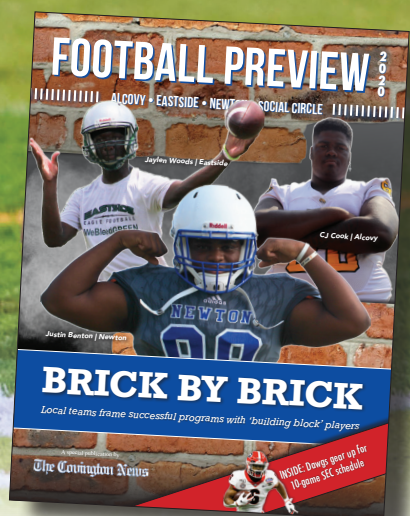


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— Romans 8:28, KJV

Sam Ramsey

Businessman, former Covington mayor dies

By TOM SPIGOLON
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Some area residents who knew Sam Ramsey praised his work as a community, civic, religious and business leader during his decades of service to Covington and Newton County.

Ramsey, 81, died Tuesday, Aug. 25, at Emory University Orthopaedics and Spine Hospital following surgery for a broken hip, according

to an obituary from Caldwell & Cowan Funeral Home.

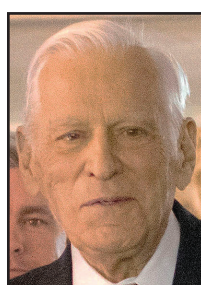
A funeral service honoring his life is set for Monday, Aug. 31, at 11 a.m. at Salem Campground Tabernacle at 3940 Salem Road in Covington with internment following in Covington City Cemetery, the obituary stated.

Covington Mayor Steve Horton said Ramsey — who was one of his predecessors in the mayor's seat — also was “one of the most selfless

people I ever met.”

“Nothing was more important to him than people,” Horton said. “He loved people.”

Ramsey was owner and president of Ramsey Furniture Co. for 56 years near the Covington



Sam Ramsey

Square.

His 37-year tenure as a public servant included a decade as mayor from 1996-2007 after serving on the city council for nine years and the city planning commission for 18 years.

Covington attorney Frank Turner Jr., said he knew Ramsey all his life. His father, Frank Turner Sr., and Ramsey were boyhood friends and Turner served as city manager during Ram-

sey's time in city government.

“He was a good Christian man,” Turner Jr. said. “He was level-headed ... he always tried to bring people together.”

He noted Ramsey was a lifelong supporter and a major organizer of the Salem Campmeeting — and recalled traveling as a boy to the Campmeeting in west-

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From left, Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney Amber Dally, Chief Public Defender Anthony Carter and defendant Jennifer Bellah stand before Judge Ken Wynne Jr. Wednesday, Aug. 26, in Newton County Superior Court in Covington.

Oxford woman guilty of daughter's 2018 murder

Sentenced to 15 years in prison after pleading 'guilty but mentally ill'

By TOM SPIGOLON
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COVINGTON, Ga. — An Oxford woman is going to prison for 15 years after pleading guilty to shooting her 2-year-old daughter to death but being mentally ill at the time.

And the district attorney said prosecutors got a tougher sentence than one they potentially could have seen

under state law.

Jennifer Michelle Bellah, 33, pleaded “guilty but mentally ill” Wednesday, Aug. 26, to a charge of felony murder in the 2018 shooting death of her daughter, Natalya Bellah.

Superior Court Judge Ken Wynne Jr. sentenced her to 15 years in prison without the possibility of parole, followed by life on probation.

Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney Amber Dally and Chief Public Defender Anthony Carter said her plea was the result of an

agreement between Bellah and prosecutors. Bellah's family and the Newton County Sheriff's Office lead investigator on the case also were in agreement, they said.

Bellah entered her plea Wednesday after pleading not guilty to the charges in May 2019.

The case stems from the Aug. 28, 2018, shooting death of Bellah's daughter in the basement of a residence on Brown Thrasher Run

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NCSSS announces plan for 'gradual' return to in-person instruction

By TOM SPIGOLON
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Newton County schools will allow students to begin a “staggered, gradual return” to buildings with all possibly back in by mid-October if the COVID-19 “numbers allow,” the superintendent announced recently.

The system is preparing for the eventual return of students for in-person instruction but it will be based on such factors as grade level, student status and if they originally chose an in-person learning model, a news release stated.

Superintendent Samantha Fuhrey and staff announced the development of a School System Re-Entry Plan that delineates the timetable students could return to school, the release stated.

On Sept. 8, all self-contained special education students will report to in-person instruction at their school buildings while all other students in grades pre-kindergarten through 12 will begin virtual instruction, the

release stated.

“It is important to provide face-to-face instruction for our self-contained students starting on day one,” Fuhrey said. “As a result, they will be the first students to return to the buildings for in-person instruction.”

“From there, we will implement our re-entry plan and, if the situation allows, begin a staggered, gradual return of students to in-person learning,” she said.

Fuhrey said the re-entry to buildings will be for those who originally opted for the in-person learning model; those who opted for the secondary self-paced virtual model will continue that learning format through the first semester.

“In addition, those parents who feel it is in their child's best interest to remain in virtual learning may do so — we are not going to require them to return to in-person if they do not feel comfortable sending their child to school at this time.”

Fuhrey and district staff will review data regarding COVID-19 every Friday, using the 14-day case rate, rate of positivity, the seven-day moving average, hospitaliza-

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Samantha Fuhrey

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with the girl’s grandmother.

At the time, a Newton County sheriff’s spokesman said Bellah called 911 to report she “shot her 2-year-old daughter using a firearm.” The girl was pronounced dead once authorities arrived, the spokesman said.

Assistant District Attorney Amber Dally said Bellah was being treated for mental illness and had asked for an increase in the dosage of prescription anti-depressants in days leading up to the shooting.

On the day of the incident, Dally said Bellah left a voice mail on her brother’s phone saying she was upset, that “he would never know what it’s like to lose a child,” and referred to Natalya in “the past tense.”

However, when he went to check on them Bellah refused to let him in the home but showed him through a window the girl was unharmed. Soon after, she retrieved a handgun, shot the girl three times and called 911, Dally said.

A pistol, a shell casing and bullets were recovered from the scene, a sheriff’s office spokesman said in 2018.

Dally said Wednesday investigators found the prescription anti-depressants, medical records about her ongoing treatment and “eulogies” Bellah had written for her and her daughter.

She said Bellah told investigators she shot and killed the child because she feared the girl would be taken from her and later harmed.

“We do agree she did suffer some sort of mental illness” which justified her use of the plea of guilty but mentally ill, Dally said.

Carter, who represented Bellah, said he fought for her to plead Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity but called Wednesday’s agreement “a good compromise.”

Acting District Attorney Randy McGinley said, “The death of Natalya was a horrendous crime and this plea and sentence ends the case with the appropriate outcome.”

McGinley said that, in addition to the more common guilty and not guilty pleas, state law allows a defendant to plead Guilty but Mentally Ill or Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity.

“Should this case have gone to trial, a jury would have been given

all four of those options,” McGinley said.

“When a jury finds a defendant Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity, the defendant is committed to a state mental health facility. The defendant is then evaluated within 30 days and then on a regular basis, usually every 12 months.

“Should an evaluation find that a defendant no longer meets the requirements of inpatient commitment, that defendant would be released from commitment by the court,” McGinley said.

“Therefore, under a finding of Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity, a defendant can be released from commitment in a very short time after such a verdict. This could happen as early as shortly after the first evaluation 30 days after the verdict.”

He said when a defendant enters a plea of Guilty but Mentally Ill or such a verdict is returned by a jury, the Georgia Department of Corrections will be responsible for the defendant’s mental health needs.

“Therefore, a defendant under this plea or verdict is sentenced to prison but will receive mental health treatment while in prison,” McGinley said.

He said Bellah was evaluated by “multiple doctors” while the case was pending.

“Should the case had proceeded to trial, all these mental health experts would have testified that Bellah was suffering from a serious mental health illness,” he said.

“While that was undisputed, some of the experts would have disagreed at trial as to whether Bellah met the legal requirements for a finding of Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity.”

He said his office “thoroughly reviewed all of the facts surrounding this case including all of the mental health evaluations, the body camera footage, and the interviews of the defendant and her family members conducted just after the crime. Additionally, the DA’s office consulted with an additional well-known and well-respected experts to review the mental health issues,” he said.

“After this exhaustive review of the case” the state and the defense reached a negotiated plea to Guilty by Mentally Ill with the sentence that Wynne accepted, McGinley said.

OBITUARIES

Sam Ramsey

Sam Ramsey, former mayor of the city of Covington, Chairman of the Board of Directors at Salem Campground and President and CEO of Ramsey Furniture Company, passed away Aug. 25, 2020, following surgery for a broken hip. He was 81 at the time of his death.



Mr. Ramsey, a 1957 graduate of Newton County High School, continued his post-secondary education at Oxford College of Emory University before graduating with his BBA from Emory University Business School in 1961. He was later presented the Distinguished Alumnus of Emory University Award. A true servant, he began his lifelong years of service by courageously serving in the United States Air Force which included the tense military standoff known as the Cuban Missile Crisis. His outstanding service was recognized when he was awarded the Distinguished Materiel Control Officer Award by the U.S. Air Force.

Although he considered entering the ministry, after returning to his native home of Newton County, Mr. Ramsey devoted more than four decades to public service and the ministries of both the Methodist church and the local Salem Campground. Confirmed at the age of 6, Mr. Ramsey was a lifetime member of Covington First United Methodist Church where he faithfully served in several capacities including Chairman of the Administrative Board and the Council on Ministries. A Certified Lay Speaker, he attended the annual Salem Campground meetings for more than eight decades and served as Trustee and Chairman of the Program Committee for 57 years, and most recently as Chairman of the Board of Directors. Furthering his commitment to the Gospel, Mr. Ramsey was an active member of Gideons International.

