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salutatorians and Top-10 groups
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His Word

O Lord, thou art my
God; I will exalt thee, I
will praise thy name; for
thou hast done wonder-
ful things; thy counsels
of old are faithfulness
and truth.

Isaiah 25:1, KJV

COVID-19 Pandemic



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Georgia Piedmont Technical College, located in Covington, will become a vaccination site starting Monday.

GPTC to become vaccination site

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COVINGTON, Ga. — The Gwinnett, Newton and Rockdale County Health Departments will open a mass vaccination site in Newton County beginning Monday, April 19, and operate it three days a week at Georgia Piedmont Technical College's Newton Campus.

The location will be Building D on the campus at 8100 Bob Williams Parkway in Covington which will be operational Monday through Wednesday each week by appointment only.

Dependent on vaccine availability, Pfizer or Moderna vaccines will be available at the location. Individuals can register for an appointment online or by calling the state scheduling resource line. Second-dose appointments will be made during the first visit.

Appointment availability for the Covington site was to open Thursday, April 15, at noon. Appointments are required, and walk-ins cannot be accommodated.

Dr. Audrey Arona, district health director for Gwinnett, Newton and Rockdale County Health Departments, said, "We are thrilled to open our third mass vaccination site, which will provide more convenient access for Newton County residents.

"Newton County Board of Commissioners, Newton County EMA, and Georgia Piedmont Technical College (GPTC) have been excellent partners that have helped us make vaccine more

VACCINE UPDATE

More than 5 million shots administered across Ga.

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ATLANTA— More than 5 million COVID-19 vaccines had been administered across the state of Georgia, as of Thursday, according to the state health department.

In a news release from Gov. Brian Kemp's office, data from American Community Survey shows more than 3.2 million Georgians have received at least one vaccine dose, including 82% of the state's seniors.

"Over the last 12 days, public health officials and our partners in the private sector have administered 1 million vaccines," said Gov. Brian Kemp. "I greatly appreciate their hard work, and continue to urge all Georgians to schedule their appointment today at myvaccinegeorgia.com or dph.georgia.gov."

This report came just days after the distribution of the vaccine manufactured by Johnson & Johnson was halted in response to six cases of a rare blood-clotting disorder occurring in recipients of the vaccine. None of the cases were in Georgia.

It remains unclear if and when the vaccine will return to distribution.

available within the county."

Newton County has long been in talks and looking for locations to open a mass vaccination site locally and GPTC was a natural fit.

Newton County

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City of Covington

History of service



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City of Covington employees held a dedication ceremony for the Milestones at City Hall on Tuesday afternoon. Former City Manager Frank Turner (top-left), former councilwoman Janet Goodman (bottom-left) and Covington Human Resources Director Paul Dailey (right) were among those who gave speeches during the event.

City dedicates monument to past employees

By MASON WITTNER
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Dozens gathered beneath a cloudless sky in the front parking lot of Covington City Hall on Tuesday afternoon for a dedication to the city's new Milestones.

Three six-foot slabs of granite encircle the flag pole that stands in front of City Hall.

The stones are engraved with the names of individuals who've



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The stones are engraved with the names of individuals who've devoted at least 25 years of service to Covington, either as an employee or as an elected official.

devoted at least 25 years of service to Covington, either as an employee or as an elected official. In front of the middle slab, a

metallic sign reads "In Honor of Those Who Gave Selflessly for Decades in Service to the City of Covington" in gold lettering against

a black background.

Paul Dailey, human resources director for Covington, opened the ceremony by explaining the credentials necessary to be engraved on the Milestones. He noted that the idea was first set in motion in 2012, but names weren't added to the stones until 2020.

Dailey also lauded those who've earned their place on the slabs through their service.

"You sit there and think, 25 years," he said. "As a police

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Georgia Court of Appeals

Judges want answers

Issues of immunity, future harm canvassed in statue removal case

By TOM SPIGOLON
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ATLANTA — State Court of Appeals judges during a Tuesday hearing challenged attorneys about Georgia governments' protections from lawsuits and if damages should be awarded to those trying to stop a future event.

A three-judge panel questioned attorneys during the hearing on an appeal of a Newton County judge's September 2020 order that effectively denied a challenge to the county government's planned removal of a Confederate memorial statue from the Covington Square.

Attorneys representing the



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Petitions to stop the removal of a 115-year-old Confederate monument were heard in the state appeals court this week.

Newton County government, and the Sons of Confederate Veterans and Newton resident Tiffany Humphries who both oppose removal, participated in

the hearing.

The case stemmed from the Newton County Board of Commissioners' July 14, 2020, decision on a 3-2 vote to remove the 115-year-old statue from a county-owned park in the middle of the Square.

