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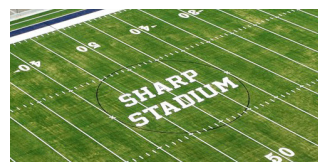
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HIS WORD

"So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child."

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Top 10 Sports Stories of 2023

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TOP 5 STORIES OF 2023



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1 Fire in the Covington Square area leaves local businesses devastated

STAFF REPORT

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At 9:37 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 25, Covington's fire department responded to a call on Hendricks Street. The building housing Shear Bliss caught fire, before spreading to New Shoez, Shelve Jean and The Dude Store and Barber Shop.

Though other businesses didn't catch fire, they were still impacted with smoke and water damage.

Covington's police department was first on the scene at 9:39 p.m. with Covington fire department

arriving at 9:41 p.m.

By 11:20 a.m. Saturday morning, the fire was fully extinguished.

In an interview with *The Covington News* on Monday, Aug. 28, Covington fire marshal and interim fire chief Joe Doss shared the latest update.

Doss said the investigation has been turned over to the state to avoid bias from those who responded to the scene.

"[The state] has done the investigation. We walked an arson canine dog," Doss said. "The dog did not respond on anything. But that being said, there was so much water

and so much stuff happening. It's a bad scene to try and investigate."

Despite the devastation of the fire, City of Covington community development director and public information officer Ken Malcom said the "tight-knit" community of Covington will offer aid to those affected by the fire.

"We'll rebuild and we'll move forward and we'll support these merchants that lost everything tonight the best we can," Malcom said. "We're a tight knit community and we'll help them pick things back up."

2 Bauer missing persons case

STAFF REPORT

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On Thursday, July 27, local law enforcement and the FBI conducted a search on a Porterdale property in connection to the disappearance of Morgan Bauer, who went missing in 2016.

The search, which officials said resulted in the retrieval of "items of evidentiary interest," involved multiple agencies, including Porterdale Police Department, Newton County Sheriff's Office, Peoria Police Department (Illinois), Atlanta Police Department, the GBI and the FBI.

Two suspects arrested in connection with the disappearance and death of Bauer, were indicted by a Superior

Court Grand Jury.

Both suspects, Jonathan Alexander Warren and Katelyn Grace Goble, face charges of malice murder, felony murder, aggravated assault, tampering with evidence and concealing the death of another. Warren is additionally charged with necrophilia.

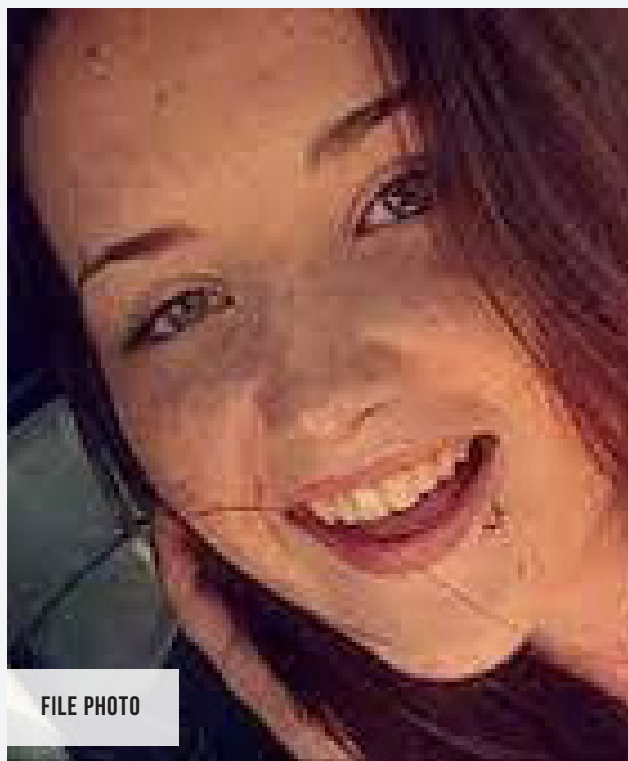
Warren and Goble were arrested in August after the Porterdale Police Department confirmed finding "items of evidentiary interest" during a search. The suspects were taken into custody in Los Angeles, California and Peoria, Illinois, respectively.

Bauer was last seen alive on Feb. 25, 2016 at the Citgo gas station on Hwy 278 in Covington, but shared a post to her Instagram account from the Yel-

low River Park in Porterdale on Feb. 26, 2016. She had moved to the Atlanta area from Aberdeen, South Dakota two weeks prior to her disappearance. She was 19.

Copies of the indictments obtained by *The Covington News* indicate Bauer's cause of death was strangulation, and alleges both suspects were responsible. The indictments further allege the suspects disposed of Bauer's body by dismembering it and burning it in an effort to eliminate evidence of the crime.

Goble and Warren have been extradited to Newton County.



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EVENT

NCSO hosts 2nd annual art exhibit

By EVAN NEWTON

News Editor

Art often is used as a way to tell a story. It is a way to creatively express one's self despite whatever trials and tribulations that someone may be going through.

On Dec. 21, 16 students of the Newton County Sheriff's Office art program got to tell their stories in the 2nd annual NCSO art exhibit.

Family and friends were on hand as inmate residents got to tell their stories through their artwork and the meaning and significance behind them.

NCSO workforce development program coordinator Tongela Smith hosted the event. Smith said that hosting an event like this allows



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the talents of the inmate-residents to shine.

"To offer an opportunity for several gifted individuals to come together and share their talents - as we are going to share their talents with you all

EXHIBIT CONTINUED ON A7

EDUCATION

Community members attend first listening session



PHILLIP B. HUBBARD

By PHILLIP B. HUBBARD

Managing Editor

Another aspect of Dr. Duke Bradley III's 90-day entry plan came to life on Thursday, Dec. 14. Bradley - Newton County Schools' superintendent - and members of the system's executive staff hosted the first of two community listening sessions.

It was held at Clements Middle School beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Bradley recognized the importance of having listening sessions and came out of the gate stressing that every topic was up for discussion.

"Community Listening Sessions are really vital to the work we're going to be doing going forward," Bradley said. "I want to make sure everyone understands that every word, every suggestion, every comment is going to be documented to-

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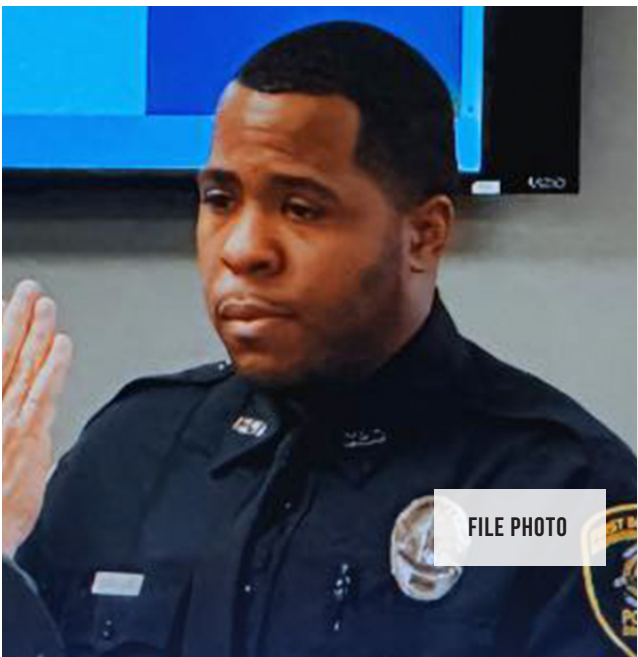
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3 Rivers continues road to recovery

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On the late hours May 23, officer Rashad Rivers of the Covington Police Department (CPD) was shot in the face while responding to a domestic call at the Oyo Hotel on Alcovy Rd. Rivers was rushed to Grady Memorial Hospital where he underwent surgery on his jaw. After four days in the hospi-

tal, Rivers was released and was picked up from the hospital by Lt. Daniel Digby. Digby described the moment as “special” when talking about how a moment of chaos turned into a story of inspiration. “Just knowing that, less than a week before that what he just went through. The chaos of that moment on Tuesday night and then Saturday we’ve moved past that to, not only is he going

home, but within a month or so he’ll be making a full recovery and hopefully back at work... it’s a good feeling,” Digby said. “After just the emotional roller coaster of these kinds of events, it’s like the dust has settled or that calm after the storm. It’s like, ‘Yes, we’ve been through a mess, but things are getting back right, settling down and he should be back with us soon.’”

4 Town Center celebrates growth

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Growth has taken center stage in Covington, and one of the leaders of the charge is the Covington Town Center. This year, the Town Center opened several businesses throughout the year, starting with Publix in January and ending with QuikTrip in December. A number of businesses such as Whataburger, Chick-Fil-A, Amici, Freddy’s and Zaxby’s have also opened their doors to the public, along with several others. Developer Harry Kitchen spoke with *The Covington News* multiple

times throughout the year to provide updates on the evergrowing development, stating the development is exactly how he envisioned it. “I think it’s exactly what we envisioned,” Kitchen said. “We invested a lot of money in the horizontal infrastructure – the roads, the walking trails, the sidewalks. What every community wants is a mixed use project that has the connectivity of all the parcels. The quality is what you bring – all the individual pieces fitting together and making a point of destination. I think we’ve achieved that. It’s a wonderful amenity for the community – it’ll draw from all over the region.” Going into 2024, the Town Center is

planning to start vertical construction on several townhomes as well as continue discussion with several “junior retail anchors” in hopes of adding them into the mix. Kitchen says that 2023 has been widely successful for the development, as he sees the Town Center becoming a legacy for Covington. “What really gives me full satisfaction when I go into Huey Magoo’s, or Amici, or any of these places is that these places are full and that they’re enjoying the variety that they have,” Kitchen said. “People seem to be thoroughly enjoying the selection we’ve brought to the community. This is really a legacy for Covington.”



5 Fuhrey retires, Bradley named new NCSS superintendent of schools

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Samantha Fuhrey officially retired as Newton County School System superintendent after 10 years of service. The first ever female superintendent for NCSS achieved numerous honors during her time as Superintendent, including being named as 2020 state superintendent of the year, a finalist for 2020 national superintendent of the year and leading NCSS to a graduation rate of 90 percent, just to name

a few. Fuhrey celebrated her retirement just hours before the June 22 board meeting with acting Mayor Steve Horton proclaiming that day as “Samantha Fuhrey Day.” Following a few months of interviews, the board of education unanimously voted on Dr. Duke Bradley III to become the new NCSS Superintendent at a special called meeting on Oct. 17. Bradley came to NCSS from Henry

County, where he served as the Henry County School System chief of staff. He officially entered office on Oct. 24. Bradley said this new role is a high honor to him and he looks forward to engaging with the entire community. “In a word, I am humbled,” Bradley said. “I think that the opportunity to serve this community is a high honor and I very much look forward to engaging with the community over the next several weeks and really throughout the duration of my administration.”

Happy New Year 2024

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JANUARY 2: CITY OF COVINGTON MEETING. 6:30 P.M. AT 2116 STALLINGS ST. NW.