A true pillar of his community, Mr. Ramsey launched his public service after being appointed to the City of Covington Planning and Zoning Commission in 1970, and in 1975, was elected President of Newton County Chamber of Commerce. He was later awarded the honorable R.O. Arnold Award for Community Service by the chamber. Additionally, he served as President of the Kiwanis Club, from 1971 – 1973, and began a dedicated tenure as leader and advisor for the Boy Scouts of America – Troop 222. He served on the Atlanta Area Council and the Advisory Board. Mr. Ramsey was awarded the highest Adult Scouting Award – the Silver Beaver.

In 1988, he was elected to the City Council (nine years), and in 1996, he was elected Mayor of Covington to complete a one-year unexpired term. Mr. Ramsey continued serving the citizens of Covington as he was re-elected mayor for three additional terms. During his incumbency, all departments within the city became nationally accredited – the police department having received the highest award possible – the coveted Webber Seavey Award. Further, Mr. Ramsey was instrumental in the expansion of the Covington Municipal Airport. In addition to the economic benefits the local airport provided to the community, safety was his top priority as new hangers were built, the runway was extended and new lighting was implemented. In addition to the vast progression of the city during his administration, he sought the support of local pastors and churches to create Faithworks, a local non-profit assisting indigent families with rent and utility expenses. When the City Council was at a standstill, Mr. Ramsey was the tie-breaking vote in favor of the Garden of Gethsemane Homeless Shelter being relocated to Covington, from Porterdale, allowing better facilities to serve those in need. His devotion to the shelter continued as he served on the Board of Directors for the last eleven years.

Those left to carry on his legacy include his beloved wife of nearly 50 years, Becky Griffin Ramsey; his devoted cousin, Tony Ramsey, his wife, Kimberly, and their children, Taylor and Rachel; his faithful sisters-in-law, Alice Griffin Walker and her husband, Ken, Lavinia Griffin; nephews, John B. Griffin, III, and his wife, Laura, Richard S. Griffin and his wife, Beth; great-nieces, Victoria, Nicole, Kaitlin and Makenzie.

A funeral service honoring the life of Mr. Ramsey will be held Monday, Aug. 31, 2020, at 11 a.m., at Salem Campground Tabernacle, 3940 Salem Road, in Covington, with Rev. Dr. Douglas Gilreath and Rev. Dr. Jan McCoy officiating. He will lie in state beginning at 10 a.m. A private family interment will immediately follow the service. In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to Salem Campground, c/o Dr. Carter Rogers, P.O. Box 243, Conyers, GA 30012; or Covington First United Methodist Church, 1113 Conyers St. SW, Covington, GA 30014.

The family would like to invite all to visit the Caldwell & Cowan Funeral Home Tribute Wall, created for Mr. Ramsey, which can be found with his obituary at caldwellandcowan.com. The family would appreciate the special memories shared by all who knew him.

John Edward “Butch” Scruggs

John Edward “Butch” Scruggs, 71, of Covington, passed away on Aug. 17, 2020.

Butch is survived by his wife of 52 years, Joan Scruggs; son, Shannon Scruggs and wife, Dana, of Senoia, Ga.; daughter, Sharmi Rivera and husband, Dan, of Atlanta, Ga.;

granddaughters, Haley Lee and her husband, Weston, Taylor Scruggs, Alyson Scruggs, Peyton Lawrence and Ava Ehrman; grandsons, Chandler Lawrence, Jay Rivera, Luke Rivera and Jaden Ehrman; one great-granddaughter, Dallas Sage Lee; sister and brother-in-law, Margaret Parker and her husband, Jack; many sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews; and best friend, his dog, Squirt.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Hulen and Bessie Scruggs.

Butch began his work as an addiction counselor in 1996 and was ordained a Baptist minister that same year. He and his wife, Joan, founded and have operated Damascus Road Recovery in Covington for 18 years. Damascus Road is Butch’s legacy. He mentored and led men

from prison, homelessness and addiction to a life of recovery. There are hundreds of alumni of Damascus Road that Butch showed how to live life sober and be great men, husbands, fathers and sons — returning them to their families. Thousands of lives have been touched by Butch’s work at Damascus Road by teaching one man the way, that man taught another, and that man taught another, and so on and so forth.

A private memorial service officiated by Pastor Mike Franklin and Pastor Chris Connor will be held Sept. 5, 2020, at 11 a.m., at Solid Rock Baptist Church in Covington.

In lieu of flowers, donations are requested for the continued work Butch started at Damascus Road Recovery, P.O. Box 1555, Covington, GA 30015, or online at damascus-roadrecovery.org.

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ern Newton County at Ramsey's urging.

The Campmeeting's cancellation this year because of COVID-19 was the only time other than during the years of the Civil War in which it was not held since 1828.

Ramsey was a member of the Covington Kiwanis Club for almost 50 years. He also was a major supporter and longtime lay leader of Covington First United Methodist Church, Turner said.

The church's pastor, the Rev. Doug Gilreath, recalled Ramsey as a "very devoted, very dedicated member."

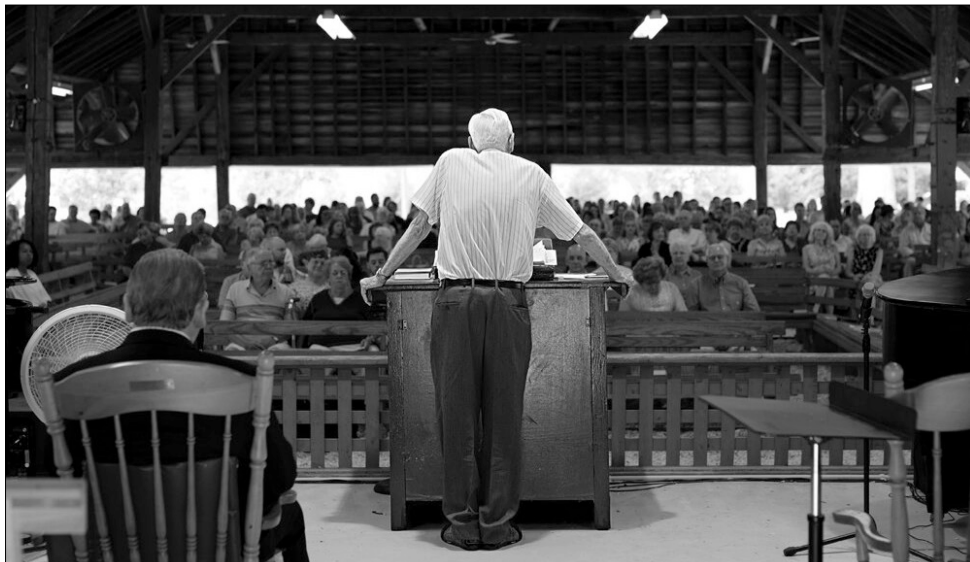
"He had a way of making his passions your passions," said Gilreath, who has served as the church's pastor since 2008.

He noted the church's choir typically performed as part of one of Ramsey's "passions" — the Campmeeting.

Ramsey even arranged for the bishop of the North Georgia Methodist Conference — the parent organization of 800 churches — to speak during the event, Gilreath said.

The pastor also said Ramsey and his wife, Becky, helped bring the church sanctuary's centerpiece, an 1,100-pound chandelier, to Covington First United Methodist after it proved too heavy for the ceiling of Emory Oxford College's chapel.

He also noted Ram-



Sam Ramsey speaks during a past Salem Campmeeting.

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sey was instrumental in what became Garden of Gethsemane Homeless Shelter on Turner Lake Circle in 2009.

According to a 2007 story in The Covington News, funding the shelter was a hot topic at the time. Ramsey cast the tie-breaking vote for the city council to approve \$1.08 million to establish the badly-needed but controversial shelter in a former daycare center.

During Ramsey's decade as mayor, he supported development of the city's airport and sale of Covington Cable to Charter Communications, the 2007 story noted.

Covington also saw construction of a number of county facilities, including the Newton County Library, the Judicial Center, the Turner Lake Recreation Complex, the Newton County Board of Education headquarters and the Newton County

Detention Center.

Georgia Piedmont Technical College and Georgia State University's Perimeter College in Newton campus also located in Covington during Ramsey's time in office.

Horton served as city manager, police chief, public works director and other positions during 36 years with Covington government — much of it during Ramsey's time as an appointed and elected city official.

Among Ramsey's goals was making life easier for the neediest in society, Horton said.

Ramsey also looked to a higher power for guidance, the mayor said.

"He'd talk politics, but he talked about wanting to be in the 'prayer house' rather than the White House," Horton said, laughing. Horton said Ramsey was among the people who helped guide him

along the way in his career. Ramsey was a "mentor" to Horton who helped convince him to seek election to the mayor's seat that he won in 2019, the mayor said.

"Sam always was an encourager," Horton said.

Covington Police Chief Stacy Cotton was named to head the police department the same year Ramsey was elected mayor. He said Ramsey was "a gentleman to everyone he ever met."

"His passing is yet another one of Covington and Newton County's great homegrown people who cared about everyone in this community to leave us recently," Cotton said.

"I was honored to serve as his police chief when he became mayor but more honored that he was my friend. Mr. Sam, you will be missed."

County Commis-

sioner Ronnie Cowan was human resources director during a 25-year span with the city of Covington, some of which included Ramsey's years in office.

Cowan recalled Ramsey being "fair and reasonable" as he worked with him to develop policies for city workers.

He said Ramsey was always knowledgeable about city initiatives, such as the city government self-funding its insurance.

"Sam was just a good all-around person," he said.

He said Ramsey and one of his predecessors, Bill Dobbs, led the town as it developed into a modern city over three decades.

"He is what I would call an elder statesman," Cowan said.

County Coroner Tommy Davis described Ramsey as a "great man" he had the honor of calling a friend.

"Mr. Sam Ramsey was a fine man — an outstanding man," he said. "He was a pillar of the community and a public servant."

"He was ever-present within the community. He was always so giving of his self to others ... Sam was just a great man. Just always Sam Ramsey — always the same."

"And to say he was a great man is a huge statement. The measure of a man is not only who is today, but who he was yesterday and who he is the next

day.

"And Mr. Ramsey was always the same. He was always positive and always had the best intentions for this community and city. He was a great role model for the community."

The Newton County government on its Facebook page posted photos from a celebration of Ramsey Furniture Co. being in business for 100 years in 2019.

