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### His Word

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— 2 Corinthians 12:9, KJV



## Graduation ceremonies this weekend

**Newton - Friday, 8 p.m.**  
**Alcovy - Saturday, 8 a.m.**  
**Eastside - Saturday, 8 p.m.**

By **TAYLOR BECK**  
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Commencement ceremonies for Newton County Schools' class of 2020 continue Saturday, Aug. 1, after the celebration for Newton High School seniors was held Friday night, July 31.

Alcovy High School seniors will receive their diplomas Saturday, beginning at 8 a.m. at Sharp Stadium, located on Williams Street NE.

Before COVID-19 took its toll, graduation was set for Alcovy on May 23.

Eastside High School graduates will take the field at Sharp Stadium beginning at 8 p.m. The Eagles' original graduation date was supposed to be May 22.

To follow safety protocol, each graduate was provided two tickets for guests, according to Newton County Schools spokeswoman Sherri Davis. She said every guest must have a ticket to enter the event — even small children.

Masks and social distancing were also required for all graduates, ticketed guests and staff, she said.

In the event of rain, ceremonies will be held Sunday, Aug. 2.

### Porterdale

## Mayor: Mismanagement, but no crime found in probe of alleged financial wrongdoing

By **TOM SPIGOLON**  
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Porterdale's mayor says an investigation into a former city manager's spending is nearing its end after it found he mismanaged the city's finances but did nothing that warranted criminal charges.

The "mismanagement" by former city manager Bob Thomson likely contributed to the city's government having unpaid bills with a variety of agencies totaling almost \$1 million since

2018 after council members were given inaccurate budget numbers, officials have said.

Former District Attorney Layla Zon worked with city officials on the case before Gov. Brian Kemp appointed her as a Superior Court judge in early June.

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Interim District Attorney Randy McGinley said he was reviewing it with the Georgia Bureau of Investigation "as quickly as possible." He wanted to do so because he was not the district attorney when his office originally reviewed it in 2019, he said.

"I have the duty to make my own individual assessment," McGinley said.

The investigation began in 2019 after Councilwoman Linda Finger, a member of

the council's Budget Committee, approached Chapman "regarding what she felt were some discrepancies on the part" of Thomson, Mayor Arline Chapman said.

"At my suggestion we met with someone who had no personal interest but would be able to assess the information that she had," Chapman said. "We were advised to meet with the district attorney."

The mayor said she and

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## Seeking to serve



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**When former Republican sheriff candidate Clay Ivey conceded to Ken Malcom after the Primary Election in June, it didn't mean he would stop serving the community. Thursday, July 23, he and "volunteers from all over" came together at Prospect United Methodist Church in Covington and gave out more than 1,500 boxes of food to members of the community. — Read the full story online at [CovNews.com](#).**

## Newton BOC approves 6% budget increase for 2021

By **TOM SPIGOLON**  
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COVINGTON, Ga. — The county government will operate on a 2021 budget that is nearly 6% larger than the 2020 document and includes funding for new fire stations and employees.

It also assumes a property tax rate that is 4% below last year's rate.

Newton County commissioners voted Tuesday, July 21, to approve a \$104.6 million budget for 2021 that is 5.8% larger than 2020 — including a \$3 million increase in the General Fund.

It includes \$2.2 million in funding for 69 new employees, including seven new sheriff's deputies and 18 new firefighters, according to county officials and

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## Local man charged in connection to recent church, business burglaries

By **TAYLOR BECK**  
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COVINGTON, Ga. — A local man is behind bars after allegedly burglarizing two businesses and three churches in Newton County.

Torres Guinn, 27, of Porterdale, was arrested Sunday, July 26, and charged with three counts of first-de-

gree burglary and one count of second-degree burglary as result of an investigation led by Covington police.

Covington Police Capt. Ken Malcom said the incidents each took place along Washington Street. Three of the burglaries in Covington were believed to happen July 20 and July 21 at Repairers of the

Breach Thrift Center, Tava's Diner and Greater Grace Church. A list of items stolen was not immediately available.

The two churches burgled in Porterdale were identified as Rainbow Covenant Church and Led By the Spirit Baptist Mission. Guinn was believed to have stolen money, food, keys and other items,

according to Porterdale police.

Malcom said burglaries that occur in the same vicinity is an "obvious" sign they were made by the same person or group, which helped investigators locate the suspect.

"This arrest is the result of a thorough investigation by our patrol and CID teams,

and especially from the hard work of Detective Jeff Bruno," Malcom said. "A serial burglar who was focusing on locations in Covington and Porterdale is now off of our street."

Shortly after being taken into custody, authorities said Guinn admitted he was involved with the five burglaries reported,

but Malcom said there could be more.

"A lot of burglars are territorial, so it may be that this arrest could help Porterdale police with some of its unsolved burglaries" he said.

As of Friday, July 31, Guinn was being held at the Newton County Jail.

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### Still Available

Copies of the Newcomer's Guide to Newton County are still available at The Covington News. This year's magazine educates readers about the area and shows how the community has stood strong despite a global crisis.



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# Ezammudeen talks run for Congress

## Republican candidate to challenge incumbent

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Johsie Cruz Ezammudeen said she stepped up when others would not do so to challenge a sitting congressman for one of Georgia's 14 U.S. House seats.

The House seat represents half of Newton County and the congressman is seven-term incumbent U.S. Rep. Hank Johnson, D-Lithonia.

Ezammudeen was unopposed for the Republican nomination for Georgia's 4th Congressional District seat in the June 9 primary. She will face Johnson in the Nov. 3 general election.

The district includes western Newton County, all of Rockdale and parts of DeKalb and Gwinnett counties.

The candidate said she has visited city council meetings and churches and is using Facebook to get her

name out in an area in which Johnson is well known after almost 20 years as a county commissioner and congressman.

"I'll go to their house if I'm asked," Ezammudeen said.

She and her campaign also were very visible at a mid-July event that raised funds for a legal fight against Newton County's planned removal of the Confederate memorial statue from the center of the Covington Square.

Ezammudeen said she wants to work to bring federal funding to the district to assist with everything from infrastructure and economic development to supplying police with needed equipment.



Johsie Cruz Ezammudeen

Johnson only operates one field office now off I-20 in south DeKalb County. Ezammudeen said she wants to operate up to four field offices to make them more accessible for more District 4 residents.

"People want to have that direct contact," she said.

A native of Venezuela, Ezammudeen immigrated to the U.S. at age 23 and eventually became a citizen.

She works in the health insurance industry and admits she can empathize with people who have experienced real-life financial challenges she faced after two divorces left her with little money.

She said she understands the daily struggles her former countrymen are facing and opposes socialist president Nicolas Maduro, whose authoritarian leadership has left the oil-rich South American country in economic turmoil and under U.S. sanctions.

Ezammudeen first got involved in politics

by working for former President George W. Bush's election in Florida in the 2000s, she said.

After moving to Georgia, she was part of a Atlanta-area Latino group working for President Donald Trump's election in 2016.

She also worked to help Karen Handel get elected to Congress in 2017, and for Brian Kemp's 2018 campaign for governor.

Ezammudeen admits she is a political novice and has never run for elected office.

"Just like Trump," she said.

She said she waited to see if any other Republicans would challenge Johnson before announcing her candidacy. No one did and she chose to challenge Johnson for his seat on the second day of qualifying March 3.

The Republican then tallied almost 23,000 votes despite no opposition in the primary.

She openly admits she lives in Marietta

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# Judge extends deadline for legal arguments on halting statue's removal

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COVINGTON Ga. — A Newton County judge is giving those supporting Covington's Confederate statue another 30 days to make their case why it should remain in the middle of the city's downtown area.

Superior Court Judge John Ott on Wednesday, July 29, also ordered the county government not to move the 114-year-old statue while the issue is still pending in the courts "except by further order of the court."

In the order, Ott extended his deadline 30 days for those on both sides of the issue to send him their legal arguments concerning the county government's planned removal of the statue from its location in Covington since 1906.

Ott said he was extending the deadline from Aug. 3 to Sept. 2 to allow one of two plaintiffs in the case, Newton County resident Tiffany Humphries, time to hire an attorney to file legal briefs telling why the judge should stop the county from removing the statue.

The judge set his original deadline of Aug. 3 for legal arguments during a July 20 hearing on separate requests from Humphries and the Georgia and Newton County Sons of Confederate Veterans groups for an injunction to halt the county's plan to remove the statue.

They were seeking the judge's intervention after the Newton County Board of Commissioners voted 3-2 on July 14 for removal.

Ott had told both sides they needed to address such issues as Newton County's possible sovereign immunity — the concept that governments cannot be sued for operating in their legal capacity

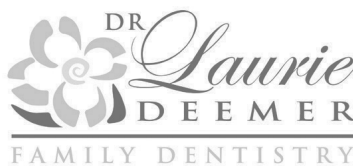
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## Smiles of the Month

These kids hit it out of the park with great check-ups!

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Finger met with city auditor Mark Hardison and Zon who "chose to contact the GBI for an investigation."

"A thorough investigation took place, (Porterdale City) Council members were interviewed and a thorough study of documents was made. This was a lengthy process," Chapman said.

The Covington News reported in August 2019 the investigation reportedly centered on allegations Thomson had signed Chapman's name on city checks.

However, the GBI did not confirm that information at the time and

Zon said "very generally" the scope of the investigation involved the authorization of spending of city funds.

At the time, Porterdale owed more than \$123,000 to the Newton County Water and Sewerage Authority and the city of Covington, according to Mike Hopkins, executive director at NCWSA, and Covington Finance Director Randy Smith.

The Authority was told to work with Thomson — who had served as city manager since 2010 — to ensure Porterdale would make payments and Hopkins stated that Thomson

assured him payments would be made.

However, Thomson resigned the same day and the city remained eight months behind on payments to the Authority on Aug. 14.

Meanwhile, Chapman said Zon finally determined "that while funds had been inappropriately used by moving back and forth and violating rules and regulations for how funds are to be appropriated, the city manager did not personally profit."

"State regulations were not followed and finances were in chaos," Chapman said.

"The Budget Committee was only given incomplete information as to how business was being conducted."

The mayor said she, Finger and Hardison met with a GBI investigator and Zon again in April.

"The district attorney informed us that she believed that because the city manager did not personally profit but had mismanaged (city funds), a grand jury would most likely not indict," Chapman said.

Chapman said after the investigation ended "the city began the task of righting the ship."

The council then promoted Witcher from

public works director to interim city manager and the mayor and city council are assisting Witcher "in the process of putting Porterdale back on the steady road to improvement," Chapman said.

Under the city's charter, the city manager serves as chief executive officer rather than the mayor, Chapman said.

Council members voted on July 13 to tentatively adopt a four-mill increase in the 2020 property tax rate that is more than 35% above the full rollback rate. They are expected to take a final vote Monday, Aug. 3.

On Monday, July 21, they agreed to a three-year action plan that includes requiring all city workers except police officers to work 32-hour weeks — four fifths of their current pay — and increasingly pay greater shares of their health insurance premiums.

The city has since worked to repay the water and sewerage authority and city of Covington but still owed more than \$162,000 to the two agencies on July 13, officials said.

Thomson did not return a request for comment.



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**Franklin Delano Aiken**  
Mr. Franklin Delano Aiken, age 87, of Oxford, passed away Sunday, July 26, 2020.

