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EAGLES SWEEP ON THE ROAD

Eastside girls, boys basketball squads could not overcome Loganville on Tuesday.

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Etheridge submits resignation

EVAN NEWTON
NEWS EDITOR

PORTERDALE, Ga. – City manager of Porterdale Frank Etheridge has announced his resignation, effective Wednesday, Feb. 28.

The city of Porterdale released a statement on its official Facebook page on Jan. 10. According to the statement, Etheridge submitted his resignation at the first city council meeting of the year on Jan. 8.

Etheridge confirmed his resignation to *The Covington News* Thursday afternoon.

When asked the reasoning behind his resignation, Etheridge stated it was a “two-fold answer.”

The first being that he has accepted a job as the assistant city manager in Lula, a town with a population under 3,000 in the Hall and Banks county areas.

Etheridge elaborated on the second fold reason.

“With the new council and their goals, I wasn’t sure of their support,” Etheridge said. “Which after the fact seems to be fairly solid, but at the time I was trying to make a decision. Basically I was trying to make sure I was one, employed, and two, have support.

“With the regime change and new

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CELEBRATING DR. KING’S LEGACY

Several gather for Dr. King celebration at Newton High

PHILLIP B. HUBBARD | MANAGING EDITOR

Over 100 people gathered inside Newton High School’s auditorium on Sunday, Jan. 14 for the 39th Annual Newton County Celebration of the Reverend, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

This year’s program was the first one held in-person since January 2020’s event.

James Wilson, a member of the Newton County MLK holiday observance planning committee, called the celebration an “emotional day.” It started prior to the event kicking off, too.

“Before the ceremony started when people were filing in, when dancers were taking their shoes off getting ready to dance down the aisle, when we were gathering chairs to put them on the stage for our folks who’d be sitting on the platform. That was my favorite part,” Wilson said, “because that’s when it really became real that we’re doing this in-person again. It feels like it’s been done virtually for

LEGACY
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Board sets plans for new ESPLOST VI

EVAN NEWTON
NEWS EDITOR

NEWTON COUNTY – Members of the Newton County Board of Education met with local media members early Tuesday afternoon to discuss the upcoming ESPLOST VI plans that are set to begin discussion in the coming weeks.

Among the projected plans for the ESPLOST VI will be the increase in security measures, technology improvements and plans for athletic complexes at each high school.

Superintendent Dr. Duke Bradley III and chief operations officer Dr. Michael Barr led the charge in the presentation for the media, with board chair Shakila Henderson-Baker, vice-chair Abigail Coggin and director of public relations Sherri Partee adding their thoughts.

ESPLOST – short for Educational Special Purpose Operating Sales Tax – is a one percent sales tax that is voted on every five years. It is a one-cent sales tax on all retail purchases that is put back into investment for capital projects such as schools, buildings or complexes that may be used as long-term planning.

This will be the sixth iteration of ESPLOST in Newton County, with the first being approved back in 2000.

This will not be a new tax, but rather a continuation from the previous ESPLOST that is currently in place that is set to expire on Dec. 31, 2024.

It is projected that the revenue generation for the continuation will be \$132 million.

Capital Improvement Plan

All projects that are currently projected to see benefit from the ESPLOST were listed in a five-part Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

The most talked about part of that plan was in the schools’ athletic facilities – with the big takeaway that each of the three high schools (Newton, Alcovy and Eastside) are expected to receive their own athletic complexes through this project.

Currently all three of the schools share Sharp Stadium as its home football field. With the proposed complexes, each school will have their own stadiums complete with bathrooms, bleachers and concession stands. Additional areas such as weight rooms and storage facilities will also be a part of the complexes.

When asked what would come of Sharp Stadium, the expectation is that it will have a “continued use” and it will re

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Two vehicles stolen from Covington Ford

EVAN NEWTON
NEWS EDITOR

COVINGTON, Ga. – Two trucks were stolen from the Covington Ford Inc. car dealership last weekend.

According to various incident reports obtained by *The Covington News*, the Covington Police Department (CPD) initially responded to property damage that occurred at the car dealership on Sunday, Jan. 14.

An employee told deputies at the scene that a customer noticed the gate was broken and that he came to check the situation. Upon arrival, the employee noticed damage to the entrance gate as well as tail light fragments.

It was discovered that a 2021 Ford F-150 Shelby pickup truck in the lot had damage, with the left side passenger window shattered and the fuse box panel cover on the front passenger floor.

This totaled to an estimated \$1,000 worth of damage.

The incident report also states that there were “mud and fingerprints near the back door” of the truck.

The following day on Monday, Jan. 15, deputies returned to the scene after owner

Wendell Crowe found out that two trucks had gone missing following an inventory check.

The vehicles identified in the various incident reports were a 2018 gray Ford Raptor pickup truck valued at approximately \$70,000 and a 2018 white Ford Raptor pickup truck valued at approximately \$50,000.

While incident reports stated it was unsure that surveillance footage could be logged due to a “new system,” general manager of Covington Ford Wes Crowe later told deputies surveillance video was available.

“I later spoke with Wes Crowe who stated that there is video of a male entering the property on foot at approximately 9:00 p.m. on 1-13-2024,” read the incident report. “According to Wes, the male leaves the property and then returns and then is believed to have stolen a GA Dealer Tag [redacted]. The male then returned to the property at approximately 7:00 a.m. on Sunday 1-15-24 and could be seen attempting to get into several vehicles.”

So far no arrests have been made and no persons of interest have been released.



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SCAN ME

NCSO searches for burglary suspect



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NEWS EDITOR

NEWTON COUNTY – Deputies with the Newton County Sheriff’s Office (NCSO) are searching for the person responsible for a burglary that occurred in Covington. According to a BOLO by the NCSO, the burglary occurred on Dec. 21, 2023 at the T-Mobile store on 5332 Hwy. 20 S. The person seen on surveillance cameras is shown wearing a dark colored hoodie. No further description was given via the BOLO. Anyone with information regarding the case is urged to contact Investigator Dial at gdial@newtonsheriffga.org or 678-625-1440.

BOLO issued for missing teenager

EVAN NEWTON
NEWS EDITOR

NEWTON COUNTY – The Newton County Sheriff’s Office (NCSO) are looking for a missing teenager. A BOLO released on Wednesday afternoon stated that Gabriella Christensen, 16, left her home with a friend named Bailey. Gabriella is described as a White female standing at 5-foot-6, weighing approximately 180 lbs. The BOLO states Gabriella left her phone at home, with messages indicating that “she is possibly” with a male who goes by Breezy (bottom left picture) or with a male named “Jr” (bottom right picture). Anyone with any information regarding Gabriella’s whereabouts or either of the males in the BOLO are urged to contact the NCSO at 678-625-1400. The NCSO tip line is 678-625-1585.

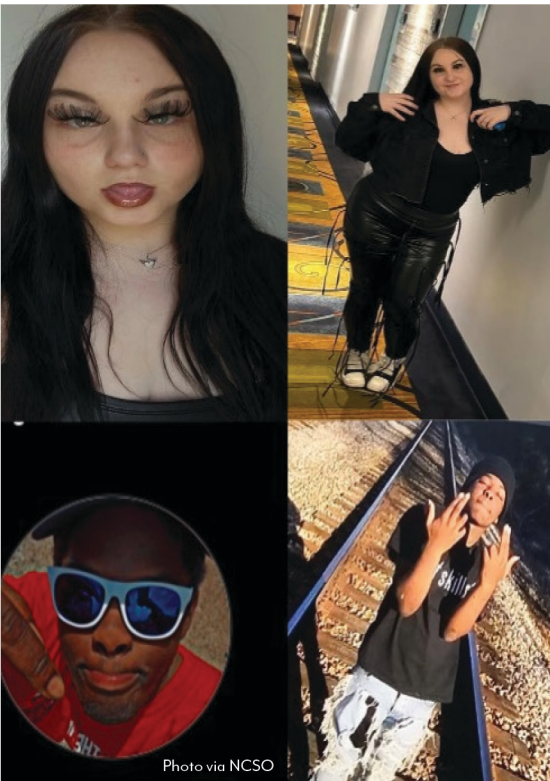


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Etheridge said that he will continue work and complete the open projects that he has been actively working on – including the upcoming budget. “We’re working on finalizing the budget – I’m behind on that,” Etheridge said. “We’re working to get a meeting with the GDOT [Georgia Department of Transportation] to discuss the bridge replacement project, and I will say thirdly on that list that make sure the newly elected officials have their training requirements set and that we’re ready for a retreat in April.” Additionally, future projects such as re-establishing the historic preservation commission and the planning commission as well as helping create the city’s master plan are among the projects that Etheridge hopes to still take part in as he prepares his exit. Etheridge first took on the role as interim city manager of Porterdale back in August 2020. Since then, he has held the role of city manager and has led the city throughout a number of projects – most notably helping the city get out of financial trouble. “I started in August of 2020 as an interim, back then the city had a lot of financial issues... and we’ve cleaned up a lot of those,” Etheridge said. “We did a financial software update, I think we’re finally completing. [Now] we’re trying to finish two audits at the same time, which are the 2022 and the 2023 audits.”

council members I just wasn’t sure the direction they were trying to head in.” Among some of the other projects that Etheridge was proud to be a part of, being able to adjust pay rates for city employees and the continuing progress on the Cedar Shoals project were two in particular that stuck out to him. Newly elected mayor Michael Patterson provided a statement to *The News*, thanking Etheridge for his time in office. “I would like to thank Mr. Etheridge for his service to our community,” Patterson said in an emailed statement. “We wish him well in his transition & appreciate his assistance as we begin the search for a new City Manager.” There is currently no word on what the city’s plans are in hiring a new city manager. Etheridge stated that he is currently giving the mayor and council guidance on how to move forward, but that talks are still preliminary. While Etheridge will be seeking a new venture elsewhere, he thanked Porterdale for the three-plus years that he served in office, stating that the city had “grown on” him. “Porterdale has grown on me, it’s in my heart and I offered to the council if they ever need help or want any help, support [or] backup – I’m more than willing to come back and do that with them,” Etheridge said. “For the citizens – you know we all have our differences – but I’ve enjoyed our citizens and our residents and I look forward to them to continue moving forward and becoming a better community.”

Managing editor Phillip B. Hubbard contributed to this report.

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so long, you al-
most forget that
in-person feel-
ing. So the excitement of people
filing in and taking their seats
and readying themselves for the
program...all of that background
excitement was phenomenal.”

Wilson doubled down on his
excitement saying the day went
better than expected.

Dr. Duke Bradley III, Newton
County Schools’ superinten-
dent, served as the 2024 keynote
speaker. Deitrich Sneed intro-
duced Bradley after which the su-
perintendent “brought the house
down.”

“He knew his audience well for
someone who is new to the com-
munity,” Wilson said. “He spoke
very well and received very high
praise for his speech.”

Another main aspect of the cel-
ebration was honoring individu-
als with three awards.

The “I Have A Dream” Award
went to deacon Winston Wil-
liams with The “MLK Trailblaz-
er” Award being given to Carl
Wilkins.

Two Newton High students
were granted the “Young Dream-
er” Award — Victor Kirkland and
Eris D. Sellars.

Lucero Alvarado, the 2023 MLK
Scholarship Recipient, shared
his perception of the scholarship
during the event.

Area pastors participated in the
program, too.

Rev. Dr. Eric Lee (Spring Bap-
tist Church, Conyers) offered the
invocation and Rev. Neely Lance
(First Presbyterian Church, Cov-
ington) did the pastoral prayer for
equality. The pastoral prayer for
unity was prayed by Rev. Ronnie



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Thomas Jr. (Bethlehem Baptist
Church, Covington) along with
Rev. Dr. Robert Crawford Sr.’s
(Grace United Methodist Church)
pastoral prayer for peace.

Rev. Darryl Hooper (The
Church at Covington) closed the
program with the benediction.

Local officials provided greet-
ings to all attendees: Marcello
Banes, Newton County Board of
Commissioner chairman, New-
ton County sheriff Ezell Brown
and city of Covington mayor Flee-
ta Baggett. Dr. Badia Ahad, dean
of Oxford College of Emory Uni-
versity, also spoke.

Having multiple people in-
volved as well as in attendance
just added to the occasion for
Wilson.

“A lot of people have been

talking about how Newton Coun-
ty is growing and expanding and
it’s losing this and losing that. But
yesterday, every single person in
the room had an opportunity to
experience the real, beautiful
community that we have here,”
Wilson said. “Even if you didn’t
know a person, when the cere-
mony was over, you were giving
them a hug.”

Past Young Dreamer Award
recipients Wilson, Jaison Taylor,
Hailee Quinn and Ralph Brown
did the litany of commemoration
followed by an anthem of “Lift
Every Voice and Sing.”

Washington Street Children’s
Choir and the MLK Interdenom-
inational Choir provided the
ministry of music for the cele-
bration. A hymn of celebration
was led by the Men of Celebra-
tion Choir.

The national theme for this
year’s program was, “It Starts
With Me: Shifting the Culture
Climate Through the Study and
Practice of Kingian Nonviolence.”

Next year will mark the 40th
year of this celebration of Dr.
Martin Luther King Jr. With that
in mind — coupled with 2024’s
successful turnout — Wilson is
filled with great anticipation for
the future of the celebration.