"Newton County mourns the loss of Sam Ramsey and shares its thoughts and prayers with his wife Becky and family."

"Sam Ramsey served Newton County throughout his life, on the Covington City Council, as mayor, as owner of Ramsey Furniture, a faithful member of his church and dedicated chairman and advocate of the Salem Camp Meeting."

"Newton County thanks you Sam Ramsey."

Ramsey is survived by his wife of almost 50 years, Becky Ramsey; a cousin, Tony Ramsey, and his wife, Kimberly, and their children, according to the obituary.

Memorial contributions may be made to Salem Campground; or Covington First United Methodist at 1113 Conyers St. SW, Covington, GA 30014.

Publisher and Editor Taylor Beck contributed to this report.



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Jennifer Wilds guest columnist

Don't disconnect when social distancing

Everyone asks at the beginning of each phone call and video conference right now, “how are you doing during this?” But are we waiting for the answer? We are all going through this challenging time right now but it may look and feel very different to each one of us so we need to try to be mindful of the thoughts and feelings of others. Some people have loved ones that have died, some are unexpectedly full time caretakers all day every day, other are facing job cuts and food insecurities, some are battling addictions and mental health struggles, others did not have a much anticipated and deserved graduation and so many are on the front lines fighting every day for all of those in hospitals, nursing homes and grocery stores to keep us safe from harm.

“Social distancing” cannot mean social disconnectedness. More than ever, we need the value of connecting with neighbors and loved ones and we have to be more intentional about how to do that with each other. September is Suicide Prevention Month so we need to support our own mental wellness as well as help others through the power of connectivity.

Look around and see what you can do in your community or among a common group. People are being so creative — have you seen Tik Tok? If that is not your speed, I know someone who is putting together a weekly care package for a small group with a different activity every week.

Leave the house with intention to connect with someone with a smile or a nod even through your mask — they will see you smiling with your eyes.

Some things that we can do to stay connected at this time include:

- Join a walking or exercise challenge with friends from across the street or across the globe.
- Write a card, email

or text just to let someone know you are thinking about them — better yet, pick up the phone and call someone you have not spoken with recently.

- Cook or do a hobby together over videoconference.

- Take a picnic to the park — everyone can bring their own individual meal, take out their own garbage and maintain physical and safe distance.

When you ask the question of how someone is doing, I encourage you to really listen for the answer. A friend, or even a stranger, may tell you how they are really feeling and provide you with an amazing opportunity to share a laugh or help them get through a challenging situation. If you know someone who is struggling, learn what signs of suicide may look like and open yourself up to having a supportive conversation with someone.

Warning signs that indicate a need to take immediate action to support may include:

- Talking about wanting to die or killing oneself.
- Looking for a way to kill oneself, such as searching online, obtaining a gun or storing medications.
- Talking about feeling hopeless or having no reason to live.
- Talking about being a burden to others.
- Giving away possessions or pets.
- Drastic changes in moods and behaviors, unexplained anger or irritability.
- Engaging in risky behaviors.
- Increasing drug or alcohol use.

Jennifer Wilds works with the Newton/Rockdale Suicide Prevention Coalition. If you need support, she can be reached at Jennifer.Wilds@vphealth.org, or call the Georgia COVID-19 Emotional Support Line: 866-399-8938, or the Georgia Crisis and Access Line: 800-715-4225.

Kasey Jordan columnist

Living in love, not aversion of fear

I keep hearing a line and it goes something like this: “I am not going to live in fear, so I’m not going to...” In theory, I agree, that living in fear is no way to live. The Bible tells us that tomorrow is not guaranteed, as the Proverbs say, “Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what any day may bring forth” (27:1). The most repeated advice in the Bible is also, “Do not be afraid,” or “Have no fear.” God so wanted us to know that we should not fear, that He told us this advice hundreds of times in the Bible!

We can exercise and eat all the right food and drive safely, and in the end we are often surprised by our humanity. By our frailty. By our lack of control. I am often brought to tears hearing of the losses that people experience. There is a helplessness when staring into the eyes of people who have experienced a loss that rocks their world and all you can do is tell them how much you care but how you can’t change what happened. We can try all we



want to protect ourselves from loss and pain, but in the end, we have been given freewill and sometimes that means we suffer. So yeah, maybe that means we should throw caution to the wind and just live without taking precautions. That approach would go perfectly if we lived on an island, and our lives didn’t impact the lives of others, but as stated above, that is not the truth.

My choices impact other people. Realizing that, and making decisions that consider other people, is not living in fear, it is called consideration. These are not my own thoughts, they come from someone who came long before me, “Do to others whatever you would have them do to you” (Matthew 7:12).

It feels like lately, there has been a push that says that I have the freedom to live the life that I want to live, without regarding other people. To argue about certain rights that the Constitution allows me while ignoring the fact that people around me don’t even have the basic human rights that we take for granted, or to harm an employee at a store because I don’t like the policy that he or she is enforcing. To be sure, there are

a lot of decisions that we are trying to make right now...to wear a mask or not, to shop in stores or by pick-up, to mandate mask wearing in our places of business or worship, to send our kids back to school virtually or in-person, to socialize in enclosed places or to keep it outside...the list goes on and on. These decisions can only be made with guidance from the Holy Spirit, but to be chosen on the basis of not fearing is not necessarily a formula that shares our faith in the best light.

I am by no means perfect, and I wish I could claim that I always think of others before myself. I have to stop myself all the time and question my motives — why am I doing the things I am doing? Do I really care about the other person or I am just trying to make my own life more comfortable or easy?

As we think about the decisions that we are making, now, more than ever, checking our motives and our consideration of others is critically important — especially if we call ourselves Christians. It is in times of crisis and turmoil that people are looking for hope. And we have the hope and love that the world

needs to face these current times. But they will only pay attention to our words if the way that we live our lives reveals that hope and joy that comes through living our lives for others.

John had this to say about Jesus, “The way we came to know love was that he laid down his life for us; so we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers” (1 John 3:16). As His followers, His “feet and hands” on the earth, we are also called to lay down our lives, even if it is uncomfortable or hard. That is true love and in living that way, we are not living in fear, we are living in consideration of those around us, and shining the most convincing light possible towards the One who has love for all people.

Kasey Carty Jordan is a former missionary to China and currently serves in youth ministry with her husband Kurt at their Catholic parish. She is also the Executive Director of Camp to Belong-Georgia, a non-profit that serves siblings separated in foster care. The Jordans reside in Monticello with their seven children.

Chris Bridges columnist

Guessing next president is like a coin flip

With a little more than two months until election day, there are all types of political pundits who will be glad to tell you who is going to win the 2020 presidential election.

Typically, the prediction is based on which way the pundit leans politically. Despite what they try to convince you, political pundits have a bias toward particular candidates as well.

Turn on any of the cable news stations and you see the slanted coverage. One network favors most of what President Donald Trump does. Others have never given him credit for doing anything positive.

How can we possibly take what any of them say to be truthful?

Going back four years all signs indicated Hillary Clinton was going to be the next president. We all know how that turned out.

One can still make a strong argument had the Democrats nominated anyone but Hillary then Donald Trump would not be in the Oval Office right now. Yet national Democrats were bound and determined to throw

the primary and allow Hillary to win by hook or crook.

Now we find ourselves four years down the road. President Trump has certainly not been a conventional president. He does things that many conservative icons such as Ronald Reagan would have never done on his worst day.

In theory, President Trump probably should not win re-election. However, the Democrats have once again left the door open for him to win. The nomination of Joe Biden (once again come hell or high water) ranks among the least impressive accomplishments in national politics.

Biden, who failed multiple times to win the Democratic nomination, was seemingly on the ropes in this year’s primaries. However, national leaders within the party wanted him to be the nominee. The reason remains a mystery and it very well may backfire again.

There were as many as 30 candidates seeking the Democratic nomination at one time. There were so many in fact it would take someone with a photographic memory to remember all of them.

The field was diverse, however, with

women and others who were young and could have brought energy to the ticket. Biden seems having trouble staying awake which is not surprising considering he is almost 80 years old.

For the life of me I don’t understand why Biden wants to be president at this point. He has been through family tragedy and one would understand if he never wanted to be in the national spotlight again. Even if he does happen to win in November, most don’t see him seeking a second term.

Trump has fooled many experts before, including some in his own party. Go back and watch some of the primary debates when he was a candidate in 2016. Candidate Trump simply would not go away, however.

Remember how some said he was going to drop out before the 2016 Iowa caucus? If he did make it that far in the campaign he would surely quit if he lost in Iowa, critics said.

Well, Trump did lose in Iowa but he did not quit. He kept going and started winning primaries across the country. It got to the point he couldn’t be stopped.

Of course, all the anti-Trump sentiment within the GOP has died down for the most

part. There are still some critics but he is the flag carrier for the Republican Party in 2020.

President Trump still has very loyal supporters across the country who really don’t care what he does or says. They are going to vote for him regardless.

The Democrats have underestimated Trump before. It cost them the White House in 2016. Not learning from their mistakes, the Democrats may very well be poised to lose again.

If they do then maybe in 2024 Democratic Party insiders will quit trying to rig their own primary.

It’s why predicting the outcome of the 2020 presidential election is so tricky. The odds (as of this writing) say Biden will win but it would not shock me to see Trump once again emerge victorious. No one will laugh harder than President Trump if that does happen.

