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Governor extends restrictions, but as grocery and retail chains institute nationwide mask mandates, Kemp rules local mandates 'unenforceable.'

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His Word

Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth. And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.

— Mark 9:23-24, KJV

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MONUMENTAL DECISION ON HOLD

Newton commissioners vote to remove Confederate statue in Covington Square

Two injunctions halt historic action; hearings slated for Monday morning

The divisive issue to remove the Confederate memorial statue from the Covington Square has split Newton County along racial and political lines in recent years — most recently following the deaths of unarmed Black people by white police officers nationwide which led to demonstrations and rioting in June.

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COVINGTON, Ga. — A judge has merged two requests for injunctions to halt the county government’s planned removal of the Confederate memorial statue from downtown Covington before a hearing this week in Newton County Superior Court.

Judge John Ott said last week he was merging an injunction request filed by the Georgia and Newton County Sons of Confederate Veterans organizations with

a similar request by a local resident before the Monday, July 20, hearing at 9:30 a.m.

“Because of the similarities of the two cases over the same issue, the Court orders that the two cases are joined and (Sons of Confederate Veterans) also attend the hearing,” Ott wrote Thursday.

The judge said attorneys for both plaintiffs needed to be prepared to address legal issues surrounding the Newton County Commission’s 3-2 vote Tuesday, July 14, to remove the statue from the

site where it has been located since 1906.

Ott’s order followed his Wednesday order that the county not remove the 114-year-old “To the Confederate Dead of Newton County” statue from the center of the Covington Square until the hearing.

He scheduled it in response to Newton County resident

Tiffany Humphries’ July 13 request for an injunction to halt the removal.

Ott said legal issues needed to be addressed — two of which included the county government’s right to sovereign immunity which generally allows governments to avoid being sued; and the commission’s vote to remove the statue in light of the 2019 state law protecting such monuments in Georgia.

The law says appropriate measures for protecting or preserving such monuments “shall not be prohibited.”

But it also states that a local government cannot remove or relocate a monument unless it is necessary for such reasons as constructing, expanding or altering buildings, roads and highways.

The law also requires the statue to be transported to a place of “similar prominence, honor, visibility, and access” if a move is required.

County Attorney Megan Martin said she interpreted the law to require placement in a place of “similar prominence” only if it was

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Jerica Burns Photography
Micah Cushing kisses 4-month-old son Micah Lawson.

Local couple welcomes new baby one year after tragic loss

By TOM SPIGOLON
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COVINGTON, Ga. — It was 4:30 a.m. on March 13 and Mandie Cushing felt her water break.

But she also had four children at home who needed to get to school.

“That was chaotic, trying to get four kids ready for school with my water broke,” she recalled.

However, she said “the kids were great with it” and worked to

help get themselves off to school before going to an aunt’s house as the mom-to-be and husband Micah drove to the hospital.

Micah Cushing, a Covington city firefighter since 2014, coached her all along the way to the hospital in Rockdale County as they prepared to welcome son Micah Lawson, Mandie said.

The reason for traveling from their east Newton County

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Monticello man charged in Covington murder case

By TOM SPIGOLON
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COVINGTON, Ga. — A Jasper County man has been charged with the murder of a woman that sheriff’s deputies found with multiple gunshot wounds at a Covington residence.

Alex Khalil Smith, 27, of Monticello, was



Alex Khalil Smith

charged by the Newton County Sheriff’s Office with one count each of felony murder, possession of a firearm and aggravated assault in relation to the murder of Cassandra Arnold, 32, of Conyers, on July 8.

Deputies reportedly responded to a call July 8 at 10:45 p.m. about someone needing help after suffering “penetrating trauma” at a residence at 270 White Birch Drive in Covington. They found the victim with multiple gunshot wounds, a

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GALLERY: President Donald Trump visits Atlanta on Wednesday, July 15, to discuss transportation, infrastructure initiatives. (Photos by Deborah Stewart)



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Obituary

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Porterdale police officer fired after drinking on patrol

By TOM SPIGOLON
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PORTERDALE, Ga. — A Porterdale police officer is out of a job after the chief said he terminated the officer “on the spot” after finding he had been drinking alcohol before he went on patrol in a city cruiser in late June.
Officer Ryan Boston lost his job after Chief Jason Cripps said he found Boston had been drinking before Boston went on routine patrol June 29.
“Within an hour we were removing his weapon,” Cripps said. Cripps said he received an anonymous tip that day at about 6 p.m. that an officer was on the job and driving under the influence of alcohol. “It was discovered through an internal investigation that he was (under the influence of alcohol) and he was terminated immediately,” Cripps said.
The chief said he and a lieutenant terminated the officer and his separation from the city became final July 3.
He said the internal investigation was an administrative hearing “and with what we



Ryan Boston

were given this is how we acted on,” he said. “It was an employee and he does have rights,” Cripps said. “I have to follow some rules.”
However, Cripps also said his department gave the officer a ride home rather than him being investigated for driving under the influence by another law enforcement agency.
Some have criticized the action on social media and in other areas of the community as special treatment — in part because of Boston’s relation to the chief because he is Cripps’ wife’s nephew. Cripps said the reason for the action and other information will come out when the incident report and personnel action become public record in coming days.
He said the termination also was reported to the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council, also known as POST, which is the agency that certifies sworn peace officers under state law.
Boston had served as a patrolman in the department since September 2018.
Porterdale Police Department previously had honored Boston publicly during the July 1, 2019, city council meeting in recognition of his

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Newton County tops 1,000 COVID-19 cases

Governor extends restrictions; retail chains issue nationwide mask mandate

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COVINGTON, Ga. — Newton is the 29th county in the state of Georgia to surpass 1,000 total confirmed cases of the novel coronavirus.
After the Georgia Department of Health’s Thursday afternoon update, Newton County showed a record of 1,043 total confirmed COVID-19 cases with 128 total hospitalizations and 18 total deaths. Newton County only had its 700th case confirmed on July 4.
There were 131,275 total confirmed cases and 3,104 deaths statewide, as of Thursday. More than 14,000 people had been hospitalized — 2,736 had been admitted to the ICU.
The Covington News requested data and statistics concerning the number of assumed recoveries and/or how many confirmed cases were considered active, but the GDPH said no such information was immediately available.
As a result of COVID-19 case numbers continuing to rise, Gov. Brian Kemp extended social distancing and safety rules imposed through the end of July to discourage continued spread of the virus.
Grocery and retail chains such as Walmart and Kroger, among others, announced the decision to begin requiring all shoppers to sport a mask.
In a press release from Walmart COO Dacona Smith and Sam’s Club COO Lance de la Rosa, the reason for implementing the mandatory safety measure was stated as a way to “help bring consistency across stores and clubs” as the number of COVID-19 cases and face covering mandates increased across the country. Prior to Walmart’s decision, about 65% of its more than 5,000 stores and clubs were located in



Office of Gov. Brian Kemp

Gov. Brian Kemp speaks on the subject of masks in Augusta during his “Wear A Mask” tour earlier this month. He recently extended social distancing and safety rules through the end of July, but ruled local mask mandates ‘unenforceable.’

areas where there is some form of government mandate on face coverings. According to the CDC, face coverings help slow the spread of COVID-19. To better enforce the new rule, Walmart also announced all stores would be limited to one entrance.
Walmart’s mandate goes into effect Monday, July 20. Kroger’s takes effect Wednesday, July 22. Kohl’s, CVS, Walgreens and others will soon require face coverings of shoppers, too.
But the governor’s executive order issued Wednesday states any city or county rules “requiring persons to wear face coverings, masks, face shields” or other kinds of protective equipment

in public “are suspended to the extent that they are more restrictive than” the state’s guidelines.
Kemp has only encouraged the public to wear face coverings voluntarily.
Large gatherings in Georgia have been limited to no more than 50 people if they cannot keep at least six feet apart. That applies to restaurants, bars and other popular gathering spots.
Conventions, sports stadiums and performance venues were allowed to reopen July 1 under distancing, sanitizing and signage rules. But if people disregard wearing masks, Kemp has suggested the possibility of nixing fall sports.

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Advance voting begins Monday for Aug. 11 run-off

By TOM SPIGOLON
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COVINGTON, Ga. — All Newton County voters will have a choice between two attorneys to fill a Superior Court judgeship when advance voting begins for the Aug. 11 runoff election Monday, July 20.
But only Democratic voters in two districts in Covington and northern Newton County will choose their party’s nominees for seats on the school board and board of commissioners.
Only one location

will be available for in-person advance voting before Election Day Aug. 11, said election director Angela Mantle.
Voters can make their choices Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Aug. 7 at the Newton County Administration Building at 1113 Usher St. in Covington.
All Newton County voters can vote in the race for Alcovy Judicial Circuit Superior Court judge between Monroe attorney Jeffrey Foster and Covington attorney Robert H. Stansfield.
The nonpartisan elec-

tion will decide who will replace Superior Court Judge Eugene Benton, who has announced he will retire at the end of this year.
Foster was the top vote-getter in the three-person election June 9 with 37% — far below the 50% plus one vote required to avoid a runoff.
Stansfield earned a spot in the runoff election narrowly over fellow Newton County resident Cheveda McCamy June 9. Stansfield finished second with 32% of the vote compared to McCamy’s 31%.
Other races some Newton County voters will see to choose Democratic Party nominees include:
• Casey Duren vs. Dorothy Piedrahita for Newton County Board of Commissioners District 5.
The winner will face Republican incumbent Ronnie Cowan in the November general election. District 5 stretches from Social Circle in the north to Mixon Elementary School in the south.
• Anderson Bailey vs. Jeffrey Johnson for Newton County Board of Education District 4.
The winner will be unopposed in the November general election and will replace the late Almond Turner, who died in November 2019. District 4 stretches from Alcovy Road near I-20 in the north to South Salem Elementary School in the south and includes much of the city of Oxford.
Voters can visit the My Voter Page at the Georgia Secretary of State’s website to verify their polling location and see which races will be on their ballot. The link is mvp.sos.ga.gov/MVP/mvp.do.
However, only those who voted in the Democratic primary June 9 will be eligible to vote in either the county commission or school board runoff elections.
No Saturday voting will be offered during

PUBLIC NOTICE - CITY OF COVINGTON

The Mayor and Council of the City of Covington does hereby announce the millage rate will be set at a meeting held on Monday, August 3, 2020, 6:30 P.M. in the Council Room at 2116 Stallings Street, Covington, GA 30014. Pursuant to the requirements of O.C.G.A., 48-5-32, the Mayor and Council does hereby publish the following presentation of the current year’s tax digest and levy along with the history of the tax digest and levy for the past five years.

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Real & Personal	654,753,340	700,848,247	749,473,640	806,346,658	856,812,113	853,104,822
Motor Vehicles	16,077,150	12,507,220	9,742,100	7,611,280	6,560,870	3,829,030
Motor Homes	77,944	75,881	72,284	73,413	66,218	79,596
Timber - 100%	87,959	-	-	-	57,353	-
Heavy Duty Equipment	2,760	50,278	280,035	73,640	163,080	144,726
Less M&O Exemptions	95,079,679	109,437,674	131,704,342	135,662,514	148,028,940	138,406,225
Net M&O Digest	575,919,474	604,043,952	627,863,717	678,442,477	715,630,694	718,751,949
Gross M&O Millage	11.160	11.064	10.856	10.832	11.084	10.796
Net Millage	7.654	7.654	7.654	7.654	7.413	7.186
Net Tax Levied	4,408,088	4,623,352	4,805,669	5,192,722	5,304,970	5,164,952
Net Taxes \$ Increase	104,042	215,264	182,317	387,053	112,248	(140,018)
Taxes % Increase	2.42%	4.88%	3.94%	8.05%	2.16%	-2.64%

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Reaction shows community split on memorial removal

Chairman wants fountain to replace Confederate statue

By TOM SPIGOLON
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COVINGTON, Ga. — The county chairman says he favors a fountain representing all the cities in Newton County which will highlight the county’s unity as it moves past the planned removal of the century-old Confederate memorial statue.

Chairman Marcello Banes said replacing the Confederate memorial statue on the Covington Square with a fountain “is something that we are looking to do.”

“It would include everybody — Porterdale, Oxford, Covington, Mansfield, Newborn, all the cities — with the theme of ‘OneNewton,’” he said.

“We want this community to know we are moving forward in love. That’s our goal — to continue to unify this community.”

Banes spoke after the Newton County Commission’s 3-2 vote on July 14 to remove the 114-year-old statue from the center of the Covington Square because of threats to it and the downtown area.

He added that “we’re not going to have a show out here” when the statue is removed — a reference to the removal of a Confederate memorial statue from downtown Conyers June 30 before



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From left, County Attorney Megan Martin listens to Commissioner Nancy Schulz speak during the special called meeting at the Historic Courthouse last week on the Confederate statue’s removal. Schulz voted in favor of a motion for removal; it passed 3-2.

a crowd of onlookers and TV cameras.

Commissioner Demond Mason said he grew up in Tulsa, Okla., where racial division led to a massacre that destroyed a prosperous Black business area in the early part of the 20th century.

He said he wanted to do something to help end divisiveness in Newton County by supporting the statue’s removal.

“We have to do what we think is best for this community,” Mason said, in reference to the board of commissioners.

County resident Tyler Still organized a petition drive for the removal on the website Change.org that gained 11,000 names after producers of such TV shows as “Vampire Diaries” promoted

it.

Still said it was “the right time for something like this to happen.”

“What I’m really looking for now is, something that’s put in its place, I want it to be representative,” Still said.

Timothy Birt, who has organized two peaceful rallies in Covington related to recent police shootings of unarmed Black men nationwide, said he supported the decision.

He said it moves the county toward reaching larger goals of improving the racial and economic climate for Newton County residents.

“I know what it means to the Black community. At the same time, there’s a much bigger battle that we have to fight and the statue is just a small step in the direction we want to get to,” he said.

In contrast, County Commissioner Stan Edwards said he was “looking for a date and time when I can celebrate my heritage” as a white man in light of recent actions to remove Confederate memorial statues throughout the South.

Edwards told a reporter he believed a plan he offered at the July 14 meeting for formation of a citizens advisory committee on the future of the Covington statue was a good compromise for all sides.

He appeared skeptical that the commission’s three Democratic members voting for the removal did so to protect the statue and not because they were politically opposed to it.

“I believe what the chairman says. I believe he has had threats. I just believe the threats could have been overcome if we had worked to a compromise,” Edwards said.

“I tried to offer a compromise. They adamantly said, ‘no.’ That said a lot. That told me it was their way or the highway,” he said.

Longtime Newton County resident Mike Hooten said he did not believe a racial problem had existed in Covington until recent years, especially in relation to the statue.

“I hate it’s gotten about race,” Hooten said.

Two plaintiffs filed requests last week for injunctions to halt the statue’s removal until a Superior Court hearing was conducted

Monday.

Judge John Ott ordered the two requests be combined and set a hearing for Monday at 9:30 a.m. in Newton County Superior Court.

The Sons of Confederate Veterans organization asked for a judge to intervene. It also is among two groups seeking to halt removal of a Confederate memorial statue from the McDonough Square in Henry County.

Spokesman Martin O’Toole of the Georgia Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans said the Newton commission’s action not to move the statue to a place of equal prominence after its removal was a “clear violation of Georgia law.”

County resident Tiffany Humphries said she filed her request because she “cared about” the same state law that is meant to protect Civil War memorials in Georgia.

She said donations from attendees of a Sunday event related to the statue’s planned removal allowed her to file the injunction.

“At least we’re getting a chance to be heard,” Humphries said.

An inscription on the statue states those who still supported the Confederacy in 1906 must “furl” its battle flag — meaning former foes on the battlefield needed to unite under the American flag, Humphries said.

“That’s the message that the world really needs today,” she said.