Mr. Aiken graduated from Conyers High School in 1950 and received his bachelor of arts degree from the University of the State of New York. He traveled extensively over the world both as a civilian and as a soldier in the military service. As a civilian, Mr. Aiken worked on various jobs in Europe and on a construction project near the Arctic Circle in Greenland. As a soldier, he

**Thomas Mark Burroughs**  
Thomas Mark Burroughs, age 60 of Social Circle, passed away on July 25, 2020.

He was born on April 18, 1960, to the late Thomas Jack and Doris Poole Burroughs. Mark was preceded in death by his brother, Daniel Burroughs.

**Amanda Louise Johnson**  
Amanda Louise Johnson, of Covington, passed away Thursday, July 30, 2020, at the age of 86.

Mrs. Johnson was a caring nurse who worked alongside Dr. Callaway, in Covington, for many years. She was strong in spirit and passionate for family. Mrs. Johnson shared a genuine connection with her chil-

served 23 years in the United States Army with two overseas tours of duty in Korea, two overseas tours of duty in the Vietnam War, and two overseas tours of duty in Germany. After his retirement from the military service, he worked as senior general manager of Stone Mountain Park and later for Gwinnett County as manager of public utilities construction contracts, land acquisitions and computer operations. Mr. Aiken was preceded in death by his parents, Tyree Benjamin and Florence Viola Aiken; sisters, Janie Eleanor Aiken,

He was an HVAC Service Technician with Local Union 72 for 32 years. He loved to hunt and was an avid Georgia Bulldog Football fan.

Surviving members of his family are his wife of 34 years, Donna Hall Burroughs; daughter and future son-in-law Misty Burroughs (James); sisters and brother-in-law, Debbie

Ouida Mae (Peggy) Aiken Smith; brothers, John Artryee Aiken, Jack Reginald Aiken.

Survivors include his wife, Theresa Ann (Terry) Aiken; daughter, Margaret Teresa Simmons and husband, David; son, Ronald Hartz and wife, Mary; stepchildren, Gina Rochelle Smith and husband, Troy, Anthony Charles (Tony) Foushi and wife, Adrienne; sister-in-law, Barbara Aiken; nine grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; one niece; and four nephews.

A private funeral service for Mr.

Burroughs and Patricia Neely (Fred-die); sisters-in-law and brother-in-law Mack and Deborah McKibben and Kathy Hall and several nieces and nephews. He also had countless friends that he considered to be like his brothers.

A memorial service will be held Sunday, Aug. 2, 2020, at 3 p.m. at

Aiken was held Friday, July 31, 2020, at the Chapel of Caldwell & Cowan Funeral Home, 1215 Access Road, in Covington, with Pastor Jonathan Alvear officiating and interment following in Oxford Historical Cemetery.

Due to the current COVID-19, and coronavirus pandemic, the family regrets the services must be private. As soon as the current public health crisis abates, a memorial service will be held for all who wish to honor the life of Mr. Aiken.

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the First Baptist Church of Social Circle with the Rev. Jeff Clegg and Pastor Mack McKibben officiating.

The family asks that visitors please wear a face mask to the service and practice social distancing.

son; 13 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; sister-in-law, Marina Coody; as well as several nieces and nephews.

A graveside Service for Mrs. Johnson was held Saturday, August 1, 2020, 2 p.m., at Lawnwood Memorial Park, 1111 Access Road, in Covington.

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— and statue supporters' legal standing for challenging the county's plans before he would rule. He also told them he hoped the losing side would appeal his ruling so that all issues in the case are fully discussed in the courts.

Ott said he confirmed that both sides had agreed to the request. The statue, mean-

while, needs to remain in its current location, the judge said.

“The court ... takes this opportunity to set as an order the oral consent and agreement of the parties to maintain the status quo of the Confederate statue that is the subject of petitioners’ petition for injunctive relief and damages,” Ott wrote.

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documents on the county website.

The new firefighters will help man new stations on Gum Creek Road in northern Newton County, and Big Woods Road in Starrsville in eastern Newton; and a renovated station No. 2 in southern Newton.

It also includes step level raises for some of the county's 700 employees totaling \$1.6 million; and a health insurance premium increase of about \$618,000.

The budget has a 24% increase in the animal services department;

County officials revised the budget multiple times since its introduction earlier this year and had settled on a \$105.6 million budget in June.

The June budget assumed a property tax rate that was unchanged from last year's 13.43 mills but that would have amounted to a tax hike because of the increased revenue produced from rising property values since 2019.

County commissioners said they had concerns about approving a budget that included a tax increase at a time

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and not in the 4th Congressional District. However, she also pointed out that the Constitution only requires U.S. House candidates to reside in the state they are seeking to represent, not the district.

Democrat Jon Ossoff did not live in the 6th Congressional District when he ran against

Karen Handel in a 2017 special election, while Republican Marjorie Greene moved into the 14th Congressional District only weeks before she qualified to run this year and was the top vote-getter in a crowded field seeking the seat June 9.

District 13 U.S. Rep. David Scott, D-Atlan-

ta, also does not live in his district.

“I want to be honest — I didn’t want to hide anything,” she said. “When I get elected I will move to the district.”

Exammudeen’s campaign manager, Cat Fletcher, said he

believed she had a chance to win because she is a “new brand” for voters.

“She’s had a lot of experience,” he said.

Johnson’s campaign did not respond to a request for comment.



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The Newton County Board of Education will hold a public meeting on the proposed annual operating budget on August 11, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. A link will be posted on the school district's website for those interested in joining the meeting via the internet. The proposed annual operating budget is available online at [www.newtoncountyschools.org](http://www.newtoncountyschools.org). A copy of the budget is also available for public inspection in the business office of the Newton County Board of Education. The meeting will be held in the Board Room at the Newton County Board of Education Administrative Offices located at 2109 Newton Drive, Covington, Georgia.

	General Fund	Other State Grants	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Debt Service Funds	School Food Service Fund	School Principal Accounts	After School Program
<b>ANTICIPATED RECEIPTS:</b>								
Beginning Balance	\$ 41,689,626	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,598,960	\$ 13,619,907	\$ 771,469	\$ 900,000	\$ 0
Local Revenue - Ad Valorem Taxes	60,054,622							
Local Revenue - All Others	650,000			12,411,944	12,000	1,533,616	2,850,000	980,000
Other Sources - Transfer from Other Funds					8,185,438	650,000	150,000	
State and Federal Revenues	116,788,417	4,608,428	17,172,905		1,172,238	8,637,110		
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 219,182,665</b>	<b>\$ 4,608,428</b>	<b>\$ 17,172,905</b>	<b>\$ 14,010,904</b>	<b>\$ 22,989,583</b>	<b>\$ 11,592,195</b>	<b>\$ 3,900,000</b>	<b>\$ 980,000</b>
<b>ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES:</b>								
Instruction	\$ 123,503,648	\$ 4,137,049	\$ 6,879,038	\$ 300,000			\$ 1,170,370	
Pupil Services	10,004,340		2,834,675					
Improvement of Instructional Services	8,102,850	10,000	488,452					
Instructional Staff Training	204,363	443,109	4,913,814					
Educational Media Services	2,718,974							
General Administration	1,480,812		632,645					
School Administration	13,470,901		300					
Business Services	1,368,311			120,000				
M&O of Plant Services	15,733,472		1,204,000					
Student Transportation	11,171,779	18,270	160,496	50,000				
Central Support Services	2,688,103		17,360	270,000				
Other Support Services	135,472		42,125					\$ 980,000
Facilities Acquisition & Improvements				3,486,502				
Other Uses (transfers to other funds)	650,000			8,185,438			150,000	
School & Community Nutrition						\$ 10,702,980		
Enterprise Operations							1,679,630	
Debt Service					\$ 6,900,135			
Ending Balance	27,949,639	0	0	1,598,964	16,089,448	889,215	900,000	0
<b>Total Expenditures &amp; Reserve</b>	<b>\$ 219,182,665</b>	<b>\$ 4,608,428</b>	<b>\$ 17,172,905</b>	<b>\$ 14,010,904</b>	<b>\$ 22,989,583</b>	<b>\$ 11,592,195</b>	<b>\$ 3,900,000</b>	<b>\$ 980,000</b>

A copy of the Tentative Budget for all governmental fund types is available to review in the office of the Board of Education, 2109 Newton Drive, N.E., Covington, Georgia. A final budget will be adopted at the regular meeting of the Board of Education at the above address on August 18, 2020. The meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.

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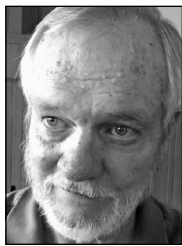
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Jeff Mackenzie The Design Consumer

Attainable sustainable — it’s a ‘no-brainable’

Sustainability is a popular term bandied about in scientific, engineering, architectural and political circles. It first appeared 30 years ago in ‘The Bruntland Report’ to the UN General Assembly. It highlighted a disturbing deterioration in such environmental indices as arable farmland, potable water, and breathable air, which it determined acted as obstacles to progress in all nations. Rampant development and short sighted exploitation of resources has significantly affected human health and prospects for improved standards of living (which today’s globalist adherents claim to have addressed successfully) according to Bruntland.



“Our Common Future” is the theme of the report — generated by written submissions and expert testimony from scientists, corporate and business experts, senior government officials, industrialists, NGOs and comment intervals for the general public. Essentially, it stresses the interrelated nature of life among world cultures and between flora and fauna around the planet. I picture sustainability, applied successfully, as using all resources in a manner that renews them. Obviously some resources — rare earths like coltran and lithium, iron and copper ores — are finite and subject to mining limitations. Once used up, they’re gone. And the search is on for replacements. Human ingenuity has been able thus far to stay ahead of the curve, replacing scarce resources with innovations that either use them more efficiently or substitute other materials. The result over time has accrued an abundance of consumables with materials used to make them discarded

after single use, stacking up in landfills and infesting waterways and roadsides with potentially recyclable detritus. A typical small shampoo bottle, for example, is a fairly thick plastic container ubiquitous in landfills. Often bottles of stuff come in paper boxes which also are tossed.

Some of this stuff breaks down quickly over time. Most does not. On the farm where I grew up most trash was thrown into a gully downslope from the house. Over time, the metal cans have rusted away, paper items rotted. But glass mayonnaise jars and whiskey bottles remain and numerous blue plastic bromo-seltzer bottles — necessitated by abuse of the latter — are still pristine, though their bright blue dye has faded. Multiply the contents of this gully a million times and add more recent items, and you have a typical third world landfill. Often the recipients of castoffs from first world cultures who load barges and ship it to less fortunate areas, these landfills have evolved into formidable trash dunes where whole subcultures of desperate people seek items to recycle or sell. They often have toxic levels of carcinogens and rank poisons absorbed from years of toiling there. Their children — when not put to labor themselves — play freely among the debris, incurring future health tragedies in adulthood. Is this the gift we wish to bestow on those unfortunate areas? Does this enhance our “greatness” by doing so? How long may we ignore such festering sores before they erupt? An area of trash double the size of Texas exists in the Pacific. Plastic bags, milk jugs, old toys, chunks of styrofoam — a floating, roiling mass of castoffs. Common items are also found in the bellies of whales and other large

David Carroll’s News and Notes

Presidential election is just a mess

My, my, my. Look at this mess we’ve gotten ourselves into. The presidential election is still a hundred days away, and it already seems like the campaign has been going on since the Rolling Stones were merely pebbles.



Just last week, one candidate claimed his opponent “doesn’t know he is alive.” He added, “He is incompetent.”