So, who is going to win in November? Flipping a coin is as good an indicator as any.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Public Notices
Alcoholic Beverage
<p>NOTICE IS hereby given that an application has been made to the Newton County Board of Commissioners to obtain a license to sell alcoholic beverages (beer & wine) for off premises consumption by:</p> <p>ALYZA & Shanil LLC DBA: LIBERTY Food Mart 2 SHAHNAZ SURANI 11506 BROWN Bridge Rd. COVINGTON, GA 30016</p> <p>OCCUPATION TAX/BUSINESS License Contact: TINA WATERS BUSINESS LICENSE Clerk TWATERS@CO.NEWTON.GA.US</p> <p>PUBLIC NOTICE #117157 8/16, 23, 29</p>
Bids
<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p> <p>PUBLIC NOTICE #117192 8/23,30</p>
Citations
<p>CITATION</p> <p>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.</p> <p>MELANIE M. Bell, Judge BY: MARCIA Wynne CLERK, PROBATE COURT NEWTON COUNTY, GA</p> <p>PUBLIC NOTICE #117118 8/9,16,23,30</p>
<p>CITATION</p> <p>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.</p> <p>MELANIE M. Bell, Judge BY: MARCIA Wynne CLERK, PROBATE COURT NEWTON COUNTY, GA</p> <p>PUBLIC NOTICE #117120 8/9,16,23,30</p>
<p>CITATION</p> <p>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.</p> <p>MELANIE M. Bell, Judge BY: MARCIA Wynne CLERK, PROBATE COURT NEWTON COUNTY, GA</p> <p>PUBLIC NOTICE #117119 8/9,16,23,30</p>
<p>CITATION</p> <p>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</p>

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 #117118
8/9,16,23,30

CITATION

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

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

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 #117120
8/9,16,23,30

CITATION

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

CITATION

TO: LAKENDRA CARR

LAKETHA HARRIS has filed Temporary Letters of Guardianship of the Person(s) **KNOWLEDGE RIVERS & NOAH CARR** minor(s). All objections must be in writing and filed with this Court on or before September 14, 2020 at ten o'clock, a.m.

MELANIE M. Bell, Judge
BY: DANYELL Thomas
CLERK, PROBATE COURT
NEWTON COUNTY, Georgia

PUBLIC NOTICE #117211
8/30,9/6

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

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 AMELIA B DAMERON**, deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. **THIS THE 19th day of AUGUST, 2020.**

VANESSA DAMERON
138 WOMACK ROAD
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #117220
8/30,9/6,13,20

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of ANNIE J. WATTS**, deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. **THIS THE 21st day of AUGUST, 2020.**

MARION DIXON
155 SADDLEBROOK DR
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #117214
8/30,9/6,13,20

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 **DOROTHY A. CHILDS**, deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. **THIS THE 18th day of August, 2020.**

MARIO S. Ninfo, Attorney for
CRYSTAL HOLLIS, Executor
1198 CLARK Street, NW
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #117204
8/30,9/6,13,20

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
8/9,16,23,30

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of FRED ODOM**, deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. **THIS THE 4th day of AUGUST, 2020.**

JUDITH ANN ODOM
180 LANELLA PARKWAY
CONYERS, GA 30013

PUBLIC NOTICE #117132
8/9,16,23,30

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

RAY LESTER
144 PITTS CHAPEL RD
NEWBORN, GA 30056

PUBLIC NOTICE #117124
8/9,16,23,30

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of GENE SOCKWELL**, deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. **THIS THE 18th day of AUGUST, 2020.**

LARRY SOCKWELL
58 SIOUX RIVER DR
FRANKLIN, GA 30217

PUBLIC NOTICE #117170
8/23,30,9/6,13

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of GEORGE LEE VAUGHN**, deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. **THIS THE 19th day of AUGUST, 2020.**

NICOLE B BURTON
60 BRANDON DRIVE
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #117218
8/30,9/6,13,20

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of HILLYER THOMAS HEAD**, 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 11th day of AUGUST, 2020.**

BRENDA H. SORROW
4421 GAUNTT RD SE
OXFORD, GA 30054

PUBLIC NOTICE #117175
8/23,30,9/6,13

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

estate representative according to law.

THIS THE 12th day of AUGUST, 2020.

JAMES B. O'NEAL, Executor
110 S. Centre St.
SOUTH ORANGE, NJ 07079

PUBLIC NOTICE #117159
8/23,30,9/6,13

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of HOWARD DAN HAROLSON**, 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.**

BRUCE C HARALSON
5171 HARTSOOK DR
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #117188
8/23,30,9/6,13

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debt

REPRESENTATIVE ACCORDING to law.
THIS THE 6th day of AUGUST, 2020.

WADE S AIKEN
10 LARK RD
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #117182
8/23,30,9/6,13

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of KATHERINE K. WEATHERFORD**, 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 24th day of JULY, 2020.

LAWRENCE E. WEATHERFORD
20 E. FOREST WAY
OXFORD, GA 30054

PUBLIC NOTICE #117125
8/9,16,23,30

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **MARGUERITE PATRICE ANTOINE**, deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. This the 19th day of August 2020.

GENEVIEVE AIRYANNE ANTOINE,
831 GLASTONBURY ROAD, APT
2169,
NASHVILLE, TN 37217

PUBLIC NOTICE #117191
8/23,30,9/6,13

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of MARVIN EUGENE JOHNSON**, deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/ or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.
THIS THE 19th day of AUGUST, 2020.

BRANDY J WEAVER
7741 BARNESVILLE ROAD
GRIFFIN, GA 30224

PUBLIC NOTICE #117216
8/30,9/6,13,20

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of MARY HUTCHINSON**, deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/ or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.
THIS THE 19th day of AUGUST, 2020.

TAWANA ROWAN
1444A PINE LOG RD
CONYERS, GA 30012

PUBLIC NOTICE #117212
8/30,9/6,13,20

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of MARY LOU GUNTER**, 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.

PAUL H. GUNTER
51 GUM CREEK RD
OXFORD, GA 30054

PUBLIC NOTICE #117129
8/9,16,23,30

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of MICHAEL SCOTT WALIGORA**, deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/ or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.
THIS THE 4th day of AUGUST, 2020.

LEANNE WALIGORA
20 PACES LANDING
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #117131
8/9,16,23,30

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of PATRICIA IVIE**, deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.
THIS THE 19th day of AUGUST, 2020.

HILLARY EDGAR, ESQ.
1132 FLOYD ST
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #117219
8/30,9/6,13,20

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of PRISCILLA G. FAULKNER**, 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 25th day of AUGUST, 2020.

ROBERT L. FAULKNER, JR.
1187 FLOYD STREET
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #117221
8/30,9/6,13,20

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of RAMONA ZAVALA LIZAMA**, 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.

FERNANDO MENDOZA, JR
1225 FINCHER RD
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #117126
8/9,16,23,30

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of RICHARD JEFFERSON, JR**, deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/ or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.
THIS THE 18th day of AUGUST, 2020.

GERARD JEFFERSON
90 BROWN THRASHER RD
OXFORD, GA 30054

PUBLIC NOTICE #117171
8/23,30,9/6,13

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of ROY SONDAY**, 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.

LISA SONDAY
170 BLUE GRASS WAY
OXFORD, GA 30054

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

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of SAMUEL F. ROCKER**, 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.

SU KUM ROCKER
383 LACKEY RD LOT 15
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #117186
8/23,30,9/6,13

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of SHARRON YADEN PAGE**, deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/ or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.
THIS THE 7th day of AUGUST, 2020.

ROBBI PAGE MORGAN
11109 HIGHWAY 278 E
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #117180
8/23,30,9/6,13

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of SUSAN C PRICE**, 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.

ROBIN F. BERRY
1749 HIDDEN ACRES DR
CONYERS, GA 00+5

PUBLIC NOTICE #117185
8/23,30,9/6,13

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of TIMOTHY LAMONTTE GUYNN**, 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.

JAMES GUYNN
319 BOYD BRANCH DR
UPATOI, GA 31829

PUBLIC NOTICE #117178
8/23,30,9/6,13

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of WILLIAM T. SKINNER**, 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.

SHIRLEY SKINNER
40 BEAR CREEK CT
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #117179
8/23,30,9/6,13

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of WILLIAM WATTS**, deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.
THIS THE 21st day of AUGUST, 2020.

MARION DIXON
155 SADDLEBROOK DR
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #117215
8/30,9/6,13,20

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of WILMA JEAN M CLARK**, 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.

SONYA SHEA
1830 HARVEST WAY
LOGANVILLE, GA 30052

PUBLIC NOTICE #117189
8/23,30,9/6,13

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

ALL CREDITORS of the Estate of

MARVIN EUGENE JOHNSON, late of Newton County, Georgia, deceased are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.

THIS 20TH day of August, 2020.

BRANDY JOHNSON Weaver, **ADMINISTRATOR** FOR the Estate of Marvin Eugene Johnson, Deceased.
741 BARNESVILLE Rd
GRIFFIN, GA 30224
678-326-3334

PUBLIC NOTICE #117203
8/30,9/6,13,20

Divorces

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

ALLISON NOELLE JOHNSON
PLAINTIFF,
-VS-
ANTHONY JOHNSON
DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION No.: 2020-CV-2375-4

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: ANTHONY JOHNSON
11 KELLOGG ST
MANSFIELD, GA 30055

BY ORDER of the court for service by publication dated **AUGUST 18, 2020** you are hereby notified that on **MARCH 6, 2020** (date of filing) **ALLISON JOHNSON** (plaintiff) filed suit against you for Divorce .
YOU ARE required to file an answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for publication with the clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County and to serve a copy of the answer upon the plaintiff (if pro se) or upon the plaintiff's attorney (if represented).

WITNESS THE Honorable **LAYLA H. ZON**, Judge Superior Court of Newton County.

THIS, THE 19TH day of AUGUST, 2020.
LINDA D. Hays
CLERK OF Superior Court

PUBLIC NOTICE #117206
8/30,9/6,13,20

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

CHRISTY STEPHANIE ROBINSON
PLAINTIFF,
-VS-
KEVIN NMN ROBINSON
DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION No.: 2019-CV-2692-3

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: KEVIN ROBINSON
20 BARCELONA DR
COVINGTON, GA 30016

BY ORDER of the court for service by publication dated **AUGUST 20, 2020** you are hereby notified that on **30, DEC 2019** (date of filing) **CHRISTY S. ROBINSON** (plaintiff) filed suit against you for Divorce .
YOU ARE required to file an answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for publication with the clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County and to serve a copy of the answer upon the plaintiff (if pro se) or upon the plaintiff's attorney (if represented).

WITNESS THE Honorable **LAYLA H. ZON**, Judge Superior Court of Newton County.

THIS, THE 21st day of AUGUST, 2020.
LINDA D. Hays
CLERK OF Superior Court

PUBLIC NOTICE #117209
8/30,9/6,13,20

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

CLARENCE W. WILLIAMS
PLAINTIFF,
-VS-
TERESA PINKNEY WILLIAMS
DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION No.: 2020-CV-1429-2

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: TERESA P. WILLIAMS
TEXAS

BY ORDER of the court for service by publication dated **AUGUST 18, 2020** you are hereby notified that on **JULY 27, 2020** (date of filing) **CLARENCE W. WILLIAMS** (plaintiff) filed suit against you for Divorce .
YOU ARE required to file an answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for publication with the clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County and to serve a copy of the answer upon the plaintiff (if pro se) or upon the plaintiff's attorney (if represented).

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

THIS, THE 18TH day of AUGUST, 2020.
LINDA D. Hays
CLERK OF Superior Court

PUBLIC NOTICE #117207
8/30,9/6,13,20

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

SANTANA HOLT
PLAINTIFF,
-VS-
TAVARUS LEWIS
DEFENDANT.

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

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

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

BY ORDER of the court for service by publication dated **AUGUST 4,, 2020** you are hereby notified that on **JUNE 26,,2020** (date of filing) **SANTAMA HOLT** (plaintiff) filed suit against you for Divorce .
YOU ARE required to file an answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for publication with the clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County and to serve a copy of the answer upon the plaintiff (if pro se) or upon the plaintiff's attorney (if represented).

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

County.

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

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

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

SHAROCKA MELTON
PLAINTIFF,
-VS-
SAMPSON MELTON
DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION No.: 2020-CV-1486-3

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: SAMPSON MELTON
280 HIGHGROVE DRIVE
COVINGTON, GA 30016

BY ORDER of the court for service by publication dated **AUGUST 12, 2020** you are hereby notified that on **AUGUST 3, 2020** (date of filing) **SHAROCKA MELTON** (plaintiff) filed suit against you for Divorce .
YOU ARE required to file an answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for publication with the clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County and to serve a copy of the answer upon the plaintiff (if pro se) or upon the plaintiff's attorney (if represented).

WITNESS THE Honorable **LAYLA H. ZON**, Judge Superior Court of Newton County.

THIS, THE 12TH day of AUGUST, 2020.
LINDA D. Hays
CLERK OF Superior Court

PUBLIC NOTICE #117166
8/23,30,9/6,13

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

TANEKA SHERRELL
PLAINTIFF,
-VS-
KEVIN SHERRILL
DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION No.: 2020-CV-1179-2

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

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

BY ORDER of the court for service by publication dated **AUGUST 4, 2020** you are hereby notified that on **JUNE 17, 2020** (date of filing) **TANEKA SHERRILL** (plaintiff) filed suit against you for Divorce .
YOU ARE required to file an answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for publication with the clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County and to serve a copy of the answer upon the plaintiff (if pro se) or upon the plaintiff's attorney (if represented).

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

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

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

Foreclosures

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

REGINA S. DANIEL,

Petitioner,

VS.

REGINA S. DANIEL, BEVERLY Y. FIELDS, MARGARET SIMPSON, DAVID SIMPSON, W A L T E R LARRY SIMPSON, JR., EDWARD ELLSON, MICHELE CARDEN, and 1.05 +/- ACRE LOT located 10177 Flat Shoals Road, Covington

NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND ALL PERSONS KNOWN OR UNKNOWN WHO CLAIM OR MIGHT CLAIM ADVERSELY TO PETITIONER'S TITLE

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

PETITION TO Establish Title Against the World

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

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

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

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

SO ORDERED, this _4th

day of August, 2020.
DAVID OZBURN, Special Master
NEWTON COUNTY Superior Court

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

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

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

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

PLEASE BE governed accordingly.

TO THE best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the parties in possession of the property are Joshua Harrison and Kimberly Harrison or tenant(s); and said property is more commonly known as **150 Crooked Creek Drive, Covington, GA 30016**. THE SALE will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed.

U.S. BANK Trust National Association as trustee of LODGE SERIES IV TRUST as Attorney in Fact for Joshua Harrison and Kimberly Harrison

MCMICHAEL TAYLOR Gray, LLC

3550 ENGINEERING Drive, Suite 260

PEACHTREE CORNERS, GA 30092

404-474-7149

MTG FILE #: GA2020-00610

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

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
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.

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

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

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

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

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER,
NEWTON COUNTY

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

the first Wednesday of said month), the following described property:

ALL THAT tract or parcel of land lying and being in the Town of Mansfield, Newton County, Georgia, containing one (1) acre, more or less, and being the Earnest M. Hays homeplace (formerly A. B. Thompson home place), said property being conveyed to Earnest M. Hays by the National Bank of Athens on April 7, 1933, and recorded in Deed Book 26, Page 136, Clerk's Office, Newton Superior Court and bounded now or formerly as follows: On the Northwest by Armstrong Street; on the Northeast by A. E. Hays; on the East by Otis Spillers; South by Guy Morgan and Southwest by Doc 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) 275-2518

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

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 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

Juvenile Court

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE INTEREST OF:
L.S.B SEX: FEMALE
DOB: 11/25/2011
CASE#: 107-19J-0385
MINOR CHILD Under 18 Years of Age

SUMMONS

TO: KAYLA Leighann Bates. Ha I id Kavazovic. and John Does, parent of said minor child born to Kayla Leighann Bateson the above listed date.

YOU ARE hereby notified that on May 2, 201 9, a Petition for Dependency was filed in this Co ur requesting that the mi nor child be placed in the ca re, custody and control of the Maternal Grandparents. The petition alleges dependency based as defined in O.C.G.A. 15-1 1-2 (22). A Petition for Appointment of Permanency Guardian was filed with this court on March 2, 2020. You are hereby commanded and required to appear before the cou rt on the 6Lh day of October, 2020 at 1 0:00 am, to answer the allegations of the petition alleging dependency.

A COPY of said Petition for Dependency can be obtained from the Clerk of the Newton County **JUVENILE COURT**, at the ewnton County Judicial Center. 1132 Usher Street. Covington, GA 30014.

READ CAREFULLY

THIS SUMMONS requires you to be present at a formal hearing in the Juvenile Court.

THE CHILD or other parties involved may be represented by a lawyer at all stages of these **PROCEEDINGS.**

IF YOU want a lawyer, you may choose to hi re you r own lawyer. If you want to hire a lawyer, **PLEASE CONTACT** your lawyer immediately

IF YOU want a lawyer but are not able to hire a lawyer without undue financial hardship, you may ask for a lawyer to be appointed to represent you. The Court would inquire into your financial circumstances and if the Court finds you to be financially unable to hire a lawyer, then a l awyer will be appo inted to represent you.

IF YOU want a lawyer appointed to represent you, you must let the Court or the officer of the

COURT HANDLING this case know that you want a lawyer immediately.

WITNESS THE Honorable Jenny S. Carter, Judge of said Court.

THIS THE 21st day of August, 2020

JANELL GAINES
CLERK OF Court
NEWTON COUNTY Juvenile Court

PUBLIC NOTICE #117205
8/30,9/6,13,20

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): **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 AUGUST 5, 2020, to change the name(s) of the following minor child(ren)
FROM: TAYLOR ALEXANDER HUDSON-BROWN to TAIMEER AHAMEED HUDSON.

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 #117161
8/23,30,9/6,13

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

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

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF ADULT

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

DATED JULY 28, 2020

ALIBRA BAKER
20 WELLBROOK CT
COVINGTON, GA 30016

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

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

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

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF ADULT

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

DATED JULY 27, 2020

ALTHEA WINIFRED Outlaw
125 AVONLEA Drive
COVINGTON, GA 30016

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

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

partjcnlarly descrjhed herein, et al.

DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION NUMBER
SUCV2018001634-5

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

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

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

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

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

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

THIS, THE 5th day of August, 2020

CLERK OF Superior Court

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

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

ANTHONY HALEY
PLAINTIFF,
-VS-
KIAIRA GREENWOOD
DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION No.: 2020-CV-984-3

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

BY ORDER for service by publication dated the 12th day of August, 2020, you are hereby notified that on the 13th day of May, 2020, Anthony Haley filed suit against you.

YOU ARE requested to file with the Clerk of the Superior Court, and to serve upon plaintiff's attorney, an answer in writing with sixty (60) days of the date of the order for publication.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THIS 17TH day of AUGUST, 2020.

LINDA D. Hays
CLERK OF Superior Court

PUBLIC NOTICE #117201
8/30,9/6,13,20

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

Public Notice

CITY OF COVINGTON
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC:

NOTICE IS hereby given, per the City of Covington's Code of Ordinances Chapter 16.52 that applicant Zapata Construction has submitted a Certificate of Appropriateness Application to be considered by the Covington Historic Preservation Commission to construct a new house. The application was deferred from the August 5, 2020 meeting. THE PROPERTY is located within the Covington Historic District at 5112 Floyd Street. TAX PARCEL C0100001004A, Covington, Georgia. THE COVINGTON Historic Preservation Commission will hold a Public Meeting on September 2, at 6:00 p.m. at 2116 Stallings Street, Covington, Georgia.

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

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

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PROGRAM FUNDS under the HOME Investment Partnerships Program Title II of Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 as amended, to undertake the following project:

TIER 1 Broad Review Project/Program Title: Covington Housing Authority
CHIP 2020-102

PURPOSE: NEW construction of seven (7) single-family homes for sale to low to moderate income homebuyers in the City of Covington at scattered site locations at least 2,000 feet apart and no more than four (4) units on one site.

LOCATION: SCATTERED sites in the City of Covington.

P R O J E C T / P R O G R A M DESCRIPTION: Covington Housing Authority will construct seven (7) single-family homes for sale to low to moderate income homebuyers in the City of Covington at scattered site locations at least 2,000 feet apart and no more than four (4) units on one site. Tier 2 Site Specific reviews will be completed for those laws and authorities not addressed in the Tier 1 broad review for each address under this program when addresses become known.

LEVEL OF Environmental Review Citation: The activities are categorically excluded under

NEPA, BUT may be subject to review under authorities listed in Sec. 58.5 and subject to laws and authorities at 58.5(3)(i). Rehabilitations of buildings and improvements when the following conditions are met: In the case of a building for residential use (with one to four units), the density is not increased beyond four units, and the land use is not changed.

