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**Jeffrey Foster speaks to voters in Monroe on Monday, Aug. 10, before the runoff election on Tuesday, Aug. 11.**

**Foster wins Superior Court race**

Voters elect school board member for Newton County

By **TOM SPIGOLON**  
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COVINGTON, Ga. — A comparatively high number of voters for a Newton County runoff election chose a new Superior Court judge and county school board member Tuesday, Aug. 11.

A total of 8,948 Newton County voters — 11% of those registered — turned out for the runoff election.

Runoffs for local races typically draw fewer voters, as in 2016 when 8% voted.

More than half voted by mail-in absentee ballots, which continued a trend begun in the June 9 election in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The county Board of Elections is scheduled to certify the results Monday.

**STANSFIELD STRONG IN NEWTON**

In Tuesday’s election, Jeffrey L. Foster of Walton County defeated Covington attorney Robert H. Stansfield by 787 votes out of more than 16,000 cast in unofficial totals in the two-county Superior Court judge race.

Foster received 8,637 votes and Stansfield 7,850 votes in the election for one of five Superior Court judge positions in the Alcovy Judicial Circuit, which includes Newton and Walton counties.

Stansfield won the Newton County side of the vote with almost 65%, and won in all 22 precincts.

However, he could not overcome the combination of Foster’s Walton County majority, which was 73%, and his 35%

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## Two drown in Alcovy River



Newton County Sheriff's Office

**Members of a joint state and local water rescue team search the Alcovy River in south Newton County for two people reported missing Tuesday. Bodies of both were found Wednesday and Thursday, respectively.**

## Bodies of 38-year-old, 14-year-old recovered after reported missing Tuesday night

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COVINGTON, Ga. — A Covington resident’s efforts to save his girlfriend’s son from drowning Tuesday, Aug. 11, ended tragically for both in the Alcovy River.

Members of a local and state water rescue team recovered the bodies of Covington residents Antonio Perry, 38, and Dejerein Grier, 14, from the river adjacent to Factory Shoals Park in south

Newton County.

Family members reported the two missing Tuesday night after both went under the water around 7 p.m., said Sheriff Ezell Brown.

“(Responding deputies) were told the teenage son had gone out swimming and the teenage son appeared to have gotten in a ... challenging mode with the waters,” Brown said.

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## Bicyclist killed in Covington

By **TOM SPIGOLON**  
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COVINGTON, Ga. — An investigation continued last week into the Aug. 6 death of a bicyclist after a pickup truck struck him as he rode on Washington Street in southwest Covington.

Elliott Johnson, 57, of Piper

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**Volunteers at Newton High School prepare boxes of food to give away.**

## 50,000 lbs. of food given away at NHS

By **TAYLOR BECK**  
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Nearly 43,000 meals were provided to residents of and around Newton County on Thursday, Aug. 13, thanks to the efforts of Emmanuel Community Church in Conyers and its

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## Newton County schools delay start, revert to all-virtual instruction

By **TOM SPIGOLON**  
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Newton County’s school superintendent became the final decision-maker Friday, Aug. 7, on when and how students will be taught this year.

In a special called meeting, Superintendent Samantha Fuhrey said all students will be taught virtually and the school year will begin Sept. 8 after a majority of county school board members did not support offering students an additional in-person learning option.

Fuhrey opened the meeting by recommending the board approve an all-virtual format because Newton County was seeing a rapid increase in COVID-19 cases.

Board members then tied 2-2 on a vote

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**A group of protesters petition for in-person learning outside the Newton County Schools Board of Education on Tuesday, Aug. 11.**

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## OBITUARIES

### Elizabeth McClendon Ozburn

Mrs. Elizabeth McClendon Ozburn, age 92, of Covington, passed away Aug. 12, 2020.

She was born Nov. 6, 1927, in Mansfield, to Tom and Mary McClendon who have preceded her in death. She was a longtime member of Calvary Baptist Church in Covington. She was personnel manager for Kmart and was known to those she worked with as Ms. Tilly. She loved spending time working in her garden and was a talented seamstress that enjoyed sewing for her family. She shared her love and brought so much joy to her family by hosting family dinners and celebrations making the best fried chicken, biscuits and pecan pies. Her greatest passion was her grandchildren who spent many



weekends, summers and holidays at her house having the best time creating memories to last a lifetime.

Along with her parents Mrs. Ozburn was preceded in death by the love of her life, her husband Kelvin Grant Ozburn, Sr. Her beautiful life will forever be cherished in the lives of her children and her grandchildren. Mrs. Ozburn is survived by her son Grant and Debbie Ozburn of McDonough; daughter, Sandra and Frank Daws of Covington; and, grandchildren, Dee Dee and Chris Kilkelly, Sonja and Mickie Wagoner, Amy and Mike Anderson, Alicia and Stephen Bennett, Angie and Brian Davis, along with 10 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Graveside services for Mrs. Ozburn will be held at 3 o'clock Saturday, Aug. 15, at Carmel Baptist Church Cemetery in Mansfield with Rev. Ron

Swann officiating.

J.C. Harwell and Son Funeral Home, TE Davis Funeral Services, 2157 East Street, SE, Covington, GA 30014 is in charge of the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Calvary Baptist Church, 4228 Mill Street, Covington, GA 30014.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) requirements will be followed. There is a limit of 50 people at any large gathering, social distancing must be recognized, the use of mask is encouraged, and most importantly if you feel sick or have any symptoms of COVID-19 you will not be allowed to attend the service. Please be respectful of the family during this difficult time and follow the requirements of the CDC.

### James P. Farr

It is with great sadness that the family of James P. "Jim" Farr announces his passing on Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2020, at the age of 76.

Jim was born in Porterdale and lived for extended periods in California, Florida, Georgia and Kansas before ending his career in League, City, Texas, and then retiring to San Marcos, Texas. He served in the Air Force for four years before working in the aviation industry for 53 years. Jim had a 43-year career with Honeywell and its predecessor companies that culminated in a role supporting NASA's astronaut flight



program. He continued to work as a consultant to NASA after retiring from Honeywell. Jim proudly earned his bachelor's degree at age 65. He enjoyed playing golf, fishing, and entertaining friends. He was a dedicated pet owner to dogs Buddy and Bailey.

At the end of his life, Jim was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in San Marcos and participated in the Lone Star Parkinson Society's Rock Steady Boxing Program.

Jim is survived by his loving wife Joanne; daughter Felicia Alex and husband David; son James "Chris" Farr and wife Mercedes; stepchildren Erik and Andrea Marsh; grandchildren Samantha, Jacqueline, Brad, Allyson, Victoria,

James, Lakshmi, Mira and John Paul; as well as three great-grandchildren and extended family. He was preceded in death by his parents James and Jacqueline Lane Farr, his sisters Kathryn Greer and Jan Jordan, and grandson Zachary.

Memorial donation may be made to the Rock Stead Boxing Fund or the Lone Star Parkinson Society.

Immediate arrangements are being made in care of Pennington Funeral Home, 323 N. Comanche St., San Marcos, Texas (512-353-4311; penningtonfuneralhome.com.) Plans for a Celebration of Life will be announced at a later date.

### Troy Oliver Rutledge, Jr.

Mr. Troy Oliver Rutledge, Jr., age 78, of Covington, passed away Aug. 12, 2020 at his residence. He was born May 5, 1942, in Porterdale,

to the late Troy and Lona Mann Rutledge. He worked over 14 years for Newton County and he enjoyed doing flea market/antique sales and auctions for the past 35 years. He

was preceded in death by his parents and children James & William Rutledge along with several brothers and sisters. Mr. Rutledge is survived by his wife/partner Mary F. Rutledge of 55 years, daughters and son-in-law; Diane (John) Jones of Covington, Susan Wilson of Covington, Patricia (David) Smith of Covington, Nancy (Rodney) Christian of Monticello, and son and daughter-in-law Tony (Tiffany) Rutledge of Monticello, along with 17 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. He is survived

by his sister, Marie Rutledge Hall of Covington, along with several nieces and nephews and close friends. With special consideration for David (Jean) Ballew of Covington whom he considered a son, Amanda Rutledge (Frank) Hareb of Covington and Daniel Jones whom he considered as family.

Due to the current COVID-19 restrictions, a private celebration of life service will be held at a later date for family and friends.

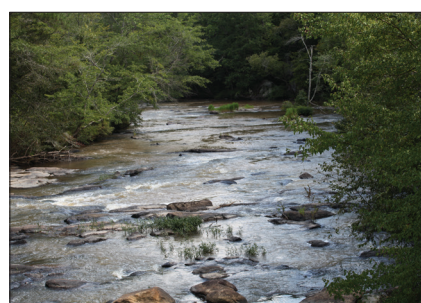
## DROWN:

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Perry then went out into the water to rescue the teen "and he was succumbed by the waters, as well," Brown said.

Media reports said family members had gathered at the park for a day of fun and relaxation. The mother of Grier and girlfriend of Perry, Tonya Hardeman, was there, Fox5 News reported.

Brown said the group had been "to another



**The Alcovy River runs under Newton Factory Bridge Road near Factory Shoals Park in south Newton County.**  
Tom Spigolon | The Covington News

area and they left that area and they chose to come to this last area where they were all together again."

"They were just going to enjoy, have fun," he said.

The Newton-Covington Dive Team was called in to search after the incident occurred but called off their efforts because of darkness Tuesday night.

The team resumed its search Wednesday and found Perry Wednesday afternoon but ended the search because of heavy thunderstorms, said spokeswoman Caitlin Jett of the Newton County Sheriff's Office.

The team then resumed the search of the river Thursday morning, Aug. 13, and found Grier, Jett said.

Brown said he wanted the families of the

victims to know "that they have our greatest sympathies for their loss — especially during these times."

He noted concerns about COVID-19 had forced changes in how funerals are conducted. "Any time is a bad time, but these times are unprecedented times that you do not have the opportunity to really mourn and cannot have a traditional funeral," Brown said. "It's tough, and I want the families to know that."

The Dive Team is a joint effort of the Newton County Sheriff's Office, Newton County Fire Services, Covington Fire Department, Georgia Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement, and Georgia Emergency Management Agency, Jett said.

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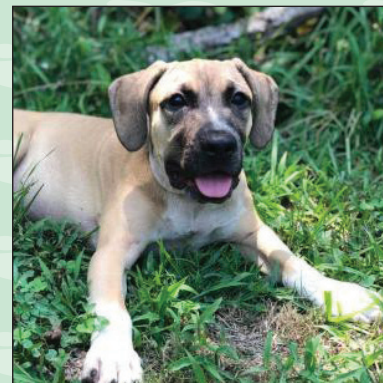


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of the Newton vote. The Monroe attorney, who also serves as Social Circle Municipal Court judge, will replace retiring Superior Court Judge Eugene Benton on the Alcovy Judicial Circuit bench in January. Foster said he was grateful for the opportunity and appreciative of the voters' confidence. "I am humbled by the outpouring of support and the trust placed in me by the residents of the Alcovy Judicial Circuit," Foster said. "I love this place and will strive to leave it better than I found it, and will honor my promise." His election also keeps the Benton judgeship in the hands of a Walton County resident, which has been the case since the judicial circuit's creation, Foster said. Traditionally, three judges have been Newton County residents and two Walton residents because Newton is the larger of the two counties.

**BAILEY ELECTED TO SCHOOL BOARD**

Longtime Covington city worker Anderson Bailey won the de facto election for Newton County School Board's District 4 seat Tuesday, Aug. 11, and will take a position left vacant since late 2019. Bailey received 725 votes, or 59%, to defeat Jeffrey Johnson, who received 505 votes or 41%, to win the Democratic nomination for the seat, according to unofficial totals from the Newton County Elections and Registration office. Johnson, however, won more precincts

than Bailey on Tuesday. He won handily in the Beaverdam precinct at Gateway Community Church, and eked out narrow majorities in the Cedar Shoals, Oxford and Crowell precincts. Bailey won handily in the City Pond and Town (Washington Street Community Center) precincts and earned a slight majority at the Covington Mills location. He will be unopposed in November after no Republicans qualified for the school board seat. District 4 covers north central Covington and much of the city of Oxford. Bailey attributed his election to name recognition gained from decades as a youth basketball coach, GHSA basketball referee, active church member, Covington city employee and native Newton Countian. He praised volunteers — including some friends dating to childhood — who joined with such prominent supporters as County Commissioner J.C. Henderson to back his candidacy. Bailey, 59, has been employed by the city for 14 years as a meter reader. He is retired from 23 years in the Army and National Guard. He also has been a GHSA basketball referee for more than a quarter of a century. Some school board members have indicated they wanted to try to appoint Bailey as a board member immediately rather than waiting until the official start of his term Jan. 1. The five-member board has been split evenly



From left, poll manager John Bell of the Newton County Elections and Registration office takes a smartcard from a voter before she places her ballot into a scanner for counting in the runoff election Tuesday, Aug. 11, at Oxford City

between Democratic and Republican members since November 2019 when the District 4 seat became vacant following the death of Almond Turner.

**ACTIVIST EARNS NOMINATION**

Meanwhile, Democratic voters in northeastern and south central Newton County chose political activist Dorothy Piedrahita to be the party's nominee for the Newton County Board of Commissioners District 5 seat in November. Piedrahita received 62% of the vote and Casey Duren 38% to earn the Democratic nomination. She will face incumbent Republican Ronnie Cowan in the Nov. 3 general election. The nominee received 609 votes to

Duren's 368, according to unofficial totals. She won or tied in all eight precincts in the district. District 5 stretches from Social Circle in the north to Heard-Mixon Elementary School in the south.