“We’re really looking forward
to next year and making the cel-
ebration and ceremony bigger
and better to really celebrate that
40th anniversary,” Wilson said.
“So many people in the commu-
nity and so much of the history
of our community have dedicat-
ed so much of themselves to this
program. To see it go on for 40
years will be huge for a lot of peo-
ple.”



File Photo

City approves four-way stop at common accident spot

EVAN NEWTON
NEWS EDITOR

COVINGTON, Ga. – A
common site of car ac-
cidents is set to receive a
temporary traffic pattern
change.

Members of the Cov-
ington city council unan-
imously approved a tem-
porary four-way stop to
be placed at the intersec-
tion of Town Center Blvd.
and Town Center Dr.

According to data ob-
tained from Captain Mike
Tinsley of the Covington
Police Department (CPD),
and subsequently read by
transportation director
John Hendrix, there have
been roughly eight acci-
dents at the intersection
over the last year.

Consultant company
Keck and Wood Inc., and
city staff are seeking a
“long-term solution” for
the problem – and that
this temporary four-way
stop would be the first
step in that.

Additionally, council
also approved an ex post
facto – an approval of a
project that has already
been completed after the
fact – that will allow a
four-way stop to remain
in place at the intersec-
tion between Reynolds St.
and Elm. St.

The initial traffic pat-
tern of a two-way stop
was changed to a four-
way stop after complaints
from citizens. However,
there was never an official
approval from the city.

“The installation was
carried out due to con-
cerns related to previous
council meetings and citi-
zen complaints,” Hendrix
said. “There was confu-
sion with drivers [and]
pedestrians due to un-
usual site distances at this
intersection.”

After a memo from
Keck and Wood and con-
sensus from the council,
the motion was passed
unanimously at 6-0.

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Hard to believe 2024 already off and running



CHRIS BRIDGES
Managing Editor
The Walton Tribune

The year 2024. It's hard to truly fathom that's where we are.

I long ago quit wondering what happened to the previous year. It's definitely true what they say about they go by faster the older we get.

Like most of you, I imagine, the 12 months which filled 2023 were a mixed bag. Some good, some bad and a lot of work.

It was a tough year personally due to the loss of family members and family friends. I wrote about those events in this space. Their memory remains with me today though and always will.

This year will see me turn 53 this spring. In some ways it seems just like yesterday I was in high school spending care-free days with my friends. Oh, we thought there were things to worry about back then, but we all know now that wasn't the case.

High school led to college for me, first at a two-year school in South Georgia, and then my final two years at the University of West Georgia in Car-

rollton. It was actually West Georgia College then.

I imagine I am one of the few (maybe only) journalism students of the West Georgia Class of '93 who has worked in that field basically his entire professional career.

Even when I took an ill-fated move out of the business for about 11 months, I continued writing and freelancing articles.

The freelance work continued until I went back to work at *The Walton Tribune* full time in January 2022.

I was thankful then and remain thankful now for the opportunity to get back into community journalism on a full-time basis.

I returned to *The Tribune* as sports editor and would have been happy continuing in that role. However, owner Patrick Graham asked me about moving into the managing editor's position and I knew it was what I needed to do.

Walton County has always been a special place for me. I began working here in the fall of 1998 after another bad work experience had me pondering leaving the field.

It seems the paper here has now thrown me a life preserver twice.

BRIDGES
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Don't Worry, Be Happy



DAVID CARROLL
Syndicated Columnist

According to the news, Americans just aren't happy right now. Oh sure, the restaurants are packed, folks are munching on popcorn in the movie theaters, filling up football stadiums, and taking vacations, but the polls don't lie. People are in a bad mood.

Jobs are plentiful, gas prices are down, the stock market is up, and inflation is finally slowing, but I don't see any confetti. The pandemic, the 2020 election controversy, the Capitol riots, and the other traumas we faced are largely in the rear view mirror. Still, no one is doing cartwheels.

And no wonder. Rent is up, it's dang near impossible to buy a house, car prices are high, and ce-

real costs about six bucks a box. Cereal!

Sure, our churches are holding in-person services again, kids don't have to wear masks in school, and you can visit your ailing relatives, but some folks won't be satisfied until life is like it was before the pandemic.

We prayed the days of mobile morgues parked outside hospitals would end. Eventually our prayers were answered, so we moved on. But the national anger meter shot back up when fast food joints started charging more for food. They were just trying to bring in enough money to fund pay hikes, so people would apply for jobs. Many inflation-weary Americans considered this another national nightmare.

Maybe if we change presidents, it will all revert back. Like Harry Truman said, the buck stops in the White House.

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Trump, Haley, Desantis *Who Can Beat Biden?*



BYRON YORK
Syndicated Columnist

It's fair to say that a lot of Republican establishment types, the ones who are either in the donor class or close to it, do not believe former President Donald Trump can win a general election rematch with President Joe Biden. They support Nikki Haley in part because they believe she can beat Biden.

First of all, they're appalled by Trump and would oppose him under any conditions — remember that. But part of their current view is based on their belief that the coming legal onslaught against Trump — at least one criminal trial, a possible guilty verdict, and continued pre-trial wrangling and revelations from

his other indictments — will finally wear down the resolve of some voters who currently say they support Trump. They also know that in terms of attacks on Trump from Democrats and Democratic-adjacent media, you ain't seen nuthin' yet. As intense as you might think the attacks on Trump are now, they are guaranteed to get worse in a general election season.

It's basically the old electability argument updated for today's conditions. And it might turn out to be entirely true. But the problem, for now, is that poll after poll shows Trump doing a little better against Biden than either Haley or Gov. Ron DeSantis (R-FL) in a November one-on-one matchup.

Start with the Trump-Biden contest. In the RealClearPolitics average of polls, the former president scores an average of 1.3 points higher than Biden. There have been quite a few polls on

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I was amazed when I returned after a 17-year absence how many local high school coaches were still here. It just goes to show how special of a place Walton County is.

We don't know what the new year will bring. It will be a fascinating one to watch from a political standpoint. The 2024 presidential election will probably be like nothing we have seen before.

Locally, Walton County will elect a new sheriff as Joe Chapman has elected to retired after numerous terms in office.

On the high school sports front, I can safely say our student-athletes will continue to shine and likely bring home more state championships.

For me, the itch to piece together a book has been on my mind a lot. Of course, projects of that nature are tough when you work most everyday. Many of my journalism colleagues have managed to do it, however, and I would like to join them. I guess anyone who has ever written anything would like to see their name on a

book cover.

Those who know me know that I am counting down the days until spring. Winter, even Georgia winter weather, is not for me. I appreciate the blue sky when we get it but I need more warmth.

High school baseball is actually less than two months away but we all know those first few weeks can be tough at the local ball park with the colder temperatures and howling wind.

I appreciate those of you who have taken the time to read the words in this space from time to time (all three of you) and appreciate the feedback you send.

Here's hoping 2024 will be the best year yet for all of us including family and friends. It will be a long trying journey at times but one which will be gone before we know it. It can be a long and winding road at times but we're in this together. Here we go.

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CARROLL
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That's why if gas prices go up, it's the president's fault. But if they go down, big whoop, we know it won't last. Here's a scary thought. If we change presidents and Cheerios don't tumble back down to \$1.99, who do we blame then?

Well, we have to change something. And we're not going to change Congress. Don't get me wrong, we hate Congress. But we'll re-elect our Congressperson, because we always do.

So how do we regain our happiness? It's a given that no matter who gets elected president, half the country will be angry. Some may even refuse to accept the results. And when the winning side doesn't roll gas prices back to \$1.49, we'll be even madder.

I can find only one remedy. Nostalgia.

Doctors often tell patients who are dealing with grief and depression to think happy thoughts. They tell us to remind ourselves of what made

us smile during the best times of our lives. So in preparation for what could be a challenging year, I've made my list.

I want to be as happy as I was when our most difficult teacher stayed out of school, and a substitute let us watch a movie. Or better yet, cartoons.

I want to be as happy as I was when my parents would take me to my cousins' house to play.

I want to be as happy as I was when my Papaw Carroll would give me a birthday card with dimes taped inside, one for each year of my life. This continued until I turned 20, with two dollars worth of dimes. I still have those cards, with every dime still taped and untouched.

I want to be as happy as I was when my mother was cooking something special in the kitchen, because company was coming! (Go to YouTube right now, and find the old Porter Wagoner song, "Company's Comin'." It's the story of the south from my childhood and before.)

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this subject — six since Jan. 1, with four of them showing Trump with a lead of between one and eight points, and two tied.

Then go to DeSantis-Biden. In the RealClearPolitics average, Biden leads DeSantis by an average of 0.4 points — not much of a lead, but still ahead of the Republican challenger. There have been fewer polls on that matchup, just two since Jan. 1. In both of those, DeSantis leads Biden by one and three points, respectively. DeSantis is down against Biden in the average be-

cause of earlier polls showing Biden in the lead.

Finally, Haley-Biden. Haley has made her claim to be the strongest candidate against Biden a key part of her stump speech. She often says that she beats the president by 17 points in a head-to-head contest. 17 points! That is huge. But in the RealClearPolitics average of polls, Haley is ahead of Biden by an average of 0.4 points. In the two polls since Jan. 1, Haley led Biden by eight points in one, and Biden led Haley by two points in the other. In the four polls before that, all

in December, Biden led Haley by two, five, three and two points, respectively.

Much of Haley's lead comes from a few polls in which she had a big margin over Biden. Maybe they were outliers, maybe not. The poll she cites most often is a Wall Street Journal poll taken from Nov. 29 to Dec. 4 that showed her leading Biden by 17 points. Right after that poll came out, a "Fox News" survey showed Haley up by six points. Then came a spate of several polls showing Biden leading Haley by two, three, five, and two points. And a few days ago came a

poll from "CBS News" showing Haley leading by eight points.

The bottom line is that you average Haley's results, and she is leading Biden by 0.4 points, and you average Trump's results, and he is leading Biden by 1.3 points. Now, a single-point difference is not something to get all excited about, but what can certainly be said is that the polls do not show Haley with a big advantage over Trump in matchups with Biden.

That is why Haley supporters believe her real advantage will become clear only when Trump's troubles accumulate

later this year. Will that really happen? That is something the voters do not and cannot know as they make their decisions in the January, February, and March GOP primaries.

For a deeper dive into many of the topics covered in the Daily Memo, please listen to my podcast, The Byron York Show — available on Radio America and the Ricochet Audio Network and everywhere else podcasts can be found.

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PRIMARY & GENERAL ELECTION

2024 QUALIFYING FEES

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. 21-2-131 The Official Code of Georgia, Annotated, Section 21-2-131, requires that the governing authority of Newton County, not later than February 1 of any year in which a general primary, nonpartisan primary, or general election is to be held, fix and publish a qualifying fee for each County office to be filled in the upcoming primary or election. Therefore, on January 9, 2024, the Board of Commissioners adopted the following qualifying fees for the County offices to be filled in the May 21, 2024 primary election. Said fees were determined as set forth in O.C.G.A. 21-2-131.

Qualifying Period:

Monday, March 4, 2024 through Thursday, March 7, 2024 – 9am-5pm

Friday, March 8, 2024 – 9am-Noon with their respective party affiliation.

POSITION

Sheriff

Tax Commissioner

Clerk of Superior Court

Probate Judge

County Commissioner Chairman

County Commissioner District 1

County Commissioner District 3

County Commissioner District 5

Coroner

County Board of Education District 2

County Board of Education District 4

QUALIFYING FEE

\$ 2,891.45

\$ 2,591.45

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\$ 2,591.45

\$ 3,189.94

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\$ 750.00

\$ 750.00

\$ 1,050.00

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Jackie B. Smith, County Clerk

Community Calendar

To submit your events to our calendar, send information to news@covnews.com or create your own calendar event at CovNews.com/Calendar

Tuesday, Jan. 23

6-7:30 p.m.

Empowering Parents and Students Interactive Webinar

If interested in attending this free webinar, register through the following link: <https://www.airmeet.com/e/18c77880-fa65-11ed-99f8-8b2953abd7fa>.

Tuesday, Jan. 23

MUSICAL BINGO

Whistle Post Tavern

7:00pm-9:00pm

Additional Dates

Tue, Jan 16, 2024, 7:00pm-9:00pm

Tue, Jan 30, 2024, 7:00pm-9:00pm

Tue, Feb 06, 2024, 7:00pm-9:00pm

Location

Whistle Post Tavern

935 Railroad Street

Conyers, GA

Tuesday, Jan. 23

Lead-In Experts Networking

8:15am-9:30am

Additional Dates

Tuesday, January 16, 2024, 8:15am-9:30am

Tuesday, January 30, 2024, 8:15am-9:30am

Tuesday, February 06, 2024, 8:15am-9:30am

Location

Lead-In Experts Networking Group

Conyers, GA

Price

\$50

Tuesday, Jan. 23

ServSafe Manager One-Day Training

8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Additional Dates

Tue, May 07, 2024, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Tue, Aug 20, 2024, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Tue, Dec 03, 2024, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Location

Conyers, GA

Price

\$150

Georgia Cooperative Extension provides nationally recognized and accredited ServSafe® training for food service managers.

Tuesday, Jan. 30

7 p.m.

Newton County Republican Party Monthly Meeting

The public is invited to attend the first monthly meeting of 2024. The guest speakers this month will be Tommy Davis (Newton County Coroner) and Tim Fleming (State Representative 114th District). Everyone is welcome. Bring a friend with you.