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removed for a road project or building construction.

The divisive issue had split Newton County along racial and political lines in recent years — most recently following the deaths of unarmed Black people by white police officers nationwide which led to demonstrations and rioting in June.

Some local Black leaders have said the statue was offensive to the African-American community because it memorialized soldiers who fought for a cause that enslaved their ancestors.

Supporters have said it needed to remain because of its place in Covington history; and the fact it paid homage to their ancestors and Southern heritage.

They also said the statue was not praising the institution of slavery or white supremacy.

Banes said he placed the issue of the statue’s removal on the agenda of a special-called meeting July 14 after finding he had the public support of a majority of the five-member commission for the first time.

Under the county’s charter, Banes had the authority to place it on an agenda without commissioners’ approval. However, he noted he had waited three and a half years to take the action so he could get a majority in support of it.

He also said during the meeting commissioners needed to take the action after he heard threats of potential damage to the statue and surrounding downtown area.

Banes also noted he and other commissioners had received threatening emails of other kinds, as well, from both sides of the issue.

Commissioner Stan Edwards offered a plan to create a citizens committee to decide by Aug. 1 how to add memorials to past civil

rights leaders near the Confederate statue, which stands in a park in the middle of the Square.

The plan also would have required the county to protect all memorials including the Confederate statue, Edwards said.

Commissioner Ron-

nie Cowan said he liked the idea of a citizens committee recommending a plan because such efforts had helped the county make major changes in its government structure in recent years.

However, Banes said he did not believe such a committee could

come to an agreement when the emails he and others have received reflect a bitter community division on the issue.

“I know y’all are receiving the same emails I am. I am not for putting people together in a room like that,” Banes said.

Commissioners voted

3-2 to deny Edwards’ motion before the same vote along party lines for its removal.

Democrat commissioners J.C. Henderson, Demond Mason and Nancy Schulz voted for the removal while Edwards and Cowan, both Republicans, voted against it.

OBITUARY

Annie Mae Mask Brown Esh

Annie Mae Mask Brown Esh, 81, of Culver City, California, formerly of Covington, Georgia, went to be with the Lord on Sunday, June 21, 2020, after a valiant battle with lung cancer. She is survived by sons James (Lori) Brown and Mickey (Patty)

Brown, step children Lee Esh, and Tami (Kim) Guthrie, six grandchildren, four great grandchildren, brother Pete (Sylvia) Mask and several nieces and nephews including Peggy (Stan-



ley) Cook, and forever friends Myrtice Farrow and Phyllis Cunard. Ann is predeceased by her loving husband, Herb Esh, and grandson Joshua Brown, three sisters: Thelma “Sister”, Laura, and Jeanette, and brother Buck Mask. Ann was born Feb. 17, 1939 to James Jasper Mask and Era McGee, she graduated New-

ton County High School in 1957 where she was a cheerleader. She loved her family, God, slot machines and basketball! A rosary and funeral mass are postponed due to COVID and will be scheduled at a later date. Ann’s ashes will be released in a private gathering by her family.

NOTICE

The **Porterdale City Council** does hereby announce that the millage rate will be set at a meeting to be held at **Grace Baptist Church**, 474 Crowell Rd, Porterdale, GA on **August 3, 2020 at 6:30 pm** and pursuant to the requirements of O.C.G.A. Section 48-5-32 does hereby publish the following presentation of the current year's tax digest and levy, along with the history of the tax digest and levy for the past five years.

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Motor Vehicles	662,990	662,990	501,710	501,710	267,860	218,160
Mobile Homes	5,140	5,140	5,140	2,140	5,140	0
Timber - 100%	0	0	0	0	81,469	0
Heavy Duty Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gross Digest	23,908,717	23,908,717	21,814,089	24,917,828	30,714,440	33,712,700
Less Exemptions	3,719,836	3,719,836	3,602,213	3,365,580	2,732,078	2,163,905
NET DIGEST VALUE	20,188,881	20,188,881	18,211,876	21,552,248	27,982,362	31,548,795
Gross Maintenance & Operation Millage	17.9100	17.9100	17.9100	17.3140	17.3140	18.0720
Less Rollback	0.0000	0.0000	0.5960	3.5910	3.2420	0.0000
NET M&O MILLAGE RATE	17.9100	17.9100	17.3140	13.7230	14.0720	18.0720
Total City Value	\$ 20,188,881	\$ 20,188,881	\$ 18,211,876	\$ 21,552,248	\$ 27,982,362	\$ 31,548,795
Total M&O Taxes Levied	\$361,583	\$361,583	\$315,320	\$295,761	\$393,768	\$570,150
Net Tax \$ Increase	(\$1,695)	(\$1,695)	(\$46,262)	(\$19,559)	\$98,006	\$176,382
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Letters to the Editor

Reader says Newton BOC has handled ‘sensitive’ issue well

Dear Editor:

Other communities — in Georgia and beyond — have been roiled by passionate debate and hostile disagreement when considering the fate of Confederate monuments: whether to remove them or maintain them.

Not Newton County. In a remarkably calm and restrained meeting Tuesday, our Board of Commissioners voted 3-2 to move the Square’s Confederate monument to protect it from “credible” threats to deface or destroy it. Attendance in the Historic Courthouse meeting was limited, and social distancing was required, as were masks. Because it was a Special Called Meeting, no citizen comments were allowed. The debate was entirely among the commission members. Everyone’s opinion received a fair and respectful hearing.

One commissioner who opposed moving the monument spoke in favor of adding additional statuary and creating a citizen committee to address the question. Another commissioner had concern that the vote to move could be in violation of a state law meant to protect monuments in place. Among those who supported moving the monument were commissioners whose life experience motivated their affirmative vote.

It is a testament to the unique leadership of Chairman Marcello Banes and the proven collegiality of this particular Board of Commissioners that such a momentous decision was accomplished in a



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The Confederate memorial statue has stood on the Covington Square since 1906. Tuesday, the Newton Board of Commissioners voted to remove it, but an injunction against the board has placed its plans on hold.

deliberate and reasoned manner. Such collegiality is rare, particularly because an issue such as this breeds enormous emotion on both sides of the question. The Newton County BOC was not always known for such professional behavior.

The question is not closed at this point. There are already legal challenges filed that must work their way through the courts. The statue’s fate is in the hands of the court, as one commissioner put it. But for now, our county commission merits praise for the manner in which it has gone about the business of an incredibly sensitive subject.

Barbara M. Morgan
Covington

Tom Spigolon news editor

Statue protesters should reconsider tactics

One thing I’ve noticed when covering state and local governments is how elected officials learn about major issues before they vote on them.



At the state level, most Georgia General Assembly members have only microscopic staffs and must rely on partisan lobbyists to guide them as they vote on major issues that may affect millions of Georgians.

And those same lobbyists often are successful, not because they may hold some unseen influence over the representatives but because they gave them factual information and did so in a non-threatening manner even if they were highly passionate about their issue.

The people lobbying Newton County Commission members about the removal of the Confederate memorial statue from the Covington Square might want to rethink their tactics.

Chairman Marcello Banes implied he and other commissioners were receiving threats

of bodily harm before they voted Tuesday night to remove from the Square the divisive, 114-year-old memorial to those who fought for the Confederacy in the Civil War.

Banes publicly said there had been threats to damage the statue and the surrounding, flourishing commercial area that makes up the historic Covington Square — leading to a 3-2 vote on a motion to remove it so it wouldn’t be damaged or defaced.

On his Facebook page, Banes recalled a person approaching him Tuesday in the county administration building who “made some unusual statements” and then “made personal threats toward me.”

“Criticism comes with this position. Even aggressive criticism comes with the position. Personal threats do not. ... No matter how you feel about the topic of the removal of the Confederate monument, this action is inappropriate.”

And on a suggestion of a compromise solution — an advisory committee of interested residents deciding the statue’s fate — Banes cited emails and face-to-face encounters with those same people as

reasoning that those on both sides of the issue were too uncompromising in their positions to come to agreement.

Banes did not have a vote on the issue but was in a major position of influence to place it on the agenda of county commissioners who did vote for the removal.

Residents can be impassioned in stating how they feel an elected officials should vote — even on social media which many people apparently feel most public officials will never see.

By the way, most public officials closely monitor social media.

But these folks are human. And the right way to persuade humans in positions of power typically is not to threaten them with bodily harm or financial ruin if they don’t vote a certain way.

You can blame some unseen conspiracy or a long-utilized system of governing in an area — I’ve heard it called the “good ole boy” system by those who didn’t feel they shared the same level of influence as others.

But if you’re frustrated with an elected official about an issue, the first and best way to make your voice heard

is at the ballot box.

The best type of governing is done after thoughtful and calm discussion of the facts around an issue — even if those providing the facts or opinions are highly passionate about that issue.

In this country, I feel the best way to influence your leaders is not through comments on social media, especially from those who often are cowards hiding behind an alias.

The method with the best chance for success does not include bullying or making threats in the manner typically seen in third-world countries.

Such an approach may have led one elected official to be even more firm in his position.

People, it’s time to use facts and not make it personal when discussing an issue on social media and in person.

You may find it works well with the other, non-powerful people you know, as well.

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David Carroll's News and Notes

Toy departments looked different back then

In my continuing quest to write about something that doesn’t include the word “pandemic,” I’d like to explore how kids are spending their time during this...uh...event.



Their heads are buried in smart watches, virtual reality headsets, and game systems. They are tapping and texting on their iPhones, iPods, iPads and iDon’t Know What Else.

It makes you wonder. What DID we play with before Apple, Amazon and V-Tech ruled the world? How did we manage with only Mattel, Milton Bradley, and Wham-O? You know, stuff we didn’t need to plug in, and recharge.

Every little girl’s dream was an Easy Bake Oven. As a former little boy, I must confess I was intrigued as well. After all, it made cookies. Many of today’s expert bakers started out with an Easy Bake Oven. I can’t imagine such a product passing modern-day safety tests, but somehow 8-year-olds of the 1960s fired that sucker up and lived to tell about it.

Boys like things that bounce. The higher the bounce, the better the chance of reaching the sky. In the 1960s,

Wham-O introduced the Superball, which bounced really high, and proved very lucrative for the window replacement business.

The Sunday comics section, in color, has always been a kiddie favorite. When the makers of Silly Putty told us their magical flesh-colored goo could copy the color ink, we rushed to the stores. It seemed like magic to our little pre-internet brains.

Speaking of magic, what could be more magical than the Etch A Sketch? You use two knobs to create art, shake it up to erase, and then start all over. Or the Woolly Willy, which allowed us to use a magnetic wand to move “hair” on the face and head of clean-shaven Willy. While we’re talking makeovers, we could grab a potato from the kitchen, creating all sorts of identities for Mr. Potato Head.

I wonder how many of today’s beauticians and designers were influenced by Barbie, Ken and Skipper? Some of my girl friends could not afford the fancy accessories, so they used their imaginations. The lid to a can of hairspray became an ottoman, a shoebox covered with a dishtowel transformed into a great bed, and the plastic cups left over from the Lord’s Supper at church made

a nice little flower vase.

On the subject of dolls, who could forget Chatty Cathy? Pull her string, and she would tell you her life story. There was no alcohol involved.

For those who preferred real-life lessons, there was Betsy Wetsy. Scientifically speaking, Betsy Wetsy simulated urination after a fluid was poured into her open mouth. It was a charming lesson of “whatever goes in, must come out.” I remember my first real-life diaper changing experience, after somehow avoiding the ordeal for my son’s first six months of life. I had never trained on a doll, but if I had, it should have been “Explody Cody.”

I’m sure many medical professionals got their start by playing Operation. Certainly the Tinker Toys, Lincoln Logs, Pick-Up Sticks, SpiroGraph and Legos inspired countless engineers, builders, and architects. I’ll bet you anybody who does automotive work glued together model cars, or played with Matchbox cars and Hot Wheels.

We were all envious of any classmate who owned Crayola’s deluxe box of 64 crayons, including a sharpener. Most of us had a box of eight crayons, or maybe 16. But if you that Crayola 64-box, you were king of the neigh-

borhood. Warning: If your parents bought you off-brand crayons, you might as well have cooties.

One of my earliest childhood memories is a trip to the Shop-Rite supermarket with my dad. I was about 4. I spotted a kiddy car on the top shelf, just big enough for me to sit behind the wheel. I wanted it right then. Not for my birthday, and not for Christmas. I went directly into tantrum mode. Somehow, I survived this episode. Even more incredibly, I was soon steering it through our living room.

Thirty years later, I took my toddler to Toys ‘R Us for the first time. Why is he screaming like that, I wondered. Whose side of the family could that be from? I never made that mistake again. I was too busy making new ones.

It is fun to recall the simple items that kept us busy, like yo-yos, slingshots and marbles. I could play for hours on a manual typewriter. Recently, a longtime teacher brought one to school. All the seventh graders looked it over. “How do you turn it on?” they asked.

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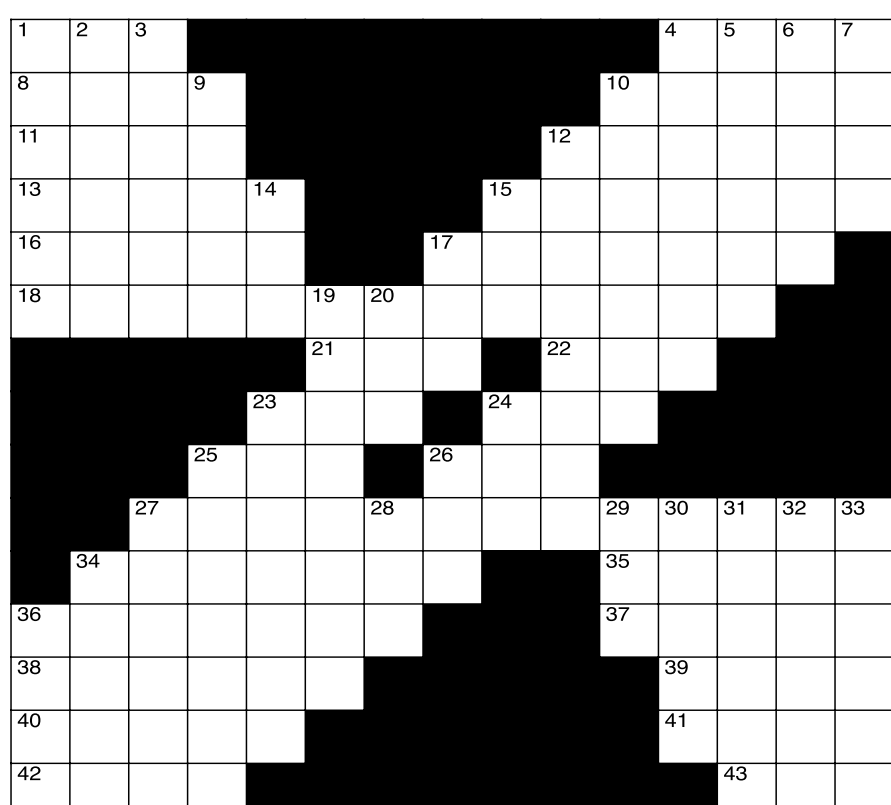
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11. Look angry or sullen
12. Glum
13. Northern Zambia peoples
15. Central
16. Collector of birds' eggs
17. Misbehavior
18. Top of the line
21. Political action committee
22. Have already done
23. Al Bundy's wife
24. Entertainment channel
25. Holiday (informal)
26. The common gibbon
27. Legendary actress
34. Seasoned sausages
35. Bluish greens
36. Ridiculed
37. Three-dimensional arrangement
38. Emerged
39. Type of protein
40. Denmark natives
41. Leak slowly through
42. Expression of sorrow or pity
43. Midway between south and southeast

CLUES DOWN

1. Artistic dancing
2. Plenty
3. Act leisurely
4. Serve as a warning
5. Admired lovingly
6. Leftover oil from distillation process
7. Company officer
9. Egyptian unit of capacity
10. One transmits information
12. Middle layer of an embryo
14. Form of "to be"
15. Cairo Regional Airport
17. Partner to cheese
19. Sample
20. A shirt may have none
23. Public gatherings
24. Disallow
25. Overnight suitcases
26. French river
27. Where boats dock
28. Top of a pot
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The Cushing family includes mother and father Mandie and Micah (pictured left), children Raylen, Easton, Bryar and Aubrie (pictured top right) and son Micah Lawson (pictured bottom right). The Cushings' daughter, Liza June, died March 1, 2019, shortly after she was born in February. She was diagnosed with gastroschisis — a rare birth defect where the baby's intestines are found outside of the body — before her birth and only given a 50-50 chance of surviving.

