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— 1 Timothy 2:5-6, KJV

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Sports suspended

Newton County Schools puts extracurricular activities on hold

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COVINGTON, Ga. — The local sports scene was shaken up last weekend when Newton County School officials announced they would be suspending all fall sports and extracurricular activities indefinitely beginning Monday, Aug.

17. The parameters of the suspension were unclear in the statement put out by the Newton County School System. Officials stated that they would “consider” resuming activities once again when the COVID-19 statistics appeared to become “favorable.”

Newton County Superintendent Samantha Fuhrey briefly addressed the public’s concerns about the suspension during the NCSS Board of Education meeting Tuesday night. “We understand that folks are concerned about

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Vietnam veteran honored



Office of Sen. David Perdue

Vietnam veteran **Craig Petraszewsky** of Covington (right photo) recently received several Navy awards (bottom left) from U.S. Sen. David Perdue, R-Ga., more than 45 years after the military action in which he earned them. (Top left photo) From left are Patti and Craig Petraszewsky, Perdue and his wife, Bonnie. Read the full story at [CovNews.com](#).

Safer: Polls or post office?

Examining recent history of absentee mail-in voting

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COVINGTON, Ga. — “Catastrophic” is how President Donald J. Trump has described universal mail-in voting in recent weeks. As the Nov. 3 election nears, Trump has stated his belief that mail-in ballots could lead to widespread voting fraud and could give Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden an unfair advantage. It’s also been rumored that the U.S. Post Office won’t be able to deliver all ballots in time to be counted. Despite growing

concern, the U.S. Postal Service is prepared for an unprecedented presidential election, Postmaster General Louis DeJoy said in a statement Wednesday, Aug. 18. “The Postal Service is ready today to handle whatever volume of election mail it receives this fall,” DeJoy said. “Even with the challenges of keeping our employees and customers safe and healthy as they operate amid a pandemic, we will deliver the nation’s election mail on time and within our well-established service stan-

dards. The American public should know that this is our number one priority between now and election day.” DeJoy announced the postal service would be expanding its current leadership taskforce on election mail to ensure results are delivered on time.

Philip A. Johnson, chair of the Newton



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County Board of Elections and Registrations, said the president’s claims aren’t true. “Georgia’s system of mail-in absentee ballots is time tested and as secure as in-person voting,” he wrote in a letter to *The Covington News*. “The system is designed to safeguard against voter fraud, instances of which in history are rare to nonexistent. Having watched the system work, I have complete confidence in the process and the people who work the

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Newton BOC adopts mask ordinance

By **TOM SPIGOLON**
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Newton’s governing body is requiring anyone older than age 8 to wear face coverings or masks in public to protect themselves from COVID-19. The face coverings ordinance took effect Wednesday, Aug. 19, at midnight and only applies in unincorpo-

rated areas of Newton County outside cities’ corporate limits. It follows Gov. Brian Kemp’s recent executive order permitting local governments

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Governor visits Covington PD



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From left, Georgia First Lady **Marty Kemp** and Gov. **Brian Kemp** are presented a badge from Covington Police Chief **Stacey Cotton** on Thursday, Aug. 20.

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COVINGTON, Ga. — Gov. Brian Kemp stopped by for a brief tour of the new Covington Police Department building Thursday afternoon. Covington Police Chief Stacey Cotton

said the governor dropped by for the quick, unofficial visit around 2 p.m. to see the facility, meet with staff and speak with officer Matt Cooper. “Great to visit with [the Covington

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Newton congressmen split on postal changes before Nov. 3 election

By **TOM SPIGOLON**
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Newton County's two congressmen had widely opposing views this week on the Postal Service rift that left the agency's director calling off planned cost-cutting measures before the November election.

District 4 U.S. Rep. Hank Johnson, D-Lithonia, and District 10 U.S. Rep. Jody Hice, R-Greensboro, differed wildly about Postmaster General Louis DeJoy's plans that opponents say could threaten delivery of mail-in ballots to election offices by Election Day nationwide.

DeJoy said on Tuesday, Aug. 18, the Postal Service would suspend operational changes until after the 2020 election.

The measures included eliminating overtime for mail carriers, reducing post office hours and removing postal boxes.

Democrats, state attorneys general and civil rights groups had intensely criticized DeJoy's moves to cut costs — which were supported by President Donald Trump.

They also have been faulted for slowing mail delivery and criticized as an attempt to disenfranchise voters seeking to vote safely by mail during the coronavirus pandemic, the *New York Times* reported.

Trump has criticized mail-in voting as a potential source of voter fraud — a claim disputed by state and local election officials nationwide.

Johnson on Tuesday held a press conference outside the Wesley Chapel Post Office in south DeKalb County to announce his support of the Postal Service "as a pillar of our democracy, enshrined in the Constitution and essential for providing critical services" such as delivering prescriptions, Social Security checks, paychecks, tax returns and absentee ballots.

Retired letter carrier Dexter Brown, Georgia AFL-CIO President Charlie Fleming, and members of the American Postal Workers Union were among those attending the event.

"Lives, livelihoods and the life of our American democracy are under



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U.S. Rep. Hank Johnson, D-Lithonia, speaks during a press conference last week at a post office in south DeKalb County.

threat from the president," Johnson said.

He said he was supporting legislation which prohibits the Postal Service from implementing any changes to operations or level of service it had in place on Jan. 1, 2020.

"In a time of a pandemic, the Postal Service is 'Election Central.' Americans should not have to choose between their health and their vote," he said.

Hice shared on his Twitter account that, "Democrats' fake outrage over their fabricated 'crisis' at (the Postal Service) is shameful."

"Postmaster General DeJoy tried implementing long overdue reforms at an agency that's lost money for 13 straight years. None of the changes would have impacted the election," Hice tweeted.

"There is no 'dismantling' of the U.S. Postal Service," he said.

He said business is "booming" and package volume is "through the roof" for the Postal Service. It has \$14 billion in cash on hand, and March to July revenue was \$1.2 billion more than the same period in 2019, Hice said.

He said mail-in balloting was House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's "backdoor plan to implement nationwide ballot harvesting," Hice said. "Ballot harvesting" is a reference to some states allowing a third party to collect and return multiple ballots to help elderly and disabled voters cast their ballots.

Republicans have long contended it opens the door for fraud and have fought to restrict it.

OBITUARIES

Kathi Bailey

Kathi Bailey, age 68, of Covington passed away Thursday, Aug. 13, 2020. She was born Oct. 9, 1951, in Santa Clara to Jack Stoll and Margurite Fidiem who have preceded her in death. Ms. Bailey grew up in Santa Clara and Santa Cruz, California. She graduated high school in Santa Clara, California and was a graduate of Caribillo College in Soquel, California. Kathi was an avid reader, she enjoyed games, traveling, and the Ice Capades. She was a nurse and Kathi proudly served in the United States Army and retired from nursing at Dominican Hospital in 2013. Along with her parents she was preceded in death by her sister Robin Marie Brace.

Ms. Bailey is survived by her sisters Denise Hemmingson and her husband Bob of Burkburnett, Texas, and Debby Crum and her husband Keith of Mansfield, Georgia, along

with numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

Graveside services will be held at 10 o'clock Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2020, at Lawnwood Memorial Park. The family will receive friends at J.C. Harwell and Son Funeral Home from 9 until 10 a.m. prior to the service of Wednesday. J.C. Harwell and Son Funeral Home, TE Davis Funeral Services, 2157 East Street, SE, Covington, GA 30014.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic all Centers for Disease Control and Prevention 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.

Loretta Foley Bates

Loretta Foley Bates was a carrier of many names.

Some called her Loretta, some called her Mom, some called her Granny, some called her Maw, and some called her Nana.

She was born Oct. 21, 1935, to the late Earl and Virginia Foley in Clinton, Tennessee. She grew up on Foley Hill, which she was always fond of and held close to her heart. In 1952 she met and married the love of her life Herman Bates. They had 43 good years together. She loved their family very much! She was a caregiver to all in good and bad times.

Mrs. Bates was preceded in death by her husband, Herman Bates, children twin infant boys Earl and Beryl Bates, Herman "Buddy" Bates and Randy Bates.

Those left to cherish her memory are her daughter Sherry (Charles)

Day of Monroe, sons and daughters-in-law, Andy (Annon) Bates and Jody and (Elisabeth) Bates of Oxford, daughter-in-law, Janet Bates of Monroe; siblings, Earl "Skipper" (Glenda) Foley and Doretta (Don) Polk; grandchildren, Jerry Day, Joni Day, Matt (Gennie) Bates, Michael Bates, Brant Canup, Dylan Bates, Walker Bates and Lucas Bates; great grandchildren, Erin Day, Austin Day, Jordyn Bates and Madelyn Bates; and great-great-grandchild, Xander McGhee.

Arrangements for Mrs. Bates were as follows: visitation was Aug. 15, 2020, at Meadows Funeral Home in Monroe from 3-6 p.m. Funeral services were held at Meadows Funeral Home Chapel at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 16, 2020. Interment was at Mt. Zion Baptist Church Cemetery — 657 Mt. Zion Road Oxford, GA.

William O. Nunnally (Bill)

William O. Nunnally (Bill) of Social Circle, Georgia, died Aug. 15, 2020.

Born in 1937 in Atlanta, he was the son of William White and Gertrude Stephens Nunnally. He grew up in Rutledge, Georgia, and attended Morgan County schools. Bill was a graduate of the University of Georgia and a long-time and proud supporter of the Georgia Bulldogs. He attended many games and enjoyed talking with friends about each season's team. His friends were many and increased in numbers whenever he met someone new. He was always interested in those he met, asking lots of questions and quickly becoming a familiar and trusted friend. With a great sense of humor, Bill enjoyed a good joke and loved to laugh. Bill served in the Air Force and later sold medical equipment and was a talented home builder in Walton, Newton and Morgan counties. He loved to garden and, in turn, to share his bounty with friends and neighbors.