Canaan Baptist Church

5581 Salem Rd.

Covington, Ga. 30016

Monday, Feb. 5

Covington City Council Meeting

6:30-8:30 p.m.

Additional Dates

Mon, Feb 19, 2024, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Mon, Mar 04, 2024, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Location

Council Room

2116 Stallings Street

Covington, GA

Wednesday, Feb. 7

Historic Preservation Committee (HPC) Board Public Hearing

6-8 p.m.

Additional Dates

Wed, Mar 06, 2024, 6-8 p.m.

Wed, Apr 03, 2024, 6-8 p.m.

Wed, May 01, 2024, 6-8 p.m.

Location

Council Room

2116 Stallings Street

Covington, GA

Tuesday, Feb. 13

Planning Commission Meeting

6-8 p.m.

Additional Dates

Tue, Mar 12, 2024, 6-8 p.m.

Location

Council Room

2116 Stallings Street

Covington, GA

Thursday, Feb. 15

Caregiver Support Group

3-3:30 p.m.

Additional Dates

Thu, May 16, 2024, 3-3:30 p.m.

Location

Covington, GA

Are you a caregiver to an elderly loved one? We know it can be exhausting, but we are here to help. We will have different speakers, open discussion, and much more each month. Please, reach out to Kacey Owens at Benton House for more information about monthly meetings.

Thursday, Feb. 22

The Addams Family (Middle School Musical)

7-8 p.m.

Location

Peachtree Academy Covington Campus

14101 Hwy 278 NE

Covington, GA

Friday, March 15

Georgia 4-H State Livestock Judging Contest

8 p.m.

Additional Dates

Sat, Mar 16, 2024, 8 p.m.

Sun, Mar 17, 2024, 8 p.m.

Location

Covington, GA

Description

4-H and FFA event

Thursday, May 2

Into the Woods (Spring Musical)

7-8 p.m.

Location

Peachtree Academy Covington Campus

14101 Hwy 278 NE

Covington, GA

Be careful what you wish for, as Stephen Sondheim's and James Lapine's cockeyed fairytale comes to life in this adaptation of their groundbreaking, Tony Award-winning musical.

Saturday, May 4

Taste of Spring Festival & Shine and Dine Car Show

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Location

Olde Town Conyers

901 Railroad Street

Conyers, GA

City of Conyers hosts this annual festival full with food and craft vendors, live entertainment, and activities. Car Show hosted by Shine and Dine. Festival is from 10-4pm in Olde Town Conyers, applications posted Feb.1st at www.conyers-ga.com , 770-602-2606.

Friday, May 10

4-5 p.m.

Additional Dates

Fri, Feb 09, 2024, 4:00pm-5:00pm

Fri, Mar 08, 2024, 4:00pm-5:00pm

Fri, Apr 12, 2024, 4:00pm-5:00pm

Fri, Jun 14, 2024, 4:00pm-5:00pm

Fri, Jul 12, 2024, 4:00pm-5:00pm

Fri, Aug 09, 2024, 4:00pm-5:00pm

Fri, Sep 13, 2024, 4:00pm-5:00pm

Fri, Oct 11, 2024, 4:00pm-5:00pm

Location

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Saturday, May 11

12-1:30 p.m.

Sat, Feb 10, 2024, 12:00pm-1:30pm

Sat, Mar 09, 2024, 12:00pm-1:30pm

Sat, Apr 13, 2024, 12:00pm-1:30pm

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Arredondo named Solid Waste Worker of the Year

STAFF REPORT | THE NEWS

The hard work and dedication of Ariel Arredondo has been known to his Newton County coworkers for the 17 years he has been a member of the Solid Waste department. Now that same dedication and passion for his job is known throughout the state of Georgia.

Arredondo was named the 2023 Solid Waste Worker of the Year for Landfill Operations by the Georgia Chapter of the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) recently.

The Georgia Chapter of SWANA is made up of more than 400 solid waste operations throughout the entire state. During the organization's fall conference in November, employees from all over Georgia were recognized, with Arredondo taking home one of the conference's top honors.

Arredondo was awarded the Solid Waste Worker of the Year for his

level of professionalism, passion and ability to do whatever it takes to keep Newton County's landfill operating at a high level.

"I am so proud of Ariel and all the work he has done for Newton County over his almost two-decade career," said Marcello Banes, Newton County Chairman and Solid Waste Authority board member. "Not only is he an extremely hard worker but he also is a friend to his coworkers, a great role model to everyone on the team and a huge asset to Newton County."

Arredondo started with Newton County in 2006 as a Heavy Equipment Operator, helping to manage the construction and demolition landfill on site. He quickly demonstrated his ability to operate equipment and conduct his job at a high level and was promoted to the position of operating the compactor on the municipal solid waste working face.

After Arredondo obtained his landfill operator certification, he started to notice items on the landfill that needed attention and quickly started accomplishing tasks around the landfill. This drew the attention of then Landfill Manager, Kevin Walter, who promoted Arredondo to his current position of Assistant Landfill Manager.

As Assistant Landfill Manager, Arredondo, fills any role current Solid Waste Director Matt Dolan requires. He also is passionate about mentoring others and passes his knowledge down to other employees.

"To say that Ariel is a hard worker is an understatement," Dolan said. "He is a prime example of what everyone in the industry should strive to be as a professional. He is trustworthy, dedicated, hardworking, skilled and professional every single day he walks in the landfill."

Newton County residents graduate from college

STAFF REPORT | THE NEWS

A number of students from the Newton County area graduated from colleges all across the nation over the last few months.

In total, 36 students from the Newton County area received their degrees following the Fall 2023 semester.

Georgia Southwestern State University

- Josiah Webb of Covington
- Sharon Everett of Oxford
- Krissie McCampbell of Covington
- Kristen Kennedy of Oxford

Piedmont University

- Katlyn Doster of Social Circle
- Alyssa Waddell of Mansfield

University of Georgia

- Jacob Allen of Oxford
- Brendan Amman of Covington
- Bryson Braswell of Oxford
- Savannah Camp of Covington
- Eleisha Cazaubon of Covington
- Ansley Daniel of Covington
- Daniel Fry of Covington
- Amira Hernandez of Oxford
- Liping Jackson of Social Circle
- Avery Kerlin of Covington
- Denese Lawrence of Covington
- Emily Lent of Oxford
- Kimberly Mathews of Covington
- Nala McCamy of Covington
- Audrey McNew of Mansfield
- Aliyah Momin of Covington
- Grace Radovich of Covington
- Chandler Spivey of Oxford
- Grace Walden of Oxford
- Payton Wallace of Covington
- Ludie Williams of Newborn

University of North Georgia

- Sarah Bishop of Covington
- Madeline Huff of Covington
- Leah Jackson of Covington
- Juleigh Lynn of Covington
- Rachel Norton of Covington
- Morgan Parker of Social Circle
- Catelyn Perry of Covington
- Hannah Potts of Covington
- Cayci Schell of Social Circle

This list includes names emailed to The News. It will be updated when more become available.

Newborn to hold Arbor Day celebration on Feb. 24

STAFF REPORT | THE NEWS

The community fun and festivities of Newborn's annual Arbor Day is back in a big way.

The Newborn Tree Board invites you to join them in person at the Historic Newborn Schoolhouse for the 25th annual Arbor Day celebration on Saturday, Feb. 24 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Residents of Newborn and neighboring areas (Covington, Madison, Mansfield, Monticello, Oxford, Rutledge, Shady Dale and Social Circle) are invited to come out for the choice of free mature trees and seedlings, planting demos, lunch, music and more:

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MORE TREES - Yellow Poplar

and Northern Red Oak seedlings will also be available.

Tree planting demo - The Georgia Forestry Commission will be on-hand to demonstrate proper tree planting techniques to help trees get the healthy start they deserve.

FREE LUNCH - a hot dog lunch will be provided by Mansfield Marketplace.

LIVE MUSIC - Bluegrass pickers will keep your toes tapping during the fun!

Tree Climbing with the tree climbing folks of Arbor Equity, who will harness up kids of all ages to safely climb a very tall tree.

PLUS - Fire truck tours and goody bags for the kids

"This event is made possible by the Georgia ReLeaf Grant from the Georgia Tree Council and the Georgia Forestry Commission,

volunteers of the Newborn Tree Board, the Town of Newborn, and our generous sponsors from Mansfield Marketplace, APC Signs, and Arbor Equity," a press release stated.

The celebration will take place at the Historic Newborn Schoolhouse located at 4326 GA-142 in Newborn. Free parking will be available at the Schoolhouse as well as the Newborn maintenance facility immediately adjacent to the Schoolhouse.

Arbor Day has been celebrated nationally since 1872, often towards the end of April, but the date is selected locally based on the best dates for planting trees. In Georgia, tree planting is best done in the winter, not the spring. Newborn has been designated a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation for the past 25 years, an honor recognizing civic commitment to planting and nurturing trees.

Collins announces 2024 Congressional Art competition

STAFF REPORT | THE NEWS

MONROE, Ga. - On Tuesday, Representative Mike Collins (GA-10) invited high school students throughout Georgia's 10th District to participate in the 2024 Congressional Art competition. Students may submit two-dimensional entries, such as paintings, drawings, photos, computer-generated art, collages, and prints, for consideration. The first-place entry will be exhibited in the U.S. Capitol Building for one year, and the winning student will receive two round-trip tickets to attend a national reception in Washington, D.C.

"I'm pleased to again join my colleagues across the country in hosting the Congressional Art Competition," Collins said. "This annual tradition is a terrific opportunity for students to showcase their creative talents, and I look forward to seeing the submissions from our talented young Georgians across the 10th District."

Students wishing to participate may submit their artwork to the Congressman's district office by Friday, March 1. To register and view competition guidelines, please visit Congressman Collins' website.

Collins will announce the winner and present awards for top entries at a district reception on Saturday, March 23 at the Lyndon House Arts Center.



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BUFF NAMED FINALIST FOR PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

STAFF REPORT | THE NEWS

The Georgia Association of Secondary School Principals (GASSP) has announced that Newton High School principal, Dr. Shannon Buff, is a finalist for Georgia High School Principal of the Year.

This is the second consecutive year Buff has been named a finalist in the GASSP program. Buff is also the sole female finalist this year. She joins Michael Santoro of Creekview High School and Brett Savage of Brookwood High School in the High School Principal of the Year category.

Buff expressed her gratitude to be a finalist.

“Being selected as a finalist for State Principal of the Year once again is both an honor and a privilege,” Buff said. “I am immensely proud of the collective efforts of our students, faculty, and administration. Representing Newton High School and our community on this platform is a profound responsibility that I deeply appreciate. Gratitude goes to my family, the extended Newton Family and GASSP for their unwavering support and this valuable opportunity.”

The Principal of the Year program recognizes outstanding middle level and high school principals who have succeeded in



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providing high-quality learning opportunities for students as well as demonstrating exemplary contributions to the profession.

Buff has served as principal of Newton High School since 2017. She previously served as a teacher and assistant principal at the school before moving to the dis-

trict office as the Director of Secondary Education. When the opportunity arose to return to Newton High School as principal she did not hesitate.

“Newton High continues to hold a special place in my heart,” Buff said. “The bond with students and staff feels like a true family, and I

remain committed to this incredible community.”

Newton County School System's superintendent Dr. Duke Bradley III commended Buff on this honor.

“Dr. Shannon Buff's unwavering commitment to excellence at Newton High School is not only evident in her leadership but also in the recognition she has earned as a finalist for the Georgia High School Principal of the Year for the second consecutive year,” Bradley said. “Her dedication to fostering a sense of family within the school community and her outstanding contributions to education are truly commendable. As she embarks on this prestigious journey as the sole female finalist, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Buff for representing Newton High School with grace and distinction. We are immensely proud of her accomplishments, and we express our sincere appreciation to her, the students, faculty, and administration for their collective efforts. This recognition is a testament to the exceptional qualities that make Newton High School a special place, and we look forward to continued success under Dr. Buff's inspiring leadership. Congratulations, Dr. Shannon Buff, on this well-deserved honor.”

ESPLOST
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system.
It is expected that with the ESPLOST funding, each high school and middle school will receive some form of athletics upgrade.

Bradley said that sports programs are a “rallying point” for the community.

“Kids have returned for us a lot of value where we've made minimal investment,” Bradley said. “This is a fix to this.”

Henderson-Baker later clarified that while it may seem a lot of the investments are going into football, that none of the athletic programs will be neglected. She cited, in particular, the yearly dirt replacements on the baseball and softball fields and stated that if there were ever problems with any of the school's fields that the board and executive staff will fix it when “notified.”

Listed as the first part of that plan was safety enhancement and improvement of security measures throughout the school systems. This to Bradley and the rest of the board, the most important thing on the entire CIP.

“Our first obligation is safety,” Bradley said. “We have a district that is appropriating funds to make sure our kids are safe and secure.”

Enhanced security measures are set to be put in place for all of the schools, with just under a dozen of them set to receive improvements for secure school entryways. This will ensure all of the schools in the system will have secure entryways. Bradley specifically mentioned some of the older elementary schools as those that are in the most need of enhanced security.

Seven schools are also set to receive modernization renovations.

At the Jan. 16 BOE work session, Barr made it clear to the audience in attendance that safety is “fundamental” to the school system.

“And that's really fundamental to our purpose – is making sure that our students and staff are safe and secure and able to learn in that type of environment,” Barr said.

The third portion of the plan deals with technology, as the board will continue to acquire the modern technology and tools needed for students to learn at the highest level possible.