Welcomes:

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home to a hospital in Conyers rather than Covington was simple: Mandie wanted to be as close as possible to Children's Healthcare of Atlanta if history repeated itself for the couple.

A little more than one year before, the Cushings had welcomed daughter Liza June into the world in February 2019.

They had found out beforehand their child had gastroschisis — a

birth defect where the baby's intestines are found outside of the body. She was given a 50-50 chance of surviving.

After her February birth, Liza June was transported via ambulance to Children's Healthcare of Atlanta where she stayed for two weeks.

Liza June had to be fed through a tube and needed a ventilator to breathe before she died March 1, 2019.

A line of ambulances, fire trucks and police cars escorted the couple as they drove to the gravesite in Newborn. Rockdale Fire Department covered Covington Fire's calls so the entire department could be in attendance.

The Covington Fire Department continued to reach out after the funeral by checking in with the family. The community sent gift cards, money and small gifts.

Micah said he had heard the firefighting profession was a "brotherhood" before he got into it.

"You don't know what it means until you live through it," he said.

The months following their loss was tough for the Cushings, they agreed.

The couple had married after previous relationships ended for each. They each brought along two children, two girls with Mandie and two boys with Micah. Liza was their child first together.

After Liza's death, Mandie said she "never wanted to replace her" but they eventually agreed they wanted to try again.

"I still struggle ... daily with her loss," Mandie said. "Any parent who goes through that, it's not explainable. There's nothing to compare it to.

"I'm so thankful for my son but my daughter will never be replaced or forgotten," she said.

Micah said some days were difficult for the couple afterward but "it just proved how strong my wife is."

"We were able to work through it. I'm not going to say we are 100% over Liza," Micah said.

When they found out about their new son, a fellow firefighter organized a gender reveal party at his house. The couple was "flooded" with text messages and department officials sent out emails about the baby, Mandie said.

"They gave Micah more than enough time to be home with us. They gave us that option, because of the loss of our daughter, to soak in every detail," she said of department officials.

Micah said he recalled the boy's birthday March 13 being "more of a story about overcoming circumstances."

They were able to get their four kids off to school that day before he used his emergen-

cy medical training to coach Mandie as they rode to the hospital in Conyers.

"We had a bit of a scare. I was having some pretty drastic contractions. He was coaching me through the breathing," she said.

Honestly, the closer I was to Children's hospital the more comfortable I was," she said.

Their son was born healthy, weighing 7 pounds, about an hour later, Mandie said.

"He is huge. Anybody who has met him or seen him yet, he is a very large, very healthy, progressing baby boy," she said.

Now, Micah is working both as a firefighter and a construction company owner. That allows the family the financial freedom for Mandie to stay at home with her new baby and their other children, she said.

Former staff writer Caitlin Jett contributed to this report.

Murder:

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spokeswoman said.

She was transported to an area hospital where she later died, said spokeswoman Caitlin Jett of the Newton County Sheriff's Office.

The sheriff's office issued a BOLO (be on the lookout) notice for Smith on its social media pages Monday, July 13, saying the suspect, also known as "Cap," was last seen driving a gray 2015 Dodge Ram truck and was considered armed and dangerous.

No other details were immediately available.

The Newton County Sheriff's Office is asking anyone with information about the incident to call Investigator Eric Almond at 678-625-1453 or by email at ealmond@newtonsheriffga.org; or the NCSO Anonymous Tip Line at 678-625-1585.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Porterdale will conduct a Public Hearing on **August 10, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.** at Grace Baptist Church – 474 Crowell Rd.

Comprehensive Plan Update for the City of Porterdale

The purpose of the public hearing is to brief the community on the process in developing the comprehensive plan, and to obtain input on the proposed planning process. Citizens, business owners, and all stakeholders are invited to attend the Public Hearing to provide comments, ideas, and suggestions.

NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The Porterdale City Council had tentatively adopted a 2020 millage rate which will require an increase in property taxes by 35.62 percent.

All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearing on this tax increase to be held at Grace Baptist Church, 474 Crowell Road, Porterdale, GA on July 27, 2020 at 11:00 am and 6:00 pm.

Times and places of additional public hearings on this tax increase are Grace Baptist Church, 474 Crowell Road, Porterdale, GA on August 3, 2020 at 6:30 pm.

This tentative increase will result in a millage rate of 18.072 mills, an increase of 4.747 mills. Without this tentative tax increase, the millage rate will be no more than 13.325 mills. The proposed tax increase for a home with a fair market value of \$100,000 is approximately \$142.41 and the proposed tax increase for non-homestead property with a fair market value of \$150,000 is approximately \$284.82.

Public calls for Social Circle schools to change mascot



Brett Fowler | The Walton Tribune

Members of the community are calling for Social Circle City Schools to change its mascot from the Redskins.

By STEPHEN MILLIGAN
The Walton Tribune

A week after the Social Circle Board of Education defended its continued use of its controversial high school mascot, the Redskins, by saying they had received no formal complaints over the name, the complaints showed up. Five different people spoke Thursday night at the monthly meeting of the SCBOE during the public participation phase of the meeting to decry the mascot identity, accusing it of being racist, demeaning and a black eye to an otherwise vibrant community. Social Circle High School has been the Redskins for more than 50 years, but the name is used by only one other high school in the state. The NFL's Washington Redskins team announced it would discontinue using the name this past week after years of protests and objections, leading other schools around the nation

to reconsider their own use of Native American imagery as mascots. Adoris Gibbs, a SCHS alumnus who previously sent a letter to the board objecting to the Redskins name, appeared in person Thursday night to continue her attack against the name. Beginning with her family's history of attending Social Circle schools and working within the community, Gibbs said she was proud of her city but not of her alma mater's iconography. "I am Social Circle," Gibbs said. "I am not a Redskin." Gibbs said Social Circle needed to reconcile its history of social activism with a mascot based on caricatures of another ethnicity. "We have a history of respecting civil rights here," Gibbs said. "We honor diversity, yet we dishonor Native Americans with the name Redskins. "I, too, once chanted Redskins. I was taught the same false narrative about that name. But Redskins is not a tribe. It is time to put truth over tradition. We must remove this stain." Gibbs was followed by her little brother, Simeon Gibbs, who still attends Social Circle Middle School. Simeon spoke of his time on his school's

news team, as he tried to include information about the offensive nature of the school mascot during the closed circuit news program's diversity "fun fact" segment. "Redskins is an insensitive and derogatory term for Native Americans," Simeon said. "When I tried to say this as our 'fun fact,' it was taken out and I was told it was 'editorializing.'" Simeon has left the news team after twice having his attempt at activism edited out and then being removed from the program's diversity committee, but he said he continues to hope the system will see the light over its mascot name. "I hope you make the right decision," Simeon said. Keysey Provow, a member of the SCHS Class of 2011, came back to her hometown to also speak out against the mascot name. "Having attended Social Circle schools my entire life, I was indoctrinated in this local tradition," Provow said. "But the term Redskin is offensive and should not be used as a mascot. I strongly feel a change in this name would show what we as a community are meant to be." Deon Colquitt is a rising sophomore at SCHS and

a member of some of the school's athletic teams which bear the Redskins name and logo on their uniforms. "As a student-athlete at Social Circle, I find it offensive that we continue to use Redskins as our school mascot," Deon said. "This can affect the perception of our team to outsiders. How will we be seen by other teams with this racist term on our jerseys? Some people are more interested in protecting a mascot than the student-athletes. "Now is the time to act. Change is not a terrible thing. Let's be a part of that change." Finally, rising freshman Rashara Colquitt spoke out against the mascot name as well. "This is an issue," she said. "Native Americans have been trying to remove this name for decades and have been ignored. It is time to stop ignoring them and remove Redskins as our name." No one spoke in defense of the name, though public participants were required to register by Monday to speak to the board. The board told each speaker they would receive a response from the superintendent. No public statement regarding the mascot name was given at Thursday night's meeting.

Social Circle schools push back start date

By STEPHEN MILLIGAN
The Walton Tribune

Social Circle City Schools will start nearly a week later than originally planned as the system gears up for a school year dominated by safety measures to try and prevent further spread of COVID-19. The Social Circle Board of Education passed a revised calendar Thursday night at its monthly meeting that will move its starting date from the planned Aug. 5 to instead Aug. 10 to give teachers a longer lead-in time to finish lesson planning and brace themselves for the various social distancing rules being put in place to deal with the ongoing pandemic. New rules and regulations for the coming school year include students no longer using lockers to prevent congregating in the halls; no use of printed textbooks, with students instead receiving all class materials on their electronic devices as part of the system's 1:1 technology initiative; increased cleaning schedule, as the system moves to fully sanitize the school buildings every evening after students are out of the building; and other steps to try and keep coronavirus off the school campuses. Social Circle will also be offering virtual learning for those students who signed up for receiving instruction digitally off-campus. Students who signed up for distance learning will have to finish the nine-week or semester period, depending on the school, before they can choose to change their option to attending school on campus once more. The board passed the revised calendar unanimously.

Officer:

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"commitment and dedication" to the city after he quickly detained an armed male suspect during a gas station robbery in June 2019. Cripps said Boston was "a good cop" but he made a mistake. "He worked hard. He got a couple accolades. He got compliments. He showed to work on time," he said. "But he was a human being and humans make mistakes and he was held accountable for that mistake. "If you make a mistake here, you will be held accountable," Cripps said. The department includes eight officer positions though only five are now filled, Cripps said.

Voting:

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advance voting for the runoff, officials said. The deadline to apply for an absentee ballot for the runoff election is Aug. 5 at 5 p.m. Voters must have their absentee ballots at the election office at the Newton County Administration Building at 1113 Usher St. by 7 p.m. on Election Day, Aug. 11, to be counted, Mantle said. An absentee ballot drop box for Newton County ballots only is available and located at the north entrance of the administration building, Mantle said. All 22 polling locations will be open on Aug. 11 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. For more information, call 770-784-2055 or visit co.newton.ga.us/167/Board-of-Elections-Registration.

NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Oxford have tentatively adopted a millage rate which will require an increase in property taxes by 11.03 percent. All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearings on this tax increase to be held via teleconference on July 27, 2020 at 9:00 am and 6:00 pm and on August 3, 2020 at 7:00 pm. A link will be posted on the city's website for those interested in joining the public hearings via the internet. The teleconference for each public hearing will also be broadcast live at City of Oxford City Hall, 110 W. Clark Street. To join via telephone, please see the call information for each public hearing below:

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This tentative increase will result in a millage rate of 6.622 mills, an increase of 0.658 mills. Without this tentative tax increase, the millage rate will be no more than 5.964 mills. The proposed tax increase for a home with a fair market value of \$100,000 is approximately \$19.74 and the proposed tax increase for non-homestead property with a fair market value of \$300,000 is approximately \$78.96.

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The Mayor and Council of the City of Oxford do hereby announce that the millage rate will be set at a meeting to be held via teleconference on August 3, 2020 at 7:00 PM. A link will be posted on the city's website for those interested in joining the public hearing via the internet. To join via telephone, please call 1-646-558-8656. The access code is 930 9746 0092. The password is 730536. The teleconference for the public hearing will also be broadcast live at City of Oxford City Hall, 110 W. Clark Street. Pursuant to the requirements of O.C.G.A., 48-5-32, the Mayor and Council do hereby publish the following presentation of the current year's tax digest and levy, along with the history of the tax digest and levy for the past five years.

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Real & Personal	15,735,874	16,421,373	18,334,025	20,285,798	22,155,784	24,368,394
Motor Vehicles	1,981,300	1,438,080	1,088,540	824,640	729,820	593,120
Mobile Homes	502	480	480	480	480	480
Timer-100%		7,950				
Heavy Duty Equipment						
Gross Digest	17,717,676	17,867,883	19,423,045	21,110,918	22,886,084	24,961,994
Less M&O Exemptions	3,309,308	3,285,364	3,302,207	3,270,355	3,369,150	3,385,009
Net M&O Digest	14,408,368	14,582,519	16,120,838	17,840,563	19,516,934	21,576,985
Gross M&O Millage	26.17	25.77	23.20	22.71	22.86	23.61
Less Rollbacks	18.41	18.53	16.58	16.09	16.24	16.99
Net M&O Millage	7.76	7.23	6.62	6.62	6.62	6.62
Net Taxes Levied	\$111,809	\$105,432	\$106,752	\$118,140	\$129,241	\$142,883
Net Taxes \$ Increase	-\$4,883	-\$6,377	\$1,321	\$11,388	\$11,101	\$13,642
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Prep Preview

Trench warfare

An in-depth look at Newton County’s offensive, defensive line units

By **MASON WITTNER**
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Football games are won and lost in the trenches.

It goes without saying that linemen are frequently overlooked in terms of their production value for a team. While skill position players capture attention with their flashiness, it’s the big boys along the offensive and defensive lines who are relied on so heavily to help carry a team to victory. They can create time and space for an offense to operate, or set the tone for the entire defensive unit.

The Covington News recently spoke with the three local GHSA head coaches to discuss how their offensive and defensive lines look midway through July.

Alcovy High School
Second-year head coach Jason Dukes is placing a strong emphasis on his Tigers winning the battle at the line of scrimmage this fall.

Dukes, a former offensive tackle for the Jacksonville Jaguars, understands as well as anyone that success on both sides of the ball begins in the trenches. As Alcovy strives to

build off last year’s two-win season, the club will attempt to put the right personnel in place to lean on opponents and assert its will.

“It’s very important to dominate the line of scrimmage,” Dukes said. “The first thing you have to do from a defensive standpoint is stop the run. If you’re able to do that and get the offense in a situation where they become one-dimensional, that doesn’t give them the opportunity to be flexible.”

The Tigers ran a four-man front on defense last season. Despite their tendency to blitz heavily — with a lot of man coverage being played behind it — they struggled to put opposing quarterbacks on the ground.

“We had opportunities last year to get the quarterback on the ground and didn’t. That’s something that we have to get better at this year,” Dukes admitted.

Seniors Jaden Thrower and Andrew Bussey will play significant roles as leaders along the defensive line for the Tigers. Other impact players Dukes and his staff are looking to break out this season include junior Duval

Hill, sophomore CJ Cook and sophomore Christian Lewis.

Eastside High School
The Eagles are bringing back a group of experienced players along their defensive line, headlined by seniors Seth Martin, Kevin Napier and Sambo Button.

Eastside entered the 2019 campaign lacking a veteran presence, but that trio progressed throughout the fall. They adjusted to playing within the system and were the backbone of a defense that allowed just 13.9 points per game over their final eight contests after giving up 100 points combined in the first two games of the year.

“We were really young last year and inexperienced to some degree. I think later in the year we were playing a lot better football than early on, which is what you always want to happen,” head coach Troy Hoff said. “Our guys were able to play faster, think less and start timing out schemes and technique.”

The strength of Eastside’s defensive unit is measured by its ability to shut down the run game. If the defensive line can fill gaps and



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Newton High School sophomore Justin Benton highlights an extremely talented crop of linemen in the county in 2020.

stuff the ground attack, they’ll set the rest of the unit up for success throughout the night.

“Like most defenses in high school football, it starts with being stronger up front and stopping the run,” Hoff said. “Everything else is kind of built around that standpoint.”

On the offensive side of the ball, former sophomore sensation Jalen Farmer is continuing to progress going into his junior year. The 6-foot 5-inch guard, who was offered by Georgia Tech this spring, enters the fall listed at 310 pounds. Farmer and senior Garrison King are the leaders of a line that has received high praise from the coaching staff all offseason.

“I’ll say it right now — the offensive line is one of our best groups as far as being here and getting their work in,” Hoff said. “We’ve started the work with them every day, and they’ve set the standard really high. So that group as a whole, they’ve done a really good job.”

Eastside’s offensive line is far from a finished product.

Hoff’s staff is keeping an eye on several close battles for positions, and they’re nowhere near ready to pencil in the Week 1 starters on either side of the ball.

Hoff welcomes that competition.

“There’s always times where there can be a letdown. But if there’s a collective effort of holding each other accountable and there is competition for the spot, that usually brings out the best in guys,” he said. “And again, that’s across the board. With that group of linemen, with some depth on both sides, that’s going to help a lot.”

Newton High School
Any conversation about the Rams’ defensive line naturally begins with Justin Benton.

Listed at 6-3 and 245 pounds, the defensive end garnered national attention as a freshman last fall by recording 76 tackles, seven sacks and two forced fumbles. Now, as he prepares for his sophomore campaign, he’s taken on the added responsibility of being a vocal leader for the defense.

“I think he’s excited about being a leader,” Newton head coach Camiel Grant Jr. said. “There’s no arrogance in it. He’s truly a 100% team guy, and he wants the rest of the guys to have the same success that he’s having.”

Benton has emerged as one of the leaders for the unit, but he’ll certainly have his work cut out for him. Newton will be tasked with replacing a graduating class that was oozing with top-tier talent along the defensive line.

“It’s going to be tough to be as good

as that defensive line was last year. That’s a tall order,” Grant Jr. admitted. He noted that his staff’s expectations always remain high, but he anticipates a slight drop-off in production due to the loss of an extremely talent class.

“But I think that we can still be pretty good,” he countered. “I still think the strength is going to be on the back end, but we’ll be solid up front. We’ll have more depth.”

Joining Benton on the defensive line this season will be junior Elijah Zollicoffer — the 6-5, 310-pound two-way tackle with offers from the likes of Florida, South Carolina and Kentucky — senior Richard Rockett and senior Jaden Blackwell.

Newton’s defensive line is shifty and explosive. If they can stay healthy, they’ll be able to disrupt backfields and make life easier for the Rams’ lethal secondary.

Along the offensive line, Zollicoffer is the first guy that jumps off the page. In Grant Jr.’s eyes, however, junior center Oro Avery will be the glue for the entire offense. Avery converted from line-backer to center as a sophomore and quickly earned the starting gig, blowing the staff away with his natural ability.

“We looked at him and we felt like because he’s a very smart kid, he’s a very even-keel kid and he works extremely hard, we thought he’d be the perfect center,” Grant Jr. explained. “He did a tremendous job for us last year as a sophomore. That’s the kid that I think is flying under the radar. As he goes, so do we.”



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Model: Sebring

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Vehicle License #: ELF392 State:GA

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Year:2015 Model: Lancer

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ANYONE WITH an ownership interest in any of these vehicles should contact the following business immediately:

M & M Towing & Recovery, LLC
218 GUM Creek Rd
OXFORD, GA 30054
678-712-9571

PUBLIC NOTICE #117024
7/19,24

Alcoholic Beverage

NOTICE IS hereby given that an application has been made to the Newton County Board of Commissioners to obtain a license to sell alcoholic beverages (beer & wine) for off premises consumption by:

SEAN INTERNATIONAL Mgmt
DBA: KWIK Stop
KARIM H. Ali
11230 GEORGIA 36
COVINGTON, GA 30014

OCCUPATION TAX/BUSINESS
License Contact:
TINA WATERS
BUSINESS LICENSE Clerk
TWATERS@CO.NEWTON.GA.US

PUBLIC NOTICE #116974
7/5,12

Bids

REAL ESTATE for Sale

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

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

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

THE CITY of Covington is seeking proposals from firms for the installation and removal of a holiday lighting display for various locations in the city.

SEALED PROPOSALS must be delivered to City Hall, 2194 Emory Street NW, Covington, GA 30014, Attn: Scott Cromer no later than 10:00am on Monday, August 10, 2020. A pre-proposal meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 29, 2020 at 9:30 am located at 1143 Oak St. SE, Covington, GA 30014.

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #117026
7/19,26

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

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

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

THE CITY of Covington reserves the

right to reject any and all bids.

PUBLIC NOTICE #117025
7/19,8/2

Citations

ADRIAN SIMONE ROLLERSON has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of JAMES SCOTT ROLLERSON**, deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before August 3, 2020, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #116987
7/5,12,19,26

CITATION

BETTY J. CLARKE has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of KRISTOPHER M. CLARKE**, deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before August 3, 2020, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #116992
7/5,12,19,26

CITATION

BRANDY JOHNSON WEAVER has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of MARVIN EUGENE JOHNSON**, deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before August 3, 2020, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #116991
7/5,12,19,26

CITATION

DEBBIE S. STRACHAN has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of SANDRA A HOWELL**, deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before August 3, 2020, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #116983
7/5,12,19,26

CITATION

JAMES HUNTER WARREN has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of MICHAEL OMAR WARREN**, deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before August 3, 2020, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #116990
7/5,12,19,26

CITATION

JUSTIN EMILIO TORO has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of ALEJANDRO EMILIO TORO**, deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before August 3, 2020, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #116994
7/5,12,19,26

CITATION

KATHY ANN CATELLIER has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of JACQUELINA LUELLA WILLIAMS**, deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before August 3, 2020, next, at ten

o'clock, a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #116984
7/5,12,19,26

CITATION

LARRY G. SOCKWELL has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of GENE SOCKWELL**, deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before August 3, 2020, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #116989
7/5,12,19,26

CITATION

NICOLE BRENDA BURTON has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of GEORGE LEE VAUGHN**, deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before August 3, 2020, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #116985
7/5,12,19,26

CITATION

PAMELA RENEE WOODS has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of DOROTHY CAMPBELL**, deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before August 3, 2020, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #116993
7/5,12,19,26

CITATION

PATSY L. BARNETT has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of BRIAN E. BARNETT**, deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before August 3, 2020, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #117005
7/5,12,19,26

CITATION

RE: ESTATE of DANE SCOTT SCHNARR, Deceased

ROBERT A FRANCE, Executor has petitioned for Final Settlement of Accounts and Discharge from Office and all Liability. All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause as to why said petition should not be granted. All objections must be in writing and filed with this Court on or before August 3, 2020, at ten o'clock am.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #117000
7/19

CITATION

SHIRLEY A. KASPER has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of JOHN B. KASPER**, deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before August 3, 2020, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #116988
7/5,12,19,26

CITATION

SU HUM ROCKER has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of SAMUEL F. ROCKER**, deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before August 3, 2020, next, at ten

o'clock, a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #116986
7/5,12,19,26

CITATION

THE PETITION of DENIESE GRAVES widow of **SHERMAN GRAVES**, deceased, for Twelve Month's Support for having been duly filed, all interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections must be in writing and filed with this Court on or before August 3, 2020, next at ten o'clock a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #117001
7/5,12,19,26

CITATION

THE PETITION of LOUIS G. OLSON widow/widower of **ANGIE H. OLSON**, deceased, for Twelve Month's Support for having been duly filed, all interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections must be in writing and filed with this Court on or before August 3, 2020, next at ten o'clock a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #117002
7/5,12,19,26

CITATION

TO: ALL interested parties and unknown heirs

RE: ESTATE of Eric Demond Perry, Deceased

DERWIN DAVIS, Esq., Temporary Administrator, has petitioned to be discharged from Office and all Liability. All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause as to why said petition should not be granted. All objections must be in writing and filed with this Court on or before August 3, 2020, at ten o'clock am.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #116944
6/28,7/5,12,19

CITATION

ZACHERY S. CROY & TAMMY J. JONES have petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of Lester Ray Croy, deceased.
(THE APPLICANT has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before August 3, 2020 at ten o'clock a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #116928
7/5,12,19,26

Corporations

NOTICE IS given that Articles of Incorporation that will incorporate God's Army International Ministries, Inc. have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code. The initial registered office of the corporation is located at 280 Lassiter Dr., Covington, GA 30016 and the initial registered agent at such address is Barbara Sherman.

PUBLIC NOTICE #117007
7/12,19

NOTICE OF INTENT TO VOLUNTARILY DISSOLVE A CORPORATION

NOTICE IS given that a notice of intent to dissolve Belt & Associates, Inc., A Georgia corporation with its registered office at 45 Blackberry Lane, Covington, GA 30016 will be delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with O.C.G.A. Section 14-2-1403.1 of the Georgia Business Corporation Code. All persons with claims against the Corporation shall file their claims, with all supporting documentation at the registered office of the Corporation within ninety (90) days after the filing of the notice of intent to dissolve. Except for any claim against the Corporation presented within such time period and any claim that is contingent at the time of the filing of the notice of intent to dissolve or which arises after the filing of such notice, any claim against the Corporation will be barred unless a proceeding to enforce the claim is commenced within two (2) years after publication of this notice, as provided in O.C.G.A. Section 14-2-1407 (B) of the Georgia Business Corporation Code.

PUBLIC NOTICE #117027
7/19,26

Debtors Creditors

ALL CREDITORS of the Estate of **HOLLY B. CASEY**, deceased, 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 11TH day of June, 2020.

KARI CASEY WHITAKER, Executor
U/W HOLLY B. CASEY

DJURIC SPRATT P.A.
PATRICIA D. Friedman, Esq.
191 PEACHTREE Street, N.E., Suite 4400
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303
(404) 523-8337

PUBLIC NOTICE #116916
6/28,7/5,12,19

NOTICE TO Debtors and Creditors

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

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

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

ALL CREDITORS of the Estate of **CHARLES VERONON MINTON**, deceased, 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 to the undersigned representative of said estate.
THIS 24TH day of June 2020

CHERYL R. Freeman
FREEMAN LAW FIRM, LLC
1182B WASHINGTON street
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #116968
7/5,12,19,26

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

ANGELA I. ALLEN AND
JANICE M. PARKER
3297 POPLAR RIDGE DR
REX, GA 30273

PUBLIC NOTICE #116965
6/28,7/5,12,19

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of GENEVA STRONG HARRIS**, 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 JUNE, 2020.

SONYA M. HARRIS
7102 NEED ST
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #116995
7/5,12,19,26

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of JACK G. TAYLOR**, 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 26th day of JUNE, 2020.

SHANNON M. TAYLOR
7745 VILLAGE DR
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

PUBLIC NOTICE #116997
7/5,12,19,26

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of JACKIE RAY CONNER**, 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 26th day of JUNE, 2020.

MARJORIE A. LEATHERS
5320 ANNIE MITCHELL DR
CONYERS, GA 30094

PUBLIC NOTICE #116998
7/5,12,19,26

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of JULIUS EDWIN SWILLEY**, deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/ or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.
THIS THE 24th day of JUNE, 2020.

RHONDA J. WEST
4105 SUMMERS STREET, SW
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #116996
7/5,12,19,26

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of PERRY LEE HOOTEN**, 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 26th day of JUNE, 2020.

SUSAN M. JOHNSON
5123 HILLCREST DR, NW
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #116999
7/5,12,19,26

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of REBECCA EVANS**, deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/ or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.
THIS THE 24th day of JUNE, 2020.

GUY EVANS, JR
5159 INDIE CIRCLE
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #116963
6/28,7/5,12,19

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of TROY BRIMMINGHAM**, deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You

OF THE NEWS

OF THE order for publication with the clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County and to serve a copy of the answer upon the plaintiff (if pro se) or upon the plaintiff's attorney (if represented).

WITNESS THE Honorable **EUGENE M. BENTON**, Judge Superior Court of Newton County.

THIS, THE 16TH day of **JUNE**, 2020.

LINDA D. Hays
CLERK OF Superior Court

PUBLIC NOTICE #116970
7/5,12,19,26

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF
GEORGIA

VICTORIA YVONNE LINDSEY
PLAINTIFF,
-VS-
JEFFREY DEAN LINDSEY
DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION No.:
SU-CV-2020-001086-1

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

BY ORDER for service by publication dated **JUNE 8, 2020** you are hereby notified that on **29TH DAY OF MAY 2020, VICTORIA YVONNE LINDSEY** (plaintiff) filed suit against you for Divorce .

YOU ARE required to file with the Clerk of the Superior Court, and serve upon Plaintiff's attorney:

PETER J. Wosnik
WOSNIK LAW, LLC
924 CHEROKEE Avenue
MONROE, GA 30655

AN ANSWER in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for publication.

WITNESS THE Honorable Judge **John M. Ott** of this Superior Court.

CLERK, SUPERIOR Court
FOR: LINDA D. Hays, Clerk
1132 USHER Street, NW
SUITE 338
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #116955
6/28,7/5,12,19

Foreclosures
NEWTON COUNTY AUGUST 2020
TAX SALE

SHERIFF'S SALE
DANA DARBY
EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF NEWTON

UNDER AND by virtue of certain tax Fi.Fa.s issued by the **Tax Commissioner of Newton County, Georgia, in favor of the Newton County** against the following named persons and the property as described immediately below their respective name(s).

THERE WILL be sold for cash or certified funds at public outcry, before the **Courthouse door in Covington, Newton County, Georgia**, between the legal hours of sale, on the **first Tuesday in August, the same being August 4, 2020.**

THE BELOW listed and described properties, or as much thereof as will satisfy the State and County tax execution on the respective individual and property will be sold **between the legal hours of sale, 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM.** The properties hereinafter described have been levied on as the property of the persons whose names immediately precede the property description. Each of the respective parcels of property is located in **Newton County, State of Georgia.** The years for which said Fi.Fa.s are issued and levied are stated below the name of the owner in each case.

THE DOCTRINE of Caveat Emptor shall apply to all sales (meaning this is a “Buyer Beware” sale) and all property will be sold as is. The **Tax Commissioner makes no warranty, neither expressed nor implied, as to title, and all properties are subject to all recorded covenants, easements, and right of ways. All bidders will be required to present a valid state issued method of identification.** Properties are sold under the power of a tax sale deed with specific rights of redemption.

EACH DEFENDANT and tenant in possession, if applicable, has been notified of levy time and place of sale. Purchaser shall pay for title, all transfer cost, all taxes, advertising cost and recording fees. Pursuant to Georgia Law, payment will be required within one (1) hour of the completion of the tax sale. In the event a bid is not properly paid, the property **may be re-offered at 2:00 PM on the day of the sale, or the following day that being August 5, 2020.**

ID# 1
MAP/PARCEL NUMBER: C0310
000050 011 000
DEFENDANT IN Fifa: AEMSC LLC, IN REM
CURRENT RECORD Holder: Same as Defendant in Fifi
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel C0310 000050 011 000, Land Lot 233, 9th Land District, in the City of Covington, Newton County, Georgia, being 0.32 acre, more or less, Lot 1, shown in Plat Book 41, Page 252, described in Deed Book 2665, Page 513, located on Collier Street.
REFERENCE DEED: 2665/513
TAX YEARS Due: 2013-2019
AMOUNT DUE: \$1,737.09

ID# 2
MAP/PARCEL NUMBER: 0074B
000000 006 C00
DEFENDANT IN Fifa: AMERICAN LEIN FUND LP, IN REM
CURRENT RECORD Holder: Same as Defendant in Fifi
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0074B 000000 006 C00, Land Lot 84, 8th District, Newton County, Georgia, being 0.58 acre, more or less, described in Deed Book 2581, Page 249, known as 766 Rocky Point Road.
REFERENCE DEED: 2581/249
TAX YEARS Due: 2013-2019
AMOUNT DUE: \$9,643.78

ID# 3
MAP/PARCEL NUMBER: 0106A
00000 034 000
DEFENDANT IN Fifa: ANDERSON HOME BUILDERS, IN REM
CURRENT RECORD Holder: Same as Defendant in Fifi
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: All and

only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0106A 00000 034 000, Land Lots, 1st Land District, Newton County, Georgia, being 2.44 acres, more or less, being a portion of 2.55 acres, more or less, Tract D, shown in Plat Book 42, Page 150, described in Deed Book 2194, Page 571, located on Digby Road.
REFERENCE DEED: 2194/571
TAX YEARS Due: 2013-2019
AMOUNT DUE: \$2,916.70

ID# 4
MAP/PARCEL NUMBER: 0074C
00000 014 000
DEFENDANT IN Fifa: ANDERSON HOMEBUILDERS INC, IN REM
CURRENT RECORD Holder: Same as Defendant in Fifi
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0074C 00000 014 000, Land Lot 91, 9th Land District, Newton County, Georgia, being 0.63 acre, more or less, Lot 14, Brandy Estates Subdivision, shown in Plat Book 39, Page 233, described in Deed Book 1462, Page 300, known as 50 Dews Trail.
REFERENCE DEED: 1462/300
TAX YEARS Due: 2013-2019
AMOUNT DUE: \$1,365.09

ID# 5
MAP/PARCEL NUMBER: C0390
00090 013 000
DEFENDANT IN Fifa: BAKER CHARLIE ESTATE, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
CURRENT RECORD Holder: Same as Defendant in Fifi
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel C0390 00090 013 000, in the City of Covington, Newton County, Georgia, being 0.22 acre, more or less, described in Deed Book 94, Page 663, known as 6128 Berry Street.
REFERENCE DEED: 94/663
TAX YEARS Due: 2013-2019
AMOUNT DUE: \$1,231.90

ID# 9
MAP/PARCEL NUMBER: C0270
00120 017 000
DEFENDANT IN Fifa: BENTLEY VIOLA ESTATE, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
CURRENT RECORD Holder: Same as Defendant in Fifi
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel C0270 00120 017 000, Newton County, Georgia, being 5.1 acres, more or less, Block 2, located on Hendrix Circle.
TAX YEARS Due: 2013-2019
AMOUNT DUE: \$2,068.56

ID# 10
MAP/PARCEL NUMBER: C0340
00030 014 000
DEFENDANT IN Fifa: BENTON ROSETTA ESTATE & ANGELA, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
CURRENT RECORD Holder: Same as Defendant in Fifi
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel C0340 00030 014 000, Land Lot 250, 9th District, Newton County, Georgia, being 0.04 acre, more or less, Block 2, described in Deed Book 867, Page 117, located on Avery Street.
REFERENCE DEED: 867/117
TAX YEARS Due: 2013-2019
AMOUNT DUE: \$855.67

ID# 11
MAP/PARCEL NUMBER: 0058A
00000 057 000
DEFENDANT IN Fifa: BERGSMANN LUDWIG ESTATE, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
CURRENT RECORD Holder: Same as Defendant in Fifi
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0058A 00000 057 000 Newton County, Georgia, being 1.63 acres, more or less, described in Deed Book 180, Page 137, known as 400 Stone Lea Trace.
REFERENCE DEED: 180/137
TAX YEARS Due: 2013-2019
AMOUNT DUE: \$4,743.85

ID# 12
MAP/PARCEL NUMBER: 00160
00000 019 000
DEFENDANT IN Fifa: BLACKSHEAR JOHNNY B ESTATE, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
CURRENT RECORD Holder: Same as Defendant in Fifi
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 00160 00000 019 000, Downs District, Newton County, Georgia, being 1 acre, more or less, described in Deed Book 701, Page 318, known as 642 Bethany Road.
REFERENCE DEED: 701/318
TAX YEARS Due: 2013-2019
AMOUNT DUE: \$7,874.07

ID# 13
MAP/PARCEL NUMBER: 00420
00000 171 000
DEFENDANT IN Fifa: BLACKSHEAR JOHNNY JR, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
CURRENT RECORD Holder: Same as Defendant in Fifi
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 00420 00000 171 000, Land Lot 193, 10th Land District, Newton County, Georgia, being 2 acres, more or less, shown in Plat Book 29, Page 114, described in Deed Book 578, Page 94, known as 672 Moore Street.
REFERENCE DEED: 2864/620
TAX YEARS Due: 2013-2019
AMOUNT DUE: \$46,468.24

ID# 14
MAP/PARCEL NUMBER: C0260
00220 006 000
DEFENDANT IN Fifa: BLACKSHEAR JOHNNY JR, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
CURRENT RECORD Holder: Same as Defendant in Fifi
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel C0260 00220 006 000, Newton County, Georgia, being 0.13 acre, more or less, described in Deed Book 329, Page 323, known as 3111 Washington Street.
REFERENCE DEED: 329/323
TAX YEARS Due: 2013-2019
AMOUNT DUE: \$138,814.00

ID# 15
MAP/PARCEL NUMBER: 0074B
00000 071 000
DEFENDANT IN Fifa: BRAND JOHN M ESTATE, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
CURRENT RECORD Holder: Same as Defendant in Fifi
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0074B 00000 071 000, Newton County, Georgia, being 0.14 acre, more or less, Lot 26, located on

Lang Road.
REFERENCE DEED:
TAX YEARS Due: 2013-2019
AMOUNT DUE: \$1,614.50

ID# 16
MAP/PARCEL NUMBER: C064A
00000 189 000
DEFENDANT IN Fifa: BREYERTON COMMUNITIES LLC, IN REM
CURRENT RECORD Holder: Same as Defendant in Fifi
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel C064A 00000 189 000, Land Lot 234, 9th District, Newton County, Georgia, being 0.44 acre, more or less, Lot 24, Phase 3, Sterling Lakes Subdivision, shown in Plat Book 38, Page 214, described in Deed Book 2188, Page 253, known as 8336 North Sterling Links Drive.
REFERENCE DEED: 2188/253
TAX YEARS Due: 2013-2019
AMOUNT DUE: \$2,292.44

ID# 18
MAP/PARCEL NUMBER: X0130
00000 026 000
DEFENDANT IN Fifa: BROWN GEORGE ESTATE, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
CURRENT RECORD Holder: Same as Defendant in Fifi
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel X0130 00000 026 000, Newton County, Georgia, being 0.57 acre, more or less, located on Wesley Street.
TAX YEARS Due: 2013-2019
AMOUNT DUE: \$2,390.02

ID# 19
MAP/PARCEL NUMBER: X0130
00000 017 000
DEFENDANT IN Fifa: BROWN SYLVESTER SR ESTATE, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
CURRENT RECORD Holder: Same as Defendant in Fifi
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel X0130 00000 017 000, Newton County, Georgia, being 0.69 acre, more or less, known as 410 Collingsworth Street.
TAX YEARS Due: 2013-2019
AMOUNT DUE: \$2,390.02

ID# 20
MAP/PARCEL NUMBER: 0058A
00000 006 000
DEFENDANT IN Fifa: CARROLL SHAWN M, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
CURRENT RECORD Holder: Same as Defendant in Fifi
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0058A 00000 006 000, Land Lot 362, 9th District, Newton County, Georgia, being 1.59 acres, more or less, Lot 5, Block E, Stone Lea II Subdivision, Unit 1, shown in Plat Book 11, Page 347, described in Deed Book 1932, Page 408, known as 3320 Stone Lea Drive.
REFERENCE DEED: 1932/408
TAX YEARS Due: 2013-2019
AMOUNT DUE: \$18,461.27

ID# 21
MAP/PARCEL NUMBER: C0250
00050 005 000
DEFENDANT IN Fifa: CARSWELL MATTIE ESTATE, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
CURRENT RECORD Holder: Same as Defendant in Fifi
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel C0250 00050 005 000, in the City of Covington, Newton County, Georgia, being 0.11 acre, more or less, Lot 38, Block 7, described in Deed Book 92, Page 160, known as 3155 Stone Mountain Street.
REFERENCE DEED: 92/160
TAX YEARS Due: 2013-2019
AMOUNT DUE: \$782.70

ID# 22
MAP/PARCEL NUMBER: 00750
00000 002 000
DEFENDANT IN Fifa: COGAR KIM L & TAMMY S, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
CURRENT RECORD Holder: Same as Defendant in Fifi
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 00750 00000 002 000, Land Lot 79, 9th District, Newton County, Georgia, being 0.53 acre, more or less, described in Deed Book 1900, Page 501, known as 155 Polk Road.
REFERENCE DEED: 1900/501
TAX YEARS Due: 2013-2019
AMOUNT DUE: \$4,651.95

ID# 32
MAP/PARCEL NUMBER: C0320
00020 006 A00
DEFENDANT IN Fifa: DAVIS VIRGINIA IRWIN ESTATE, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
CURRENT RECORD Holder: Same as Defendant in Fifi
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel C0320 00020 006 A00, Land Lot 234, 9th Land District, Newton County, Georgia, being 0.23 acre, more or less, Covington South Subdivision, located on Thrash Street.
TAX YEARS Due: 2013-2019
AMOUNT DUE: \$1,997.39

ID# 33
MAP/PARCEL NUMBER: 0028B
00000 009 000
DEFENDANT IN Fifa: DEN RIC CORP THE, IN REM
CURRENT RECORD Holder: Same as Defendant in Fifi
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0028B 00000 009 000, Land Lot 71, 10th District, Newton County, Georgia, being 0.64 acre, more or less, shown in Plat Book 36, Page 43, described in Deed Book 1877, Page 498, known as 50 Creekside Trail.
REFERENCE DEED: 1877/498
TAX YEARS Due: 2013-2019
AMOUNT DUE: \$1,838.12

ID# 34
MAP/PARCEL NUMBER: 0045C
00000 063 000
DEFENDANT IN Fifa: DH LOT INVESTATEOR FUND NUMBER THREE LLC, IN REM
CURRENT RECORD Holder: Same as Defendant in Fifi
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0045C 00000 063 000, Land Lots 100 and 125, 10th District, Newton County, Georgia, being 0.45 acre, more or less, Lot 63, Phase 1, Holly Hills Subdivision f/k/a Heaton Place Subdivision, shown in Plat Book 43, Page 131, described in Deed Book 2646, Page 387, known as 340 Mincy Way.
REFERENCE DEED: 2646/387
TAX YEARS Due: 2013-2019
AMOUNT DUE: \$2,453.86

ID# 35
MAP/PARCEL NUMBER: 0045C

00000 075 000
DEFENDANT IN Fifa: DH LOT INVESTATEOR FUND NUMBER THREE LLC, IN REM
CURRENT RECORD Holder: Same as Defendant in Fifi
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0045C 00000 075 000, Land Lots 100 and 125, 10th District, Newton County, Georgia, being 0.35 acre, more or less, Lot 75, Phase 1, Holly Hills Subdivision f/k/a Heaton Place Subdivision, shown in Plat Book 43, Page 131, described in Deed Book 2646, Page 387, known as 150 Heaton Place Trail.
REFERENCE DEED: 2646/387
TAX YEARS Due: 2013-2019
AMOUNT DUE: \$2,453.86

ID# 36
MAP/PARCEL NUMBER: 0045C
00000 076 000
DEFENDANT IN Fifa: DH LOT INVESTATEOR FUND NUMBER THREE LLC, IN REM
CURRENT RECORD Holder: Same as Defendant in Fifi
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0045C 00000 076 000, Land Lots 100 and 125, 10th District, Newton County, Georgia, being 0.34 acre, more or less, Lot 76, Phase 1, Holly Hills Subdivision f/k/a Heaton Place Subdivision, shown in Plat Book 43, Page 131, described in Deed Book 2646, Page 387, known as 140 Heaton Place Trail.
REFERENCE DEED: 2646/387
TAX YEARS Due: 2013-2019
AMOUNT DUE: \$2,453.86

ID# 37
MAP/PARCEL NUMBER: 0043B
00000 062 000
DEFENDANT IN Fifa: DIV TAX VENTURE II, IN REM
CURRENT RECORD Holder: Same as Defendant in Fifi
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0043B 00000 062 000, Land Lot 189, 10th District, Newton County, Georgia, being 1.2 acres, more or less, Lot 6A, described in Deed Book 2772, Page 255, located on Sycamore Trail.
REFERENCE DEED: 2772/255
TAX YEARS Due: 2013-2019
AMOUNT DUE: \$2,455.79

ID# 38
MAP/PARCEL NUMBER: 00960
00000 132 000
DEFENDANT IN Fifa: DIV TAX VENTURE II, IN REM
CURRENT RECORD Holder: Same as Defendant in Fifi
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 00960 00000 132 000, Land Lots 321, 322, 323, and 324, 9th District, Newton County, Georgia, being 3.82 acres, more or less, Lot 26, Alcovy Forest Subdivision, shown in Plat Book 35, Page 64, described in Deed Book 2772, Page 254, known as 160 Alcovy Forest Way.
REFERENCE DEED: 2772/254
TAX YEARS Due: 2013-2019
AMOUNT DUE: \$4,082.47

ID# 39
MAP/PARCEL NUMBER: C0270
00070 013 000
DEFENDANT IN Fifa: ENGLISH NELSON D JR ESTATE, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
CURRENT RECORD Holder: Same as Defendant in Fifi
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel C0270 00070 013 000, Newton County, Georgia, being 0.14 acre, more or less, Block 38, described in Deed Book 189, Page 555, known as 2227 Lee Street.
REFERENCE DEED: 189/555
TAX YEARS Due: 2013-2019
AMOUNT DUE: \$7,142.85

ID# 41
MAP/PARCEL NUMBER: C0260
00240 004 000
DEFENDANT IN Fifa: GILBERT RACHEL K, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
CURRENT RECORD Holder: Same as Defendant in Fifi
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel C0260 00240 004 000, Town District, Newton County, Georgia, being 0.31 acre, more or less, shown in Plat Book 3, Page 161, described in Deed Book 106, Page 22, known as 2190 Emory Street.
REFERENCE DEED: 106/22
TAX YEARS Due: 2013-2019
AMOUNT DUE: \$8,212.84

ID# 42
MAP/PARCEL NUMBER: C0260
00110 013 000
DEFENDANT IN Fifa: GRAHAM MOSES & JESSY ESTATE, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
CURRENT RECORD Holder: Same as Defendant in Fifi
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel C0260 00110 013 000, in the City of Covington, Newton County, Georgia, being 0.13 acre, more or less, Lot 2, described in Deed Book 695, Page 235, known as 3115 Sanford Street.
REFERENCE DEED: 695/235
TAX YEARS Due: 2013-2019
AMOUNT DUE: \$9,051.60

ID# 43
MAP/PARCEL NUMBER: 0025A
00000 019 000
DEFENDANT IN Fifa: GRANDISON DEVELOPMENT GROUP LLC, IN REM
CURRENT RECORD Holder: Same as Defendant in Fifi
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0025A 00000 019 000, Land Lot 187, 10th Land District, Newton County, Georgia, being 0.75 acre, more or less, described in Deed Book 2142, Page 472, located on Jack Neely Road.
REFERENCE DEED: 2142/472
TAX YEARS Due: 2013-2019
AMOUNT DUE: \$1,700.15