**MAJORITY VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT**

About 1,600 Newton County voters cast ballots early and in-person during the three-week advance voting period. However, a total of 4,805 voted by absentee ballot — following a trend begun in the June 9 election. In that election, a record total of 13,000 absentee ballots were sent to the Newton County election office after the Georgia Secretary of State's office mailed applications in response to the COVID-19 pandemic in the spring. It was more than four times the average and led to election staff members being delayed for a day in completing the final count because of the more time-consuming way state law requires absentee ballots to be counted, officials said. The problem was seen throughout Georgia and the State Election Board on Monday, Aug. 10, voted for some measures to help ease the vote-tally bottleneck amid the pandemic and the upcoming Nov. 3 general election that will include the presidential race. The pandemic drove voters to cast ballots by mail in historic volumes in April and May and spurred hours-long lines at polling places during the June 9 primary elections, according to the Capitol Beat News Service. Angela Mantle, director of the Newton County Board of Elections, said she and her staff "believe the new (state Election Board) rule will assist with the processing of voted absentee by mail ballots." The news service reported that, instead of two weeks before an election, local ballot-counting officials in Georgia would be able to start tallying mail-in votes three weeks prior, according to an emergency rule change the state board approved Aug. 10.

*Publisher and Editor Taylor Beck contributed to this report.*

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Road in Covington, was killed after a 2005 Ford truck struck his bicycle Aug. 6 at about 11 p.m. as both traveled north on Washington Street near Flat Shoals Road. A Georgia State Patrol report stated the victim was riding on the right side of the

northbound lane of Washington Street approaching Flat Shoals when the front of the truck struck the bicycle's rear. The driver of the truck, Timothy Grant Millwood, 49, of Eatonton, told investigators "there was an oncoming car with

headlights temporarily obscuring his view, and he did not see the bicyclist until it was too late and struck him with the front right side of his vehicle," the report stated. The bicyclist was wearing all black clothing but a small red reflector was located in

the grass near the bike's final rest position, according to the report. The impact caused the victim to be carried on the hood of the truck for about "three car lengths" before falling from the hood and on to the roadway before ending up on the right shoulder at a private

drive. Johnson was taken for treatment at an area hospital but was later pronounced dead. The truck stopped in an adjacent parking lot after the incident, the report stated. Washington Street was dark and not lit by streetlights. Alcohol

and drugs were not factors, it stated. The Georgia State Patrol Specialized Collision Reconstruction Team assisted in the investigation. No other information was available.

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community partners. Originally, Pastor Eric Suddith believed volunteers at Newton High School would be able to give away approximately 20,000 pounds of food to families impacted by COVID-19.

Shortly before the giveaway began, that number more than doubled. "We were able to give away 50,000 pounds," he told *The Covington News*. The Newton County Sheriff's Office assisted Suddith's

church and other volunteers. The sheriff believed the giveaway may have been one of the largest in the county's history. "We met the needs of a lot of people," Suddith said. "Some people stood in line

for three hours ... We closed down in four hours and 45 minutes, and afterward, we still had people calling to see if we had anymore food." The food was purchased from the Atlanta Community Food Bank and transported

with the help of the Sherwin Williams Corporation. Families received a box of food that includes canned fruits and vegetables, beans, rice, cereal, pasta, peanut butter and meats.

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Letter to the Editor

## Life-saving plasma donations from abroad help find COVID-19 cure

### Dear Editor:

In March 2020, the coronavirus was declared a worldwide pandemic. Within a matter of four months, the novel coronavirus has surged impacting local communities on an international level.

According to the World Health Organization, over 16 million cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed, and over 655,000 deaths have occurred, with numbers continually rising. With fall approaching, many are speculating a second wave of virus spread to happen throughout the world once again, possibly initiating another lock-down. At this critical time, local communities are urged to start paying attention to this issue, and good news regarding advancements in developing a cure emerge.

As COVID-19 spread rampantly, researchers began diligently searching for a cure. Research determined that blood plasma of those who have recovered from the virus can lead to the development of a vaccine and cure. People who have recovered from COVID-19 have antibodies — proteins the body uses to fight off infections to the disease — in their blood, and from that blood, convalescent plasma can be extracted.

The need for plasma donation has touched the surface of every state, city, town and local community with people who have been diagnosed with the disease. The U.S. currently has the highest cases of coronavirus, topping 4 million.

In this time of uncertainty and lack of resources, great news comes from over 6,000 miles away. Four thousand members from a South Korean church, called Shincheonji Church of Jesus, have pledged to donate plasma for COVID-19 research. Five hundred of those members have already donated their blood. The others are

still waiting, as the resources to receive such numbers of blood donations in this global state of pandemic are sparse. With such a high need for blood, a major donation like this will have great benefits for every member of the global community, including our local community. This donation has the power to positively affect everyone impacted by COVID-19.

In the midst of giving such a brave donation, this church has been enduring large-scale religious persecutions. The United States Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) announced in March there has been a global issue of scapegoating minority religious groups, in looking for someone to blame for the spread of coronavirus. The worst case, it stated, is towards Shincheonji Church of Jesus. What is more shocking is that this kind of blame, scapegoating and religious oppression is not happening between different religions, but within the same religion of Christianity.

In South Korea, the traditional, conservative churches have been oppressing and persecuting the more newly-established church, Shincheonji, which showed rapid growth in recent years. These traditional churches have even joined hands with the Korean government recently to launch an all-out attack upon Shincheonji church. This has led to many members of the church facing domestic violence, mistreatment from their community, losing their jobs, and two members being killed. Join the members of Shincheonji in encouraging your local community members who have recovered to donate as well. Follow @FightCOVIDNotVictims on Instagram for developments on this story. Let us fight COVID-19 together.

Melissa Rivera

Andy Offutt Irwin columnist

## I'm worried about change

It appears that there is yet another problem resulting from the coronavirus pandemic: a shortage of coins.

“What’s happened is that, with the partial closure of the economy, the flow of coins through the economy has gotten all — it’s kind of stopped,”

— Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell, speaking at the “Monetary Policy and the State of the Economy” virtual hearing for the House Committee of Financial Services.

Chairman Powell may be correct as to the cause of the coin shortage. Or, there may be something more afoot. So sez me.

I am a fan of coins as legal tender and I try to do my part to keep that form of currency... current.

I am the smallest of small businesses, so when I am on the road I am strategic about spending. The self-employed driver no longer has to keep gas receipts; that particular Schedule C business expense is calculated by mileage, not how much is spent at the pump. (My mileage is miraculously logged and mapped by an app in my Swiss Army phone.) Since some filling stations give a discount for cash money, that’s my method of payment for what goes in my tank. Therefore, from my fill-ups, I have real coinage in the little cubby to the left of my steering wheel.

That change in the cubby is my rest-stop reward.

As you might imagine, after many repeated drives on the interstates of this great land of ours, I have a set pattern of places to gas up, eat, and (euphemistically and literally) rest. Therefore, I know the rest areas with recycling bins. I know the rest areas with functioning water fountains. I know the rest areas with shade. (I’m the guy asleep in his car, the one you don’t want to park next to.) I know the rest areas with covered concrete picnic tables on which one can recline for a cool nap. (Again, that guy.)

Sometimes, if I have succeeded in a particularly beneficial nap, I will reward myself with some peanut M&Ms from the vending machine.

When I grab my fist full of change from the cubby in prepara-



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It appears COVID-19 has caused another issue: a coin shortage. But I have evidence that shows the the pandemic just might not be the entire problem.

tion for my visit to the vending area, I always give the coins a quick check. It’s a childhood-born habit to be on the lookout for Mercury dimes, Buffalo nickels, wheat pennies, and the like.

### The Mercury Dime

This isn’t Mercury, really, rather Lady Liberty in a winged Phrygian cap. It’s the wings on Liberty’s head that cause the cross-dressing confusion. Regarding those wings, Mercury does have an advantage over Liberty, for he has wings on his feet as well as his head, putting him in much less danger of severe neck strain as he flies. But it is important to remember, the dime is indeed Lady Liberty, not Mercury. Mercury would be a poor choice to adorn a coin. Sure, he’s the Roman god of financial success, but he’s also the god of trickery and thieves.

In 1945, the then recently deceased President Franklin Delano Roosevelt had been a fitting replacement for the dime, but I must say FDR’s profile thereupon leaves a lot to be desired. Truly, if you hadn’t been told that the generic white fellow on the dime was FDR, you wouldn’t know it. If I were in charge of the Federal Mint, President Roosevelt would be depicted wearing his pince-nez spectacles and his “lucky fedora” with the upturned brim, and he would be smiling with his cigarette holder between his teeth at that famous 2-o’clock angle. Of course on the reverse side of the coin, we would have to replace “e pluribus unum” with the Surgeon General’s smoking warning.

### Buffalo Nickels

In sorting my M&M change I rarely encounter Buffalo nickels, and for my task at hand, that’s a good thing. When the nickel’s design was introduced in 1912, there was opposition from vending machine manufacturers, specifically from the Clarence W. Hobbs Company, because Mr.

Hobbs held that his machines had a way to detect slugs, rendering the machine inoperable, and this new nickel was particularly... sluggish.

Of course, this nickel was also known for its obverse side: The Indian Head Nickel. Today, thinking and caring people squirm at that exonym. And indeed, it demonstrates a benighted ethnocentricity to have an indigenous man’s head on the coin without regard to his tribe or nation or even who this fellow is. The nickel’s sculptor James Earle Fraser named several men that he had used for models, including Two Moons, the Cheyenne Chief of Little Bighorn fame. Two Moons’ career culminated on a Staten Island bluff overlooking New York Harbor when he and 32 other chiefs were tasked with giving out newly minted Buffalo Nickels at the groundbreaking of The National American Indian Memorial. Part of the festivities included the chiefs signing a “declaration of allegiance” to the United States.

Some say that after William Howard Taft — whom the press had dubbed, “The Great White Father” — turned the earth with his silver-tipped shovel, Two Moons could be heard quietly addressing each dignitary as he wove his way through the crowd, prophesying as he pressed the nickels into the palms of the honored guests, “This monument ain’t gonna happen.”

Mr. Fraser reported that his model for the reverse side was a buffalo named Black Diamond. Mr. Fraser went on to say that Black Diamond was an uncooperative model, “the contrariest animal in the Bronx Zoo.” Black Diamond looked straight at Mr. Fraser, refusing to show him a profile view, even when Mr. Fraser said, “Mr. Diamond, quarter turn, PLEASE!” (Being on the nickel, Black Diamond refused to give him more

than 5%.)

For his efforts Black Diamond was slaughtered in 1915. His head was mounted and taken on a tour of coin shows, a deceased celebrity appearance, as it were.

One can only imagine the difficulty engraver Donna Weaver encountered when she was trying to wrangle two American bison for the 2006 North Dakota Commemorative Quarter. Needless to say, with such uncooperative beasts, the project went beyond its allotted budget and past deadline. Therefore, in 2007 common sense and austerity ruled the day which is why the Montana commemorative quarter only displays a bison skull.

Yes, in these uncertain times I know frugal people who collect change to add to their coffers.

But my coins are for travel snackage. And now with the pandemic, it is my civic duty to keep the coins in circulation.

But with all due respect to Federal Reserve Chairman Powell... (uh-oh, nobody ever gets a compliment with an opening of “with all due respect”)... I have evidence that the pandemic just might not be the entire problem.

On March 15, I was driving home from Silver Spring, Maryland, to do my quarantine-part. I stopped at the welcome center of South Carolina. I made my way to the engaged candy machine. (This keeps the machines from wandering onto the freeway.) I was happily bopping along with my fist full of change. Then, I spied it. An evil message. Beside the plugged slot it read, “NO COINS OR CASH. CREDIT OR DEBIT CARDS ONLY.”

This is not a good sign for change.

Covington native Andy Offutt Irwin is a storyteller, songwriter and professional whistler. His email is andy@andyirwin.com.

## Have your say!

We welcome your letters to the editor on issues of public concern. Please include your full name, hometown and phone number (for verification purposes). Only names and hometown will be published. Editors’ decisions are final. Letters must be submitted by noon Wednesday for publication in the weekend edition.

- Mail: Editor: The Covington News, P.O. Box 1249, Covington, GA 30015
- In person: Stop by 1166 Usher St. NW in downtown Covington
- Email: news@covnews.com



## The Covington News

## MARKETPLACE

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## Announcements

## For Your Information

**AUCTION:** 36 Storage will hold a public sale to enforce a lien imposed on said property, as described below, pursuant to the Georgia Self Storage Facility Act, Georgia Code 10-4-210 to 10-4-215. The personal effects belonging to the following Tenants, having been properly notified, will be sold to the highest bidder to satisfy the owners lien for rent due online at [www.storageauctions.com](http://www.storageauctions.com) on of thereafter, August 12, 2020. E13 Jason Lundsford, C24 Heather Clark.

## Jobs

## Help Wanted

**GENERAL CONTRACTOR** located in McDonough, GA is looking for a full time accounting person that is a team player that can not only do accounting but can assist with construction project coordinating. Must have strong computer skills, be proficient in Microsoft Excel and have 1 to 2 years of accounting experience. Must be able to multitask, have strong documentation skills, be a self starter, organized, and detail oriented. Please email resume to [resume@daviesgc.com](mailto:resume@daviesgc.com), please provide salary requirements and references.

## AUCTION

Property of Marvin C. Bowen  
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of the Power of Attorney

## 70 Upland Trail, Oxford, GA

- 3,000+ SF Brick Home with 4 BR/3.5 BA
- Large, Unfinished Basement
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## TERMS &amp; CONDITIONS

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To Make an Appt to View the Home, Call  
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## HEALTHCARE

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## TV/INTERNET

**BEST SATELLITE TV** with 2 Year Price Guarantee! \$59.99/mo with 190 channels and 3 months free premium movie channels! Free next day installation! Call 855-808-6843.