In anticipation of the vote, Humphries filed a legal action in Newton County Superior Court July 13 to halt the removal and seek damages for injuries she would receive from its removal.

The Sons of Confederate Veterans filed a similar action soon after the vote and Newton County Superior Court Judge John Ott ordered the two cases be considered together.

Issues raised by Ott in a July 20 hearing included questions about if a state law created in

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Weekend Weather Forecast



Saturday, April 17
High: 65° Low: 48°
• 60% chance of rain



Sunday, April 18
High: 72° Low: 46°
• Partly sunny.

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Newton County Commissioners

Work on county's 2022 budget begins

Roadside trash, manning new fire stations among early financial priorities

By **TOM SPIGOLON**
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COVINGTON, Ga. — New positions to pick up roadside trash, fight fires and inspect existing and ongoing construction are among finance officials' initial recommendations for commissioners to include in the 2022 county budget.

The Newton County Board of Commissioners began the process of approving the budget this week with public presentations from department heads and elected officials.

Finance Director Brittany White said the budget document is "very preliminary" and does not include a final total.

Changes typically are made after commissioners make their own adjustments after hearing department presentations.

White said finance officials also will need to see estimated tax revenues for 2022 when the county's tax digest is released. The digest is the total assessed value of all taxable property in Newton County.

After the digest's release, a final budget recommendation can be made to commissioners — likely around June 1, White said.

Commissioners heard budget presentations from 18 different county government departments Tuesday; and presentations and requests from leaders of constitutional offices, the judicial system and other county functions Wednesday.

Thursday was reserved for requests for funding from county service and other agencies, such as the Industrial Development Authority and the Highway 278 Community Improvement District.

Department heads generally said the county's population growth prompted the need for a number of new positions. However, finance officials currently are only recommending county commissioners fund 31 requested new positions costing \$1.7 million out of 142 requested new positions costing \$8.7 million.

Most of the requests for new personnel were



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Tax Commissioner Marcus Jordan discusses his proposed 2022 budget with the Newton County Board of Commissioners Tuesday at the Historic Courthouse.

in the fire department, which proposed 99 new positions at a cost of \$6.2 million; and the sheriff's office, which sought 24 new positions at a cost of \$1.46 million.

Sheriff Ezell Brown said he was not very "optimistic" about how his budget requests will turn out this year despite including what he felt was his office's requirements to serve a growing county.

"I've presented what I think is an actual and true accounting of needs for the community," Brown told commissioners.

The fire department will be staffing the recently opened Station 2 on Georgia Hwy. 162 in south Newton, and the

soon-opened Station 8 on Gum Creek Road in Oxford.

It also will need to staff the new Station 4 on County Road 213 in Starrsville for part of the year after work is completed in 2022, Fire Chief Mike Conner said.

County Manager Lloyd Kerr recommended funding all six equipment operator positions requested for Public Works, which maintains county roads.

The request is for positions to oversee four new crews of temporary workers that will pick up roadside trash and for a driver of a tractor for litter pickup, officials said.

It also is requesting a \$500,000 increase in its

contract labor line item to hire the additional 16 temporary workers to staff the litter crews, they said.

Kerr only recommended funding one new position, a tax assistant, out of the five Tax Commissioner Marcus Jordan requested as part of Jordan's planned realignment of the office.

Jordan's other requested positions include an accounting manager, senior executive supervisor, and two deputy tax commissioners.

Other departments' personnel requests for funding included four new fulltime positions for Development Services, which includes county planning, zon-

ing, building inspection and code enforcement functions; and one fulltime position each for the Information Services and Elections & Voter Registration departments.

One of the new positions listed for Development Services is for a planning technician, said director Judy Johnson.

"I have a critical need for a planning tech," Johnson said. "I need someone who's capable of corresponding with the developer or ... a member of the transportation department and understand what they need to come back."

Kerr recommended two new part-time positions for Geographic Information Services, which creates up-to-date maps for county agencies' use; and one new part-time judge for Magistrate Court.

The budget's personnel requests did not include one full-time and four contract positions the coroner is requesting as part of an overhaul of her office's operation.

OBITUARIES

Emily Susanne (Eady) Herrington

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Emily Susanne (Eady) Herrington, born December 5, 1937, died on April 2, 2021, at the age of 83, after a wonderful and productive life of service. Emily is predeceased by her parents, Susanne Elizabeth (Stone) and Virgil Y.C. Eady, Sr.; her aunt, Emmalisse Palmer Stone; her brother, Virgil Y.C.

Eady, Jr., all of Oxford, