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— Psalms 121:1-2, KJV



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Judge denies bond for motel murder suspect

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COVINGTON, Ga. — An accused murderer will remain behind bars after a judge denied a motion to set bond for him during a Tuesday, June 23, hearing in Newton County Superior Court.

Judge John Ott said he would not set bond


for the suspect, Terry Yates, because Yates had intimidated witnesses into lying about a May 27 shooting during a party at a Covington motel.

The shooting left Nijee Anderson, 31, dead from a gunshot wound to the head, police said.

Yates, 30, is being held in the Newton

County Jail on charges of murder, aggravated assault and tampering with evidence.

Ott’s ruling came



Terry Yates

over the objections of Yates’ attorney, Mario Ninfo, who said his client had never been arrested before the incident at Super 8 motel at Alcovy Road and I-20.

Ninfo said Yates is a native of Covington, and needed to be granted bond because he had a wife and minor child at home.

He also suffered from bipolar disorder, among other mental illnesses, which led to him being placed on suicide watch while in jail, the attorney said.

“Everyone he knows is in Covington,” Ninfo said.

He said he was told all those attending the motel room party

had guns and multiple people in the room handling the firearms without regard to safety led to the shooting.

“I don’t believe there was intent to kill anybody,” Ninfo told Ott.

“It was just horseplay.”

Assistant District Attorney Alex Stone handled the case for the Alcovy District

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Boy killed while riding bicycle along local highway

By TOM SPIGOLON
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Newton County Sheriff’s Office is investigating the death of a 12-year-old boy after he was struck and killed June 20 while riding a bicycle along Ga. Hwy. 81 southwest of Covington.

The boy,



Anthony Cruz

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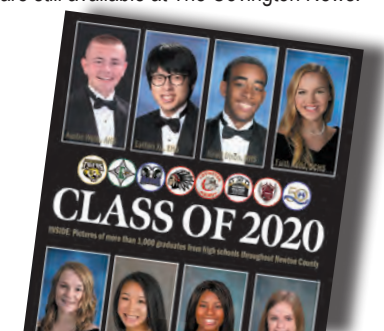
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Hard work rewarded

Covington council hopes one-time first responders hazard incentive boosts morale

By TAYLOR BECK
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COVINGTON, Ga. — To boost morale and help avoid potential turnover during “a time of civil unrest,” the Covington City Council approved a one-time monetary hazard incentive payment Wednesday night for public safety employees in the amount of \$625 per employee.

During the special-called meeting, City Manager Scott Andrews first suggested the city provide a \$500 incentive to its employees.

“As COVID has continued on and the demonstrations have continued ... and the risk for COVID continues to increase as some of us sit here in masks,” Andrews said. “So basically, I’ve listened to my experts, and at this point I want to do something for them. When I say do something for them, that’s for their continuous efforts and everything that they are going to continue to do for us. Because during all



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(Right) Covington City Manager Scott Andrews speaks during a special-called council meeting, explaining the reason and logistics of the one-time \$625 hazard incentive payment for public safety employees. Councilmen Anthony Henderson (left) and Don Floyd (middle) listen.

of this, I’d be lying if I said it didn’t take a toll on morale. I think this is a gesture that would go a long way.”

However, Councilman Don Floyd had one issue with the incentive: taxes.

“I think it’s well overdue,” he said. “I really appreciate their efforts... I know federal tax will take a toll on anything, but is there any way that it can be made up somehow ... because I don’t want them getting a bonus, and then after federal taxes they get \$150.”

After discussion, the council opted to increase the incentive to \$625 so it would equate to approximately \$500 after taxes.

Police Chief Stacey Cotton said the COVID-19 pandemic has taken a toll on his officers and believed the incentive was a good idea.

“When my guys started asking me the question if we could get a bonus like everyone else, I [told] my guys, ‘Our job is to be there ... no matter what the situation is,’ Cotton said. “But then I had an officer look at me and say, ‘Well my family didn’t sign on for that. And I have to go home and expose them to all of it.’ That’s what I think is the issue. It’s not the duty that they swore to do on the front end ... this is the one where we — we might take the stress home, we might take the

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Beck named editor, publisher of The Covington News

STAFF REPORTS
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Taylor Beck has been named the publisher of *The Covington News*, Owner Patrick Graham announced today.

“Taylor is an incredibly talented young journalist,” Graham said. “He’s a newspaper guy through and through, which are becoming increasingly harder to come by these days, and I

have every confidence in his ability to deliver an outstanding product for our readers, our advertisers and our community here in Covington and Newton County.”

Beck previously served as the managing editor of *The Sand Mountain Reporter* in



Taylor Beck

Albertville, Ala. Before becoming the managing editor there in March 2019, he was a staff writer and served as the magazine editor for the newspaper’s *Land+Lake* publication for two years.

He was a digital content producer at WBRC Fox 6 News in Birmingham before joining *The Reporter*.

Beck has received numerous awards from the Alabama Press Association including the 2020 Emerg-

ing Journalist Award, as well as the 2019 Best Local Economic Coverage (third place) and 2018 Best Spot News Story (first place) awards.

“This is a tremendous opportunity for me and for my family,” Beck said. “I can’t tell you how excited I am to be a part of a community like we have in Covington and Newton County, and I look forward to working with the outstanding staff

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OBITUARIES



Nino Samuel

Coach Nino Samuel, of Covington, passed away Wednesday, June 17, 2020.

Coach Nino was a great basketball player who became a mentor and trainer of young athletes; he was the CEO, owner, and trainer of NINO Samu-

el Basketball Training.

Nino is survived by his wife of 48 years, Tressie Samuel; son, Nino Samuel, Jr.; daughter, Iris Samuel; 13 grandchildren; sister, Renita Samuel; two brothers, Albert and Frederico Samuel; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

Graveside services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 23, at Green Meadow Me-

morial Gardens, 699 American Legion Road NE, Conyers, GA. The Samuel family will receive friends Monday, June 22, at Gregory B. Levett and Sons Funeral Home, Rockdale Chapel, from 5-7 p.m.

Bernard's Family Funeral Care, LLC, The Madison Chapel, 1086 Ward Road, Madison, GA, was honored to serve the Samuel family.

Fay Potts

Fay Potts, of Covington, passed away Saturday, June 20, 2020, at the age of 79.

Ms. Potts was a lifelong resident of Newton County. She carved out a life of simplicity and contentment in her hometown community, where she was a loyal employee of Oxford Industries for 25 years and a supportive member of Stewart Baptist Church. In her desire to connect with like-minded people, she joined the Order of the Eastern Star. Through this organization, Ms. Potts developed meaningful, lasting friendships

while serving others and giving back.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert M. and Mary (Burnham) Potts; sister, Marian Potts; and brothers, Bob Potts, Reggie Potts.

Ms. Potts will be lovingly remembered by her sisters and brothers-in-law, Iris and Floyd Moore; Marcia Slocumb, Alice and Charles Harper, all of Monticello; brother and sister-in-law, Johnny and Melba Potts of Covington; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

A funeral service for Ms. Potts will be held Tuesday, June 23, at 11 a.m. at

the Chapel of Caldwell & Cowan, 1215 Access Road, in Covington, with Pastor Ed Westbrook officiating. Interment will follow in Hopewell Presbyterian Cemetery, 150 Hopewell Church Road, Covington. Friends are invited to visit with her family at the funeral home one hour prior to her service, from 10-11 a.m.

Flowers are acceptable; memorial donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 225 Peachtree Street NE, Suite 550, Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

Rodriquez Quintarius O'Neal Benton

Rodriquez Quintarius O'Neal Benton was born on July 25, 1996, to Ms. Shantica Banks and Mr. Jessie Benton.

Rodriquez was affectionately known as "Bug" and "Squenky" by his family and friends. He received his education from Newton County Schools. He loved to be with his family and friends and treated everyone he met as family. He never met strangers.

On June 8, 2020, he gained his wings to his everlasting home. He is preceded in death by his uncle, Calvin "Kojack" Banks and close friend, Malik Stanley.

He leaves to cherish his memories children, Kamarion Dyer, Reign Benton, Autumn Bradley, Amelia Bradley and Tristan Dyer; parents, Mrs. Shantica (Deangelo) Mathis and Mr. Jessie Benton; siblings; Rommie Belcher, Tatijuana Banks, Jessquarius Benton, Adrian Torrey, Fewentz Boswell, Dezirae Boswell, Jeston Benton, Jameria Victor, Jessica Benton, Ja 'Lyric Barkley, Olan Benton, Journie Benton; nephews, Tycoreyon Thrasher, Zyi'Mier Benton and Ja'Mier Benton; grandmothers, Ms. Theresa Banks and Ms. Essie Williams; great grandmother, Mrs. Mary B. Bailey and favorite cousin, Demarious Banks and

a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends that will greatly miss him.

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, June 20, at noon at Poplar Hill AME Church, located at 623 Poplar Hill Road in Mansfield. Rev. Nicolene Durham, Rev. Willie Smith and others will officiate.

The family of Rodriquez wishes to extend their sincere appreciation to loved ones and friends who found so many tender ways to express friendship, concern, and sympathy during the departure of their loved one. May God bless each one of you.

Terry Lee "T-Bone" Baker

Mr. Terry Lee Baker was born on April 25, 1959 in Covington, Georgia.

After a brief term in the United States Army Terry became an entrepreneur and began a career in Landscaping. He had a relentless love for his children, grandchildren, family, and friends in his own loving and protective way. He enjoyed talking and spending time with his family and friends.

Terry fought his illness for over five years and made his transition on June

1, 2020. He is preceded in death by one brother, Greg Baker.

He leaves to cherish his memories, wife, Mrs. Bernice Baker; son, Demarrio Baker, Richard William; daughters, Britney Baker and Bianca Hardeman; grandchildren, Alisha, Makayla, Ariel, Kaylin, Ahlani, Jayda, Layla and Raylin; mother, Mrs. Ruby Baker; father, Mr. Howard (Laverne) Baker; sisters, Mrs. Vickey (Leroy) McClain, Misty (Derrick) Hopson, Melissa Baker, and Marcio Baker; brother, Mr. Tracy Baker; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and

friends. Devoted best friends, Mr. Jerry Cunningham and Mr. James Jackson.

A Home-going Celebration was held Saturday, June 6, at 1 p.m., at Sims Chapel Baptist Church Cemetery in Covington. Rev. Cecil J. Rozier officiated.

The family of the late Mr. Terry Lee Baker would like to express their sincerest appreciation to each of you for your love and kindness conveyed to them during their hours of bereavement. A special thanks to Abbey Hospice, James Jackson, Terry Cunningham and Lester Lackey & Sons.

Yancy Dewitt Young

Mr. Yancy Dewitt Young was born June 3, 1959, in Savannah, Georgia, to Celith Ling (Perry) and the late Thomas Young (Ora Bell). He attended Savannah State College and West Georgia College.

Yancy worked for Rockdale Cares Inc. and In Community for special needs adults as an instructor and employment coordinator. He was an active member of Good Hope Baptist Church. He loved singing in the mass choir, male choir and helping with the children choir. He loved playing drums and horn section.

He is preceded in death by his father, Thomas Young; sister, Etta Young and brother, Timothy Young.

He is survived by his loving wife,

Stephanie Young; two sons, Johnathan Young (Shana) and Jordan Young, of Covington; two brothers, Eric Young (Lisa), of Greensboro, North Carolina, and Tommy Young, of Savannah; two step-brothers, Keith Young, Ricky Webber, of Hardeeville, South Carolina; two sisters, Lynn Beach (Roger), of Telluride, Colorado, and Sheri Days-Austin (Errol), of New Orleans, Louisiana; two step-sisters, Marie Nathan, of Hardeeville, South Carolina and Twanda Martin, of New York; two brothers-in-law, Anthony White and Keith White, of Miami, Florida; two sisters-in-law, Ericka Harden (Danny) and Cassandra Hynes, of Miami, Florida; sister-in-law, Sharon Mason, of New Orleans, Lou-

isiana, and a host of nieces, nephews, uncles, aunts other relatives and friends. He was a wonderful father and husband will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

A Home-Going Celebration was held Friday, June 12, at 11 a.m. at Good Hope Baptist Church in Covington. Rev. E.J. Tomlinson officiated.