Listed in the plans for technology are the acquisition of new laptops, additional system storage and the installation of cabling and fiber internet services.

Furniture, fixtures and equipment were listed as the fourth portion of the plan – with furniture, band equipment, band uniforms and athletic equipment listed specifically as target points for purchase.

The consensus from the board was that children were in need of consistent upgrades and tools so that they could have the best chance for success.

Lastly, the replacement of school buses, as well as replacement of support vehicles were listed as the fifth portion of the plan. This would go directly hand-in-hand with the safety enhancement portion.

Not listed in the CIP, was the designation of fine arts funding. When asked as to why that was the case, Bradley mentioned that the board was gathering more feedback on how to move forward with fine arts funding.

Bradley acknowledged the fine arts' importance within the school system. Once the district has the proper community feedback, the superintendent expects there to be focus on that area – particularly with General Education Fund (GEF) investments.

According to the BOE presentation, the CIP budget is \$171,257,102 – with the aforementioned \$132 million projected ESPLOST funding making up the majority of the funding. State capital outlay was listed to tentatively fund just over \$5.1 million with general obligation bonds tentatively set to fund \$33.6 million.

ESPLOST Important
Dates

The board is set to vote on the adoption of ESPLOST VI and the general obligation bond resolution and related agreement at the next board

meeting on Jan. 23.

In February, the Board of Elections will then approve the resolution with an election date set for May 21.

If ESPLOST VI passes before the voters, the ESPLOST will begin on Jan. 1, 2025 and end on Dec. 31, 2029.

Board Comments

During the Jan. 16 BOE work session, the board offered further comments to the special media presentation as well as the work session presentation.

Post 1 representative Trey Bailey said that the work done on the CIP made “his heart happy.”

“I'd just like to say this is good work – I appreciate you guys listening to our concerns and actually seeing them on the screen makes my heart happy,” Bailey said. “I think we can do this. I think the community can get behind this. I think they will get behind this.”

Henderson-Baker said that the feedback the community provides is being implemented for ESPLOST VI.

“I want to help the community understand that these are things that we heard you guys saying,” Henderson-Baker said. “So I really want people to understand that we hear feedback, we see feedback and it's our job and responsibility to take that to the operations team.”

What was just as important to the chair was that people should “shop locally” and support Newton County businesses so that the NCSS could best benefit. Henderson-Baker specifically used neighboring Rockdale County as an example.

“I always remind people that you all who live in Covington and Newton County go to Rockdale to shop, which means Rockdale School System benefits from those funds, not us,” Henderson-Baker said. “I want to encourage everyone to shop locally so that we can reap the benefits of that with our school system. Don't trek down [Hwy] 138, trek down [Hwy] 278. So, we greatly appreciate it.”

Managing editor Phillip B. Hubbard contributed to this report.

“The bond with students and staff feels like a true family, and I remain committed to this incredible community.”

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EAGLES SWEEP ON THE ROAD

Eastside falls to region foe Red Devils ahead of final stretch



Aysia Spirvey (24) and Larry Rivers (5) go up for layups against Loganville on Tuesday. Photos by Andrew Mill | The Covington News



Murphy, Jones should be in the Hall of Fame



MICHAEL PITTS
Columnist

The Atlanta Braves have an ever-growing number of former players that are in the Hall of Fame. Hank Aaron, Chipper Jones, Tom Glavine, John Smoltz, Greg Maddux, Bobby Cox, Fred McGriff, Warren Spahn, you get the idea.

But it is an absolute travesty that two former Braves – Dale Murphy and Andruw Jones – have not already taken their rightful place in Cooperstown. And both haven’t for the same reason.

Andruw was on 58 percent of the ballot a year ago, enough to return to the 2024 ballot. The man had 10 Gold Gloves in the outfield, only Willie Mays and Roberto Clemente have more. Oh and those two? First-ballot inductees into Cooperstown. He tied outfielders Ken Griffey Jr., Al Kaline and Ichiro. That’s two more first-ballot inductees and Ichiro, who is most certainly going to join them.

Ozzie Smith got in on defense with 28 home runs in his CAREER.

He had 434 homers, and led MLB with 51 in 2005. From 1998-2006, his WAR was 54.5, be-

PITTS OPINION
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GARRETT PITTS | SPORTS EDITOR

LOGANVILLE, Ga. — The Eastside Eagles suffered a road sweep with losses to Region 8-AAAAA foe Loganville on Tuesday.

The Lady Eagles fell 56-36 to the Lady Red Devils while the Eastside boys were defeated late, 46-43.

Eagles let lead slip away late

Loganville’s play on both sides of the ball in the final frame allowed it to mount a late comeback to defeat the Eagles.

Eastside had the lead at the end of each of the first three quarters on Tuesday.

That was until the final eight minutes, where the Red Devils held the Eagles scoreless.

Along with holding Eastside to zero points, Loganville scored 11 points in the final frame to take the lead and win with a score of 46-43.

Looking back, head coach Dorrian Randolph felt that Eastside’s second half start derailed them for the final two frames.

“We came out [in the second half] and started out slow. I believe [it was our] lack of communication on the defensive end,” Randolph said. “Loganville came out and did a lot of screening and cutting through so we were switching, but we are not communicating every time on the switches. We were lazy on our closeouts. We talk about a 1-2 closeout on a three-point shooter to run him off the line and we closed out slow with hands down.”

Multiple Eagles got involved offensively as Eastside had a 35-23 advantage going into intermission.

After being outscored 12-8 in the third frame, the Red Devils’ defense took a stand to claim the win.

In the scoring department,

EAGLES BASKETBALL
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Newton county area teams reschedule events

STAFF REPORT | THE NEWS

Due to inclement weather and other circumstances, Newton county area teams had to reschedule sporting events over the past week.

Alcovy High School

Alcovy had to reschedule a pair of basketball games due to inclement weather.

The Tigers basketball game at Lovejoy that was scheduled for Friday, Jan. 12 was rescheduled to Saturday, Jan. 20. The girls game will tipoff at 5:30 p.m. while the boys game will begin at 7 p.m.

Alcovy’s basketball game at

Mundy’s Mill on Tuesday, Jan. 16 was rescheduled for Monday, Feb. 5. The girls game will begin at 6 p.m. while the boys game will start at 7:30 p.m.

Social Circle Redskins

Due to inclement weather, the Redskins had to cancel their boys basketball game against Lithonia that was scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 16. A new date for the game has yet to be announced.

Newton High School

Due to field renovations, the Rams’ 2023 alumni baseball game was canceled after being scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 20.





EAGLES BASKETBALL
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to claim the win. In the scoring department, the Eagles were led by senior Trebor Edwards, who finished with 14 points. Nino Nesbitt sat atop Logaville's score sheet with 14 points of his own. With five region games remaining on the schedule, Randolph is looking for his team to be better about not beating themselves. "The games we have lost, outside of two of them, have been our fault," Randolph said. "We have really only been beaten or manhandled two of our nine losses. Those other seven [losses] are us. We have to focus on ourselves and be more consistent about doing the stuff that we know how to do."

The loss moves Eastside to 9-9 on the year with a 3-4 record in Region 8-AAAAA play. Eastside was back at home for its next matchup against Heritage on Friday, Jan. 19.

Lady Devils break away to down the Lady Eagles

Loganville jumped out to an early lead and rode it all the way to the

end for the win over the Lady Eagles on Tuesday. In the opening frame, the Lady Devils found their way to the line on four separate occasions as Loganville continued to find scoring opportunities. Early struggles offensively for Eastside led to Logaville claiming a 13-7 lead after the opening eight minutes. Head coach Gladys King spoke about the team's lack of ball movement to set up scoring opportunities. "Our offense was not working for us, we did not execute well," King said. "We did not move around a lot in our offense and we did not spread the floor well."

The Lady Red Devils matched their 13 points in the second quarter to propel them to a 26-17 advantage going into the second half. Though the Lady Eagles were not able to complete a comeback, sophomore Aysia Spivey showed promise with her offensive efforts in the final two frames. Spivey's performance did not go unnoticed by her coach. "She [Asya] loves the game, she

knows the game," King said. "She is going to go hard for you. Even if she is struggling with shooting, she will pick it up on defense. For her being a sophomore, she has bought into those things I have talked to her about. Like I have said to her, 'I am not worried about the scoring, the scoring will pick up. As long as you can play defense and get a stop here and a stop there. You will get a layup here and a point there then the shots will start falling.'"

After scoring only two points in the first half Spivey ripped off 14 points after halftime, including four shots from the perimeter. The scoring from Loganville kept pace as the Lady Eagles fell 56-36 on the road. For Eastside, the defeat moves them to 11-7 on the year with a 5-2 record in Region 8-AAAAA. With five region games left on the schedule, the Lady Eagles will look to finish above a .500 win percentage in region play for the first time since the 2019-2020 season. The Lady Eagles were back on the court at home against the Lady Patriots Friday, Jan. 19.



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hind only Barry Bonds and Alex Rodriguez – we're not going to get into why they had those numbers. On the defensive side, his WAR was 24.4 – the highest of any outfielder in MLB HISTORY by 5.6. If he retires after 2006, he's a lock for the Hall. But he wanted to keep playing. Let's hope he gets his due this year. Now, Dale Murphy. The same Dale Murphy who absurdly never received more than 23.2 percent of the BBWAA vote during his initial 1999-2013 run on the ballot. Again, he had a span from 1980-1987 where he was one of the best players in the game of baseball. He won back-to-back MVPs and finished top 12 four other times. That's six of the eight. He played four-straight 162-game seasons. He had a career WAR of 46.5 and outside of the waning years of his baseball career, a main argument against him was that he never achieved 400 homers. He had 398. Seven All-Star appearances. Five Gold Gloves. Four Silver Sluggers. 2,111 hits. But again, his years following that final All-Star Game have "kept" him out of Cooperstown. Absurd. It's time for the BBWAA to take consistent and obvious Hall of Fame careers for exactly what they are: Hall of Fame careers. A Hall of Fame-worthy career should not be punished because the player behind it wanted to continue playing the game they loved. *Michael Pitts is the assistant director of athletic communications at Kennesaw State University. He can be reached at mpitts480@gmail.com*

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The City of Covington reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

PUBLIC NOTICE #600900
1/14,21

The City of Covington is seeking bids for the purchase of one (1) Chipper Truck 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 Monday, January 29th, 2024.

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1/14,21

Citations

CITATION

Re: Estate of **JAUNITA JOYCE RICHARDSON** Deceased

BOBBY LYNN RICHARDSON, EXECUTOR, has petitioned seeking Discharge from Office and all Liability. All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause as to why said petition should not be granted. All objections must be in writing and filed with this Court on or before, February 5, 2024 at ten o'clock a.m.

Melanie M. Bell, Judge
By: Marcia Wynne, Clerk
Probate Court
1132 Usher Street
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PUBLIC NOTICE #600934
1/21

CITATION

Re: Estate of **JERRY LUTHER HALL** Deceased

JOHN D. HALL, EXECUTOR, has petitioned seeking Discharge from Office and all Liability. All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause as to why said petition should not be granted. All objections must be in writing and filed with this Court on or before, February 5, 2024 at ten o'clock a.m.

Melanie M. Bell, Judge
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PUBLIC NOTICE #600931
1/21

CITATION

ALFRED JEROME WISE has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **ELEANOR O. WISE** deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A 53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objection must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before FEBRUARY 5 2024, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

MELANIE M. BELL, JUDGE
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PUBLIC NOTICE #600852
1/7,14,21,28

CITATION

BRENDA BILLINGS JONES has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **NATASHA BILLINGS** deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A 53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objection must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before FEBRUARY 5 2024, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

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PUBLIC NOTICE #600791
1/7,14,21,28

CITATION

CHERYL BONE MCGUNIGAL has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **ORVILLE P. MCGUNIGAL** deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A 53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objection must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before FEBRUARY 5 2024, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

MELANIE M. BELL, JUDGE
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COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #600820
1/7,14,21,28

CITATION

JASON KENNEY has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **DONALD EUGENE KENNEY** deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A 53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objection must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before FEBRUARY 5 2024, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

MELANIE M. BELL, JUDGE
MARCIA WYNNE, CLERK PROBATE COURT
NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT
1132 USHER STREET-148
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #600854
1/7,14,21,28

CITATION

RE: ESTATE OF **EMMETT G. GAYLOR DECEASED**

AARON SCHLOSSENBERG, EXECUTOR has petitioned seeking Discharge from Office and all Liability. All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause as the why said petition should not be granted. All objections must be in writing and filed with

this Court on or before, FEBRUARY 5, 2024, at ten o'clock am.

MELANIE M. BELL, JUDGE
MARCIA WYNNE, CLERK PROBATE COURT
NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT
1132 USHER STREET-148
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #600891
1/21

CITATION

RE: ESTATE OF **HAZEL BAKER, DECEASED**

GUSSIE O. BAKER, ADMINISTRATOR has petitioned seeking Discharge from Office and all Liability. All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause as the why said petition should not be granted. All objections must be in writing and filed with this Court on or before, FEBRUARY 5, 2024, at ten o'clock am.

MELANIE M. BELL, JUDGE
MARCIA WYNNE, CLERK PROBATE COURT
NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT
1132 USHER STREET-148
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #600893
1/21

CITATION

RE: ESTATE OF **JEFFREY ANDREW DESANDRE, DECEASED**

DAVID DESANDRE, EXECUTOR has petitioned seeking Discharge from Office and all Liability. All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause as the why said petition should not be granted. All objections must be in writing and filed with this Court on or before, FEBRUARY 5, 2024, at ten o'clock am.