Bill is survived by his wife of 52 years, Harriett D. Nunnally, as well as beloved nephews and their wives,

William H. and Susan Klima and Don and Karen Klima and very special great nephews.

Graveside services for Mr. Nunnally will be held at 12 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2020, at the Covington City Cemetery with Reverend Kale Rush officiating. Because Bill loved his dog, Dolly, his constant companion and much-loved friend, those wishing to make memorial donations are asked to give to an animal charity of their choice. J.C. Harwell and Son Funeral Home, TE Davis Funeral Services, 2157 East Street, SE, Covington, GA 30014. 770-786-2524

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Betty Montez (Rogers) Philippus

Betty Montez (Rogers) Philippus of Covington passed away Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2020, at the age of 92. Mrs. Philippus was a long-time member of Zion Baptist Church where she sang in the Young at Heart Choir.

She had a great sense of humor, enjoyed shopping, and most of all, eating at her favorite restaurant, Chick-fil-A, every Friday morning with her friends. Mrs. Philippus loved her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren unconditionally. She was preceded in death by her husband, Joe Philippus; parents, J.W. and Lucy Rogers; sister, Bobbye Ceil O'Kelley; and brother, Don Rogers.

Those left to cherish her memory are her sons and daughters-in-law, Barry and Shirlene Philippus, Stacy and Vicki Philippus; grandchildren, Joe and Michelle Philippus, Julie and Jeremy Troughton, Matthew and Raina Philippus, Mitch and Megan Philippus; great-grandchildren, Matthew Johnson, Haley Jane Philippus, Brooks Philippus, and Michaela Philippus as

well as several nieces and nephews.

A private Graveside Service for Mrs. Philippus will be held Sunday, Aug. 23, 2020, at 2 p.m., at Green Meadow Memorial Gardens, 699 American Legion Road, NE, in Conyers with Rev. Wayne Rickard officiating. Flowers are accepted, or donations may be made to the Christian Learning Center, 141 Alcova Drive, Social Circle, GA 30025.

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elections. You should too.” More than 230 million Americans are considered eligible to vote, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, but in the 2016 presidential election, approximately 138.8 million voters cast a ballot. Approximately 24% of those were mail-in absentee ballots, according to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission. Despite ballots cast by the millions, there have been only 954 election fraud cases across the U.S. since 1982, according to The Heritage Foundation. Thirteen cases were recorded in 2020 alone — only three cases were classified as fraudulent use of absentee ballot and/or duplicate voting. However, since 1997, there have only been 20 election fraud cases in the state of Georgia. There have been 10 cases of fraudulent use of absentee ballots. Only one resulted in a criminal conviction. Tommy Raney, a 2007 candidate for the Jackson City Council, and his campaign worker, Debra Brown, pleaded guilty to mishandling more than 40 absentee ballots in the 2007 Jackson City Council race, according to the foundation. Raney had won the election by 27 votes. Both were sentenced to two years of probation. Raney was fined \$158,000, and Brown was

fined \$20,000. There has been only one case of duplicate voting in the state of Georgia, which came in 2010, according to the foundation. There have been three cases of false registrations (two in 2011 and one in 2015). Only one of the cases resulted in a criminal conviction (2015). There have been no cases of altering the vote count. Of the 16,487 votes cast in Newton County in the Aug. 11, runoff election between Jeffrey Foster and Robert Stansfield for the Alcovy Judicial Circuit Superior Court judge position, 8,308 votes (50.39%) came from absentee ballots. Similar, if not record-breaking turnout is expected nationwide for the presidential election, Johnson said. That means absentee ballot totals could multiply exponentially. In Georgia, voters must complete an application to get an absentee ballot. Johnson said the absentee ballot is only sent to the voter once the application signature is matched to the signature on the voter registration card on file. When returning a ballot, the voter is required to sign an oath on the outside ballot envelope, which is matched to the voter registration card on file. Once received, Johnson said the ballots are removed from envelopes and scanned

through the same ballot reader used to count in-person, election-day ballots. “I want to assure you that the vote count in Newton County will not take weeks or months to complete and report,” Johnson said. “It is our plan to complete the count and publish it on the evening of Nov. 3.” Besides mailing it in or voting in person Nov. 3, Newton County residents will also get three weeks of early voting. Absentee ballots can be applied for at any time between 180 days prior to the election and the end of the business day on the Friday before the election. But even if voters don’t apply for an absentee ballot, there’s no reason not to go to the polls to vote. Social distancing will be practiced and hand sanitizer will be available at polling places in Newton County, Johnson said. Masks will be strongly encouraged. “If you go and wear a mask, if you observe the physical distancing and don’t have a crowded situation, there’s no reason why you shouldn’t be able to [vote],” said Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, in a recent interview with National Geographic. *Read Johnson’s letter in its entirety on A4.*

Porterdale hires private firm to collect household trash

By TOM SPIGOLON
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PORTERDALE, Ga. — Porterdale’s new interim city manager says a private company will collect residents’ household garbage but related services like yard waste collection will have to wait until the city has the staff to handle it.

The Porterdale City Council on Thursday, Aug. 20, voted to hire Covington-based Burgess & Sons LLC for curbside trash collection following the recent resignations of all city employees who formerly provided the service.

The resignations of five Public Works Department employees likely were tied to the council’s recent approval of a drastic cost-reduction plan that included furloughs reducing city workers’ pay by 20%.

Former interim city manager Robert Witcher also led the department but resigned from both positions Wednesday, Aug. 19.

Newly-hired Interim City Manager Frank Etheridge said the contract with Burgess & Sons LLC is for a one-year period with two one-year extensions available “if both

still want to work together on residential curbside solid waste collection within the limits of Porterdale.” Burgess & Sons will perform curbside pickup only, he said. The city will resume yard waste and bulk goods pickup as done in the past once it has a staffed public works department, Etheridge said. He also said he planned on Friday, Aug. 21, to begin the process of hiring a Public Works Department director, supervisor and three general workers. They will provide road and right-of-way maintenance, water and sewer services, general lawn care for public areas, park maintenance, yard waste and bulk household item pickup, as well as “other aligned tasks,” he said. City officials already had arranged for Burgess & Sons to collect household waste Tuesday, Aug. 18, for the city’s 1,700 residents after one resident said household garbage had not been collected for about three weeks. Etheridge, who began his job Aug. 12, said residents with complaints about Burgess’ service should call Porterdale City Hall at 770-786-2217.

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Police Department] this afternoon!” the governor wrote on Twitter. “[First Lady Marty Kemp] and I are thrilled to see Officer Matt Cooper healthy and back at work. To the brave local law

enforcement officers across Georgia, thank you for your service to your communities and our state!” Cooper sustained a brain injury when he was injured by a gunshot wound to the

head while on duty Sept. 3, 2018. He returned to duty in May. The Covington Police Department moved into its new home, located at 13183 Harland Drive in Covington,

in February and has been working to get settled in ever since, Cotton said. “[Kemp] was impressed with the new facility and thanked us for the hard job we do,” Cotton said. “He

knew we had just moved and just wanted to stop by and see it and say ‘hi’ to the officers and staff.”



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Letter to the Editor

BOC, sheriff must be more careful about spending for legal help

Dear Editor:

Recently, Newton County Commission Chairman Marcello Banes posted on the county's website the legal costs being incurred by the Board of Commissioners (BOC) and Sheriff Ezell Brown. Apparently, Chairman Banes was trying to make the case that hiring another law firm to represent the county or hiring an in-house staff attorney would save money. Additional analysis is needed to better understand why taxpayers are footing such large legal bills. The BOC fired former county attorney Tommy Craig in November 2016 after years of high legal bills and problems with the Bear Creek Reservoir project, including self-enhancing side deals. Subsequently, the county hired the Jarrard & Davis Law Firm to represent the county, with Ms. Megan Martin as our primary attorney. However, Sheriff Brown immediately hired Tommy Craig to solely represent his department instead of using the county as was his practice when Mr. Craig held that position.

Ms. Martin and her colleagues at Jarrard & Davis found huge legal problems when they began working for the county in FY 2016. The county faced a long-standing lawsuit involving the landfill, as well as major legal tangles involving the Bear Creek Reservoir. The county's form of government was changed, the Solid Waste Authority was formed, the 2017 SPLOST was implemented and the county fought a lawsuit by its former recreation director. In short, the legal fees paid to Jarrard & Davis have been the

result of high demand for legal services by the county and over-reliance of the staff on the very competent Ms. Martin.

Fortunately, the trend of payments to Jarrard & Davis has been downward from a high of \$1.07 million in FY 2016 to \$653,355 in FY 2020. According to Chairman Banes, this is still too high compared to other similar counties.

Actions by Sheriff Brown have added significantly to the county's overall legal costs. From FY 2010 to FY 2015, before Tommy Craig was hired exclusively to represent the sheriff, legal services for the sheriff and jail departments averaged \$85,732 per year based on Chairman Banes' data. After hiring Mr. Craig, the sheriff's total legal costs have averaged \$335,061 from FY 2017-FY 2020. That is almost four times the amount before the sheriff hired Mr. Craig.

The big increase in his overall legal bills has been due to the hiring of Mr. Craig. When the sheriff was using Mr. Craig along with other county departments in FY 2015, he paid him only \$23,841. Since FY 2017, the sheriff has averaged paying Mr. Craig \$287,509 per year, or over 12 times more. It is difficult to understand why Sheriff Brown's legal spending rose that much concurrently with the hiring of Mr. Craig.

Regardless of who the county hires in the future, both the BOC and the sheriff have to be far more careful with spending on attorney fees.

Tom West and
Barbara M. Morgan
Covington

Tom Spigolon news editor

Cover, don't blast mountain's Confederate heroes

In an effort to end all the disagreements and unpleasantness about the giant stone carving of three Confederate heroes on the side of Stone Mountain, I want to propose a solution.