The family of Yancy wishes to extend their sincere appreciation to loved ones and friends who found so many tender ways to express friendship, concern, and sympathy during the departure of their loved one. May God Bless each one of you.

Denies:

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Attorney's office.

Prosecutors asked Ott to deny bond because Yates had allegedly intimidated witnesses into lying to protect him and was a risk for fleeing the area to avoid prosecution if granted bond.

Police investigators determined the suspect had been drinking and smoking marijuana with others in a room at the motel the night of May 27.

He allegedly went to his truck, retrieved a handgun, shot the victim in the temple, grabbed the gun and got in his truck, Ott was told.

Police reportedly found the weapon used in the incident in a field next to Rocky Plains Road south of Covington.

When officers interviewed witnesses, they first told them Anderson had shot himself in the head but later said they were scared of Yates — who had told them to give that false information to police.

The suspect told investigators the shooting was an accident. He said he was walking by Anderson when the victim grabbed the gun. It went off and shot the victim in the head, prosecutors said.

However, witnesses later told police Yates had told the victim, "Say goodbye," before the shooting occurred.

Prosecutors also told Ott that Yates is a self-proclaimed gang member and had told others he was a member of a well-known area gang that could provide money to allow him to flee the area.

CORRECTION

A Social Circle graduate was incorrectly identified in the magazine published June 30-31, based on information provided to the newspaper. He is Tyler Favors.



Tyler Favors

Boy:

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identified as Anthony Cruz, was riding near Lakeside Drive around 9:30 p.m. when the incident occurred, said

sheriff's office spokesperson Lt. Cortney Morrison.

He was pronounced dead at the scene, Morrison said.

The driver of the vehicle stayed on location and waited for deputies to arrive.

A GoFundMe page for the

boy's funeral expenses reported it had raised more than \$13,000 last week from 245 donors.

Independence Day is the one time of the year when our community gathers to celebrate our nationhood; however, this year will be different seeing that many of our community events were cancelled due to COVID-19. As we continue through these unprecedented times, I urge each and every one of you to practice social distancing and stay safe as you celebrate your freedom. Harry S. Truman once said, "America was not built on fear. America was built on courage." We must focus on facts over fear, as that is our best defense in fighting the coronavirus pandemic.

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The Design Consumer: Jeff MacKenzie columnist

FOUND MONEY

Train your buys, train your supplies, train your trip size and avoid urban demise... Good training is the prize.



Most of us have stalled in traffic, edging forward a car length or two per minute and glanced up at a train rattling past on its elevated track bed, filled with commuters reading their papers, gazing out at passing scenery, grabbing a quick nap, calling their spouse on the phone or — in this era of massively defunded transit — clinging to overhead straps in a standing-room-only crowd.

Variations on the locomotive-pulling-cars arrangement include, among others, trolleys, monorails, the Elon Musk hyperloop, the Swiss autotrain that transports people in their cars upon flat-cars, and airport trams ferrying passengers to loading gates.

Using technology such as linear induction, in which a magnet on a train moves along an electrified rail, the force is produced by a linearly moving magnetic field acting on conductors in the field and levitating the vehicle, producing a frictionless, smooth ride. Trains can be made to go hundreds of miles per hour. Given their ability to move unimpeded into urban centers — unlike airplanes which must locate on remote fringes — trains can deposit passengers much closer to their in-town destinations.

High speed trains are thus very competitive with airlines on short hops of 500 miles or less.

And — this is an often overlooked asset of trains — their sturdy construction affords much better survival odds in a crash. To paraphrase a famous quote: “If you in a train wreck, there you is. If you in a plane crash, where is you?”

In this pandemic-afflicted era, trains are not perceived as good candidates for transporting masses of people. Indeed, areas with the highest infection rates are those like New York City, which moves millions around its boroughs crammed into subways cheek by jowl — a coronavirus paradise.

But a little known (not to mention used and funded) aspect of train commuting involves adding cars and running trains twice as frequently, which can thin crowds to a manageable level.

And the cost is significantly less, when considering inter-city travel, than adding more airplanes to a route. The latter must be fully crewed with pilots, co-pilots and attendants on each flight and must deal with inclement weather — a condition that rarely affects trains. Trains usually have only an engineer, brakeman, and conductor, with dining car and pullman staff only on long distance routes.

But the most salient feature of trains is the tourism potential they embody. Europe is packed with trains — many of them high-speed — that connect its many tourist destinations. Rome, Paris, Amsterdam, Munich beer halls, the Swiss Alps, Barcelona, Scottish castles; during tourist season they are filled to overflowing with crowds spreading out from stations to drop their custom on local restaurants, hotels, guided tours, etc. in a major boost to those local economies with found money.

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Found money flows into a local economy when its spenders live and work elsewhere, adding dollars to the tax base without unduly stressing the services. No schools, hospitals, welfare systems and municipal government structures — excepting police, fire, OK-maybe hospitals, that are required for local dwelling taxpayers.

Taylor Beck editor and publisher

It’s funny how life happens

In 2012, weeks before I graduated from high school, I wrote what was called a “senior prophecy” to predict how my life would turn out over the next 10 years. Doing so was part of a long-standing yearbook tradition, but it was one I never took seriously.



If I remember correctly, my daft teenage self predicted I would

be a “stay-at-home son” by day and a “world champion chicken fighter” by night — practically Sand Mountain’s version of Tiger King.

It was, of course, a joke.

If I were to be realistic, I would have probably said I had aspirations to graduate from college, come home to work an easygoing job, make a decent living and live the bachelor lifestyle — though, nothing too exciting.

It’s funny how life happens.

Now, at 25 years old, I’m married with two children. Sunday afternoon, I left my home in Alabama and did what was once unthinkable. I drove 178 miles to start a new life in Covington and begin my tenure as editor and publisher of *The Covington News*.

Though I’ll miss many folks back on Sand Mountain, I’m enthusiastic to see where this journey leads me and my family. As I continue learning more about the area, I look forward to becoming a lifelong

member of the community.

To our readers and advertisers: I want you to know that I’m committed to Covington and Newton County, and my desire is to see that every publication we produce is captivating, yet informative, accurate and balanced — a product you can be proud to support.

Taylor Beck is the editor and publisher of The Covington News. He can be reached at tbeck@covnews.com

Sen. Tonya Anderson (D-Lithonia)

Citizens are crying out for help, that’s what we should be giving them

After taking a three-month break to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus, the Georgia General Assembly reconvened for legislative business on Monday, June 15.



Due to these unprecedented times, the Senate conducted business in a different fashion. Instead of recognizing guests and welcoming students to the Capitol, the Senate is instead implementing policies that maintain social distancing, encouraging the use of face masks, frequently sanitizing office spaces and a variety of other practices. While this unprecedented time has put a halt to many of the traditional aspects of session, the change has not stagnated our progress as we passed a number of bills out of our Senate chamber last week.

As state legislators, we have a constitutional duty to pass a balanced budget. This means the government cannot spend more money than it collects

in revenues. While a final budget document had not been agreed early last week, we didn’t hear official budget recommendations until later in the legislative session, the Senate Appropriations Committee met on Wednesday to pass the FY 2021 budget using an estimate developed with the Governor’s Office of Planning and Budget to make spending cuts of 11% or approximately \$2.6 billion. The budget will have significantly deeper cuts than the budget we originally intended on before the coronavirus devastated our economy.

While some cuts may be needed, we must find innovative ways to make sure we are best protecting the interest of Georgians. These cuts will lead to thousands of employees being laid off, and thousands more being forced to take unpaid days. Additionally, we should not be making detrimental cuts to healthcare and education, which are already underfunded. Our citizens are crying out for help and that’s what we should be giving them.

I would like to highlight a couple of

bills. The first I’d like to discuss is House Bill 888, the Surprise Billing Consumer Protection Act. Surprise billing happens when an insured patient encounters an out-of-network provider at an in-network facility during their medical appointment. A few weeks later, the patient then receives a surprise bill, or a bill for a number of charges not covered by the insurer. This bill would provide consumer protection against surprise billing by creating an arbitration process, as well as a maintained database of all-player claims and insurer payments. Many of us are in tough financial times, and an unexpected bill is one of the last things we need. I’m in strong support of this legislation because it protects patients from egregious bills.

The second bill I’d like to highlight is House Bill 823, which would create a lifetime disqualification from operating a commercial motor vehicle for those convicted of human trafficking. Often times, these victims are trafficked using commercial motor vehicles. This bill serves as an

initiative to eliminate human trafficking. By enforcing a lifetime ban on any commercial motor vehicle driver convicted of human trafficking, we will deliver a strong deterrent to this behavior.

Although COVID-19 has made in person visits more difficult, thanks to modern technology, you can keep up with all happenings under the Gold Dome from the comfort of your own home. Live streaming of all floor sessions as well as Committee meetings have been made available through our Georgia General Assembly website.

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us at any time.

As always, thank you for the honor of allowing me to serve as your voice under the Gold Dome.

Sen. Tonya Anderson represents the 43rd Senate District, which includes portions of DeKalb, Newton and Rockdale counties. She may be reached by email at tonya.anderson@senate.ga.gov

It’s a pity American authorities haven’t twigged to this fact. Found money.

Brought to our shores by tourists the world over who have been inundated with pop culture. (A few years ago I visited Norway, where I was amazed to learn they speak better English than we do, and was told they picked it up watching American TV programs.)

What if, in a positive effort to restore the economy from the current unpleasantness with infrastructure projects, we dedicated some of those billions to creating high-speed rail service to all points within say, 25 miles of proven tourist destinations?

High-speed rail requires sophisticated

trackbeds, reworking crossings to go over or under the tracks, extending electrification to remote areas, building stations, buying and staffing rolling stock, PR and loss-leader type promotions to kickstart the moribund tourism scene into a flood of international visitors, upgrading hotel and bed and breakfast and youth hostel availability, developing a Department of Tourism whose budget incentive is tied to the number of repeat visitors achieved.

What if we set about constructing this system, this found money sump, with the same dedication given to our impressive Interstate Highway Network?

What if a found money tax went into a special fund used to

develop and maintain the system, including busways, trolleys and taxis, hotels and campgrounds, bike and hiking trails and parks — all of which could borrow from it as needed?

What if everything were phased in according to a master plan, with underserved and impoverished areas getting first crack at available funds, and an orderly growth pattern in a pay-as-you-go system was adopted?

Wouldn’t that be something? Found money and setting up a system to harvest it continuously... Oh, and I just thought of something: Another type of train is the miniature ride such as the one on occasional Saturdays in Conyers Equestrian

Park. The trains are scale models with 16-inch tracks, locomotives and cars large enough that people can ride on them at about the speed of an urban scooter.

What if such a system were installed on Peachtree Street, scaled up slightly to a 24-inch wide track operating in a bike lane right of way? It would connect downtown, midtown and Buckhead with slow moving cars, covered to keep out bad weather. A no-frills fun ride that tourists would love to take their kids on. Wouldn’t that be a toot?

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CITY OF OXFORD PUBLIC HEARING REQUEST FOR VARIANCE

The City Council of the City of Oxford will conduct a public hearing on Monday, July 6th at 7:00 PM. The purpose is to consider a request for a zoning variance from Art and Laurie Vinson on the 10-foot minimum side setback requirement to allow for improvements to an existing non-conforming 14' x 18' accessory building located at 903 Asbury Street.

The public hearing will be held via teleconference. A link will be posted on the city's website for those interested in joining the via the internet. To join via telephone, please call 1-646-558-8656. The meeting ID is 825 460 3975.

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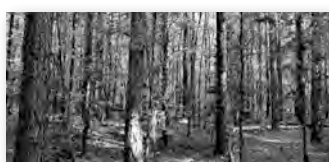
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COVID-19 cases continue rise in Newton

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As testing around the state continues to increase daily, so, too, does the rate at which Georgians are contracting COVID-19.

On Thursday, June 25, the Georgia Department of Public Health reported a cumulative total of 71,095 confirmed cases of the novel virus. This marked an increase of 1,714 cases within 24 hours — the sixth time in seven days that Georgia saw a bump of at least 1,000 new cases.

The recent spike is being felt at the local level as well. On Thursday, June 18, the DPH reported a total of 452 cases in Newton County. Seven days later, that number had jumped up to 538. The previous seven-day span saw 45 new cases reported for the county, with 25 new cases coming in during the week prior.

These increases can be attributed in part to a continuous effort to ramp up testing in Georgia.

As of Thursday, the DPH noted that 904,154 tests had been conducted for the coronavirus. This total reflects 757,924 viral tests and 146,230 antibody tests. There were 17,570 new tests — 14,690 of which were viral — reported within 24 hours between updates. In addition to the increase in cases, the DPH stated Thursday that Georgia had totaled 10,457 hospitalizations and 2,745 deaths as a direct result of COVID-19. Both of these numbers appear to indicate negative trends, with 144 new patients and 47 new deaths in a 24-hour span.

“We cannot grow complacent,” Gov. Brian Kemp wrote on Twitter. “This virus is deadly and remains a threat to our great state.”

Covington celebrates Juneteenth

Demonstrators join celebrators of observance to air race relations issues

By TOM SPIGOLON
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COVINGTON, Ga. — A demonstration in response to the Black community’s treatment by police nationwide and other issues drew a few hundred participants to the Covington Square on June 19 and proved to be the third in a series of incident-free protests in recent weeks.

However, it was the first to feature participants walking along downtown streets and brought a heavy police presence to protect both marchers and speakers on the square, officials said.

Local activist Timothy Birt organized the two-and-a-half-hour event, which combined a protest and speeches with a celebration of the annual Juneteenth observance by African-Americans.

He was among about nearly 200 Black and white attendees who walked along Brown, Clark, Church and Ivy streets chanting slogans like “Black Lives Matter” before giving prepared speeches and talking about their experiences with other races and law enforcement at the Covington Square.

Birt, a Newton County resident, said he and other organizers paid for food, bottled water and snacks which were free to attendees. He called the event “amazing.”

“I would have rather had more people come out and speak, but a lot of people aren’t ready for that so it’s understandable,” Birt said. “We definitely want more people to come out so that elected officials, when they come out to these events, they hear the people.”

In late May, after a Minneapolis police



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Brandon Sheppard speaks during the June 19 rally on the Covington Square.

officer was accused of murder in the death of George Floyd — an unarmed Black man — it led to demonstrations, violent confrontations and widespread property damage.

In Atlanta, a peaceful protest earlier this month preceded a night of vandalism and property damage throughout the city.

However, Covington Police spokesman Capt. Ken Malcom said the June 19 event in Covington “was how you hope demonstrations should be.”

“They’re emotional, but the ones we’ve been dealing with have been very positive,” he said.

He noted a prayer vigil and two similar demonstrations in recent weeks also were peaceful.

Sheriff Ezell Brown, who spoke throughout the event with attendees, said he knew it would be a positive and incident-free event after talking to organizers

— including a group which had created past Juneteenth celebrations.

“I didn’t see any problems,” Brown said. “Juneteenth has been a day of celebration, and I thought we had a peaceful march from the church to the square and there and back.”

Speakers touched on a variety of issues tied to race relations, including requests for continued support from white residents for changes in policing in the Black community; and the need for Black people to become involved in their government to bring about needed change.

Birt said he wanted attendees to see the event “not as a protest but a celebration.”

Gregory Brown said events in 2020, such as the death of Ahmaud Arbery in southeast Georgia, brought members of different races together and “allowed us to hear each

other” on the need for changing how the Black community is treated by law enforcement.

“When we collectively talk, leaders listen to us,” he said.

He also spoke of the need for people of different races to communicate to clear up misconceptions about those with whom they are unfamiliar and “attack a system that allows people to be racist.”

“There’s no way we can change the system without changing our hearts,” he said.

Gregory Brown also encouraged young Black people to work to educate themselves, own businesses and buy land to increase their political clout.

Tyler Still asked the crowd to contact members of the Newton County Board of Commissioners to ask them to remove a controversial Confederate statue from the northwest side of the Covington

Square.

State law now requires local officials to move any historical monuments, including those dedicated to Confederates in the Civil War, to “a site of similar prominence” rather than a museum.

Gwen Green, a Newton County Historical Society member, referred to signs at the front of the crowd explaining the history of the Juneteenth celebration.

Juneteenth is celebrated on June 19 because Black slaves in Texas learned on June 19, 1865, they were the last slaves in the U.S. to be freed after President Abraham Lincoln’s Emancipation Proclamation order became effective more than two years earlier.

An annual Juneteenth celebration has been organized for many years in Newton County.

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sadness home if something bad happens, but ... there could be [children or other family members with health issues] that that public safety official might expose [COVID-19] to. That’s their fear.”

Cotton said it could cost the police department, and likely other departments as well, a lot more money to hire and train new officers than it would to fund the incentives to help retain existing officers.

After a motion was made, the council approved the \$625 incentive by a vote of 4-1 (Councilwoman Fleeta Baggett abstained due to difficulty hearing the discussion via telephone; Councilwoman Hawnethia Williams

was absent.)

The incentive will be paid to approximately 100 employees, including fire department employees of battalion chief rank and below; police department employees of lieutenant rank and below and the “crew” at Covington-Newton County 911, totaling roughly \$62,500.

After the meeting, Fire Chief Jeremy Holmes said he was thankful that the city saw the need to fund the incentives for its first responders.

“So I think from being one of the first departments to have to actually isolate its firefighters from exposure and seeing their concerns about the

family and children — that was their concern. Their concern wasn’t about their job and helping the patients. It was about bringing it back to their families, and that’s real. And that’s something that we’ve made a priority, and obviously from their vote, it shows that we have the council’s support in that as well,” Holmes said.

Mayor Steve Hor-

ton said there isn’t a dollar value anyone could put on what the public safety employees go through each day, especially under today’s conditions. But he hopes the incentive is a gesture that can be appreciated.

“Traditional public safety employees are our first line of defense,” he said. “And they run against the problems that all of us

would rather not go up against — night or day. And given the nature of COVID-19 in particular ... they don’t get to pick and choose the calls they go to.

“When you do that, personally, it starts to weigh on you,” Horton continued. “It’s an unseen enemy. You can face someone with a gun ... but you can’t see COVID-19. And you couple that with

the civil unrest — and I’m not speaking against civil unrest because everyone has the right to protest and have their voices heard — but [officers] are working under stressful conditions already... We see law enforcement officers across the country handing in their notices daily. We’ve got good people that we want to keep.”



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here at *The Covington News* to publish the kind of newspaper our readers, advertisers and this community deserve.”

A 2016 graduate of the University of Alabama, Beck, 25, is a native of Douglas, Ala. Before attending the university, he studied at Snead State Community College in Boaz, Ala. He graduated from Douglas High School in 2012.

Beck is married to Kelly Whitman Beck, of Douglas. The couple has two children, 1-year-old son Eli and 2-month-old daughter Opal Mae.

Beck succeeds Madison Graham, who is returning to *The Walton Tribune* in Monroe as the director of advertising, her role before leaving the paper for other opportunities last year.

“Madison has done a really good job as the publisher here in Covington under really unprecedented circumstances for a first-time publisher,” Graham said. “However, I need her to come home and help me in Monroe where she excelled in her role, and I expect her to excel as she takes those reins once again.”

The Covington News is one of five newspapers Graham owns. Graham also owns *The Walton Tribune*; *The Sand Mountain Reporter*; *Jackson County Sentinel* in Scottsboro, Ala.; and the *Times-Journal* in Fort Payne, Ala.

Graham had previously been on staff with the newspapers in Monroe, Albertville and Fort Payne.

Newton commission throws out 2021 budget

Hearings for updated spending plan set in July

By TOM SPIGOLON
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Newton County commissioners discarded their 2021 budget plan Tuesday night and will consider another that is more than \$1 million smaller to allow a reduced property tax rate to fund it.

Public hearings are planned for the revised budget plan July 7 at 6 p.m. and July 14 at 5 p.m., after which commissioners will consider final approval at a special called meeting.

The new budget will not contain \$1.07 million that had been planned for a new \$135,000 computer server; as well as more than \$300,000 to pay for budget changes throughout the year and a \$500,000 transfer to the Capital Improvement Fund.

Instead, those items will be funded as needed throughout the year from excess tax collections rather than the budget’s General Fund, said County Manager Lloyd Kerr.

“By doing so, we will reduce the budget by that million-dollars-plus mark and we can reduce the (property tax) rate by three-tenths of a mill,” Kerr said. “Then that would give some relief to the taxpayers.”

After the meeting, Chairman Marcello Banes said he believed the revised plan was the best way to approve a 2021 budget.

“The taxpayers are getting what they want and the services that they needed, and this is an opportunity to take some off the (property tax) rate,” he said.

“I believe it’s a win-win for the taxpayers, especially citizens whose (fire safety) rating is so high they can’t pay their homeowners’ insurance,” he said. “They need this and they’ve been asking for this.

“Others in the community who’ve been asking for more deputies on the road, they get an opportunity to get that,” Banes said.

The \$105.6 million original budget was almost 7% higher than the 2020 budget. It included 76 new employees, including 14 new sheriff’s deputies and 18 new firefighters, according to county



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From left, Commissioner Stan Edwards, Chairman Marcello Banes and Commissioner Ronnie Cowan talk before the Newton County Commission’s meeting June 23.

officials and documents on the county website.

The new firefighters will help man new fire stations under construction on Gum Creek Road in Oxford, and planned for Dixie Road in eastern Newton.

The property tax rate — also known as the millage rate — was expected to bring in more than \$3 million for the 2021 budget by remaining at its current level of 13.43 mills because of an expected 8% increase in assessed property values in the tax digest.

The tax digest is the total taxable value of all real and personal property within Newton County. The county finance department had not received final tax digest totals from the tax commissioner’s office because the appeal process was not yet completed last week, Finance Director Brittany White said.

Banes asked Kerr to explain the new budget plan to commissioners after hearing some say they had concerns the original budget plan was funded with a property tax rate that would effectively be a tax increase if kept at its current level.

Commissioner Nancy Schulz said rising property values in the past year would lead to increases in property owners’ tax bills at a time when many are reeling from job losses related to the coronavirus pandemic.

“Tax collections quite likely will be sluggish, which means that we need to be very careful in adopting a budget for 2021,” she said.

Commissioner Stan Edwards said he also had concerns about the level of spending in the proposed budget because of the unknown economic effects of the pandemic.

Commissioner Ronnie Cowan said he did not want to see the need for employee furloughs to help reduce 2021 spending.

He also said employee raises in the budget were “deserved” but he did not see the need to use increased tax revenues created by rising property values for budget needs.

“The digest is moving pretty fast,” Cowan said. “I think it’s time to start slowing it down.”

Speakers during a public hearing before the meeting told commissioners they wanted them to address in the budget the removal of a Confederate statue on the Covington Square.

The total budget is a combination of four funds, with the General Fund used for most county operations comprising 71% of the total.

The General Fund totals \$75.4 million, which is up 5% from the General Fund in the 2020 budget.

Almost 75% — or \$3 of every \$4 — of the 2021 General Fund will go to salaries and benefits for regular employees, and purchased or contracted services.

Supplies, capital outlays, debt service and other uses make up the remainder, according to the county’s budget document on its website.

Salaries and benefits are planned to increase 8.8%, from \$42.6 million in 2020 to \$46.4 million in 2021.

Increases are due in part to all employees moving up a step in a pay plan the board approved in 2019, according to the document.

Purchased and contracted services are proposed to rise 8.1%, from \$10.2 million to more than \$11 million, according to the document.

The proposed budget also plans for a 7% increase in health insurance costs; funding new positions for two new fire stations; providing \$505,000 for new sheriff’s office vehicles and computer upgrades; and providing matching funds for almost \$1.3 million in federal, state and local grants, according to the budget document.