MELANIE M. BELL, JUDGE
MARCIA WYNNE, CLERK PROBATE COURT
NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT
1132 USHER STREET-148
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #600892
1/21

CITATION

RE: ESTATE OF **WEYMAN RAY OWENS DECEASED**

JERRY LUTHER HALL, EXECUTOR has petitioned seeking Discharge from Office and all Liability. All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause as the why said petition should not be granted. All objections must be in writing and filed with this Court on or before, FEBRUARY 5, 2024, at ten o'clock am.

MELANIE M. BELL, JUDGE
MARCIA WYNNE, CLERK PROBATE COURT
NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT
1132 USHER STREET-148
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #600918

tinely redeemed. That a party is named in this notice is not determinative that such party has a legal right to redeem.

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:

Equity Trust Company as Custodian FBO Robert W. Schumacher, IRA
c/o John Coleman, Esq.
Coleman Law, LLC
675 Seminole Avenue, Suite 302
Atlanta, Georgia 30307
404.974.4537
Please be governed accordingly.

PUBLIC NOTICE #600902
1/21,28-2/4,11

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

By virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from **BEVERLY WHITFIELD** to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC. AS GRANTEE, AS NOMINEE FOR ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC, dated June 15, 2022, recorded June 24, 2022, in Deed Book 4404, Page 677-697, Newton County, Georgia Records, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of One Hundred Sixty-Nine Thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$169,000.00), with interest thereon as provided for therein, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned and transferred to Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the Newton County Courthouse, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in February, 2024, all property described in said Security Deed including but not limited to the following described property:

THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY LOCATED IN NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA: ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 30 OF THE 10TH DISTRICT, OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 315 OF MOUNTAINVIEW ESTATES SUBDIVISION: UNIT FIVE, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 34, PAGES 25-28, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, WHICH PLAT IS BY REFERENCE INCORPORATED HEREIN AND MADE A PART HEREOF.

Said legal description being controlling, however the property is more commonly known as **210 MOUNTAIN LN, COVINGTON, GA 30016**.

The indebtedness secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of default under the terms of said Security Deed. The indebtedness remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same, all expenses of the sale, including attorneys' fees (notice to collect same having been given) and all other payments provided for under the terms of the Security Deed.

Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The sale will also be subject to the following items which may affect the title: any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, whether or not now due and payable); the right of redemption of any taxing authority; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; all zoning ordinances; assessments; liens; encumbrances; restrictions; covenants, and any other matters of record superior to said Security Deed.

To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owner and party in possession of the property is BEVERLY WHITFIELD, or tenants(s).

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

The entity having full authority to negotiate, amend or modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is: Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC, Loss Mitigation Dept., 635 Woodward Ave., Detroit, MI 48226, Telephone Number: (800) 508-0944. Nothing in O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require a secured creditor to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the mortgage instrument.

ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, LLC
as Attorney in Fact for
BEVERLY WHITFIELD
THE BELOW LAW FIRM MAY BE HELD TO BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, UNDER FEDERAL LAW. IF SO, ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
Attorney Contact: Rubin Lublin, LLC, 3145 Avalon Ridge Place, Suite 100, Peachtree Corners, GA 30071
Telephone Number: (877) 813-0992 Case No. QKN-23-06136-1
rlselaw.com/property-listing

PUBLIC NOTICE #600819
1/7,14,21,28

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Edlyne Beauchamp** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for CalCon Mutual Mortgage LLC., its successors and assigns, dated January 31, 2022, recorded in Deed Book 4337, Page 456, Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Specialized Loan Servicing LLC by assignment recorded in Deed Book 4542, Page 333, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY-SEVEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FIFTY AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$377,150.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in February, 2024, the following described property:

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

The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 13-1-11 having been given).

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

Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned.

Specialized Loan Servicing LLC
is the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-162.2.

The entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: Specialized Loan Servicing LLC, 6200 S. Quebec St., Suite 300, Greenwood Village, CO 80111, 800-306-6059.

Note, however, that such entity is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan.

To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Edlyne Beauchamp or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **210 River Walk Farm Pkwy, Covington, Georgia 30014**. Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description the legal description will control.

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

Specialized Loan Servicing LLC
as Attorney in Fact for
Edlyne Beauchamp
McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC
1544 Old Alabama Road
Roswell, GA 30076
www.foreclosurehotline.net
EXHIBIT "A"

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 228 OF THE 9TH DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING KNOWN AS LOT 270A, UNIT 1, PHASE III OF RIVER WALK FARM SUBDIVISION, AS PER PLAT OF SAME OF RECORD AT PLAT BOOK 42, PAGES 234 THRU 235, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS. SAID PLAT IS SPECIFICALLY INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE AND MADE A PART HEREOF FOR A MORE COMPLETE AND ACCURATE LEGAL DESCRIPTION.

TAX PARCEL I.D. #0083B00000199000
MR/ca 2/6/24
Our file no. 23-12345GA - FT7

PUBLIC NOTICE #600883
1/7,14,21,28

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **James Read** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Acopia, LLC, its successors and assigns, dated July 10, 2014, recorded in Deed Book 3244, Page 448, Newton County, Georgia Records and as modified by that certain Loan Modification Agreement recorded in Deed Book 4290, Page 61, Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Pacific Union Financial, LLC by assignment recorded in Deed Book 3857, Page 451, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of TWO HUNDRED THIRTY THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY-EIGHT AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$230,988.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in February, 2024, the following described property:

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

The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 13-1-11 having been given).

Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to the Security Deed first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned.

Nationstar Mortgage LLC, successor by merger to Pacific Union Financial, LLC is the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-162.2.

The entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: Nationstar Mortgage, LLC, 8950 Cypress Waters Blvd, Coppell, TX 75019, (888) 480-2432.

Note, however, that such entity is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan.

To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is James Read and James D. Read or a tenant or tenants and said property is **more commonly known as 3532 Highway 11 S, Mansfield, Georgia 30055**. Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description the legal description will control.

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

Nationstar Mortgage LLC, successor by merger to Pacific Union Financial, LLC
as Attorney in Fact for
James Read
McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC
1544 Old Alabama Road
Roswell, GA 30076
www.foreclosurehotline.net
EXHIBIT "A"

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lots 235 and 238 of the 19th Land District of Newton County, Georgia, and containing 13.991 acres and being more particularly described in that plat of survey recorded in Plat Book 26, Page 248, public records of Newton County, Georgia. Said plat is by reference thereto incorporated herein and made a part hereof for a more particular description of said property.

This property is conveyed subject to all easements and restrictions of record.
MR/ca 2/6/24
Our file no. 5534619 - FT2

PUBLIC NOTICE #600847
1/7,14,21,28

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Lumekia Carr** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Academy Mortgage Corporation, its successors and assigns, dated January 31, 2014, recorded in Deed Book 3206, Page 603, Newton County, Georgia Records and as modified by that certain Loan Modification Agreement recorded in Deed Book 3462, Page 525, Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. by assignment recorded in Deed Book 3287, Page 406, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of EIGHTY-TWO THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY-EIGHT AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$82,478.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in February, 2024, the following described property:

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

The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 13-1-11 having been given).

Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to the Security Deed first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned.

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
is the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-162.2.

The entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., PO Box 10335, Des Moines, IA 50306, 1-800-416-1472.

Note, however, that such entity is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan.

To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Lumekia Carr or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **160 Wynfield Dr, Covington, Georgia 30016**. Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description the legal description will control.

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

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
as Attorney in Fact for
Lumekia Carr
McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC
1544 Old Alabama Road
Roswell, GA 30076
www.foreclosurehotline.net
*Auction services provided by Auction.com (www.auction.com)
EXHIBIT "A"

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 94 OF THE 10TH DISTRICT OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 15, WORTHINGTON WOODS SUBDIVISION, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 37, PAGES 220-223, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS, WHICH PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE AND MADE A PART HEREOF.

MR/mac 2/6/24
Our file no. 23-11482GA - FT5

PUBLIC NOTICE #600850
1/7,14,21,28

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Mary B Brooks**, Essie M Stanford and Johnny Manuel to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Home Funds Direct, its successors and assigns, dated August 11, 2005, recorded in Deed Book 2024, Page 187, 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 2005-4 Asset Backed Notes by assignment to be recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of EIGHTY-EIGHT THOUSAND AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$88,000.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in February, 2024, the following described property:

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

The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 13-1-11 having been given).

Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to the Security Deed first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the

above-named or the undersigned.

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as indenture trustee, on behalf of the holders of the Accredited Mortgage Loan Trust 2005-4 Asset Backed Notes is the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-162.2.

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

Note, however, that such entity is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan.

To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Mary B Brooks, Essie M Stanford, Estate of Essie M Stanford, Johnny Manuel, Estate of Johnny Manuel and Estate of Mary Brooks or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **6130 Geiger Street, Covington, Georgia 30014**. Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description the legal description will control.

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

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as indenture trustee, on behalf of the holders of the Accredited Mortgage Loan Trust 2005-4 Asset Backed Notes
as Attorney in Fact for
Mary B Brooks, Essie M Stanford and Johnny Manuel

McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC
1544 Old Alabama Road
Roswell, GA 30076
www.foreclosurehotline.net
EXHIBIT "A"

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 267 OF THE 9TH LAND DISTRICT OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND BEING WITHIN THE CITY OF COVINGTON, AND BEING SHOWN AS LOT NO. 6 OF GEIGER STREET ON THAT PLAT OF SURVEY PREPARED FOR BRUNO CONSTRUCTION COMPANY BY KNIGHT SURVEYING COMPANY, AND CERTIFIED BY JOHN ELWIN KNIGHT, GEORGIA REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR NO. 1945, SAID PLAT DATED JANUARY 29, 1997, AND SAID PLAT BEING RECORDED AT PLAT BOOK 30, PAGE 168, PUBLIC RECORDS OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, SAID PLAT BY REFERENCE THERE-TO BEING INCORPORATED HEREIN AND MADE A PART HEREOF FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF LOT NO. 6, THE PROPERTY HEREBY CONVEYED.

FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY: THE APN IS SHOWN BY THE COUNTY ASSESSOR AS C039-0001-002F; SOURCE OF TITLE IS: BOOK 751, PAGE 389 (RECORDED 08/11/98)

MR/jay 2/6/24
Our file no. 23-12679GA - FT1

PUBLIC NOTICE #600857
1/7,14,21,28

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Stephanie Channell** to New Century Mortgage Corporation, dated January 19, 2006, recorded in Deed Book 2105, Page 395, Newton County, Georgia Records and as modified by that certain Loan Modification Agreement recorded in Deed Book 3394, Page 1, Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Morgan Stanley ABS Capital I Inc. Trust 2006-HE3 by assignment recorded in Deed Book 2721, Page 346, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-TWO THOUSAND AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$172,000.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in February, 2024, the following described property:

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

The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 13-1-11 having been given).

Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to the Security Deed first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned.

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Morgan Stanley ABS Capital I Inc. Trust 2006-HE3 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-HE3

is the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-162.2.

The entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: Specialized Loan Servicing LLC, 6200 S. Quebec St., Suite 300, Greenwood Village, CO 80111, 800-306-6059.

Note, however, that such entity is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan.

To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Stephanie Channell and Mr. G's Mobile Car Electronics, LLC or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **100 Bradley Street, Covington, Georgia 30016**. Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description the legal description will control.

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

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Morgan Stanley ABS Capital I Inc. Trust 2006-HE3 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-HE3
as Attorney in Fact for
Stephanie Channell
McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC

1544 Old Alabama Road
Roswell, GA 30076
www.foreclosurehotline.net
EXHIBIT "A"

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 91 of the 10th District of Newton County, Georgia, being Lot 41 of Benedict Place Subdivision, as per plat recorded in Plat Book 40, pages 130-133 (more particularly described on page 131), Newton County, Georgia Records, which plat is incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof.

The above legal description being the same as the last deed of record, no boundary survey having been made at the time of this conveyance.

Parcel #28D 41

Being the same property conveyed to Stephanie Channell, by deed from Ross Mundy Custom Homes, Inc., dated 08-13-04, recorded 08-18-04, in Book 1734, page 471, in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County, GA.

The Derivation Clause represents a 24 month Chain of Title.

100 Bradley Street, Covington, GA 30016
MR/jay 2/6/24
Our file no. 5132214 - FT7

PUBLIC NOTICE #600849
1/7,14,21,28

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF NEWTON

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

Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed and Agreement given by **SCHWEIKERT ENTERPRISES, LLC to KAMP SERVICES, INC.** dated August 8, 2022, recorded on August 8, 2022 at Deed Book 4421, Page 702 et. seq., Newton County, Georgia records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note dated August 8, 2022, said note in the original principal amount of FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND and No/100 DOLLARS (\$400,000.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Newton County, 1132 Usher Street, Covington, GA 30014, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in February, 2024, the following described property:

ALL THAT TRACT or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lots 177 and 186, 19th District of Newton County, Georgia, shown as a 3.16 acre tract according to survey for Mrs. Rebecca Willson Blake by Louie D. Patrick, Georgia R.L.S. No. 1757, dated April 8, 1981 and recorded in Plat Book 24, page 122, Newton County Records, which plat is by reference incorporated herein and made a part hereof.