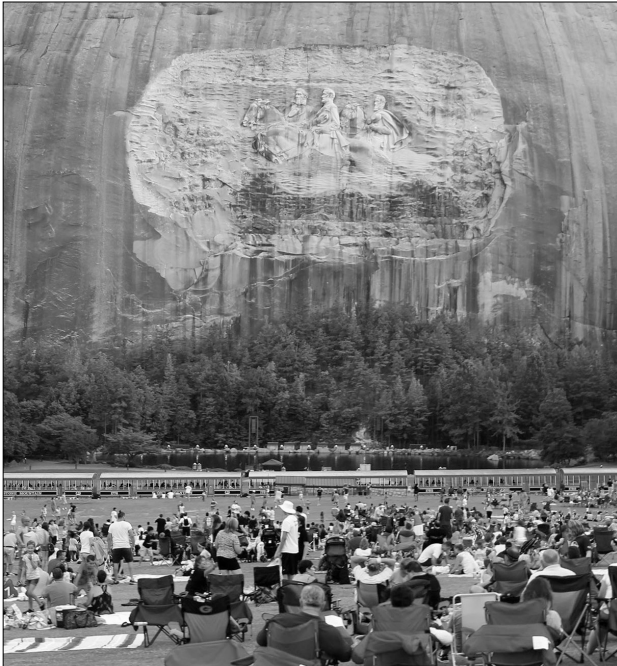
I'm sure it's not an original idea. But I say: Throw a big tarp over it and leave it to cover the 190-foot by 90-foot structure — even during the summertime laser shows in the surrounding park.

Remove it only on occasions when the huge artwork needs to be visible, such as when groups like the Sons of Confederate Veterans meet there and request it.

Yes, it will still exist and memorialize three heroes of the "Lost Cause" which sought to preserve a system in which African-Americans were enslaved.

But, have you got a better idea for a compromise solution to calls for removing something that offends a good chunk of Georgia's population?

Some opponents of the granite structure have said the state-owned memorial should be sandblasted or dynamited off the mountainside — two potentially difficult, expensive and hazard-



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Visitors prepare to watch the nightly laser light show at Stone Mountain.

ous tasks.

Others say the 48-year-old carving should be left alone because of its historical significance, or because it portrays three heroes of the "Lost Cause" which many Southerners' ancestors fought and died for.

In recent years, groups offended by it have clashed with groups defending it for a variety of reasons.

The latest incident Aug. 15 involved a sometimes violent clash between opposing groups of armed demonstrators in the nearby city of Stone Mountain. The state agency that operates the park surrounding the mountain closed it to visitors because they were worried about, you guessed it, the potential for violent

clashes.

A little background: Stone Mountain is a 1,700-foot gray, granite mountain in eastern DeKalb County which had been used as a source for building stone for decades.

It also was the site of a 1915 rally that led to the creation of the modern Ku Klux Klan which featured white supremacy as a core belief.

The mountain's granite etching portrays likenesses of Generals Robert E. Lee, Stonewall Jackson and President Jefferson Davis side by side astride their horses.

It is cut about 42 feet deep into the granite, about 400 feet above the ground. It occupies a 17,100-square-foot area of the mountainside — about the size

of eight or nine houses if they were crammed together like in a modern Atlanta subdivision.

A nightly summertime laser show (sponsored before and, hopefully, after COVID-19) brings thousands to the park and includes a segment in which the lasers seemingly bring the "heroes" to life by having their horses "move."

After the South's crushing defeat in the Civil War, the United Daughters of the Confederacy early in the 20th century raised funds to place hundreds of memorial statues throughout the South, including in Covington.

They also originated the idea of a memorial at Stone Mountain that ultimately became the carving that was completed over a series of decades in 1972.

As this year's civil rights protests continue — and this new era of activism continues — I see no end to the objections, and the objections to the objections.

And I see no ideas being raised about how to end the squabbling over a big granite memorial to the Confederacy.

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Letter to the Editor

Mail-in voting as secure as in-person

Dear Editor:

News stories about mail-in voting and whether the U.S. Post Office can deliver mail-in ballots in time to be counted are disturbing. I feel compelled to clarify those issues as they apply to Newton County.

The most crucial pillar of our democracy is fair and free elections. I can assure you that principle is the touchstone for our board members, staff and volunteers who work diligently to insure that every registered voter can vote in the safest environment possible and that each vote is counted accurately.

As we plan for the Nov. 3 General Election, we are facing serious challenges, including the surging and persistent COVID-19 infection, a predicted record turnout and the ability of the postal system to handle the anticipated surge in absentee ballots in a timely manner.

Georgia's system of mail-in absentee ballots is time tested and as secure as in person voting. To obtain an absentee ballot, a voter must complete an ap-

plication. The signature on the application is confirmed by our staff against the voter registration card on file in our office. Only then will an absentee ballot be mailed to the voter.

When returning the absentee ballot, the voter must sign an oath on the outside ballot envelope, which is checked against the voter registration signature on record.

Once received, the absentee ballots are removed from the exterior envelope and the interior envelope and then scanned through the same type ballot reader used to count the in-person ballots.

The system is designed to safeguard against voter fraud, instances of which in history are rare to nonexistent. Having watched the system work, I have complete confidence in the process and the people who work the elections. You should too.

Voters have three options to vote, including absentee ballots. There will be three weeks of early voting in Newton County, including one Saturday. On Nov. 3 —

Election Day — voters can cast their ballots from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. at their assigned voting precinct. Anyone in line at the 7 p.m. poll closing will be allowed to vote.

Safe distancing will be maintained at the polls and hand sanitizer will be available for everyone. Masks will be strongly encouraged, but Gov. Brian Kemp's most recent extension of rules specifically states that no mask mandate may be enforced at polling locations.

If you do not feel comfortable voting in-person because of COVID, apply for an absentee ballot. If you have questions regarding your registration or your voter status, go online to the Secretary of State's My Voter Page, or call the Newton County Elections Office at 770-784-2055.

If you plan to vote by absentee ballot, apply as soon as possible and return your completed ballot to the Board of Election as early as you can. We have a drop box for ballots at the rear door of the Administration Building

and over the next few days will be exploring additional drop boxes at remote locations around the County.

Finally, I want to assure you that the vote count in Newton County will not take weeks or months to complete and report. It is our plan to complete the count and publish it on the evening of Nov. 3.

I would urge each of you to remember that voting is not a Republican matter nor a Democratic matter. It is a patriotic matter. Whatever method you choose to cast your ballot, and whoever you choose to vote for, please vote. Voting is not only a right which untold men and women across two and a half centuries have died to insure, it is a civic duty and one that distinguishes this country from many around the world. It is your civic duty and you should cherish it.

Philip A. Johnson
Chair of the
Newton County
Board of Elections
and Registrations

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Popular musical awards show

5. Speech in one's honor

11. A state of poor nutrition

14. Not ingested

15. More lacking in taste

18. "Popeye" cartoonist

19. Helps to reduce speed

21. January 1 greeting (abbr.)

23. Georgian currency

24. Proverb expressing a truth

28. Jewish calendar month

29. Volume measurement

30. Fair-skinned

32. Patti Hearst's captors

33. Have already done

35. Touch lightly

36. Autonomic nervous system

39. Plant part

41. College degree

42. Military alliance

44. Tokyo's former name

46. Carpenter's tool

47. Before

49. Consent to receive

52. Passages

56. The Duke of Edinburgh

58. Utter repeatedly

60. Linked together in a chain

62. Quality that evokes pity

63. Maintained possession of

CLUES DOWN

1. U.S. military school

2. Controls

3. Away from wind

4. Grab quickly

5. Being everlasting

6. Vase

7. Atomic #3

8. Type of medication

9. Encircle with a belt

10. Belonging to you

12. American state

13. City in Zambia

16. Good Gosh!

17. Of the country

20. Helsinki district

22. 36 inches

25. Reporters' group

26. The voice of Olaf

27. Explains in detail

29. Tooth caregiver

31. One point south of due east

34. Scottish river

36. Elsa's sister

37. Civil Rights group

38. Line of poetry

40. Doctor

43. Fatty acid

45. Avatar (abbr.)

48. Awe-inspiring garden

50. Fall down

51. Rock icon Turner

53. Asian country (alt. sp.)

54. UK museum network

55. Stairs have at least one

57. Part of (abbr.)

58. Simpson trial judge

59. Sun up in New York

61. Exclamation of surprise

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License Contact:
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BUSINESS LICENSE Clerk
TWATERS@CO.NEWTON.GA.US

PUBLIC NOTICE #117157
8/16, 23

Bids

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
CITY OF COVINGTON WATER MAIN
REPLACEMENT PROJECT FOR
PUCKETT STREET AREA

CITY OF Covington 2194 Emory Street
 NW Covington, GA 30014

SEPARATE SEALED BIDS for all material, labor and equipment for construction of the City of Covington Water Main Replacement Project for Puckett Street Area will be received by the City of Covington at City Hall located at 2194 Emory Street NW, Covington, GA 30014 until 10 AM, Local Time on September 10th, 2020 and then at said office will be publicly opened and read aloud.

THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following locations:
ATTN: TRES Thomas City of Covington
ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT 2194 Emory Street NW Covington, GA 30014
PHONE: 770-713-0828
EMAIL: TTHOMAS@CITYOFCOVINGTON.ORG

THERE WILL be a MANDATORY pre-bid conference for this project. The conference will be held at 10 AM, September 3rd, 2020, Local Time at 2194 Emory Street. The deadline for questions regarding the bidding documents will be 5 PM September 9th, 2020.

ALL BIDS must be accompanied by a Bid Bond in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the Base Bid. Performance Bond and Payment Bond, each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount, will be required of the successful bidder. Bonds must be written by an acceptable Surety Company licensed to do business in the State of Georgia and listed in the Department of the Treasury, Circular 570, latest edition.