The other candidate responded that his opponent “has waved the white flag and walked away from the country.”

I can’t imagine Dwight D. Eisenhower and Adlai Stevenson exchanging such insults, or Jimmy Carter and Gerald Ford. Unfortunately, this is the general tone of America 2020.

Of course, this isn’t the first time a presidential campaign has wallowed in the mud. In 1884, Democratic candidate Grover Cleveland was mired in a paternity scandal. His Republican opponents capitalized on it. They didn’t have TV to run negative ads, and there was no Twitter to smear one another, so they wrote a song about it, which spread across the nation. “Ma, Ma, where’s my Pa?” was the refrain. Cleveland won the election

anyway, prompting his supporters to respond, “Gone to the White House, ha ha ha!”

But you know what happened after the election? Americans forgot about it, and they resumed working toward a common goal. Most of them, anyway.

Is that still possible today? Does anyone really believe that no matter who wins in November, the other side is just going to smile, and start holding hands?

Can you imagine Fox News hosts taking a few moments to mourn a Republican loss, and then looking into the camera saying, “Well, our guy lost. Now let’s get behind this other fellow, and heal our nation.”

On the other hand, is it realistic to expect CNN hosts to quickly dismiss a Democratic loss, and then say, “Good game, folks. Now let’s work together to unite everyone, and put all this nastiness behind us.”

We all know this isn’t going to happen. We are now a professional wrestling nation. Many years ago, some bright promoter figured out how to make wrestling profitable. Athleticism, power and skill were admirable qualities, but didn’t entice the masses.

What if, he said, we have a good guy and a bad guy? We will create animosity, we will pit good versus evil, and each competition will have a story line. In many towns with a

decent-sized auditorium, professional wrestling kept the building open for decades. The “upper crust” would complain, “We want opera and culture!” The venue managers would respond, “Sure, we’ll give you a little of that. But if we’re going to keep the lights on, we need a wrestling ring and angry people willing to buy tickets and popcorn.”

So, here we are. The slanted news networks and social media sites are providing the wrestling matches, and Americans are buying the popcorn. No controversy, no antagonism? No ratings.

It all comes down to this. When is the last time you voted FOR a presidential candidate? Read that carefully. I didn’t say the last time you voted in a presidential election. I mean the last time you voted FOR a person. Surveys reveal that we have become really good at voting AGAINST people. Many Americans voted against Bush, against Obama, against a Clinton or two, and against Trump. Would we have voted for a potato against some of these candidates? For many, the answer is yes.

In a nation of 328 million, we struggle to find two people we really trust with the nuclear football. We can somehow weed out the weak links in “Dancing with the Stars” and “American Idol,” but we often end up with two presiden-

tial hopefuls that are underwhelming.

When is the last time two people represented our major political parties on the presidential ballot, and you said, “Oh my gosh. They are BOTH so qualified and excellent! They each have so many good qualities. Can they be co-presidents? How are we supposed to choose between them?” It’s been a while, if ever.

With all the talk about each of our two current candidates, and their mental fitness to serve, it’s easy to draw a conclusion. You know that rhetorical question, “Who in their right mind would even WANT the job?” While watching the debates that winnowed down the crowded field of wanna-be presidents, I found myself answering that question. The answer was, “Apparently, not very many.”

Can you blame a competent, qualified person for sitting it out? Are we setting up our 2020 winner for failure? Will we unite to battle our current crises (as we used to do in the past) or will be continue to tear each other down?

Turn off the echo chamber “news” channels. Love your neighbors. We have to start somewhere.

David Carroll is a Chattanooga news anchor. He may be reached at [radiotv2020@yahoo.com](mailto:radiotv2020@yahoo.com).

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mammals and fish.

Nano particles are used in various processes, chemicals and medicines. They are now found in the biosphere.

Folks, we don’t have to tolerate this situation.

When confronting the “cost effective” agendas of corporations, municipalities and other entities responsible (including of course, ourselves; end users and prime movers) for this profligate dumping of stuff, we must ask them to consider the long view. What may seem cheap now may ultimately cost far more decades later. And while we may not live to see the results of our extravagance, our children (or their children) will, guaranteed. “Tossing out” must become an archaic term, so that nothing passes through consumers’ hands that does not ultimately return to its source.

I once worked in a factory that made plastic canisters. When occasionally a defective one emerged from the mold, we simply placed it in a bin to be ground up, melted down and

recast.

All our plastic should be like this.

What if no items were marketed — no bottles, caps, bags, cellophane wraps, cups or plates (anything plastic) — that could not be ground up and recycled?

What if the same applied to metals, plastic impregnated paper and all items that if tossed will not break down in a day or two?

What if all construction debris recycled; metal to forges, paper back to manufacturers, concrete chunks to buttress roadways and beach jetties?

What if all toxic chemicals, such as those used in fracking and pesticides, couldn’t penetrate ground water levels?

What if all organic waste were composted and the end product(depending on pathogen content) made available for landscaping and gardening?

What if every glass, plastic and metal consumer item had a deposit on it, redeemed where it was bought?

What if any finan-

cial innovation had to have an environmental impact statement?

What if this could actually trigger cease and desist orders if discarded waste potential seemed likely?

Quality of life is a factor in sustainability. Hog farms in eastern NC produce such noxious odors that people in nearby farms and communities are driven indoors. Were such an operation set up in say, The Hamptons, it would be quickly shut down.

What if this applied everywhere as a standard of sustainability?

What if no one could ‘waste’ clean, fresh air in the pursuit of profit?

The drive for sustainability must needs be organic-that is, adopted as popular practice and widely accepted before codification into law.

Just as building codes have evolved, through trial and error and occasional catastrophe into relatively sophisticated concepts presided over by experts and continuously updated, so a sustainability code might evolve. With certain high

polluting items wanting immediate action, others might come about more slowly. Composting yard waste, reuse of construction debris, etc. can be adopted as popular practice before codification.

There is a phenomenon called “groundswell”, very potent in our culture. Where it exists, sea changes happen.

When all household trash is sorted into separate bins by end users — saving the cost of municipalities hiring someone to do this after collection-sea change will be well underway. Sustainability is not a liberal concept-if anything, it’s truly conservative. Conservation of resources is as natural as breathing air — clean air — and the time for NIMBY (not in my back yard!) is long past.

My back yard and yours are part of the problem.

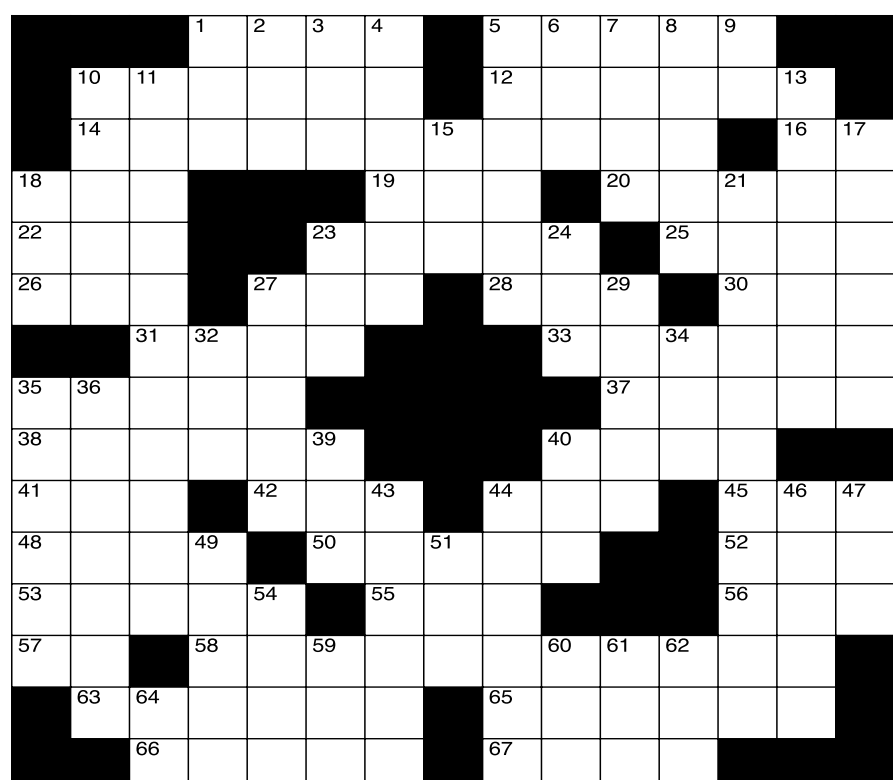
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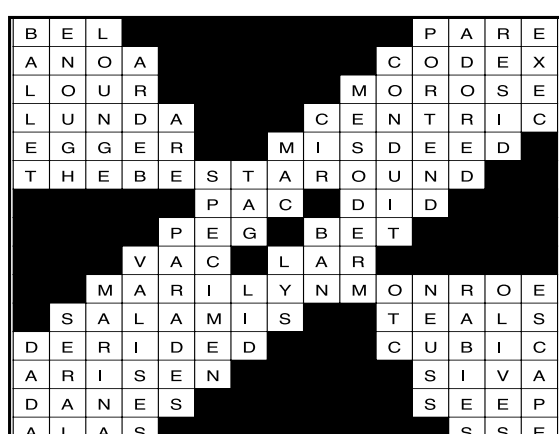
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**BUSINESS NAME:** King's 24 Hour Towing and Repair, LLC  
**ADDRESS:** 3195 Hwy 81 South

**COVINGTON, GA 30016**  
**TELEPHONE#:** 770-787-6243

**PUBLIC NOTICE #117035**  
**7/26,8/2**

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**125 OLD** Hwy 138 Loganville, GA 30052-4814

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

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20-1987AV		
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1G4GV54K224153457		
20-1988AV		
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1FA6P8CF0J5116345		
20-1989AV		
<b>CHEVROLET</b>	<b>2 0 0 4</b>	
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<b>VOLKSWAGE</b>	<b>2 0 1 1</b>	
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**PUBLIC NOTICE #117040**  
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Alcoholic Beverage

NOTICE – APPLICATION ALCOHOL LICENSE

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**APPLICANT'S NAME:** Tonya Reddings

**THE APPLICATION** will be heard on August 3rd, 2020 at 6:30 PM at City of Covington Council Room, 2116 Stallings Street, NW, Covington, GA. This notice is published pursuant to the provisions of Section 5.12.080(C), Covington Municipal Code.

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Bids

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**OWNER:** CITY of Porterdale  
**ADDRESS:** 2800 Main Street, Porterdale, GA 30014  
**PROJECT:** FY 2015 USDA Sewerage System Improvements  
**1.1. COMPETITIVE COST SEALED BIDS** for the construction of the FY 2015 USDA Sewerage System Improvements, will be received, by the City of Porterdale, at the office of the 2800 Main Street, Porterdale, GA 30014, until September 2, 2020 at 2:00 PM local time at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read. No bid may be withdrawn after the closing time for the receipt of bids for a period of sixty (60) days except specifically as may be provided in the Instructions to Bidders and/or by State Law.  
**BIDS WILL** be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a lump sum and unit price basis, with additive alternate bid items as indicated in the Bid Form.  
**1.2. SCOPE OF WORK**  
**THE WORK** to be completed shall consist of furnishing all labor, equipment, and materials not provided by the Owner necessary to install approximately 16,000 L.F. of sewer mains complete with 103 manholes, roadway replacement, earthwork, bypass pumping, soil erosion and sediment control measures, and appurtenances necessary to provide complete installation. The bid will allow both open cutting and pipe bursting to obtain the most cost effective solution. Note the Owner will provide certain  
**1.3. PLANS, SPECIFICATION AND CONTRACT DOCUMENTS**  
**THE ISSUING** Office for the Bidding Documents is: Carter & Sloope, Inc., 1031 Stonebridge Parkway, Watkinsville, Georgia 30677. Please contact Heather Cash at 706-769-4119 or email at [hcash@cartersloope.com](mailto:hcash@cartersloope.com). Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office as described below.