The county government’s property tax rate is levied in addition to the tax rate used to help fund the county school system.

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Junior quarterback Jevarra Martin is poised to take the reins of Newton's spread offense this season.

Newton County Arms Race

Preview QB battles at Alcovy, Eastside, Newton

By MASON WITTNER
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COVINGTON, Ga. — There's no position in sports quite like the quarterback of a football team.

Right or wrong, quarterbacks are oftentimes given more credit than any other individual for a team's success. On the flip side of the coin, they're also usually under the most scrutiny.

While it's universally understood that it takes a full team to win a game — let alone compete for a championship — the question first asked of most football programs when entering a new campaign is, 'Who will lead the offense under center?'

In Newton County, all three Georgia High School Association programs will have fresh faces leading the way during the 2020 season. Newton and Eastside will be looking to replace graduated veterans, while Alcovy finds itself in the midst of a transitional period. All three head coaches spoke with The Covington News this week to discuss how their quarterback rooms are shaping up heading into the final week of June.

Alcovy High School
Jason Dukes' first season as head coach at Alcovy saw the Tigers experiment at quarterback late in the year. Sophomore M.J. Stroud was tabbed as the starter going into the 2019 campaign. Touted as one of the best receivers in the area as a freshman, he underwent the growing pains of transitioning into a new position, but shone brightly under the spotlight. By season's end, however, Dukes realized that Stroud's athleticism could be better utilized by plugging him in at different spots on the field. So prior to the Tigers' season finale against Greenbrier, he handed the starting quarterback job to freshman Ashton Evans.

As he now prepares for his sophomore year, Evans is slated to begin the season as Alcovy's starting quarterback. Despite his lack of experience — he took limited snaps



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After starting at QB for the majority of 2019, M.J. Stroud will play more of a utility role for Alcovy in the fall.

throughout the season when Stroud dealt with injuries prior to making his lone varsity start — Dukes believes the young gunslinger is up for the task.

"It's one thing to throw a green freshman in at the beginning of the year and expect him to be successful. There's another thing to have him kind of be a back-up for the majority of the year and then feel comfortable putting him in at the end of the year," Dukes said. "He is a good player."

While Evans appears to be in the driver's seat, Dukes noted that the evaluation period is still ongoing. Evans showcases a stronger arm than Stroud, but Stroud's ability to extend plays with his legs while also making some quality throws leaves him in the mix.

"M.J., I believe, is a kid that can help us in several different positions," Dukes said. "You can expect to see him moved all around the field, including taking snaps at quarterback."

The Tigers operated their offense out of the spread formation in Dukes' first season at the helm. Their plan is to run a similar scheme, but with a heavier emphasis on offensive linemen winning battles in the trenches.

Breaking in a new quarterback isn't always an easy task. It's made even more difficult when a pandemic causes an unorthodox schedule, resulting in no 7-on-7 drills or pass-

ing camps before July — and no timetable for their return.

Fortunately, Alcovy is in the same boat as every other team in the GHSA. And while the search continues for answers about when football teams can resume standard operating procedures, Dukes is ensuring his kids — including his quarterbacks — remain mentally prepared.

"We haven't even been given a schedule to return to school next year. If you constantly think about that, it can paralyze you from preparing for the things that you need to do right now and today," Dukes said. "Our focus as a team is on taking every day for that day and doing our absolutely best job in getting better."

Eastside High School

The Eagles are tasked with replacing a three-year starter at quarterback this season.

Noah Cook graduated from Eastside and will be taking the field for Garden City Community College this fall. Stepping in to fill Cook's shoes will be senior Jaylen Woods, who spent last season as one of Cook's primary targets at wide receiver.

Eastside head coach Troy Hoff believes the experience Woods garnered from starting at receiver on Friday nights — in addition to serving as Cook's backup — will pay dividends when the bright lights hit this year.

"I think it's helped

GHSA to add shot clock for high school hoops

By MASON WITTNER
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A shot clock is coming soon to high school basketball in the Peach State.

The Georgia High School Association passed a proposal Tuesday to mandate the use of a 30-second shot clock for all varsity basketball games. It will be phased in through a three-year implementation period, beginning with the 2020-2021 season.

Georgia is now the ninth state in the nation to implement a shot clock for varsity basketball games, joining California, Maryland, Massachusetts, New York, North Dakota, Rhode Island, South Dakota and Washington.

Beginning this winter, the shot clock will be used by the GHSA only in approved holiday tournaments and showcase games. It will not be permitted for use in region games or playoff contests. Schools will have permission, however, to mount shot clocks on the top of backboards or set up portable clocks in the corners of courts.

During the 2021-22 season, the shot clock will be approved for use in tournaments, showcase games and region play, so long as



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The GHSA will begin phasing in a shot clock starting this winter.

the region permits it.

The 2022-23 season will see shot clocks used in all varsity basketball games throughout the regular season and state playoffs.

While the approval of shot clocks was the most notable takeaway from Tuesday's meet-

ing, the GHSA's Executive Committee also approved proposals for considerable changes in cross country and track and field.

In cross country, teams will no longer compete in area meets throughout the season. Instead, they'll hold

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Safety concerns lead to Fourth of July cancellations, postponements countywide

By TOM SPIGOLON
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Most traditional Fourth of July events in Newton County have been postponed or canceled this year in response to safety concerns around the coronavirus pandemic.

Officials in Covington, Oxford and Porterdale decided to postpone or cancel popular holiday events because of their concerns about transmission of the disease among expected crowds.

Officials in the city of Oxford canceled an annual tradition because of concerns about the safety of attendees attending a live event during the ongoing pandemic.

The city of Oxford and the Oxford Lions Club in past years hosted a morning parade on July 4 followed by an event featuring food vendors and live entertainment at the historic Old Church on Wesley Street.

However, the city council "out of an abundance of caution" opted to cancel the annual event, said City Manager Matthew Pepper.

The Porterdale city government chose not to plan a fireworks show for this year because of safety concerns related to the disease, city officials said.

In a statement, Mayor Arline Chapman and Interim City Manager Robert Witcher said, "Due to the public health and safety recommendations issued by the CDC concerning COVID-19, the city of Porterdale will not be hosting an Independence fireworks display in 2020."

"Since March 26, when the city issued a Shelter in Place Ordinance and Resolution, and following all special orders issued from the governor's office, the safety and health of residents and visitors has been of utmost concern for the city.

"With the recent up rise in cases, it is important to insure that every opportunity is taken to prevent the transmission of COVID-19.

"We wish our citizens a safe and happy Fourth of July and to celebrate freedom and peace this Independence Day."

Covington City Council voted in May to reschedule



MetroCreative Connection

Many local Fourth of July events featuring fireworks have been canceled, postponed or altered due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

the annual Stars and Stripes Fest and its popular fireworks show to Labor Day weekend.

The council voted to postpone the event to Sept. 6 amid concerns about the safety of the event during the pandemic because of the large crowds that typically gather to watch it.

The Stars and Stripes Fest typically includes food vendors, live music and a large-scale fireworks show that attracts crowds estimated at up to 50,000 to the area around the Covington Square on July 4.

Council members reportedly decided to reschedule the event to Sept. 6 because it would lessen the impact on some businesses that close on Sundays.

Officials in the city of Social Circle decided to go ahead and host a fireworks display this weekend on Saturday, June 27.

The northeast Newton County city was set to host a fireworks display this weekend and allow the public to attend at Stephens Park Field.

But the Boys & Girls Clubs of North Central Georgia's annual Duck Derby was to be done without an audience lining the banks of the Yellow River in Porterdale and only accessible via Facebook.

It featured 6,000 rubber ducks "adopted" by donors which are released on the Yellow River.



Anthony Banks | The Covington News

Eastside will be replacing three-year starter Noah Cook with rising senior Jaylen Woods, who started at wideout while backing up Cook at QB last season.

Race:

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him see the big picture from playing receiver and now being in both spots," Hoff said. "As far as moving forward in our offense, he's got a real solid grasp of what we do because he's been doing it. It's a new role for him, obviously, but at the same time he's done an excellent job of transitioning into it."

Last year, Eastside sliced up opponents with an up-tempo spread offense. Woods and Cook are their own players, and tweaks will be needed to tailor the team to the new quarterback, but Hoff plans to continue taking a similar schematic approach to the offense.

"As coaches, I think the part of our job — the main part of our job — is to make changes work with our personnel," Hoff said. "I think we're flexible enough in our schemes that we can mold it to the players we have and see what Jaylen likes to throw, what he's comfortable with."

Woods' transition into the spotlight will be interesting to watch. While his varsity experience at wideout gives him a leg up over many first-year starters, Eastside's staff understands the approach they must make to afford the new guy time to adjust to his role.

"I know the first night under center will be different, but our approach with him is to play football. It doesn't have to all be on him," Hoff said. "That's part of our job as coaches is to have a diverse enough attack where it can spread the ball out to run or pass, so it's not all on the quarterback to have to win it every night."

Newton High School

After the departure of senior quarterback Neal Howard, rising junior Jevarra Martin has emerged as the favorite to lead the Rams offense in 2020.

The left-hander has piled muscle onto his six-foot, four-inch frame this summer and is set to enter July at roughly 210 pounds. Martin is still working to correct his footwork and nail down his timing, but his

build, experience and leadership qualities have made him a frontrunner for Newton.

"I don't expect anything less than Jevarra coming out and really moving us forward. It's his job to lose," Newton head coach Camiel Grant Jr. said.

Martin was the ace of Newton's baseball staff this spring and has started for the club since his freshman year. Grant Jr. stated that despite it being another sport, he believes Martin's experience of starting at the varsity level — notably being in a position that isolates him on the mound and calls for the team to lean on him — will transition well into playing quarterback.

Martin had a close relationship with Howard during his time with the Rams. The two have continued working out and throwing together this summer as Howard has taken it upon himself to help groom his replacement.

Grant Jr. believes that Martin has shown enough growth — both at the mental and physical level — to prove that he's ready to control Newton's spread attack.

"Jevarra understands what we're doing on offense," he said. "He has a different skill set than Neal; he's more of a pocket passer. He can push the ball downfield a little bit more with his arm strength. Some things we may feature a little bit different than last year. We're excited and we think he's ready."

Waiting in the wings for the Rams this season will be rising freshman Riley Scruggs. After showing tremendous potential during his eighth grade season, there's a lot of hype surrounding the young gunslinger. He'll need time to adjust to the speed of varsity competition, but could make a splash for the Rams in a year or two if he continues to develop.

"We're excited that he's going to be able to push Jevarra a little bit and create some competition in the room," Grant Jr. said. "I'm also excited about what he can do for on the JV team as he learns."

Hoops:

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region competitions in every classification from Class A to Class AAAAAA.

Meanwhile, the bevy of changes approved for track and field are as follows:

- The GHSA will

adopt the NFHS rule that allows individual athletes to compete in any four events at track and field meets, as well as being listed as one of eight participants on relays

- Schools may now

enter up to three athletes in each of the 14 events at area and region qualifying track meets

- Only one track entry will be permitted per relay, with eight runners for area and region

qualifying track meets

- A 3,200-meter relay will be added to the list of track events

- An 800-meter relay will be in place by the spring of 2022

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PUBLIC NOTICE NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA FISCAL YEAR 2021 BUDGET REVIEW AND ADOPTION

BUDGET AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW: Newton County's FY 2021 proposed budget will be available for public inspection during regular office hours (Monday – Friday; 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM) at the Historic Courthouse, located at 1124 Clark Street, Covington, Georgia 30014. A copy of the budget can also be found on the County's website at <http://co.newton.ga.us>.

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON FY 2021 BUDGET: Two Public Hearings on Newton County's FY 2021 proposed budget are scheduled for Tuesday, July 7 at 6:00 PM and Tuesday, July 14 at 5:00 PM at the Newton County Historic Courthouse, located at 1124 Clark Street, Covington, Georgia 30014. At this meeting, the Chairman and Board of Commissioners will receive both written and oral comments about the proposed budget for Newton County, Georgia.