ID# 44
MAP/PARCEL NUMBER: 0046A
00000 093 000
DEFENDANT IN Fifa: GRANDISON DEVELOPMENT GROUP LLC, IN REM
CURRENT RECORD Holder: Same as Defendant in Fifi
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0046A 00000 093 000, Land Lot 61, 10th Land District, Newton County, Georgia, being 0.29 acre, more or less, described in Deed Book 2142, Page 469, located on Highway 162.
REFERENCE DEED: 2142/469
TAX YEARS Due: 2013-2019
AMOUNT DUE: \$2,328.70

ID# 46
MAP/PARCEL NUMBER: 00150
00000 271 000
DEFENDANT IN Fifa: HARDEMAN JOHN E JR ESTATE, IN REM, ALL

HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
CURRENT RECORD Holder: Same as Defendant in Fifi
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 00150 00000 271 000, Newton County, Georgia, being 0.88 acre, more or less, located on Sims Road.
TAX YEARS Due: 2013-2019
AMOUNT DUE: \$2,884.49

ID# 47
MAP/PARCEL NUMBER: 00060
00000 262 000
DEFENDANT IN Fifa: HARGROVE DEL R, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
CURRENT RECORD Holder: Same as Defendant in Fifi
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 00060 00000 262 000, Land Lot 85, 10th District, Newton County, Georgia, being 0.82 acre, more or less, Lot 17, Trotters Walk Subdivision, shown in Plat Book 25, Page 178, described in Deed Book 1502, Page 206, known as 135 Trotters Walk.
REFERENCE DEED: 1502/206
TAX YEARS Due: 2013-2019
AMOUNT DUE: \$2,749.47

ID# 48
MAP/PARCEL NUMBER: C0160
00030 003 000
DEFENDANT IN Fifa: HARRIS SADIE & MONROE ESTATE, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
CURRENT RECORD Holder: Same as Defendant in Fifi
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel C0160 00030 003 000, Newton County, Georgia, being 0.24 acre, more or less, Block 1, described in Deed Book 51, Page 61, known as 6164 Petty Street.
REFERENCE DEED: 51/61
TAX YEARS Due: 2013-2019
AMOUNT DUE: \$7,042.05

ID# 49
MAP/PARCEL NUMBER: 00640
00000 033 000
DEFENDANT IN Fifa: HENDERSON FRANK SR ESTATE, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
CURRENT RECORD Holder: Same as Defendant in Fifi
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 00640 00000 033 000, Land Lot 235, 9th Land District, Newton County, Georgia, being 8 acres, more or less, located on Bennett Road.
TAX YEARS Due: 2017-2019
AMOUNT DUE: \$2,683.74

ID# 50
MAP/PARCEL NUMBER: C0270
00120 018 000
DEFENDANT IN Fifa: HENDERSON FRANK SR ESTATE, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
CURRENT RECORD Holder: Same as Defendant in Fifi
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel C0270 00120 018 000, Newton County, Georgia, being 3.49 acres, more or less, Block 2, known as 4127 Hendrix Circle.
TAX YEARS Due: 2013-2019
AMOUNT DUE: \$4,979.81

ID# 51
MAP/PARCEL NUMBER: X0130
00000 011 000
DEFENDANT IN Fifa: HENDRICKS LIZZIE ESTATE, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
CURRENT RECORD Holder: Same as Defendant in Fifi
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel X0130 00000 011 000, Land Lot 219, 9th Land District, Newton County, Georgia, being 0.46 acre, more or less, known as 307 Richardson Street.
TAX YEARS Due: 2013-2019
AMOUNT DUE: \$2,390.02

ID# 52
MAP/PARCEL NUMBER: 0025A
00000 009 000
DEFENDANT IN Fifa: HULL RALPH ESTATE, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
CURRENT RECORD Holder: Same as Defendant in Fifi
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0025A 00000 009 000, Almon District, Newton County, Georgia, being 0.2 acre, more or less, described in Deed Book 1237, Page 442, known as 55 Evelyn Road.
REFERENCE DEED: 1237/442
TAX YEARS Due: 2013-2019
AMOUNT DUE: \$1,356.65

ID# 53
MAP/PARCEL NUMBER: 0074B
00000 148 000
DEFENDANT IN Fifa: HUTCHINS OTTO A ESTATE, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
CURRENT RECORD Holder: Same as Defendant in Fifi
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0074B 00000 148 000, Newton County, Georgia, being 0.12 acre, more or less, Lot 70, shown in Plat Book 2, Page 49, described in Deed Book 65, Page 450, known as 170 Lang Road.
REFERENCE DEED: 65/450
TAX YEARS Due: 20

OR LESS, located on Oak Street.
TAX YEARS Due: 2013-2019
AMOUNT DUE: \$1,751.66

ID# 69
MAP/PARCEL NUMBER: C0160 00030 005 000
DEFENDANT IN Fifa: MOTT DIAN WALTERS & DEVON L, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN & UNKNOWN
CURRENT RECORD Holder: Same as Defendant in Fifi
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel C0160 00030 005 000, Land Lot 238, 9th Land District, Newton County, Georgia, being 2.377 acres, more or less, shown in Plat Book 49, Page 79, described in Deed Book 2843, Page 62, known as 7126 Petty Street.
REFERENCE DEED: 2843/62
TAX YEARS Due: 2013-2019
AMOUNT DUE: \$3,385.69

ID# 70
MAP/PARCEL NUMBER: 0074B 00000 168 000
DEFENDANT IN Fifi: NECESSARY GWYNDOLYN THORNTON ETAL, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN & UNKNOWN
CURRENT RECORD Holder: Same as Defendant in Fifi
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0074B 00000 168 000, Land Lot 84, 9th Land District, Newton County, Georgia, being 0.12 acre, more or less, Lot 95, Lakeside Grove Subdivision, shown in Plat Book 2, Page 49, located on Lang Road.
TAX YEARS Due: 2013-2019
AMOUNT DUE: \$1,614.50

ID# 71
MAP/PARCEL NUMBER: 00420 00000 030 000
DEFENDANT IN Fifi: NEELY CHARLIE ESTATE, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN & UNKNOWN
CURRENT RECORD Holder: Same as Defendant in Fifi
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 00420 00000 030 000, Land Lot 224, 10th Land District, Newton County, Georgia, being 0.5 acre, more or less, located on Oxford Road.
TAX YEARS Due: 2013-2019
AMOUNT DUE: \$2,731.10

ID# 72
MAP/PARCEL NUMBER: C0350 00070 049 000
DEFENDANT IN Fifi: NEWMAN JAMES CLAYTON JR, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN & UNKNOWN
CURRENT RECORD Holder: Same as Defendant in Fifi
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel C0350 00070 049 000, Land Lot 253, 9th Land District, Newton County, Georgia, being 0.195 acre, more or less, Lot 60, Clark's Grove Subdivision, Phase I, shown in Plat Book 43, Page 61, described in Deed Book 3413, Page 89, known as 5102 Park Street.
REFERENCE DEED: 3413/89
TAX YEARS Due: 2013-2019
AMOUNT DUE: \$83,851.33

ID# 74
MAP/PARCEL NUMBER: 00420 00000 033 A00
DEFENDANT IN Fifi: OXFORD VENTURES INC, IN REM
CURRENT RECORD Holder: Same as Defendant in Fifi
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 00420 00000 033 A00, 10th Land District, Newton County, Georgia, being 1.09 acres, more or less, shown in Plat Book 31, Page 37, described in Deed Book 680, Page 74, located on Moore Street.
REFERENCE DEED: 680/74
TAX YEARS Due: 2013-2019
AMOUNT DUE: \$5,161.43

ID# 75
MAP/PARCEL NUMBER: 00140 00000 001 G00
DEFENDANT IN Fifi: PARKER BARBARA, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN & UNKNOWN
CURRENT RECORD Holder: Same as Defendant in Fifi
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 00140 00000 001 G00, 10th Land District, Newton County, Georgia, being 0.59 acre, more or less, Lot 5B, Salem Branch Subdivision, shown in Plat Book 39, Page 284, described in Deed Book 1504, Page 467, known as 52 Salem Branch Road.
REFERENCE DEED: 1504/467
TAX YEARS Due: 2013-2019
AMOUNT DUE: \$2,752.28

ID# 76
MAP/PARCEL NUMBER: 0074B 00000 174 000
DEFENDANT IN Fifi: PARKER JACK & BECKIE, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN & UNKNOWN
CURRENT RECORD Holder: Same as Defendant in Fifi
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0074B 00000 174 000, Land Lot 84, 9th Land District, Newton County, Georgia, being 0.93 acre, more or less, described in Deed Book 179, Page 440, located on Rocky Point Road.
REFERENCE DEED: 179/440
TAX YEARS Due: 2013-2019
AMOUNT DUE: \$1,614.50

ID# 77
MAP/PARCEL NUMBER: X0020 00000 002 000
DEFENDANT IN Fifi: PERRY ADDIE ESTATE, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN & UNKNOWN
CURRENT RECORD Holder: Same as Defendant in Fifi
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel X0020 00000 002 000, Land Lot 291, 9th Land District, Newton County, Georgia, being 0.3 acre, more or less, located on Mitchell Street.
TAX YEARS Due: 2013-2019
AMOUNT DUE: \$2,446.43

ID# 78
MAP/PARCEL NUMBER: X0020 00000 003 000
DEFENDANT IN Fifi: PERRY ADDIE ESTATE, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN & UNKNOWN
CURRENT RECORD Holder: Same as Defendant in Fifi
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel X0020 00000 003 000, Land Lot 291, 9th Land District, Newton County, Georgia, being 0.74 acre, more or less, located on Mitchell Street.
TAX YEARS Due: 2013-2019
AMOUNT DUE: \$2,446.43

ID# 79
MAP/PARCEL NUMBER: 0028A 00000 029 000
DEFENDANT IN Fifi: PETERS JEANIE T AKA TANT, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN & UNKNOWN
CURRENT RECORD Holder: Same

as Defendant in Fifi
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0028A 00000 029 000, 10th Land District, Newton County, Georgia, being 0.8 acre, more or less, described in Deed Book 627, Page 31, known as 80 Eleanor Drive.
REFERENCE DEED: 627/31
TAX YEARS Due: 2013-2019
AMOUNT DUE: \$4,140.54

ID# 81
MAP/PARCEL NUMBER: C0290 00040 020 000
DEFENDANT IN Fifi: PRICE JERRY DENE AKA GERALDINE HAMMONDS, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN & UNKNOWN
CURRENT RECORD Holder: Same as Defendant in Fifi
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel C0290 00040 020 000, Land Lot 237, 9th Land District, Newton County, Georgia, being 0.24 acre, more or less, Lot 20, Block D, Green Acres Subdivision, shown in Plat Book 8, Page 194-195, described in Deed Book 121, Page 720, known as 7120 Greenway Cove.
REFERENCE DEED: 121/720
TAX YEARS Due: 2013-2019
AMOUNT DUE: \$11,996.84

ID# 82
MAP/PARCEL NUMBER: 00400 00000 017 B00
DEFENDANT IN Fifi: PRUDENCE CAROLYN THOMAS, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN & UNKNOWN
CURRENT RECORD Holder: Same as Defendant in Fifi
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 00400 00000 017 B00, Land Lot 407, 16th Land District, Newton County, Georgia, being 1.5 acres, more or less, Lot 2, Lunsford Estates Subdivision, shown in Plat Book 22, Page 26, described in Deed Book 676, Page 571, known as 79 Old Mount Zion Road.
REFERENCE DEED: 676/571
TAX YEARS Due: 2013-2019
AMOUNT DUE: \$1,914.92

ID# 83
MAP/PARCEL NUMBER: 0065A 00000 065 000
DEFENDANT IN Fifi: RAVEN ROCK CONSTRUCTION, IN REM
CURRENT RECORD Holder: Same as Defendant in Fifi
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0065A 00000 065 000, Land Lot 220, 9th Land District, Newton County, Georgia, being 0.46 acre, more or less, Lot 165, Hidden Pines Subdivision, shown in Plat Book 18, Page 39, described in Deed Book 325, Page 93, known as 10825 Flat Shoals Road.
REFERENCE DEED: 325/93
TAX YEARS Due: 2013-2019
AMOUNT DUE: \$2,145.37

ID# 84
MAP/PARCEL NUMBER: 0065A 00000 095 000
DEFENDANT IN Fifi: RAVEN ROCK CONSTRUCTION, IN REM
CURRENT RECORD Holder: Same as Defendant in Fifi
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0065A 00000 095 000, Land Lot 220, 9th Land District, Newton County, Georgia, being 1.6 acres, more or less, Lots 195 & 196, Hidden Pines Subdivision, shown in Plat Book 18, Page 39, described in Deed Book 325, Page 93, located on Mountainview Circle.
REFERENCE DEED: 325/93
TAX YEARS Due: 2013-2019
AMOUNT DUE: \$2,145.37

ID# 85
MAP/PARCEL NUMBER: 0065A 00000 099 000
DEFENDANT IN Fifi: RAVEN ROCK CONSTRUCTION, IN REM
CURRENT RECORD Holder: Same as Defendant in Fifi
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0065A 00000 099 000, Land Lot 220, 9th Land District, Newton County, Georgia, being 0.66 acre, more or less, Lot 302, Hidden Pines Subdivision, shown in Plat Book 18, Page 39, described in Deed Book 325, Page 93, known as 255 Mountainview Circle.
REFERENCE DEED: 325/93
TAX YEARS Due: 2013-2019
AMOUNT DUE: \$2,145.37

ID# 86
MAP/PARCEL NUMBER: 0065A 00000 101 000
DEFENDANT IN Fifi: RAVEN ROCK CONSTRUCTION, IN REM
CURRENT RECORD Holder: Same as Defendant in Fifi
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0065A 00000 101 000, Land Lot 220, 9th Land District, Newton County, Georgia, being 0.69 acre, more or less, Lot 301, Hidden Pines Subdivision, shown in Plat Book 18, Page 39, described in Deed Book 325, Page 93, known as 275 Mountainview Circle.
REFERENCE DEED: 325/93
TAX YEARS Due: 2013-2019
AMOUNT DUE: \$2,145.37

ID# 87
MAP/PARCEL NUMBER: 0065A 00000 102 000
DEFENDANT IN Fifi: RAVEN ROCK CONSTRUCTION, IN REM
CURRENT RECORD Holder: Same as Defendant in Fifi
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0065A 00000 102 000, Newton County, Georgia, being 6.25 acres, more or less, Hidden Pines Subdivision, shown in Plat Book 18, Page 39, described in Deed Book 325, Page 93, known as 295 Mountainview Circle.
REFERENCE DEED: 325/93
TAX YEARS Due: 2013-2019
AMOUNT DUE: \$2,145.37

ID# 88
MAP/PARCEL NUMBER: 0065A 00000 121 000
DEFENDANT IN Fifi: RAVEN ROCK CONSTRUCTION, IN REM
CURRENT RECORD Holder: Same as Defendant in Fifi
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0065A 00000 121 000, Land Lot 220, 9th Land District, Newton County, Georgia, being 0.46 acre, more or less, Lot 221, Hidden Pines Subdivision, shown in Plat Book 18, Page 39, described in Deed Book 325, Page 93, known as 90 Hidden Pines Drive.
REFERENCE DEED: 325/93
TAX YEARS Due: 2013-2019
AMOUNT DUE: \$2,145.37

ID# 89
MAP/PARCEL NUMBER: 0065A

00000 147 000
DEFENDANT IN Fifi: RAVEN ROCK CONSTRUCTION, IN REM
CURRENT RECORD Holder: Same as Defendant in Fifi
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0065A 00000 147 000, Land Lot 220, 9th Land District, Newton County, Georgia, being 0.92 acre, more or less, Lots 246 & 247, Hidden Pines Subdivision, shown in Plat Book 18, Page 39, described in Deed Book 325, Page 93, known as 90 Hidden Pines Drive.
REFERENCE DEED: 308/480
TAX YEARS Due: 2013-2019
AMOUNT DUE: \$2,145.37