**BIDDING DOCUMENTS** may be obtained from the Issuing Office during the hours indicated above. Bidding Documents are available on compact disc (as portable document format (PDF) files) for a non-refundable charge of \$100.00, including shipping UPS Ground. Alternatively, printed Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Issuing Office either via in-person pick-up or via mail, upon Issuing Office's receipt of payment for the Bidding Documents. The non-refundable cost of printed Bidding Documents is \$200.00 per set, payable to "Carter & Sloope, Inc." Upon Issuing Office's receipt of payment, printed Bidding Documents will be sent via UPS Ground. If you choose to have them shipped overnight or by another carrier, please submit your FedEx overnight or UPS Express account number. The date that the Bidding Documents are transmitted by the Issuing Office will be considered the prospective Bidder's date of receipt of the Bidding Documents. Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including Addenda if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office.  
**1.4. BID BOND**  
**BID SECURITY** shall be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.  
**BIDS SHALL** be accompanied by a bid bond or certified cashier's check in an amount not less than 10% of the base bid. All bonds shall be by a surety company licensed in Georgia with an "A" minimum rating of performance and a financial strength of at least five (5) times the contract price as listed in the most current publication of "Best's Key Rating Guide Property Liability." Performance and Payment Bonds, each in an amount equal to 100% of the contract price shall be required of the successful bidder if contract is awarded. Each Bond shall be accompanied by a "Power of Attorney" authorizing the attorney-in-fact to bind the surety and certified to include the date of the bond.  
**1.5. CONTRACTOR LICENSE**  
**THE SCOPE** of Work as described herein is defined as "utility contracting" in accordance with O.C.G.A. 43-14-2(17) so the Contractor performing the work must provide proof of a valid license by the State of Georgia as a "Utility Contractor" and must also employ a "Utility Manager" certification holder who will have oversight of all the work. See Instruction to Bidders for additional bidding requirements.  
**1.6. PERMITS**

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

PERMITS/AGENCIES	
<b>STATUS</b>	<b>A N D</b>
<b>A.</b> Disturbance Permit	Approved
<b>B.</b> GAR 100002 (Stormwater)	To be Submitted by Contractor
<b>C.</b> Environmental Protection Division	Approved
<b>D.</b> Department of Transportation	Approved
<b>1.7. EASEMENTS &amp; RIGHTS-OF-WAY</b>	
<b>ALL EASEMENTS</b> and rights-of-way for permanent installations have been obtained or will be obtained by the Owner prior to issuing the Notice to Proceed.	
<b>1.8. GEORGIA SECURITY AND IMMIGRATION COMPLIANCE ACT AFFIDAVIT</b>	
<b>ALL QUALIFYING</b> Contractors and Subcontractors performing work with the City of Porterdale must register and participate in the federal work authorization program commonly	

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**1.9. FUNDING SOURCES**  
**FUNDING IS** to be provided by USDA, Rural Development. All Bidders must comply with 41 CFR 60-4 in regard to affirmative action, to ensure equal opportunity to females and minorities.  
**1.10. RESERVATION OF RIGHTS**  
**OWNER RESERVES** the right to reject any or all Bids, including without limitation, the rights to reject any or all nonconforming, nonresponsive, unbalanced or conditional Bids and to reject the Bid of any Bidder if Owner believes that it would not be in the best interest of the Project to make an award to that Bidder, whether because the Bid is not responsive or the Bidder is unqualified or of doubtful financial ability or fails to meet any other pertinent standard or criteria established by the Owner.

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE #117078**  
**8/2,16**

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

**THE CITY** of Covington is soliciting proposals to furnish a full set of working drawings, contract documents, and specifications for the upgrade of approximately 1.3 miles of Industrial Boulevard located within the City of Covington.

**PROPOSALS** must be delivered to City Hall, 2194 Emory Street NW, Covington, GA 30014, Attn: Brian Yoder no later than 10:00 AM on August 25, 2020.

**THE RFP** may be obtained accessing the city's website at <http://www.cityofcovington.org/Business/Bids>. For more information, contact Brian Yoder at [byoder@cityofcovington.org](mailto:byoder@cityofcovington.org)

REAL ESTATE for Sale

**THE CITY** of Oxford will accept bids for a 0.44-acre lot at 101 Longstreet Circle, zoned single-family residential (R-15). The lot is more particularly described as follows: All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 289 of the 9th District, Newton County, Georgia, being Lot 41 of Emory Village Subdivision, Unit 1 as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 14, Page 175, Newton County, Georgia Records, which recorded in plat is incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this description.

**SEALED BIDS** should be submitted to: City Clerk, 110 W. Clark Street, Oxford, GA 30054 by 12 PM Tuesday, August 11, 2020. Bids received after the due date and time will not be accepted. Faxed and emailed bids will not be accepted. Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope and clearly marked 101 Longstreet Circle Lot Bid on the outside of the envelope. The City of Oxford reserves the right to reject any and all bids. For questions, contact the City Manager at 770-786-7004.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #117017**  
**7/12,19,26,8/5**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR**

**RIGHT OF WAY ACQUISITION SERVICES**

**NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**RFP #21-03**

**THE NEWTON** County Board of Commissioners (NEWTON COUNTY) is soliciting Proposals from qualified firm(s) to provide Right of Way Acquisition Services for the projects listed below:

**PI # 0015095 – ACCESS ROAD @ I-20 FROM EAST OF CROWELL RD. TO WEST OF HAROLD DOBBS RD.**

**PI # 0015096 – CR511/BROWN BRIDGE RD. @ YELLOW RIVER BRIDGE REPLACEMENT**

**PI # 0015097 - CR 511/ BROWN BRIDGE RD. @ SNAPPING SHOALS BRIDGE REPLACEMENT**

**FIRMS THAT** respond to this RFP, and are determined by NEWTON COUNTY to be sufficiently qualified, may be deemed eligible and invited to possibly present and/ or interview for these services. All respondents are subject to instructions communicated in the RFP document and are cautioned to completely review the entire RFP and follow instructions carefully. NEWTON COUNTY reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals, and to waive technicalities and informalities at its discretion.

**PROPOSALS WILL** be received by Newton County electronically until 2:00 pm, local time, on Tuesday, August 11th, 2020. Proposals must be submitted through the County's Procurement Portal.

**THE PROCUREMENT** Portal and full RFP document can be accessed using the following link:

**HTTPS://CO-NEWTON-GA.BONFIREHUB.COM/PORTAL/?TAB=LOGIN**

**QUESTIONS ABOUT** any aspect of the RFP, Procurement Portal, or the projects, must be submitted by email to [Randi.Fincher@co.newton.ga.us](mailto:Randi.Fincher@co.newton.ga.us) by 5:00 pm on August 4th, 2020.

Responses to questions will be issued with this Court on or before August 17, 2020 at ten o'clock, a.m.

**JULY 19TH, 2020**  
**LLOYD KERR**, County Manager  
**NEWTON COUNTY** Board of Commissioners

PUBLIC NOTICE # 17049 7/26,8/2

**THE CITY** of Covington is accepting bids for the purchase of self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) and related components as specified in "Exhibit A" - specifications for the City of Covington Fire Department. Sealed bids must be received by the Purchasing Department, Attn: Scott Cromer in City Hall by Tuesday, August 25, 2020 at 10:00 am at which time the bids will be opened.  
**REQUEST FOR** Bids and additional information may be obtained at City Hall or by accessing the request for proposals/bids on the City's website at <https://www.cityofcovington.org/index.php?section=business-opportunities>

**THE CITY** of Covington reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #117079**  
**8/2,9**

**THE CITY** of Covington is seeking bids from approved manufactures, for the purchase of Three Phase Pad Mounted transformers as specified in exhibit "A" of the bid packet

**SEALED BIDS** must be delivered to City Hall, 2194 Emory Street NW, Covington, GA 30014, Attn: Scott Cromer no later than 10:00am on Wednesday, August 12, 2020. Bids will be opened and read aloud at that time.

**REQUEST FOR** Bids 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>

**THE CITY** of Covington reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

PUBLIC NOTICE #117043 7/26,8/2

**THE CITY** of Covington is soliciting sealed bids to furnish all labor, material and equipment for 3.12 miles of Asphaltic Concrete Patching & Resurfacing and 2.07 Asphalt Milling on various streets in the City of Covington.

**SEALED BIDS** must be delivered to City Hall, 2194 Emory Street NW, Covington, GA 30014, Attn: Scott Cromer no later than 10:00am on Thursday, August 20, 2020. Bids will be opened and read aloud at that time. A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on Thursday, August 6, 2020 at 10:00 am at the Council / Court room located at 2116 Stallings Street, Covington, GA 30015. A 5% Bid Bond will be required with bid. A Payment and Performance Bond in the amount of 100% will be required from awarded contractor.

**REQUEST FOR** Bids 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>

**THE CITY** of Covington reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #117025**  
**7/19,8/2**

Citations

**TO: AMANDA HOWELL & RYAN BREECE.**

**PATRICIA HOWELL** has filed Temporary Letters of Guardianship of the Person(s) **KAI BREECE** minor(s). All objections must be in writing and filed with this Court on or before August 17, 2020 at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE #117083**  
**8/2,9**

**CITATION**

**TO: UNKNOWN Father & all interested parties.**

**DANIEL CAMP & JACLYN BAKER** has filed Temporary Letters of Guardianship of the Person(s) **VENUS BAKER** minor(s). All objections must be in writing and filed with this Court on or before August 17, 2020 at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE #117046**  
**7/26,8/2**

**CITATION**

**TO: UNKNOWN Father & all interested parties.**

**JODY WITHROW** has filed Temporary Letters of Guardianship of the Person(s) **CARMINA MATA** minor(s). All

objections must be in writing and filed with this Court on or before August 17, 2020 at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #117085 8/2,9

NOTICE

**TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES**

**BE NOTIFIED THAT:** Carol Belgrav has filed a Petition for the court to determine the right of disposition of the remains of the Eddie L. Floyd, Deceased. A hearing has been set by the Court on August 17, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in Probate Courtroom, Newton County Judicial Center. All heirs or interested persons may be and appear before the Court at such hearing and be heard concerning the right of disposition of the remains of the Decedent.

**MELANIE M. Bell, JUDGE OF** the Probate Court  
**BY: MARCIA Wynne CLERK OF** the Probate Court  
**1132 USHER** Street  
**COVINGTON, GA 30014**  
**770 784 2045**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #117082**  
**8/2,9**

Corporations

**NOTICE IS** given that articles of incorporation that will incorporate Saperia Dreams Organization, Inc. have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code. The initial registered office of the corporation is Located at 190 Bramble Bush Trail, Covington, GA 30014 and its initial registered agent at such address is Patricia Sykes.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #117071**  
**8/2,9**

**NOTICE OF INCORPORATION**

**NOTICE IS** given that articles of incorporation which incorporate White Oak Flooring & Design, Inc., have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Business Corporation Code. The initial registered office of the corporation is located at 1118 Conyers Street, Covington, Georgia 30014 and its initial registered agent at such address is Robert H. Stansfield.