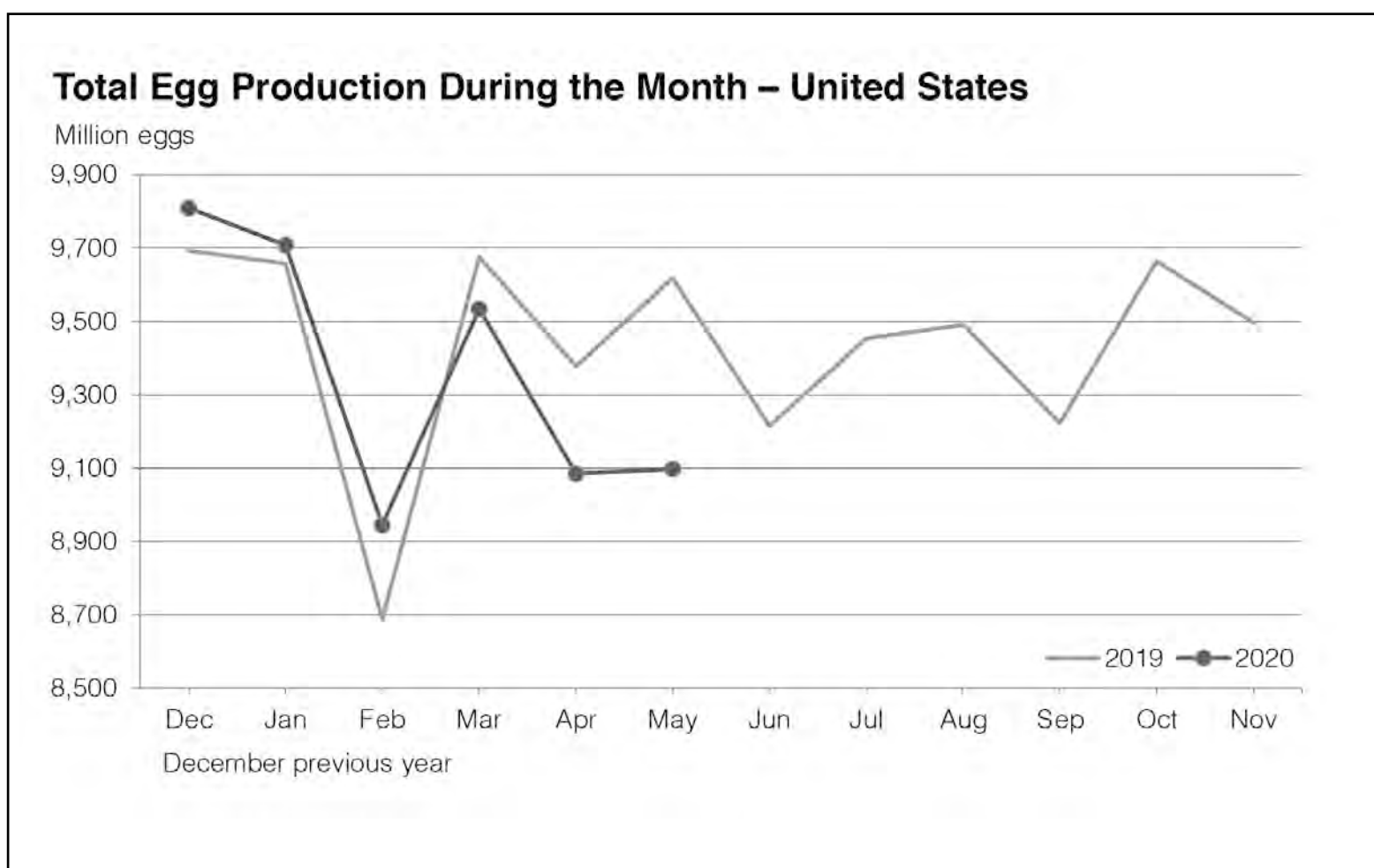
BUDGET ADOPTION: The Chairman and Board of Commissioners of Newton County, Georgia are scheduled to adopt the FY 2021 Budget at a Special Called Meeting on Tuesday, July 14 at 6:00 PM at the Newton County Historic Courthouse, located at 1124 Clark Street, Covington, Georgia 30014.

Report: Egg production down 5% in May

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United States egg production totaled 9.10 billion during May 2020, down 5% from last year. Production included 7.86 billion table eggs, and 1.24 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.15 billion were broiler-type and 85.6 million were egg-type. The average number of layers during May 2020 totaled 386 million, down 4% from last year. May egg production per 100 layers was 2,357 eggs, down 2% from May 2019.

Total layers in the United States on June 1, 2020 totaled 384 million, down 3% from last year. The 384 million layers consisted of 320 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 60.9 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.16 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on June 1, 2020, averaged 75.6 eggs per 100 layers, down 3% from June 1, 2019.



Broiler-type eggs set in US up 1%; chicks placed down 1%

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Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 235 million eggs in incubators during the week ending June 20, 2020, up 1% from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 82.1%. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Hatcheries in Alabama set 33.0 million eggs during the week ending June 20, 2020, up 4% from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set

34.6 million eggs during the same week, down 3% from a year ago.

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 189 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 20, 2020, down 1% from a year ago. Cumulative

placements from the week ending Jan. 4, 2020, through June 20, 2020 for the United States were 4.64 billion. Cumulative placements were down 1% from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 24.6 million chicks for meat production

during the week ending June 20, 2020, up 10% from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 27.7 million chicks, down 4 percent from a year ago.

USDA provides flexibilities to ensure kids receive meals this fall

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue recently announced a range of nationwide flexibilities to ensure America's children receive the nutritious food they need throughout the upcoming school year. These waivers give states, schools, and childcare providers time to plan for how they will serve children in the fall, including allowing for new and innovative feeding options as the nation recovers from the coronavirus.

"As the country re-opens and schools prepare for the fall, a one-size-fits-all approach to meal service simply won't cut it," Perdue said. "The flexibilities announced today give states, schools, and child care providers the certainty they need to operate the USDA child nutrition programs in ways that make sense given their local, on-the-ground situations and ensure America's children can count on meal service throughout the school year."

As fall nears, schools are considering many different learning models. This announcement empowers them to operate the School Breakfast Program (SBP) and National School Lunch Program (NSLP) to best serve their students throughout the 2020-2021 school year. It also allows providers in the Child and Adult Care Food

Program (CACFP) to tailor operations to serve the children in their care. USDA is providing flexibilities around meal patterns, group-setting requirements, meal service times, and parent/guardian pick-up of meals for kids across all three programs to address anticipated changes for the coming school year.

USDA is also announcing a new flexibility that waives the requirement for high schools to provide students the option to select some of the foods offered in a meal. While this practice, known as "offer versus serve" is encouraged, social distancing or meals-in-the-classroom models would make this regulatory requirement difficult. Collectively, these waivers reduce barriers to meal service options that support a transition back to normal operations while simultaneously responding to evolving local conditions.

The following nationwide waivers will remain in effect through June 30, 2021 for the SBP, NSLP, and CACFP. These flexibilities allow for:

ties allow for:

- Meals that do not meet normal meal pattern requirements when necessary to keep kids fed;
- Meals to be served outside of group settings and outside of standard times to facilitate grab-and-go and other alternate service options; and
- Parent/guardian pick-up of meals for students participating in distance learning.

The new waiver applies to the NSLP's "offer versus serve" requirement for high schools, which would be difficult to execute while maintaining social distancing, particularly if meals are prepackaged for in-classroom or grab-and-go service.

Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) previously extended numerous waivers through the summer months to give summer program operators the continued flexibility they need to leverage innovative solutions in support of social distancing – such as delivery and grab n' go – without interruption. These waivers ensure all children can access free meals throughout the summer.

Families can use FNS's Meals for Kids interactive site finder to locate free meals for children ages 18 and under this summer at 67,000 sites across the nation.

Today's actions are part of USDA's focus on service during the COVID-19 outbreak. To learn more about

FNS's response to COVID-19, visit fns.usda.gov/coronavirus and follow FNS on Twitter at @USDANutrition.

FNS administers 15 nutrition assistance programs that leverage American's agricultural abundance to ensure children and low-income individuals and families have nutritious food to eat. FNS also co-develops the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, which provide science-based nutrition recommendations and serve as the cornerstone of federal nutrition policy.



Agriculture in Georgia

Firsts

- Georgia was the first state to charter a state university – The University of Georgia – founded in 1785. It is also the state's land grant university.
- Georgia was the first state to create a state department of agriculture.
- The first agricultural experiment farm and state were established in Savannah in 1735.

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Newton County Farm Bureau

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K-2 TOWING LLC.**

YOU ARE hereby notified, in accordance with OCGA 40-11-19 (a) (2), that each of the below-referenced vehicles are subject to a lien and a petition may be filed in court to foreclose a lien for all amounts owed. If the lien is foreclosed, a court shall order the sale of the vehicle to satisfy the debt.

THE VEHICLES are currently located at _K-2 TOWING LLC 9179 AARON DR. COVINGTON, GA 30014__.

THE VEHICLES subject to liens as stated above are identified as:

**2011 TOYOTA Camry
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ANYONE WITH an ownership interest in any of these vehicles should contact the following business immediately:

BUSINESS NAME: _K-2 Towing LLC
ADDRESS: 9179 Aaron Dr Covington, GA 30014
TELEPHONE #: 770-786-3323

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116961
6/28,7/5**

Adoptions

NOTICE OF FILING OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

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

**IN THE INTEREST OF
BRANTLEIGH LYNETTE ADAMS, a
FEMALE MINOR CHILD
DOB: DECEMBER 4, 2011
POB: CONYERS, Georgia
LEGAL FATHER: JOSHUA
SHUMATE
LEGAL MOTHER: KIMBERLY
LYNN BARRETT
CIVIL ACTION NO. 2020-AD-016-5
TO: BIRTH FATHER OF B.L.A.,
whose whereabouts are unknown.**

BY ORDER of the Court, you are hereby advised that on or around the 2nd day of April, 2020, a petition for the adoption of the minor child pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 19-8-5 was filed in this court. Said petition included a motion to terminate your rights and obligations with respect to the child, and of the child arising to her from the potential parental relationship, including the right to inheritance. Notice is hereby given to you to file any objections to such adoption with the Clerk of Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia, and to serve same upon Petitioners attorney, W. Michael Waters, Esquire, 1117 Church Street, P.O. Box 150, Covington, Georgia 30015, (770) 786-8123, and to make known your objections within thirty (30) days of receipt of this Notice and show cause why your parental rights should not be terminated.

WITNESS The Honorable Clerk of Superior Court of Newton County, this 16th day of June, 2020.

**LINDA D. Hays, Clerk of Superior Court
NEWTON COUNTY, Georgia**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116926
6/21,28,7/5,12**

Citations

CITATION

ALANNA JEANNE HARRIS has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of DIANE MARY HART**, 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 July 6, 2020, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116879
6/7,14,21,28**

CITATION

CATHERINE RENEE CLANTON has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of JOSEPH BRADLEY CLANTON, SR.**, 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 July 6, 2020, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116890
6/7,14,21,28**

CITATION

DERWIN DAVIS, ESQ has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of ERNESTINE SILVERMAN**, 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 July 6, 2020, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116889
6/7,14,21,28**

CITATION

DONNA KAY GRAY has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of RICHARD M. GRAY, JR.**, 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 July 6, 2020, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116888
6/7,14,21,28**

CITATION

GENEVIEVE AIRYANNE ANTOINE has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of MARGUERITE PATRICE ANTOINE**, 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 July 6, 2020, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116882
6/7,14,21,28**

CITATION

JAMES GUYNN has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of TIMOTHY LAMONTTE GUYNN**, 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 July 6, 2020, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116883
6/7,14,21,28**

CITATION

JUDITH ANN ODOM has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of FRED ODOM**, 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 July 6, 2020, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116887
6/7,14,21,28**

CITATION

LEANNA WALIGORA has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of MICHAEL SCOTT WALIGORA**, 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 July 6, 2020, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116880
6/7,14,21,28**

CITATION

PAIGE STODDARD has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of ELLA FAY PATTERSON**, 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 July 6, 2020, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116886
6/7,14,21,28**

CITATION

RE: ESTATE of Sandra A. Howell, Deceased

DEBBIE S. Strachan, Conservator 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 a.m.

