim against

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CITY OF COVINGTON JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

The City of Covington is currently accepting applications for the position of **Meter Reader** in the **Data Processing/Meter Reading Department** with an hourly entry level rate of \$14.22 to a maximum hourly rate of \$20.88 depending upon qualifications. This position involves independent field clerical work in reading and recording natural gas, electric and water meters for the City of Covington. Responsibilities include taking accurate meter readings and keeping records according to established forms so proper customer billing is accomplished. Education and experience include graduation from high school or GED equivalent and experience on public contact work, or any combination of experience and training which demonstrates the knowledge to perform the work. **Special Requirements include possessing a valid class C driver's license, acceptable 3-year motor vehicle record, and ability to be insured by the City's insurance carrier.** Qualified applicants may apply via our website by downloading an application packet at www.cityofcovington.org or may apply in person (**Drive thru only**) at the City of Covington, 2194 Emory Street, Covington, Georgia 30014. Position will remain open until Wednesday, December 23, 2020 at 4:00 PM. The City of Covington is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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LEGALS:

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THE CORPORATION not otherwise barred will be barred unless a proceeding to enforce the claim is commenced within two years after the publication of this notice.

PUBLIC NOTICE #117672 12/6,13

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

THE INITIAL registered office of the corporation is located at 653 Dixie Rd.,Covington, GA 30014, and its initial registered agent at such address is Arelly Meyerholtz.

PUBLIC NOTICE #117695 12/13,20

NOTICE IS given that articles of incorporation that will incorporate Bush & Mesa Assets & Procurement Inc. have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Business Corporation Code (or Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code). The initial registered office of the corporation is located at 60 Silvertown Dr., Covington, Ga. and its initial registered agent at such address is Abel and Tamara.

NOTICE IS given that articles of incorporation that will incorporate Bush & Mesa Tax Services & Financial Consulting Inc. have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Business Corporation Code (or Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code). The initial registered office of the corporation is located at 60 Silvertown Dr., Covington, Ga. and its initial registered agent at such address is Abel and Tamara Mesa.

PUBLIC NOTICE #117690 12/13,20

Debtors Creditors

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE INTEREST OF:
RANDY LOWELL SIMMONS, DECEASED.

ESTATE NO. 2018-P-472

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

ALL CREDITORS of the estate of **RANDY LOWELL SIMMONS** of Newton County, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 10th day of November, 2020.

DERWIN BRYAN Davis
973 GREEN Street, SE
CONYERS, GA 30012

PUBLIC NOTICE #117603 11/22,29,12/6,13

NOTICE TO CREDITOR/ DEBTORS

ALL CREDITORS of the Estate of Wayne Elbert Bolton 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:

BARBARA JANE Bolton
EXECUTOR/ADMINISTRATOR'S ADDRESS:
C/O DANIEL S. Digby
ATTORNEY AT Law
LAW OFFICE of Daniel S. Digby, LLC P.O. Box 263
CONYERS, GEORGIA 30012

PUBLIC NOTICE #117611 11/22,29,12/6,13

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

ALL CREDITORS of the Estate of Susan J. Samuel, late of Newton County, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.

THIS 24TH day of November, 2020.

BRUCE R. HAWKINS, JR.
ATTORNEY FOR CHARLES WILLIAM SAMUEL AND TYLER J. BOROWSKI, EXECUTORS

ESTATE OF SUSAN J. SAMUEL
5338 SCENIC Highway
Lawrenceville, GA 30046 (770) 822-5635

PUBLIC NOTICE #117658 12/6,13,20,27

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

MICHAEL A. HIGHT
45 WEST KEEL ST
OXFORD, GA 30054

PUBLIC NOTICE #117632 11/22,29,12/6,13

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

THIS THE 13th day of November,

2020.

KATHY A. WATTS-AVRET
50 MATTIE COURT
MANSFIELD, GA 30055

PUBLIC NOTICE #117627 11/22,29,12/6,13

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

DAVID A. DINGLER
1919 ELKS CLUB ROAD
COIVNGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #117630 11/22,29,12/6,13

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of HENRY SMILEY, 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 12th day of November, 2020.