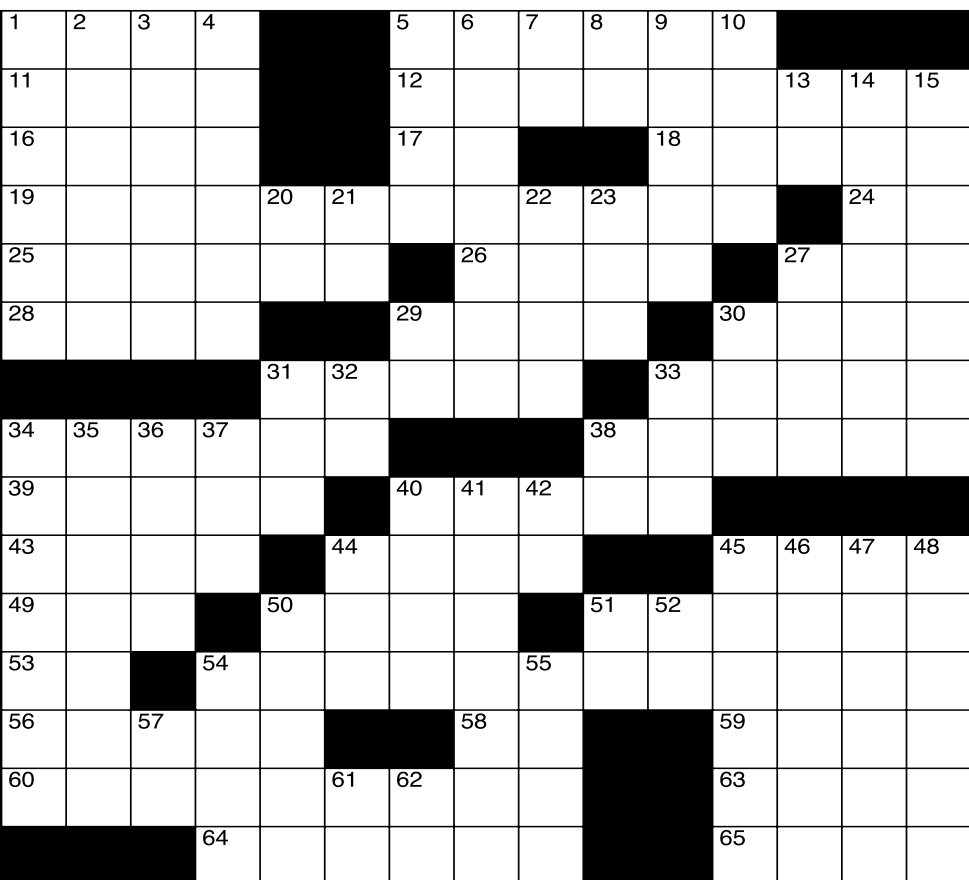
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## CLUES ACROSS

- Corrode
- Jean Paul \_\_, author
- Hebrew unit of dry measure
- A type of scientist
- Greek goddess of discord
- For Red Sox MVP
- It checks your speed
- Made dirty
- The First State
- Lodgings
- Spiritual leader
- Bradley Int'l Airport code
- Native American people
- Sharp pain
- Touch
- Slowly disappears
- Indigenous Russian people
- Narrative poem
- Some are bad
- Small quill feathers
- Tattles
- Popular Easter entree
- Beneficiary
- Clothed
- Payroll firm
- Lower Normandy's largest city
- Binary compound of halogen

## 53. The Fighting Irish

- Skilled, paid worker
- Eyelashes
- The 12th letter of the Greek alphabet
- Large, stocky lizard
- Made poisonous
- Former US Secretary of State
- Sticky substances
- A type of gin

## CLUES DOWN

- To return an echo
- Displace
- Japanese religion
- Predilections
- Partial
- Poisonous plant
- Road open
- Atomic #81
- Accomplished American composer
- Oh, God!
- Potato state
- Most melancholic
- Supportive framework
- Hollywood's Pacino
- A title for women
- Popular Grammys alternative
- Check

## 27. Bolivian river

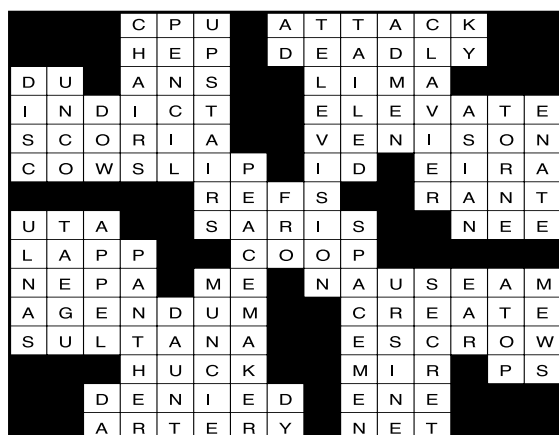
- South Dakota
- Wonderful
- Supervises flying
- Commercial
- More (Spanish)
- Even distribution of weight
- "Arabian Nights" hero
- Compact mass of a substance
- Bachelor of Laws
- Halfback
- Some of it is ground
- They play in the trenches
- Atomic #18
- Chinese Prefecture
- Fabrics
- Being in a direct line of descent from an ancestor
- In slow tempo
- Flood
- Long-necked bird
- Secondary school
- Artificial intelligence
- Structure by the water
- Lather
- What happens there stays there
- A bone
- The Great Lakes State

CITY OF COVINGTON  
JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

The City of Covington is currently accepting applications for the position of **Utility Locator** in the **Engineering Department** with an hourly entry level rate of \$16.98 to a maximum hourly rate of \$24.94 depending upon qualifications. This position is to locate and map underground cables, pipes and other conduits to prevent damage during excavations. Education and experience include graduation from high school or GED equivalent; a minimum of two years related experience; or any combination of experience and training which demonstrates the knowledge and experience to perform the work. Special Requirements include possessing a valid class C driver's license. Qualified applicants may apply via our website by downloading an application packet at [www.cityofcovington.org](http://www.cityofcovington.org) or may apply in person at the City of Covington, 2194 Emory Street, Covington, Georgia 30014. Position will remain open until 4 P.M. on Thursday 27 August 2020. The City of Covington is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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The City of Covington is currently accepting applications for the position of **Gas Crew Member I** in the **Gas Department** with a starting hourly rate of \$14.65 to a maximum hourly rate of \$21.51 depending upon qualifications. This position assists in the maintenance and repair of the natural gas utility system. This is an entry-level position. **Employee must be able to respond to after-hours emergencies and work overtime if required.** Education and experience include graduation from high school or GED. **Special Requirements include possessing a valid class C driver's license.** We offer a generous benefits package, which includes; 401A and 457 employee retirement plans; 10 paid holidays annually; vacation and sick leave; health, dental, vision, life insurance, long term disability, flexible spending account, and childcare spending accounts. Qualified applicants may apply via our website by downloading an application packet at [www.cityofcovington.org](http://www.cityofcovington.org) or may apply in person at the City of Covington, 2194 Emory Street, Covington, Georgia 30014. Position will remain open until 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 26th 2020. The City of Covington is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

LAST WEEK'S  
SOLUTION:



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# PUBLIC NOTICES

## Public Notices

### Alcoholic Beverage

#### NOTICE – APPLICATION ALCOHOL LICENSE

**NOTICE IS** hereby given that an application has been made to the Mayor and Council of the City of Covington to obtain a license to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption only for:

**THREE ONE** Four Group, LLC  
**DBA YOUR** Pie  
1115 WASHINGTON Street  
**APPLICANT'S NAME:** Andrea T. Wells

**THE APPLICATION** will be heard on August 17th, 2020 at 6:30 PM at City of Covington Council Room, 2116 Stallings Street, NW, Covington, GA. This notice is published pursuant to the provisions of Section 5.12.080(C), Covington Municipal Code.

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE #117156**  
**8/16**

**NOTICE IS** hereby given that an application has been made to the Newton County Board of Commissioners to obtain a license to sell alcoholic beverages (beer & wine) for off premises consumption by:

**ALYZA & Shanil** LLC  
**DBA: LIBERTY** Food Mart 2  
**SHAHNAZ SURANI**  
11506 BROWN Bridge Rd.  
COVINGTON, GA 30016

**OCCUPATION TAX/BUSINESS** License Contact:  
**TINA WATERS**  
**BUSINESS LICENSE** Clerk  
**TWATERS@CO.NEWTON.GA.US**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #117157**  
**8/16, 23**

## Bids

### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

**OWNER:** CITY of Porterdale  
**ADDRESS:** 2800 Main Street, Porterdale, GA 30014  
**PROJECT:** FY 2015 USDA Sewerage System Improvements

**1.1. COMPETITIVE COST**  
**SEALED BIDS**  
**SEALED BIDS** for the construction of the FY 2015 USDA Sewerage System Improvements, will be received, by the City of Porterdale, at the office of the 2800 Main Street, Porterdale, GA 30014, until September 2, 2020 at 2:00 PM local time at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read. No bid may be withdrawn after the closing time for the receipt of bids for a period of sixty (60) days except specifically as may be provided in the Instructions to Bidders and/or by State Law.

**BIDS WILL** be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a lump sum and unit price basis, with additive alternate bid items as indicated in the Bid Form.

**1.2. SCOPE OF WORK**  
**THE WORK** to be completed shall consist of furnishing all labor, equipment, and materials not provided by the Owner necessary to install approximately 16,000 L.F. of sewer mains complete with 103 manholes, roadway replacement, earthwork, bypass pumping, soil erosion and sediment control measures, and appurtenances necessary to provide complete installation. The bid will allow both open cutting and pipe bursting to obtain the most cost effective solution. Note the Owner will provide certain

**1.3. PLANS, SPECIFICATION AND CONTRACT DOCUMENTS**  
**THE ISSUING** Office for the Bidding Documents is: Carter & Sloope, Inc., 1031 Stonebridge Parkway, Watkinsville, Georgia 30677. Please contact Heather Cash at 706-769-4119 or email at hcash@cartersloope.com. Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office as described below.

**BIDDING DOCUMENTS** may be obtained from the Issuing Office during the hours indicated above. Bidding Documents are available on compact disc (as portable document format (PDF) files) for a non-refundable charge of \$100.00, including shipping UPS Ground. Alternatively, printed Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Issuing Office either via in-person pick-up or via mail, upon Issuing Office's receipt of payment for the Bidding Documents. The non-refundable cost of printed Bidding Documents is \$200.00 per set, payable to "Carter & Sloope, Inc." Upon Issuing Office's receipt of payment, printed Bidding Documents will be sent via UPS Ground. If you choose to have them shipped overnight or by another carrier, please submit your FedEx overnight or UPS Express account number. The date that the Bidding Documents are transmitted by the Issuing Office will be considered the prospective Bidder's date of receipt of the Bidding Documents. Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including Addenda if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office.

**1.4. BID BOND**  
**BID SECURITY** shall be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.  
**BIDS SHALL** be accompanied by a bid bond or certified cashier's check in an amount not less than 10% of the base bid. All bonds shall be by a surety company licensed in Georgia with an "A" minimum rating of performance and a financial strength of at least five (5) times the contract price as listed in the most current publication of "Best's Key Rating Guide Property Liability", Performance and Payment Bonds, each in an amount equal to 100% of the contract price shall be required of the successful bidder if contract is awarded. Each Bond shall be accompanied by a "Power of Attorney" authorizing the attorney-in-fact to bind the surety and certified to include the date of the bond.

**1.5. CONTRACTOR LICENSE**  
**THE SCOPE** of Work as described herein is defined as "utility contracting" in accordance with O.C.G.A. 43-14-2(17) so the Contractor performing the work must provide proof of a valid license by the State of Georgia as a "Utility Contractor" and must also employ a "Utility Manager" certification holder who will have oversight of all the work. See Instruction to Bidders for additional bidding requirements.

#### 1.6. PERMITS

**THE STATUS** of Federal, State, and / or Local permits for this project are as follows:

#### PERMITS/AGENCIES

**STATUS**  
**A. L A N D**  
Disturbance Permit Approved  
**B. N P D E S**  
GAR 100002 (Stormwater) To be Submitted by Contractor  
**C. G A**  
Environmental Protection Division Approved  
**D. G E O R G I A**  
Department of Transportation Approved  
**1.7. EASEMENTS & RIGHTS-OF-WAY**  
**ALL EASEMENTS** and rights-of-way for permanent installations have been obtained or will be obtained by the Owner prior to issuing the Notice to Proceed.

**1.8. GEORGIA SECURITY AND IMMIGRATION COMPLIANCE ACT AFFIDAVIT**  
**ALL QUALIFYING** Contractors and Subcontractors performing work with the City of Porterdale must register and participate in the federal work authorization program commonly known as E-Verify, or any subsequent replacement program, to verify the work eligibility information of new employees. In order for a Bid to be considered, it is mandatory that the Bidder's Affidavit of Compliance with O.C.G.A. §13-10-91 be completed and submitted with the Bid.

#### 1.9. FUNDING SOURCES

**FUNDING IS** to be provided by USDA, Rural Development. All Bidders must comply with 41 CFR 60-4 in regard to affirmative action, to ensure equal opportunity to females and minorities.

#### 1.10. RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

**OWNER RESERVES** the right to reject any or all Bids, including without limitation, the rights to reject any or all nonconforming, nonresponsive, unbalanced or conditional Bids and to reject the Bid of any Bidder if Owner believes that it would not be in the best interest of the Project to make an award to that Bidder, whether because the Bid is not responsive or the Bidder is unqualified or of doubtful financial ability or fails to meet any other pertinent standard or criteria established by the Owner.