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116947
6/28**

CITATION

SADIE MARIE MURPHY has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of MICHAEL ELIJAH MURPHY**, 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 July 6, 2020, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116885
6/7,14,21,28**

CITATION

SHARI THOMAS-CLAY has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of RAYMOND TERRELL THOMAS**, deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before July 6, 2020, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116881
6/7,14,21,28**

CITATION

TARA LEI DAY has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of SUSAN YVONNE WEBB**, 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 July 6, 2020, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116884
6/7,14,21,28**

CITATION

THE PETITION of BARBARA LEE METZGER widow/widower of THOMAS JOHN METZGER, 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 July 6, 2020, next at ten o'clock a.m.

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116898
6/7,14,21,28**

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**

Corporations

NOTICE IS given that Articles of Incorporation which will incorporate "LJM Communications, Inc." will be delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Business Corporation Code. (O.C.G.A. Section 14-2-201.1)

THE INITIAL registered office of the corporation is located at 11940 Flat Shoals Rd., Covington, GA 30016, and it's initial registered agent at such address is Jameson Morgan.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116921
6/21,28**

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF CORPORATE NAME

NOTICE IS given that articles of amendment which will change the name of BURGE PLANTATION CLUB, INC. to BURGE CLUB, INC. have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Business Corporation Code. The registered office of the corporation is located at 1118 Conyers Street SW, Covington, Georgia 30014.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116927
6/21,28**

NOTICE OF INTENDED DISSOLUTION OF M&M, LIMITED

ON THE 18th day of April, 1986, M&M Limited, a Georgia Limited Partnership ("Partnership") was formed by a Limited Partnership Agreement ("Agreement") and a Certificate of Limited Partnership ("Certificate"), which the general and limited partners have amended from time to time;

THE GENERAL and limited partners intend to dissolve the limited partnership because the limited partnership has wound up its affairs and has no assets or liabilities; and,

THE UNDERSIGNED, are all of the general and limited partners of the Partnership, by affixing their signatures hereto, hereby consent to the foregoing.

**/S/ CINDY Ann Lawson
CINDY ANN LAWSON** Date: June 1, 2020
CHEROKEE PROPERTIES of Florida, LLC

**BY: /S/ Robert H. Stansfield
ROBERT H. STANSFIELD** Its: Designated Representative Date: June 1, 2020

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116899
6/7,14,21,28**

NOTICE OF Intent to Incorporate

NOTICE IS given that Articles of Incorporation, which will incorporate Candid Edge 360 Photography & Video, Inc., have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Title 14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. Corporation Code. The initial registered office of the corporation will be located at 5557

Strathmoor Manor Circle, Lithonia, GA, 30016, and its initial registered agent at such address is Marie Metellus.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116908
6/21,28**

Convictions

SECOND DUI CONVICTION WITHIN 5 YEARS

DATE: 6/18/20
NAME: GENADIY Mikhaylovich Zheru
COVINGTON, GEORGIA
DATE OF Arrest: 6/29/19
TIME OF Arrest: 1:54 am
CITY & State: Conyers, GA

DISPOSITION Of Case: Pled Guilty - 12 Months to serve 60 days in confinement, balance to be served on probation. 90 days Scram. Complete 240 hours community service work; consume no alcohol; submit to random alcohol screens; attend VIP; undergo a clinical alcohol evaluation; complete DUI/Alcohol risk reduction program; pay \$1000.00 fine plus \$50.00 court cost. \$25.00 Publication fee. 2 AA meetings weekly/maintain a sponsor.

**JUDGE NANCY N. Bills
INFORMATION PROVIDED by:** James F. Cabe
TITLE: CLERK Jurisdiction: Rockdale State Court

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116956
6/28**

SECOND DUI CONVICTION WITHIN 5 YEARS



Date: 6/18/20
Name: James Paul Buchanan
Covington, Georgia
Date of Arrest: 10/18/19
Time of Arrest: 5:30 pm
City & State: Conyers, GA

Disposition of Case: Pled Guilty - 12 Months to serve 60 days in confinement, balance to be served on probation. Complete 240 hours community service work; consume no alcohol; submit to random alcohol screens; attend VIP; undergo a clinical alcohol evaluation; complete DUI/Alcohol risk reduction program; pay \$1000.00 fine plus \$50.00 court cost. \$25.00 Publication fee. 2 AA meetings weekly/maintain a sponsor.

**Judge Nancy N. Bills
Information Provided by:** James F. Cabe
Title: Clerk Jurisdiction: Rockdale State Court

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116857
6/28**

SECOND DUI CONVICTION WITHIN 5 YEARS

DATE: 6/18/20
NAME: MARCHELUS L. Dennis
COVINGTON, GEORGIA
DATE OF Arrest: 12/07/19
TIME OF Arrest: 1:23 am
CITY & State: Conyers, GA

PLED GUILTY - 12 Months to serve 8 days in confinement, balance to be served on probation. 90 days SCRAM. Complete 240 hours community service work; consume no alcohol; submit to random alcohol screens; attend VIP; undergo a clinical alcohol evaluation; complete DUI/Alcohol risk reduction program; pay \$1000.00 fine plus \$50.00 court cost. \$25.00 Publication fee. 2 AA meetings weekly/maintain a sponsor.

**JUDGE NANCY N. Bills
INFORMATION PROVIDED by:** James F. Cabe
TITLE: CLERK Jurisdiction: Rockdale State Court

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116958
6/28**

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 CREDITORS AND DEBTORS

ALL CREDITORS of the Estate of Thomas John Metzger, deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

THIS 22ND day of May, 2020.

**JASON P. METZGER , EXECUTOR
OF THE ESTATE OF THOMAS
JOHN METZGER
C/O ROBERT H. Stansfield, Esq.
GREER, STANSFIELD & TURNER,
LLP P.O. Box 1617
COVINGTON, GEORGIA 30015-**

1617 (770) 786-4390

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116869
6/7,14,21,28**

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of ALETHIA CLEMMONS PRICE**, deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. **THIS THE** 11th day of MAY, 2020.

**CHERYL PRICE ANDERSON
9127 S STERLING LAKES DR
COVINGTON, GA 30014**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116891
6/7,14,21,28**

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of BENJAMIN FRED CHRISTIAN**, 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** 15th day of JUNE, 2020.

**BENJAMIN T. CHRISTIAN
1400 ENTERPRISE RD
MADISON, GA 30650**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116939
6/21,28,7/5,12**

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of BRENDA B. STUBBS**, deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. **THIS THE** 8th day of JUNE, 2020.

**KRISTY STUBBS-HENDERSON
2852 DIXIE RD
COVINGTON, GA 30014**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116935
6/21,28,7/5,12**

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of BRENDA ETTAV LEWELLING**, deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. **THIS THE** 8th day of JUNE, 2020.

**JAMIA LEIGH BROWN
75 HARVEY AVE
COVINGTON, GA 30016**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116931
6/21,28,7/5,12**

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 DONALD GENE AVIS**, 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** 15th day of JUNE, 2020.

**GENE A. AVIS
12258 FLAT SHOALD RD
COVINGTON, GA 30016**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116938
6/21,28,7/5,12**

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of ERNESTINE HORTON**, 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** 3rd day of JUNE, 2020.

**TERRA D HORTON
120 CHEYENNE DR
COVINGTON, GA 30016**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116932
6/21,28,7/5,12**

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of FRIEDERICH HASCHKE**, deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. **THIS THE** 28th day of MAY, 2020.

**DOROTHEA HASCHKE
340 TULIP WOOD CIRCLE
COVINGTON, GA 30016**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116895
6/7,14,21,28**

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of HAROLD J. AYERS**, deceased,

ACCORDING TO law.
THIS THE 3rd day of JUNE, 2020.

PHYLLIS MCILWAIN
5433 DOGWOOD LN SW
MARIETTA, GA 30060

PUBLIC NOTICE #116933
6/21,28,7/5,12

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of SHERI CAPES ROBERTS, 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 15th day of JUNE, 2020.

GIGI CAPES
3324 CARNOUSTIE
SAINT SIONS ISLAND, GA 31522

PUBLIC NOTICE #116936
6/21,28,7/5,12

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 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.

ANTHONY BRIMMINGHAM
625 MALCOM RD
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #116964
6/28,7/5,12,19

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of ZELMA STEWART, 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 22ND day of MAY, 2020.

DEBBIE R. HILLMAN
2233 GLEN BRIAR WAY
LITHONIA, GA 30058

PUBLIC NOTICE #116894
6/7,14,21,28

Divorces

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

ANDREA WATSON
PLAINTIFF,
-VS-
NICHOLAS TINSLEY
DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION No.: 2020-CV-9514

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: NICHOLAS TINSLEY

BY ORDER of the court for service by publication dated JUNE 11, 2020 you are hereby notified that on MAY 12, 2020 (date of filing) ANDREA WATSON (plaintiff) filed suit against you for Divorce.

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

WITNESS THE Honorable HORACE J. JOHNSON, JR., Judge Superior Court of Newton County.

THIS, THE 11TH day of JUNE, 2020.
LINDA D. Hays
CLERK OF Superior Court

PUBLIC NOTICE #116952
6/28,7/5,12,19

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

KETIA HEARD
PLAINTIFF,
-VS-
COREY CARR
DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION No.: 2019SUCV1429-5

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: COREY CARR

CIR 8260 CARR
COVINGTON, GA 30014

BY ORDER of the court for service by publication dated JUNE 17, 2020 you are hereby notified that on JUNE 8, 2020 (date of filing) KETIA HEARD (plaintiff) filed suit against you for Divorce.

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

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

THIS, THE 17TH day of JUNE, 2020.
LINDA D. Hays
CLERK OF Superior Court

PUBLIC NOTICE #116953
6/28,7/5,12,19

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 28TH 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
9224 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

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON

COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

CIVIL ACTION NUMBER
SUCV2020000975

ROBERTSON, ANGELA Mrs.
Hollingsworth
PLAINTIFF
VS.
ROBERTSON, NEVILLE Mr.
DEFENDANT

TO: ROBERTSON, NEVILLE MR.

SUMMONS

YOU ARE hereby summoned and required to file with the Clerk of said court and serve upon the PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY, whose name and address is:

LEKEYIA REID
REID LAW Group, P.C.
2008 EASTVIEW Pkwy, Suite 800
CONYERS, GEORGIA 30013

AN ANSWER to the complaint which is herewith served upon you, within 60 days after service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

THIS 12TH day of May, 2020.

CLERK OF Superior Court
LINDA D. Hays, Clerk
NEWTON COUNTY, Georgia

PUBLIC NOTICE #116836
5/24,31,6/7,14,21,28,7/5,12

Foreclosures

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE UNDER POWER NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

UNDER AND by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Janaee T. Heard and Jada Heard to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Grantee, AS Nominee For Americahomekey, Inc., dated March 2, 2009, and recorded in Deed Book 2698, Page 278, Newton County, Georgia Records, subsequently modified by a Loan Modification Agreement recorded August 3, 2016 in Book 3463, Page 527 in the amount of Two Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Seven and 34/100 (\$225,457.34) Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust by assignment recorded on December 18, 2014 in Book 3286 Page 551 in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of One Hundred Fifty-Seven Thousand One Hundred Two and 0/100 dollars (\$157,102.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on July 7, 2020, the following described property:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 106 AND 119 OF THE 10TH DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 177, LEGENDS OF ELLINGTON SUBDIVISION, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 42, PAGE 80-95, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS, WHICH RECORDED PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY THIS REFERENCE AND MADE A PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION, SUBJECT TO ANY EASEMENTS OR RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD.

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

THE ENTITY having full authority to negotiate, amend or modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is: Selene Finance they can be contacted at (877) 735-3637 for Loss Mitigation Dept., or by writing to 9990 Richmond Avenue, Suite 400 South, Houston, Texas 77042, to discuss possible alternatives to avoid foreclosure.