KIMBERLY SMILEY-DENSLEY
P.O. BOX 722
GORDON, GA 31031

PUBLIC NOTICE #117629 11/22,29,12/6,13

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

THIS THE 16th day of November, 2020.

JEREMY MICHAEL DOBBS, SR.
115 ASHTON DRIVE
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #117634 11/22,29,12/6,13

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

THIS THE 13th day of November, 2020.

LINDA HAMMOND
295 OLD POST ROAD
MANSFIELD, GA 30055

PUBLIC NOTICE #117626 11/22,29,12/6,13

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of MELVIN AUTHER HENRY LESTER**, 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, 2020.

JACQUELINE RAINEY
6205 HEARN ROAD
ELLENWOOD, GA 30294

PUBLIC NOTICE #117631 11/22,29,12/6,13

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

THIS THE 13th day of November, 2020.

SONYA L. POWERS
30 HUNTINGTON ST
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #117628 11/22,29,12/6,13

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of RAYMON ELLIS**, 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 30th day of November, 2020.

KEITH ELLIS
257 RAVEN ROAD
MONTICELLO, GA 31064

PUBLIC NOTICE #117681 12/6,13,20,27

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

THIS THE 1st day of December, 2020.

ROBERT SHEPARD, Jr.
1428 MAIN St, Apt 231
FITCHBURG, MA 01420

PUBLIC NOTICE #117682 12/6,13,20,27

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND

CREDITORS

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

NANCY GAIL BLALOCK
120 BARBER ROAD
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #117633 11/22,29,12/6,13

Foreclosures

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE UNDER POWER NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

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

UNDER AND by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Scott White Jr.** to Sun America Mortgage Corporation, dated January 23, 2003, and recorded in Deed Book 1358, Page 521, Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee of Yurt Series IV Trust by assignment to be recorded 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 sixty-eight thousand and 00/100 (\$168,000.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on Tuesday, January 5, 2021, the following described property: **ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 230 OF THE 9TH LAND DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 143 OF UNIT FIVE, WOODS OF DEARING SUBDIVISION, AS PER PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 38, PAGES 11-14, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS, WHICH PLAT IN INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE AND MADE A PART HEREOF.**

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

YOUR MORTGAGE servicer can be contacted at 800-603-0836 - Loss Mitigation Dept., or by writing to SN Servicing Corporation (Servicer), 323 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA 95501, 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 Scott White Jr. or tenant(s); and said property is more commonly known as **270 Dearing Woods Way, Covington, GA 30014.**

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

U.S. BANK Trust National Association, as Trustee of Yurt Series IV Trust as Attorney in Fact for Scott White Jr.

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ERIN M. Rose Quinn, Esq.
GEORGIA BAR Number 547833

PUBLIC NOTICE #117668 12/6,13,20,27

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF NEWTON

UNDER AND by virtue of the power of sale contained with that certain Security Deed dated January 30, 2018, from **Paul Holfeld** and **Barbara A. Holfeld** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Finance of America Reverse LLC, recorded on February 7, 2018 in Deed Book 3662 at Page 560 Newton County, Georgia records, having been last sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed to WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, not individually but solely as trustee for FINANCE OF AMERICA STRUCTURED SECURITIES ACQUISITION TRUST 2018-HB1 by Assignment and said Security Deed having been given to secure a note dated January 30, 2018, in the amount of \$210,000.00, and said Note being in default, the undersigned will sell at public outcry during the legal hours of sale before the door of the courthouse of Newton County, Georgia, on January 5, 2021 the following described real property (hereinafter referred to as the "Property"): **ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 91 OF THE 10TH DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 30, MILLCREST SUBDIVISION, UNIT THREE, AS PER PLAT**