**OWNER:** CITY of Porterdale  
**BY:** MR. Robert Thomson  
**TITLE:** INTERIM City Manager  
**DATE:** [DATE of initial publication of Advertisement]

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**8/2, 16**

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**BY: MARCIA Wynne**  
**CLERK, PROBATE COURT**  
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**REPRESENTATIVE ACCORDING TO LAW.**  
**THIS THE 30th day of JULY, 2020.**

**LISA SONDAY**  
**170 BLUE GRASS WAY**  
**OXFORD, GA 30054**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #117128**  
**8/9,16,23,30**

**Divorces**  
**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF**  
**NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF**  
**GEORGIA**

**SANTANA HOLT**  
**PLAINTIFF,**  
**-VS-**  
**TAVARUS LEWIS**  
**DEFENDANT.**

**CIVIL ACTION No.: 2020-CV-1274-2**

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

**TO: TAVARUS LEWIS**  
**190 SHENANDOAH DRIVE**  
**COVINGTON, GA. 30016**

**BY ORDER** of the court for service by publication dated **AUGUST 4, 2020** you are hereby notified that on **JUNE 26,2020** (date of filing) **SANTAMA HOLT** (plaintiff) filed suit against you for Divorce .

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

**WITNESS THE** Honorable **JOHN M. OTT,** Judge Superior Court of Newton County.

**THIS, THE 5TH day of AUGUST, 2020.**  
**LINDA D. Hays**  
**CLERK OF Superior Court**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #117148**  
**8/16,23,30,9/6**

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF**  
**NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF**  
**GEORGIA**

**TANEKA SHERRELL**  
**PLAINTIFF,**  
**-VS-**  
**KEVIN SHERRILL**  
**DEFENDANT.**

**CIVIL ACTION No.: 2020-CV-1179.2**

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

**TO: KEVIN Sherrill**  
**40 BLAKE Avenue**  
**PORTERDALE, GA. 30014**

**BY ORDER** of the court for service by publication dated **AUGUST 4, 2020** you are hereby notified that on **JUNE 17, 2020** (date of filing) **TANEKA SHERRILL** (plaintiff) filed suit against you for Divorce.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE #117147**  
**8/16,23,30,9/6**

**Foreclosures**  
**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF**  
**NEWTON COUNTY**  
**STATE OF GEORGIA**

**REGINA S. DANIEL,**  
Petitioner,

**-VS-**

**REGINA S. DANIEL, BEVERLY Y. FIELDS, MARGARET SIMPSON, DAVID SIMPSON, W A L T E R LARRY SIMPSON, JR., EDWARD ELLSON, MICHELE CARDEN, and 1.05 +/- ACRE LOT** located 10177 Flat Shoals Road, Covington  
NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND ALL PERSONS KNOWN OR UNKNOWN WHO CLAIM OR MIGHT CLAIM ADVERSELY TO PETITIONER'S TITLE

**CIVIL ACTION FILE NO.: 2020-CV-1129-1**

**PETITION TO** Establish Title Against the World

**TO: EDWARD Ellson, Michele Carden** and to any and all persons or entities claiming an interest adverse to the Plaintiff

**YOU ARE** hereby notified that the above styled action seeking to establish title to the below described property against all the world was filed on the 8th day of June, 2020, in the Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia, Alcovy Judicial Circuit, and that by reason of order for service by publication entered by said Court on the 3rd day of August, 2020, you are hereby commanded to be and appear at the Newton County Superior Court on the 9th day of October, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.

**ALL THAT** tract or parcel of land lying and being in the City of Covington, Newton County, Georgia, and being more particularly described as follows:

**BEGINNING AT** the point where the northern line of Sunny Drive intersects the eastern line of Collum Road (formerly known as Flat Shoals Road); thence in an eastern direction along the northern line of Sunny Drive a distance of 272.5 feet to property now or formerly of Wilton D. Cheek; thence in a northern direction along the western line of said property now or formerly of Cheek to property now or formerly of J. C. Cowan; thence in a western direction along the southern line of said property now or formerly of J. C. Cowan to the eastern line of said Collum Road; and thence in a southern direction along the eastern line of Collum Road a distance of 135.0 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning. The being the same property conveyed to L. C. Wallace by L. C. Rogers in two (2) tracts, one by deed dated July 14, 1948 and recorded in Deed Book 36, Page 238, excepting the eastern portion of said tracts conveyed to Wilton D. Cheek by deed dated December 30, 1961 and recorded in Deed Book 58, Page 498, all of Newton County Records, to which deeds reference is hereby made

for further description of the property hereby conveyed.

**SO ORDERED,** this \_4th day of August, 2020.  
**DAVID OZBURN,** Special Master  
**NEWTON COUNTY Superior Court**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #117112**  
**8/9,16,23,30**

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF**  
**RIGHT OF REDEMPTION**  
**STATE OF GEORGIA/COUNTY OF**  
**NEWTON**

**TO:** 1) Barbara Stapp, 2) Unknown Heirs and Assigns of Barbara Stapp, 3) James Stapp, 4) Unknown Heirs and Assigns of James, 5) Darnel Quick Recovery Inc., as Assignee for Newton Medical Center, 6) TD Auto Finance LLC f/k/a DaimlerChrysler Financial Services Americas LLC, 7) Newton County Tax Commissioner, 8) Tenant/Resident/Occupant, and 9) all persons known or unknown who may claim an interest in property known as 3020 S. Hwy 81, Covington, Georgia 30016

**TAKE NOTICE THAT:**  
**THE RIGHT** to redeem the described property as 3020 S. Hwy 81, Covington, Georgia 30016, (Tax Parcel 0028000000107A00), as follows, to wit: **ALL AND** only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 00280-00000-107-A00, Land Lot 70, 10th District, Newton County, Georgia, being 0.6 acre, more or less, shown in Plat Book 22, Page 81, described in Deed Book 390, Page 287, known 3020 South Highway 81. **WILL EXPIRE** and be forever foreclosed and barred on and after the 2nd day of October, 2020, or 30 days from service of notice. **THE TAX** deed to which this notice relates is dated the 2nd day of July 2019 and is recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia, in Deed Book 3879, Page 403. **THE PROPERTY** may be redeemed at any time before the 2nd day of October, 2020, or 30 days from service of notice, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address: David A. Basil, LLC, 301 Bradley Street, Suite B-7, Carrollton, Georgia, 30117.

**PLEASE BE** governed accordingly.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #117059**  
**8/9,16,23,30**

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**RIGHT OF REDEMPTION**  
**STATE OF GEORGIA/COUNTY OF**  
**NEWTON**

**TO:** 1) Estate David Parker, 4) Unknown Administrators, Heirs, and Assigns of Estate David Parker, 5) Matthew Parker 6) Town of Newborn, Georgia, 7) Newton County Tax Commissioner, 8) Tenant/Resident/Occupant, and 9) all persons known or unknown who may claim an interest in property known as 4272 Hwy 142 E., Newborn, Georgia 30056

**TAKE NOTICE THAT:**  
**THE RIGHT** to redeem the described property as 4272 Hwy 142 E., Newborn, Georgia 30056, (Tax Parcel N002000000020000), as follows, to wit:

**ALL AND** only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel N0020-00000-020-000, in the Town of Newborn, in Land Lot 187 of the 19th District, Newton County, Georgia, being 0.459 acre, more or less, a portion of the parcel shown in Plat Book 24, Page 271, public records of Newton County, Georgia, as further described in Deed Book 2573, Page 184, known as 4272 Highway 142.

**WILL EXPIRE** and be forever foreclosed and barred on and after the 2nd day of October, 2020, or 30 days from service of notice.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE #117087**  
**8/16,23,30,9/6**

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**RIGHT OF REDEMPTION**  
**STATE OF GEORGIA/COUNTY OF**  
**NEWTON**

**TO:** 1) Jerri Lee Smith, 2) Unknown Heirs and Assigns of Jerri Lee Smith, 3) Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for, Argent Securities Inc. Asset-Backed Pass-through Certificates, Series 2005-W2, Under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement Dated September 1, 2005, 4) Newton County Tax Commissioner, 5) Tenant/Resident/Occupant, and 6) all persons known or unknown who may claim an interest in property known as 375 Parr Farm Rd., Covington, Georgia 30016

**TAKE NOTICE THAT:**  
**THE RIGHT** to redeem the described property as 375 Parr Farm Rd., Covington, Georgia 30016, (Tax Parcel 00500000000042000), as follows, to wit: **ALL AND** only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 00500-00000-042-000, Land Lot 66, 8th Land District, Newton County, Georgia, being 5.0 acres, more or less, Tract 1N, Parr Farm, shown in Plat Book 22, Page 240, described in Deed Book 2560, Page 563, known as 375 Parr Farm Road. **WILL EXPIRE** and be forever foreclosed and barred on and after the 2nd day of October, 2020, or 30 days from service of notice. **THE TAX** deed to which this notice relates is dated the 2nd day of July 2019 and is recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia, in Deed Book 3879, Page 404. **THE PROPERTY** may be redeemed at any time before the 2nd day of October, 2020, or 30 days from service of notice, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address: David A. Basil, LLC, 301 Bradley Street,

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**PUBLIC NOTICE #117058**  
**8/9,16,23,30**

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**RIGHT OF REDEMPTION**  
**STATE OF GEORGIA/COUNTY OF**  
**NEWTON**

**TO:** 1) Roy J. Newberry, 2) Unknown Heirs and Assigns of Roy J. Newberry, 3) Estate Roy J. Newberry, 4) Unknown Administrators, Heirs and Assigns Estate Roy J. Newberry, 5) Darnel Quick Recovery, Inc., assignee of Newton General Hospital, 6) 1st Franklin Financial Corporation, 7) World Finance Company of Georgia, LLC, 8) Georgia Department of Revenue, 9) Newton Tax Commissioner, 10) Tenant/Resident/Occupant, and 11) all persons known or unknown who may claim an interest in 250 White Birch Dr., Covington, Georgia 30016

**TAKE NOTICE THAT:**  
**THE RIGHT** to redeem 250 White Birch Dr., Covington, Georgia 30016, (Tax Parcel 0033000000101000), as follows, to wit: **ALL AND** only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 00330-00000-101-000, Land Lots 90 and 91, 8th Land District, Newton County, Georgia, being 0.69 acres, more or less, Lot 4, Riverwood Landing, Unit Two, shown in Plat Book 24, Page 32, described in Deed Book 2655, Page 254, known as 250 White Birch Drive. **WILL EXPIRE** and be forever foreclosed and barred on and after the 25th day of September, 2020, or 30 days from service of notice. **THE TAX** deed to which this notice relates is dated the 2nd day of July 2019 and is recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia, in Deed Book 3879, Page 406. **THE PROPERTY** may be redeemed at any time before the 25th day of September, 2020, or 30 days from service of notice, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address: David A. Basil, LLC, 301 Bradley Street, Suite B-7, Carrollton, Georgia, 30117.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE #117061**  
**8/9,16,23,30**

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF**  
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**STATE OF GEORGIA/COUNTY OF**  
**NEWTON**

**TO:** 1) Walter Marks, 2) Unknown Heirs and Assigns of Walter Marks, 3) Estate of Walter Marks, 4) Unknown Administrators, Heirs and Assigns of Estate of Walter Marks, 5) Cynthia Marks, 6) Unknown Heirs and Assigns of Cynthia Marks, 7) Newton County Tax Commissioner, 8) Tenant/Resident/Occupant, and 9) all persons known or unknown who may claim an interest in property known as 740 Oak Street, Covington, Georgia 30014

**TAKE NOTICE THAT:**  
**THE RIGHT** to redeem the described property as 740 Oak Street, Covington, Georgia 30014, (Tax Parcel 0085A00000068000), as follows, to wit: **ALL AND** only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0085A 00000 068 000, Land Lot 282 of the 1st District, Newton County, Georgia being 0.23 acre, more or less, known as 740 Oak Street. **WILL EXPIRE** and be forever foreclosed and barred on and after the 25th day of September, 2020, or 30 days from service of notice. **THE TAX** deed to which this notice relates is dated the 4th day of December 2018 and is recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia, in Deed Book 3786, Page 617. **THE PROPERTY** may be redeemed at any time before the 25th day of September, 2020, or 30 days from service of notice, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address: David A. Basil, LLC, 301 Bradley Street, Suite B-7, Carrollton, Georgia, 30117.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE #117060**  
**8/9,16,23,30**

**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 Joshua Harrison and Kimberly Harrison to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Home America Mortgage, Inc. dated August 24, 2006 and recorded on August 31, 2006 in Deed Book 2268, Page 93, Newton County, Georgia Records, and later assigned to U.S. Bank Trust National Association as trustee of LODGE SERIES IV TRUST by Assignment of Security Deed recorded on March 31, 2020 in Deed Book 3984, Page 141, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of One Hundred Twenty Thousand Fifty and 00/100 Dollars (\$120,050.00), 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 September 1, 2020 the following described property:

**ALL THAT** tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 41 of the 10th District, Newton County, Georgia, being Lot 24, Crooked Creek Subdivision, as per plat recorded in Plat Book 34, Page 263, Newton County, Georgia Records, said plat being incorporated herein and made reference hereto. **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, Rushmore Loan Management Services, LLC, as servicer for U.S.

Bank Trust National Association as trustee of LODGE SERIES IV TRUST, can be contacted at 888-504-7300 or by writing to 15480 Laguna Canyon Road, Suite 100, Irvine, CA 92618, 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 parties in possession of the property are Joshua Harrison and Kimberly Harrison or tenant(s); and said property is more commonly known as 150 Crooked Creek Drive, Covington, GA 30016. **THE SALE** will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed. **U.S. BANK** Trust National Association as trustee of LODGE SERIES IV TRUST as Attorney in Fact for Joshua Harrison and Kimberly Harrison **MCMICHAEL TAYLOR Gray, LLC 3550 ENGINEERING Drive, Suite 260 PEACHTREE CORNERS, GA 30092 404-474-7149 MTG FILE #:** GA2020-00610

**PUBLIC NOTICE #117057**  
**8/9,16,23,30**

**NOTICE OF Sale Under Power**  
**GEORGIA, NEWTON County**

**UNDER AND** by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Deed to Secure Debt given by **Deatra M. Royal nka Deatra M. Alexander** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS") as nominee for Accredited Home Lenders, Inc., dated December 5, 2006, and recorded in Deed Book 2378, Page 454, Newton County, Georgia records, as last transferred to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Indenture Trustee, on behalf of the holders of the Accredited Mortgage Loan Trust 2007-1 Asset Backed Notes by Assignment recorded in Deed Book 3787, Page 115, Newton County, Georgia records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of \$111,600.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in September, 2020, to wit: September 1, 2020, the following described property: **ALL THAT** tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 69 of the 10th District, Newton County, Georgia, being Lot 10, Block A, Unit II of Lakeside Subdivision, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 22, Page 111, revised at Plat Book 24, Page 7, Newton County, Georgia Records, which recorded plat is incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this description.

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

**SAID PROPERTY** is commonly known as 130 Lakeside Drive, Covington, GA 30016, together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): Deatra M Royal nka Deatra M. Alexander or tenant or tenants.

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

**THE SALE** will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; (2) O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1; and (3) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed.

**PURSUANT TO** O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and nonjudicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided in the preceding paragraph.

**PURSUANT TO** O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2, the entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: **SELECT PORTFOLIO** Servicing, Inc. **ATTENTION: LOSS** Mitigation Department **3217 S. Decker Lake Drive SALT LAKE City, Utah 84119 1-888-818-6032**

**THE FOREGOING** notwithstanding, nothing in O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require the secured creditor to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the Deed to Secure Debt described herein.

**THIS SALE** is conducted on behalf of the secured creditor under the power of sale granted in the aforementioned security instrument, specifically being **DEUTSCHE BANK** National Trust Company, as Indenture Trustee, on behalf of the holders of the Accredited Mortgage Loan Trust 2007-1 Asset Backed Notes **AS ATTORNEY** in fact for **DEATRA M. Royal nka Deatra M. Alexander** **RICHARD B. Maner, P.C. 180 INTERSTATE N Parkway, Suite 200 ATLANTA, GA 30339 404.252.6385** **THIS LAW FIRM** IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE

USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. **FC19-312**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #117055**  
**8/2,9,16,23**

**NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER**  
**STATE OF GEORGIA**  
**COUNTY OF NEWTON**

**A DEFAULT** having occurred under the terms of the Promissory Note from **MCREI LOGANVILLE, LLC** to **NEWTON FEDERAL BANK** (in the original principal sum of \$553,000.00) dated June 26, 2018 and modified on September 17, 2018, secured by a Deed to Secure Debt and Security Agreement dated June 26, 2018 and recorded in Deed Book 3717, page 526, Newton County Records; and the entire indebtedness having been declared due and payable as therein provided, under the powers contained in said deed and in accordance with the terms thereof, there will be sold on the courthouse steps in said county at public outcry, during the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in September, 2020, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property, to wit: **ALL THOSE TRACTS OR PARCELS OF LAND** lying and being in Land Lot 404 of the 16th District, Newton County, Georgia and being shown as Lots 30 and 31, The Highlands of Haynes Creek, Unit One on a plat of survey of same recorded in Plat Book 22, Page 236, public records of Newton County, Georgia which is by reference thereto incorporated herein and made a part hereof for a more particular and complete description.

**SAID PROPERTY** being known as 100 Highlands Lane, Oxford, Georgia in accordance with the current system of numbering properties in Newton County, Georgia

**NOTICE OF** the initiation of this proceeding has been given to **ROBERT A. COLEMAN** and **LESLIE B. COLEMAN**, as required by Georgia Laws 1981, p. 834 (O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.1 et. seq.).

**THIS PROPERTY** is being sold as the property of **MCREI LOGANVILLE, LLC** subject to unpaid ad valorem taxes. The proceeds of said sale shall be distributed in accordance with the terms of said security deed.

**NEWTON FEDERAL BANK, AS ATTORNEY-IN-FACT FOR MCREI LOGANVILLE, LLC EDGAR LAW Firm 1132 FLOYD Street COVINGTON, GA 30014**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #117077**  
**8/9,16,23,30**

**NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER**  
**STATE OF GEORGIA**  
**COUNTY OF NEWTON**

**A DEFAULT** having occurred under the terms of the Promissory Note from **ROBERT A. COLEMAN** and **LESLIE B. COLEMAN** to **NEWTON FEDERAL BANK** (in the original principal sum of \$230,000.00) dated February 10, 2017 secured by a Security Deed of even date therewith recorded in Deed Book 3534, pages 287-303, Newton County Records; and the entire indebtedness having been declared due and payable as therein provided, under the powers contained in said deed and in accordance with the terms thereof, there will be sold on the courthouse steps in said county at public outcry, during the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in September, 2020, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property, to wit: **ALL THOSE TRACTS OR PARCELS OF LAND** lying and being in Land Lot 404 of the 16th District, Newton County, Georgia and being shown as Lots 30 and 31, The Highlands of Haynes Creek, Unit One on a plat of survey of same recorded in Plat Book 22, Page 236, public records of Newton County, Georgia which is by reference thereto incorporated herein and made a part hereof for a more particular and complete description.

**SAID PROPERTY** being known as 100 Highlands Lane, Oxford, Georgia in accordance with the current system of numbering properties in Newton County, Georgia

**NOTICE OF** the initiation of this proceeding has been given to **ROBERT A. COLEMAN** and **LESLIE B. COLEMAN**, as required by Georgia Laws 1981, p. 834 (O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.1 et. seq.).

**THIS PROPERTY** is being sold as the property of **ROBERT A. COLEMAN** and **LESLIE B. COLEMAN** subject to unpaid ad valorem taxes. The proceeds of said sale shall be distributed in accordance with the terms of said security deed.

**NEWTON FEDERAL BANK, AS ATTORNEY-IN-FACT FOR ROBERT A. COLEMAN and LESLIE B. COLEMAN EDGAR LAW Firm 1132 FLOYD Street COVINGTON, GA 30014**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #117076**  
**8/9,16,23,30**

**NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER,**  
**NEWTON COUNTY**

**PURSUANT TO** the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **David Bailey** to Argent Mortgage Company, LLC dated 1/21/2005 and recorded in Deed Book 1836 Page 171 Newton County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee for Park Place Securities, Inc. Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2005-WHQ2, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$178,500.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia (or such other area as designated by Order of the Superior Court of said county), within the legal hours of sale on September 1, 2020 (being the first Tuesday of said month unless said date falls on a Federal Holiday, in which case being the first Wednesday of said month), the following described property:

**ALL THAT** tract or parcel of land lying and being in the Town of Mansfield, Newton County, Georgia, containing one (1) acre, more or less, and being the Earnest M. Hays homeplace (formerly A. B. Thompson home place), said property being conveyed to Earnest M. Hays by the National Bank of Athens on April 7, 1933, and recorded in Deed Book 26, Page 136, Clerk's Office, Newton Superior Court and bounded now or formerly as follows:

On the Northwest by Armstrong Street; on the Northeast by A. E. Hays; on the East by Otis Spillers; South by Guy Morgan and Southwest by Doc Milloy property; this being improved property

known as Tax Parcel ID# M003-007.

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

**SAID PROPERTY** is commonly known as 32 North Ivy Street, Mansfield, GA 30055 together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): Steven W. Jacques or tenant or tenants.

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

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



**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 Finance of America Reverse LLC 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 September 1, 2020 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 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 The Estate of Paul Holfeld, The Estate of Barbara A. Holfeld, The Unknown Heirs of Paul Holfeld, The Unknown Heirs of 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 The Estate of Paul Holfeld, The Estate of Barbara A. Holfeld, The Unknown Heirs of Paul Holfeld, The Unknown Heirs of 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 Finance of America Reverse LLC as Attorney in Fact for Paul Holfeld and Barbara A. Holfeld 100 Galleria Parkway, Suite 960 Atlanta, GA 30339 Phone: (770) 373-4242 By: Cory Sims For the Firm THIS FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. - 20-005361 A-4724974 07/26/2020, 08/02/2020, 08/09/2020, 08/16/2020, 08/23/2020, 08/30/2020

## PUBLIC NOTICE #117038 7/26,8/2,9,16,23,30

## STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF NEWTON NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

**UNDER AND** by virtue of the power of sale contained with that certain Security Deed dated June 17, 2014, from **TERENCE HARRIS** to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR WR STARKEY MORTGAGE, LLP, recorded on June 19, 2014 in Deed Book 3238 at Page 384 Newton County, Georgia records, having been last sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed to Caliber Home Loans, Inc.by Assignment and said Security Deed having been given to secure a note dated June 17, 2014, in the amount of \$176,739.00, 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 September 1, 2020 the following described real property (hereinafter referred to as the "Property"): ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOTS 13 AND 14 OF THE 8TH DISTRICT OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 59, WEATHERFORD, AS SHOWN ON A PLAT OR SURVEY MADE OF WEATHERFORD OF RECORD AT PLAT BOOK 40, PAGES 166, 167, 168, 170, 171, 172 AND 173, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS. THE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY AS CONTAINED ON SAID PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY THIS REFERENCE AND MADE A PART HEREOF. 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 is Terence Harris By Ava Harris, Attorney-In-Fact. The property, being commonly known as **45 Silvertown Drive , Covington, GA, 30016** in Newton County, will be sold as the property of Terence Harris By Ava Harris, Attorney-In-Fact, 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: CALIBER HOME LOANS, 13801 Wireless Way, Oklahoma City, OK 73134, 1-800-401-6587 . 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 Caliber Home Loans, Inc. as Attorney in Fact for TERENCE HARRIS 100 Galleria Parkway, Suite 960 Atlanta, GA 30339 Phone: (770) 373-4242 By: Cory Sims For the Firm THIS FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. - 18-027682 A-4725634 08/02/2020, 08/09/2020, 08/16/2020, 08/23/2020

## PUBLIC NOTICE #117054 8/2

## STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF NEWTON NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

**BY VIRTUE** of the power of sale contained in that certain Deed to Secure Debt from **CHARICE COPELAND-GREENE and THANE GREENE** to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR FREMONT INVESTMENT & LOAN dated July 27, 2005, filed for record August 5, 2005, and recorded in Deed Book 1973, Page 385, NEWTON County, Georgia Records, and as modified by that certain Loan Modification Agreement recorded in Deed Book 2871, Page 571, NEWTON County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 2005, FREMONT HOME LOAN TRUST 2005-D by assignment recorded in Deed Book 2646, Page 474, NEWTON County, Georgia Records. Said Deed to Secure Debt having been given to secure a Note dated July 27, 2005 in the original principal sum of ONE HUNDRED TWENTY EIGHT THOUSAND AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$128,000.00), with interest from date at the rate stated in said Note on the unpaid balance until paid, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door at NEWTON County, Georgia, or at such place as has or may be lawfully designated as an alternative location, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in September, 2020, the following described property: **ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 138 10TH DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 390, THE FIELDS OF ELLINGTON SUBDIVISION, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 41, PAGES 138-152, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS, SAID PLAT BEING INCORPORATED HEREIN AND MADE REFERENCE HERETO. TO THE** best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is CHARICE COPELAND-GREENE and THANE GREENE or a tenant or tenants. Said property may more commonly be known as: **35 CARRINGTON CIRCLE, COVINGTON, GA 30016-1363. THE DEBT** secured by said Deed to Secure Debt has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, non-payment of the monthly installments on said loan. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).

**THE INDIVIDUAL** or entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the loan is PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION, 1 MORTGAGE WAY, MT LAUREL, NJ 08054; (800) 746-2936.

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

**THE 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. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and nonjudicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided in the preceding paragraph. "Auction services to be provided by Auction.com (www.auction.com)" **HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR FREMONT HOME LOAN TRUST 2005-D, MORTGAGE-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-D AS ATTORNEY-IN-FACT for CHARICE COPELAND-GREENE THANE GREENE PHELAN HALLINAN** Diamond & Jones, PLLC **11675 GREAT Oaks Way, Suite 320 ALPHARETTA, GA 30022 TELEPHONE: 770-393-4300 FAX: 770-393-4310 PH # 47536**

**THIS LAW** firm is acting as a debt collector. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

## PUBLIC NOTICE #117015 8/2,9,16,23,30

## Juvenile Court

## IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE INTEREST OF: **D.L. SEX:** Female **DOB:** 02/19/2019 **CASE** 107-20J-0283 **CHILD** Under 18 years of Age

## SUMMONS

**TO:** **JOHN DOE,** and any unknown, unnamed biological father or other persons claiming to have a parental interest in the minor child

named above born to DANIELLA C. LESLIE on the date above-listed.

**A PETITION** to Terminate Parental Rights was filed in this Court on July 14, 2020, by the Georgia Department of Human Services, by and through the Newton County Department of Family and Children Services, concerning the above child(ren). In accordance with O.C.G.A. §15-11-281, you are hereby notified that this proceeding and the hearing(s) specified herein is for the purpose of terminating your parental rights and to place permanent custody of said child(ren) with the Georgia Department of Human Services, by and through the Newton County Department of Family and Children Services, pending adoption. The Court shall mail a copy of said Petition to the last known address of the above-named parent(s) within fifteen (15) days of filing of the Order of Service by Publication. This is a summons requiring you to be in Court. If you fail to come to court as required, you may be held in contempt of court and punished accordingly.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** you, the party(ies) named above, are commanded to be and appear on the date and time stated below, and to remain in attendance from hour to hour, day to day, month to month, year to year, and time to time, as said case may be continued, and until discharged from the court, and you are commanded to lay any and all business aside and to be and appear in said Court at the time and place below stated, each of you then and there to make defense thereto and to show cause why the said child(ren) and all parties named herein should not be dealt with according to the provisions of the law.

## NOTICE OF EFFECT OF TERMINATION JUDGMENT

**GEORGIA LAW** provides that you can permanently lose your rights as a parent. A Petition to Terminate Parental Rights has been filed requesting the Court to terminate your parental rights to your child(ren). A copy of the Petition to Terminate Parental Rights can be obtained from the Clerk of the Newton County Juvenile Court. A court hearing of your case has been scheduled for the 29th day of September, 2020, at 9:00 a.m., at the Newton County Juvenile Court, Newton County Judicial Center, 1132 Usher Street, NW, Covington, Georgia 30014.

**IF YOU** fail to appear, the Court can terminate your rights in your absence.

**IF THE** court at the trial finds that the facts set out in the Petition to Terminate Parental Rights are true and that termination of your rights will serve the best interests of your child(ren), the court can enter a judgment ending your rights to your child(ren).

**IF THE** judgment terminates your parental rights, you will no longer have any rights to your child(ren). This means that you will not have the right to visit, contact, or have custody of your child(ren) or make any decisions affecting your child(ren) or your child(ren)'s earnings or property. Your child(ren) will be legally freed to be adopted by someone else.

**EVEN IF** your parental rights are terminated:

(1) **YOU** will still be responsible for providing financial support (child support payments) for your child(ren)'s care unless and until your child(ren) is/are adopted; and

(2) **YOUR** child(ren) can still inherit from you unless and until your child(ren) is/are adopted.

**PURSUANT** to statute, you are put on notice that as a biological father you may lose all rights to your child(ren) named above and will not be entitled to object to the termination of your rights to such child(ren) unless, within 30 days of receipt of notice, you file:

(1) **A** petition to legitimate such child(ren); and

(2) **NOTICE** of the filing of the petition to legitimate with the Court in which the termination of parental rights proceeding is pending.

**THIS IS** a very serious matter. A party is entitled to an attorney in the proceedings. You should contact an attorney immediately so that you can be prepared for the court hearing. You have the right to hire an attorney and to have him or her represent you. If you cannot afford to hire an attorney, the Court will appoint an attorney if the Court finds that you are an indigent person. Whether or not you decide to hire an attorney, you have the right to attend the hearing of your case, to call witnesses on your behalf, and to question those witnesses brought against you.

**IF YOU** have any questions concerning this notice, you may call the telephone number of the clerk's office which is 770-784-2060.

**THIS IS** a summons requiring you to be in Court. If you fail to come to court as required, you may be held in contempt of court and punished accordingly.

**WITNESS THE** Honorable Jenny S. Carter, Associate Judge of said Court, this 14th day of July, 2020.

**JANELL GAINES (DEPUTY) CLERK JUVENILE COURT** of Newton County, Georgia

## PUBLIC NOTICE #117069 8/2,9,16,23

## Name Changes

## IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

**IN RE** the Name Change of Child(ren): **JAYLAN KEITH LAWHORN**

**LACEY STREETER PETITIONER, VS. JAMES KEITH LAWHORN, JR. RESPONDENT. CIVIL ACTION NUMBER** 2020-CV-1426-2

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

**LACEY STREETER** filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on JULY 24, 2020, to change the name(s)

of the following minor child(ren) **FROM: JAYLAN KEITH LAWHORN TO JAYLAN KEITH LAWHORN STREETER.**

**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 #117094 8/9,16,23,30

## IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

**IN RE** the Name Change of Child(ren): **JONATHAN EMMANUEL ARREOLA**

**ANGELINA GUTIERREZ PETITIONER, VS. RESPONDENT. CIVIL ACTION NUMBER** 2020-CV-1427-3

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

**ANGELINA GUTIERREZ** filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on JULY 27, 2020, to change the name(s) of the following minor child(ren) **FROM: JONATHAN EMMANUEL ARREOLA to JONATHAN EMMANUEL GUTIERREZ. 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 #117095 8/9,16,23,30

## IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

**IN RE** the Name Change of Child(ren): **LAILA SIMONE HENDERSON**

**BRIYANAH RICHARDSON MILLER PETITIONER, VS. CHANCE LANE HENDERSON RESPONDENT. CIVIL ACTION NUMBER** SUCV2020001292

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

**BRIYANAH RICHARDSON MILLER** filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on JUNE 30, 2020, to change the name(s) of the following minor child(ren) **FROM: LAILA SIMONE HENDERSON TO LAILA SIMONE MILLER. 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 #117052 8/2,9,16,23

## IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

**IN RE** the Name Change of Child(ren): **SIERRA SHANELLE NELSON**

**JELICIA SHANELLE TUKES PETITIONER, VS. LEDARRIS DEMOND NELSON RESPONDENT. CIVIL ACTION NUMBER** 2020-CV-1441-2

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

**JELICIA SHANELLE TUKES** filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on JULY 28, 2020, to change the name(s) of the following minor child(ren) **FROM: SIERRA SHANELLE NELSON TO SIERRA SHANELLE TUKES. 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 #117097 8/9,16,23,30

## IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

**IN RE** the Name Change of: **ALIBRA BAKER PETITIONER CIVIL ACTION** File Number: 2020-CV-1442-1

## NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF ADULT

**ALIBRA SHUNTA BAKER** filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on **July 28, 2020** to change the name from **ALIBRA SHUNTA BAKER to ALIBRA SHUNTA DANIEL.** Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after Petition was filed.

**DATED JULY 28, 2020**

**ALIBRA BAKER 20 WELLBROOK CT COVINGTON, GA 30016**

## NOTICE #117098 8/9,16,23,30

## IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

**IN RE** the Name Change of: **ALTHEA WINIFRED OUTLAW PETITIONER CIVIL ACTION** File Number: 2020-CV-1430-4

## NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF ADULT

**ALTHEA WINIFRED OUTLAW** filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on **July 27, 2020** to change the name from **ALTHEA WINIFRED OUTLAW to ALTHEA WINIFRED.** Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after Petition was filed.

**DATED JULY 27, 2020**

**ALTHEA WINIFRED Outlaw 125 AVONLEA Drive COVINGTON, GA 30016**

## NOTICE #117096 8/9,16,23,30

## IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

**IN RE** the Name Change of: **LESLIE DENISE SPITLER PETITIONER CIVIL ACTION** File Number: 2020-CV-1384-2

## NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE

## NAME OF ADULT

**LESLIE DENISE SPITLER** filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on **July 16, 2020** to change the name from **LESLIE DENISE SPITLER to DENISE MCKENZEE SPITLER.** Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after Petition was filed.

**DATED JULY 16, 2020**

**LESLIE DENISE Spitler 225 N. Johnson Street NEWBORN, GA 30056**

## NOTICE #117064 8/2,9,16,23

## IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

**IN RE** the Name Change of: **MARCUS WILLIAMS PETITIONER CIVIL ACTION** File Number: 2020-CV-1383-1

## NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

**YOU ARE** hereby notified that on the 20 day of July, 2020, Marcus Williams filed a Petition to Change Name in the Superior Court of Newton County. Marcus Williams desires to change his/her from **Marcus Terrill Williams to Marcus Terrill Singleton.** Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after the Petition to Change Name was filed.

**SIGNED THIS** 20 day of July, 2020.

**LINDA D. Hays CLERK OF Superior Court NEWTON COUNTY**

**MARCUS WILLIAMS 180 SHENANDOAH Dr COVINGTON, GA 30016**

## NOTICE #117068 8/2,9,16,23

## IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

**IN RE** the Name Change of: **MORGAN ECHOLS PETITIONER CIVIL ACTION** File Number: 2020-CV-1398-1

## NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF ADULT

**MORGAN BRIANA ECHOLS** filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on **JUNE 22, 2020** to change the name from **MORGAN BRIANA ECHOLS to MORGAN BRIANA LAKES.** Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after Petition was filed.

**DATED 6/22/20**

**MORGAN ECHOLS 25 CINNAMON FERN CIRCLE COVINGTON, GA 30016**

## NOTICE #117062 8/2,9,16,23

## Notice of Proceedings

## IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF Newton County STATE OF GEORGIA

**NAJARIAN CAPITAL LLC PLAINTIFF, V. THAT CERTAIN** property bearing the Address 1870 Kirkland Road, Covington, Georgia 30016, as mpre particularly descrjhed herein, et al. **DEFENDANT.**

**CIVIL ACTION NUMBER SUCV2018001634-5**

## NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

**TO: ALL** persons who may claim an interest in the land located at 1870 Kirkland Road, Covington, Georgia 30016

**BY ORDER** of the Court for service by publication dated July 24, 2020 , you are hereby notified that on August 19, 2018 (date of filing), Najarian Capital LLC (plaintiff)

**FILED SUIT** against you for fee simple title to the property, free and clear of all adverse claims.

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

**WITNESS, THE** Honorable W. Kendall Wynne, Judge of the Superior Court of Newton County

**THIS, THE** 5th day of August, 2020

**CLERK OF** Superior Court

**PUBLIC NOTICE #117144 8/16,23,30,9/6**

## IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

**TOMMIE POWELL, JR. PLAINTIFF V. GRACIE HINES DEFENDANT**

**CIVIL ACTION** No.: 2020-CV-1396-5

## NOTICE OF SUMMONS - SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

**TO: GRACIE HINES,** Defendant Named Above:

**YOU ARE** hereby notified that the above-styled action seeking Newton Co, GA (state the relief sought) was filed against you in said court on 6/24/2020, and that by reason of an order for service of summons by publication entered by the court on 6/24/2020 you are hereby commanded and required to file with the clerk of said court and serve upon Tommie Powell, plaintiff, whose address is 55 Dairyland Dr, Covington, GA 30016 an answer to the complaint within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for service by publication. If you fail to do so, judgement by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

**WITNESS THE** Honorable **W. KENDALL WYNNE, Jr.,** Judge

Superior Court of Newton County. **THIS THE** 24 day of June, 2020. **LINDA D.** Hays, Clerk **NEWTON COUNTY** Superior Court

## PUBLIC NOTICE #117093 8/9,16,23,30

## NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

**TO: R A N D Y** Lester, the heirs of Eva McGiboney, and any and all unknown persons claiming any interest in the real property known as 174 McGiboney Lane, Newton County, Georgia (Tax Parcel No. 0013000000069000).

## TAKE NOTICE THAT

on March 20, 2020, Jahad Jones and Tameyia Legette filed a Petition To Quiet Title in the Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia, in conjunction with the above referenced parcel of property, pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. §§ 23-



NUMBER: 336-686-1958:

To view online use the following link: <https://zoom.us/j/3366861958> with the Meeting ID: 336 686 1958

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #117088

8/2

CITY OF COVINGTON

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC:

NOTICE IS hereby given, per the City of Covington's Code of Ordinances Chapter 16.52 that applicant Zapata Construction has submitted a Certificate of Appropriateness Application to be considered by the Covington Historic Preservation Commission to construct a new house. The property is located within the Covington Historic District at 5112 Floyd Street, TAX PARCEL C010 0001 004A, Covington, Georgia. THE COVINGTON Historic Preservation Commission held a meeting on August 5, 2020 and the item was deferred until a Public Hearing on September 2, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at 2116 Stallings Street, Covington, Georgia.

DUE TO

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #117153

8/16

Public Sales Auctions

ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE

PETITION ADVERTISEMENT

YOU ARE hereby notified, in accordance with O.C.G.A. Section 40-11-19.1, that petitions were filed in the Magistrate Court of Newton County to foreclose liens against the vehicles listed below for all amounts owed. If a lien is foreclosed, the Court shall order the sale of the vehicle to satisfy the debt. The present location of the

vehicles is:

125 OLD Hwy 138 Loganville, GA 30052-4814

ANYONE WITH an ownership interest in a vehicle listed herein may file an answer to the petition on or before:

08/28/20

ANSWER FORMS may be found in the Magistrate Court Clerk's office located at: 1132 Usher St Room COVINGTON, GA

FORMS MAY also be obtained online at [www.georgiamagistratecouncil.com](http://www.georgiamagistratecouncil.com).

VEHICLE MAKE Year Model

VEHICLE ID # Vehicle License#

STATE MAGISTRATE Court Case No

SUZUKI 2000

ESTEEM JS2GB31S6Y5183015 20-2379AV

FORD 2016

FUSION 3FA6P0H70GR139441 20-2380AV

DODGE 2015

CHARGER 2C3CDXHG0FH826965 20-2381AV

NISSAN 2009

ALTIMA 1N4AL21E59N479779 20-2382AV

HONDA 2006

CIVIC 1HGFA16876L145863 20-2383AV

TOYOTA 2017

COROLLA 2T1BURHE1HC841943 20-2384AV

TOYOTA 2017

CAMRY 4T1BF1FK9HU699263 20-2385AV

PUBLIC NOTICE #117105

8/9, 16

NOTICE OF SALE

NORTON'S E-Z Storage will hold a public sale to enforce-a lien imposed on said property, as described below, pursuant to the Georgia Self Storage Facility Act, Georgia Code 10-4-213 at Norton's E-Z Storage 7101 Turner Lake Circle, Covington, GA (770) 784-9110 on Saturday, August 22,2020 at 10:00 A.M. Said property will be sold without warranties as to condition or workability. Management reserves the right to refuse any bid or withdraw any

unit from the sale.