ID# 90
MAP/PARCEL NUMBER: 00500 00000 188 000
DEFENDANT IN Fifi: REDISH JULIE, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN & UNKNOWN
CURRENT RECORD Holder: Same as Defendant in Fifi
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 00500 00000 188 000, Land Lot 69, 8th Land District, Newton County, Georgia, being 1.46 acres, more or less, Lot 37, Chestnut Corners Subdivision, Unit 3, shown in Plat Book 34, Page 114, described in Deed Book 1066, Page 104, known as 355 Chestnut Drive.
REFERENCE DEED: 1066/104
TAX YEARS Due: 2013-2019
AMOUNT DUE: \$3,127.40

ID# 91
MAP/PARCEL NUMBER: C0130 00010 007 000
DEFENDANT IN Fifi: REED CARL ESTATE MRS, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN & UNKNOWN
CURRENT RECORD Holder: Same as Defendant in Fifi
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel C0130 00010 007 000, 10th Land District, in the City of Covington, Newton County, Georgia, being 0.73 acre, more or less, known as 6115 Old Monticello Street.
TAX YEARS Due: 2013-2019
AMOUNT DUE: \$3,307.19

ID# 92
MAP/PARCEL NUMBER: 0043B 00000 021 000
DEFENDANT IN Fifi: ROBBINS O O JR & PEGGY J, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN & UNKNOWN
CURRENT RECORD Holder: Same as Defendant in Fifi
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0043B 00000 021 000, Land Lot 189, 10th Land District, Newton County, Georgia, being 0.25 acre, more or less, Lot 16, Yellow River Trails Camping Sites, shown in Plat Book 13, Page 146, described in Deed Book 155, Page 296, located on Sycamore Trail.
REFERENCE DEED: 155/296
TAX YEARS Due: 2013-2019
AMOUNT DUE: \$769.01

ID# 93
MAP/PARCEL NUMBER: 0043B 00000 022 000
DEFENDANT IN Fifi: ROBBINS O O JR & PEGGY J, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN & UNKNOWN
CURRENT RECORD Holder: Same as Defendant in Fifi
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0043B 00000 022 000, Land Lot 189, 10th Land District, Newton County, Georgia, being 0.15 acre, more or less, a portion of Lot 6A, 1.2 acres, described in Deed Book 238, Page 574, located on Sycamore Trail.
REFERENCE DEED: 238/574
TAX YEARS Due: 2013-2019
AMOUNT DUE: \$768.65

ID# 94
MAP/PARCEL NUMBER: P0010 00000 030 000
DEFENDANT IN Fifi: ROGERS EVA MAE, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN & UNKNOWN
CURRENT RECORD Holder: Same as Defendant in Fifi
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel P0010 00000 030 000, in the City of Porterdale, Newton County, Georgia, being 0.08 acre, more or less, Lot 156, Village Subdivision etal, shown in Plat Book 3, Page 219, described in Deed Book 209, Page 22, known as 6 Daisy Street.
REFERENCE DEED: 209/22
TAX YEARS Due: 2013-2019
AMOUNT DUE: \$1,660.74

ID# 96
MAP/PARCEL NUMBER: 00140 00000 103 000
DEFENDANT IN Fifi: ROSEBERRY MELISSA USHER, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN & UNKNOWN
CURRENT RECORD Holder: Same as Defendant in Fifi
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 00140 00000 103 000, Land Lot 86, 10th Land District, Newton County, Georgia, being 1.67 acres, more or less, Tract 1, shown in Plat Book 43, Page 247, described in Deed Book 2013, Page 465, located on Sims Road.
REFERENCE DEED: 2013/465
TAX YEARS Due: 2013-2019
AMOUNT DUE: \$1,185.74

ID# 97
MAP/PARCEL NUMBER: 0064F 00000 037 000
DEFENDANT IN Fifi: ROSS MUNDY CUSTOM HOMES INC, IN REM
CURRENT RECORD Holder: Same as Defendant in Fifi
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0064F 00000 037 000, Land Lots 223 & 234, 9th Land District, Newton County, Georgia, being 0.4 acre, more or less, Lot 37, Millstone Subdivision, shown in Plat Book 44, Page 120, described in Deed Book 2113, Page 619, known as 10 Wyndmont Way.
REFERENCE DEED: 2113/619
TAX YEARS Due: 2013-2019
AMOUNT DUE: \$2,724.99

ID# 98
MAP/PARCEL NUMBER: 0028A 00000 036 000
DEFENDANT IN Fifi: SHADBURN ALBERT ESTATE, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN & UNKNOWN
CURRENT RECORD Holder: Same as Defendant in Fifi
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0028A 00000 036 000, in Cedar Shoals District, Land Lot 93, 10th Land District, Newton County, Georgia, being 0.50 acre, more or less, described in Deed Book 83, Page 383, located on Cheryl Terrace.
REFERENCE DEED: 83/383
TAX YEARS Due: 2013-2019
AMOUNT DUE: \$2,692.78

ID# 99
MAP/PARCEL NUMBER: C0390

00100 001 000
DEFENDANT IN Fifi: SHY JOE CORA, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN & UNKNOWN
CURRENT RECORD Holder: Same as Defendant in Fifi
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel C0390 00100 001 000, in the City of Covington, Newton County, Georgia, being 0.09 acre, more or less, Eberhardt Subdivision, shown in Plat Book 1, Page 48, located on Berry Street.
TAX YEARS Due: 2013-2019
AMOUNT DUE: \$1,231.90

ID# 102
MAP/PARCEL NUMBER: 00310 00030 018 000
DEFENDANT IN Fifi: SIMS DARRELL KEITH, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN & UNKNOWN
CURRENT RECORD Holder: Same as Defendant in Fifi
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 00310 00030 018 000, City of Covington, Newton County, Georgia, Lot 104, Block 2, Nelson Heights Subdivision, shown in Plat Book 2, Page 47, described in Deed Book 3288, Page 168, located on Puckett Street.
REFERENCE DEED: 3288/168
TAX YEARS Due: 2013-2019
AMOUNT DUE: \$1,740.73

ID# 103
MAP/PARCEL NUMBER: 00310 00030 019 000
DEFENDANT IN Fifi: SIMS DARRELL KEITH, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN & UNKNOWN
CURRENT RECORD Holder: Same as Defendant in Fifi
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 00310 00030 019 000, City of Covington, Newton County, Georgia, Lot 105, Block 2, Nelson Heights Subdivision, shown in Plat Book 2, Page 47, described in Deed Book 3288, Page 168, located on Puckett Street.
TAX YEARS Due: 2013-2019
AMOUNT DUE: \$1,740.73

ID# 105
MAP/PARCEL NUMBER: 0046A 00000 051 000
DEFENDANT IN Fifi: SIMS MELVIN; PARKER CINDY; IVEY CRYSTAL RENEE, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN & UNKNOWN
CURRENT RECORD Holder: PARKER CINDY & IVEY CRYSTAL RENEE
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0046A 00000 051 000, Land Lot 68, 10th Land District, Newton County, Georgia, being 0.51 acre, more or less, described in Deed Book 3802, Page 555, known as 747 Georgia Highway 162 South.
REFERENCE DEED: 3802/555
TAX YEARS Due: 2013-2019
AMOUNT DUE: \$3,236.75

ID# 106
MAP/PARCEL NUMBER: 0012B 00000 018 000
DEFENDANT IN Fifi: SIMS REGINALD & ANGELA; ELEANOR RANDOLPH GROUP LLC, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN & UNKNOWN
CURRENT RECORD Holder: ELEANOR RANDOLPH GROUP LLC
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0012B 00000 018 000, Land Lot 169, 10th Land District, Newton County, Georgia, being 0.69 acre, more or less, Lot 18, Plum Orchard Subdivision, shown in Plat Book 16, Page 280, described in Deed Book 3833, Page 228, known as 1690 Kirkland Road.
REFERENCE DEED: 3833/228
TAX YEARS Due: 2013-2019
AMOUNT DUE: \$13,873.53

ID# 109
MAP/PARCEL NUMBER: 0085A 00000 076 000
DEFENDANT IN Fifi: THOMAS HARVEY LEE & ANNIE BENTON, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN & UNKNOWN
CURRENT RECORD Holder: Same as Defendant in Fifi
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0085A 00000 076 000, Hay's GMD 477, 1st Land District, Newton County, Georgia, being 0.41 acre, more or less, described in Deed Book 2605, Page 332, located on Oak Street.
REFERENCE DEED: 2605/332
TAX YEARS Due: 2013-2019
AMOUNT DUE: \$1,751.66

ID# 110
MAP/PARCEL NUMBER: 0043B 00000 049 000
DEFENDANT IN Fifi: TODD J PAUL, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN & UNKNOWN
CURRENT RECORD Holder: Same as Defendant in Fifi
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0043B 00000 049 000, Land Lot 164, 10th Land District, Newton County, Georgia, being 0.71 acre, more or less, Lot 25, described in Deed Book 2109, Page 188, located on Sycamore Trail.
REFERENCE DEED: 2109/188
TAX YEARS Due: 2013-2019
AMOUNT DUE: \$780.91

ID# 111
MAP/PARCEL NUMBER: 0043B 00000 050 000
DEFENDANT IN Fifi: TODD J PAUL, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN & UNKNOWN
CURRENT RECORD Holder: Same as Defendant in Fifi
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel C0150 00050 013 000, City of Covington, Newton County, Georgia, being 0.26 acre, more or less, Lot 4, Chaney Subdivision, known as 7135 Chaney Drive.
TAX YEARS Due: 2013-2019
AMOUNT DUE: \$8,935.98

ID# 113
MAP/PARCEL NUMBER: C0310 00040 009 000
DEFENDANT IN Fifi: TUGGLE HUTCHINSON, IN REM, ALL HEIRS

KNOWN & UNKNOWN
CURRENT RECORD Holder: Same as Defendant in Fifi
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel C0310 00040 009 000, in the City of Covington, Newton County, Georgia, being 0.26 acre, more or less, Lot 38, Nelson Heights Subdivision, shown in Plat Book 2, Page 47, described in Deed Book 53, Page 202, known as 9165 Puckett Street.
REFERENCE DEED: 53/202
TAX YEARS Due: 2013-2019
AMOUNT DUE: \$6,544.27

ID# 116
MAP/PARCEL NUMBER: 00470 00000 041 000
DEFENDANT IN Fifi: WEAVER ROBERT ESTATE, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN & UNKNOWN
CURRENT RECORD Holder: Same as Defendant in Fifi
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 00470 00000 041 000, Land Lot 34, 10th Land District, Newton County, Georgia, being 0.69 acre, more or less, located on Lower River Road.
TAX YEARS Due: 2013-2019
AMOUNT DUE: \$2,328.70

ID# 118
MAP/PARCEL NUMBER: 0085A 00000 040 000
DEFENDANT IN Fifi: WHITE LEROY, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN & UNKNOWN
CURRENT RECORD Holder: Same as Defendant in Fifi
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0085A 00000 040 000, Newton County, Georgia, being 0.31 acre, more or less, described in Deed Book 117, Page 66, known as 793 Fourth Avenue.
REFERENCE DEED: 117/66
TAX YEARS Due: 2013-2019
AMOUNT DUE: \$1,751.66

ID# 119
MAP/PARCEL NUMBER: 00470 00000 046 000
DEFENDANT IN Fifi: WHITE OSCAR JAMES JR ESTATE, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN & UNKNOWN
CURRENT RECORD Holder: Same as Defendant in Fifi
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 00470 00000 046 000, Land Lot 34, 10th Land District, Newton County, Georgia, being 1.02 acres, more or less, shown in Plat Book 15, Page 195, located on Mote Road.
TAX YEARS Due: 2013-2019
AMOUNT DUE: \$2,708.17

ID# 120
MAP/PARCEL NUMBER: C0810 00000 033 000
DEFENDANT IN Fifi: WILSON MAMIE ODESSA SANK, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN & UNKNOWN
CURRENT RECORD Holder: Same as Defendant in Fifi
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel C0810 00000 033 000, Land Lot 264, 9th Land District, Newton County, Georgia, being 0.97 acre, more or less, located on Hazelbrnd Road.
TAX YEARS Due: 2013-2019
AMOUNT DUE: \$1,975.82

ID# 121
MAP/PARCEL NUMBER: 0085A 00000 018 000
DEFENDANT IN Fifi: WRIGHT TROY, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN & UNKNOWN
CURRENT RECORD Holder: Same as Defendant in Fifi
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0085A 00000 018 000, Land Lot 289, Hays District, Newton County, Georgia, being 0.31 acre, more or less, described in Deed Book 1772, Page 141, known as 295 Second Avenue.
REFERENCE DEED: 1772/141
TAX YEARS Due: 2013-2019
AMOUNT DUE: \$2,645.62

PUBLIC NOTICE #117004 7/5,12,19,26

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

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

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

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

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

THE NAME, address, and telephone number of the individual or entity who has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage is as follows:
FAY SERVICING, LLC 425 S. Financial Place Suite 2000, Chicago, IL, 60605
1-800-495-7166

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

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

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE OF CIM TRUST 2018-R4,
AS ATTORNEY-IN-FACT for DWAYNE WILLIAMS

ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, Schneid & Crane LLC 10700 Abbott's Bridge Road Suite 170 Duluth, GA 30097 Phone: 470.321.7112

FIRM FILE No. 19-271807 - AmE

PUBLIC NOTICE #116973
7/5,12,19,26,8/2

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF NEWTON

BECAUSE OF a default in the payment of the indebtedness secured by a Security Deed executed by **LEROY WHITEHEAD** and **TAMMY TALLEY** to UNITED FARM PROPERTIES, INC. dated April 3, 2018, and recorded in Deed Book 3782, Page 187, Newton County Records, securing Note in the amount of \$32,400.00, the holder thereof pursuant to said Security Deed and Note thereby secured has declared the entire amount of said indebtedness due and payable and pursuant to the power of sale contained in said Security Deed, will on the first Tuesday, the 4th day of August, 2020, during the legal hours of sale, before the Courthouse door in said County, sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, the property described in said Security Deed, to-wit:

ALL THAT tract or parcel of land lying and all improvements thereon, lying and being in Newton County, Georgia; Farm #30 in Riverbrooke Plantation Farms Subdivision – Unit IV, as shown on Plat Book 30, Page 240, Clerk's Office, Newton County Superior Court to which reference is hereby made for a more complete description and containing 1.99 acres.

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

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

THE ENTITY that has full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: UNITED FARM PROPERTIES, INC., P.O. Box 309, Loganville, Ga. 30052, 1-770-696-1500. Please understand that the secured creditor is not required to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the mortgage instrument.

NOTICE HAS been given of the intention to collect attorney's fees in accordance with the terms of the note secured by said security deed.

SAID PROPERTY will be sold as the property of **LEROY WHITEHEAD** and **TAMMY TALLEY** to the best information and belief of the undersigned, being presently in the possession of **LEROY WHITEHEAD** and **TAMMY TALLEY** and the proceeds of said sale will be applied to the payment of said indebtedness and all the expenses of said sale as provided in said Security Deed, and the balance, if any, will be distributed by law.

THIS 1ST day of July, 2020.

UNITED FARM PROPERTIES, INC.