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Skateboarders love them
6. Popular sports podcast (abbr.)
9. Former Ohio State great Michael
13. Not dirty
14. Earth goddess (Greek myth.)
15. A Spanish river
16. Pig meat (French)
17. Famed astronomer
18. Floating ice
19. Broadcast
21. Aquatic mammals
22. Some are bath
23. Hip hop trio
24. NY Giants' #56
25. Small European viper
28. Neither
29. Multiple Tony-winner Rivera
31. Loud noise
33. Second year high schooler
36. "___ in comparison"
38. Golf score
39. Raise
41. Pastas
44. Easily manageable
45. Fathered
46. Pouch
48. Institute legal proceedings against
49. News organization
51. Unruly group of people
52. Fasten or secure
54. Sheets of glass
56. Doubled
60. Foolish person
61. Rooney and Kate are two
62. Small, rich sponge cake
63. Advice or counsel
64. Large wading bird
65. Famed British physicist
66. Narrow ridges (Swedish)
67. Field force unit
68. Lying face downward

CLUES DOWN

1. Proof of purchase (abbr.)
2. Soap ingredient
3. Blackbird

RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 30, PAGE 230- 231, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS, WHICH PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN AND MADE A PART HEREOF BY REFERENCE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR AND COMPLETE DESCRIPTION. The debt secured by the Security Deed and evidenced by the Note and has been, and is hereby, declared due and payable because of, among other possible events of default, failure to make the payments as required by the terms of the Note. The debt remaining is in default and this sale will be made for the purposes of paying the Security Deed, accrued interest, and all expenses of the sale, including attorneys' fees. Notice of intention to collect attorneys' fees has been given as provided by law. To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, the person(s) in possession of the property are Paul Holfeld and Barbara A. Holfeld. The property, being commonly known as **30 Creekstone Court, Covington, GA, 30016** in Newton County, will be sold as the property of Paul Holfeld and Barbara A. Holfeld, subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien and not yet due and payable), any matters affecting title to the property which would be disclosed by accurate survey and inspection thereof, and all assessments, liens, encumbrances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record to the Security Deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2, the name, address and telephone number of the individual or entity who shall have the full authority to negotiate, amend or modify all terms of the above described mortgage is as follows: Compu-Link Corporation, d/b/a Celink, 2900 Esperanza Crossing, Austin, TX 78758, 512-691-1699. The foregoing notwithstanding, nothing in O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2 shall require the secured creditor to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the mortgage instrument. The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under U.S. Bankruptcy code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed. Albertelli Law Attorney for WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, not individually but solely as trustee for FINANCE

4. Single steps

5. Tin

6. Books have lots of them

7. Made of fermented honey and water

8. You can get it in a bed

9. Room for communal meals

10. Early Syrian kingdom

11. Provokes dry amusement

12. Use with "thou"

14. Mollusk

17. Grain storage units

20. Not a car, not a truck

21. Ooze

23. N. Vietnamese ethnic group

25. Tennis pros group

26. Something that's not what it's purported to be

27. E. Indian trees

29. Beloved December holiday

30. Regions

32. Metric unit of length

34. Peter's last name

35. Beige

37. 18-year period in astronomy

40. Where golfers begin

42. Basketball stat (abbr.)

43. Frocks

47. Soda comes in it

49. On approval

50. Trims by cutting

52. Small finch

53. Language Bura-___

55. Nothing

56. Imbecile (British)

57. Tropical Asian plant

58. Abba ___, Israeli politician

59. Small freshwater fish

61. Indicates position

65. Data processing

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

WHICH RECORDED PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE AND MADE A PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION.

SAID LEGAL description being controlling, however the property is more commonly known as **25 SHOALS CREEK CHURCH ROAD, MANSFIELD, GA 30055.**

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 undersigned, the owner and party in possession of the property is **JOAN LEJEUNE AKA JOAN N. LEJEUNE, ESTATE AND/OR HEIRS-AT-LAW OF JOAN N. LEJUNE** , 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

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MODIFY ALL terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is: Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper, Loss Mitigation Dept., 8950 Cypress Waters Blvd, Coppell, TX 75019, Telephone Number: 888-480-2432.