UNIT#

OCCUPANT

101

COOK, Tanya

013

HARDEMAN, Marlon

075

HARRIS, CHARLES

180

LOWES, SCOTT

114

MARTIN, Victorea

137

MCGUIRE, Cindy

170

QUINONES, Carlos

079

RAINS, Kimberli

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SHY, SOKITHIA

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SIMON, Dale

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SMITH, Jacqueline

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SMITH, Jacqueline

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STEPHENS, Lawann

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WINTER, ETAHELY

PUBLIC NOTICE # 117144

8/16,23

PUBLIC AUCTION

SELLARS WRECKER Services, In accordance with the OCGA (40-11-2) the following vehicle will be sold to the highest bidder at public auction that will be held on August 29, 2020. Sealed bids will be accepted from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at Sellars Wrecker Services, 295 Hwy 162, Covington Ga. 30016.

• 2001 VOLVO S60 YV1RS58D812014105

• 2004 TOYOTA SEQUOIA 5TDZTR1A345219962

• 2005 NISSAN SENTRA 3N1CB51D25L501183

• 2005 NISSAN ALTIMA 1N4AL11D35N904699

• 2010 NISSAN ALTIMA 1N4AL2APXAN430390

• 1996 NISSAN ALTIMA 1N4BU31D9TC127287

• 2006 NISSAN ALTIMA 1N4AL11E26N332891

• 2001 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE 1J4GW48S11C707175

• 1995 LINCOLN CONTINENTAL 1NLNM97V5SY755765

• 1995 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE 1J4FX58S6SC556253

• 2005 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE 1J4GR48K45C553767

• 2016 HYUNDAI SONATA

5NPE24AF8GH263327

• 2008 HONDA CRV JHLRE38778C030699

• 1999 FORD CROWN VICTORIA 2FAFP74W7XX188658

• 2001 FORD MUSTANG 1FAPP42X91F107723

• 2003 DODGE RAM VAN 2D7JB21233K530110

• 2002 DODGE DURANGO 1B4HS58ZX2F185572

• 2008 CHEVROLET IMPALA 2G1WS553789181385

• 2005 CHEVROLET AVALANCHE 3GNEC12Z55G229279

• 2000 BMW 328i WBAAM5347YFR20802

• 1999 FORD EXPLORER 1FMZU32E6XZA87037

PUBLIC NOTICE #117145

816,823

PUBLIC AUCTION

NOTICE OF SALE

BUDGET SELF Storage of Covington, pursuant to the Georgia Self Storage Act, 10-4-213, shall conduct a public sale of the following units at 6217 Highway 278 NE, Covington, GA 30014; 770-787-0900; after 1 p.m. on Tuesday, August 25th, 2020. All bids will be accepted online through [www.storageauctions.com](http://www.storageauctions.com). Budget Self Storage of Covington reserves the right to withdraw units from such sale and reject any bid. Terms of sale are cash or money order only. The following unit will be sold:

• E07 Brittany Simmons-Smith: This unit appears to contain boxes, dirt bike, bicycle, kid toys, Christmas decorations, storage bins, books, and weed eater.

• G16 Enrique Banks: This unit appears to contain a mattress, nightstand, rails, bed frame, mirror, & dresser.

PUBLIC NOTICE #117103

8/9, 16

PUBLIC AUCTION:

Sellars Wrecker Services, In accordance with the OCGA (40-11-2) the following vehicle will be sold to the highest bidder at public auction that will be held on August 22, 2020. Sealed bids will be accepted from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at Sellars Wrecker Services, 295 Hwy 162, Covington, Ga. 30016.

• 2003 NISSAN ALTIMA 1N4AL11D73C268880

• 2000 TOYATO CAOROLLA 1NXBR12E1YZ315029

• 2006 BMW 525i WBANE53546CK86967

• 2001 HONDA ACCORD

1HGCF86671A100261

• 2010 MITSUBISHI GALANT 4A32B2FF9AE004365

• 2003 HONDA ACCORD 1HGCM66883A039582

• 1994 CHEVROLET GMT-400 K1500 1GCEK14K5RZ283098

• 1997 MAZDA B4000 4F4DR17X6VTM04062

• 2004 VOLKSWAGEN PASSAT WVWRH63B14P256838

• 2001 CHEVROLET MALIBU 1G1ND52J516248071

• 2007 DODGE CALIBER 1B3HB48B97D287238

• 2002 KIA SEDONA KNDUP131026209472

• VIP MOTOR SCOOTER L9NTCBADJX1010887

• BOX TRALIER 3526877

• 2003 MITSUBISHI GALANT 4A3AA46G93E142929

• 2002 DODGE DURANGO 1B4HS58ZX2F185572

PUBLIC NOTICE #117092

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Trade Names

TRADE NAME

REGISTRATION

AFFIDAVIT

GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

TO WHOM It may Concern:

PLEASE BE advised that MEGAN REED, whose address is 430 St. ANNES PLACE COVINGTON, GA 30016 is the owner(s) of the certain business now being carried on at 430 St. ANNES PLACE COVINGTON, GA 30016 in the following trade name, to-wit: THE CHARMED CANARY; and that the nature of said business is: CLOTHING AND DECOR

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 27th day of JULY, 2020.

PUBLIC NOTICE #117150

8/16,23

TRADE NAME

REGISTRATION

AFFIDAVIT

GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

TO WHOM It may Concern:

PLEASE BE advised that MONIQUE NORRIS, whose address is 20 DEWS TRAIL, COVINGTON, GA 30014 is the owner(s) of the certain business now being carried on at 20 DEWS TRAIL, COVINGTON, GA 30014 in the following trade name, to-wit: UNIQUE JEWELS ; and that the nature of said business is: JEWELRY

ACCESSORIES.

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 11th day of AUGUST, 2020.

PUBLIC NOTICE #117152

8/16,23

TRADE NAME

REGISTRATION

AFFIDAVIT

GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

TO WHOM It may Concern:

PLEASE BE advised that TAMARA JONES, whose address is 75 FOREST COURT, COVINGTON, GA 30016 is/are the owner(s) of the certain business now being carried on at 75 FOREST COURT, COVINGTON, GA 30016 in the following trade name, to-wit: TAMARA'S RACK'S; and that the nature of said business is: GARMENT AND ACCESSORIES,SEWING AND PERSONALIZATION,SEWING INSTRUCTION

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 31st day of JULY, 2020.

PUBLIC NOTICE #117149

8/16,23

TRADE NAME

REGISTRATION

AFFIDAVIT

GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

TO WHOM It may Concern:

PLEASE BE advised that, Keith J. Rondon whose address is 275 Teresa Lane, Loganville, Ga. 30052 and Keith Rondon Refinishes, LLC, whose address is 4160 Logan Dr. Unit 2821, Loganville, Ga. 30052 is/are the owner(s) of the certain business now being carried on at 5119 U.S. 278 Northwest, Covington, Ga. 30014 (AKA:5119 U.S. 278 NW) (AKA:5119 Hwy 278 NW) in the following trade name, to-wit: Dent Scene; and that the nature of said business is: Automotive Cosmetic Repair: Paintless Dent Repair (PDR), Scratch Repair, Touch-up.

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 6th day of August, 2020.

PUBLIC NOTICE #117146

8/16,23

BRIEFLY

Chairman: Using staff attorney could reduce county's legal costs

Covington cancels Labor Day fireworks

COVINGTON, Ga. — The Covington City Council voted unanimously Monday, Aug. 3, to cancel the fireworks display slated for Labor Day weekend due to the rising number of local COVID-19 cases.

In May, the city's annual fireworks event was first postponed from its traditional Fourth of July date to Sept. 5, also due to the pandemic.

"I don't see the numbers going down, even though I don't have a crystal ball nor has the Lord told me anything," Councilwoman Hawnethia Williams said. "But from the fact of numbers increasing on a daily basis, I feel like we're in for a long haul with this (coronavirus)."

A cancellation/rescheduling penalty of \$1,500 will be paid for by Friends of Covington Fireworks, Inc.

Covington PD's annual Fuzz Run goes virtual

COVINGTON, Ga. — Due to the "continued spread of COVID-19," the 37th annual Fuzz Run will become a virtual event, the Covington Police Department announced Monday, Aug. 10.

The Fuzz Run is a fundraiser event for the Police Who Care Fund and has drawn more than 3,000 runners and spectators annually. It consists of a 1-mile fun run and a 5K race.

Race organizers said this year's race would be held virtually and remain open for one week starting Saturday, Sept. 12, at 8 a.m. through Saturday, Sept. 19, at noon.

Online registration will remain open at [covington-fuzzrun.com](http://covington-fuzzrun.com) until Thursday, Sept. 10, at 5 p.m. Packet pick-up will begin on Friday, Sept. 11, and continue through Friday, Sept. 18.

There will also be a mailing option for those who prefer to receive their Fuzz Run swag in this way. Swag will include a T-shirt and PPE.

By TOM SPIGOLON

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Newton County's chairman says the government should consider hiring a staff attorney rather than using an outside law firm so it can reduce legal costs that are much higher than many comparable metro Atlanta counties.

In his weekly "Chairman's Corner" column, Chairman Marcello Banes of the Newton County Board of Commissioners said that creation of a county legal department with one salaried attorney and one support staff person "is an example of how we can drastically reduce our legal fees and legal expenses."

He said his research showed Newton County government pays more for legal services than its neighboring counties and some larger counties in metro Atlanta.

"Based upon these findings, I believe that Newton County should quickly transition to an in-house attorney," he said. "After the incorporation of our new Strategic Plan, I am confident that our County Manager Lloyd Kerr, with the assistance of an in-house counsel, has the proper staffing to address Department and Human Resource legal issues that may arise on a daily (basis)."

"The creation of a county Legal Department with one salaried attorney and one support staff is an example of how we can drastically reduce our legal fees and legal expenses.

"As an alternative, if a contract attorney is chosen, the legal fees and legal expenses should be capped between \$350,000 and \$450,000, in line with the spending of multiple other comparable (jurisdictions)."

Banes said Newton County paid a total of \$944,562 to two different law firms representing the county government and sheriff's office in the 2020 fiscal year. That amount has fluctuated annually but has averaged about \$910,000 annually since 2010, according to figures Banes reported.

By comparison, some larger counties spent much less in 2020, including Henry County at \$589,000, Hall County at \$765,310, and Paulding County at \$504,707.

Counties comparable in size to Newton also spent less, including Fayette (which uses a staff attorney), \$150,167; Lowndes, \$409,391; and Bartow, \$124,340.

Some neighboring counties' comparable costs include Walton, \$217,152; and Rockdale, \$640,165, according to spending numbers provided by Banes.

"The above data was compiled from open records requests presented to the respective counties asking for legal fees and legal expenses paid by the county for legal services rendered to the county and sheriff's office for the last two fiscal years. While the start and end time of the fiscal year may differ among the counties, the period of time covered is 12 months, with the exception of Coweta County, which had only nine months available for FY2020."

The county government has used the Forsyth County-based firm of Jarrard and Davis since before he took office, Banes said.

The county contracted with the firm after effectively firing its former, long-time attorney, Tommy Craig, in 2015 amid questions about management of

funds for the Bear Creek Reservoir project which was later abandoned.

The county commission eventually hired Jarrard and Davis. The sheriff's office, however, still uses Craig for its legal work.

"I greatly appreciate the hard work that (Jarrard and Davis) has done during a difficult transition period. However, it is clear that the time has come to address our legal costs in a more aggressive manner," Banes said.

He said legal fees are among the Newton County government's highest expenses and "the issue of our legal fees and legal expenses has always caught my attention" since taking office in 2016.

"Throughout the last year I have discussed legal fees with many officials from our neighboring counties and our commissioners. In addition, I have researched the handling of legal needs, legal fees and legal expenses in several counties with similar populations and characteristics of Newton County. My research has shown a drastic difference between our legal fees and those of our neighbors," he said.

"It is important to note that these counties have liability insurance that provide legal defense for civil damage claims filed against the county or sheriff's office. There is a \$10,000 deductible that is paid by the county per claim. The fees associated with the deductible are not included in these figures," Banes wrote.

Many counties he researched either used a single local law firm or an in-house attorney, he said.

Newton County, Covington approve property tax rollbacks

By TOM SPIGOLON

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COVINGTON, Ga. — The Newton County Board of Commissioners approved a property tax rate Tuesday, Aug. 4, that was almost 4% lower than the previous year.

The rate was 12.916 mills which is almost 4% below the 2020 rate of 13.43 mills.

It also represented a full rollback of the property tax rate as defined by the state government, county officials said.

The state defines the full rollback rate as the one that will produce the same amount of revenue from property taxes as the previ-

ous year if no reassessments had been done.

However, County Manager Lloyd Kerr has said some residents could see higher property tax bills if their home values increased by more than the 7.27% increase in the tax digest — which is the total value of all taxable property within Newton County.

The property tax rate will help fund the county government's 2021 budget that was 5.8% larger than the 2020 budget. County commissioners voted July 21 to approve a \$104.6 million budget for 2021.

The Covington City Council also recently adopted a resolution to roll back the 2020 millage rate to 7.186.

According to documents provided by the city, the millage rate for 2019 was 7.413, meaning the rollback rate of 7.186 is a decrease of 0.227, which results in a decrease of \$140,018 in tax collections (-2.6%).

In other action Aug. 4, the Board of Commissioners approved the sale of almost 7 acres of land, previously purchased for a reservoir, back to its former owners.

The county purchased the land and surrounding tracts southeast of Covington in the early 2000s for construc-

tion of the Bear Creek Reservoir — which the county abandoned amid problems with gaining required permits among other issues.

Jack and Miriam G. Wheeler bought the land, including 6.7 acres and easement land totaling almost 9 acres, for \$119,000.

Commissioners also approved the sheriff's office's request to accept an \$842,000 federal COPS grant that will allow it to pay salaries and benefits for seven deputies over three years.

The board had to match 25% of the amount — bringing the total amount to more than \$1.1 million.