PAYMENT of Contract Amounts will be made on a periodic basis on applications for payment from the Contractor and approved by the Engineer based on work accomplished, products furnished and products stored on the site. Such progress payment requests shall be submitted by the Contractor no later than the 15th of each month for work through the end of the preceding month and shall be paid by the Owner within thirty (30) days after receipt of approved progress payment requests, less retainage and other deductions provided in the Contract Documents. Further details concerning the payment provisions of the Contract are contained in Article 14 of the General Conditions of the Contract Documents.

NOTE: CONTRACTOR and subcontractors must obtain a business license in Georgia, be fully insured to perform work in the State of Georgia.

THE SUCCESSFUL bidder shall secure and pay for all permits, assessments, charges or fees required in connection with the proposed construction.

THE CITY of Covington reserves the right to reject any or all bids, including without limitation, the right to reject any and all nonconforming, non-responsive, unbalanced or conditional bids and to reject the bid of any bidder whom Owner believes would not be in the best interest of the Project to make an award to that bidder whether because the bid is not responsive, the bidder is unqualified, or of doubtful financial ability or fails to meet any other pertinent standard or criteria established by the Owner.

COPIES OF the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, Specifications, and drawings may be obtained at the office of Alcovy Surveying & Engineering, Inc., 2205 Hwy 81 S, Loganville, GA 30052 (phone 770-466-4002) upon a non-refundable payment of \$50.00 for each set. PDF copies may be obtained at no charge.

APRIL 23, 2020

PUBLIC NOTICE #117101
8/9,8/23

THE CITY of Covington invites proposals to update the City's Urban Redevelopment Plan that conforms to the requirements of the Urban Redevelopment Act, OCGA 36.61. This plan shall examine areas in the City of Covington that meet the State of Georgia criteria for targeted urban redevelopment, as defined by the Urban Redevelopment Law. These areas contain conditions such as deteriorating or inadequate infrastructure, a predominance of dilapidated or vacant buildings, higher levels of poverty and unemployment, and other signs of blight and distress. The persistence of these conditions substantially impairs or arrests the sound growth of the City and constitutes an economic and social liability that is a menace to the public

health, safety, and welfare.

SEALED PROPOSALS must be delivered to City Hall, 2194 Emory Street NW, Covington, GA 30014 if using FedEx or UPS and if being mailed (USPS), to P.O. Box 1527 Covington, GA 30015, Attn: William Smith, Economic Development Manager, by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 4, 2020.

REQUEST FOR Bids/Proposals and additional information may be obtained at City Hall or by accessing the request for proposals on the City's website at https://www.cityofcovington.org/index.php?section=business-opportunities

PUBLIC NOTICE #117192
8/23,30

Citations

CITATION

ANTHONY MCKIBBEN has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of SHIRLEY ANN KING**, deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before SEPTEMBER 8, 2020, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #117118
8/9,16,23,30

CITATION

CYNTHIA DENISE WEEKFALL has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of VERONICA WEEKFALL**, deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before SEPTEMBER 8, 2020, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #117120
8/9,16,23,30

CITATION

DEANNA TAMARA CAMPBELL has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of CLAUDE MCKENZIE CAMPBELL**, deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before SEPTEMBER 8, 2020, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #117119
8/9,16,23,30

CITATION

DEBORAH FAY BURROUGHS has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of WESLEY D. BURROUGHS**, deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before SEPTEMBER 8, 2020, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #117122
8/9,16,23,30

CITATION

GAH'VONNIE LARMAN has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of VERNONICA LARMAN**, deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before SEPTEMBER 8, 2020, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #117114
8/9,16,23,30

CITATION

HAROLD CORNELIUS WHITE has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of PATRICIA ANN WHITE**, deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before SEPTEMBER 8, 2020, next, at

ten o'clock, a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #117113
8/9,16,23,30

CITATION

MICHELLE A. PORTEOUS has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of ALLESANDRA ANN-MARIE PORTEOUS**, deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before SEPTEMBER 8, 2020, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #117116
8/9,16,23,30

CITATION

MYRTIS WEAVER CLARK has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of HENRY JAMES CLARK**, deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before SEPTEMBER 8, 2020, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #117121
8/9,16,23,30

CITATION

RE: ESTATE of MAURICE LARUE HENDERSON, Deceased

ALICE MARIE HENDERSON, Executrix has petitioned for Final Settlement of Accounts and Discharge from Office and all Liability. All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause as to why said petition should not be granted. All objections must be in writing and filed with this Court on or before September 8, 2020, at ten o'clock am.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #117168
8/23

CITATION

RE: ESTATE of PEGGY ELIZABETH WHITCOMB, Deceased

JENNIFER UTLEY, Executrix has petitioned for Final Settlement of Accounts and Discharge from Office and all Liability. All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause as to why said petition should not be granted. All objections must be in writing and filed with this Court on or before September 8, 2020, at ten o'clock am.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #117143
8/23

CITATION

RITZY DIAMOND has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of JANIE LATRECE GARVIN**, deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before SEPTEMBER 8, 2020, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #117115
8/9,16,23,30

CITATION

SHAWN EVERETT SPRINGSTON has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of GARY JOSEPH SPRINGSTON**, deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before SEPTEMBER 8, 2020, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #117117
8/9,16,23,30

CITATION

TERESA G. ALLEN has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of TONYA L. ALLEN**, deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-232). All

interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before SEPTEMBER 8, 2020, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #117123
8/9,16,23,30

CITATION

THE PETITION of BARBARA A MITCHUM widow/widower of **LEE RUSSELL MITCHUM, SR.**, deceased, for Twelve Month's Support for having been duly filed, all interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections must be in writing and filed with this Court on or before September 8, 2020, next at ten o'clock a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #117139
8/9,16,23,30

CITATION

THE PETITION of JAMES K. COLEMAN widow/widower of **MARGARET ANNETTE COLEMAN**, deceased, for Twelve Month's Support for having been duly filed, all interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections must be in writing and filed with this Court on or before September 8, 2020, next at ten o'clock a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #117140
8/9,16,23,30

CITATION

THE PETITION of SVETLANA B. HUTSON widow/widower of **JAMES LEONARD HUTSON**, deceased, for Twelve Month's Support for having been duly filed, all interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections must be in writing and filed with this Court on or before September 8, 2020, next at ten o'clock a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #117138
8/9,16,23,30

NOTICE

RE: PETITION of Niesha Griffin, for Letters of Conservatorship of Minor, UPON WHICH AN ORDER FOR SERVICE WAS GRANTED BY THIS COURT ON August 4, 2020

TO: UNKNOWN Father

THIS IS to notify you to file objection, if there is any, to the Petition for Letters of Conservatorship of **MINOR, BRENDAN** Jashon Griffin

BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All pleadings/objections must be signed before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing- fees must be tendered with your pleadings/objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel at the following address/telephone number for the required amount of filing fees. All objections must be filed by September 8, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #117134
8/9,16,23,30

Corporations

A NOTICE of Intent to Dissolve SOUTHERN HERITAGE SERVICES, INC., a Georgia corporation with registered office at 6141 Newton Drive, Covington, Georgia 30014, has been delivered to the Secretary of State by said corporation and filed by him on August 12, 2020
IN ACCORDANCE the applicable provisions of the Georgia Business Corporation Code.

ANY CLAIM may be submitted to ROBERT E. JONES at 6141 Newton Drive, Covington, Georgia 30014. Except for claims that are contingent at the time of the filing of the notice of intent to dissolve or that arise after the filing of the notice of intent to dissolve, a claim against the corporation not otherwise barred will be barred unless a proceeding to enforce the claim is commenced within two years after the publication of this notice.

PUBLIC NOTICE #117158
8/16,23

Debtors Creditors

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of ALICE MARIE GADILHE**, deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are

required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. **THIS THE** 17th day of AUGUST, 2020.

NANETTE WATSON
405 PINE ROAD
DAVIDSON, NC 28036

PUBLIC NOTICE #117187
8/23,30,9/6,13

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of BARBARA NELL SHANNON HENRY**, deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. **THIS THE** 6th day of AUGUST, 2020.

TINA MELVILLE
P.O. BOX 249
GOOD HOPE, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #117184
8/23,30,9/6,13

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of BRIAN E. BARNETT**, deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. **THIS THE** 12th day of AUGUST, 2020.

PATSY L. BARNETT
35 CROSSFIRE DR
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #117174
8/23,30,9/6,13

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of DEWEY LAWSON HENRY**, deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. **THIS THE** 6th day of AUGUST, 2020.

TINA MELVILLE
P.O. BOX 249
GOOD HOPE, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #117183
8/23,30,9/6,13

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of DIANE MARY HART**, deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. **THIS THE** 27th day of JULY, 2020.

ALANNA JEANNE HARRIS
25 CROOKED CREEK WAY
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #117081
8/2,9,16,23

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of DOROTHY CAMPBELL**, deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. **THIS THE** 17th day of AUGUST, 2020.

PAMELA R. WOODS
1325 CRIMSON LANE
MCDONOUGH, GA 30252

PUBLIC NOTICE #117172
8/23,30,9/6,13

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of ELLA LUCILLE FOWLER**, deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. **THIS THE** 30th day of JULY, 2020.

ANGELA FOWLER
30 MOUNTAIN DR
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #117130
8/9,16,23,30

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of EVELYN SUSIE VEAL PACE**, deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. **THIS THE** 17th day of AUGUST, 2020.

RICHARD H. PACE
3109 FLOYD STREET
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #117177
8/23,30,9/6,13

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of FRANCES L. BENNETT**, deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned

estate representative according to law. **THIS THE** 30th day of JULY, 2020.

RANDY N. BENNETT
55 DRUMMOND PL
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #117127<

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.
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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 areea 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 Milton 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

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

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

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

WELLS FARGO Bank, N.A., as Trustee for Park Place Securities, Inc. Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2005-WHQ2 as agent and Attorney in Fact for David Bailey
ALDRIDGE PITE, LLP, 15 Piedmont Center, 3575 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 500, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7637.

1017-4420A
THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 1017-4420A

PUBLIC NOTICE #117030 8/2,9,16,23,30

NOTICE OF SALE STATE OF GEORGIA NEWTON COUNTY

BY VIRTUE of a Power of Sale contained in the Security Deed and Agreement from **Joshua Hodgins to Savvy Sisters, LLC.**, May 17, 2019, recorded May 23, 2019 in Deed Book 3843, Page 415, Newton County, Georgia records, given to secure a Promissory Note of even date in the total original principal amount of Seventy Five Thousand and No/100 (\$75,000.00) Dollars with interest as provided therein on the unpaid balance until paid; there will be sold at public outcry to the highest and the best bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia, 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 ROCKY PLAINS DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA AND BEING LOT #64 OF RIVERSIDE PARK SUBDIVISION AS PER PLAT BY ROBERT M. BUHLER, REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR, DATED FEBRUARY 22, 1966, AND RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 4, PAGE 56 OF THE NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS, WHICH PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN AND MADE A PART HEREOF BY THIS REFERENCE. BEING THE SAME PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN WARRANTY DEED FROM ALLIED PROPERTIES, INC. TO HOWARD A. MARSHALL AND NELLIE E. MARSHALL DATED DECEMBER 5, 1972, AS RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 120, PAGE 235, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS.

FOR INFORMATION purposes only: **MAP/PARCEL ID** Number: 0033A 00000 060

THE DEBT secured by said Security Deed and Agreement 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.

THE PROPERTY will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes, any assessments, and any liens superior to the Security Deed and Agreement first set out above. Savvy Sisters, LLC. is the entity with the full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the Note and the Security Deed. Savvy Sisters LLC's address is 15 Plantation Avenue, Carrollton, Georgia 30117 and may be reached at (404)226-1222. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, Joshua Hodgens is in possession of said property.

SAVVY SISTERS, LLC AS ATTORNEY in Fact for **JOSHUA HODGENS**
DAVID MARKOWITZ, LLC. Attorney at Law
2002 SUMMIT Boulevard/ Suite 300 ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30319/ (404) 408-1427

PUBLIC NOTICE #117045 8/2,9,16,23

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 January 30, 2018, from

Paul Holfeld and Barbara A. Holfeld to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Finance of America Reverse LLC, recorded on February 7, 2018 in Deed Book 3662 at Page 560 Newton County, Georgia records, having been last sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed to 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 Silverton 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

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): **PRINCETON KAEVION FORNEY**

DENISE SIMMONS PETITIONER, VS. **DEMEKIUS FORNEY** RESPONDENT. **CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 2020-CV-1516-4**

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

PRINCETON SIMMONS filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on AUGUST 4, 2020, to change the name(s) of the following minor child(ren) **FROM: PRINCETON KAEVION SIMMONS TO PRINCETON KAEVION FORNEY.** **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 #117162 8/23,30,9/6,13

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. **LEDARRIUS 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 Child(ren): **TAYLOR ALEXANDER HUDSON-BROWN**

TAYLOR A HUDSON PETITIONER, VS. **DEMAUNTE BROWN** RESPONDENT. **CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 2020-CV-1517-2**

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

TAYLOR A HUDSON filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on AUG

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
SUCVC2018001634-5

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. §§ 23-3-60, et seq. For the specifics of such pleas for relief the, parties respondent must refer to the original petition and all other pleadings filed with the court.

BY ORDER for Publication entered in the Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia, on July 15, 2020, the parties respondent are hereby notified that they are required to file any response or answer with the Clerk of the above referenced Court, within 60 days of the date of the Order for service by publication, with a copy of such response or answer to be sent to the Attorney for the Petitioners: Burke B. Johnson, Lueder, Larkin & Hunter, LLC, 320 East Clayton Street, Suite 418, Athens, GA 30601.

PUBLIC NOTICE #117034
8/2,9,16,23

Public Notice

CITY OF COVINGTON
NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC:

NOTICE IS hereby given, per the City of Covington's Code of Ordinances Chapter 16.12 that applicant Micheline Joseph has submitted a Special Use Permit Application for a personal care home for up to five seniors. THE PROPERTY is located at 5128 N. Emory Street. TAX PARCEL C023 0003 017, Covington, Georgia. The Covington Planning Commission will hold a Public Meeting on September 8, at 6:00 p.m.

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.

PUBLIC NOTICE #117089
8/23

CITY OF COVINGTON
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CITY OF COVINGTON
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
NOTICE TO PUBLIC:

NOTICE IS hereby given that, per the City of Covington's Code of Ordinances Chapter 16.12.140 Michael Geoffroy has submitted an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness Application to construct a treated woodden 1' X 6' fence in a (NR-2 Neighborhood Residential, 2) zoning district located at 5130 Hillcrest Drive in Covington, Georgia. The Historic Preservation Commission will hold a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. to review and discuss the proposed use on September 2, 2020. ALL INTERESTED parties are invited to attend. For more information, contact Mary Darby, Director of Planning & Zoning at mdarby@cityofcovington.org, or 770-385-2179.

CITY OF COVINGTON
NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

NOTICE IS hereby given that, Robert W. Ponder has submitted an application for a VARIANCE from the Covington Municipal Code, Sections 16.12.170: Appeals and Variances to develop a custom designed, free standing, six story, 123 room, 85615 square foot, Residence Inn (upscale chain by Marriot) hotel with 159 parking stalls, an outdoor sport surface (putting green), an outdoor patio, and an outdoor (uncovered) swimming pool on a 7.19 acre site (to be subdivided with one lot to be 3.60 acres for the Residence Inn and the other lot 3.59 acres for a second hotel-likely a Courtyard) located at 11109 Alcovy Road, Tax Parcel C080 002Z.

.THE following variances are requested:

1. **RELIEF** from required security fencing around the parking areas of the hotel.
2. **ALLOW** the construction of 36 parking stalls for the future second hotel.
3. **DELINEATE** the third building floor with anything more than the windows.
4. **ORIENT** the primary façade towards the ingresses/egress of building and not toward Town Center Boulevard.
5. **RELIEF** from required 10 foot step back in the face of the hotel, above the 50' point in the height of the building.
6. **RELIEF** from required 65% fenestration on the façade of the building.
7. **ALLOW** a stairwell to extend 3 feet above the parapet.
8. **RELIEF** from required 10% minimum parking stalls for compact cars.
9. **RELIEF** from required designated loading space.
10. **PERMIT** curb cut on Town Center Boulevard to remain wider than allowed.
11. **RELIEF** from required wheel bumpers at parking stalls abutting landscape strips.

THE COVINGTON Board of Adjustments and Appeals (BOAA) will hold a public hearing on the applicant's request on Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. The said public hearing will be held in the Covington Council Chambers located at 2116 Stallings Street Covington, Georgia 30014.

OR YOU may virtually connect to the meeting by:

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PUBLIC NOTICE #117195
8/23

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. This application was deferred from August 5, 2020 HPC meeting. 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 will hold a Public Meeting on September 2, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at 2116 Stallings Street, Covington, Georgia.

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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 Binkman, LLC has submitted a Certificate of Appropriateness Application to be considered by the Covington Historic Preservation Commission to remove overhand from façade and expose original brink. Add new awnings over windows, repair joints in brick and paint. The property is located within the Covington Historic District at 1143 and 1149 Washington Street, TAX PARCEL C026 0018 005, Covington, Georgia. THE COVINGTON Historic Preservation Commission will hold a Public Meeting on September 2, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at 2116 Stallings Street, Covington, Georgia.

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PUBLIC NOTICE #117196
8/23

LEGAL NOTICE

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT of
Transportation
OFFICE OF Environmental Services

TERM OF Notice:

SUBJECT: **NOTIFICATION** of Marketing of GDOT Bridge Serial #217-0014-0

PROJECT: PI No. 0013751
COUNTY: NEWTON

THE GEORGIA Department of Transportation (GDOT) project PI No. 0013751 consists of the proposed replacement of the State Route (SR) 81 bridge over Dried Indian Creek in the City of Covington, Georgia in Newton County. In compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and amendments thereto and in coordination with the State Historic Preservation Officer, Bridge Serial #217-0014-0 has been determined to be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). Due to its NRHP eligibility, GDOT is making this historic bridge available in compliance with 23 U.S. Code 144(g), which states:

(5) **PRESERVATION.**—Any State that proposes to demolish a historic bridge for a replacement project with funds made available to carry out this section shall first make the historic bridge available for donation to a State, locality, or responsible private entity if the State, locality, or responsible entity enters into an agreement—
(A) **TO** maintain the bridge and the features that give the historic bridge its historic significance; and
(B) **TO** assume all future legal and financial responsibility for the historic bridge, which may include an agreement to hold the State transportation department harmless in any liability action.
(6) **COSTS** incurred.—
(A) **IN** general.—Costs incurred by the State to preserve a historic bridge (including funds made available to the State, locality, or private entity to enable it to accept the bridge) shall be eligible as reimbursable project costs under this chapter in an amount not to exceed the cost of demolition.
(B) **ADDITIONAL** funding.—Any bridge preserved pursuant to this paragraph shall not be eligible for any other funds authorized pursuant to this title.

BRIDGE SERIAL #217-0014-0 is being made available "as is." The current condition of the bridge is as follows:

- **THE** existing bridge was constructed in 1914.
- **THE** overall condition of this bridge would be classified as good. The deck is in good condition with longitudinal and transverse cracking throughout that has been sealed with asphalt crack seal. The superstructure is in satisfactory condition with minor delamination next to some of the patches, minor longitudinal cracking at the cold joints of each arch, and evidence of water leaking through the cracks. The substructure is in good condition with hairline vertical cracking in both abutments, minor scour at the forward abutment, and moderate abrasion to abutment 2. There are minor cracks in the exterior sides, and concrete rails have minor spalls throughout.

ALL EXPENSES incurred in removing, relocating, rebuilding, and maintaining the bridge at a new location, as well as the expenses associated with acquiring the new site, shall be the sole responsibility of the state, locality, or responsible private entity (the "recipient") and not the GDOT. The recipient shall be required to enter into an agreement assuming responsibility for the bridge in its existing condition, including any and all structural deficiencies, and any unanticipated

costs needed to repair these deficiencies; and holding harmless the GDOT, the State of Georgia, the Federal Highway Administration, and any of their authorized agents from any and all liability, including but not limited liability arising from third party claims. In the event the structure becomes damaged or destroyed during removal and relocation, the applicant will be solely responsible for any repairs or removal of structural debris.

INQUIRIES REGARDING the bridge in response to this notice should be directed to the following: Recheal McMullin, Project Manager, Georgia Department of Transportation, Office of Innovative Delivery, One Georgia Center, 600 West Peachtree Street, NW, Atlanta, Georgia 30308.

PUBLIC NOTICE #117193
8/23,30

Public Sales Auctions

IN ACCORDANCE WITH GEORGIA LAW 40-11-2:
THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED VEHICLES HAVE BEEN ABANDONED AT
INSURANCE AUTO Auction 125 Old Hwy 138 Loganville, GA 30052-4814
AND ARE PRESENTLY STORED AT SAID LOCATION.
IF NOT CLAIMED, THE VEHICLES WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER ON 09/18/20 10:00 AM

YEAR MAKE Model Color
VIN No

2011 VOLKSWAGE CC BLK
VWVWHN7AN6BE710646
2009 AUDI A6 BLK
WAUSG74F39N016668
2014 DODGE Avenger RED
1C3CDZAB38N227607
2011 TOYOTA Corolla WHT
JTDBU4EE1BJ102753
2012 KIA Soul SIL
KNDJT2A54C7464566
2012 DODGE Avenger SIL
1C3CDZCB8CN144698
2005 DODGE Magnum BLK
2D8GV58Z75H116433
2014 VOLKSWAGE Passat WHT
1VWAT732EC108734
2010 TOYOTA Prius BLK
JTDKN3DU8A0154272
2009 NISSAN Altima BGE
1N4AL21E79N438537
2006 CHEVROLET Express WHT
1GCGG25V061260329
2000 MERCEDES-S-Class GRY
WDBNG75J6YA119638
2014 KIA Rio RED
KNADM4A34E6392844
2005 FORD Taurus BLU
1FAFP53245A285728
2015 KIA Optima BLK
5XXGM4A73FG416363
2011 FORD Fusion BLK
3FAHP0JG6BR320586

PUBLIC NOTICE #117164
8/23,30

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION A Public Auction for the non- Payment of Storage fees at Covington Stor-It will take place on or thereafter Tuesday, August 25th, 2020 online at WWW.STORAGEAUCTIONS.COM. The personal effects and household Goods belonging to the following Tenants, having been properly notified, will be sold for CASH to the highest Bidder to satisfy the owner's lien for Rent due, in accordance with the Georgia Self Storage Act, Section 10-1-210 to 10-4-215: Unit 160 Ridley Ingram – bar stools, couch, loveseat, dresser, chairs, table, ladder, boxes, walkers; Unit 143 Yameshia Holder – couches chairs, ottoman, bed frames, bags, boxspring, crutches, fan, clothing, headboards, wicker furniture; Unit 085 April McCall – clothes, totes, couch, nightstand, dressers, fan; Unit 062 Yasmine, Johnson – clothes, sectional, television, mattresses, box springs, totes; Unit 387A Sherri Collins – Chest, washer, dryer, dolly, lamps, dresser, piano, luggage, refrigerator, bench; Unit 082 Michelle Tiller – Microwave, Jackets, rug, luggage, totes, and boxes; Unit 494 Annessah Banks – Totes, mirror, mattress, bags, table, kitchenware, bed frame.

PUBLIC NOTICE #117042
8/9,8/23

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF
PERSONAL PROPERTY

IN ACCORDANCE with the GA Self Service Storage Facilities Act notice is hereby given that the undersigned will be sold at public sale to the highest bidder in order to satisfy lien of the owner. Bidding to take place on lockerfox.com ending Wednesday the 9th day of September, 2020 at 11:00 AM. Said property is Space Shop Self Storage, 6177 Jackson Hwy, Covington, GA, 30014

HEARD, JAMARIO N20 Couch, Microwave, TV, Iron, Vaccum, Table Chairs, Stroller.

HICKS, CHRISTOPHER 1101 dining room set, living room furniture sets, outdoor chairs, blower, hedge trimmer, patio furniture, aquarium, bedroom set,.

NESMITH, STEPHANIE B41 Microwave, Boxes, Bags, Purses, Kids Toys, Vacuum, Shoe Boxes.

WHITE, WENDY G26 boxes, bedroom furniture, couch, lawn dresser, house plants.

STEVENSON, CHARMAIN K23 Shelving, Microwave, Bags, Couch, Chair, Pictures, MattressBox Spring, Clothes, Flat Screen TV.

HURST, ANGELA O03 full size bed, totes, entertainment center, tv, home decor, suite case, bedding, roaster, couch, lawn chairs, lamp, side table.

OLLIVIERRE, JIAVANNA E09 window ac unit, chairs, hampers, bed frames, toys, decor, boxes.

SNEED, HENRY M19 bed, office desk, aquarium, hangers, shoes, heater, dresser, crib.

BROWN, MARK O53 Monitors, Saw, Gutters, Amp, Table Saw, Shredder, Table.

TEAL, BARBARA 1021 golf clubs, paint, chair, bicycle tires, hose, luggage cart, gas cans, desk lamp.

BROWN, MARK O16 Boxes, Recliner, Chairs, Laptops, Hot Plate, Bicycle, Speakers.

CHRISTIAN, JEREMY B39 Foldout Bed, Book Shelf, Toaster Oven, Board Games, Cooler, Shoes.

RUTHERFORD, JASON G22 Fold out chairs, Baby Seat, Car seat, Baby

Swing.

GEORGE, PATSY A30 2 china cabinets, totes, side tables, boxes, couches, shelves, trunk, corner shelf, heater, flat screen tv.

BAILEY, TIMOTHY D05 Dressers, Plastic Tubs, Clothes, Shelves, Speaker, Microwave, Vaccum, Fan, Beanbag, Desk.

HICKS, CHRISTOPHER 1126 dining room set, living room furniture sets, outdoor chairs, blower, hedge trimmer, patio furniture, aquarium, bedroom set,.

QUINN, STEPHANIE A19 TV, Dishwasher, Table, Crates, Plastic tubs. Jackson, Jacquelia M03 Box Springs, Stroller.

STANLEY, JANICE J0203 Dryer, Chairs, Boxes, Golf Clubs, Box Springs.

TAYLOR, COURTNEY I11 Chair, Clothes, Pillows.

ROBERTS, THOMAS N11 Hand Trucks, Fridge, Tent, Camping Stuff, Boxes, Tool Box, Skate Boards.

HOLCOMBE, KIM M04 Head Board, Chair, Clothes, Printer. Goolsby, Mary A04 Couch, Love Seat, tables, cooler.

GOOLSBY, MARY L11 Boxes, Plastic Tubs, Home Decor, Microwave, Weed Eater, Table, Chairs, Dresser, Fishing Poles.

BENTON, MARQUETHIOUS I01 Boxes, Desk, Helmet, Double Burner, Cutting Machine, Monitor

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #117154
8/23,8/30

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
186	SHY, SOKITHIA
191	SHY, SOKITHIA
162	SIMON, Dale
067	SMITH, Jacqueline
077	SMITH, Jacqueline
155	STEPHENS, Lawann
098	WINTER, ETAHELY

PUBLIC NOTICE # 117144
8/16,23

PUBLIC AUCTION— 212 STORAGE WILL HOLD A PUBLIC SALE TO ENFORCE A LIEN IMPOSED ON SAID PROPERTY, AS DESCRIBED BELOW,PURSUANT TO THE GEORGIA SELF STORAGE FACILITY ACT,GEORGIA CODE 10-4-210 TO 10-4-215, AT 10:00 AM ON THURSDAY 3RD OF SEPTEMBER, 2020, AT 212 STORAGE,67 HWY 212,COVINGTON,GA 30014. MANAGEMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO WITHDRAW ANY UNIT FROM SALE. REGISTERED OR MOTOR VEHICLES ARE SOLD "AS IS/PARTS ONLY"; NO TITLES OR REGISTRATION. TENANT NAME ,JASON CASE, Unit #98,ITEMS STORED FURN, BXS.

PUBLIC NOTICE #117163
8/23,30

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
1N4AL11E2BN332891
- **2001 JEEP** GRAND CHEROKEE 1J4GW48S11C707175
- **1995 LINCOLN** CONTINENTAL 1LNLM97V5S7Y55765
- **1995 JEEP** GRAND CHEROKEE 1J4FX58S6SC556253
- **2005 JEEP** GRAND CHEROKEE 1J4GF48K45C553767
- **2016 HUYNDAI** SONATA
5NPE24AF8GH263327
- **2008 HONDA** CRV
JHLRE38778C030699
- **1999 FORD** CROWN VICTORIA 2FAPF74W7XX188658
- **2001 FORD** MUSTANG
1FAFP42X91F107723
- **2003 DODGE** RAM VAN
2D7JB2123K530110
- **2002 DODGE** DURANGO
1B4HS58ZX2F185572
- **2008 CHEVROLET** IMPALA 2G1V5S53789181385
- **2005 CHEVROLET** AVALANCHE 3GNEC12Z55G229279
- **2000 BMW** 328i
WBAAM5347YFR20802
- **1999 FORD** EXPLORER
1FMZU32E6GXZA87037



Metro Creative Services

Various technologies are being employed to produce crops more efficiently and safely than ever before.