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A MR. COOPER

AS ATTORNEY in Fact for **JOAN LEJEUNE** AKA **JOAN N. LEJEUNE**

THE BELOW LAW FIRM MAY BE HELD TO BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, UNDER FEDERAL LAW. IF SO, ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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

TELEPHONE NUMBER: (877) 813-0992 Case No. NAT-20-01272-1

AD RUN Dates 12/06/2020, 12/13/2020, 12/20/2020, 12/27/2020

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PUBLIC NOTICE #117529
12/6,13,20,27

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

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

UNDER AND by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Lorraine Richardson** to First Franklin a Division of Nat. City of Bank of IN, dated October 31, 2005, recorded in Deed Book 2055, Page 91, Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to US Bank National Association, as trustee for the holders of the First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-FF2 by assignment recorded in Deed Book 4049, Page 222, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-TWO THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED TWENTY AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$162,320.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in January, 2021, the following described property:

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

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

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

US BANK National Association, as trustee for the holders of the First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-FF2 is the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-162.2.

THE ENTITY that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: Select Portfolio Servicing, 3217 S. Decker Lake Dr., Salt Lake City, UT 84119, 888-818-6032.

TO the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Lorraine Richardson and Estate of Lorraine Richardson or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **120 Glen Echo Drive, Covington, Georgia 30016**. **THE SALE** will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed.

US BANK National Association, as trustee for the holders of the First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-FF2

AS ATTORNEY in Fact for **LORRAINE RICHARDSON**

MCCALLA RAYMER Leibert Pierce, LLC

1544 OLD Alabama Road
ROSWELL, GA 30076
WWW.FORECLOSUREHOTLINE.NET

EXHIBIT "A"

ALL That tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 40 of the 10th District, Newton County, Georgia, being Lot 65, of Glen Echo Subdivision, Phase One, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 42, Pages 195-198, Newton County, Georgia Records, which recorded plat is incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this description.

MR/CA 1/5/21
OUR FILE no. 5605419 - FT 1

PUBLIC NOTICE #117655
12/6,13,20,27

Name Changes

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE the Name Change of Child(ren):
QUINDAJAH HARRIS

ANTONIO TYON HARRIS
PETITIONER,
VS.
SHAKEITA C. KEY
RESPONDENT.
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 2020-CV-2380-3

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF CHILD.

ANTONIO T. HARRIS filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on NOVEMBER 20, 2020, to change the name of the following minor child **FROM: QUINDAJAH HARRIS to KAILA HARRIS.** ANY INTERESTED party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within the time prescribed in O.C.G.A. §§ 19-12-1(f)(2) and (3).

PUBLIC NOTICE #117669
12/6,13,20,27

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE the Name Change of:
LANEIR SWINSON
PETITIONER
CIVIL ACTION File Number: **2020-CV-2076-1**

NOTICE OF PETITION TO

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
IN
DEED TO SECURE DEBT

UNDER AND BY VIRTUE of that Power of Sale contained in a certain Deed to Secure Debt from **QUENTIN JOE SHELTON** and **DELORES SHELTON** in favor of **MOCK PROPERTIES-I, LLLP** dated August 1, 2017 and recorded at Deed Book 3595, pages 608-613, Public Records, Newton County, Georgia, the undersigned, **MOCK PROPERTIES-I, LLLP**, as Attorney in Fact for **QUENTIN JOE SHELTON**

and **DELORES SHELTON**, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door in Newton County, Georgia, during the legal hours of sale, on the first (1st) Tuesday in January, 2021, namely January 5, 2021, the following described property to-wit:

ALL THAT TRACT or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 159 of the 1st Land District of Newton County, Georgia and being Lot No. 1 containing 2.54 acres and Lot No. 2 containing 4.49 acres (7.03 total acres) more or less, in accordance with that Plat of Survey of Willow Wood Farms, Phase 1 recorded at Plat Book 16, page 245, Public Records of Newton County, Georgia; said plat by reference thereto being incorporated herein and made a part hereof for a more particular description of said property.

SAID PROPERTY being known as **838 Highway 229, Social Circle, Newton County, Georgia** in accordance with the present system of numbering houses in Newton County, Georgia.

THE DEED to Secure Debt herein foreclosed securing a Promissory Note executed August 1, 2017, in the original, principal amount of \$247,500.00. The debt secured by said Deed to Secure Debt being in default by, among other possible events of default, failure to pay said indebtedness as the same fell due, and the debt secured by said Deed to Secure Debt and evidenced by said Note has been and is hereby declared due and payable in full because of said default. This sale will be made for the purpose of paying the remaining principal indebtedness and accrued interest as accelerated. The proceeds thereof will be applied to the payment of said indebtedness and all charges and expenses in connection with said foreclosure in accordance with the terms of said Deed to Secure Debt and the balance, if any, will be applied as provided by law.

SAID PROPERTY will be sold as the property of **QUENTIN JOE SHELTON** and **DELORES SHELTON**, subject to any outstanding and unpaid real estate taxes (ad valorem taxes) or assessments, street improvements, easements, restrictive covenants, and any and all other assessments appearing of record, if any. **THE SALE** will be conducted subject to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, and also subject to the provisions of O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1 which permits the rescission of judicial and nonjudicial sales in the State of Georgia in limited circumstances.

NOTICE HAS been given in accordance with O.C.G.A Section 44-14-162.2.

NOTICE WAS also given in accordance with O.C.G.A. Section 13-1-11 of intention to collect attorney's fees.

THE UNDERSIGNED will execute a Deed Under Power of Sale to the Purchaser at sale as attorney-in-fact for **QUENTIN JOE SHELTON** and **DELORES SHELTON**, as provided in the Deed to Secure Debt herein foreclosed, and Georgia Law.

THE PROPERTY is in the possession of **QUENTIN JOE SHELTON** and **DELORES SHELTON**, successors or tenants, according to information previously furnished to lender, and to the undersigned's best knowledge and belief.

THE DEED to Secure Debt herein foreclosed is a purchase money deed to secure debt.

RICKY MOCK is the person who has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor. His address is 175 Cook Road, Covington, Georgia 30014 and his telephone number is 770-597-4525.

MOCK PROPERTIES-I, LLLP as Attorney-in-Fact for **QUENTIN JOE SHELTON** and **DELORES SHELTON**

BY: DAVID A. Henderson*

Attorney at Law

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ADAMS Street, NE
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(770) 787-2946

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

FILE NO.: 17-296(N)

PUBLIC NOTICE #117655
12/6,13,20,27

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PUBLIC NOTICE #117669
12/6,13,20,27

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE the Name Change of:
LANEIR SWINSON
PETITIONER
CIVIL ACTION File Number: **2020-CV-2076-1**

NOTICE OF PETITION TO

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
IN
DEED TO SECURE DEBT

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CHANGE NAME OF ADULT

LANEIR SWINSON filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on **October 9, 2020** to change the name from **LANEIR SWINSON** to **LANIER X. JAGANI**. Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after Petition was filed.

DATED OCTOBER 9, 2020

LANIER SWINSON
170 REGENCY PLACE
COVINGTON, GA 30016

NOTICE #117449
12/6,13,20,27

Public Sales Auctions

NOTICE IS Hereby Given that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property pursuant to the Georgia Self-Storage Facility Act, Georgia Code Section 10-4-210 to 10-4-215. The undersigned will sell by competitive online bidding beginning Friday, January 1st, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. at www.storageauctions.com. Online bidding will end on Thursday, January 7th, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.

UNIT 048, Jimmy Clark: TV Stand, Stove, chairs, mattresses, bed fram, table, washer and dryer, 2 window A.C. units, boxes cabinet
UNIT 160, Ridley Ingram: Televisions, stools, boxes, livingroom set, ladder, 2 walkers, armour, chairs, gas can mattress
UNIT 165 Marcia Merrell: Boxes, couch, washing machine, chairs, clothing mattress, headboard, vacuum, Christmas tree, tote.
UNIT 197, Remon Smith: Clothes, keyboard, modem, totes, bags
UNIT 264, Marcia Merrell: curling iron set w/stove, boxes, televisions, rim, chairs, speakers, headboard, clothes, car shocks (new), DVD player, ironing board.
UNIT 270, Robin Jones: Luggage, bags, blankets, boxes, pillows, pans
UNIT 397, Vincshania Giles: 5 Mattresses, vacuum, totes, clothing, bags, boxes, dumbbells, totes.
UNIT 412, Terica Freeman: Pillows, chair, clothing, tote, Hoover star board.
UNIT 460, Brian Smith: bags, clothes, boxes

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.