JANUARY 8: PORTERDALE CITY COUNCIL MEETING. 6:30 P.M. AT PORTERDALE CITY HALL, 2800 MAIN ST.

JANUARY 8: OXFORD CITY COUNCIL MEETING. 7 P.M. AT OXFORD CITY HALL,

110 W CLARK ST, OXFORD, GA 30054.

JANUARY 8: SOCIAL CIRCLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING. 6:30 P.M. AT SOCIAL CIRCLE CITY HALL, AT 138 EAST HIGH-TOWER TRAIL.

JANUARY 9: NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING. 7 P.M. AT THE HISTORIC COURTHOUSE, 1124 CLARK ST.

JANUARY 16: NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING. 7 P.M. AT THE HISTORIC COURTHOUSE, 1124 CLARK ST.

JANUARY 16: CITY OF COVINGTON MEETING. 6:30 P.M. AT 2116 STALLINGS ST. NW.

JANUARY 16: NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION WORK

SESSION. 7 P.M. AT 2109 NEWTON DRIVE, NE.

JANUARY 22: OXFORD CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION. 6:30 P.M. AT OXFORD CITY HALL, 110 W CLARK ST, OXFORD, GA 30054.

JANUARY 23: NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING. 7 P.M. AT 2109 NEWTON DRIVE, NE.

NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA ANNUAL REPORT for 2011 SPLOST (as of 6/30/2023) <small>In compliance with O.C.G.A. 48-8-122</small>														
Projects	Year Approved	Original Estimated Cost	Other Funding Sources	Current Estimated Cost	Prior Years Expenditures	Fiscal Year 2023 Expenditures	Total Cumulative Expenditures	Estimated Completion Date	Project Completed in Fiscal Year 2023	Actual Completion Cost for Projects Completed Fiscal Year 2023	Project Behind Schedule	Project Underfunded	Excess Proceeds*	
Transportation/Roads	2011	\$ 17,280,860	\$ 105,250	\$ 17,383,110	\$ 17,386,110	\$ -	\$ 17,386,110	completed	N	-	N	N	-	
Detention Center - Debt Service	2011	\$ 3,000,000	\$ -	\$ 3,006,379	\$ 3,006,379	\$ -	\$ 3,006,379	completed	N	-	N	N	-	
Administration Bldg - Debt Service	2011	\$ 5,000,000	\$ -	\$ 5,007,880	\$ 5,007,880	\$ -	\$ 5,007,880	completed	N	-	N	N	-	
Judicial Center Expansion	2011	\$ 7,000,000	\$ 1,318,776	\$ 13,719,900	\$ 13,719,900	\$ -	\$ 13,719,900	completed	N	-	N	N	5,400,000	
Recreation: Parks & Facilities	2011	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 35,485	\$ 1,029,860	\$ 1,029,860	\$ -	\$ 1,029,860	completed	N	-	N	N	-	
Recreation: Miracle Field	2011	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,307,230	\$ 2,807,127	\$ 2,807,127	\$ -	\$ 2,807,127	completed	Y	-	N	N	-	
District 4 Recreation	2011	\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ 497,760	\$ 497,760	\$ -	\$ 497,760	completed	N	-	N	N	-	
Dist 4 Multi-Use (Walker's Bend)	2011	\$ 545,000	\$ -	\$ 540,465	\$ 540,465	\$ -	\$ 540,465	completed	N	-	N	N	-	
Cemetery Land	2011	\$ 55,000	\$ -	\$ 44,614	\$ 44,614	\$ -	\$ 44,614	completed	N	-	N	N	-	
Animal Control Facility	2011	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ 97,717	\$ 97,717	\$ -	\$ 97,717	completed	N	-	N	N	-	
Juvenile Court	2011	\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ 592,269	\$ 592,269	\$ -	\$ 592,269	completed	N	-	N	N	75,000.00	
Historical Jail	2011	\$ 1,200,000	\$ -	\$ 67,388	\$ 67,388	\$ -	\$ 67,388	2024	N	-	N	N	-	
Agricultural Center	2011	\$ 1,100,000	\$ 249,985	\$ 1,357,997	\$ 1,357,997	\$ -	\$ 1,357,997	completed	N	-	N	N	-	
Fire Station #8	2011	\$ 1,100,000	\$ 1,463,316	\$ 2,725,535	\$ 2,725,535	\$ -	\$ 2,725,535	completed	Y	-	N	N	-	
Emergency Room Expansion	2011	\$ 4,000,000	\$ -	\$ 4,000,000	\$ 4,000,000	\$ -	\$ 4,000,000	completed	N	-	N	N	-	
Landfill	2011	\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ 500,000	completed	N	-	N	N	-	
Public Works	2011	\$ 500,000	\$ 337,492	\$ 837,491	\$ 837,491	\$ -	\$ 837,491	completed	N	-	N	N	-	
Fleet Replacement	2011	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 1,250,000	\$ 3,736,470	\$ 3,736,470	\$ -	\$ 3,736,470	completed	N	-	N	N	-	
Fire Services Equipment	2011	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ 94,741	\$ 94,741	\$ -	\$ 94,741	completed	N	-	N	N	-	
Total Newton County		\$ 47,480,860	\$ 6,067,534	\$ 58,046,703	\$ 58,049,703	\$ -	\$ 58,049,703							
SPLOST Paid to Municipalities:	City of Oxford	2011	\$ 1,450,905	\$ -	\$ 1,450,905	\$ -	\$ 1,450,905							
	City of Porterdale	2011	\$ 977,882	\$ -	\$ 977,882	\$ -	\$ 977,882							
	Town of Newborn	2011	\$ 396,714	\$ -	\$ 396,714	\$ -	\$ 396,714							
	City of Covington	2011	\$ 8,798,999	\$ -	\$ 8,798,999	\$ -	\$ 8,798,999							
	City of Mansfield	2011	\$ 298,077	\$ -	\$ 298,077	\$ -	\$ 298,077							
Total Municipalities		\$ 11,922,577	\$ -	\$ 11,922,577	\$ 11,922,577	\$ -	\$ 11,922,577							
Total SPLOST Summary		\$ 59,403,437	\$ 6,067,534	\$ 69,969,280	\$ 69,972,280	\$ -	\$ 69,972,280							

NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA ANNUAL REPORT for 2017 SPLOST (as of 6/30/2023) <small>In compliance with O.C.G.A. 48-8-122</small>														
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Transportation	2017	\$ 18,330,793	\$ 4,208,130	\$ 22,858,923	\$ 9,336,796	\$ 8,905,108	\$ 18,241,904	2024	N	-	N	N	320,000	
Debt Service	2017	\$ 10,403,963	\$ 751,321	\$ 11,155,284	\$ 4,163,579	\$ 4,135,750	\$ 8,299,329	2026	N	-	N	N	-	
E911 Communication Co-occupied	2017	\$ 3,666,159	\$ 2,442,594	\$ 15,108,753	\$ 5,082,777	\$ 5,443,486	\$ 10,526,263	2024	N	-	N	N	9,000,000	
Westside Youth Facility	2017	\$ 495,427	\$ -	\$ 4,250,427	\$ 7,800	\$ 37,816	\$ 45,616	2024	N	-	N	N	3,755,000	
Senior Expansion	2017	\$ 1,783,537	\$ 22,507	\$ 2,931,044	\$ 1,714,268	\$ 996,090	\$ 2,710,358	2024	N	-	N	N	1,125,000	
Recreation Dept Existing Facilities	2017	\$ 990,854	\$ -	\$ 990,854	\$ 653,827	\$ 331,103	\$ 984,930	completed	Y	984,930	N	N	-	
District 2 Improvements	2017	\$ 495,426	\$ 32,255	\$ 1,277,681	\$ 537,032	\$ 740,644	\$ 1,277,676	completed	Y	1,277,676	N	N	750,000	
Springhill Park Facility	2017	\$ 495,426	\$ -	\$ 5,995,426	\$ 6,985	\$ 454,538	\$ 461,523	2024	N	-	N	N	5,500,000	
Porterdale Park Upgrades	2017	\$ 148,628	\$ -	\$ 148,628	\$ 65,560	\$ -	\$ 65,560	2025	N	-	N	N	-	
District 4 Existing Park Upgrades	2017	\$ 495,427	\$ 5,166	\$ 500,593	\$ 363,155	\$ 143,362	\$ 506,517	completed	Y	506,517	N	N	-	
Chimney Park	2017	\$ 99,085	\$ -	\$ 99,085	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	2024	N	-	N	N	-	
Yellow River Trail	2017	\$ 1,337,652	\$ -	\$ 1,337,652	\$ 74,060	\$ 207,375	\$ 281,435	2024	N	-	N	N	-	
Library	2017	\$ 495,427	\$ -	\$ 495,427	\$ 228,368	\$ 267,060	\$ 495,428	completed	Y	495,428	N	N	-	
Animal Control Facility & Equipment	2017	\$ 1,199,488	\$ 468,767	\$ 1,668,255	\$ 1,668,256	\$ -	\$ 1,668,256	completed	N	-	N	N	-	
Washington Street	2017	\$ 495,427	\$ 75,000	\$ 970,427	\$ 759,850	\$ 206,503	\$ 966,352	completed	Y	966,352	N	N	400,000	
Sheriff's Office Upgrade	2017	\$ 2,972,561	\$ -	\$ 2,972,561	\$ 2,972,813	\$ -	\$ 2,972,813	completed	N	-	N	N	-	
Solid Waste	2017	\$ 1,387,195	\$ -	\$ 1,387,195	\$ 180,695	\$ 408,347	\$ 589,042	2024	N	-	N	N	-	
Fleet Replacement	2017	\$ 3,467,988	\$ 51,500	\$ 3,519,488	\$ 3,019,480	\$ 491,843	\$ 3,511,323	2024	N	-	N	N	-	
Fire Services	2017	\$ 792,683	\$ -	\$ 942,683	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	2024	N	-	N	N	150,000	
Economic Development (IDA)	2017	\$ 990,854	\$ -	\$ 990,854	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	2024	N	-	N	N	-	
Total Newton County		\$ 50,544,000	\$ 8,057,240	\$ 79,601,240	\$ 30,835,301	\$ 22,769,023	\$ 53,604,324			4,230,903			21,000,000	
SPLOST Paid to Municipalities:	City of Covington	2017	\$ 9,425,761	\$ -	\$ 15,806,400	\$ 11,747,402	\$ 4,058,998	\$ 15,806,400						
	City of Oxford	2017	\$ 1,500,965	\$ -	\$ 2,544,242	\$ 1,880,562	\$ 663,680	\$ 2,544,242						
	City of Porterdale	2017	\$ 2,436,714	\$ -	\$ 3,144,861	\$ 2,694,349	\$ 450,511	\$ 3,144,861						
	City of Newborn	2017	\$ 507,000	\$ -	\$ 793,725	\$ 611,323	\$ 182,402	\$ 793,725						
	City of Mansfield	2017	\$ 385,560	\$ -	\$ 603,198	\$ 464,749	\$ 138,450	\$ 603,198						
Total Municipalities		\$ 14,256,000	\$ -	\$ 22,892,426	\$ 17,398,384	\$ 5,494,042	\$ 22,892,426							
Total SPLOST Summary		\$ 64,800,000	\$ 8,057,240	\$ 102,493,666	\$ 48,233,686	\$ 28,263,065	\$ 76,496,751							



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2023 and beyond

What a roller coaster this year has been.