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

TO THE best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Janaee T. Heard and Jada Heard or tenant(s); and said property is more commonly known as 55 Harrison Cir, Covington, GA 30016.

THE SALE will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed and (3) any right of redemption or other lien not extinguished by foreclosure.

WILMINGTON SAVINGS Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust as Attorney in Fact for Janaee T. Heard and Jada Heard.

BROCK & Scott, PLLC
4360 CHAMBLEE Dunwoody Road SUITE 310
ATLANTA, GA 30341
404-789-2661
B&S FILE no.: 20-04926

PUBLIC NOTICE #116839
6/14,21,28,7/5

NOTICE OF Sale Under Power GEORGIA, NEWTON County

UNDER AND by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Deed to Secure Debt given by Deatra M. Royal nka Deatra M. Alexander to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS") as nominee for Accredited Home Lenders, Inc., dated December 5, 2006, and recorded in Deed Book 2378, Page 454, Newton County, Georgia records, as last transferred to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Indenture Trustee, on behalf of the holders of the Accredited Mortgage Loan Trust 2007-1 Asset Backed Notes by Assignment recorded in Deed Book 3787, Page 115, Newton County, Georgia records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of \$111,600.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in July, 2020, to wit: July 7, 2020, the following described property:

ALL THAT tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 69 of the 10th District, Newton County, Georgia, being Lot 10, Block A, Unit II of Lakeside Subdivision, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 22, Page 111, revised at Plat Book 24, Page 7, Newton County, Georgia

Records, which recorded plat is incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this description.

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

SAID PROPERTY is commonly known as 130 Lakeside Drive, Covington, GA 30016, together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): Deatra M Royal nka Deatra M. Alexander or tenant or tenants.

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

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

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

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

SELECT PORTFOLIO Servicing, Inc.

ATTENTION: LOSS Mitigation Department

3217 S. Decker Lake Drive

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah 84119

1-888-818-6032

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

THIS SALE is conducted on behalf of the secured creditor under the power of sale granted in the aforementioned security instrument, specifically being DEUTSCHE BANK National Trust Company, as Indenture Trustee, on behalf of the holders of the Accredited Mortgage Loan Trust 2007-1 Asset Backed Notes AS ATTORNEY in fact for DEATRA M. Royal nka Deatra M. Alexander

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

THIS LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
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PUBLIC NOTICE #116866
6/7,14,21,28,7/5

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

BY VIRTUE of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from TONY J. LOWE, JR., JR. AKA TONY J. LOWE, JR. to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS AS NOMINEE FOR TAYLOR, BEAN & WHITAKER MORTGAGE CORP., dated August 17, 2007, recorded August 27, 2007, in Deed Book 2495, Page 183, Newton County, Georgia Records, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of One Hundred Sixteen Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-Five and 00/100 dollars (\$116,975.00), with interest thereon as provided for therein, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned and transferred to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as Owner Trustee of the Residential Credit Opportunities Trust V-B, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the Newton County Courthouse, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in July, 2020, all property described in said Security Deed including but not limited to the following described property:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 35 OF THE 10TH DISTRICT OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 80 OF SPRING VALLEY SUBDIVISION, UNIT TWO, ACCORDING TO PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 36, PAGES 186 THROUGH 188, NEWTON COUNTY GEORGIA RECORDS WHICH PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE THERETO FOR A MORE ACCURATE AND COMPLETE DESCRIPTION.

SAID LEGAL description being controlling, however the property is more commonly known as 125 Spring Valley Trace, Covington, GA 30016.

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

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

TO THE best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owner and party in possession of the property is TONY J. LOWE, JR., JR. AKA TONY J. LOWE, JR., TRACY LOWE, CLARKSTON LOWE, JR., ESTATE AND/OR HEIRS-AT-LAW OF TONY J. LOWE, JR., or tenants(s).

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

PLEASE NOTE that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, you are not entitled by law to an amendment or modification of the

terms of your loan. The entity having full authority to negotiate, amend or modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is: American Mortgage Investment Partners Management LLC, Loss Mitigation Dept., 3020 Old Ranch Parkway, Ste 180, Seal Beach, CA 90740, Telephone Number: 562-735-6555 x100.

W I L M I N G T O N SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, AS OWNER TRUSTEE OF THE RESIDENTIAL CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES TRUST V-B AS ATTORNEY in Fact for TONY J. LOWE, JR., JR. AKA TONY J. LOWE, JR.

THE BELOW LAW FIRM MAY BE HELD TO BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, UNDER FEDERAL LAW. IF SO, ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

ATTORNEY CONTACT: Rubin Lublin, LLC, 3145 Avalon Ridge Place, Suite 100, Peachtree Corners, GA 30071

TELEPHONE NUMBER: (877) 813-0992 Case No. AML-12-04763-26

AD RUN Dates 06/07/2020, 06/14/2020, 06/21/2020, 06/28/2020

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PUBLIC NOTICE #116854
6/7,14,21,28

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

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

UNDER AND by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Frank R. Foster and Carmen M. Foster to Newton Federal Bank, dated November 29, 2006, recorded in Deed Book 2333, Page 561, Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to HVRML Trust 2019-1, by assignment recorded in Deed Book 3927, Page 390, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of ONE HUNDRED NINE THOUSAND AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$109,000.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in July, 2020, the following described property:

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

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

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

HVRML TRUST 2019-1 is the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-162.2.

THE ENTITY that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: BSI Financial Services, 11350 McCormick Road, EP II, Ste 903, Hunt Valley, MD 21031, 866-581-4495.

TO THE best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Frank R. Foster and Carmen M. Foster or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as 1275 Mote Road, Covington, Georgia 30016.

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

HVRML TRUST 2019-1

AS ATTORNEY in Fact for FRANK R. Foster and Carmen M. Foster

MCCALLA RAYMER Leibert Pierce, LLC

1544 OLD Alabama Road

ROSWELL, GA 30076

WWW.FORECLOSUREHOTLINE.NET

EXHIBIT "A"

ALL THAT tract or parcel of land lying and being in the 10th Land District of Newton County, Georgia, and being all of Lots 14 and 15 and part of Lots 16, 17 and 18, Block A, of Spring Hill Acres, as shown on plat of survey of same prepared by George W. O'SNeill, R.S., dated May 22, 1964, and recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 224, in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia, which plat is incorporated herein by reference thereto, and being more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCE AT the intersection of the northeastern right-of-way line of Mote Road with the southeastern right-of-way line of Mote Circle; thence in a northeasterly direction along the southeastern right-of-way line of Mote Circle 480 feet; thence South 0 degrees 21 minutes East 120.3 feet; thence South 67 degrees 56 minutes East 137.89 feet; thence North 75 degrees 59 minutes East 309.07 feet; thence South 05 degrees 07 minutes West 396 feet; thence in a northwesterly direction along the northeastern line of property now or formerly of Cookesey and Eubanks 400 feet, more or less, to the southeastern boundary line of Lot 15, said subdivision; thence in a southwesterly direction a distance of 200 feet along the southeastern property line of Lot 15 to its intersection with the northeastern right-of-way line of Mote Road; thence in a northwesterly direction along the northeastern right-of-way line of Mote Road a distance of 476 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

LESS AND EXCEPT, HOWEVER, the following described property to wit: All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 35 of the 10th Land District, Newton County, Georgia, and being all of Lot 14 and part of Lot 18 of Block A of Spring Hill Acres Subdivision, and being shown on plat of survey for Carla Foster dated 9/17/94 prepared by John Elwin Knight, Georgia R.L.S. #1945, which plat is incorporated herein by reference thereto for a more complete description, and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING AT the intersection of the southeasterly right-of-way of Mote Circle (40-foot right-of-way) with the northeasterly right-of-way of Mote Road (40-foot right-of-way) at an iron pin set; thence run North 56 degrees 04 minutes 5 seconds East a distance of 342.00 feet to an iron pin found on the southeasterly right-of-way of Mote Circle; thence run North 56 degrees 28 minutes 41 seconds East a distance of 135.09 feet along the southeasterly right-of-way of Mote Circle to an iron pin found; thence run South 00 degrees 21 minutes 00 seconds East 119.98 feet to an iron pin found; thence run South 35 degrees 47 minutes 04 seconds West a distance of

329.00 feet to an iron pin set on the northeasterly right-of-way Mote Road; thence run North 59 degrees 20 minutes 31 seconds West along the northeasterly right-of-way of Mote Road a distance of 238.00 feet to its intersection with the southeasterly right-of-way of Mote Circle and the POINT OF BEGINNING.

MR/LWA 7/7/20
OUR FILE no. 5410119 - FT17

PUBLIC NOTICE #116843
6/7,14,21,28,7/5

STATE OF GEORGIA NEWTON COUNTY

UNDER AND by virtue of the power of sale contained in Security Deed and Agreement from Rodney Brown to Ron Lipsitz, as Trustee for Realty Resources Corporation Profit Sharing Plan (as to a 1/3 undivided interest), AJN Lending, Inc. (as to a 1/3 undivided interest) and LIA Funding, LLC (as to a 1/3 undivided interest), said Security Deed and Agreement dated January 8, 2019, filed for record and recorded January 9, 2019 in Deed Book 3790, page(s) 97-106, Newton County records; securing a note, in the principal amount of \$50,000.00; Assignment of Leases and Rents filed for record in Deed Book 3790, Pages 107-113, Newton County, Georgia records; and Transfer and Assignment from LIA Funding, LLC to AJN Lending, LLC dated 12/05/2019, filed for record 01/21/2020 in Deed Book 3951, Pages 508-509, Newton County, Georgia records, will be sold by the undersigned in front of the Courthouse door in Newton County, Georgia, on the first Tuesday in July, 2020 during the legal hours of sale, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property, to wit:

ALL THAT tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 30 of the 10th District, Newton County, Georgia, being Lot 204, Mountainview Estates, Unit Four, as per plat recorded in Plat Book 33, Pages 43-47, Newton County, Georgia records, which plat is incorporated herein by reference for a more complete description.

THE DEBT secured by said Security Deed and Agreement has been and is hereby declared due and payable because of failure to comply with certain terms and conditions in said Security Deed and Agreement. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying said indebtedness including all accrued and unpaid interest thereon, and attorney fees and all expenses of said sale, and the remainder, if any, shall be applied as provided by law.

TO THE best of the undersigned's knowledge and belief the property is in the possession of Rodney Brown and said property will be sold as the property of Rodney Brown. Notice of the initiation of proceedings to exercise the said power of sale and to collect attorney fees as provided in said note has been given to Rodney Brown, as provided by law in Section 44-14-162.2 and Section 13-1-11, respectively, Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

THIS 29TH day of May, 2020.

RON LIPSITZ, AS TRUSTEE FOR REALTY RESOURCES CORPORATION PROFIT SHARING PLAN, AS ATTORNEY-IN-FACT FOR RODNEY BROWN STRICKLAND & Strickland, LLP P.O. BOX 70 COVINGTON, GA 30015-0070 770-786-5460 PHONE 770-786-5499 FAX

PUBLIC NOTICE #116871
6/7,14,21,28

Juvenile Court

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE INTEREST OF: BABY BOY Johnson SEX: Male DOB: 03/23/2020 Case #107-20J-0180 A CHILD Under 18 Years of Age

SUMMONS

TO: MALLORY JOHNSON, Mother, and JOHN DOE, putative father(s), and any unknown, unnamed biological father, or any other persons claiming to have a parental interest in the minor child named above, born to Mallory Johnson on the date above-listed.

YOU ARE hereby notified that a Petition (Dependency) was filed March 31, 2020, in this Court, 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

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

DATED MAY 26, 2020

RONALD LEE THOMPSON
540 HINTON CHASE PKWY
COVINGTON, GA 30016

NOTICE #116874
6/7,14,21,28

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

SONYA GAIL SMITH-JONES
PETITIONER

CIVIL ACTION File
#SUCV2020001037

NOTICE OF NAME CHANGE

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

YOU ARE hereby notified that on the 22nd day of May, 2020, **SONYA GAIL SMITH-JONES** filed a Petition in the Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia, Case number **SUCV2020001037** to change her name, which, if granted, she will be known as **SONYAH LAKANIPHO**, and you will make known any objections you may have to the prayers of said Petitioner within thirty days from the above date of filing, in said Court, before the presiding Judge, at Newton County Courthouse, Georgia.