TIER 2 Site Specific Review: The site specific reviews will cover the following laws and authorities not addressed in the Tier 1 broad review: 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart C (Explosive and Flammable Hazards) and Subpart D (Airport Hazards); Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 and National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994 [42 USC 4001-4128 and 42 USC 5154a]; 24 CFR Part 50.3(i) & 58.5(i)(2) (Contamination and Toxic Substances); Floodplain Management Executive Order 1988; 24 CFR Part 55 (Floodplain Management); National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and 36 CFR Part 800; Noise Control Act of 1972, as amended by the Quiet Communities Act of 1978 and 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart B; and Environmental Justice Executive Order 12898.

MITIGATION MEASURES/ CONDITIONS/PERMITS (if any): Compliance with various laws, authorities and written strategies will be documented and listed in the Tier 2 Site Specific review project file and if required mitigation measures/conditions must be incorporated into project contracts and/ or permits, development agreements, and other relevant documents will be obtained from the issuing governmental agency. The staff responsible for implementing and monitoring mitigation measure should be clearly identified in the mitigation plan.

ESTIMATED PROJECT Cost:
Total HUD funding: \$600,000. Total anticipated project cost \$977,200.

THE ACTIVITY/ACTIVITIES proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements per 24 CFR Part

58.5(a)(3)(i). An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at Covington Housing Authority, located at 5160 Alcovy Road, Covington, Georgia 30014 and is available for public review and maybe examined and or copied Monday thru Thursday 9 A.M to 4 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ANY INDIVIDUAL, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Ryan Fleming, Housing Finance Director. All comments received by September 8, 2020 will be considered by DCA prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION THE GEORGIA Department of Community Affairs (DCA) certifies to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that Ryan Fleming, Certifying Officer, in his capacity as Division Director consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The approval of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows The Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) to use HUD program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

THE U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will accept objections to its release of fund and The Georgia Department of Community Affairs' (DCA certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the name of Grantee; (b) the Grantee has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA); or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Community Planning and Development, 40 Marietta Street, NW, 15th Floor, Atlanta, GA 30303-2806. Potential objectors should contact the The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

RYAN FLEMING, Housing Finance Director
GEORGIA DEPARTMENT of Community Affairs
60 EXECUTIVE Park South, NE
ATLANTA, GA 30329

PUBLIC NOTICE #117200 8/30

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 09/11/20 10:00 AM

YEAR	MAKE	Model	Color
2011	FORD	Fusion	NO
2005	FORD	Escape	
1FMCU931X5K	A93272		
2016	LEXUS	IS 200t	
JTHBA1D2XG5011087			
2014	CHEVROLET	Camaro	
2G1F81E38E9172246			
2007	HONDA	Odyssey	
5FNRL38707B063838			
2011	FORD	Fusion	
3FAHP0GA0BR337497			
2011	TOYOTA	RAV4	
2T3KF4DVXBW066249			
2007	KIA	Optima	
KNAGE123675122515			
2013	DODGE	Journey	
3C4PDCBG1DT640726			
2010	DODGE	Avenger	
1B3CC5FB6AN234661			
2012	HONDA	Civic	
19XFB2F81CE041326			
2009	VOLKSWAGE	Jetta	
3VWVRM71K79M054956			
2010	CHEVROLET	Impala	
2G1WB5EK1A1183435			
2015	FORD	Focus	SIL
1FADP3F22FL250831			
2002	BUICK	Park	WHT
1G4C454K22A153457			
2004	CHEVROLET	Venture	
WHT1GNDX03E34D180844			

PUBLIC NOTICE #117160 8/23,30

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
2011	VOLKSWAGE	CC	BLK
WVWHN7AN6BE710646			
2009	AUDI	A6	BLK
WAUSG74F39N016668			
2014	DODGE	Avenger	RED
1C3CDZAB3EN227607			
2011	TOYOTA	Corolla	WHT
JTDBU4EE1BJ102753			
2012	KIA	Soul	SIL
KNDJT2A54C7464566			
2012	DODGE	Avenger	SIL
1C3CDZCB8CN144698			
2005	DODGE	Magnum	BLK
2D8GV58275H116433			
2014	VOLKSWAGE	Passat	WHT
1VWAT7A32EC108734			
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
KNADMM4A34E6392844			
2005	FORD	Taurus	BLU
1FAFP53245A285728			
2015	KIA	Optima	BLK

5XXGM4A73FG416363
2011 FORD Fusion BLK
3FAHP0JG6BR320586

PUBLIC NOTICE #117164 8/23,30

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, long 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, Guitars, 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

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 SALE/AUCTION

NOTICE IS hereby given that Dixie Self Storage located at 1447 Access Road, Covington, Ga. 30014.

THE UNDERSIGNED intent to sell household goods and personal property, to enforce imposed lien on said

PROPERTY PURSUANT of the Georgia Self Storage Facility Act, Georgia Code Section 10-1-210 to 10-4-215. The undersigned will sell at Public Sale to the highest Bidder on: **SEPTEMBER 21, 2020** at 10:30 A.M. **CASH ONLY**, will be accepted at the time of purchase.

UNIT 2010, Christa Henry, Household Goods, Boxes
UNIT 3043, Amelia Hill, Household Goods, Furniture, Boxes, Toys
UNIT 4004, Vonetta McLemore, Household Goods, Furniture, Boxes

SALE IS subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between Owners and the obligated party.

WE RESERVE the right to refuse any bid.
CALL 770-787-3039

PUBLIC NOTICE #117210 8/30,9/6

Trade Names

NEWTON SUPERIOR COURT TRADE NAME REGISTRATION

PERSONALLY APPEARED the undersigned who on oath depose and

says that: SKIP ALONG STABLES LLC, 935 MILL POND RD, NEWBORN, GA 30056, is doing business in Newton County, Georgia under the name of WILD DAISY LEATHER 935 MILL POND ROAD, NEWBORN, GA 30056 and that the nature of the business to be carried on at such address is MAKING LEATHER GOODS TO SELL ONLINE.

PUBLIC NOTICE #117117224 8/30,9/6

TRADE NAME REGISTRATION AFFIDAVIT

GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

TO WHOM It may Concern: **PLEASE BE** advised that **Nneka Onyakuluje**, whose address is 50 Alanton Ct, Covington, Georgia 30016 is the owner(s) of the certain business now being carried on at 50 Alanton Ct, Covington, Georgia 30016 in the following trade name, to-wit: **LUXE NOIR CANDLE COMPANY**; and that the nature of said business is: DEALS IN GOODS AND SERVICES. **THIS STATEMENT** is made in conformity with O.C.G.A. §10-1-490 et seq. requiring the filing of such statement with the Clerk of Superior Court of this county. **THIS THE** 14th day of AUGUST, 2020.

PUBLIC NOTICE #117167 8/23,30

TRADE NAME REGISTRATION AFFIDAVIT

GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

TO WHOM It may Concern: **PLEASE BE** advised that **RONNIE MCGIBONEY**, whose address is 255 CHANNING COPE RD., Covington, Georgia 30016 is the owner(s) of the certain business now being carried on at 255 CHANNING COPE RD., Covington, Georgia 30016 in the following trade name, to-wit: **PHOENIX FABRICATION**; and that the nature of said business is: CUSTOM METAL FABRICATION.

THIS STATEMENT is made in conformity with O.C.G.A. §10-1-490 et seq. requiring the filing of such statement with the Clerk of Superior Court of this county. **THIS THE** 18th day of AUGUST, 2020.

PUBLIC NOTICE #117190 8/23,30

TRADE NAME REGISTRATION AFFIDAVIT

GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

TO WHOM It may Concern: **PLEASE BE** advised that **SHERELLE ALEXANDER**, whose address is 150 QUEENSLAND LANE, COVINGTON, GA is the owner(s) of the certain business now being carried on at 150 QUEENSLAND LANE, COVINGTON, GA in the following trade name, to-wit: **ROYAL VIBE CREATIONS**; and that the nature of said business is: ROYAL VIBE CREATIONS. **THIS STATEMENT** is made in conformity with O.C.G.A. §10-1-490 et seq. requiring the filing of such statement with the Clerk of Superior Court of this county. **THIS THE** 7th day of AUGUST, 2020.

PUBLIC NOTICE #117194 8/23,30

Local foundation donates to Newton students, residents

STAFF REPORTS

news@covnews.com

The Community C.A.R.E.S. Foundation Inc. (CCF) and Chi Tau Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. is “continuing to raise the bar and standard of excellence” with charitable donations to residents of Newton and Rockdale counties, a news release stated.

The Community Communicating, Advocating, Reaching Everyone through Service (C.A.R.E.S.) Foundation is the financial arm, a nonprofit governed by 18 board members, with the Rev. Darlene M. Smith serving as president, and Dr. Sherell Vicks-Crawford, vice president of CCF and Chi Tau Omega Chapter. The Rev. Melvatasky Cain-Henderson is president of Chi Tau Omega chapter, the release stated.

The membership is undergirded by the mutual support of the 295 members of the foundation and sorority who are devoted and committed to serve mankind.

CCF board officers are the Rev. Darlene M. Smith, Dr. Sherell Vicks-Crawford, the Rev. Melvatasky Cain-Henderson, Dr. Bresha Shaw-Franklin, Minister Sharmagne Goff, Sharron Porter, Deidre Murray, Andrea Cook, Dr. Veleka Dudley, Wanda Clark, Robin Smith, Gale Burgess, Dr. Joy Jackson-Guilford, Vivian (Renee) Stone, Cynthia Brown, Lorraine Davis, Iris Downs, and Joyce Broadwater.

To assist the 2019 Scholarship recipients of Newton and Rockdale counties, of whom CCF and Chi Tau Omega awarded more than \$25,000 in scholarships, CCF agreed to award 12 students financial stipends to help during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Additionally, Chi Tau Omega members made charitable donations to the local Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU’s) in Atlanta to assist students who had to vacate their campuses. They were unable to return to their homes outside the state of Georgia.