## Eye of the storm

Lady Eagles blow past Jasper County in season opener

By MASON WITTNER  
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Following a postponement Monday and an hour-long lightning delay Wednesday, the Eastside High School softball team began to think it might never get to play its season opener against Jasper County.

Fortunately the skies eventually cleared, the players took their spots on the diamond and the Lady Eagles were able to open their 2020 campaign. In the end, it proved to be worth the wait.

Once the rain came to a halt, Eastside poured it on ceaselessly to the tune of a 14-1 victory over the Lady Hurricanes in four innings.

“I can’t really complain much when we scored 14 runs, we won and it’s the home open-

er,” head coach Heather Wood said. “But there are little things here we know we have to do better even when we have this big of a lead. We started a little slow and we get did a little sloppy, but those are things we have to deal with when you have a rain or lightning delay.”

Freshman right-hander Dezaria Johnson made her first varsity start in the circle and looked sharp from the get-go. Coming off an appearance in last week’s scrimmage against Locust Grove, Johnson allowed just one unearned run while striking out four over four innings of work.

Johnson struggled to find the zone at times — 25 of her 65 pitches were taken for balls — but Eastside plans to continue tapping into the potential of the hard-throwing transfer from Indian Creek.

“Right now we’re trying to give Dezaria as much as experience as we can and develop her as much as possi-

ble,” Wood said. “She’s thrown right into the circle as a freshman and that carries a lot of responsibility, so we’re just thankful that she threw last week and then she was able to get this game in today. The more innings she throws, the better she’s gonna be.”

The Lady Eagles made life easy on their freshman arm by providing an abundance of run support early on.

Following a walk and a single to open the home half of the first inning, sophomore Alyssa Cruz ripped a two-run double to left field to open the scoring. Eastside tacked on seven more runs that frame before piling on five more in the second inning.

Junior Lauren Burnett led the charge offensively by going 3-for-3 with 6 RBI. Fellow junior Natalie Ray also produced a multi-hit performance, finishing 2-for-3 at the dish with a pair of RBI.

Eastside returned



Mason Wittner | The Covington News

Eastside freshman Dezaria Johnson pitched a complete game while allowing one unearned run in her first varsity start Wednesday.

action Friday when it traveled to Morgan County for a three-team doubleheader.

The Lady Eagles were scheduled to square off against Hart County at 6:30 p.m., followed by

a duel against Morgan County at 8 p.m.

## Lady Rams pummel Upson-Lee in home opener

Newton off to historic 4-0 start after beating Brookwood

By MASON WITTNER  
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COVINGTON, Ga. — There’s no place like home.

Playing on its own diamond for the first time in 2020, the Newton High School softball team made itself at home Tuesday evening by plowing through visiting Upson-Lee, 8-1, to move to 3-0.

Junior right-hander Hayden Pearson pitched a gem in the circle for Newton.

After giving up a run

in the opening frame, Pearson settled in and began to mow down Upson-Lee’s lineup. She went the distance and finished her outing having allowed one earned run on three hits while collecting seven strikeouts en route to the complete-game victory.

“Honestly, I don’t ever worry about Hayden,” head coach Virginia Tucker-Smith said with a grin. “I know it always seems to take her a few pitch-

es to get her going, but I don’t ever worry about Hayden. Eventually all her pitches are going to be where they’re supposed to be, and they’re going to move the way they’re supposed to move.”

Pearson received ample support from her teammates at the plate as well. The Lady Rams totaled 11 hits and pushed across eight runs — four of which came in the sixth inning

See RAMS, A11



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Hayden Pearson pitched a gem in the circle and collected a pair of RBIs for Newton on Tuesday afternoon to lead her Lady Rams to an 8-1 victory over Upson-Lee.

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# Peachtree Academy's Gaines signs with Young Harris

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COVINGTON, Ga. — Former Peachtree Academy basketball standout Jared Gaines recently furthered his academic and athletic career by signing a National Letter of Intent to play basketball at Young Harris College. Gaines' signing took place during a ceremony held in the Peachtree Academy gym with his family and close friends, as well as current and past coaches. He's the program's third basketball player in the last two years to sign a college letter of intent. Gaines joins Walker Payton and Chaz Gothard, who signed to play baseball at Berry College and Dort College, respectively. Peachtree Academy stated in a press release that it is, "extremely proud of Jared, as fine



Peachtree Academy standout Jared Gaines (center) signs his National Letter of Intent to play basketball at Young Harris College.

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a young man that has ever walked the halls of Peachtree Academy. Jared is a fine student-athlete that adds to his impressive court skills."

A combo guard,

Gaines shot 40% from the field, including 30% from 3-point range during his senior year. He averaged 13 points per game and twice had games of 25 points or more. He collected 72

assists and 53 steals on the year, showing the willingness to defend the basket and proving his value as an all-around team player. Gaines earned All-Region and All-

State honors while at Peachtree Academy. "He and his family will be missed greatly and we do look forward to watching Jared's success at the college level," athletic director

Ken VanNess said. "He is a young man that will be missed greatly in the hallways and classrooms of our school. We are proud of this young man."

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to give their ace some breathing room to work with. Despite the offensive potency she observed from her club in the late innings of the game, Tucker-Smith is concerned about how long it's taken for the bats to wake up in each of their three contests this season. "It seems like we are always slow getting started on offense," she said. "Even in the games we played on Saturday it took us two or three innings. I know we've got to get timing down, but

sometimes you may not have two or three innings to get the offense rolling... We just need to be in there aggressive and ready for the first pitch." Newton took an aggressive approach at the plate in the second inning when it ambushed Upson-Lee's Zaria Childs for back-to-back singles to open the frame. The hits would later pay off in the form of an RBI groundout to knot the game up at one run apiece. With two outs recorded

in the third inning, senior Ty'Liyah Hardeman smacked an RBI double over second base to give the Lady Rams the lead. A pair of RBI singles from Auburn commit Kyla Stroud and Aulora Edwards pushed their advantage out to 4-1. The Lady Rams used more two-out cooking to give themselves cushion in the sixth inning. Childs collected two quick outs for the Lady Knights, but Newton answered with four straight hits — a pair of singles from

Aaliyah Wilcox and Smith, followed by run-scoring doubles from Pearson and Hardeman. Newton then opened Region 4-AAAAAAA play in triumphant fashion Thursday night by rolling to a 9-5 victory over visiting Brookwood to improve to 4-0 on the year. Deadlocked at five runs apiece, the Lady Rams lit up the scoreboard for four runs in the sixth inning before closing the door in the seventh to secure the victory. The win over Brookwood

marked the first time the Lady Rams have reeled off four straight wins to start a season. Its win over Upson-Lee marked the second straight season to start 3-0 after failing to do so in any other campaign over the last decade. Next up for the club will be a trip to region foe Grayson on Tuesday, Aug. 18. The Grayson Lady Rams posted a 30-8 record last fall before finishing as the Class AAAAAAA state runner-up.

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# Newton superintendent urges community to follow guidelines, says virtual only temporary

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COVINGTON, Ga. — As the Newton County Schools Board of Education convened for a work session Tuesday night, a crowd of protesters gathered outside to petition for in-person instruction. Friday, Aug. 7, the board revised its reopening plan to remove the in-person instruction option and push the start date for students to Sept. 8 with only virtual instruction options.

During the meeting, Superintendent Samantha Fuhrey spoke of the change and reminded the community it is temporary.

“[In-person instruction] is the goal. It’s never not been the goal,” she said. “It’s the best way to educate children. And so, that’s what I’m doing. Lifting rocks. Moving mountains. Talking to folks. Waiting for our teachers to get back — our veteran teachers — to return to the buildings. I’ve heard from some of our teachers who are interested in working directly with students, and I want to try to help them make that happen. But I always have to put the health and

safety first.

“We’re going to get there. We’re going to open our schools. I don’t have any doubt in my mind about that,” Fuhrey continued. “But if we want for in-person instruction to take place ... we must bring the case numbers and the positivity rates, ER visits — all of those pieces — down.”

The superintendent challenged the community to practice social distancing, wash hands and wear masks, saying it would be the only way to make in-person instruction happen sooner rather than later. But Fuhrey said she and other administrators have driven around the county and do not see many people adhering to health and safety guidelines.

As of Friday, Aug. 14, there were 384 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Newton County within the last two weeks. Since the pandemic began, there have been 1,914 cases confirmed, 46 deaths confirmed and 199 hospitalizations confirmed across the county.

The state’s cumulative COVID-19 case total was 228,668 on Aug. 12. There have been 4,538 deaths and



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**Newton County Schools Superintendent Samantha Fuhrey speaks during the Tuesday, Aug. 11, work session.**

21,581 hospitalizations.

If Newton County’s positivity rate shows greater decline over the next few weeks, Fuhrey alluded that in-person instruction options would be put back on the table.

“As I said when we had the [instruction] options, that if the conditions warrant a pivot to another action, then I would take that action,” Fuhrey said. “Same thing in this situation. If the conditions warrant a pivot, we will pivot and do what we need to do. And I just want to assure people in the community that this is, for me, temporary as we work to drive down the numbers of positive cases in our community.”

Before Fuhrey’s

comments, board member Trey Bailey asked administrators how students with Individualized Education Programs (IEP) or special needs would continue being supported. He wanted to make sure they weren’t going to be “left behind.”

Chief Academic Officer Benjamin Roundtree said if administrators deemed a change to IEP services was needed, the change would be made; however, changes haven’t been needed.

He said that was why parents of students with an IEP were not being contacted, because no significant changes to the service have been made. The only change is where the services will take place,

Roundtree said.

If parents feel changes are needed for their students’ IEP or have any other concerns, Roundtree encouraged them to email Special Education Director Brooke Ramsey at [ramsey.brooke@newton.k12.ga.us](mailto:ramsey.brooke@newton.k12.ga.us).

In other business, the board reviewed agenda items for the next regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 18, and approved a handful of business items.

Approved business items included:

- The purchase of 5.818 acres of property for \$70,177, as recommended by the superintendent. According to documents provided, the property is “required for the replacement high school facility” for Eastside. The property includes the tract of parcel of land lying and being in Newton County and being a part of that property deeded to East Newton Baptist Church, Inc.

- The purchase of Zoom video, web conferencing software needed for the school system from CDW-G of Vernon Hills, Illinois, in the amount of \$35,572 to be paid for from the FY 2021 Gen-

eral Fund. The software architecture can be used to replace the school system’s legacy hardware conference rooms at about 1/9th of the price, administrators said, while requiring no ongoing maintenance costs as do hardware defined conferences rooms. Administrators said the software requires less dedicated bandwidth than other video/web conferencing solutions.

- The purchase of Chromebooks needed for select schools from Dell Marketing L.P. of Round Rock, Texas, in the amount of \$360,525. Administrators said the purchase brings the system closer to the 1:1 Chromebook to student ratio.

- The purchase of hand sanitizer and dispensers needed for the school system from Buckeye Cleaning Centers of Norcross for approximately \$70,000. The purchase was made to ensure the school system has plenty of hand sanitizer on hand and avoid a potential shortage when students return to school.

- The superintendent’s personnel recommendations previously discussed in an executive session.

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to begin the school year on Aug. 24 with all-virtual learning.

They later tied 2-2 on a vote to approve Fuhrey’s recommendation to begin the school year Sept. 8 with a mix of in-person and virtual learning options — but following a board meeting Aug. 31 that potentially could have changed the learning method based on latest COVID-19 numbers.

Chairwoman Shakila Henderson-Baker said the tie votes meant Fuhrey would make the final decisions on the learning method and start date.

“With a tie, you have a right to say what it is that you want to do without a vote needed,” Henderson-Baker told Fuhrey.

Henderson-Baker said if the board ties on a vote concerning school operations the final decision is given to the superintendent in her role as the school district’s executive operations officer because of a board policy on closing due to health concerns.

“Her initial recommendation was to close schools and have a virtual operation if conditions exist that may threaten the health and safety of students and personnel,” Henderson-Baker said after the meeting.

“The school board attorney had already advised that this policy could be used — since she wanted to close the schools — if the board could not make a decision,” she said.

Fuhrey said the school year should begin Sept. 8 rather than the previously agreed date of Aug. 24 because staff members needed the extra time to be trained in virtual learning methods.

Other administrators at the meeting told board member they were prepared to provide enough devices and had worked with internet providers to increase data to serve all students.

But board members Trey Bailey of District 1 and Abigail Coggin of District 5 said parts of their districts lacked dependable internet access and in-person learning was the best option for them.

Administrators could not assure

them the school district would have the needed infrastructure by the start of the school year, she said.

Coggin said numbers she had seen showed a decrease in the daily rate.

She also noted that schools typically are where such social ills as child abuse are detected. Some students also have said they were worried their grades will suffer if forced to only learn virtually rather than in a school setting, she said.

Bailey said Newton County was unique because it bordered rural Georgia counties on the east that favor in-person learning, and metro Atlanta counties on the west that are primarily using virtual learning. Because of its geographical and cultural mix, Newton County should offer a blend of both types of learning, he said.

The Aug. 7 changes followed the school system’s early July announcement students would be allowed to choose either in-person or virtual learning this year.

About 4,000 students requested in-person instruction, while between 6,000 and 7,000 students requested virtual instruction and about 1,800 students requested the self-paced virtual option, Fuhrey said in July.

On Aug. 7, she told board members her new recommendation was based on her desire to keep staff members and students safe during the pandemic.

“I recognize how politically charged this is,” she said. “I have no political motivation — zero, zilch, zip.”

Some teachers and Newton High School football players were diagnosed with the virus recently, Fuhrey noted.

She also said state health officials had not been as clear in their explanations about the spread of COVID-19 in recent months because they were unsure about the transmission rate.

*Publisher and Editor Taylor Beck contributed to this report.*

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