PLEASE RUN this notice on these dates: December 22nd, 2020 and December 30th, 2020.

PATRICIA DANIELS
PROPERTY MANAGER

COVINGTON STOR-IT
8165 WASHINGTON ST. S.W.
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #117691
12/13,20

Trade Names

TRADE NAME
REGISTRATION
AFFIDAVIT
GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

TO WHOM It may Concern:
PLEASE BE advised that **DARNEL QUICK RECOVERY, INC.**, 4134 HIGHWAY 278, NE, COVINGTON, GEORGIA 30014 is doing business in Newton County, Georgia, in the following Trade Name, to wit: **DARNEL**, 4134 Highway 278, NE, Covington, Newton County Georgia, 30014, and the nature of said business is Financial Services. **THIS STATEMENT** is made in conformity with O.C.G.A. §10-1-490 et seq. requiring the filing of such statement with the Clerk of Superior Court of this county. **THIS THE** 25th day of November, 2020.

PUBLIC NOTICE #117693
12/13,20

TRADE NAME
REGISTRATION
AFFIDAVIT
GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

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PLEASE BE advised that **DARNEL QUICK RECOVERY, INC.**, 4134 HIGHWAY 278, NE, COVINGTON, GEORGIA 30014 is doing business in Newton County, Georgia, in the following Trade Name, to wit: **DQR**, 4134 Highway 278, NE, Covington, Newton County Georgia, 30014, and the nature of said business is Financial Services. **THIS STATEMENT** is made in conformity with O.C.G.A. §10-1-490 et seq. requiring the filing of such statement with the Clerk of Superior Court of this county. **THIS THE** 25th day of November, 2020.

PUBLIC NOTICE #117694
12/13,20

TRADE NAME
REGISTRATION
AFFIDAVIT
GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

TO WHOM It may Concern: Please be advised that **PROFESSIONAL DENTAL ALLIANCE OF GEORGIA, LLC**, whose address is 11 S. MILL ST. STE.200, NEW CASTLE, PA 16101is the owner(s) of the certain business now being carried on at 3162 ELM STREET, COVINGTON, GA 30014 in the following trade name, to-wit: **COVINGTON DENTAL STUDIO**; and that the nature of said business is: PROFESSIONAL DENTAL SERVICES. **THIS STATEMENT** is made in conformity with O.C.G.A. §10-1-490 et seq. requiring the filing of such statement with the Clerk of Superior Court of this county. **THIS THE** 1st day of December, 2020.

PUBLIC NOTICE #117670
12/6,13

6 ways to stick to a holiday budget

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS
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The holidays are an exciting, fun and joyful time of year. And for many people, the holidays also are expensive.

According to the Motley Fool Company, a financial wellness resource, the average American spent \$882.45 on Christmas gifts, food, decorations, travel, and other holiday-related expenses in 2019.

Around 56% of gift shoppers set a budget for holiday spending, but only 64% stuck to it. In addition, 21.5% of respondents went into debt due to holiday shopping.

Who doesn't want to have a super holiday with delicious foods on the table and lots of presents to share with family and friends? While that's tempting, such a bounty should never result in financial peril. These six strategies can make it easy to establish and stick to a budget this holiday season.

1. Budget for everything. When working out holiday spending plans, factor in all of the expenses associated with the holidays — not just the most obvious, like gifts. Costs for gas, parking lot fees, greeting cards, postage, travel expenses, and much more should be included in your final number.

2. Determine how much you can spend. Money for gifts and other holiday expenses should ideally come from your disposable



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income. Look at your finances in advance of the holiday season and figure out how much extra cash you have for the holidays, and use that figure to determine how much you should spend. Find ways to make up any deficit by curtailing expenses like dining out or entertainment extras. Many people plan to use credit cards to pay now and worry about the aftermath later. Only use credit cards if you have the money in the bank and can pay off the entire bill when the balance due is in January.