**BY: ROBERT H. Stansfield**  
**GREET STANSFIELD & Turner, LLP**  
**PO BOX 1617**  
**COVINGTON, GEORGIA 30015**

Debtors Creditors

**NOTICE TO Debtors and Creditors**

**ALL CREDITORS** of the estate of Herrol Patrick Lewis late of Newton County, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.  
**THIS 26TH** day of June, 2020  
**NAME: LOURANZO Lewis c/o Broel Law, LLC**  
**TITLE: EXECUTOR**  
**ADDRESS: 331 N. Marietta Pkwy., Marietta, GA 30060**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116972**  
**7/12,19,26,8/2**

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

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

**ALANNA JEANNE HARRIS**  
**25 CROOKED CREEK WAY**  
**COVINGTON, GA 30016**

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

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of RICHARD M GRAY, 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 28th** day of JULY, 2020.

**DONNA K. GRAY**  
**150 GRAYSTONE DR**  
**COVINGTON, GA 30014**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #117080**  
**8/2,9,16,23**

**Foreclosures**

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF RIGHT TO REDEEM**  
[REF. O.C.G.A., Section 48-4-5 et seq.; 48-4-45 & 48-4-46]

**TO: US HOME OWNERSHIP, LLC**  
**CITY OF COVINGTON, Mayor Steve Horton**  
**OCCUPANT OF 9152 FORD STREET S.W., COVINGTON, GA 30014 AND ALL PERSONS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HAVING ANY RIGHT, TITLE INTEREST IN, OR LIEN UPON, 9152 FORD STREET S.W., COVINGTON, GA 30014, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA**

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

**TAKE NOTICE** that:

**THE RIGHT** to redeem the following described property, to wit will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred as of five o'clock (5 p.m.) on August 20,

2020 or 30 days after legal service of the Notice pursuant to OCGA 48-4-45 et seq., whichever date is later:  
**ALL THAT** tract or parcel of land lying and being in the City of Covington, in Land Lot 234, 9th District, Newton County, Georgia, and being shown as Lot 1, containing .243 acres and Lot 1A containing .138 acres, on that plat of survey prepared for Kenneth McGore and Annette McGore by John Elwin Knight, GA R.L.S. No. 1945, dated November 28, 1997, which plat is by reference thereto incorporated herein and made a part hereof and being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point on the westerly right of way line on Ford Court (50 foot right of way) 153 feet northerly as measured along the westerly right of way line of Ford Court from the intersection of the westerly right of way line of Ford Court with the northerly right of way line of Thrash Street (50 foot right of way); thence north 79 degrees, 49 minutes, 19 seconds west 114.03 feet to an iron pin found; thence north 03 degrees, 27 minutes, 42 seconds west 24.60 feet to an iron pin found; thence south 88 degrees, 10 minutes, 34 seconds west 60.19 feet to an iron pin set; thence north 88 degrees, 10 minutes, 34 seconds east 99.61 feet to an iron pin set; thence north 83 degrees, 20 minutes, 35 seconds east 86.26 feet to a point on the westerly cul-de-sac of Ford Court; thence in a generally southerly direction along the cul-de-sac of Ford Court and following the curvature thereof an arc distance of 4780 feet to a point (said arc having a chord bearing south 36 degrees, 17 minutes, 23 seconds east 46.01 feet); thence south 03 degrees, 12 minutes, 36 seconds east 77.83 feet to an iron pin and the point of beginning. Said tract containing a total of 0.381 acres.  
**THAT PROPERTY** known as 9152 FORD STREET S.W. according to the present system of numbering homes and having tax parcel identification number C032000020022000.  
**THE TAX** due to which this notice relates is dated July 2, 2019, and is recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia in Deed Book 3879 Page 405.  
**THE PROPERTY** may be redeemed on or before the time and date stated above by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address:  
**LENA HOLDINGS, LLC c/o CAROLINA D. Bryant, Esq. AYOUB, MANSOUR & Bryant, LLC 675 SEMINOLE Avenue, Suite 301 ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30307 404.892.2599**  
**PLEASE BE** governed accordingly.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #117009**  
**7/12,19,26,8/2**

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

**UNDER AND** by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Deed to Secure Debt given by **Deatra M. Royal nka Deatra M. Alexander** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS") as nominee for Accredited Home Lenders, Inc., dated December 5, 2006, and recorded in Deed Book 2378, Page 454, Newton County, Georgia records, as last transferred to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Indenture Trustee, on behalf of the holders of the Accredited Mortgage Loan Trust 2007-1 Asset Backed Notes by Assignment recorded in Deed Book 3787, Page 115, Newton County, Georgia records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of \$111,600.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in September, 2020, to wit: September 1, 2020, the following described property:  
**ALL THAT** tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 69 of the 10th District, Newton County, Georgia, being Lot 10, Block A, Unit II of Lakeside Subdivision, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 22, Page 111, revised at Plat Book 24, Page 7, Newton County, Georgia Records, which recorded plat is incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this description.  
**THE DEBT** secured by said Deed to Secure Debt has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Deed to Secure Debt. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Deed to Secure Debt and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).  
**SAID PROPERTY** is commonly known as **130 Lakeside Drive, Covington, GA 30016**, together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): Deatra M Royal nka Deatra M. Alexander or tenant or tenants.  
**SAID PROPERTY** will be sold subject to (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), (b) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (c) all matters of record superior to the Deed to Secure Debt first set out above, including, but not limited to, assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, easements, restrictions, covenants, etc.  
**THE SALE** will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; (2) O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1; and (3) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed.  
**PURSUANT TO** O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and nonjudicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until

**FINAL CONFIRMATION** and audit of the status of the loan as provided in the preceding paragraph.

**PURSUANT** TO O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2, the entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is:

**SELECT PORTFOLIO** Servicing, Inc.  
**ATTENTION: LOSS** Mitigation Department  
3217 S. Decker Lake Drive  
**SALT LAKE** City, Utah 84119  
1-888-818-6032

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

**THIS SALE** is conducted on behalf of the secured creditor under the power of sale granted in the aforementioned security instrument, specifically being

**DEUTSCHE BANK** National Trust Company, as Indenture Trustee, on behalf of the holders of the Accredited Mortgage Loan Trust 2007-1 Asset Backed Notes

**AS ATTORNEY** in fact for **DEATRA M.** Royal nka Deatra M. Alexander

**RICHARD B.** Maner, P.C.  
180 INTERSTATE N Parkway, Suite 200  
**ATLANTA, GA** 30339  
404.252.6385

**THIS LAW FIRM** IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.  
**FC19-312**

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE #117055**

**8/2,9,16,23**

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

**UNDER AND** by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Deed to Secure Debt given by **Lia M. Bostic** to HomeBanc Mortgage Corporation, dated May 31, 2005, and recorded in Deed Book 1930, Page 280, Newton County, Georgia records, as last transferred to U.S. Bank National Association, as Indenture Trustee, in trust for Holders of the HomeBanc Mortgage Trust 2005-4, Mortgage Backed Notes by Assignment recorded in Deed Book 2664, Page 79, Newton County, Georgia records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of \$166,800.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in September, 2020, to wit: September 1, 2020, the following described property:

**ALL THAT** tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 154 of the 10th District, Newton County, Georgia, being Lot 71, Block B, The Meadows at Saddlebrook, Phase 2, as per plat recorded in Plat Book 40, Page 210-214, Newton County, Georgia records, said plat being incorporated herein and made reference hereto.

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

**SAID PROPERTY** is commonly known as **210 Meadowbrook Court, Covington, GA 30016**, together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): Lia M. Bostic or tenant or tenants.

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

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

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

**PURSUANT** TO O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2, the entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is:

**SELECT PORTFOLIO** Servicing, Inc.  
**ATTENTION: LOSS** Mitigation Department  
3217 S. Decker Lake Drive  
**SALT LAKE** City, Utah 84119  
1-888-818-6032

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

**THIS SALE** is conducted on behalf of the secured creditor under the power of sale granted in the aforementioned security instrument, specifically being

**U.S. BANK** National Association, as Indenture Trustee, in trust for Holders of the HomeBanc Mortgage Trust 2005-4, Mortgage Backed Notes

**AS ATTORNEY** in fact for **LIA M.** Bostic aka

**RICHARD B.** Maner, P.C.  
180 INTERSTATE N Parkway, Suite 200  
**ATLANTA, GA** 30339  
404.252.6385

**THIS LAW FIRM** IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

**FC18-381**

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE #117056**

**8/2,9,16,23**

#### **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) 750-2518

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

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

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

**WELLS FARGO** Bank, N.A., as Trustee for Park Place Securities, Inc. Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2005-WHQ2 as agent and Attorney in Fact for David Bailey

**ALDRIDGE PITE, LLP, 15** Piedmont Center, 3575 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 500, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7637.

#### **1017-4420A**

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

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE #117030**

**8/2,9,16,23,30**

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

**PURSUANT** TO the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Patrick Louis and Kathleen Louis** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Home America Mortgage, Inc., its successors and assigns dated 1/25/2007 and recorded in Deed Book 2374 Page 2 and modified at Deed Book 2667 Page 464 Newton County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by U.S. Bank, National Association as Legal Title Trustee for Truman 2016 SC6 Title Trust, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$163,881.00, 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 LAND LOT 136 OF THE 10TH DISTRICT OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND BEING LOT 64 OF PEBBLE BROOKE SUBDIVISION, PHASE THREE, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 35, PAGES 295-299 (BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED ON PAGE 295), NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS, WHICH PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN AND MADE A PART HEREOF BY REFERENCE FOR A MORE COMPLETE AND PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION.

**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 **25 Pebble Lane, Covington, GA 30016** 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): Patrick Louis and Kathleen Louis or tenant or tenants.

**RUSHMORE LOAN** Management Services, LLC is the entity or individual designated who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage.

**RUSHMORE LOAN** Management Services, LLC  
**PO BOX** 52708  
**IRVINE, CA** 92619  
**888.504.7300**

**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.

**U.S. BANK,** National Association as Legal Title Trustee for Truman 2016 SC6 Title Trust as agent and Attorney in Fact for Patrick Louis and Kathleen Louis

**ALDRIDGE PITE, LLP, 15** Piedmont Center, 3575 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 500, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7637.

#### **1208-3312A**

**THIS LAW FIRM** MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 1208-3312A

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE #117051**

**8/2,9,16,23**

#### **NOTICE OF SALE** **STATE OF GEORGIA** **NEWTON COUNTY**

**BY VIRTUE** of a Power of Sale contained in the Security Deed and Agreement from **Joshua Hodgins to Savvy Sisters, LLC.,** May 17, 2019, recorded May 23, 2019 in Deed Book 3843, Page 415, Newton County, Georgia records, given to secure a Promissory Note of even date in the total original principal amount of Seventy Five Thousand and No/100 (\$75,000.00) Dollars with interest as provided therein on the unpaid balance until paid; there will be sold at public outcry to the highest and the best bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in September, 2020, the following described property:

**ALL THAT** TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN ROCKY PLAINS DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA AND BEING LOT #64 OF RIVERSIDE PARK SUBDIVISION AS PER PLAT BY ROBERT M. BUHLER, REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR, DATED FEBRUARY 22, 1966, AND RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 4, PAGE 56 OF THE NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS, WHICH PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN AND MADE A PART HEREOF BY THIS REFERENCE. BEING THE SAME PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN WARRANTY DEED FROM ALLIED PROPERTIES, INC. TO HOWARD A. MARSHALL AND NELLIE E. MARSHALL DATED DECEMBER 5, 1972, AS RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 120, PAGE 235, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS.