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 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 Deed to Secure Debt and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).

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

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

The entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend and modify the terms of the mortgage is Kamp Services, Inc., 3430 Leclair Lane SE, Palm Bay, FL 32909 (321) 704-5654. Please understand that the secured creditor is not required to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the mortgage instrument.

Kamp Services, Inc.
as Attorney in Fact for
Schweikert Enterprises, LLC
Greer, Stansfield & Turner, LLP
P.O. Box 1617
Covington, Georgia 30015-1617
(770) 786-4390

PUBLIC NOTICE #600864
1/7,14,21,28

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER, NEWTON COUNTY

Pursuant to the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Carey Foster Jr and Evangeline E Jackson** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Countrywide Bank, FSB, its successors and assigns dated 9/19/2008 and recorded in Deed Book 2648 Page 312 Newton County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$204,239.00, 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 February 6, 2024 (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 122 OF THE 10TH DISTRICT OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 66, BAILEY GLYNN SUBDIVISION, PHASE I, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 47, PAGES 89-98, NEWTON COUNTY RECORDS, WHICH PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY THIS REFERENCE AND MADE A PART OF THIS 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 **40 Vermilion Way, 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): C and E Family Trust or tenant or tenants.

Bank of America, N.A. is the entity or individual designated who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage.

Bank of America, N.A. Home Loan Assistance Dept. 7105 Corporate Drive Plano, TX 75024 (800) 669-6650

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.

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. as agent and Attorney in Fact for Carey Foster Jr and Evangeline E Jackson Aldridge Pite, LLP, Six Piedmont Center, 3525 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 700, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7400.

1016-5602A
THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 1016-5602A

PUBLIC NOTICE #600870
1/7,14,21,28

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER, NEWTON COUNTY

Pursuant to the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Kathlyn George and Eric George** to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. dated 10/30/2006 and recorded in Deed Book 2321 Page 432 and modified at Deed Book 2835 Page 478 Newton County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$174,185.00, 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 February 6, 2024 (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 125 of the 10th District, Newton County, Georgia, being Lot 349, Unit Ten of Trelawney Subdivision, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 42, Pages 209-211, Newton County, Georgia records, which recorded plat is incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this 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 **115 Havenwood 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): Eric George and Kathlyn George or tenant or tenants.

Wells Fargo Bank, NA is the entity or individual designated who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage.

Wells Fargo Bank, NA Loss Mitigation 3476 Stateview Boulevard Fort Mill, SC 29715 1-800-678-7986

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 agent and Attorney in Fact for Kathlyn George and Eric George Aldridge Pite, LLP, Six Piedmont Center, 3525 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 700, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7400.

1000-18955A
THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 1000-18955A

PUBLIC NOTICE #600874
1/7,14,21,28

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER, NEWTON COUNTY

Pursuant to the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Linda Petty** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Fremont Investment & Loan, its successors and assigns dated 12/31/2004 and recorded in Deed Book 1843 Page 148 and modified at Deed Book 2879 Page 372 Newton County, Georgia records; as

last transferred to or acquired by HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as Trustee for Fremont Home Loan Trust 2005-B, MortgageBacked Certificates, Series 2005-B, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$124,200.00, 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 February 6, 2024 (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 62 OF THE 8TH DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND BEING SHOWN AS LOT 129, AVERY PLACE SUBDIVISION, UNIT FIVE; BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED ON A PLAT OF SURVEY OF SAME FOR C & A DEVELOPMENT, INC. BY LOUIE D. PATRICK, R.L.S. NUMBER 1757, DATED DECEMBER 3, 2003, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 40, PAGES 200-202, PUBLIC RECORDS OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, WHICH PLAT IS BY REFERENCE THERETO INCORPORATED HEREIN AND MADE A PART HEREOF FOR A MORE PARTICULAR AND COMPLETE 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 **50 Oak Meadows, 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): Linda Petty 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 1661 Worthington Rd Suite 100 West Palm Beach, FL 33409 (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.

HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as Trustee for Fremont Home Loan Trust 2005-B, Mortgage-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-B as agent and Attorney in Fact for Linda Petty

Aldridge Pite, LLP, Six Piedmont Center, 3525 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 700, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7400.

1017-6576A

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PUBLIC NOTICE #600860
1/7,14,21,28

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER, NEWTON COUNTY

Pursuant to the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Shirley K. Russ and Eddie R Scofield** to The CIT GROUP/SALES FINANCING, INC. dated 3/22/2000 and recorded in Deed Book 912 Page 212 Newton County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, for Lehman ABS Manufactured Housing Contract Senior/Subordinate Asset-Backed Certificate Trust, Series 2001-B, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$90,369.00, 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 February 6, 2024 (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 Cedar Shoals District, Newton County, Georgia, and described as follows: BEGINNING at the intersection of Morningside Drive and a new road (North Lake Drive), and running in a southeasterly direction along the northeasterly side of Morningside Drive a distance of 158 feet to an iron pin, common corner pin of boundary of Walter Allgood's property line and Mrs. Dora G. Benedict's property line; thence running along Morningside Drive in a southeasterly direction a distance of 125 feet to an iron pin; thence in a northerly direction a distance of 230 feet along property of Mrs. Dora G. Benedict to an iron pin; thence in a northwesterly direction a distance of 99 feet along property of Mrs. Dora G. Benedict to an iron pin; thence in a southwesterly direction a distance of 230 feet along property line of Walter Allgood to beginning point. This being part of the land deeded by Howard Piper to John R. Benedict (husband of Mrs. Dora G. Benedict, now deceased). Mrs. Dora G. Benedict, heir to said property, conveyed by deed as recorded in Deed Book 50, Page 229. See also Deed Book 35, Page 449, public records of Newton County.

This being the same property conveyed by Mrs. Dora G. Benedict (Mrs. John R. Benedict) to Gerald E. Benedict by Warranty Deed dated April 16, 1960 and recorded in Deed Book 54, Page 284, public records of Newton County, Georgia.

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 **415 Morningside Drive, Covington, GA 30016-4646** 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): Shirley K. Russ and Eddie R Scofield or tenant or tenants.

Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing is the entity or individual designated who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage.

Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing PO Box 10826 Greenville, SC 29603-0826 1-800-365-7107

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 Trustee, for Lehman ABS Manufactured Housing Contract Senior/Subordinate Asset-Backed Certificate Trust, Series 2001-B as agent and Attorney in Fact for Shirley K. Russ and Eddie R Scofield

Aldridge Pite, LLP, Six Piedmont Center, 3525 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 700, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7400.

1263-3379A

THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 1263-3379A

PUBLIC NOTICE #600859
1/7,14,21,28

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER, NEWTON COUNTY

Pursuant to the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Wilfred Titley** to Bank of America, NA dated 1/31/2019 and recorded in Deed Book 3801 Page 104 Newton County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$100,000.00, 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 February 6, 2024 (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:

THE LAND HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO IS SITUATED IN THE CITY OF COVINGTON, COUNTY OF NEWTON, STATE OF GA, AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 42, 10TH DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 81, HERITAGE POINTE F/K/A HERITAGE AT WATER-SIDE, PHASE THREE, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 47, PAGES 83-85, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS, SAID PLAT BEING INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE THERETO.

BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED FROM SDC GWINNETT, LLC, A GEORGIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY TO WILFRED N. TITLEY AND ROSALIND I. TITLEY, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP BY DEED DATED AUGUST 7, 2018 AND RECORDED AUGUST 10, 2018 IN BOOK 3735, PAGE 217, INSTRUMENT NUMBER 009824, OF OFFICIAL RECORDS.

APN: 0015D00000081 000

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 **185 Lances 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): Wilfred N. Titley, Rosalind I. Titley and Troy Patrick Titley or tenant or tenants.

Bank of America, N.A. is the entity or individual designated who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage.

Bank of America, N.A. Home Loan Assistance Dept. 7105 Corporate Drive Plano, TX 75024 (800) 669-6650

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.

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. as agent and Attorney in Fact for Wilfred Titley Aldridge Pite, LLP, Six Piedmont Center, 3525

Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 700, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7400.
1016-5490A
THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 1016-5490A

PUBLIC NOTICE #600865
1/7,14,21,28

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF NEWTON
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

Pursuant to the power of sale contained in the Security Deed executed by **WAYNE MACKENZIE AND WHITNEY MACKENZIE** to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS GRANTEE, AS NOMINEE FOR LOAN SIMPLE, INC in the original principal amount of \$405,050.00 dated August 23, 2022 and recorded in Deed Book 4428, Page 761, Newton County records, said Security Deed being last transferred to NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING in Deed Book 4530, Page 576, 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 February 06, 2024, the property in said Security Deed and described as follows:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOTS 193, 194, AND 222 OF THE 8TH LAND DISTRICT OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA AND BEING SHOWN AS LOT 10 OF RIVER BIRCH SUBDIVISION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THAT PLAT OF SURVEY BY PATRICK AND ASSOCIATES, INC., CERTIFIED BY LOUIE D. PATRICK, GEORGIA R.L.S. NO. 1757; SAID PLAT BEING DATED JUNE 14, 2006 AND RECORDED AT PLAT BOOK 45, PAGES 88-90, PUBLIC RECORDS OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA; SAID PLAT BY REFERENCE THERETO BEING INCORPORATED HEREIN AND MADE A PART HEREOF FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF SAID PROPERTY.

LESS AND EXCEPT: ANY PORTION OF THE CAPTIONED PROPERTIES THAT MAY BE WITHIN THE RIGHT OF WAY OF BOUNDS OF HAMMOCK DRIVE.

SAID PROPERTY BEING KNOWN AS **85 HAMMOND DRIVE, COVINGTON**, GEORGIA IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF NUMBERING PROPERTIES IN NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA.

Said property being known as: 85 HAMMOCK DR COVINGTON, GA 30016

To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, the party or parties in possession of said property is/are WAYNE MACKENZIE AND WHITNEY MACKENZIE 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:

NEWREZ LLC D/B/A Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing

75 Beattie Place, Suite 300
Greenville, SC 29601
866-825-2174

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.

NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING,
as Attorney-in-Fact for
WAYNE MACKENZIE AND WHITNEY MACKENZIE
Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC
13010 Morris Rd.
Suite 450
Alpharetta, GA 30004
Phone: 470.321.7112
Firm File No. 23-164638 - LIV

PUBLIC NOTICE #600862
1/7,14,21,28

Juvenile Court

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE INTEREST OF:
Melanie Alice Forkey
Christopher Rippley HardmanSEX: Female
SEX: Male DOB: 12/10/21
DOB: 12/18/15
Case #107-23J-0685
Case #107-23J-0686
Minor Children Under 18 Years of Age

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PARTIES OF PETITION FOR PERMANENT GUARDIANSHIP

You are hereby notified that a Petition for Permanent Guardianship was filed in the Juvenile Court of Newton County by the Georgia Department of Human Services, by and through its agent Newton County Department of Family and Children Services (hereinafter " Department") regarding the children named above born to Tori Nicole Hardman on the date above listed.

A copy of the Petition for Permanent Guardianship in reference to the above-named children may be obtained from the Clerk's office located at the Newton County Judicial Center, during business hours. The Department has nominated Donald Shawn Hardman to be appointed as the permanent guardian of the children, Melanie Alice Forkey and Christopher Rippley

Hardman, pursuant to O.C.G.A. §15-11-240. The Department is also seeking to have Donald Shawn Hardman granted with additional powers set forth in O.C.G.A. §29-2-22(b) for the children, Melanie Alice Forkey and Christopher Rippley Hardman.

If you have any objections to either the establishment of a permanent guardianship, or to the selection of Donald Shawn Hardman as permanent guardian, or both, you must file a written objection setting forth the grounds of any such objection with this Court within ten (10) days of the date you are personally served; or within fourteen (14) days of the date that notice was mailed to you; or within ten (10) days following the date of the second publication of this citation. All pleadings must be signed before a notary public or the Clerk of this Court. A hearing on this Petition shall be held in the Juvenile Courtroom, Horace J. Johnson, Jr. Judicial Center, located at 1132 Usher Street N.W., Covington, Georgia 30014, on the 19th day of March, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.

The permanent guardianship order(s) shall remain in effect for said children until each child reaches the age of eighteen (18), becomes emancipated, or until further order of the Court. The permanent guardianship order(s) will not be subject to review by the Court except as provided in O.C.G.A. §15-11-244 and a parent's right to visitation may be restricted. The permanent guardian(s) shall have the rights and duties of a permanent guardian as provided in O.C.G.A. §29-2-21, O.C.G.A. §29-2-22, and O.C.G.A. §29-2-23 and shall take the oath required of a guardian as provided in O.C.G.A. §29-2-24

Clerk,

Juvenile Court of Newton County

PUBLIC NOTICE #600922
1/21,28

Name Changes

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

MABELLE JOBEH

Plaintiff,

v

PORTER BEMBER

Defendant,

ACTION NO.
2023-CV-2672-3

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO PORTER BEMBER
100 CAVALIER CROSSING
LITHONIA GA

By order of the Court for service by publication dated DECEMBER 19, 2023 you are hereby notified that on NOVEMBER 14, 2023 (date of filing), MABELLE JOBEH (plaintiff) filed suited against you for MINOR NAME CHANGE You are required to file an answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for publication with the clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County and to serve a copy of the answer upon the plaintiff (if pro se) or upon the plaintiff's attorney (if represented). Witness, the Honorable LAYLA H. ZON Judge of the Superior Court of Newton County.

This the 20th day of DECEMBER 2023

PUBLIC NOTICE #600863
1/7,14,21,28

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

In re the Name Change of:
Julie Ann Price
Petitioner.

Civil Action Case Number SUCV2023003030

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF ADULT

Julie Ann Price filed a petition in the Superior Court of Newton County on December 29, 2023, to change the name from: **Julie Ann Price to Julie Ann Price Tucker**

, Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after the Petition was filed.

Dated: Feb 2, 2023

Name: Julie Ann Price
Address:80 Pebble Lane
Covntngton, GA 30016
juliethepriceisright@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE #600869
1/7,14,21,28

Public Hearings

Notice
City of Porterdale Public Hearing

Place Porterdale City Hall
2800 Main Street1 Porterdale, GA 30014

Date & Time Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 6:30pm
Purpose
Application for full pouring, liquor, beer, wine, Sunday sales

Applicants
Julie Freeman Chris Freeman
Business Name
Yellow River Ale House

Business Address
2001 Main Street, Porterdale, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #600908
1/14,21

VARIANCE PETITION

Georgia, Newton County

A PETITION (VAR24-000001) HAS BEEN FILED WITH THE NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS FOR A VARIANCE FOR THE PROPERTY BELONGING TO:

ADRIAN R PAGE

WHOSE SUBJECT PROPERTY ADDRESS/LOCATION IS SNAPPING SHOALS RD & SNAPPING SHOALS RD,

CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 1.1 & 8.98 ACRES

AND BEING ON TAX MAP & PARCELS 0019 013B & 0019 013.

APPLICANT IS REQUESTING A VARIANCE TO:

1. REDUCE THE PERIMETER BUFFER FOR MINI WARE-HOUSES TO 75’

ON EASTERN AND SOUTHERN BOUNDARIES.

2. REQUEST TO REDUCE THE SIDEWALKS TO 0’

ON BOUNDARIES ADJACENT TO HWY 212

AND SNAPPING SHOALS RD.

3. WAIVE THE SIDEWALKS ALONG SNAPPING SHOALS RD.

THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE:

22ND, DAY OF FEBRUARY 2024 AT 7:00 P.M.

THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE NEWTON COUNTY HISTORIC COURTHOUSE, LOCATED AT 1124 CLARK ST, COVINGTON, GEORGIA 30014.

THOSE HAVING CONCERNS ABOUT THIS PETITION SHOULD ATTEND THE MEETING.

PUBLIC NOTICE #600936
1/21

VARIANCE PETITION
Georgia, Newton County

A PETITION (VAR24-000002) HAS BEEN FILED WITH THE NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS FOR A VARIANCE FOR THE PROPERTY BELONGING TO:

DOUGLAS MERREL NORTON &SUSAN NORTON

WHOSE SUBJECT PROPERTY ADDRESS/LOCATION IS 50 MCDONALD RD, CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 59.51 ACRES AND BEING ON TAX MAP & PARCEL 0088 012B.

APPLICANT IS REQUESTING A VARIANCE TO: ALLOW THE ACCESS PORTION OF THE LOT TO BE MORE THAN 300 FT IN LENGTH.

THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE:

22ND, DAY OF FEBRUARY 2024 AT 7:00 P.M.

THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE NEW-

TON COUNTY HISTORIC COURTHOUSE, LOCATED AT 1124 CLARK ST, COVINGTON, GEORGIA 30014. THOSE HAVING CONCERNS ABOUT THIS PETITION SHOULD ATTEND THE MEETING.

PUBLIC NOTICE #600933
1/21

Public Notice

BIG& HEAVY EQUIPMENT SERVICE LLC 110 OXFORD WEST DR, OXFORD GA 30054 (770)882-9928

Has filed with Magistrate court of Newton County, Georgia for Mechanic's lien notice to foreclose lien

2003 CHEVY C450
IGBE4E1183F511203
RB-5821

1999 FORD F350SD XL
1FTSW30F6XED74994
JBX-3775

PUBLIC NOTICE #600889
1/14,21

CITY OF COVINGTON
NOTICE of PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS hereby given, per the City of Covington's Code of Ordinances Chapter 16.52.270, that the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) will hold a meeting on Wednesday, February 7, 2024 @ 6 PM at the City Hall Council Chambers, 2116 Stallings Street, Covington, GA. Purpose of this meeting is for the HPC to consider the submitted applications below for a Certificate of Appropriateness at the following property:

A. COA# PMOD24-0001

Location: 2101 Washington St., TMP# C026 0020 002

Owner/Applicant: Covington Square Preservation, LP

Request: To obtain reapproval of exterior modifications that include a change of the chain link fencing on Reynolds St. to ornamental steel fencing, install new LED lighting around the parking area, replace existing storefront (first floor) and glass block windows (floors 2-6) with new storefront in both locations, replace existing aluminum sliding windows with new vinyl windows & multiple renovations replacing existing materials with similar matching materials (parking, dumpster enclosure, masonry, EIFS, roof, PTAC's & entry canopy). Original approval was granted by the HPC on 1.5.22.

B. COA# PMAJ23-0041, PMAJ23-0042, PMAJ23-0043 & PMAJ23-0044

Locations: 5186, 5234, 5355 King St., & 4127 Pemberton Dr., TMP #s: C011A 007, C011A 016, C011A 038, & C011A 052

Owner/Applicant: Q Dorchester Holdings, LLC / Rivermoore Partners, LLC

Request: To construct new residential homes on Lot #s 7, 16, 38, & 52, within the Dorchester Place Community

C. COA# PMAJ23-0054, PMAJ23-0055, PMAJ23-0056, PMAJ23-0057, PMAJ23-0058 & PMAJ23-0059

Locations: 5192, 5244, 5363, 5349, 5281 King St. & 4135 Pemberton Dr.,

TMP#s: C011A 008, C011A 017, C011A 036, C011A 039, C011A 048, & C011A 051

Owner/Applicant: Q Dorchester Holdings, LLC / Rivermoore Partners, LLC

Request: To construct new residential homes on Lot #s 8, 17, 36, 39, 48, & 51, within the Dorchester Place Community

D. COA# PMAJ23-0065, PMAJ23-0066, PMAJ23-0067, PMAJ23-0068 & PMAJ23-0069

Locations: 5220, 5258, 5361, 5321 King St., and 4147 Pemberton Dr., TMP#s: C011A 015, C011A 018, C011A 0037, C011A 041, & C011A 050

Owner/Applicant: Q Dorchester Holdings, LLC / Rivermoore Partners, LLC

Request: To construct new residential homes on Lot #s 15, 18, 37, 41, & 50 within the Dorchester Place Community

E. COA# - PMAJ23-0045, PMAJ23-0046, PMAJ23-0047, PMAJ23-0048, PMAJ23-0049, PMAJ23-0050, PMAJ23-0051, PMAJ23-0052, & PMAJ23-0053.

Locations: 5156, 5208, 5360, 5384, 5397, 5381, 5315, 5289 King St., & 4119 Pemberton

Dr., TMP#s: C011A 002, C011A 012, C011A 021, C011A 025, C011A 029, C011A 033, C011A 042, C011A 047, & C011A 053

Owner/Applicant: Q Dorchester Holdings, LLC / Rivermoore Partners, LLC

Request: To construct new residential homes on Lot #s 2, 12, 21, 25, 29, 33, 42, 47, & 53 within the Dorchester Place Community

ALL INTERESTED parties are invited to participate, meeting will be held in person. For additional information, contact P&D Dept. at 770-385-2178 or rcoriswell@cityofcovington.org

PUBLIC NOTICE #600927
1/21

IN THE STATE COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

VALERIE PRINCE,
Plaintiff,

vs.

LAURA EMERY,
Defendant

civil action file
no sucv2023000576

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

To: Laura Emery

You are hereby notified that the above-styled action seeking damages was filed against you in the Superior Court of Newton County on March 8, 2023, and that by reason of an Order

allowing, publication entered by the Court on the December 20, 2023, you are hereby commanded and required to file with the Clerk of Court and serve upon Sandra M. Davis, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 2330 Scenic Hwy, S., Suite 300, Snellville, Georgia 30078, an Answer to the Complaint within sixty (60) days of December 20, 2023.

Witness the Honorable Layla H. Zon, Judge of the Superior Court of Newton County. This 20th day of December, 2023

PUBLIC NOTICE #600830
12/31-1/7,14,21

LOGIC AND ACCURACY TESTING PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the logic and accuracy testing on the absentee advance voting units for

the March 12, 20243 will begin at 9:00am on January 22, 2024. Testing will continue from day to day until complete and members of the public are entitled to be present during testing. Said testing and preparation will be conducted at 1113 Usher Street Covington, Ga 30014.

PUBLIC NOTICE #600920
1/21

MANSFIELD ZONING PUBLIC HEARING, FEBRUARY 12, 2024, 6:30 PM, MANSFIELD COMMUNITY CENTER, ON REQUEST TO REZONE 372 / 378 SEWELL RD FROM COUNTY AGRICULTURAL TO CITY AGRICULTURAL, TO COMPLETE A RECENT ANNEXATION.

Mansfield has received a request to rezone 372 / 378 Sewell Rd, Tax parcel M129 046 / 046A from County Agricultural to City Agricultural, to complete a recent Annexation process and ensure full legal compliance. Per OCGA Title 36 and the Zoning Ordinance and Map, a Public Hearing will be held by the Council February 12, 2024, 6:30 PM, Mansfield Community Center, 3158 Hwy 11 S. (PO Box 35), Mansfield, GA 30055, to solicit public comment on this. A decision will be made on this by the Mayor and Council on said date or a later date to be announced at said hearing.

All persons having an interest should be at this public hearing to voice their interest and provide comments for or against. Interests or concerns may also be submitted by letter via mail to City Hall or via email by 5 PM the date of hearing. Copies of the Request and the Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map are available for review and inspection by the public. They are available hard copy or electronically via email csmallwood@mansfieldga.gov or by US mail. Call 770-786-7235 or email for details.

By: Clerk Crystal Smallwood

PUBLIC NOTICE #600937
1/21

NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS / REGISTRATION

Public Notice of Voting Polling Place Changes
The Newton county Board of elections and Registration proposes to change certain polling locations, as listed below. A meeting to approve the final order adopting these changes is scheduled to take place on (February 8, 2024). Any person with questions regarding these polling place changes may contact Angela White-Davis, Director, Newton County Elections and Registration. Office at 770 – 784- 2055 or via email at elections@co.newton.ga.us.
Notice of Changes to Election Day Polling Places.
The Newton County Board of Elections and Registration does hereby provide notice, as required in O.C.G.A 21-2-265(A) of the proposed polling place changes of the Election Day precinct Rocky Plains from Higher Praise Tabernacle Church 3915 Highway 162 Covington, Ga 30016 to Harvest Church 2075 Highway 212 Covington, Ga 30016.

PUBLIC NOTICE #600921
1/21,28

NOTICE OF INCORPORATION

Notice is given that articles of incorporation that will incorporate **D AGUILAR 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 28 HEMLOCK ST PORTERDALE GA 30014 and its initial registered agent at such address is

PUBLIC NOTICE #600894
1/14,21

NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY, STATE OF GEORGIA

CAROLYN VASON AND ADRIENNE N. YOUNG v. UNKNOWN HEIRS OF NELSON D. ENGLISH, JR.; CITY OF COVINGTON and NEWTON COUNTY.

CIVIL ACTION FILE NO. SUCV2023001521

To: Unknown Heirs of Nelson D. English, Jr.

You are hereby notified pursuant to Order of Newton County Superior Court Judge G. Kevin Morris, entered December 15, 2023, that a Petition to Quiet Title with the above referenced style was filed on July 5, 2023, in the Newton County Superior Court by Carolyn Vason and Adrienne N. Young (“Petitioners”). The Petition, if granted, will declare Petitioners to be the fee simple owners of that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Newton County, Georgia, and fully described at Exhibit “A” to the Petition. You are hereby given notice of this action and directed to O.C.G.A. § 9-11-4(f)(1)(C) which commands you to file with the Clerk of Superior Court of Newton County and serve upon Petitioners’ attorney, Allison C. Jett, an answer within 60 days of the date of the Order referenced above.

PUBLIC NOTICE #600895
1/21,28-2/4,11

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Social Circle Planning and Corridor Commission will hold a Public Hearing on January 23, 2024, at 6:00pm at the Social Circle Community Room, 138 E Hightower Trail, for the following items:

1. Darshan Patel is requesting a Special Use for a Fuel Station at 1511, 1515, and 1521 N Cherokee Rd, also known as Tax Parcels SC120034, SC120028, and SC120029.
2. Darshan Patel is requesting a variance from Section 3.3.13.A.1 of The Unified Development Code for a Fuel Station closer than 2,500 feet to an existing fuel station at 1511, 1515, and 1521 N Cherokee Rd, also known as Tax Parcels SC120034, SC120028, and SC120029.
3. Val Adkins is requesting Changes in Conditions to amend the architectural standards, replace the pool with a splash pad, and remove the fountain in the stormwater pond for Conner Springs Subdivision at 353 Spring St, also known as Tax Parcel SC170040.
4. Amendments to the Unified Development Code to include the Mixed-Use Business Park zoning designation.