Earlier this year, Chi Tau Omega chapter members ranked No. 2 in their contributions to the Georgia March of Dimes, in partnership with “Top Ladies of Distinction Top Teens” in support of African-American babies having a higher percentage of premature births, the release stated.

Chi Tau Omega has kept its commitment to



Darlene Smith



Melvatasky Cain-Henderson



Sherell Vicks-Crawford

bring awareness to its service areas through teaching, advocating, bringing seminars and workshops to Newton and Rockdale counties, such as the Longest Day and Brain Health Forum for residents whose family members are suffering with Alzheimer’s Disease.

It raised and donated funds to help support the Longest Day and the Emory Goizueta Alzheimer’s Disease Research Center, led by Dr. Monica Parker, M.D., the release stated.

Due to the heightened awareness with the horrific and devastating effects of COVID-19 across the nation overwhelming hospitals, overworked health care workers had to manage sick patients that overflowed in emergency rooms, temporary shelters, ICUs and hospital-designated areas were filled beyond capacity.

Chi Tau Omega wanted to assist and show its local health care communities “we care.” With Dr. Sherell Vicks-Crawford, M.D., vice president of CCF, Chi Tau Omega wanted to make sure its organizations were visible in the community lending a helping hand.

Its board agreed overwhelmingly to support both Newton Piedmont Hospital (380 health care workers) and Rockdale Piedmont Hospital (700 health care workers). To support hospitals and healthcare workers, CCF and Chi Tau Omega purchased and provided an assortment of savory snacks, full-sized candy bars with nuts, and assorted beverages so workers neglecting themselves could “grab and go.”

Additionally, it consented in partnership with Chi Tau Omega to donate funds to the Garden of Gethsemane Homeless Shelter.

The chapter is currently in progress of raising funds to support “Sisters by Choice” — a mobile breast cancer clinic on wheels — to ensure all

women and men who are uninsured and underinsured in Newton and Rockdale counties can obtain free mammograms. The mobile breast clinic is a state-of-the art facility unlike anything else in Georgia.

As CCF continues to support high school graduating seniors in Newton and Rockdale counties seeking higher learning via colleges and universities across our nation, it awarded more than \$28,000 in scholarships to 10 students based on financial needs.

Tyjah Tuggle, who is attending Florida A&M University in Tallahassee, Fla., received CCF’s highest award amount in memory of the late Melanie Raiford-Griggs, Chi Tau Omega’s first chapter president.

The remaining nine students are: Kenneth Williams Garrick Jr. (Bob Jones University), Nicole Jasmine, Tori Didier and Sariah Ward (Georgia State University), Nadira Thornton (Georgia Southern University), Elaina Mosley (Spelman College), Adonis Merritt (North Carolina State University), Myles Jones (North Carolina A&T State University) and McKenzie Guerrero (University of North Georgia).

The ladies of CCF and Chi Tau Omega remain loyal, committed and devoted to their organization mission to provide service to Newton and Rockdale counties, the release stated.

As a result of COVID-19, members of the organization had to place all 2020 face-to-face scheduled fundraising activities on hold until further notice, as mandated by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.’s corporate office that is following all CDC guidelines for large gatherings.

All Chi Tau Omega chapter programs (HBCU for Life, Women’s Health Care and Wellness, Building Your Economic Legacy, The Arts, and Global Impact) are overseen by Vicks-Crawford.

Members of the organizations, and the support of family members and friends, have provided all funds used to support these activities and others.

CCF welcomes all financial donations of any size. All funds are tax deductible, and the donor will receive a financial statement for tax purposes. Donations can be made in two ways: electronically via treasurercommunitycaresfdn.org, or by mail to Community CARES Foundations Inc., P.O. Box 80491, Conyers, GA 30013.

Local father meets daughter after 53 years

By TOM SPIGOLON
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Ed Sanders could not believe the news he received in March.

It had been more than half a century since the events leading up to it had occurred. The Michigan native and his wife had been married 55 years and he at first discounted it, he said.

But Sanders, 74, found out earlier this year that he had a 53-year-old biological daughter in Michigan he never knew existed.

Then, the retired Georgia Power employee, wife Nancy and son, Eddie, “drove up during this COVID thing and took a chance.” They traveled 900 miles in July to meet his newfound child, Tina Sherbutt, and her family.

“Ed was a nervous wreck,” Mrs. Sanders said.

Sherbutt was expecting them, but Sanders said he greeted her on her doorstep with a dozen pink roses and a hug — despite the pandemic that can make such actions hazardous. “Wonderful week, wonderful family,” Sanders said. “They’re coming down to Covington (in September) to bring their family here to see where we live.

“For our account, it went from absolutely shocked to just euphoria. It’s wonderful to be 74 and have a daughter you didn’t know you had,” Sanders said.

Sherbutt, who lives in Fort Gratiot, Michigan, said she was to meet the Sanders’ daughter,



From left, Michigan resident Tina Sherbutt and Covington resident Ed Sanders pose together in July. They discovered earlier this year they were father and daughter through the AncestryDNA service.

JaNiece Sopha, this weekend after meeting the Sanders and their son in July.

“They’re truly wonderful people — I hear from Ed every day,” she said. “He’s really incorporated himself into our family.”

Sanders found out about Sherbutt from Sopha, who happened upon her using the AncestryDNA testing service.

A Maryland resident, Sopha, 47, first used the Ancestry service to submit DNA because of questions about her grandfather.

She learned about her grandfather but the DNA service also showed she was somehow related to Sherbutt

— who also had been curious about her family tree and had submitted DNA to Ancestry in 2018.

Sherbutt also lived near the town where Sopha’s parents grew up. In March, Sopha used Facebook to contact Sherbutt and they hit it off.

Then Sopha, on the same day, contacted her father to tell him what she found, Ed Sanders said.

“I got a text ... that said, ‘Daddy, you’ve been a great dad, you’ve been a wonderful father ... but Dad, you’ve got some ‘splainin’ to do,’” he said.

He later took the AncestryDNA test and

confirmed they were father and daughter.

Nancy Sanders, who is retired from Lifeway Christian Bookstores, said she “really wasn’t surprised” when she got the news. She contacted Sherbutt and told her she was happy they were related, even before her husband confirmed it with a DNA test.

Mrs. Sanders told the *Port Huron Times Herald* newspaper she initially was bothered by the revelation but believed their marriage should not be sacrificed for something her husband did when he was 19.

Ed Sanders told *The Covington News* he entered the military on

his 17th birthday. When he was 19 and recently returned to his hometown of Port Huron, Michigan, in 1966, he met Sherbutt’s mother for what was a one-time “indiscretion.”

The Sanders later moved to Atlanta around 1970 and Ed went on to a career with Georgia Power Co. and the Rockdale County Sheriff’s Office before he retired.

“God turned around what the devil could have used to destroy our 55-year marriage into a wonderful blessing for all of us,” Ed Sanders said.

Sherbutt, meanwhile, grew up in Port Huron — a town northeast of Detroit that literally borders Canada at the southern tip of Lake Huron. She is an accountant for a natural gas company there and is married with three adult children.

She said she long felt the man who raised her — who died in 1991 — was not her biological father but could not confirm it until an aunt told her after her mother’s death in 2009.

After that, she discovered she was possibly related to Sopha and her sister, Alabama resident Shelley Walden, before Sopha contacted Sherbutt in March.

“I was thankful for JaNiece opening that door,” Sherbutt said.

“Everyone’s so amazed by it,” she said. “It’s wonderful news at a time when there’s not a lot of good news.”

When the two families met in July in Michigan, they had to be extra careful about

how they greeted each other in the midst of a pandemic. Sherbutt’s husband is medically fragile and underwent a stem cell transplant in March.

But the two families had more than DNA in common. Both Ed and Sanders, a South Carolina resident, and Sherbutt’s husband Ron are Navy veterans. Sopha’s husband is from Michigan.

In September, the Sherbuts will bring two of their children to meet the Sanders and their three other children in Covington.

Sherbutt admitted her family had not been close growing up.

But both Sanders and Sherbutt are glad a new relationship has been discovered between grandparents and grandchildren. She said it means her children will have grandparents again after many years.

“This is nice,” Sherbutt said. “It’s different for them because ... it’s been a long time since they had grandparents.”

Ed Sanders said the turn of events “has been a blessing to our entire family.”

“(Sherbutt’s parents) and her husband’s parents died over 11 years ago. The grandchildren now have living, loving grandparents,” he said.

Sopha said on her Facebook page that she got more from the AncestryDNA test than she “could have ever dreamed.”

“This is just the best story and we are all so blessed to find a piece of our lives that was missing!” Sopha said.

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tions, and emergency room visits related to COVID-19, to make a determination about if and when it is safe to return groups of students to school, the release stated.

“Once we review the

data, if the numbers allow, we will begin the phase-in of students,” Fuhrey said.

“We will notify parents via email beginning Sept. 11 if the numbers are trending in the right direction and parents of students in the first phase — which includes pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, first grade, eighth grade, and 12th grade — will be asked to notify us if they want their student to return to in-person instruction.

“They must complete the questionnaire by 5 p.m. that Monday in order for their student to be included in the first wave of students reporting back on Sept. 21. If the numbers continue to improve, we will follow the same process every Friday, inviting increased numbers of students to return.”

Grade levels of each phase of re-entry are as follows:

- Phase 1: Pre-K, Kindergarten, first grade, eighth grade, and 12th grade
- Phase 2: Second grade, third grade, sixth grade and ninth grade
- Phase 3: fourth grade, fifth grade, seventh grade, 11th grade
- Phase 4: 10th grade

If the data allow, students could be back in

school by Oct. 13; however, should numbers indicate an increased rate of transmission of COVID-19 in the community, the school system may delay one or more phases of re-entry, the release stated.

Those students already back for in-person instruction would continue to report to school; others would remain in virtual learning until conditions improve. In that event, the district would update the dates for re-entry and continue to review data on Fridays.

“Our model allows for week-to-week consideration of community transmission of COVID-19,” Fuhrey said. “Because the turnaround time for our Friday announcements to Monday deadline to respond to the survey is so short, it is imperative that parents have current email addresses in their student’s Infinite Campus profile.