ATTORNEY IN Fact for **LEROY WHITEHEAD** and **TAMMY TALLEY**
W. DAN ROBERTS
ATTORNEY AT Law
P.O. Box 110
126 N. Warren Street
MONTICELLO, GA 31064
706-468-8816

JULY 5, 12, 19, 26, 2020

PUBLIC NOTICE #116971
7/5,12,19,26

Juvenile Court

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF
NEWTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE INTEREST OF:
N.B. SEX: MALE
DOB: 12/04/2008 Case #107-19J-0751

A CHILD Under 18 Years of Age

SUMMONS AND PROCESS

TO: TENNILLE SUTTON,
Mother

YOU ARE hereby notified that a Petition (Dependency) was filed in the Juvenile Court of Newton County on November 5, 2019, requesting that the minor child be placed in the care, custody and control of the Georgia Department of Human Services, acting by and through the Newton County Department of

Family and Children Services.

YOU ARE hereby commanded, personally or by attorney, to be and appear at the Newton County Juvenile Court, 1132 Usher Street, NW, Covington, Georgia 30014, for a hearing to be held on the 25th day of August, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., then and there to answer why the prayers for relief as set forth in the Department's Petition should not be granted.

A COPY of said Petition (Dependency) can be obtained from the Clerk of the Newton County Juvenile Court, at the aforementioned address.

READ CAREFULLY

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

THE CHILD and other parties involved may be represented by a lawyer at all stages of these proceedings.

IF YOU want a lawyer, you may choose to hire your own lawyer. If you want to hire a lawyer, please contact your lawyer immediately.

IF YOU want a lawyer but are not able to hire a lawyer without undue financial hardship, you may ask for a lawyer to be appointed to represent you. The Court would inquire into your financial circumstances and if the Court finds you to be financially unable to hire a lawyer, then a lawyer will be appointed to represent you. Please contact immediately the Newton County Juvenile Court at 770-784-2060 if you wish to request a lawyer to be appointed to represent you. DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE DAY OF COURT TO REQUEST AN ATTORNEY.

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

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

JANELL GAINES
DEPUTY CLERK,
NEWTON COUNTY Juvenile Court

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

Name Changes

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF
GEORGIA

IN RE the Name Change of Child(ren):
BECKETT RYDER PRICE

LOREN PRICE
PETITIONER,
VS.
DAVID ADAMS
RESPONDENT.
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 2020-CV-1162-5

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

LOREN PRICE filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on JUNE 15, 2020, to change the name(s) of the following minor child(ren)
FROM: BECKETT RYDER PRICE to BECKETT RYDER SADDER.

ANY INTERESTED party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within the time prescribed in O.C.G.A. §§ 19-12-1(f)(2) and (3).

PUBLIC NOTICE #116951
6/28,7/5,12,19

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF
GEORGIA

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

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

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

MISTY ALLISTON filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on JUNE 26, 2020, to change the name(s) of the following minor child(ren)
FROM: EMMALINE JEAN SNELLGROVE to EMMALINE ROSE MCKINNEY.

ANY INTERESTED party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within the time prescribed in O.C.G.A. §§ 19-12-1(f)(2) and (3).

PUBLIC NOTICE #117020
7/19,26,8/2,9

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF
GEORGIA

IN RE the Name Change of Child(ren):
TYLER HEZEKIAH WOODS

LAKESHA M. THOMAS
PETITIONER,
VS.
TOMMY L. WOODS, JR.
RESPONDENT.
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 2020-CV-1201-4

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

LAKESHA MONDRIA THOMAS filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on JUNE 19, 2020, to change the name(s) of the following minor child(ren)
FROM: TYLER HEZEKIAH WOODS to TYSON HEZEKIAH WOODS.

ANY INTERESTED party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within the time prescribed in O.C.G.A. §§ 19-12-1(f)(2) and (3).

PUBLIC NOTICE #116980
7/5,12,19,26

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
NEWTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE the Name Change of:
JONATHAN T. WALKER
PETITIONER

CIVIL ACTION File Number:
2020-CV-1193-3

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE
NAME OF ADULT

JONATHAN TERRELL WALKER filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on JUNE 19, 2020 to change the name from **JONATHAN TERRELL WALKER** to **JONATHAN TRAVIS WALKER**. Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after Petition

was filed.

DATED 6/19/20

JONATHAN WALKER
6112 WORMSHAM ST
COVINGTON, GA 30014

NOTICE #116979
7/5,12,19,26

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
NEWTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE the Name Change of:
NUSONG LEE
PETITIONER

CIVIL ACTION File Number:
2020-CV-1190-2

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE
NAME OF ADULT

NUSONG LEE filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on JUNE 18, 2020 to change the name from **NUSONG LEE** to **NUSONG YANG**. Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after Petition was filed.

DATED 6/18/20

NUSONG LEE
355 E. COUNTRY WOODS DR
COVINGTON, GA 30016

NOTICE #116975
7/5,12,19,26

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
NEWTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE the Name Change of:
TOUZER LEE
PETITIONER

CIVIL ACTION File Number:
2020-CV-1189-2

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE
NAME OF ADULT

TOUZER LEE filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on JUNE 17, 2020 to change the name from **TOUZER LEE** to **TOUZER YANG**. Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after Petition was filed.

DATED JUNE 17, 2020

TOUZER LEE
355 E. COUNTRY WOODS DR
COVINGTON, GA 30016

NOTICE #116977
7/5,12,19,26

Notice of Proceedings

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF
GEORGIA

ASFA WHYTE
PLAINTIFF,

V.

TAMARA A WHYTE
DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION No.: **SUCV2017002413**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: COURTNEY NEWMAN
5325 NELSON

AVE
1ST FLOOR
BALTIMORE,

MD 21215

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

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

WITNESS THE Honorable **W. KENDALL WYNNE, JR.,** Judge Superior Court of Newton County.

THIS, THE 24TH day of **JUNE, 2020.**

LINDA D. Hays
CLERK OF Superior Court

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

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF
GEORGIA

JAMES VINCENT THOMAS
PLAINTIFF,

-VS-
JAVIAN JOHNSON
DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION No.: **SUCV2019002694-3**

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF NEWTON

TO: JAVIAN JOHNSON

BY ORDER of the court for service by publication dated **9TH DAY OF JUNE, 2020** you are hereby notified that on **THE 31ST DAY OF DECEMBER 2019** the Plaintiff herein filed suit against you for personal injuries arising out of an automobile collision that occurred on January 17, 2018.

YOU ARE required to file with the Clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County, and to serve upon the Plaintiff James Vincent Thomas by and through his counsel of record Lucas W. Griffin, Law Offices of Gary Martin Hays & Associates, PC; 3098 Breckinridge Boulevard, Culuth, Georgia 30096 and answer in writing with sixty (60) days of the date of the Order of Publication.

WITNESS THE Honorable **Samuel D. Ozburn,** Judge Superior Court of Newton County.

THIS, THE 9TH day of **June, 2020.**

LINDA D. Hays
CLERK OF Superior Court

PUBLIC NOTICE #116954
6/28,7/5,12,19

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

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE
ESTATE OF BRENDA KAYE
LEDFORD

TO: PATRICIA LANE

TAKE NOTICE that a Second Amended Petition for Possession, Custody and Control of Real Property was filed on December 20, 2019, with the Clerk of Superior Court for Cherokee County, in Murphy, North Carolina, in the above entitled Special Proceeding. The Petition relates to the Sale of Real Property as follows: 210 River Hill Road, Murphy, recorded in Deed Book 1257, Page 952, records for Cherokee County, North Carolina. All property of interest of the Estate of Brenda Kaye Ledford Estate file number: 19-E-29, Cherokee County Clerk of Superior Court.

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

THIS THE 1st day of July, 2020.

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

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

Public Notice

CITY OF COVINGTON
LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS hereby given, that the City of Covington proposes to amend text in the Code of Ordinances for Title 16 of Section 16.16.020: Permitted Uses to review and consider Mobile Food Trucks on August 11, 2020 Virtual Covington Planning Commission meeting at 6:00 p.m. and consideration by the Mayor and City Council on August 17, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #117032
7/19

CITY OF COVINGTON
LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS hereby given, that the City of Covington proposes to amend text in the Code of Ordinances for Title 16 of Section 16.16.020: Permitted Uses to review and consider the Keeping and Raising of Farm Animals in Neighborhood Residential (NR-1) and Neighborhood Residential (NR-2) on August 11, 2020 Virtual Covington Planning Commission meeting at 6:00 p.m. and consideration by the Mayor and City Council on August 17, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

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7/19

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS hereby given, in compliance with the City of Covington's Code of Ordinances Title 14: Development Regulations, Chapter 14.08-Platting Procedure, of Article 1, Section 14.08.010: Permitting Authority that the city proposes a Text Amendment to further outline the building permit issuance process. The Covington Planning Commission will hold a Virtual Public Meeting on August 11, 2020 Virtual Covington Planning Commission meeting at 6:00 p.m. and consideration by the Mayor and City Council on August 17, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

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CITY OF COVINGTON
NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC:

NOTICE IS hereby given, per the City of Covington's Code of Ordinances Chapter 16.52 that applicant Jacqueline Towne has submitted a Certificate of Appropriateness Application to be considered by the Covington Historic Preservation Commission to replace siding on house, and replace porch and trim and paint roof. The property is located within the Covington Historic District at 2225 Emory Street, TAX PARCEL C027 0006 004, Covington, Georgia. THE COVINGTON Historic Preservation Commission will hold a Public Meeting on August 5, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at 2116 Stallings Street, Covington, Georgia.

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ALL INTERESTED parties

NCCA Agriculture Program awarded \$99,900 grant from USDA

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

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COVINGTON, Ga. — Newton College and Career Academy Agricultural Education Program, on behalf of Newton County Schools, is one of six organizations in Georgia to be awarded a USDA Farm to School Grant for the 2020-2021 school year in the amount of \$99,974.

This grant will meet the needs of the “Farming IN School: Agriculture for ALL” initiative created by agricultural education instructors, Cecily Gunter and Marcus Pollard.

This initiative is a collaborative effort led by the Newton College and Career Academy Agricultural Education Department. Through the initiative, students enrolled in all schools located in Newton County will benefit by the creation of Blue and Gold Acres, a fully functional farm located on the campus of Newton College and Career Academy.

“I am excited about



The Newton County College and Career Academy Agricultural Education Program was recently awarded a \$99,974 grant from the USDA. It will help further fund the program’s Blue and Gold Acres project that gives students a more hands-on learning experience.

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the implementation grant, which helps fund the Blue and Gold Acres project,” said Tiffany Merriweather, grants coordinator for the Newton County School System. “Our students will now have more hands-on learning experiences in farming.”

Blue and Gold Acres would increase agricultural awareness to students by providing hands-on learning opportunities centered

around Agricultural Production, Biosecurity, STEM, and Agricultural Advocacy. By utilizing community partners and resources, Blue and Gold Acres will be able to providing students a comprehensive and diverse look at farming and growing food.

“We’re so fortunate to have the support we need to help create opportunities for learning. We’re excited about what this grant means

for our students and community,” Gunter said. “This grant will allow us to reach more students and community members in ways that we’ve never been able to before. We truly believe the USDA Farm to School grant will transform agricultural education for generations to come in Newton County.”

“Our main goal is to make our community proud of an agricultural education program

where students are able to benefit from hands-on and experimental learning,” Pollard said. “Our grant application was designed to increase the capabilities of our program with high end equipment from bees to beef and poultry to podcasts.

There is something for literally every student in our program and Newton County School System.”

The USDA awarded \$12.1 million in

Farm to School Grants this cycle — the most awarded since the grant program’s inception — to 159 grantees, which is the most projects funded to date. These awards, administered by the USDA, will help bring fresh, local foods into schools and foster economic opportunity for America’s farmers over the next school year. Farm to School Grants support a wide range of activities that increase the amount of local foods served in child nutrition programs and teach children about food and agriculture.

Since the Farm to School Grant Program’s inception in 2013, USDA has awarded over \$52 million to support 719 projects across all 50 states, the District of Columbia, U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam and Puerto Rico. These projects are reaching nearly 21 million students in 47,000 schools.

Newton County Schools BOE discusses millage rate, FY2021 budget

By TAYLOR BECK

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COVINGTON, Ga. — Newton County Schools Board of Education held the first of three public hearings concerning the millage

rate Tuesday night — no one spoke for or against the matter.

The board has proposed to maintain the same millage rate of 19.788 as the year before, but because

county property assessments increased since last year, property tax collections are anticipated to increase as well, which requires the board to announce that it is increasing taxes

and host three public hearings.

During the meeting, Newton County Schools Executive Financial Manager Erica Robinson made a brief presentation showing a 13-year history of the M&O tax digest, potential impact of the millage rate adjustment on local revenue and how it compared financially to other school systems of similar size and make up. According to information from the school system, the current tax digest is \$3,032,654,860. If the millage rate is approved to stay at 19.788, the projected total gross revenue generated from the digest would be more than \$60 million. After accounting for Local Fair Share, the net revenue would be \$44.8 million.

If the millage rate were to be rolled back to 19.031, the total gross revenue would be \$57.7 million; only \$42.5 after Local Fair Share is accounted for.

Before the meeting to discuss the millage rate, the board held a special-called budget meeting.

The proposed general fund budget for fiscal year 2021 is \$191.2 million — about \$4.5 million less than last year. Approximately \$168.2 million (88% of total expenditures) were for salaries and benefits.

Robinson said typically there were more options for the proposed budget, but because of the pandemic and several unknowns surrounding the upcoming year, it was in the best interest to be as conservative as possible.

While analyzing a four-year projection that showed the school system “in the red”

for 2022-2023, board member Eddie Johnson said he thought it would be wise to increase the millage rate to 20 now to be better prepared for the future.

“I think there’s a better way we can probably prepare for it,” he said. “We can start now and try to ease the burden in the year 2021-2022 by increasing our millage rate and revenue. I just think it would be near-sighted not to do that now, in light of we have no true definition or direction as to what our revenue streams are. But we can capture something by readjusting our millage rate.”

“If we don’t do it now, when?” Johnson asked, rhetorically. “Now is now better time — let’s not waste it ... You’ve got your philosophy, and that’s all well and good, but that will buy nothing. We’ve got to make the hard decisions moving forward on this budget, and it has to do with the amount of funds that we raise through the millage rate. Period.”

Board member Shaki-la Henderson-Baker disagreed, saying now wasn’t the time to further increase taxes in light of the pandemic’s harsh impact on the economy.

“When you talk about increasing a millage rate, that’s to say that you have the funds to come in,” Henderson-Baker said. “Because when you increase it, you increase it for the taxpayers. Unfortunately, in the wake of the very thing that’s going on, people have lost jobs. People are not working. People have reduced hours. So even if you are to increase it, it does not necessarily mean those funds will come in if they cannot

pay. So that does not really make a lot of sense.”

Board member Trey Bailey understood Johnson’s view on the importance of preparing for the future, but he also believed now wasn’t the best time for an increase. He also said projections from so far out have not been accurate in the past and doubted they were now.

“I agree with all of the things you’re saying; I just think it’s a matter of timing for me,” Bailey said. “To me, meeting in the middle is saying. ‘Well, maybe we don’t move it this year.’ But am I willing to look at for the next couple of years to make sure we don’t get in that red? Absolutely. Because we can’t go into the red.”

Superintendent Samantha Fuhrey assured the board and public that the school system was in sound financial shape.

“For the record,” Fuhrey said. “We’re not going to get into the red. We’ll be working and watching and making adjustments and keeping you informed about the things that we’ll do to protect us from getting into a situation where we have a red bottom line... We recognize that we will be closely monitoring our budget, and this board in particular is probably one of the only boards in the state that (looks at the budget) more than one time a year.”

The board will likely approve a tentative budget Tuesday, July 21, and approve its final budget in August. Final hearings for the millage rate will also be Tuesday at 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

ed·u·ca·tion (ějē-kā’shən) *n.*

1. The act or process of imparting or acquiring general knowledge, developing the powers of reasoning and judgment, and generally of preparing oneself or others intellectually for mature life.

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