3. Set a spending limit for individuals. Based on your numbers and how much you plan to spend overall, start allocating money to categories, including gift recipients. Come up with a spending range for each person and stick to it.

4. Pay in cash as much as possible. It's easy to know what you're spending when

using cash as opposed to credit. There is some risk with carrying around cash, but that risk may be offset by the benefit of spending only what you can afford to spend.

5. Track all purchases. Save the receipts and keep a running total of expenditures so you can see how your spending is measuring up to your budget. If necessary, scale back on one category if you've tipped the scales in spending on another.

6. Shop sales and deals. High-end stores may have the impressive tag, but their prices can set you back. Instead, look for comparable gifts at discount stores and other retailers. Also, if you must use a credit card, use one that earns you a cash-back bonus for added savings.

A holiday budget is a must to avoid overspending and finding yourself in debt early next year.

Why are Christmas colors red, green?

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Many people may not get in the holiday spirit without decorations and all the trimmings. Chances are strong that if you have containers full of items just waiting to see the light of day again this holiday season, those items are red or green or some combination thereof.

Red and green have become the traditional colors of Christmas, just as blue and white symbolizes Chanukah. But how did this color palette come to evolve?

Just like many traditions of Christmas, the red and green scheme has origins that pre-date the Christian celebration. Christmas has borrowed from many of the customs of winter solstice celebrations of ancient peoples, including the Celts.

Ancient Celtic people revered holly plants, believing they brought beauty and good fortune in the middle of winter — a time when the landscape is normally bleak and holly plants thrive and stand out. Celts would regularly bring in sprigs of holly and decorate their homes with the plants, which feature shiny, serrated leaves and bright, red berries, as a way to guarantee a prosperous new year. Holly also came to be associated with the



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crown of thorns Jesus Christ was forced to wear during his crucifixion.

The custom of using red and green continued into the 14th century. Dr. Spike Bucklow, a research scientist at the University of Cambridge, says red and green also were used to paint medieval rood screens, which were partitions installed in churches to separate the congregation from the priest and altar. Dr. Bucklow notes that Victorians also extended the association of these colors as a physical boundary to another boundary: the marking of the end of the old year and the beginning of a new one at Christmastime.

While red and green had associations with Christmas in early times through holly and other sources, the connection was perhaps best solidified thanks to a man named Haddon Sundblom.

Sundblom was an artist commissioned in 1931 by the Coca-Cola company to create an image of Santa Claus for

the company's upcoming holiday ads. Until this point, versions of Santa were rarely consistent, with his clothing vacillating between green, blue and red. He also wasn't the plump, jolly fellow associated with Christmas as we know him today, but rather thin and elf-like. Sundblom portrayed him as a chubby man wearing red robes, likely as a nod to Coca-Cola's own red logo, even though the company denies the connection. Santa was featured in front of a green background. The ads proved popular and Sundblom's Santa became the preferred depiction. Santa's red robes perfectly complemented the green background and other green components of the holiday, such as Christmas trees and holly, that already had been solidified as Christmas imagery.

Color plays a strong role in creating Christmas nostalgia. Red and green are put on vivid display throughout the season.



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Holiday Morsels

RECIPES FOR THE SEASON'S SPECIAL OCCASIONS

Santa Claus Brownies



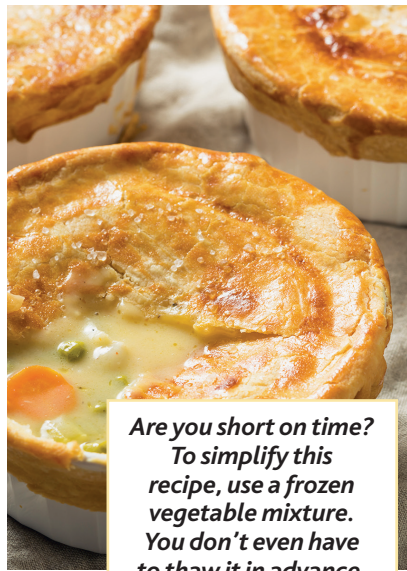
Are you looking for the perfect holiday dessert? Children and adults alike will enjoy this playful and seasonal twist on traditional brownies.