HADLEY RECOR
ATTORNEY FOR Petitioner
GEORGIA BAR Number 021675
33302 MCGINNIS Ferry Road
SUITE 101
SUWANEE, GEORGIA 30024
678-714-3526

PUBLIC NOTICE #116920
6/21,28,7/5,12

Notice of Proceedings

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

BRENTON L. FORBES
PLAINTIFF

V.
JACQUELINE NADINE FORBES
NKA JACQUELINE NADINE
JONES
DEFENDANT

CIVIL ACTION No.:
SUCV 2020000647

NOTICE

TO: JACQUELINE NADINE
JONES FKA JACQUELINE
NADINE FORBES

BY ORDER of the court for service by publication dated May 20, 2020, you are hereby notified that on March 13, 2020, **BRENTON L. FORBES** filed the suit against you for Partitioning of Real Property. You are required to file with the clerk of the Superior Court, and to serve plaintiff's attorney, **Jeremy A. Mouton, THE MOULTON LAW FIRM**, 925 Railroad Street, NW, Conyers, Georgia 30012, and answer in writing with sixty (60) days of May 20, 2020.

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

HON. LINDA D. Hays, Clerk
NEWTON COUNTY Superior
Court

PUBLIC NOTICE #116915
6/21,28,7/5,12

**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

Public Notice
CITY OF COVINGTON
SPECIAL CALLED PLANNING
COMMISSION MEETING
NOTICE TO PUBLIC:

NOTICE IS hereby given that, per the City of Covington's Code of Ordinances Chapter 16.12.140, Jennifer Hartman has submitted an application for a Special Use Permit to operate an Axe Throwing business in a Town Center Mixed Use (TCM) zoning district located at 1113 Church Street in Covington, Georgia. The Covington Planning Commission will hold a virtual public hearing at 6:00 pm to review and discuss the proposed use. On July 6, 2020 Mayor and City Council may consider the Special Use Permit during their regularly scheduled meeting at 6:30 pm..

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 #116945
6/21

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on July 6, 2020, at 9:30 a.m. at the Newton County Judicial Center, 1132 Usher Street, Covington, Georgia 30014, Chief Judge John M. Ott of the Superior Court of Newton County will hear the case of **STATE OF GEORGIA vs. JOINT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF DEKALB COUNTY, NEWTON COUNTY AND GWINNETT COUNTY and VESTA BOULDERCREST, LLC**, Civil Action File No. **SUCV2020001165** in the Superior Court of Newton County, the same being a proceeding to confirm and validate a Taxable Revenue Bond (Vesta Bouldercrest, LLC Project), Series 2020, in a maximum principal amount of \$41,000,000 (the "Bond"), to be issued by the Joint Development Authority of DeKalb County, Newton County and Gwinnett County (the "Issuer") pursuant to the terms of a resolution adopted by the Issuer, in order to promote and expand for the public good and welfare, industry, trade, commerce and employment opportunities within DeKalb County, Newton County and Gwinnett County. The Bond is to be issued for the purpose of acquiring a capital project in DeKalb County consisting of land, one or more buildings and improvements to be constructed thereon or therein, and building fixtures and building equipment installed and to be installed thereat (collectively, the "Project"), which Project is to be leased to Vesta Bouldercrest, LLC (the "Company") for use as a multifamily housing development and economic development project under O.C.G.A. § 36 62 2(6)(N). In such proceeding, the Court will also (a) hear and determine the validity of instruments relating to and providing security for the Bond, and (b) hear and determine such other questions of law and fact pertaining to the right of the Issuer to issue the Bond and to provide the security therefor. The Bond shall be a special and limited obligation of the Issuer, payable from funds provided by the Company or its successors, shall not be payable from taxes or other public funds, and **NO PERFORMANCE AUDIT OR PERFORMANCE REVIEW SHALL BE CONDUCTED WITH RESPECT TO SUCH BOND ISSUE**. Any citizen of the State of Georgia residing in DeKalb County, Newton County or Gwinnett County, or any other person wherever residing who has a right to object, may intervene and become a party to these proceedings.

LINDA D. Hays
CLERK, SUPERIOR Court,
NEWTON COUNTY, Georgia

PUBLIC NOTICE #116948
6/21,28

Public Sales Auctions

IN ACCORDANCE WITH GEORGIA LAW 40-11-2: THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED VEHICLE HAS BEEN ABANDONED AT MIDAS 9131 HWY 278 COVINGTON, GA 30014, AND IS PRESENTLY STORED AT SAID LOCATION. IF NOT CLAIMED THE VEHICLE WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER ON JULY 1ST AT 8:00AM.

2000 CHEVROLET G3500
1GAHG39RXY1110747

PUBLIC NOTICE #116914
6/21,28

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

A PUBLIC Auction for the non-PAYMENT Of storage fees at Speedy **STORAGE WILL** take place on Saturday, **JULY 11, 2020 AT 10am** located at **2222 HWY 212, Covington, GA. 30016** **THE PERSONAL** effects and household **GOODS BELONGING** to the following **TENANTS, HAVING** been properly notified, **WILL BE** sold for CASH to the highest **BIDDER** to satisfy the owner's lien for **RENT DUE**, in accordance with the **GEORGIA SELF Storage Act**, Section 10-1-210 to 10-4-215 **THE PERSONAL** effects and household goods belonging to **THE FOLLOWING** tenants.

RICHARD BARMANN.....
UNIT 10
DANNY GLENN.....UNIT
13
JUDY WATSON.....
UNITS 25, 49
LATOYA HESTER.....
UNIT 28
CHARLIE FRANKLIN.....
UNIT 31
MEREDITH ERGLE.....
UNIT 32
BRIANA BRASWELL.....
UNIT 153

PUBLIC NOTICE #116960
6/28,7/5

PUBLIC SALES AUCTIONS

IN ACCORDANCE WITH GEORGIA LAW 40-11-2 THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED VEHICLES HAVE BEEN ABANDONED AT KING'S 24-HOUR TOWING 3195 HWY 81 SOUTH COVINGTON, GA. 30014 AND ARE PRESENTLY STORED AT SAID LOCATION IF NOT CLAIMED, THE VEHICLES WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER ON 7/18/2020 10:00 AM

2003 HYUNDAI SANTA FE
KM8SB12B13U409852
2017 TOYOTA COROLLA
2T1BURHE5HC828984
2006 BMW 330i

WBAVB335X6KR78525
1999 FORD F150
2FTRX08L4XCA28551
1996 CHEVROLET
IMPALA 1G1BL52P6TR144314
2002 BUICK LESABRE
1G4HP54K02U180451
1996 HONDA ODYSSEY
JHMRA1843TC002831
2008 VOLKSWAGON
Wagon P A S S A T
WVWJK73C38P034465
2002 KIA SPORTAGE
KNDJA723725151523
2005 NISSAN MAXIMA
1N4BA41E35C823895
2006 VOLKSWAGON
Wagon P A S S A T
WVWEK73CX6P062360
2016 JEEP COMPASS
1C4NJCBAA5GD560836
2005 NISSAN MAXIMA
1N4BA41EX5C831069
1997 HONDA ACCORD
1HGED5665VA248953
2004 TOYOTA TUNDRA
5TBJN32124S437426
2003 CHEVROLET
S10 1GCCS14H838201812
2002 FORD TAURUS
1FAFP55212G262283
2001 FORD FOCUS
1FAFP33P61W312070
1996 NISSAN MAXIMA
JN1CA21D7TT160552
2006 KIA OPTIMA
KNAGD126265456035
2010 JEEP PATRIOT
1JANT1GA4AD621425
2010 TOYOTA PRIUS
JTDKN3DU6A0169501
2000 DODGE DURANGO
1B4HS28Z3YF143123
2003 MERCURY
MARQUIS 2MEFM74W83X610934
2003 BMW X5
5UXFA53513LV94658
1963 AMC RAMBLER
585615
2009 HONDA CIVIC
2HGFA16619H546096
2000 CHRYSLER
TOWN & COUNTRY 1C3LXB688
2000 MERCURY
MARQUIS 2MEFM74WXYX686887
2003 HONDA CIVIC
2HGES16563H613475
1995 GMC YUKON
1GKEC13K7SJ762498
1997 PLYMOUTH
VOYAGER 2P4GP4437VR271846
1992 TOYOTA CAMRY
4T1SK12E5NU052897
2006 DODGE CARAVAN
2D4GP44L56R654399
2007 CHEVROLET
HHR 3GNDA13D87S614792
2004 CHEVROLET
CAVALIER 1G1JC52F847129815
1999 FORD F150
1FTZF172XXNC06328
2004 MAZDA 3
JM1BK123641110566
2009 CHEVROLET
COBALT 1G1AT58H597158270
2004 CHEVROLET
COLORADO 1CCSB6888
2007 FORD FOCUS
1FAHP31N77W244090

PUBLIC NOTICE #116960
6/21,28,7/5,12

Trade Names
APPLICATION TO REGISTER A BUSINESS
TO BE CONDUCTED UNDER A TRADE NAME
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF NEWTON
THE UNDERSIGNED hereby certifies that they are conducting a business in the City of Covington, County of Newton, State of Georgia under the name of: **Circle K** and that the nature of the business is retail services and that said business is composed of the following:
(LIMITED LIABILITY) Business address:
FLASH FOODS, LLC
19500 BULVERDE Road
SAN ANTONIO, TX 78259
THIS AFFIDAVIT is made in compliance with Georgia Code Annotated Title 10 Chapter 1 Section 490.

PUBLIC NOTICE #116919
6/21,28

TRADE NAME
REGISTRATION
AFFIDAVIT
GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

TO WHOM It may Concern:
PLEASE BE advised that **KIMBERLY KELLY**, whose address is 240 HEATON ROAD, COVINGTON, GA 30016 is/are the owner(s) of the certain business now being carried on at 240 HEATON ROAD, COVINGTON, GA 30016 in the following trade name, to-wit: **SHE'S MONARCH**; and that the nature of said business is: **CLOTHING**. **THIS STATEMENT** is made in conformity with O.C.G.A. §10-1-490 et seq. requiring the filing of such statement with the Clerk of Superior Court of this county. **THIS THE 9th day of June, 2020.**

PUBLIC NOTICE #116922
6/21,28

TRADE NAME
REGISTRATION
AFFIDAVIT
GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

TO WHOM It may Concern:
PLEASE BE advised that **STEVEN MORGAN**, whose address is 70 HEATON CIRCLE, COVINGTON, GA 30016 is/are the owner(s) of the certain business now being carried on at 70 HEATON CIRCLE, COVINGTON, GA 30016 in the following trade name, to-wit: **RED RESPECT EVERY DREAMER**; and that the nature of said business is: **CLOTHING APPAREL BRAND**. **THIS STATEMENT** is made in conformity with O.C.G.A. §10-1-490 et seq. requiring the filing of such statement with the Clerk of Superior Court of this county. **THIS THE 19th day of June, 2020.**

PUBLIC NOTICE #116949
6/28,7/5

TRADE NAME
REGISTRATION
AFFIDAVIT
GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

TO WHOM It may Concern:
PLEASE BE advised that **STEVEN MORGAN**, whose address is 70 HEATON CIRCLE, COVINGTON, GA 30016 is/are the owner(s) of the certain business now being carried on at 70 HEATON CIRCLE, COVINGTON, GA 30016 in the following trade name, to-wit: **RED RESPECT EVERY DREAMER**; and that the nature of said business is: **CLOTHING APPAREL BRAND**. **THIS STATEMENT** is made in conformity with O.C.G.A. §10-1-490 et seq. requiring the filing of such statement with the Clerk of Superior Court of this county. **THIS THE 19th day of June, 2020.**

PUBLIC NOTICE #116949
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