If you will allow me to do so, I'd like to share my 2023 and some of my resolutions for 2024.

The first three months of 2023 were "the uncertain months."

I found myself starting my last semester of college and trying to find out what would be next. I had no plans after college and the only thing I had going for me as a job was my bouncer position that I held for years.

I had many sleepless nights, worrying about my future. It was very hard on me and a lot of people in my inner circle could tell it, too.

In April, the door finally opened - at least for the next



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few months - as far as what would be next. An opportunity with my hometown newspaper, *The Monticello News*. My role would be to strengthen their digital media presence, and initially, do some minor reporting and column writing for the summer in an internship role.

Once May rolled around, I did something that at times I didn't even think I could do - I graduated college.

It is no secret to anyone who knows me that I was not the best student. I consider myself an intelligent person and I would like to believe I have some sense, but school was just

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DICK YARBROUGH COLUMNIST

Don't look now, but here comes 2024

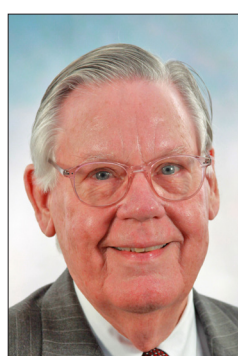
Wait a minute! What was that just blew by me? It looks like 2023 but it has gone so fast I hardly saw it. Okay, I know we have a few days left in the year, but by the time I write this and you read it, it will probably be July. Or at least it seems that way.

I remember sitting in Ms. Bolton's fifth grade class at S. R. Young in College Park and thinking the school day would never end. The day began around 8 a.m. as I recall and several eons later we would have morning recess, go back inside and wait another eon or two for lunch. Then more hours would drag by until afternoon recess followed by a few more eons and then finally the school day would be over, only to be repeated the next day. Today? Whoosh!

Maybe it is just as well that time flies these days. About the best thing I can say for 2023 is that we have survived it (as of this writing.) Ironically, we may look back on these days fondly when we are neck deep in 2024. I'm sure I don't need to remind you that it is a (shudder!) presidential election year.

I have been around the political block more than a few times but I don't ever recall a presidential election where both major candidates are two old codgers with approval ratings currently in the mid-40s. This is the best we can do?

I won't make any predictions on who will win in November, which in political terms is a couple of light years away. Besides, people still remind me of my prediction that there was no way an obscure Republican



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state senator from Bonaire would ever beat the Democratic incumbent in the 2002 Georgia gubernatorial election. We all know how that turned out.

But does this deter your intrepid scribe from buffing up the ol' crystal ball and boldly looking into

the future? Need you ask? Danger is my middle name. (Actually, Richard is my middle name but I am trying to make a point here.)

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In 2024, I predict that the five members of the Georgia Public Service Commission will announce they've had a change of heart and instead of making customers pay \$7.5 billion for Georgia Power's Plant Vogtle cost overruns, they will absorb the cost themselves through a payroll deduction plan. "It's only fair," their press release will say, "we are the ones that mismanaged the project along with Georgia Power, not the rate payers." The cost to each commissioner will come to \$1.5 billion. Or \$125 million per month.

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KASEY JORDAN LOCAL COLUMNIST

Ridiculous Impossibilities

Two years ago I thought it would be a great idea to take three of my children skiing for the first time while we were in Wisconsin. After arriving at the ski lodge, we bundled up in multiple layers, hats, gloves, and scarves, and grabbed our rented ski boots. As they all struggled to get their feet into the boots, their body temperatures started to rise, and their cheeks started to flush with color, matching the level of frustration they were feeling towards their boots.

I went to each child to shove their high-arched feet into the awkwardly shaped boots, and we started to throw off hats and scarves to avoid combustion. After pushing the last high arch through the narrow opening of the boot, we finally got to move to the next room to get our skis. We again bumbled our way from that room, each of us balancing two skis, two ski poles and the clothing we had ripped from our bodies in the heat of the building, and opened the door as the freezing wind came and froze our flushed faces. On went all the scarves and hats that had come off as we came to the next step of clicking our boots into our skis. One child fell over into the snow, another declared that they couldn't do it, while the last child burst into tears.

It was at this moment that I started to question my sanity. Who takes three chil-



KASEY JORDAN

dren skiing and doesn't sign them up for lessons? Umm, and did I mention that the last time I had been skiing was the year 2000? It sounded like such a great idea, and in my mind, we would jump on the ski lift, I would give instructions to my eager students, we would hop off and after a few falls and hiccups, we would glide down the beautiful snow covered hills. Reality proved that to be a ridiculously ungrounded dream.

There are so many more stories of falling down into the snow, tumbling down the bunny slope and throwing ski poles in frustration, but at the end, each junior skier made it down the bunny slope at least once and the child who started out crying was the best at being able to pick himself up out of the snow, click his boots into his skis and give it one more try. His falling was not in vain.

This story is the perfect example of how knowing about something—in this case skiing—does not equate to knowing how to do something or teach something well. How often do we learn new facts or tidbits of information, but we don't do anything with them in our lives? Lately I have been facing this reality head on about prayer.

We see Jesus going to prayer constantly. He's God, but He models for us that taking

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time to be with the Father is necessary. In the New Testament, it also tells us to pray without ceasing (Thessalonians 5:16). It does not sound like to pray or not to pray is the question, but how we are to pray.

Learning about the various kinds of prayer and about the lives of the saints and their connection with God in prayer is helpful. I have been going through the Catechism of the Catholic Church this year and I have read beautiful words like “In the New

Covenant, prayer is the living relationship of the children of God with their Father who is good beyond measure, with his Son Jesus Christ and with the Holy Spirit (Paragraph 2565).”

St. Therese of Lisieux said it even more passionately, “For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy.”

I can read these words and marvel at the fact that God loves us so much that he is willing to enter into relationship with us.

And I can admire and acknowledge that I need this kind of relationship with my loving Father.

BUT if that is where it stays, it is useless. It is a ridiculously ungrounded dream that sounds great in the head and falls on its face in reality. We can’t just appreciate that we have prayer, we have to pray. We have to take our constantly distracted mind and quiet down and be willing to sit with God—not just to ask for what we want or what we should do, but to love Him so deeply that to sit with Him in silence is enough.

And I can’t just talk about prayer with my children either. I need to pray with them. Not just force it down their throat without answering their questions of “Why do we have to do this,” or, “Didn’t we already go to church this weekend??” I need to share with them the joy of being in God’s presence and that just like in skiing, you fall, but you get back up. And most importantly, to do all of this with a joy that wells up and makes life without prayer a ridiculous impossibility.

Kasey Jordan is a former missionary and lives in Monticello.

City of Oxford, Georgia
Special Purpose Sales Tax Report
As of June 30, 2023

	Estimated Project Cost *	Prior Year Expenses **	Current Year Expenses ***	Total Expenses	Remaining Project Expenses	Project Complete	Estimated Completion Date
2017 Special Purpose Sales Tax Projects:							
Water and Sewer Improvements	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ 500,000	\$ -	YES	Complete
Transportation	\$ 500,000	\$ 292,854	\$ -	\$ 292,854	\$ 207,146	NO	6/30/2024
Parks and Recreation	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000	\$ -	\$ 400,000	\$ -	YES	Complete
Public Safety	\$ 100,965	\$ 37,750	\$ 63,215	\$ 100,965	\$ -	YES	6/30/2023
Excess Collections	\$ 1,043,280.32						
Public Safety			\$ 55,328				
Parks and Recreation			\$ 7,089				

* Estimated cost per the special purpose sales tax referendum

** For all years preceding July 1, 2022

*** For the year ending June 30, 2023

As of June 30, 2023, the City has \$1,077,999 in 2017 Special Purpose Sales Tax funds that have not been spent.

NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA ANNUAL REPORT for 2023 SPLOST (as of 6/30/2023) In compliance with O.C.G.A. 48-8-122													
Projects	Year Approved	Original Estimated Cost	Other Funding Sources	Current Estimated Cost	Prior Years Expenditures	Fiscal Year 2023 Expenditures	Total Cumulative Expenditures	Estimated Completion Date	Project Completed in Fiscal Year 2023	Actual Completion Cost for Projects Completed Fiscal Year 2023	Project Behind Schedule	Project Underfunded	Excess Proceeds*
Administration Building Reutilization	2023	\$ 2,344,000	\$ -	\$ 2,344,000	\$ -		\$ -	2025	N	-	N	N	-
Brown Bridge Widening	2023	\$ 12,000,000	\$ -	\$ 12,000,000	\$ -		\$ -	2028	N	-	N	N	-
Centralized Storage and Maintenance Facility	2023	\$ 1,900,000	\$ -	\$ 1,900,000	\$ -		\$ -	2025	N	-	N	N	-
General Government Fleet Replacement	2023	\$ 2,500,000	\$ -	\$ 2,500,000	\$ -		\$ -	2025	N	-	N	N	-
Hwy 278 Community Improvement District	2023	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -		\$ -	2028	N	-	N	N	-
Transportation County Wide Improvement	2023	\$ 8,000,000	\$ -	\$ 8,000,000	\$ -		\$ -	2028	N	-	N	N	-
Transportation Resurfacing	2023	\$ 8,370,000	\$ -	\$ 8,370,000	\$ -		\$ -	2028	N	-	N	N	-
Animal Services Expansion - Phase II	2023	\$ 1,075,000	\$ -	\$ 1,075,000	\$ -		\$ -	2025	N	-	N	N	-
Fire Services County Wide Improvements	2023	\$ 4,895,000	\$ -	\$ 4,895,000	\$ -		\$ -	2028	N	-	N	N	-
Public Safety Fleet Replacement	2023	\$ 8,400,000	\$ -	\$ 8,400,000	\$ -	\$ 1,261,677	\$ 1,261,677	2024	N	-	N	N	-
County Wide Park Improvements	2023	\$ 3,500,000	\$ -	\$ 3,500,000	\$ -	\$ 20,507	\$ 20,507	2025	N	-	N	N	-
Library	2023	\$ 900,000	\$ -	\$ 900,000	\$ -		\$ -	2028	N	-	N	N	-
Nelson Heights Improvements	2023	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -		\$ -	2025	N	-	N	N	-
Newton Trails	2023	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -		\$ -	2025	N	-	N	N	-
RL Cousins Community Center	2023	\$ 8,000,000	\$ -	\$ 8,000,000	\$ -		\$ -	2025	N	-	N	N	-
Senior Services Enrichment Center	2023	\$ 4,000,000	\$ -	\$ 4,000,000	\$ -	\$ 39,380	\$ 39,380	2025	N	-	N	N	-
Washington Street	2023	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -		\$ -	2025	N	-	N	N	-
Westside Community Park	2023	\$ 3,000,000	\$ -	\$ 3,000,000	\$ -	\$ 40,530	\$ 40,530	2025	N	-	N	N	-
Southside Park	2023	\$ 2,000,000	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000	\$ -	\$ 33,900	\$ 33,900	2025	N	-	N	N	-
District 5 Park	2023	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -		\$ -	2025	N	-	N	N	-
Community Waterpark	2023	\$ 5,000,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000,000	\$ -	\$ 40,743	\$ 40,743	2026	N	-	N	N	-
GO Bond Interest	2023	\$ 3,356,000	\$ -	\$ 3,356,000	\$ -	\$ 444,886	\$ 444,886	2028	N	-	N	N	-
Total Newton County		\$ 84,240,000	\$ -	\$ 84,240,000	\$ -	\$ 1,881,623	\$ 1,881,623			-			-
SPLOST Paid to Municipalities:													
City of Covington	2023	\$ 17,361,860	\$ -	\$ 17,361,860	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -						
City of Oxford	2023	\$ 2,823,496	\$ -	\$ 2,823,496	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -						
City of Porterdale	2023	\$ 2,200,818	\$ -	\$ 2,200,818	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -						
City of Newborn	2023	\$ 826,990	\$ -	\$ 826,990	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -						
City of Mansfield	2023	\$ 540,730	\$ -	\$ 540,730	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -						
City of Social Circle	2023	\$ 6,106	\$ -	\$ 6,106	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -						
Total Municipalities		\$ 23,760,000	\$ -	\$ 23,760,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -						
Total SPLOST Summary		\$ 108,000,000	\$ -	\$ 108,000,000	\$ -	\$ 1,881,623	\$ 1,881,623						

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The speaker this year will be Cornel Po-tra, an attorney from Suwanee, Georgia, who escaped Romania, a former communist country, at the age of 24. Prior to his successful escape, he was caught several times and was imprisoned and sentenced to forced labor. Due to his Christian faith and continued refusal to compromise his religious and political views, he and his family were subjected to death threats

and prison time. However, such pressures did not deter Cornel from wanting to be free and trying to escape communism. In August 1988, he attempted escape again and succeeded. After one year in a refugee camp in Austria, he was granted political asylum. In June 1989, he came to the United States of America as a free man. In August 1989, Cornel married Kristina. Together, they have five beautiful children and one grandchild. Since 2001, they are both practicing attorneys at their law firm in Gwinnett County. They are thankful and blessed to live in one of the most blessed countries in the world.

The public is invited to this free event to show the unity of Newton County in its commitment to prayer for our legislators, our city and county governments, our civic organizations and our churches.

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Georgia Power will agree to help the commissioners absorb the costs.

I predict that Vice President Kamala Harris will return Donald Trump's \$6,000 he donated to her reelection campaign as California attorney general, saying she thought it had come from Donald Duck, not Donald Trump. Trump will blame the whole embarrassing situation on the law clerk in his civil fraud case in New York. Georgia election conspiracists will blame Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger.

I predict that the Food and Drug Administration will declare that anything green such as broccoli, asparagus and English peas - but not collards and green beans cooked in bacon grease - could be hazard to your health and prescribe banana pudding as the only possible cure.

I predict that the University of Georgia, the oldest state-chartered university in the nation, will once again win the national football championship in 2024 while adding more Rhodes Scholars to the 25 or so we already have. (There have been

so many, I've lost count.)

On the outside chance I am wrong about the national championship and the Rhodes Scholars, I predict we will still be the oldest state-chartered university in the nation. Take that to the bank.

Finally, I predict that by the time I finish writing this and you finish reading it, it could be July, 2024. Times flies when you are having fun.

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NEWTON CONTINUED FROM A4

not my strong suit. It sure didn't help that I carried a ton of stress from the thought of having to leave college and find a job.

But I did it. I persevered.

From May to September, I did what can simply be called a "workhorse summer."

I would work Monday through Thursday at the newspaper, writing and working on digital media platforms, would then make the drive to Milledgeville on Thursday nights and work Thursday through Saturday at my bouncing job. I was easily working 45-50 hour weeks for four straight months.

The only true weekend I took off the whole summer, was when my brother and his wife got married in early June.

Throughout that time, I was beginning to rebuild confidence in myself. After months of self-doubt, I was out of my creative abyss.

As I was working between two jobs, I put in roughly 30 job applications for various places all over the state of Georgia and even some in other states for a full-time, concrete position.

I landed two finalist interviews - and got neither of the jobs.

It's life - it happens, but I was crushed both times. I often thought, "What was I doing wrong? Should I have done more in college? Should I have been a different version of myself in these interviews? What was wrong with me?"

Despite the rejection,

I was determined to keep trying and to keep working. I knew the right opportunity would come along someday. I just didn't know it'd be just one month later.

October is what I consider to be one of the most emotional months of my life.

I had continued putting in serviceable work and continued to put in applications to find a solid full-time position. One of those was *The Covington News*.

I put in an application for the news editor as a leap of faith after watching a TikTok video of someone putting in several leap of faith styled applications and landing a job from it. I then got the invite from the managing editor, Phillip, to do an interview.

I was through the roof excited about this one. Just 30 minutes away from my parents' house and an opportunity to work in a full-time position that would allow me to showcase what I'm really capable of. It was everything that I wanted and something I knew I could do, if given the opportunity.

I had the opportunity to share the news with my grandfather, who I called Papa, that I had a big interview coming up. He had been in rough shape and was essentially nonverbal and bedridden in his bed at the nursing home. He was able to acknowledge that I was working hard to build a future for myself and gave me a slight smile.

Unfortunately, just 90 minutes after that visit with Papa, he passed away.

It's undoubtedly the hardest loss I've had to experience in my life. He was someone who was pivotal in my upbringing and someone who I looked up to as a role model and hero. I still to this day, can't believe he is physically gone, but I know he will always be with me.

And he was, as just two days later, I got the phone call that I would be offered the current position I hold today.

From November to December, I began the new chapter in my life as the best version of my creative self to date.

I got to come in and immediately make an impact with the way we shape our news coverage here. I've interviewed countless people about a numerous array of topics. And best of all, I've got to tell the stories of so many amazing people within the Newton County community.

This is the job and opportunity that I spent many sleepless nights wishing for.

Outside of the work that I did in office, was the work I did on myself.

I began focusing on things that make me happy and what puts me in the best of headspace. Much less of the negativity and much more of the positivity. That's the motto I began to live by to really find my peace.

And to top it all off, I got to spend the last days of December spending time with my family and really enjoying the moment. Because, I had previously learned two months prior, that you may not always get the opportunity

to do it "the next time."

So as we exit the roller coaster that was my 2023. Here are some of my new year's resolutions for 2024.

Continue to be the best version of my creative self. November was just the start of this new chapter, but I will continue to keep writing the story. I will continue to keep pushing to be the best version of my creative self.

Return to the best version of my physical self. Not that long ago, I was in incredible shape. That has since dissipated a bit since I've left college. In 2024, I will return to my best physical condition. Bonus points to anyone who's reading this and can refer me to a good gym in Covington.

Keep valuing the present moment. This goes without saying, but tomorrow is never promised. I will keep valuing the present moment in front of me.

Kindness is key. Perhaps the most important of the four primary resolutions is to keep kindness first. You never know what people are going through on a day-to-day basis. It's important to keep kindness and empathy in your heart and show it when it is needed the most. I will continue to keep following this specific guideline.

I hope everyone had a great 2023 and I wish you all an even better 2024.

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EXHIBIT CONTINUED FROM A1

today - I am so excited to be in the midst of so many gifted people," Smith said. "I'm blessed to see the talents that are displayed upon these tables."

For the second time, Dr. Zeric Clinton was the teacher behind the art program. Clinton has been an art teacher for 29 years and has had his work featured on a number of exhibits as well as with the Atlanta Hawks Foundation and State Farm collaboration.

Clinton, who taught the inmate-residents virtually, was excited to see the final pieces presented in person.

"[I'm] just really elated to see the pieces in person, Clinton said. "I've seen them on the screen but it's very different when you see them in person." The artists then got a chance to come up one-by-one and present their artwork.

Each artist presented two finished pieces that they got to complete during their time in the art program.

Jody Reid drew a piece of cheese for one of his two pieces of artwork.. While this may seem elementary on the sur-

face, the details are what really makes the piece stand out.

The cheese is fully finished at the top, halfway in the middle and barely filled in at the bottom. His two children's names were also in the drawing.

For Reid, it's all about perspective.

"[At the top] I can see where I want to go, I know where I want to be, and if I stay focused I'll get there," Reid said. "In the middle, it ain't always where I want to be, but I got a good picture of where I'm trying to go. And then at the bottom, it may be a rough start... but stay focused and push forward and something good's gonna come from it."

Arnithal Freeman drew a waterfall and a 1965 Ford Mustang. Freeman said his drawings were meant to keep him at ease during the stressful times and to remember the good times.

"Even though we're all here, you have to do something with your mind to relax you - and everyone loves waterfalls," Freeman said. "The '65 Mustang, I think all Americans are in love with their car. It was something to do at home and it was a good thing that I can remember."

Herbert Little drew two pieces, with one called "in-between." The picture features a girl who seems normal on the outside, but has a troubled history kept on the inside.

It is meant to provide viewers a reminder of a commonly heard message.

"The girl [in the picture] is a little girl but she looks kind of dark - but it's not to judge a book by its cover," Little said. "Sometimes it can look the same way [as someone] but be totally different on the inside."

On the floor with the other pieces of artwork from the students, was Clinton's own piece called "Mother's Protection." The piece is part of an abstract art series, with this piece resembling that of a mother protecting her child.

In all, Clinton thanked all of the students for participating in the program and encouraged the students to keep pursuing art.

Sheriff Ezell Brown was also in attendance for the event.

Brown thanked everyone who attended on behalf of the students and showed his gratitude toward Clinton.

The sheriff particularly com-

mended Clinton on his ability to teach the class virtually and do it effectively. Brown said it speaks to the type of teacher that Clinton is.

"Anyone that can tell someone, show someone how to create art from afar - they must have talent that is beyond my comprehension," Brown said. "I thank you [Clinton] for providing that gift to our residents."

According to Brown, the tentative plan is to display the artwork in a number of county buildings, and that the NCSO would work with the local governments to try to make that happen.

NCSO chaplain James Walden was also on hand to give the opening and closing prayers.

Letting the residents know how proud he was of them was also of the top of priorities for Walden, as he left the students with some closing thoughts.

"We are definitely proud of each one of you," Walden said. "We know that those pictures represent more than just the drawing or painting, but it represents something that's inside - and that's what makes it worthwhile."



PHOTOS BY EVAN NEWTON



Arnithal Freeman



Josh Jackson



Daniel Davidson



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TOP 10 STORIES OF 2023



1 Sports Turf Company completes renovations at Sharp Stadium

PHILLIP B. HUBBARD
Managing Editor

COVINGTON, Ga. — Sports Turf Company, a specialty sports construction and surfacing company, is proud to announce it has completed Homer Sharp Stadium's artificial turf renovation. Located in downtown Covington, the stadium hosts three Newton County District high schools: Alcovy High School, Eastside High School and Newton High School.

"Sharp Stadium's renovation has been highly anticipated for a long time, and it's a great honor to help make Newton County School district's vision a reality," said Sports Turf Company President Todd Wiggins. "We

know this artificial turf system will make a lasting impact on the community, student-athletes and coaches for Newton County."

Sports Turf Company renovated Sharp Stadium's existing natural grass field into an artificial turf system that surpasses others in safety, durability and performance. The system will feature AstroTurf's RootZone® 3D System, Brock shock pad and BrockFILL. AstroTurf's system is a performance artificial turf that combines slit-film and monofilament fibers with a RootZone layer of texturized fibers for optimum durability and better shock absorbency. The Brock shock pad and BrockFILL are specifically engineered

to optimize safety for athletes during impacts to the surface. BrockFILL is the most recent organic infill and is sustainably grown and harvested in Georgia.

Sports Turf specializes in the construction and installation of sports surfaces, including natural grass and artificial turf fields, tennis courts and track surfaces. In addition, Sports Turf Company serves as a consultant and owners' advocate through the entire process of selecting the best facility solutions and surfaces to meet owners' specific needs. The company continues evolving to provide higher-performing, safer and more durable athletic facilities for its clients.

2 Skelton promoted to become Newton's next head football coach

PHILLIP B. HUBBARD
Managing Editor

COVINGTON, Ga. — Since joining the Newton Rams football staff in 2012, Josh Skelton's main role has been to groom the young student-athletes to play at a high level. He will no longer be that guy anymore.

Instead, Skelton will be the program's 18th new head coach trying to strategize ways to maximize those same players on Fri-

day — and sometimes Thursday and Saturday — nights.

Skelton first came to Newton fresh out of a college football career at Jacksonville State as a member of Nick Collins' staff. He was then retained by Terrance Banks to be the defensive backs coach.

"I took getting our kids recruited personally," Skelton said. "And I'll continue to do anything

I can to give them an opportunity to play after high school."

"Everybody respects our talent and there's no reason Newton shouldn't win the region and be competing for championships," Skelton said. "That's the expectation that is here. And we're going to be competing year in and year out for championships. There's no better place to be than here with the high expectations."



PHILLIP B. HUBBARD



FILE PHOTO

3 Jackson named next Alcovy head basketball coach

PHILLIP B. HUBBARD
Managing Editor

COVINGTON, Ga. — Alcovy High School found its next head boys basketball coach less than 20 miles away at Social Circle High School.

Principal Dr. Kristopher Williams informed The Covington News that the school has hired former Redskins head coach Taylor Jackson to take

the reins. The hire became official at Tuesday night's Newton County Schools Board of Education meeting.

Jackson will transition to Alcovy following his five-year stint with the Redskins, during which he led the program to unprecedented heights. Under Jackson's direction, Social Circle went 102-38 over-

all with a 49-10 mark against region competition and qualified for the state playoffs in all five seasons.

Jackson isn't a stranger to the Newton County School System. Prior to going to Social Circle, Jackson served as an assistant coach for former Newton head coach Rick Rasmussen.

4 Piedmont Academy Lady Cougars win fourth straight state title

CHRIS BRIDGES
The Walton Tribune

COLUMBUS, Ga. — State championships never get old. Just ask the Piedmont Academy fast-pitch softball team.

The Lady Cougars capped another state championship season Saturday by defeating Southwest Georgia twice. Once again, Piedmont reigns supreme in GIAA Class AA.

"It never gets old but it seems like they get tougher," said Lady Cougars head coach Joe Johnson. "Southwest Georgia clipped us pretty good on Friday so it was a great accomplishment to come back and beat them twice Saturday."

Piedmont's bats were on fire for most of the Final Four in Columbus. The team had three

homers in the championship game (two from Teagan Hinson and one from Kamie Gibby).

"It feels amazing to win four consecutive state championships because winning never gets old, especially when you know how hard you've worked," said senior Breck Piedra. "It's great to come out on top for my last year playing as a senior."



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5 Stephon Castle competes in McDonald's All-American game

STAFF REPORT
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HOUSTON, Tx. — The 45th edition of the McDonald's All-American game went down to the wire Tuesday, March 28 at the Toyota Center. Team East defeated Team West 109-106 to win the game.

Stephon Castle — a 5-star combo guard who played four years for the Newton Rams — was among the 24 players who competed in Tuesday's action.

The UConn commit scored

11 points in the outing while going against some of the best high school talent across the country. Castle also competed in the McDonald's Jam Fest Monday night, too.

During summer 2022, Castle earned a gold medal from Team USA U18, he was recognized as back-to-back Region 4-AAAAAAA Player of the Year and, also this week, Castle was named as the Georgia Basketball Coaches Association/Georgia Athletic Coaches Association Class AAAAAAA South Player of the Year.

The Atlanta Tipoff Club recently honored Castle as well, naming him the Atlanta Metro High School Boys Player of the Year.

Castle is committed to the Huskies who remain in NCAA National Championship contention advancing to the Final Four. He will join the program later this year.



SPECIAL PHOTO

PHILLIP B. HUBBARD



6 Alcovy's Columbus trip 'comes to fruition'

PHILLIP B. HUBBARD
Managing Editor

COVINGTON, Ga. — At around 9 p.m. on Hwy 36 Thursday, October 19, the Alcovy Lady Tigers celebrated a program achievement “six years in the making.”

Alcovy defeated North Atlanta twice (5-3 and 13-5) and edged out Lakeside (Evans) 8-7

to sweep Super Regionals and secure their spot in Columbus.

As the final run came across home plate, there were cheers, tears and other emotions on display. Head coach Miranda Lamb was visibly excited about her team's advancement, too.

“It started six years ago. Whenever I took over the program, it was always the goal to

get to Columbus. It's incredible to see that come to fruition,” Lamb said. “It leaves me a little speechless. You wait for this moment to happen and it's finally here and I don't know if it's fully hit me yet. But, when it does, I probably won't sleep that day either.”

7 Oxford wins seventh consecutive national title

STAFF REPORT
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OXFORD, Ga. — The Oxford College of Emory University claimed the 2023 NJCAA Division III Men's Tennis National Championship in dominating fashion. The tournament was hosted at Oxford College for the second consecutive year.

The Eagles earned 36 points, the maximum amount a team could achieve. They also claimed each flight in both singles and doubles, which is only the second time the Eagles have accomplished this feat.

Oxford won all six flights in singles play. Both Zach Ravel and Yamato-Chang redeemed their loss from the last year's tournament.

Jahaan Sachdeva is a second-time winner in singles, as he won the flight 4 championship in last year's tournament. In flight four, Arie Golubenko claimed a 6-1, 6-1 victory over Ocean County's Luke Martin.

In doubles play, the Eagles again won all the flights.



SPECIAL PHOTO

ANTHONY BANKS



8 Stokes , Rankins return to host football camp at Sharp Stadium

GARRETT PITTS
Sports Editor

COVINGTON, Ga. — The Eastside Eagles football program hosted a youth camp at Sharp Stadium on Wednesday, July 12 afternoon with the help of two former Eagles.

Eastside alumni and current NFL pros Eric Stokes and Shel-

don Rankins stopped by to help the coaches and current players with the camp.

“I wanted to join with [Sheldon], we wanted to do this with our high school to set up a camp for everyone,” Stokes said. “This is my first camp; this is going to be our test run so we can come back and make it even better

next year.”

“It shows that dreams are truly attainable, when I was here, I had the dream of wanting to play in the NFL, and I am on year eight right now which is crazy to think about,” Rankins said. “It is about showing the kids that there is no such thing as dreaming too big.”

9 Lady Redskins' second straight region crown

PHILLIP B. HUBBARD
Managing Editor

BOGART, Ga. — Three goals late in Friday, March 24th's match helped the Social Circle Lady Redskins walk away with the Region 5A-Division I trophy. Social Circle downed Prince Avenue 3-1 to claim region supremacy for the second straight season.

Social Circle trailed 1-0 for over 65 minutes of Friday's action. Then, it finally found a goal in one of the most aggressive ways.

Peyton Brooks took a corner kick with 14:48 left in the match that Faith Young connected on with a header. Prince Avenue's goalie blocked Young's shot, but couldn't

recollect it. Amid a scramble for the ball, Aubrey Spruell came up with it and hit the back of the net.

Spruell's fifth goal of the season seemed to take the lid off the goal. Less than four minutes later, Brooks netted the go ahead goal and, not too long after, Young connected on a long shot attempt to put the icing on the cake.



PHILLIP B. HUBBARD



GARRETT PITTS

10 Eagles' historic season comes to an end after Sweet Sixteen exit

GARRETT PITTS
Sports Editor

MARIETTA, Ga. — Eastside boys basketball's historic season came to a close Friday, February 24 at the hands of No. 1 Kell Longhorns. The Eagles lost 79-48 in the Sweet 16 round of the Class AAAAA playoffs.

Friday's result came just two

days removed from the Eagles' upset of No. 2 Calhoun Wednesday night. Eastside had its eyes set on the same thing Friday, but Kell's multidimensional attack was too much to handle.

Following the loss, the Eagles' final record moved to 23-7, with a 9-3 record inside Region 8-AAAAA. The 23-7 mark is

their best in almost a decade, and this Eagles' team is the only team in program history to advance to the Sweet 16.

“I want them to be remembered by how hard they played and how they played as a team,” Randolph said. “The journey was a fun one.”

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Adoptions

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

RE: Petition of KEISHA K. ZACHARY for the Adoption of KE'MYA LUCILLE ZACHARY, KEMON EUGENE ZACHARY and KENNEDI NICOLE ZACHARY, Minor Children. CIVIL ACTION Adoption File No. 2023- AD-10-3

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

To: TONDALIA WILLIAMS, Natural Mother of KE'MYA LUCILLE ZACHARY, KEMON EUGENE ZACHARY and KENNEDI NICOLE ZACHARY LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 519 Eastview Village Drive, Stockbridge, Henry County, Georgia 30281

Greetings: By Order of Service by Publication, you are hereby notified that KEISHA K. ZACHARY has filed a petition to adopt KE'MYA LUCILLE ZACHARY, KEMON EUGENE ZACHARY and KENNEDI NICOLE ZACHARY, Adoption No.2023-AD10-3, in the Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia and you make known any objections you might have to the prayers in said petition at the hearing on the Motion for Termination of Parental Rights and Adoption and show cause why your rights in the above named

children should not be terminated.

Judge Layla H. Zon at the Court House in Walton County, Georgia. WITNESS, the Honorable Layla H. Zon Judge of the Superior Court. Honorable Karen P. David Clerk, Superior Court of Walton County Alcovy Judicial Circuit This day of December , 2023.

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Alcoholic Beverage

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Bids

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HARRY JAMES BARFIELD, II has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of HARRY JAMES BARFIELD, I 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 JANUARY 8 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

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PROBATE COURT NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

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CITATION

GWEN MCMULLEN

has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **JAMES R. THOMAS** 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 JANUARY 8 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
#600658
12/10,17,24,31

CITATION

JASMINE VICTORIA COOPER has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **STANLEY BERNARD COOPER** 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 JANUARY 8 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
#600758
12/10,17,24,31

CITATION

JODY WAYNE CARTER has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **DAVID JOHNATHAN TODD CARTER** 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 JANUARY 8 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
#600756
12/10,17,24,31

CITATION

JUDITH ARTHUR has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **EDWARD ERNEST ARTHUR** 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 JANUARY 8 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
#600764
12/10,17,24,31

CITATION

KENNETH O. HARDEMAN has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **LULA MAUDE HARDEMAN** 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 JANUARY 8 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
#600659
12/10,17,24,31

CITATION

MISTY DYKES has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **BRANDEN LYNN DYKES** 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 JANUARY 8 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
#600657
12/10,17,24,31

CITATION

MONICA SANDERS has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **CAROL BROWN** 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 JANUARY 8 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
#600757
12/10,17,24,31

CITATION

RE: **ESTATE OF LIZZIE JACKSON CARTER, WARD**

TERESA MANUEL-SCALES, CONSERVATOR 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, FEB-

RUARY 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
#600831
12/31

CITATION

RE: **ESTATE OF ROBERT DANIEL REID, JR, WARD**

ROBERT D. REID, SR AND DIANN REID, CO-CONSERVATOR 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
#600832
12/31

CITATION

The Petition of **JOHN THOMAS BUTLER** surviving spouse widow of **MARY M. BUTLER** deceased, for Twelve Month's Support for having been duly filed, all interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objection must be in writing and filed with this Court on or before January 8, 2024 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
#600700
12/10,17,24,31

NOTICE

TO: **BRENDAN HAIRSTON**

This is to notify you to file objection, if there is any, to the Petition of **MICHAEL L. MACK** for Petition to Probate Will in Solemn Form Estate of **PAMELA R. MACK**

BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All pleadings/objections must be signed before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings/objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel at the following address/telephone number for the required amount of filing fees. All objections must be filed by JANUARY 8, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

MELANIE M. BELL PROBATE JUDGE
By: Marcia Wynne CLERK OF PROBATE COURT
1132 USHER STREET COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE
#600698
12/10,17,24,31

Corporations

Notice is given that a notice of intent to dissolve Shiloh United Methodist Church, a Georgia non-profit corporation with its registered office at 5125 Pratt St SW, Covington, GA 30014, will be delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code.

PUBLIC NOTICE
#600823
12/31-1/7

Debtors Creditors

All creditors of the estate of **William E. Cobham, Jr.**, late of Newton County, deceased, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law and all persons indebted to the said estate are required to make payment to:

Name of Personal Representative: **Sue Ann Whitney**
Address of Personal Representative: 7605 Old South Lane
Jonesboro, Georgia 30236

This 5th day of December, 2023.

PUBLIC NOTICE
#600760
12/10,17,24,31

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

All creditors of the estate of **DOUGLAS PAUL CONTI**, late of Newton County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law; and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.

This 20th day of December 2023.

JONATHAN PAUL CONTI, EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF **DOUGLAS PAUL CONTI**
c/o Thomas E. Raines, Esq.
Thomas E. Raines, P.C. Attorney for Executor
3296 Summit Ridge Parkway, Suite 2110
Duluth, Georgia 30096

PUBLIC NOTICE
#600827
12/24,31-1/7,14

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **CAROL BOSS BOZETT** NEWTON Deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.

This the 1ST day of DECEMBER, 2023

JASON SCOTT BOSS
209 OXFORD DR
OXFORD, GA 30054

PUBLIC NOTICE
#600780
12/17,24,31-1/7

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **CAROLYN JEAN WIGGINS** NEWTON Deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.

This the 6TH day of DECEMBER, 2023

JEFFREY STEWART WIGGINS
823 ANGEVINE CT SW
LILBURN, GA 30047

PUBLIC NOTICE
#600775
12/17,24,31-1/7

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **DE-NISE CRISWELL** NEWTON Deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.

This the 30TH day of NOVEMBER, 2023

BRIAN NICHOLAS BYARS
6140 HANNAH ST
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE
#600776
12/17,24,31-1/7

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **DOROTHY JEAN STEWART** NEWTON Deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.

This the 6TH day of DECEMBER, 2023

MELANA L. JONES
30 MICHAEL CT
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE
#600782
12/17,24,31-1/7

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **GENE AUSTIN WALLACE** NEWTON Deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.

This the 29TH day of NOVEMBER, 2023

MELISSA J. PATTERSON
2031 CLEARWATER DR
WHITE PLAINS, GA 30678

PUBLIC NOTICE
#600779
12/17,24,31-1/7

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **J. HUGH STEELE** NEWTON Deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.

This the 5TH day of DECEMBER, 2023

MARGARET SUSANS STEELE PARROTT
470 STEELE RD
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE
#600777
12/17,24,31-1/7

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **JIMMIE MARIE KENDRICK** Deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.

This the 11TH day of DECEMBER, 2023

MARZILLA HARRIS
9482 TARA DR SW
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE
#600810
12/24,31-1/7,14

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **JOHN LEE WALLACE** NEWTON Deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are

required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.

This the 4TH day of DECEMBER, 2023

CYNTHIA ANNE WAL-LACE
1566 HODGES CIR
MANSFIELD, GA 30055

PUBLIC NOTICE
#600778
12/17,24,31-1/7

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **JOHN PALMORE PRESLEY** Deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.

This the 11TH day of DECEMBER, 2023

SONYA PRESLEY HOPPER
70 BREEDLOVE LANE
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE
#600809
12/24,31-1/7,14

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **LLOYD SAMUEL LORENCE** NEWTON Deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.

This the 8TH day of DECEMBER, 2023

CHARLES ALEXANDER LORENCE, JR
114 INDIAN CREEK RD
VERONA, PA 15147

PUBLIC NOTICE
#600814
12/24,31-1/7,14

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **MARY ANNETTE DAVIS-JONES** NEWTON Deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.

This the 6TH day of DECEMBER, 2023

JEROME WESLEY DAVIS
5397 BURRUS LANE
SW
MABLETON, GA 30126

PUBLIC NOTICE
#600781
12/17,24,31-1/7

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **MATTHEW ROWE BREED-LOVE** Deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.

This the 8TH day of DECEMBER, 2023

BONNIE L.R. HILLE-GAS
207 BRAXTON PLACE
TUCKER, GA 30084

PUBLIC NOTICE
#600812
12/24,31-1/7,14

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **PAUL EDWARD HARDENBROOK** Deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.

This the 11TH day of
DECEMBER , 2023

JUDY KAY MCKINNON
980 COWAN RD
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE
#600807
12/24,31-1/7,14
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **PHILIP RANDOLPH HENDERSON** Deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.

This the 12TH day of
DECEMBER , 2023

NICOLE DANIELLE MYERS
33140 AZALEA RIDGE DR
WESLEY CHAPLE , FL 33545

PUBLIC NOTICE
#600808
12/24,31-1/7,14
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **REGINA LONG JORDAN** Deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.

This the 8TH day of DECEMBER , 2023

ANTHONY LEE JORDAN
135 CINNAMON OAK CIR
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE
#600813
12/24,31-1/7,14
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **RICHARD GLENN WOODS** Deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.

This the 29TH day of
DECEMBER , 2023

JANET CLOWERS
BARR
7422 PERRY DR
FRISCO, TX 75035

PUBLIC NOTICE
#600773
12/17,24,31-1/7
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **RONALD LAWRENCE BARTOW** Deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.

This the 8TH day of DECEMBER , 2023

DOLORES BANKS
BARTOW
55 WHITE LAUREL LN
COVINGTON GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE
#600805
12/24,31-1/7,14
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **RUTHIE NELL MARTIN** Deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.

This the 29TH day of

NOVEMBER , 2023

ARBY R. PERRY
6226 GREEN ACRES DR
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE
#600806
12/24,31-1/7,14
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **WILBERT SMITH JR** Deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.

This the 8TH day of DECEMBER , 2023

HELEN E. SMITH
75 SILVER RIDGE RD
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE
#600811
12/24,31-1/7,14
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **WILLIAM GRADY HOLCOMBE** Deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.

This the 6TH day of DECEMBER , 2023

SAMUEL CLAYTON
HOLCOMBE
30 ALTA DR
COVINGTON GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE
#600774
12/17,24,31-1/7
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

IN RE: ESTATE OF **DONALD LOUIS BEGUE, DECEASED**

This is to notify all creditors of the Estate of **Donald Louis Begue**, deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia, to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to Donald Louis Begue, or to the Estate are hereby required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 21st day of December 2023
Ms. Kathleen Begue
Administrator of the Estate of Donald Louis Begue
4149 Dorchester Drive
Covington, GA 30014

By: F. Bradford Wilson, Jr., Attorney
P.O. Box 1956
Macon, GA 31202-1956

PUBLIC NOTICE
#600835
12/31-1/7,14,21
STATE OF GEORGIA, COUNTY OF NEWTON

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
IN RE: **ESTATE OF WILLIE CALVIN DUNCAN, DECEASED**

All creditors of Willie Calvin Duncan, deceased, late of Newton County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 14th day of December 2023.
Marjorie Duncan, Administrator
Estate of Willie Calvin Duncan

Caleb H. Ratliff, Esq.
Cox Byington Twyman LLP
711 Broad Street
Rome, Georgia 30161
(706) 291-2002

PUBLIC NOTICE

#600800
12/24,31-1/7,14

Divorces

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

JOHN P. NWOKORO,
Plaintiff,
v
PHILOMINA NWOKORO,
Defendant,

ACTION NO.
SUCV2022002032

NOTICE OF SUMMONS- SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

TO **PHILOMINA NWOKORO**

By order of the Court for service by publication dated NOVEMBER 28, 2023, you are hereby notified that on SEPTEMBER 23, 2022 (date of filing), JOHN NWOKORO (plaintiff) filed suited against you for DIVORCE. You are required to file with the clerk of the Superior Court, and to serve upon Plaintiff's attorney, Stephen L. Coxen, The Coxen firm, LLC, P.O. Box 467, Covington, Georgia 30015-0467 and answer in writing within sixty (60) days of November 28, 2023 Witness, the Honorable G. Kevin Morris Judge of the Superior Court of Newton County.

This the 28th day of November , 2023

PUBLIC NOTICE
#600784
12/17,24,31-1/7

Foreclosures

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

TO:
JOAN CANTRELL ALLEN n/k/a **JOAN C. PFIRMAN** and her Unknown Heirs at Law
JENNIFER LINGOLD
NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

Occupant 35 BELMONT WAY Newton County, Georgia.