Technology plays major role in modern farming

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS
news@covnews.com

Modern industry is driven by technology. Advancements in technology have changed how business is conducted, with some industries undergoing dramatic changes since the dawn of the 21st century.

While agriculture might not be the first industry people think of when reflecting on the changing nature of industry, The National Institute of Food and Agriculture notes that modern farms are vastly different than those from a few decades ago.

Farmers have long relied on technology to make their operations as efficient, productive and profitable as possible. Precision agriculture, which refers to technological advances designed to propel agriculture into the modern, computerized

and information-based world, is helping the agricultural sector become more profitable and efficient while also improving safety and making agriculture more eco-friendly. In addition, the NIFA notes that the modern agricultural industry employs technology such as robots, temperature and moisture sensors, aerial images, and global positioning systems.

If it sounds complicated, that's because it is. For example, modern sensors can detect soil conditions, potentially producing hundreds of readings per second. These sensors help farmers know the best possible time to plant seeds so they can reach their full potential. That improves both the efficiency of modern farms as well as their output.

The NIFA also notes that agricultural tech-

nology has reduced waste. For instance, thanks to agricultural technology, farmers no longer have to apply water, fertilizers and pesticides uniformly across entire fields. Technology has shown that farmers can simply target specific areas or even treat individual plants differently. That saves time and allows farmers to use only minimal quantities of water, fertilizer and pesticides. In addition, according to the NIFA, employing agricultural technology in this fashion leads to higher crop productivity and reduces runoff of chemicals into rivers and groundwater, thereby reducing the farm's impact on local ecosystems.

Modern farms are technological marvels where various technologies are being employed to produce crops more efficiently and safely than ever before.

Fungus among us

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During this time of year where we have periods of daily rain showers and high humidity, there are mushrooms popping up everywhere. Mushrooms are fascinating and completely harmless if left alone.

Mushrooms are the fruiting, reproductive part of a soil borne fungus. The "seeds" of this fungus are produced by the mushrooms and are millions of microscopic spores released into the environment. Mushrooms are beneficial to the local ecosystems and aid in breaking down dead organic materials to provide nutrients for other plants.

Many people are concerned that mushrooms are harming their trees and landscapes, but for the majority of the fruiting bodies, that is not the case. Mushrooms called conks are a sign that your tree is dead or severely stressed. It is then recommended that you have a certified arborist assess the health of your tree. These mushrooms grow on the tree trunk itself. If you have mushrooms growing around the tree on the ground, this is completely normal and they help break down the leaves and other organic matter.

Lichen is another fungus that poses little threat to trees. This is a symbiotic relationship and they simply live on the surface of the bark. As plants are stressed and begin to decline, the reduced canopy allows sunlight to enter and support photosynthesis for the lichen. The presence of lichens are often an indicator of poor plant health but it is never the cause.

It is nearly impossible to remove all fungus from your landscape and there is no chemical that will kill them all. You can remove the favorable conditions for fungal growths in your areas. Remove wood and leaf piles, buried wood and dead roots. Be sure to de-thatch and aerate the lawn and don't mulch more than 2 inches thick.

One of the main reasons to remove mushrooms from your yard are pets and children. Never eat an unidentified mushroom as they can be deadly. Georgia is home to several species of mushrooms that could cause death if only a single mushroom is eaten. Two such deadly species are the Destroying Angel, *Amanita virosa*, and the Autumn Skullcap, *Galerina autumnalis*.

Mushrooms usually emerge when rain follows extended dry periods. Dry weather stresses the fungi, and when water becomes available, it



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Pictured is *Amanita jacksonii*, one that is reportedly edible. Do not eat mushrooms unless you are an expert and correctly identify species.



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Conks like these attached to the trees can slowly nibble away at trunks and exposed roots.



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Pictured is the Destroying Angel, which is extremely deadly.

triggers the reproductive mechanism and mushrooms pop up. To keep the mushrooms from popping up, irrigate your lawn if it gets too dry. The moisture will keep the fungus under ground and will not produce the mushrooms.

To rid your lawn of mushrooms, pull them up, kick them over or run over them with the lawn mower. This will keep them from releasing the spores that spread the fungi. Aerate your lawn to prevent further damage to your turfgrass.

For more information or if you have questions contact the Newton Extension office at 770-784-2010 or email Ashley Best at abest22@uga.edu.

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Dream comes true for 2 Newton County teens

Local students earn 4-H honors

By DEVEN MILLERICK
Special to The Covington News

As Georgia 4-H concluded its first ever virtual achievement series, two Newton County 4-H'ers received the highest honors the organization could offer.

Eleventh-grade student CJ Harris was elected to the State Board of Directors as a State Representative, and 11th grade student Delaney Millerick was awarded 4-H Mastery Status in the project area "Festive Foods for Health".

This is the second year Harris ran for election on the State Board of Directors. Alongside his eight fellow state officers, Harris will spend the next year planning statewide events, speaking at numerous ceremonies, and meeting elected officials. However, he hopes to be a role model for his peers just as previous officers were to him. "State Board is something I've sought after and idolized for so long. I can remember looking up on the stage to see those special individuals lead and represent the

organization that I have such a high regard for. To finally be a part of this team of enthusiastic and likeminded people is a dream come true. I hope to be an inspiration to my peers and carry out my duties as a state officer," Harris said.

Millerick competed in her project for the last three years. To achieve Master 4-H status, a 4-H'er must place first at a state level competition. An achievement that demonstrates many hours of leadership, community service and direct work with the topic of their project. For Millerick, this meant earning her Serve Safe Manager's certification, and designing a cooking curriculum that taught nutrition, cooking skills and kitchen safety to the community. Because this achievement involves so many real-world aspects, the competition is also judged by experts in the field, meaning those who receive Master 4-H status can list this achievement on their college or job applications.

"Achieving Master 4-H status is a tangible accomplishment for my determination and hard work," Millerick said. "Being homeschooled, I

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athletics,” Fuhrey said. “We’re looking at that. We’re talking about trying to figure out how to make that happen, and to do it safely to protect all of our children and all our staff members. And so if people would just hang tight for us for a little bit of time, we will get the information out there and share with everyone what the next steps will be.

“We’re working on trying to decide if the timing is right.” Throughout the week, coaches and athletic directors at Alcovy, Eastside and Newton high schools spoke with The Covington News and voiced their disappointment with the county’s decision to bring sports to a halt.

“I hope it’s temporary. There’s a lot of families in the county that have a lot riding on — a lot in invested [in] — this season, and I would hate to see them not get an opportunity

this year,” Alcovy head football coach Jason Dukes said. “My main concern is for the health and safety of my players, but of course as a coach I’m disappointed to not get an opportunity to play right now.”

Eastside head football coach Troy Hoff expressed similar sentiments.

“Disappointed in the decision,” Hoff said. “I’m hopeful that very shortly we can find a path to getting all of our extracurricular activities back together again.”

Last month, the Georgia High School Association announced that it would be delaying the start of the varsity football season two weeks. Alcovy and Newton were scheduled to kick off their respective campaigns on Sept. 4, followed by Eastside on Sept. 11. Meanwhile, the GHSA varsity softball and volleyball seasons have

already begun.

Local athletic directors have now been placed in a difficult position due to the indefinite nature of the county’s suspension. They’ve each noted that they’re remaining in constant contact with the schools they’re scheduled to play, but they’re unable to provide future opponents with information about when — or if — their fall seasons will resume.

Newton County was not the first in the state to suspend its fall athletics. However, unlike Fulton County, which is delayed until Sept. 14, and Dekalb County, which is delayed until the end of September, officials have set no target date for reassessment.

As a result, the question of whether to temporarily delay games or cancel them outright has been made more complex.

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“It puts us in a little predicament,” Newton athletic director Vincent Byams said. “Fulton and Dekalb, at least they know when they’re trying to get back and when sports will try to get back to playing. But for us, we’re kind of in purgatory a little bit. We’re not canceled, but we’re not playing either, so we’re just in the in-between.”

The Rams were forced to shut down their football program for the first two weeks of August due to players testing positive for COVID-19. Head

coach Camiel Grant Jr. said the county-wide suspension “wasn’t a surprise,” but he expressed sympathy for the players who are having to press pause on their season.

“My message to [my team] was this is obviously disappointing, but it’s a setback,” Grant Jr. said. “And just like in the game of football, we experience setbacks. We have to continue to find a way to make the best of whatever situation we’re in.”

Alcovy athletic director Thomas Lowe admitted to having conflicted feelings about the suspension.

“I think it was the right decision,” Lowe said. “You hate it for the kids because they have worked hard and they’ve done the grunt work of preparing for the season. But now, a few weeks out from their opener, they were given word that the season is suspended

indefinitely.

“So I do think it was the right decision, but for some personal reasons I kind of wish that we would [play.]”

At Eastside, athletic director Phillip Davidson noted that the Eagles, like Alcovy, had not received reports of any positive tests from any of their teams prior to the suspension.

“We’re disappointed,” Davidson said. “We’ve actually started playing, so we just hope we can get back out there as soon as possible.”

As of Wednesday, Aug. 19, the Georgia Department of Public Health stated that Newton County had reported a total of 2,078 positive cases of the coronavirus and 52 deaths. In the last two weeks, according to the DPH, Newton County had reported 350 new cases per 100,000 residents.

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with high rates of the disease to enact their own face covering requirements. If Newton commissioners take no further action, the county ordinance will be repealed on Oct. 31 or when Kemp’s executive order ends — now set for Aug. 31.

However, the numerous exemptions Newton commissioners included in the ordinance

Tuesday, Aug. 18, effectively limited the requirement to publicly-owned spaces many county residents may only visit sparingly.

Commissioner Stan Edwards said it also includes a series of exemptions that made it almost unenforceable.

“I don’t know where you’re going to have to wear one, looking at this list,” he said.