The City of Social Circle Mayor & Council will hold a Public Hearing on February 20, 2024, at 6:30 pm at the Social Circle Community Room, 138 E Hightower Trail.

Applications & specific description of properties are available for viewing at the Social Circle Community Development Department, 166 N Cherokee Rd, daily 8:30am – 4:30pm, M-F, 770-464-2380. All people interested in these matters are invited to the meetings.

PUBLIC NOTICE #600825
12/24,31-1/7,14,21,28-2/4,11,18

PUBLIC NOTICE
SANITARY SEWER OVERFLOW

DATE OF SPILL: January 12, 2024
LOCATION OF SPILL: 10192 Covington Bypass
Covington Ga. 30014
RECEIVING WATER: Dried Indian Creek

DURATION OF SPILL: 1 Hour
ESTIMATED VOLUME DISCHARGED: 5631 gal-
lons
CAUSE OF SPILL: Mechanical failure of equipment

CORRECTIVE ACTION: Ensure all equipment is function properly prior to start up.
INFORMATION: For further information, please contact the Water Reclamation Department:
Jody Morrell @ 770-385-2032 or Robert Barber @ 678-414-1434

PUBLIC NOTICE #600926
1/21

STATE BOARD MEMBER TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING

February 7, 2024

Lisa Kinnemore to Host
State Board of Education Fourth District Public Hearing

The State Board of Education will hold a public hearing for citizens in the Fourth Congressional District on Wednesday, February 7, 2024. The meeting will be held from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Atlanta Area School for the Deaf, 890 N. Indian Creek Drive, Clarkston, GA 30021.

The purpose of the hearing is to hear comments from interested citizens and educators within the congressional district regarding the performance and problems of public education. Persons wishing to speak should sign in upon arrival.

The Georgia Department of Education does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to, access to, or operations of its programs, services, or activities. Individuals who need assistance or auxiliary aids for participation in this public forum are invited to make their needs known to Geraldine Price at gprice@doe.k12.ga.us no later than 72 hours before the scheduled event.

PUBLIC NOTICE #600923
1/21,28

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF NEWTON

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Newton County Grand Jury for the January 2024 - March 2024 Term, not less than sixty (60) days after the second publication of this notice, shall select two (2) individual members and (1) alternate member, who are otherwise qualified to serve as a member of the Newton County Board of Equalization. This member shall be appointed to serve the term of January 01, 2024 to December 31, 2026.

Linda D. Hays, Clerk Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia

PUBLIC NOTICE #600890
1/14,21

TO: Gary Kilpatrick and any unknown/unnamed biological fathers of a child born to E.A. on May 22, 2023 in Clayton County, GA. Please note that a Petition for Termination of your Potential Parental Rights of the above referenced child has been filed in the Superior Court of Lowndes County. Any and all potential parental rights you may have with respect to this child will be lost unless, within thirty (30) days of receipt of this Notice, you: 1) file a petition to legitimate the child pursuant to O.C.G.A. 19-7-22; and 2) give notice of such filing to the Clerk of Superior Court of Lowndes County, Georgia and 3) give notice to attorney Sheriann H. Hicks at 368 South Perry Street, Lawrenceville, Georgia, 30046, shicks@shickslaw.com

PUBLIC NOTICE #600930
1/21,28-2/4

Public Sales Auctions

PUBLIC AUCTION

In accordance with GA law 40-11-19 the following described vehicles have been abandoned and are presently stored at Chancey’s Wrecker Service 4199 Old Atlanta Hwy. Covington Ga 30014. If not claimed these vehicles will be sold at public auction at 539 McDaniel Mill Rd SW Conyers Ga 30012 on February 6th, 2024 at 12 pm.

KIA SORRENTO Black	K	N	D	J	-
D733X65611270					
2006 Honda Accord Black	3	H	G	C	-
M56486G700671					
2020 Kia Soul Silver	K	N	D	-	
J23AU0L7001047					
2010 Nissan Versa Black	3	N	1	B	C
P0AL407938					
2008 Buick Lucerne Tan	1	G	4	H	-
D57238U112268					
2007 Toyota RAV4 Silver	J		T	-	
MZD31V875072472					
2004 Mazda Mazda3 Silver					
JM1BK143441139271					
2005 Nissan Altima					
1N4AL11D65N902638					
2012 Nissan Altima Gray					
1N4AL2AP3CN492930					
1982 Honda GOLDWING Black			1	H	F
0218CA207164					
1997 Ford Ranger Black	1		F	T	-
CR10A1VUB16857					
1997 Ford E-Series Cargo Silver					
1FDEE14L2VHA97448					
1999 Nissan Quest Silver	4	N	2	X	-
N11TX9D808099					
ENCLOSURE TRAILER White NO VIN PLATE					
1998 Honda Accord Black	1	H	G	C	G
5	6	4	X	-	
WA162870					
2007 Nissan Sentra White					
3N1AB61EX7L708722					
1990 Chrysler Le Baron Red	1		C	3	X
J4531LG423062					

PUBLIC NOTICE #600911
1/14,21

Public Sale / Auction

Notice is hereby given that Dixie Self Storage located at 1447 Access Road, Covington Ga. 30014. The Undersigned intend to sell household goods and Personal property to enforce imposed on said

property pursuant to the Georgia Self Storage Facility Act, Georgia Code Section 10-1-210 to 10-4-215

The undersigned will sell at Public Sale to the highest bidder on: Date: January 23rd
Time 11: AM
Unit # 7012 Name: Builders Solutions Inc.
Unit # 2010 Name: Tatus Campbell
Unit #2002 Name: Charles Edwards
Unit #3003 Name: Debbie Edwards
Unit #7013 Name: Debbie Edwards
Unit #4035 Name: Nicole Green
Unit # 8007 Name: Chase Hunter
Unit #1026 Name: Carrie Lester
Sale is subject to cancellation in the event of settlement.
Dixie Self Storage
770-787-3039

PUBLIC NOTICE #600898
14,21

ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE PETITION
ADVERTISEMENT

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

present location of the vehicles is: 125 Old Hwy 138 Loganville, GA 30052-4814

Anyone with an ownership interest in a vehicle listed herein may file an answer to the petition on or before: 02/02/24

Answer forms may be found in the Magistrate Court Clerk’s office located at: 1132 Usher St Room Covington, GA

Forms may also be obtained online at www.georgiamagistratecouncil.com.

Vehicle Make Year Model Vehi-
cle License# State Magistrate Court Case

Chrysler 2016 200	1	C	3	C	C	C	A	B	-
2GN184512 23-677AV									
Ford 2005 Taurus 1FAFP53U85A279741									
23-1353AV									
Toyota 2 0 1 9 R A V 4									
2T3W1RFV6KW009010 23-2914AV									
Chevrolet 2019 Silverado 2 G C									-
2CREGKX1185062 23-2915AV									
Nissan 2 0 2 0 M a x i m a									
1N4AA6CV5LC373670 23-2916AV									
Ford 2012 Transit NM0LS6ANXCT086518									
23-2917AV									
Cadillac2013 Escalade 1 G Y S 4 J E F									-
5DR224134 23-2918AV									
Ford 2017 F-250 1FT7W2BT3HED29354									
23-2919AV									
Jeep 2006 Grand 1J4HR48N46C118540									
23-2920AV									
Jeep 2014 Grand 1C4RJEBG7EC257349									
23-2921AV									
Kia 2008 Rondo KNAFG526X87172704									
23-2922AV									
Toyota 2013 Tacoma 5 T F T X									-
4GN9DX025025 23-2923AV									
Ford 2013 Econoline 1FTNE1EW3D									-
DA76594 23-2924AV									
Nissan 2013 Rogue J N 8 A S 5 M T X									-
DW550653 23-2925AV									
Kia 2022 Sportage K N D P M									-
CAC4N7975144 23-2326AV									
Jeep 2018 Cherokee 1 C 4 P J L L B									-
2JD542656 23-2927AV									
Infiniti 2002 I35 JNKDA31A22T019415									
23-2928AV									
Cadillac2009 CTS 1G6DU57V790157867									
23-2929AV									
Jeep 2014 Compass 1 C 4 N J C									-
BA3ED593363 23-2930AV									
Honda 2009 Accord 1 H G C									-
P26729A129861 23-2931AV									
Honda 2004 Accord 1 H G C									-
M56614A114262 23-2932AV									
BMW 2 0 0 8 6 series									
WBAAE53578CV91166 23-2933AV									
Ford 2012 Fusion 3FAHP0HAXCR394967									
23-2934AV									
Harley 2011 XL1200C 1 H D 1 L H									-
327BC440739 23-2935AV									
Toyota 2012 Camry 4 T 1 B F 1 F K									-
7CU171262 23-2936AV									
Ford 2008 Escape 1FMCU59H98KD99560									
23-2937AV									

PUBLIC NOTICE #600925
1/21,28

Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the location indicated: 6177 Jackson Hwy Covington, GA 30014 on 1/29/2024 @ 11:00AM

Abeola Duntin Scott	
1023	
bags, boxes, clothes, totes, chest, mannequin, hangers	
lekisha anderson	
1041	
chair, dryer, washer, bags, boxes, trophies, lamp, tv stand, air fryer, headboard	
Nicolette Brown	
1061	
couch, table, washer, dryer, books, boxes, wine cabinet, home decor, sports bag	
Bresha Cornelius	
1101	
chair, couch, dresser, tv boxes, bed frame boxes	
Jakia Mitchell	
1149	
bed, mattress, bags, boxes, clothes, shoes, vacuum, chair	
Jessica Callender	
A37	
tv, bags, boxes, sports equipment, totes, power tools, lawn mower, trophies, vacuum, gym equipment	
Nikkia Thornton	
J15	
boxes, pillows, hangers, comforter	
Kelsye Jackson	
L07	
clothes, pillows, blankets, mop	
Ebony Melvin	
M15	
bed, bags	

The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage-treasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any pur-

chase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.

PUBLIC NOTICE #600871
1/14,21

Notice of Public Sale of Personal Property: Notice is hereby given that Budget Self Storage, located at 6217 Hwy 278 NE, Covington, GA 30014; intends to sell the personal property according to the Georgia Self Storage Act, 10-4-210 through 10-4-215 to satisfy the owner’s lien.

All bids will be accepted online through www.storageauctions.com
StorageAuctions.com
StorageAuctions is the best place to find online self storage auctions. Search through an unlimited amount of auctions for free. Get text alerts about auctions you are bidding on. Always be the first in line for new auctions in your area.

www.storageauctions.com
The auction will end on or after the 6th January 2023, 11:00am. Budget Self Storage reserves the right to withdraw units from such a sale and reject any bid. Terms of sale are cash or money order only.

Michelle Shirley Unit A56 appears to contain: Tables, plastic bags, plastic containers, misc. boxes, misc. items, decor, clothing, suitcases, cleaning supplies, laundry baskets, toys.

Christopher, Unit B70 appears to contain: toolbox, auto parts, tools, tv’s, office desk, restaurant/ storage equipment, couches, shelving, mattress, box spring, bed frame, chairs, tables, decor, plastic bags, plastic containers, misc. boxes, exercising equipment, sports gear, cleaning supplies misc. items.

PUBLIC NOTICE #600907
1/14,21

PUBLIC AUCTION Notice is hereby given that Brown Bridge Storage (formerly Extra Storage Rental Spaces) located at 11471 Brown Bridge Road Covington, GA 30016, the undersigned intend to sell furniture, salon and office equipment, household goods, tools and personal effects to enforce a lien imposed on said property pursuant to the Georgia Self Storage Facility Act, Georgia Code Section 10-1-210 to 10-4-215. The undersigned will sell at Public Auction by competitive bidding to the highest bidder on Saturday, February 3, 2024 at 10:00 AM. CASH only will be accepted at the time of purchase. Unit 28 Crystal Houcharik –Unit 143 Daphney Blount – Unit 533 Brent Cole– Unit 602 Lois Campbell

Sale is subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party. We reserve the right to withdraw any unit from the sale. We also reserve the right to refuse any bid.

PUBLIC NOTICE #600906
1/14,21

Trade Names

TRADE NAME
REGISTRATION
AFFIDAVIT
GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

To whom it may concern:
Please be advised that **FORTUNE CAPITAL INVESTMENTS LLC** whose address is 5192 H DEARING ST NE, COVINGTON GA 30014 and, Is/are the owner(s) of the certain business now being carried on at 5192 H. DEARING ST, NE COVINGTON, GA 30014 in the following Trade Name, to wit FORTUNE TAX PROS and the nature of said business is INCOME TAX SERVICES

This statement is made in conformity with O.C.G.A. §10-1-490 et seq. requiring the filing of such statement with the Clerk of Superior Court of this county.

This 8TH day of JANUARY 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE #600909
1/14,21

TRADE NAME
REGISTRATION
AFFIDAVIT
GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

To whom it may concern:
Please be advised that **QI QIANG WEI** whose address is 320 HORIZON CT MCDONOUGH GA 30252 and, Is/are the owner(s) of the certain business now being carried on at 5340 HIGHWAY 205 #8 COVINGTON GA 30014 in the following Trade Name, to wit PEKING RESTAURANT and the nature of said business is CHINESE TAKEOUT RESTANRANT

This statement is made in conformity with O.C.G.A. §10-1-490 et seq. requiring the filing of such statement with the Clerk of Superior Court of this county.

This 3RD day of JANUARY 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE #600899
1/14,21