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

**THE DEBT** secured by said Security Deed and Agreement has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, non-payment of the monthly installments on said loan. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, including attorney's fees.

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

**SAVVY SISTERS, LLC**  
**AS ATTORNEY** in Fact for **JOSHUA HODGINS**  
**DAVID MARKOWITZ, LLC.** Attorney at Law

**2002 SUMMIT** Boulevard/ Suite 300  
**ATLANTA, GEORGIA** 30319/ (404) 408-1427

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE #117045**

**8/2,9,16,23**

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

**UNDER AND** by virtue of the power of sale contained with that certain Security Deed dated January 30, 2018, from **Paul Holfeld and Barbara A. Holfeld** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Finance of America Reverse LLC, recorded on February 7, 2018 in Deed Book 3662 at Page 560 Newton County, Georgia records, having been last sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed to Finance of America Reverse LLC by Assignment and said Security Deed having been given to secure a note dated January 30, 2018, in the amount of \$210,000.00, and said Note being in default, the undersigned will sell at public outcry

during the legal hours of sale before the door of the courthouse of Newton County, Georgia, on September 1, 2020 the following described real property (hereinafter referred to as the "Property"): ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 91 OF THE 10TH DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 30, MILLCREST SUBDIVISION, UNIT THREE, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 30, PAGE 230- 231, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS, WHICH PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN AND MADE A PART HEREOF BY REFERENCE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR AND COMPLETE DESCRIPTION. The debt secured by the Security Deed and evidenced by the Note and has been, and is hereby, declared due and payable because of, among other possible events of default, failure to make the payments as required by the terms of the Note. The debt remaining in default and this sale will be made for the purposes of paying the Security Deed, accrued interest, and all expenses of the sale, including attorneys' fees. Notice of intention to collect attorneys' fees has been given as provided by law. To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, the person(s) in possession of the property are The Estate of Paul Holfeld, The Estate of Barbara A. Holfeld, The Unknown Heirs of Paul Holfeld, The Unknown Heirs of Barbara A. Holfeld. The property, being commonly known as **30 Creekstone Court, Covington, GA, 30016** in Newton County, will be sold as the property of The Estate of Paul Holfeld, The Estate of Barbara A. Holfeld, The Unknown Heirs of Paul Holfeld, The Unknown Heirs of Barbara A. Holfeld, subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien and not yet due and payable), any matters affecting title to the property which would be disclosed by accurate survey and inspection thereof, and all assessments, liens, encumbrances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record to the Security Deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2, the name, address and telephone number of the individual or entity who shall have the full authority to negotiate, amend or modify all terms of the above described mortgage is as follows: Compu-Link Corporation, d/b/a Celink, 2900 Esperanza Crossing, Austin, TX 78758, 512-691-1699 . The foregoing notwithstanding, nothing in O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2 shall require the secured creditor to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the mortgage instrument. The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under U.S. Bankruptcy code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed. Albertelli Law Attorney for Finance of America Reverse LLC as Attorney in Fact for Paul Holfeld and Barbara A. Holfeld 100 Galleria Parkway, Suite 960 Atlanta, GA 30339 Phone: (770) 373-4242 By: Cory Sims For the Firm THIS FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. - 20-005361 A-4724974 07/26/2020, 08/02/2020, 08/09/2020, 08/16/2020, 08/23/2020, 08/30/2020

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE #117038**

**7/26,8/2,9,16,23,30**

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

**UNDER AND** by virtue of the power of sale contained with that certain Security Deed dated June 17, 2014, from **TERENCE HARRIS** to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR WR STARKEY MORTGAGE, LLP, recorded on June 19, 2014 in Deed Book 3238 at Page 384 Newton County, Georgia records, having been last sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed to Caliber Home Loans, Inc. by Assignment and said Security Deed having been given to secure a note dated June 17, 2014, in the amount of \$176,739.00, and said Note being in default, the undersigned will sell at public outcry during the legal hours of sale before the door of the courthouse of Newton County, Georgia, on September 1, 2020 the following described real property (hereinafter referred to as the "Property"): ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOTS 13 AND 14 OF THE 8TH DISTRICT OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 59, WEATHERFORD, AS SHOWN ON A PLAT OR SURVEY MADE OF WEATHERFORD OF RECORD AT PLAT BOOK 40, PAGES 166, 167, 168, 170, 171, 172 AND 173, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS. THE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY AS CONTAINED ON SAID PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY THIS REFERENCE AND MADE A PART HEREOF. The debt secured by the Security Deed and evidenced by the Note and has been, and is hereby, declared due and payable because of, among other possible events of default, failure to make the payments as required by the terms of the Note. The debt remaining in default and this sale will be made for the purposes of paying the Security Deed, accrued interest, and all expenses of the sale, including attorneys' fees. Notice of intention to collect attorneys' fees has been given as provided by law. To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, the person(s) in possession of the property is Terence Harris By Ava Harris, Attorney-In-Fact. The property, being commonly known as **45 Silvertown Drive , Covington, GA, 30016** in Newton County, will be sold as the property of Terence Harris By Ava Harris, Attorney-In-Fact, subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien and not yet due and payable), any matters affecting title to the property which would be disclosed by accurate survey and inspection thereof, and all assessments, liens, encumbrances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record to the Security Deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2, the name, address and telephone number of the individual or entity who shall have the full authority to negotiate, amend or modify all terms of the above described mortgage is as follows: CALIBER HOME LOANS, 13801 Wireless Way, Oklahoma City, OK 73134, 1-800-401-6587 . The foregoing notwithstanding, nothing in O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2 shall require the secured creditor to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the mortgage instrument. The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under U.S. Bankruptcy code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed. Albertelli Law Attorney for Caliber Home Loans, Inc. as Attorney in Fact for **TERENCE HARRIS** 100 Galleria Parkway, Suite 960 Atlanta, GA 30339 Phone: (770) 373-4242 By: Cory Sims For the Firm THIS FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT.

ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 18-027682 A-4725634 08/02/2020, 08/09/2020, 08/16/2020, 08/23/2020

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE #117054** **8/2**

#### **STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF** **Newton** **NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER**

**PURSUANT** TO the power of sale contained in the Security Deed executed by **DWAYNE WILLIAMS** to BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. in the original principal amount of \$133,200.00 dated August 15, 2007 and recorded in Deed Book 2497, Page 308, Newton County records, said Security Deed being last transferred to U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely in its capacity as Indenture Trustee of CIM Trust 2018-R4 in Deed Book 3839, Page 480, Newton County records, the undersigned will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, before the Courthouse door in said County, or at such other place as lawfully designated, within the legal hours of sale, on August 04, 2020, the property in said Security Deed and described as follows:

**ALL THAT** TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 161 OF THE 10TH DISTRICT OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA AND BEING LOT 49, BLOCK A OF BROWNS BRIDGE CROSSING SUBDIVISION, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 23, PAGE 245, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA DEED RECORDS, WHICH PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN AND MADE A PART HEREOF BY REFERENCE FOR A MORE COMPLETE AND ACCURATE DESCRIPTION, BEING PROPERTY KNOWN AS 9239 MELODY CIRCLE ACCORDING TO THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF NUMBERING PROPERTY IN NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA.

**SAID PROPERTY** being known as: **9239 MELODY CIRCLE, COVINGTON, GA 30014**

**TO** the best of the undersigned's knowledge, the party or parties in possession of said property is/are DWAYNE WILLIAMS or tenant(s).

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

**SAID PROPERTY** will be sold subject to the following: (1) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, whether or not yet due and payable); (2) the right of redemption of any taxing authority; (3) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property; and (4) any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.

**SAID SALE** will be conducted subject to the following: (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.

**THE NAME,** address, and telephone number of the individual or entity who has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage is as follows:

**FAY SERVICING, LLC** 425 S. Financial Place Suite 2000, Chicago, IL, 60605  
**1-800-495-7166**

**NOTE THAT** pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, the above individual or entity is not required by law to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the mortgage.

**THIS LAW FIRM** IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

**U.S. BANK** NATIONAL ASSOCIATION NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE OF CIM TRUST 2018-R4.

**AS ATTORNEY-IN-FACT** for DWAYNE WILLIAMS

**ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ,** Schneid & Crane LLC 10700 Abbott's Bridge Road Suite 170 Duluth, GA 30097 Phone: 470.3217112

**FIRM FILE** No. 19-271807 - Ame

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE #116973**

**7/5,12,19,26,8/2**

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

**BY VIRTUE** of the power of sale contained in that certain Deed to Secure Debt from **CHARICE COPELAND-GREENE and THANE GREENE** to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR FREMONT INVESTMENT & LOAN dated July 27, 2005, filed for record August 5, 2005, and recorded in Deed Book 1973, Page 385, NEWTON County, Georgia Records, and as modified by that certain Loan Modification Agreement recorded in Deed Book 2871, Page 571, NEWTON County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 2005, FREMONT HOME LOAN TRUST 2005-D by assignment recorded in Deed Book 2646, Page 474, NEWTON County, Georgia Records. Said Deed to Secure Debt having been given to secure a Note dated July 27, 2005 in the original principal sum of ONE HUNDRED TWENTY EIGHT THOUSAND AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$128,000.00), with interest from date at the rate stated in said Note on the unpaid balance until paid, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door at NEWTON County, Georgia, or at such place as has or may be lawfully designated as an alternative location, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in September, 2020, the following described property:

**ALL THAT** TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 138 10TH DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 390, THE FIELDS OF ELLINGTON SUBDIVISION, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 41, PAGES 138-152, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS, SAID PLAT BEING INCORPORATED HEREIN AND MADE REFERENCE HERETO.

**TO** the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is CHARICE COPELAND-GREENE and THANE GREENE or a tenant or tenants. Said property may more commonly be known as: **35 CARRINGTON CIRCLE, COVINGTON, GA 30016-1363.**

**JONES, PLLC**  
11675 GREAT Oaks Way, Suite 320  
ALPHARETTA, GA 30022  
TELEPHONE: 770-393-4300  
FAX: 770-393-4310  
PH # 47360

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE #117016**  
8/2,9,16,23,30

**Juvenile Court**

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

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

**SUMMONS**

**TO:** **JOHN DOE,** and any unknown, unnamed biological father or other persons claiming to have a parental interest in the minor child named above born to **DANIELLA C. LESLIE** on the date above listed.

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

**NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

**NOTICE OF EFFECT OF  
TERMINATION JUDGMENT**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Georgia

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

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

**IN THE INTEREST OF:**  
**N.B. SEX:** MALE  
DOB: 12/04/2008 Case #107-19J-0751  
**A CHILD** Under 18 Years of Age

**SUMMONS AND PROCESS**

**TO:** **TENNILLE SUTTON,** Mother

**YOU ARE** hereby notified that a Petition (Dependency) was filed in the Juvenile Court of Newton County on November 5, 2019, requesting that the minor child be placed in the care, custody and control of the Georgia Department of Human Services, acting by and through the Newton County Department of Family and Children Services. **YOU ARE** hereby commanded, personally or by attorney, to be and appear at the Newton County Juvenile Court, 1132 Usher Street, NW, Covington, Georgia 30014, for a hearing to be held on the 25th day of August, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., then and there to answer why the prayers for relief as set forth in the Department's Petition should not be granted. **A COPY** of said Petition (Dependency) can be obtained from the Clerk of the Newton County Juvenile Court, at the aforementioned address.