“There are so many places you don’t have to (wear masks), you have to describe where you have to.”

The ordinance requires masks to be worn in any county parks or buildings, such as the county administration building in downtown Covington, but not on state or federal property.

In addition, 14 ex-

emptions were listed in the ordinance including any residential properties owned or leased; private property where the owner does not consent to enforcement of the ordinance; public safety workers; medical professionals; those who object for religious, ethical or health reasons; and others — such as when applying makeup or getting a haircut.

It also exempted those who were practicing social distancing when it was “both possible and being actively practiced.”

“There are enough exemptions available that ... people can say, ‘I can be responsible and socially distant but if I can’t do that I know I need to wear a mask,’” said Commissioner Nancy Schulz.

The board voted after hearing the latest statistics on COVID-19 cases in the county from Dr. Audrey Arona, director of the Gwinnett Rockdale Newton Health Departments.

Kemp’s order stated any county with confirmed cases of more than 100 could approve a mask requirement, the ordinance noted.

Arona, who spoke by phone to the board, said while the prevalence of the disease had slightly decreased statewide in recent weeks, Newton County’s confirmed cases in the past 14

days had increased from 346 to 370 per 100,000 population.

The overall rate of positive cases increased from 11.8% to 12.4% in one week in Newton County while the statewide rate had dropped from 11% to 9.8% in the same tie period, Arona said.

In addition, the rate of those entering emergency departments for the disease had decreased 0.5% statewide (5.3% to 4.8%) but increased in Newton County from 3.8% to 4.1%, Arona said.

“We know that all counties in Georgia have widespread community transmission,” Arona said.

“But looking at the 14-day case rate and positivity in that period of time can give you a kind of sense of whether you’re improving or not — and Newton County today sits at a higher level than prior,” she said.

County attorney Sam VanVolkenburgh said the ordinance would not affect the county school district’s orders for mask usage on its properties.

Those voting at county polling locations — either on public or private property — also were exempted.

He said the ordinance would not require masks if using the county election office as a polling place, but

would require it elsewhere in the county administration building.

Enforcement would include a written warning on first offense and up to a \$50 fine on subsequent offenses, the ordinance stated.

Commissioners voted 4-1 to approve the ordinance that only applies to areas of Newton County outside the corporate limits of Covington, Mansfield, Newborn, Oxford and Porterdale.

Schulz and Commissioners Demond Mason, J.C. Henderson and Ronnie Cowan voted for it and Edwards voted against it.

“I fully support wearing masks but I do not support mandating masks,” Edwards said. “We’re saying we don’t trust our citizens to do what’s right.”

Cowan said he hoped the ordinance’s impact would be reduction of the spread of the disease in Newton County.

“It’s reasonable to me. I think this goes beyond the mandates and everything,” he said. “It’s a safety issue.”

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have always found that I’ve had to create my own opportunities since I couldn’t join in the same extracurricular activities as my peers, so to know my efforts paid off in such [an] honorable way is very rewarding.”

The county program assistant, Kim Lawrence, praised the tenacity of the youth in her program.

“I have known both students for several years now,” she said.

“Each year they came to our program with a goal. When they did not meet their goals by the end, they came back the following year with determination to try again. We could not be more proud of them!”

Georgia 4-H has been teaching students valuable life skills in Newton County since it was founded in 1904. Through numerous competitions in categories ranging from agriculture to engineer-

ing and technology, students learn the value of community service, practice leadership and public speaking skills, and develop skills necessary for career development.

For more information on how your child can get involved with Newton County 4-H and to take advantage of these opportunities, call the Newton County Extension Office at 770-784-2010.

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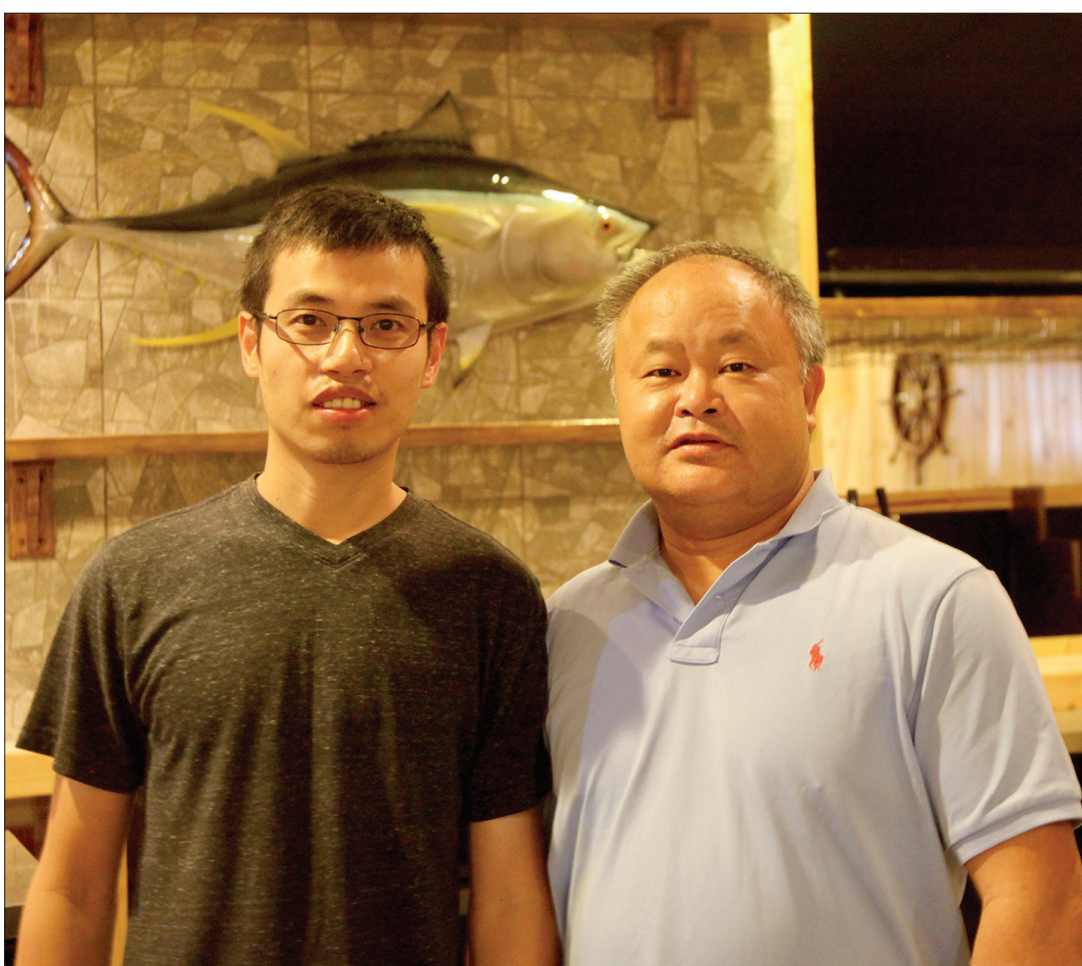
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The Mini Crab

Quite the catch

Cajun seafood restaurant and bar spices up Covington



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Co-owners Huangji Dao (left) and Bin Jin opened The Mini Crab after opening three cajun seafood restaurants in Alabama.

By MASON WITTNER

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COVINGTON, Ga. — There's a new big fish in Newton County's pond.

The Mini Crab, a cajun seafood and bar, has come to town and set up shop in the Kroger Center off of Highway 278.

Co-owned by Bin Jin and Huangji Dao, The Mini Crab's grand opening took place on Friday, Aug. 7. However, due in part to COVID-19 complications, the restaurant is currently only accepting orders for take-out.

This is Jin's and Dao's first venture in the Peach State, but not their first in the food business. The duo also co-own a trio of similar restaurants in Alabama — two in Birmingham, one in Anniston — that operate as The Crab Barrack.

Among the specialties the cajun seafood joint offer are their snow crab legs, crawfish, fried tilapia basket and mussels. They also offer a wide range of seasonings, including garlic but-

ter, lemon pepper and the cajun house special — a unique blend of all their seasonings.

"Everybody likes our snow crab and shrimp," Jin said. "We use a good size and have a house special sauce. Everybody likes that."

When patrons walk into the restaurant's dining room, they'll be greeted with an oversized crab sculpture that hangs over the seats. That's just one of the many changes the restaurant underwent over the past several months in preparation for opening.

"I'd like people to know this is something totally different than the restaurant that was here before us," Jin said. "We hope people come out and give us a shot and see that it's different."

Jin and Dao are still the process of acquiring an alcohol license to open The Mini Crab's bar. In the meantime, food orders can be placed at the front of the restaurant or via phone at 770-786-7959.

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The Mini Crab specializes in cajun-style seafood including crab legs and shrimp.



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The Mini Crab is located at 3116 Highway 278 in Covington at Newton Plaza (the Kroger Center).



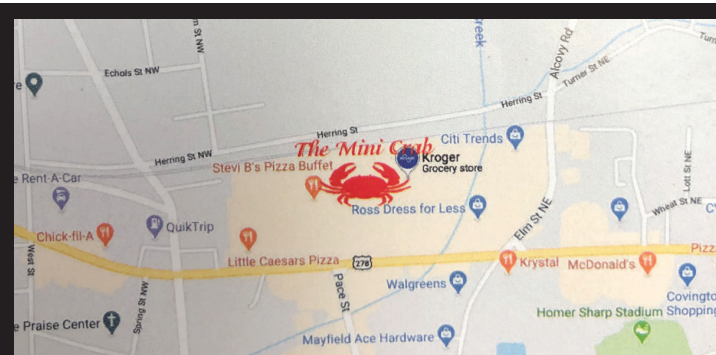
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In the dining room of The Mini Crab in Covington, a crab sculpture hangs overhead.

What's on the menu?

Blue Crab
Shrimp
Snow Crab Legs
Crawfish
Clams
Black, Green Mussel
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