“As such, we have opened up the Parent Portal so parents may update their contact information on their child’s profile. We implore parents to create a Parent Portal account and verify their email and phone numbers are correct as soon as possible.”

Parents may create an

account at campus.k12.ga.us/campus/portal/parents/newton.jsp.

“Ultimately, our goal is to have all students return to in-person instruction and stay in face-to-face instruction,” said Fuhrey. “We know that is the best learning environment for children of all ages.

“In order to do this, we have verified with our medical partners that the wearing of masks is of utmost importance. As such, members of the board of education, in partnership with school system administration determined that students and staff will be mandated to wear masks while in our schools and on our school buses unless there is a documented, clinical concern preventing them from doing so.

“Students who refuse to wear a mask will not be permitted to ride the school bus or attend classes in person; instead, they will remain in the virtual environment.”

The plan can be downloaded and seen at newtoncountyschools.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server_72179/File/News/2020-2021/RE-ENTRY%20PLAN%20V3.pdf.

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The Social Goat Tavern

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Flavorful menu, amicable atmosphere bring customers back for more



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The Social Goat Tavern is known for its variety. Whether you're craving tacos, Buffalo Mac & Cheese or a juicy burger, the restaurant has an option for you.

By MASON WITTNER
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COVINGTON, GA. — The Social Goat Tavern wants to be your weekly spot. When co-owners Tiffany and Steve Huffman and Jennifer and Danny Hartman hatched the idea of opening the restaurant in January 2020, they didn't have any intention of pigeonholing it into any particular category. They did not envision it as Covington's premier date spot, rowdy sports bar, or luxury cuisine. They simply wanted to create a spot where Newton County residents and visitors alike could mesh with one another and enjoy delicious food in an inviting atmosphere.

"We want to really focus on the locals and being a part of the community," Tiffany Huffman said. "Our goal is to create a space where any and every one can have a great time, enjoy excellent food, and it still be affordable." "Whether you are enjoying a night out with family and friends, going on a date with your significant other or simply enjoying a drink, we want everyone to feel welcome here," Jennifer Hartman said. Tiffany and Jennifer both grew up in Marietta and became best friends by age



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Following a delay due to the COVID-19 pandemic, The Social Goat Tavern opened its doors on July 16.

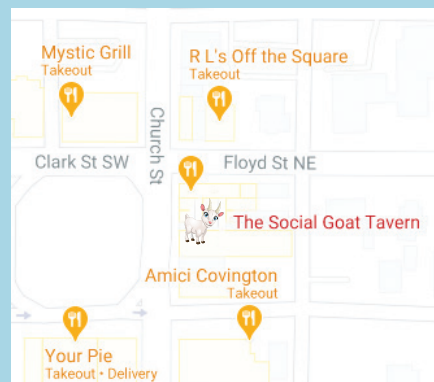
4. They have been through marriages, children and career changes together — all which led them to Newton County. With the same goals in mind, eventually the two began discussing new business ventures and ideas. The four owners bring a widespread list of skills as a group. Tiffany Huffman's background includes extensive experience in the restaurant industry. Steve has great knowledge of real estate and marketing. Jennifer Hartman, on the other hand, has a background in tax accounting and Human Resources. Danny has built

a successful construction repair and remodel company. However, they all share a passion for food. "With our skill sets combined," Hartman said, "we thought we could make something really great for our city." Nearly seven months ago their brainchild was born. The grand opening of The Social Goat Tavern was delayed significantly due to COVID-19 complications, but the restaurant officially opened its doors on Church Street on July 16. Through its first month of operation, some of the most

popular items on the menu at The Social Goat have been its Buffalo Mac & Cheese, Burgers and signature drinks. The restaurant is also known for its wide variety of Street Tacos including Chipotle Shrimp, Buffalo Chicken, Sesame Ribeye, Slow Smoked Pork, Fried Grouper and Philly Cheesesteak. The Social Goat Tavern's owners added that one of the goals for The Social Goat is to avoid letting the menu get stagnant. "Our menu will change over time," Huffman said. "We plan to keep it exciting."

In addition to the delicious food, The Social Goat prides itself on creating a relaxed environment. Among the features both in place and set to be implemented in the near future are televisions, music, arcade games, live bands, retro board games and special event nights like karaoke and trivia. The Social Goat Tavern also has several event spaces they plan to rent out to the public. "We would love to host your wedding rehearsals, showers, business events, birthday parties and more," Huffman noted. All four owners are committed to the restaurant's day-to-day operations. They encourage feedback and strive to make themselves readily available to all guests. "We want to be owners who are approachable, so that when you see us in the restaurant you feel welcome to engage in conversation," Huffman said. The Social Goat Tavern is located on the Covington Square at 1115 Church Street. Its daily hours of operation and more information can be found on their Facebook page and their website, TSGTavern.com. You may also reach out via email at info@tsgtavern.com or phone at 678-712-6321.

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Newton schools resume fall sports, extracurriculars

By MASON WITTNER
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Following an indefinite suspension that spanned more than seven days, the Newton County School System announced Monday, Aug. 24, that it would resume all sports and extracurricular activities beginning Tuesday, Aug. 25.

According to a statement put out by Newton County Superintendent Samantha Fuhrey, the school district made the decision to end the suspension following a “careful monitoring” of numbers from the Georgia Department of Public Health.

“I know how important athletics is to the overall social-emotional wellbeing of our athletes, and we did not take the decision to shut down and now resume sports lightly. We have continually monitored this situation and the data show a current



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Eastside High School, as well as other Newton County schools, resumed football practice Tuesday, Aug. 25.

downward trend in the numbers of COVID-19 in our community,” Fuhrey stated in the press release. “That

combined with our enhanced safety protocols led us to the decision to resume athletics.” Fuhrey added that the safe-

ty of all student-athletes is the county’s top priority, and “as such, we will continue to monitor the data and consult with our local health organizations.”

“Should the numbers warrant a change in our status, we will make an adjustment,” she said. “This is a fluid situation and could change at any time.”

The GHSA football season is set to begin next week. Alcovy and Newton are currently scheduled to kick off their respective campaigns on Friday, Sept. 4, with Eastside set to join Friday, Sept. 11.

Despite being forced to take the week off due to the suspension enforced by the school district, it appears as though all three of Newton County’s GHSA football programs remain on track to start their respective seasons on time.

“Right now it looks like

we’ll be able to start the season as outlined,” a jubilant Jason Dukes, who’s entering his second season as head football coach at Alcovy, said Monday evening. Dukes and his Tigers returned to practice Tuesday afternoon to continue their preparation for next week’s season opener at North Forsyth.

The softball teams at Alcovy, Eastside and Newton each returned to the diamond this week as well.

As of Monday, Aug. 24, the Georgia Department of Public Health reported there had been a cumulative total of 2,168 cases of COVID-19 in Newton County. Furthermore, the DPH stated that Newton County had reported 273 new cases per 100,000 residents. That rate appears to show a decline from Wednesday, Aug. 19, when the county had reported 350 new cases per 100,000 residents.

Lady Rams’ Pearson pitches no-hitter against Alcovy

Newton softball improves to 6-0 with win; Tigers fall to 0-2

By MASON WITTNER
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Hayden Pearson has proven herself to be a reliable ace in the circle for the Newton High School softball team.

Over the past two seasons, the junior right-hander has made a strong case as the most consistent arm in Newton’s rotation. On Thursday, Aug. 27, she showed just how unhittable she can be when she’s locked in.

Pearson took the ball against rival Alcovy High School and pitched a no-hitter, racking up 12 strikeouts and walking a pair of batters in an 11-0, six-inning victory for the Lady Rams.

Newton head coach Virginia Tucker-Smith continued to give her dominant righty high praise Thursday night while also lauding the work of the fielders behind her.

“Everybody plays with a lot more confidence when she’s out there pitching, when she’s on,” Tucker-Smith said. “I think our defense always reacts to her, and they always seem most confident and play the best defense behind her. I think it’s a whole mental aspect, and that’s a blessing in itself.”

The Lady Rams gave

Pearson a lead to work with in the second inning. With one out and one on, junior Katelynn Anglin roped an RBI double to center field to drive in Newton’s first run of the day.

In the home half of the third inning, the Lady Rams doubled their lead on a sacrifice fly from senior Aulora Edwards.

But despite Newton’s dominant pitching and early run support, Alcovy managed to stick around. Anchored by a gutsy performance in the circle from junior Lexie McDonald, the Lady Tigers found themselves in a 2-0 game in the sixth inning.

One out away from taking the narrow deficit into the seventh, the Lady Tigers surrendered nine two-out runs to invoke the mercy rule. Despite the late implosion, Alcovy head coach Miranda Lamb was pleased with the way her young team held tough against a formidable Newton club.

“We were one pitch away from potentially tying up the game, and also one out away from going into that seventh inning at 2-0. It’s just the little things that we’ve got to correct, and we will,” Lamb said. “I think we played



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Junior right-hander Hayden Pearson pitched a no-hit gem Thursday night as Newton blew past Alcovy, 11-0.

well. You live, you learn, you practice to live on another day.

I’m not upset with their effort.”

Newton improved to

6-0 on the year with the victory. The club is off to its best start in

program history, which brings with it both excitement and expectation. Tucker-Smith now is trying to find a way to feed into both.

“I’m really proud of the girls and I’m happy for them, but I don’t want them to get complacent,” she said. “I don’t want them to just look at wins. I want them to want to have that same desire every time we come out here.”

Conversely, the Lady Tigers dropped to 0-2 to start the year. While a state playoff bid has already been secured thanks to region rivals Rockdale County and Heritage canceling their respective seasons, Alcovy won’t be satisfied with taking the easy way out.

“We have something to prove to our region this year,” head coach Miranda Lamb said. “I don’t want to just be in the state tournament because of placement; I want to be there because we earned it. I want the girls to want, too, so hopefully we’re get back out there and get back to work.”

Alcovy will return to the diamond Tuesday and Thursday to open Region 3-AAAAAA play against Lakeside.

Newton will resume Region 4-AAAAAA play by going on the road to face Brookwood on Tuesday before playing host to Grayson on Thursday.

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