**READ CAREFULLY**

**THIS IS** a very serious matter. This Summons requires you to be present at a formal hearing in the Juvenile Court.

**THE CHILD** and other parties involved may be represented by a lawyer at all stages of these proceedings. **IF YOU** want a lawyer, you may choose to hire your 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 lawyer will be appointed to represent you. Please contact immediately the Newton County Juvenile Court at 770-784-2060 if you wish to request a lawyer to be appointed to represent you. **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE DAY OF COURT TO REQUEST AN ATTORNEY.**

**WHETHER OR** not you decide to hire an attorney, you have the right to attend the hearing of your case, to call witnesses on your behalf, and to question those witnesses brought against you.

**WITNESS THE** Hon. Sheri C. Roberts, Judge of said Court, this 30th day of June, 2020.

**JANELL GAINES**  
DEPUTY CLERK,  
NEWTON COUNTY Juvenile Court

**PUBLIC NOTICE #117006**  
7/12,19,26,8/2

**Name Changes**

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

**IN RE** the Name Change of Child(ren):  
**EMMALINE JEAN SNELLGROVE**

**MISTY ALLISTON**  
PETITIONER,  
**VS.**  
**TAYLOR MCKINNEY**  
RESPONDENT.  
**CIVIL ACTION** NUMBER 2020-CV-1277-4

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

**MISTY ALLISTON** filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on JUNE 26, 2020, to change the name(s) of the following minor child(ren)  
**FROM:** **EMMALINE JEAN SNELLGROVE** to **EMMALINE ROSE MCKINNEY.**  
**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 #117020**  
7/19,26,8/2,9

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

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

**BRIYANAH RICHARDSON MILLER**  
PETITIONER,  
**VS.**  
**CHANCE LANE HENDERSON**  
RESPONDENT.  
**CIVIL ACTION** NUMBER SUVCV2020001292

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

**BRIYANAH RICHARDSON MILLER** filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on JUNE 30, 2020, to change the name(s) of the following minor child(ren)  
**FROM:** **LAILA SIMONE HENDERSON** to **LAILA SIMONE MILLER.**  
**ANY INTERESTED** party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within the time prescribed in O.C.G.A. §§ 19-12-1(f)(2) and (3).

**PUBLIC NOTICE #117052**  
8/2,9,16,23

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

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

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE  
NAME OF ADULT**

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

**DATED JULY** 16, 2020

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

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

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

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

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE  
NAME OF ADULT**

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

**DATED 6/22/20**

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

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

**Notice of Proceedings**

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

**ASFA WHYTE**  
PLAINTIFF,

**V.**

**TAMARA A WHYTE**  
DEFENDANT.

**CIVIL ACTION** No.: SUVCV2017002413

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

**TO:** **COURTNEY NEWMAN**  
**5325 NELSON**  
**AVE**  
**1ST FLOOR**  
**BALTIMORE,**

**MD 21215**

**BY ORDER** of the court for service by publication dated JUNE 22, 2020 you are hereby notified that on **DECEMBER 7, 2017** (date of filing) **ASFA WHYTE** (plaintiff) filed suit against **Tamara Whyte** and you for PETITION FOR LEGITIMATION AND CUSTODY/ VISITATION.

**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).

**WITNESSTHE** Honorable **W. KENDALL WYNNIE, JR.,** Judge Superior Court of Newton County.

**THIS, THE** 24TH day of JUNE, 2020.  
**LINDA D. Hays**  
CLERK OF Superior Court

**PUBLIC NOTICE #117021**  
7/19,26,8/2,9

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

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

**TAKE NOTICE THAT** on March 20, 2020, **Jahad Jones** and **Tameyia Legette** filed a Petition To Quiet Title in the Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia, in conjunction with the above referenced parcel of property, pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. §§ 23-3-60, et seq. For the specifics of such pleas for relief the, parties respondent must refer to the original petition and all other pleadings filed with the court.

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

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

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS  
BY PUBLICATION  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
CHEROKEE COUNTY  
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF  
JUSTICE  
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION  
BEFORE THE CLERK  
19-SP-48  
PETITION FOR POSSESSION,  
CUSTODY AND CONTROL OF REAL  
PROPERTY**

**BY: MARGUERITE E. STRICKER,  
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE  
ESTATE OF BRENDA KAYE  
LEDFORD**

**TO: PATRICIA LANE**

**TAKE NOTICE** that a Second Amended Petition for Possession, Custody and Control of Real Property was filed on December 20, 2019, with the Clerk of Superior Court for Cherokee County, in Murphy, North Carolina, in the above entitled Special Proceeding. The Petition

relates to the Sale of Real Property as follows: 210 River Hill Road, Murphy, recorded in Deed Book 1257, Page 952, records for Cherokee County, North Carolina. All property of interest of the Estate of **Brenda Kaye Ledford** Estate file number: 19-E-29, Cherokee County Clerk of Superior Court.

**TAKE NOTICE** that you are required to file a written answer to such pleading no later than forty (40) days after the date of the first publication of this Notice, exclusive of such date. Upon your failure to do so, the Petitioner will apply to the Court for relief sought in the Petition.

**THIS THE** 1st day of July, 2020.

**MARGUERITE E. Stricker**  
**ATTORNEY FOR** the Administrator of the Estate  
**ATTORNEY AT Law**  
102 HIWASSEE Street  
MURPHY, NC 28906  
(828) 835-7373 phone  
**MARGUERITE@STRICKERLAW.COM**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #117019**  
7/19,26,8/2,9

**Public Hearings**

**CORRECTION TO OFFICIAL ZONING  
DISTRICT MAP  
GEORGIA, NEWTON County**

**THE NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, PURSUANT TO CASE MC20-000002, WILL AMEND THE 2012 OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA TO CONFORM WITH A MAP CORRECTION PETITION FROM R3 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO (CORRECTED) CH (HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL) ZONING FOR THE PROPERTY BELONGING TO:**

**SCOTT H HUBBARD**

**WHOSE SUBJECT** PROPERTY ADDRESS/LOCATION IS 1094 ACCESS RD, PARCEL 43-046.

**A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION ON THE:**

**28TH DAY OF JULY, 2020 AT 7:00 PM**

**AND A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON THE:**

**18TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2020 AT 7:00 PM**

**IN LIGHT** of the public health emergency, the meeting will be held telephonically instead of at the above-listed address – in which case, public call-in information will be published in advance of the meeting. The purpose of the public hearing shall be for public review. All Newton County residents and any other affected and/or interested persons are invited and encouraged to attend. For more information on this case please contact **Tracy Hernandez** at 770-784-2018, **Shena Applewhite** at 678-625-1231 or **Judy Johnson** at 678-625-1656. Updated information will also be posted at the following link as it becomes available <https://www.ncboc.com/196/Development-Services>

**PUBLIC NOTICE #117075**  
8/2

**CORRECTION TO OFFICIAL ZONING  
DISTRICT MAP  
GEORGIA, NEWTON County**

**THE NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, PURSUANT TO CASE MC20-0001, WILL AMEND THE 2012 OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA TO CONFORM WITH A MAP CORRECTION PETITION FROM AR (AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTIAL) TO (CORRECTED) R1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) ZONING WITH CONDITIONS FOR THE PROPERTY BELONGING TO:**

**AGUSTUS GUINN VAUGHN TRUST U/W ITEM 7**

**WHOSE SUBJECT** PROPERTY ADDRESS/LOCATION IS IN UNDERWOOD CROSSING SUBDIVISION, PARCEL 13-1.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE #117074**  
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**Public Notice**

**CITY OF COVINGTON  
NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC:**

**NOTICE IS** hereby given, per the City of Covington's Code of Ordinances Chapter 16.52 that applicant **John Geoffrey** has submitted a Certificate of Appropriateness Application to be considered by the Covington Historic Preservation Commission to install a 6 foot high wooden fence in the rear yard area. THE PROPERTY is located within the Covington Historic District at 5130 Hillcrest Drive, NW. TAX PARCEL C023 0002 009, 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:

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**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**.

**CITY OF COVINGTON  
NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC:**

**NOTICE IS** hereby given, per the City of Covington's Code of Ordinances Chapter 16.52 that applicant **Chad Frey** has submitted a Certificate of Appropriateness Application to be considered by the Covington Historic Preservation Commission to restore property to original "pre-storm" condition modification to roof. THE PROPERTY is located within the Covington Historic District at 3155 Thompson Avenue. TAX PARCEL C010 0005 003, 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**.

**CITY OF COVINGTON  
NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC:**

**NOTICE IS** hereby given, per the City of Covington's Code of Ordinances Chapter 16.52 that applicant **Binkman, LLC** has submitted a Certificate of Appropriateness Application to be considered by the Covington Historic Preservation Commission to 1) remove wood overhang from facade and expose original brick and 2) add new awnings over windows, repair joints, brick and paint. THE PROPERTY is located within the Covington Historic District at 1143 & 1149 Monticello Street. TAX PARCEL C026 0018 005, 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.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE #117088**  
8/2

**CITY OF PORTERDALE  
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING**

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the general public that a ZONING VARIANCE application has been submitted to City of Porterdale Zoning Commission for 30 Pine St. Parcel Number P001000000174000. A Public Hearing for the application for the Zoning Variance will take place on Monday August 17, 2020 at 7:00 PM at Porterdale City Hall, 2800 Main Street Porterdale 30014. For inquiries call (770) 786-2217 or visit Porterdale City Hall.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #117086**  
8/2

**NOTICE OF CALL OF ELECTION IN  
NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA**

**THE NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION** has called a special election (the "Election") on the 3rd day of November, 2020 in all the election districts of Newton County, Georgia (the "County").  
**AT THE** Election, there will be submitted to the qualified voters of the County for their determination the question of whether (i) a special one-percent sales and use tax shall be imposed in the special district of Newton County for a period of time not to exceed five years and for the raising of an estimated amount of fifty-six million, one-hundred thousand dollars (\$56,100,000.00) for funding transportation purposes; and (ii) the County shall be authorized to issue not more than eighteen million, nine-hundred thousand dollars (\$18,900,000) in aggregate principal amount of general obligation indebtedness to be secured first by the sales and use tax to finance all or a portion of these purposes.

**NEW**

# Fall sports canceled in Newton

By **TOM SPIGOLON**  
tspigolon@covnews.com

COVINGTON, Ga. — COVID-19 has prompted the newly reformed Newton County Parks and Recreation department to cancel all fall sports it offers.

The county department announced on Facebook Tuesday, July 28, it will not offer its fall baseball, softball, Miracle League fall baseball and basketball leagues this year due to the recent increase in COVID-19 cases.

“This was a tough decision and was made with our kids and the community’s safety in mind,” department officials wrote on its Facebook page.

COVID-19 numbers as of July 28 showed Newton County with

1,423 total confirmed cases, including 28% of those — 405 — in the last two weeks, the Georgia Department of Public Health reported.

“Our first priority has been and continues to be the safety and well-being of the youth participants in our programs,” officials wrote on Facebook. “The current COVID-19 pandemic has caused recreational authorities to take an objective look at how to safely and effectively implement a ‘Return to Play’ model for youth athletics. This has been difficult for universities and professional sports teams to navigate, especially with the increase in the rate of COVID-19 cases. Based on these factors,

we have decided to cancel all fall sports, which includes Fall Baseball and Softball, Miracle League Fall Baseball, and Basketball.

“We are extremely grateful to our parents, who continue to support our youth programming initiatives by allowing your children to participate. We ask for your continued support moving forward as we ‘Return to Play’ in 2021.”

Many Facebook users responding to the decision to cancel all fall sports were not happy, but other parents agreed with the decision. The move follows the final action of the former Newton County Recreation Commission on July 7 to cancel fall football and cheer.



## SEC football to play conference-only

Al Eckford | University of Georgia Athletics

**Georgia Bulldogs** linebacker Nakobe Dean (17) puts pressure on **Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets** quarterback James Graham (4) at Bobby Dodd Stadium, Grant Field on Nov. 30, 2019. The Southeastern Conference announced it would play a 10-game conference-only schedule for the 2020 season beginning Sept. 26 with the SEC Championship game set for Dec. 19. The Georgia-Georgia Tech game, played continuously since 1925, will not be played this year.



Mason Wittner | The Covington News

**Social Circle suspended practice this week after one of its players tested positive for COVID-19. The Redskins are scheduled to open the season on Sept. 4 at George Walton Academy, which suspended its practice last week after having a player test positive.**

## Social Circle football suspends practices over COVID-19

By **BRETT FOWLER**  
The Walton Tribune

SOCIAL CIRCLE, Ga. — Football practice will start a week later in Social Circle after officials shut down practice this week due to a positive COVID-19 case.

Head coach Rob Patton confirmed there had indeed been a positive case late Tuesday afternoon, but did not disclose if it was a player or a coach.

“While our teams have been following GHSA (Georgia High School Association) safety guidelines, we currently have several individuals who are quarantined due to a confirmed exposure to COVID-19,” Social Circle City Schools Assistant Superintendent Carrie Booher said in a statement. “We encourage

all visitors, students, and staff to wear masks, practice social distancing, and use hand sanitizers.”

The case at Social Circle is the third involving a football team in nearby Walton County. George Walton Academy, in Monroe, suspended practice last week after a player tested positive. The Bulldogs are set to resume practice next week. Walnut Grove had a coach test positive the last week of June prior to the Georgia High School Association’s mandated “dead week,” resulting in just one practice being canceled while the coach was in quarantine.

The GHSA has allowed on-campus workouts since June with numerous precautions.

Last week, the GHSA board of trust-

ees voted unanimously to delay the first week of the high school football season by two weeks, to Sept. 4. The season will remain with 10 games over 12 weeks, with a five-round playoff.

Mandatory football practices were allowed to begin Monday, as previously scheduled. The schedule for other fall sports is unchanged, with the first official practices beginning this weekend.

Some school districts like Atlanta Public Schools might have ditched fall sports entirely without a two-week delay for football, GHSA trustee Jasper Jewell said. Professional and amateur sports — including high school teams — were given the green light by the governor last month to resume training and competitions.

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## ‘Sweet Magnolias’ plans return to Covington in early 2021

Producer: COVID-19 dictates ‘what we’re doing and when we’re doing it’

By **TOM SPIGOLON**  
tspigolon@covnews.com

COVINGTON Ga. — The man responsible for bringing “Sweet Magnolias” to Covington says he looks forward to beginning production on the Netflix series in early 2021. Daniel Paulson also said he is “glad I’m not the first one out” working to produce a TV show under unprecedented conditions that governments and his industry are requiring in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

However, he also said he will do all in his power to keep his staff and actors safe during production in Covington and Georgia.

“I’m a producer who believes safety is No. 1,” he said.

The show’s official Facebook page announced July 23 that Netflix renewed “Sweet Magnolias” for a second season. Netflix is a subscription streaming service that offers original and classic TV shows and movies.

The first season of “Sweet Magnolias” featured 10 episodes and became one of the hottest shows on Netflix earlier this year, according to ratings numbers reported by industry publications.

The show is based on a book series by Sherryl Woods and centers on the lives of three women, including a restaur-

rant owner, attorney and a recently-divorced woman, in the fictional town of Serenity, South Carolina.

Covington doubles as “Serenity” and such locations as the Craig law firm, the Lee-Porter House, Mystic Grill restaurant, Southview Cemetery and The Depot Sports Bar & Grill have been used in the show.

Paulson is president and CEO of California-based Daniel Paulson Productions that produces the series.

He said preparations for production are set to begin in January, with principal photography beginning in late February.

“That looks like the timetable,” he said.

Paulson said production schedules are “relative to where we are in terms of COVID-19.”

“That’s going to dictate what we’re doing and when we’re doing it,” he said. “One can only hope that the pandemic will be mitigated.”

Showrunner and executive producer Sheryl Anderson said in a story on glamour.com that, “I don’t know how to do this show without kissing, so we want to make sure everybody is safe and feels comfortable returning to the passion of Serenity.”

Paulson said filming the show under the state and industry guidelines



Left, the Lee Porter House in Covington has been used for outdoor scenes in the Netflix series “Sweet Magnolias.” Right, Jamie Lynn Spears and Chris Klein are among the series’ cast members.



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around COVID-19 is “indeed a new world” for the longtime producer.

“Obviously, there will be a new normal,” he said.

He said he is glad others are working on film productions now so he can see what “somebody else can do and kind of shake it down.”

“We’ll take it one step at a time,” Paulson said. “Obviously, there will be changes. We’re not going to be able to go as fast as we did because there are a lot of safety precautions.”

All those working on sets will wear masks and observe other health standards, he noted.

“We’re going to have to deal with it because we don’t want anyone getting sick,” Paulson said.

The company chose Covington after scouting locations in Savannah as well as Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and Charleston, South Carolina, Paulson said.

He said he chose the city as the primary outdoor location for the show — it also uses locations in McDonough and Decatur — for a variety of reasons.

Georgia’s generous film tax credit for productions shot in the state was a major factor in the business decision, he said.

Covington’s abundance of prime locations, such as its historic homes and downtown area, also made it “just the best location” for a series set in a small Southern town, Paulson said.

“I couldn’t be happier,” Paulson said. “The people are great. They’re really receptive to the production, and that’s important to us.”

“We want to be good neighbors obviously but it’s nice when the people appreciate our coming there,” Paulson said.

The company seeks to be “good neighbors” while in production and works to contribute to the local economy, he

said.

Filming in Covington also works for the producers “shooting wise” because the logistics of filming in a small town are more easily managed than in large cities like Atlanta, he said.

However, he considered other production companies’ favorable experiences with Covington on such shows as “Vampire Diaries” but they were not a major factor.

“I got a nice feeling about the town — the way we were welcomed,” Paulson said of Covington.

“The police force, the various store owners, they welcomed us,” he said. “Some places may not be as welcoming and friendly — that happens.”

Paulson founded his company in 1994 after working in business affairs for NBC-TV and doing editing and production for 20th Century Fox.

His company has 40 productions to its credit, including numerous

cable and broadcast TV films and such feature films as “Passenger 57” starring Wesley Snipes and “Comes a Horseman” starring Jane Fonda and James Caan. Its 1996 film “Sunset Park” included Rhea Perlman and a then-unknown Terrence Howard.

In addition to “Magnolias,” it produces the popular Hallmark Channel original series “Chesapeake Shores” which is shot in British Columbia, Canada.

“Magnolias” and past productions like “Diaries” have been a boon to Covington simply because of the exposure it gives the city and the tourism it helps generate, said D.J. Waller, film liaison and tourism director for the city of Covington.

He noted one Facebook posting about a film production on the Discover Covington page reached tens of thousands.

“It’s bringing people from all over the world,” Waller said.

## Cutting edge experience comes to Covington

By **TAYLOR BECK**  
tbeck@covnews.com

COVINGTON, Ga. — Covington will soon be home to an axe throwing venue.

Monday, July 6, a special permit was issued to owner Jennifer Hartman by the Covington City Council for her to operate an “axe throwing amusement entertainment business” in the Covington Square, located at 1113 Church Street.

In an exclusive phone interview with The Covington News on Tuesday, July 20, Hartman said the venue would be named Axe Town and hoped to open for business by Labor Day.

“It’s a unique activity that’s fun and competitive,” Hartman said. “And currently, for some crazy reason, it’s really popular.”

Axe throwing is a sport similar to archery or darts where competitors take turns throwing axes at a target to hit the bullseye. Hartman said she’s seen the sport’s popularity grow across the country and even close to home in Atlanta, Athens and Monroe.

“We just want to bring more life to downtown,” she said. “We want people to come here

and stay for several hours, and not just at our business... We think bringing this type of recreational entertainment to town could help draw more people in to shop and eat here.”

Hartman said participants must be age 10 or older. Prior to picking up an axe, she said participants would be required to watch an instructional video about the sport, and coaches on staff will also demonstrate how to properly and safely throw an axe to hit the target.

There will also be numerous signs posted throughout the venue showcasing rules and guidelines of Axe Town.

“If anyone violates our rules, they will be given an immediate exit,” Hartman said.

While most axe throwing venues are coupled with a bar and grill, Hartman said only non-alcoholic beverages and snacks would be offered for now.

Axe Town will operate Monday-Thursday from 5-9 p.m.; Friday from 5-11 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m.-11 p.m. and Sunday from noon-9 p.m.

Email axetown20@gmail.com to learn more about Axe Town and potential job opportunities.

## Newton County unemployment drops to 8.4% in June

STAFF REPORTS  
news@covnews.com

Newton County’s unemployment rate decreased for the second consecutive month to 8.4% in June — above the state average but below the national average, Georgia’s labor commissioner said Thursday, July 30.

Mark Butler, commissioner of the Georgia Department of Labor, said that due to the effects of COVID-19, all regions and counties continue to see stunted yearly growth but monthly gains in nearly all major sectors are beginning to spike.

“June continued to show positive growth across all regions and counties,” Butler said. “We saw almost all major indicators head in the right direction but continue to work to support Georgia businesses and get Georgians back to work.”

In Newton County, the unemployment rate decreased in June to 8.4%, a decrease of 1.6% from May and 4.1% from April.

Unemployment Rate for June 2020  
U.S. — 11.1%  
Georgia — 7.6%  
Newton County — 8.4%

Unemployment Rate for June 2019  
U.S. — 3.7%  
Georgia — 3.5%  
Newton County — 4.3%

A year ago, the rate was 4.3 percent.

The labor force increased in June by 598 to 50,140 Newton County residents. That number is down by 2,044 from the total from June 2019.

Newton County ended June with 45,912 employed residents which was up by 1,311 compared to May but down 4,024 from June 2019.

Initial claims for unemployment decreased by 30% in June.

By comparison, the statewide unemployment rate decreased in June to 7.6%, which was 3.5% lower than the national rate of 11.1%.

June 2020 statewide labor statistics also revealed over-the-month increases for the labor force, employment, and jobs.

“June was the first

month to show positive numbers in all major indicators since the pandemic started,” Butler said.

“Although it is nice to see the pendulum move in the right direction, we are not naïve to the fact that we may see another tick up in claims over the next few months. We will continue to work unemployment claims both new and continued to ensure all Georgians are being taken care of during these unprecedented times.”

The unemployment rate decreased by 1.8 percentage points in June, to reach 7.6 percent. A year ago, the rate was 3.5 percent.

Employ Georgia, the GDOL’s online job listing service at employgeorgia.com, showed 346 active job postings in Newton County for June.

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