Start to finish: **1 hour (30 minutes active)**
Servings: **24 brownies**

- INGREDIENTS**
For the brownies
 - 1 cup butter, room temperature
 - 2 cups sugar
 - 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
 - 4 eggs
 - 3/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
 - 1 cup flour
 - 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
 - 1/4 teaspoon salt
- For the icing*
 - 1/3 cup butter, room temperature
 - 1/3 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
 - 2 tablespoons honey or maple syrup
 - 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
 - 2 cups icing sugar
 - 3 tablespoons milk
 - 1 cup heavy cream
 - 1/4 cup sugar
 - 24 strawberries, hulled

- DIRECTIONS**
1. Preheat the oven to 177 C (350 F). Grease a 22 by 32 centimetre (9 by 13 inch) baking dish. Set aside.
 2. Using a whisk or hand beater, blend the butter, sugar and vanilla in a large bowl. Add the eggs and mix well. Incorporate the rest of the brownie ingredients and blend until the mixture is uniform.
 3. Pour the brownie mixture into the baking dish and bake in the oven for 30 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the centre comes out clean. Set aside to cool.
 4. In the meantime, whisk the butter, cocoa powder, honey and 1 teaspoon of vanilla in a large bowl. Slowly add the icing sugar and milk while blending the mixture at low speed until it reaches the desired texture. Set aside.
 5. In another bowl, mix the heavy cream, sugar and the rest of the vanilla. Blend at high speed until the whipped cream is firm.
 6. Once the brownies are completely cool, spread a thin layer of the chocolate icing on top. Cut the brownies into 24 equal portions. Place 1 strawberry upside down on each piece of brownie. Using a piping bag, create a circle of whipped cream around the base of each strawberry and top the fruit with a dot of whipped cream.

Miniature Chicken Pot Pies



Start to finish: **1 hour 10 minutes**
Servings: **6**

- INGREDIENTS**
 - 6 tablespoons butter
 - 4 tablespoons flour
 - 2 cups warm chicken broth
 - 1 cup heavy cream
 - Salt and pepper, to taste
 - 1 onion, diced
 - 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
 - 2 carrots, diced
- 1 potato, diced
 - 1 cup green peas
 - 1 cup corn kernels
 - 1 cup green beans, chopped
 - 600 grams chicken breast, cooked and diced
 - 1 package (about 400 grams) all-butter puff pastry, thawed
 - 1 egg yolk, beaten

- DIRECTIONS**
1. In a large pot, melt 4 tablespoons of butter over medium-low heat. Add the flour, and whisk until the mixture is a smooth paste (commonly called a "roux"). Let cook for a few minutes, then add the chicken broth. Mix well and add the heavy cream. Salt and pepper to taste, then mix well. Let simmer over low heat.
 2. In a large pan, melt the rest of the butter over medium-low heat. Add the onion and garlic, and cook for about 5 minutes. Add the rest of the vegetables, and cook for 3 to 4 minutes until lightly browned. Pour the vegetable mixture and chicken into the pot of sauce and mix well. Salt and pepper to taste. Remove from heat and let cool.
 3. Preheat the oven to 204 C (400 F). Coat 6 small ramekins with vegetable oil cooking spray. Unroll the puff pastry onto a flat surface and cut into circles that are about 3 centimetres wider than the ramekins.
 4. Pour the chicken mixture into the ramekins. Use a basting brush to coat the rims of the ramekins with egg yolk so the pastry doesn't stick. Place one puff pastry circle on top of each ramekin, making sure the edge is sealed. Coat the top of the pastry with egg yolk.
 5. Put the ramekins on a baking tray, and bake in the oven for about 25 minutes or until the pastry is golden brown. Let sit for a few minutes before serving.

Are you short on time? To simplify this recipe, use a frozen vegetable mixture. You don't even have to thaw it in advance.

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