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

Take notice that:
The right to redeem the following described property, to wit will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred as of five o'clock (5 p.m.) on January 24, 2024 or 30 days after legal service of the Notice pursuant to OCGA 48-4-45 et seq., whichever date is later:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 57, 10TH DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND BEING SHOWN AS LOT 76, PHASE III, UNIT ONE, BELMONT SUBDIVISION, ON PLAT OF SURVEY RECORDED AT PLAT BOOK 29, PAGES 292-294, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS, WHICH PLAT IS BY REFERENCE INCORPORATED HEREIN AND MADE A PART HEREOF.

That property known as **35 BELMONT WAY** according to the present system of numbering homes and having tax parcel identification number 00160DDD00220000.

The tax deed to which this notice relates is dated December 6, 2022, and is recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia in Deed Book 4470 Page 518.

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:

SABER HOLDINGS LLC
c/o Carolina D. Bryant Esq.
Ayoub, Mansour & Bryant, LLC

675 Seminole Avenue, Suite 301
Atlanta, Georgia 30307
404.892.2599
Please be governed accordingly.

PUBLIC NOTICE
#600768
12/17,24,31-1/7

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

TO:
PHYLLIS FREEMAN BROWN and her Unknown Heirs at Law
MICHAEL BROWN and his Unknown Heirs at Law

STATE OF GEORGIA
GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE,
Commissioner Frank O'Connell

CITY OF COVINGTON, Mayor Steve Horton
NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

Occupant **3132 WEBSTER STREET** Newton County, Georgia.

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

Take notice that:
The right to redeem the following described property, to wit will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred as of five o'clock (5 p.m.) on January 24, 2024 or 30 days after legal service of the Notice pursuant to OCGA 48-4-45 et seq., whichever date is later:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN THE CITY OF COVINGTON, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN THE CITY OF COVINGTON, AND BEGINNING AT AN IRON STOB LOCATED AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF PROPERTY NOW OR FORMERLY BELONGING TO HORACE L. & ANGELINE JONES ON WEBSTER STREET; THENCE RUNNING EAST ALONG WEBSTER STREET 7 FEET MORE OR LESS TO A STOB CORNER; THENCE NORTH ALONG PROPERTY NOW OR FORMERLY BELONGING TO ANNA M. CHAMBERS 176 FEET, MORE OR LESS TO AN ALLEY; THENCE WEST ALONG SAID ALLEY A DISTANCE OF 7 FEET, MORE OR LESS TO PROPERTY LINE OF HORACE & ANGELINE JONES; AND THENCE SOUTH ALONG SAID PROPERTY LINE A DISTANCE OF 176 FEET, MORE OR LESS TO THE STARTING POINT. ALSO: ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN THE CITY OF COVINGTON, NEWTON COUNTY, BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF PROPERTY NOW OR FORMERLY BELONGING TO C. L. BONES AND RUNNING EAST ALONG WEBSTER STREET A DISTANCE OF 76 FEET TO THE CORNER OF PROPERTY NOW OR FORMERLY HARRIS CHAMBERS; THENCE NORTH ALONG LINE OF HARRIS CHAMBERS A DISTANCE OF 176 FEET TO AN ALLEY; THENCE WEST ALONG SAID ALLEY A DISTANCE OF 76 FEET TO THE LINE OF PROPERTY NOW OR FORMERLY OF C. L. BONE; THENCE RUNNING SOUTH ALONG LINE OF C. L. BONE A DISTANCE OF 176 FEET TO THE BEGINNING POINT, BEING A SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING KNOWN AS 3132 WEBSTER STREET ACCORDING TO THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF NUMBERING HOUSES IN THE CITY OF COVINGTON, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA.

That property known as of 3132 WEBSTER STREET according to the present system of number-

ing homes and having tax parcel identification number C03500001001200D.
The tax deed to which this notice relates is dated December 6, 2022, and is recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia in Deed Book 4470 Page 507.
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:

SABER HOLDINGS LLC
c/o Carolina D. Bryant Esq.
Ayoub, Mansour & Bryant, LLC
675 Seminole Avenue, Suite 301
Atlanta, Georgia 30307
404.892.2599
Please be governed accordingly.

PUBLIC NOTICE
#600772
12/17,24,31-1/7

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

TO:
RAYMOND LEE BRYANT, Individually, and as Administrator of the Estate of **DEBRA TEAGUE JAMES BRYANT JR.**
CHERYLE D. BRYANT
TAMI WELLS THOMAS, as Guardian Ad Litem for **LARRY TEAGUE**
STEPHANIE TEAGUE HOLMES
RACHEL TEAGUE PHILLIPS
NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

Occupant 17211 HWY 36 Newton County, Georgia.

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

Take notice that:
The right to redeem the following described property, to wit will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred as of five o'clock (5 p.m.) on January 24, 2024 or 30 days after legal service of the Notice pursuant to OCGA 48-4-45 et seq., whichever date is later:

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 222 of the 8th District of Newton County, Georgia, containing 3.28 acres of land according to plat of survey made for Robert E. Palmer prepared by Joe Rowan, Jr., Registered Land Surveyor dated May 18, 1989, and being recorded in Plat Book 23, Page 174, Newton County Records. The description of said property as contained on said plat is hereby incorporated herein and by reference made a part hereof.

That property known as **17211 HWY 36** according to the present system of numbering homes and having tax parcel identification number 0054000000014000.

The tax deed to which this notice relates is dated December 6, 2022, and is recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia in Deed Book 4470 Page 539.

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:

SABER HOLDINGS LLC
c/o John Ayoub, Esq.
Ayoub, Mansour & Bryant, LLC
675 Seminole Avenue, Suite 301
Atlanta, Georgia 30307
404.892.2599
Please be governed accordingly.

PUBLIC NOTICE
#600767
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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF RIGHT TO REDEEM
[REF. O.C.G.A., Section 48-4-5 et seq.; 48-4-45 & 48-4-46]

TO:
RUFUS J. STRANGE and his Unknown Heirs at Law

WILMA J. STRANGE
NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

Occupant **121 MCGIBONEY ROAD** Newton County, Georgia.

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

Take notice that:
The right to redeem the following described property, to wit will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred as of five o'clock (5 p.m.) on January 24, 2024 or 30 days after legal service of the Notice pursuant to OCGA 48-4-45 et seq., whichever date is later:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN THE TENTH DISTRICT OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE WEST SIDE OF MCGIBONEY ROAD AND WHAT IS COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF PROPERTY BELONGING TO CARL ADAMS; THENCE NORTH 62 DEGREES 32 MINUTES WEST ALONG PROPERTY BELONGING TO CARL ADAMS A DISTANCE OF 315 FEET TO AN IRON PIN CORNER (THIS CORNER IS ALSO KNOWN AS THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF PROPERTY BELONGING TO CARL ADAMS); THENCE RUNNING DUE NORTH ALONG OTHER PROPERTY BELONGING TO NEW-TON DEVELOPMENT, INC. A DISTANCE OF 90 FEET TO AN IRON PIN CORNER; THENCE RUNNING IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION ALONG OTHER PROPERTY BELONGING TO NEW-TON DEVELOPMENT, INC. A DISTANCE OF 275 FEET TO AN IRON PIN CORNER AND THE WEST SIDE OF MCGIBONEY ROAD; THENCE RUNNING IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE WEST SIDE OF MCGIBONEY ROAD A DISTANCE OF 210 FEET TO AN IRON PIN CORNER AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

That property known as of 121 MCGIBONEY ROAD according to the present system of numbering homes and having tax parcel identification number 0027000000164000.

The tax deed to which this notice relates is dated December 6, 2022, and is recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia in Deed Book 4470 Page 538.

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:

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PUBLIC NOTICE
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12/17,24,31-1/7

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

TO:
STEPHEN EVANS
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (Internal Reve-

at the Social Circle Community Room, 138 E Hightower Trail.

Applications & specific description of properties are available for viewing online at www.socialcirclega.gov or 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
#600703
11/26-12/3,10,17,24,31-1/7,14

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 Sub-

division 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

Public Sales Auctions

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 1/15/2024 @ 11:00AM

noel gerez A03 clothing, shoe, ,household, items, boxes, tools supplies, luggage, paint supplies

Carlos Ruben G06 PVC pipes

Joe Durham J23 clothing, shoes, wall art, electronics, household items, bags, totes, lamps, chairs

Michelle Arnold k24

clothing, shoes, mattress, bedding, household items, furniture, baskets

Queniterrah Carter O30 appliances, personal effects, wall art, boxes, 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 purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.

PUBLIC NOTICE
#600804
12/31-1/7

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

In accordance with the GA Self Service Storage Facilities Act notice is hereby given that the undersigned will be sold at public sale to the highest bidder in order to satisfy lien of the owner. Bidding to take place on lockerfox.com ending Thursday the 18th day of January, 2024 at 11:00 AM. Said property is Space Shop Self Storage, 1363 Dogwood Drive, Conyers, GA, 30012 Summerall, Darren 1209 Tools, Tarp, Bins, Paint, Tire Jack. Bell, Erika 3009 Boxes, Chairs, Lawn Mower, Scooter, AC unit, Mattress, Dolly. Freeman, D'Marcus 3024 Grill, Kid Bikes, Boxes, Pictures, Entertainment System, Car Seat. Jackson, Angela 1294 Bags, Military Hat. Owens, Cedric 1067 Kitchen Appliances, Boxes, Bed Set, TVs, Tables, Skate Borad, Bags, Speaker, Mattress,

Box Spring, Bed Frame, Dressers, Totes. Taylor, Celina 1192 Toys, Safe, Mattresses, Bed Frame, Bags, Tripod, Rugs. The auction will be listed and advertised on lockerfox.com. Space Shop Self Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.

PUBLIC NOTICE
#600787
12/31-1/7

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Self Storage Sale

Please take notice Midgard Self Storage - Covington located at 5272 Hwy 20 S Covington GA 30016 intends to hold a public sale to sell the property stored in the following units stored at the facility. The public sale to the highest bidder will occur as an online auction via www.storage-auctions.com on 1/19/2024 at 1:00PM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Tamika Stanford unit #C23; Allen McIntosh/Retired unit #D03; Jalisha Evans unit #E05; Justin Cutchins/Conyers Mitsubishi unit #E28; Lavour Wallace unit #G24; Darius Harpwer unit #J15; Sabrina Beck unit #L26. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.

PUBLIC NOTICE
#600834
12/31-1/7

PUBLIC NOTICE

Trade Names

TRADE NAME REGISTRATION

AFFIDAVIT GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

To whom it may concern:

Please be advised that **ALYSA KHAN** whose address is 35 GLYNN-SHIRE CT COVINGTON, GA 30016 and, whose address is 35 GLYNN-SHIRE CT COVINGTON, GA 30016 Is/ar the owner(s) of KHAN TECHNICAL the certain business now being carried on at 35 GLYNN-SHIRE CT COVINGTON, GA 30016 in the following Trade Name, to wit HANDY HERO INSTALLATIONS and the nature of said business is HANDY MAN & INSTALLATION 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 5TH day of DECEMBER 2023

PUBLIC NOTICE
#600766
12/24,31

PUBLIC NOTICE

TRADE NAME REGISTRATION AFFIDAVIT GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

To whom it may concern:

Please be advised that **KAILAGH STEWART** whose address is 110 BRUSHY CREEK CIR JACKSON, GA 30233 and, whose address is 4120 N DEARING ST COVINGTON GA 30014 Is/ar the owner(s) of SYDNEY GANDY the certain business now being carried on at 4120 N DEARING ST COVINGTON, GA

30014 in the following Trade Name, to wit 'TIL DEATH TATTOO and the nature of said business is BODY CRAFTING

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 13TH day of DECEMBER 2023

PUBLIC NOTICE
#600794
12/24,31

PUBLIC NOTICE

TRADE NAME REGISTRATION AFFIDAVIT GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

To whom it may concern:

Please be advised that **KINGS AND QUEENS COACHING GROUP LLC** whose address is PO BOX 780 OXFORD, GA 30054 and, whose address is Is/ar the owner(s) of the certain business now being carried on at PO BOX 780 OXFORD GA 30054 in the following Trade Name, to wit **LIONS AND CUBS** and the nature of said business is INDEPENDENT CONTRACTING

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 22ND day of DECEMBER 2023

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Holiday entrees
- 5

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- 8

Do axels and lutzes
- 13

Alliance
- 19

Ready for anything
- 21

Jets quarterback Rodgers
- 22

Picking up mistletoe for the holiday office party, e.g.
- 23

Fruit-filled German pastries
- 24

NBA great Wilt “The ____” Chamberlain
- 25

Donates 10 percent
- 26

Musical direction to get gradually louder: Abbr.
- 27

On track to win
- 28

Series opener?
- 29

“The ____ Trilogy”
- 31

Guest singer on Paul Simon’s “Gone at Last”
- 33

Posed for a portrait
- 34

Slap bracelets, flash mobs, etc.
- 38

Flaky November precipitation, perhaps
- 40

“Milk” director ____ Van Sant
- 41

White House press secretary under George W. Bush
- 43

Bordeaux brainstorm
- 44

Beelike
- 45

Dyeing vessel
- 46

Stuffs the piggy bank
- 47

Chide for naughtiness
- 48

Visitor who’s out of this world?
- 50

Site of one of Hercules’ tasks
- 51

Words on a gift package label
- 52

Promotes with enthusiasm
- 53

Shared-office business that filed for bankruptcy in 2023
- 54

“The Family Stone” actress Diane
- 55

California airport, on luggage tags
- 56

Common pasta suffix
- 57

Gogo’s pal in “Waiting for Godot”
- 59

“Star Wars” heroine
- 60

British scientist and author of “Strangers and Brothers”
- 63

Restricted areas on a parade route ... or an alternate puzzle title
- 66

Hoodwinked
- 67

Father-and-daughter boxers
- 68

Vega’s constellation
- 69

“Gosh!”
- 70

Fruitcake morsel
- 72

Gangster’s gun
- 74

Ducklings’ dads
- 76

Some famed frescoes
- 81

Like Santa Claus
- 82

“Prometheus” star Elba
- 83

Upstaged
- 84

Indigo plants
- 85

Puget Sound, for one
- 86

Christmas stocking end
- 87

“Semper Fidelis” composer
- 88

High-pitched bark
- 89

Winter wishes for school kids
- 90

“The Joy Luck Club” author Amy
- 91

“Cool” winter figure with wings
- 92

Method: Abbr.
- 93

Ann Patchett’s “ ____ Canto”
- 94

Equipment for Olympic gold medalist Chloe Kim
- 96

Brooklyn ____ (NYC nabe)
- 97

“Armageddon” author Leon
- 99

Timber wolves
- 101

Respond to the alarm clock
- 103

“Scream” feeling
- 106

“The Yankee Doodle Boy” songwriter
- 107

Props in portrayals of Poseidon
- 110

“My parents are gonna ground me, for sure!”
- 111

____ Selassie, former Ethiopian ruler
- 112

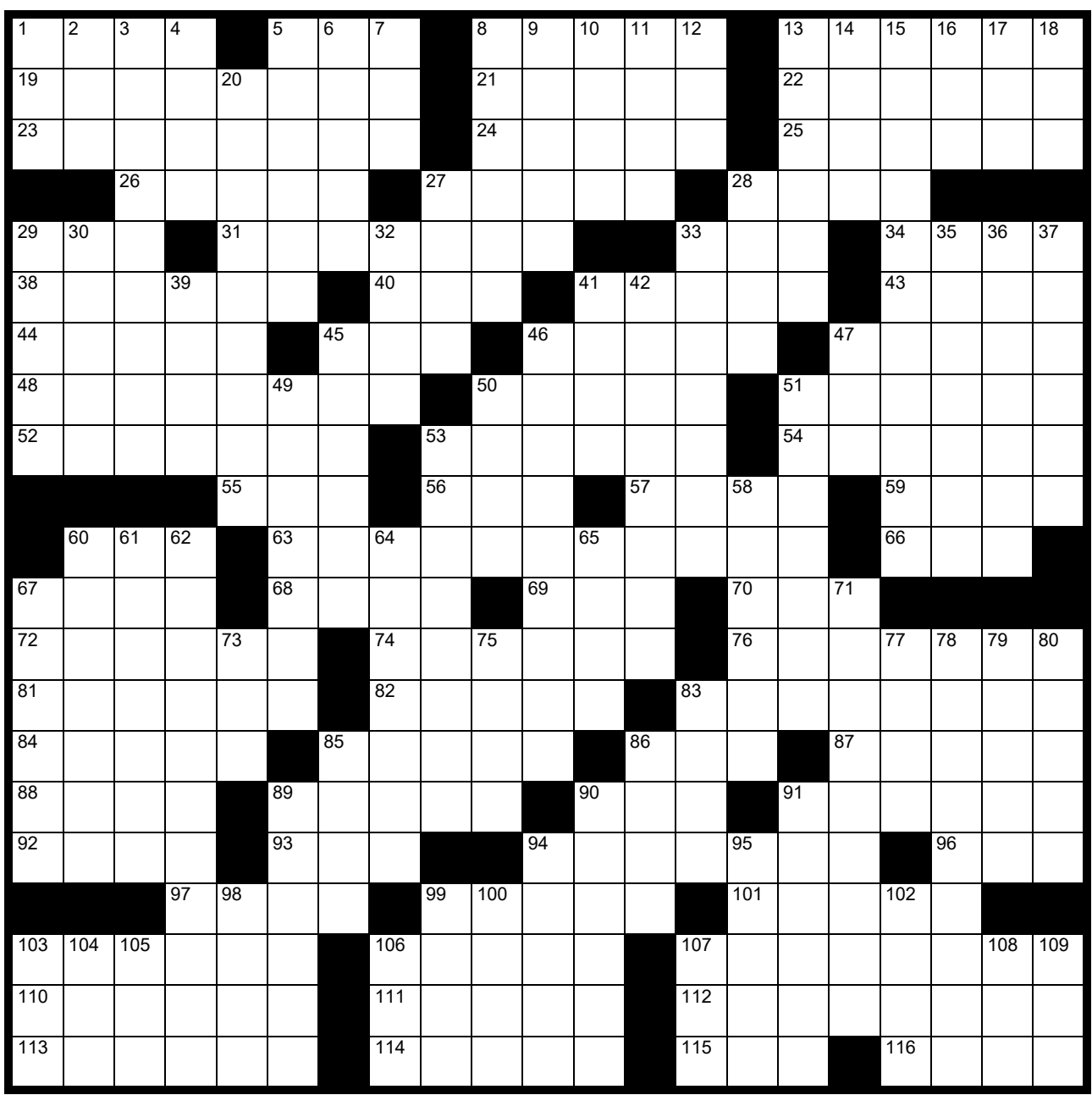
Ones who make calls for a living?
- 113

Muscle cramps, e.g.
- 114

Teen faves
- 115

Halifax winter hrs.
- 116

Throws in



- DOWN
- 1

Some printers
- 2

Frick collection
- 3

Capricious
- 4

Egg on
- 5

Newly fallen flakes
- 6

Verizon, e.g.
- 7

Driller’s deg.
- 8

Robe accessories
- 9

TV journalist and anchor of the Sunday edition of “NBC Nightly News”
- 10

Many a solo in Bach’s “Christmas Oratorio”
- 11

Spilled the beans
- 12

Tolkien creature
- 13

Repeated phrase in a yuletide favorite
- 14

Environmental activist Brockovich
- 15

Custom-made “blanket” provided by a winter resort
- 16

“So frustrating!”
- 17

French article
- 18

Publishing pros: Abbr.
- 20

Proficiency
- 27

Be contiguous with
- 28

“Say Hey Kid” Willie
- 29

Make ____ buck (profit quickly)
- 30

Maid of honor at Prince William’s wedding
- 32

“The Candy House” novelist Jennifer
- 33

Elude the bouncer
- 35

Rescued cat or dog, e.g.
- 36

Shoulder muscle
- 37

Scenic Arizona resort
- 39

Santa’s toy-filled tote
- 41

“ ____ Shanter” (Burns poem)
- 42

Goes too far, with “it”
- 45

Like a jet’s trail
- 46

Item that produces pins and needles
- 47

“ ____ Will Be Loved” (Maroon 5 single)
- 49

Muted, as sound
- 50

“The Real Housewives of Atlanta” star Leakes
- 51

Downwardly mobile type’s clothes?
- 53

Like Gandalf’s powers
- 58

____ fever (tropical ailment)
- 60

Barrister and human rights advocate Amal
- 61

Seed-producing flower parts
- 62

The Statue of Liberty and the Sphinx, perhaps, at a winter carnival
- 64

Second but not minute, e.g.
- 65

Snazzy couple?
- 67

Orderly groupings
- 71

Discard
- 73

Tunisian tennis sensation ____ Jabeur
- 75

Greek god of war
- 77

Dance-a-____ (fundraising event)
- 78

Made stronger
- 79

Start
- 80

Elite Navy group
- 83

Actress Chaplin
- 85

“Beware the ____ of March”
- 86

New Mexico resort
- 89

Part-time Florida residents
- 90

Chophouse orders
- 91

Winter pileup
- 94

Yuletide projectile ... or the puzzle theme suggested by the placement of eight special squares
- 95

Hard-to-find collectibles, casually
- 98

Meander
- 99

Washing machine unit
- 100

Dayton’s state
- 102

Antitoxins
- 103

“ ____ the season ...”
- 104

Japanese ruler: Abbr.
- 105

Vitamin stat
- 106

Greek letter
- 107

“ ____-la-la”
- 108

“The Good Place” actor Danson
- 109

Sound from a hot wok

Evan Birnholz is on paternity leave until January. Please enjoy this crossword from a special guest constructor!
Read more about the puzzle and an interview with Elizabeth C. Gorski at [washingtonpost.com/people/evan-birnholz](https://www.washingtonpost.com/people/evan-birnholz)

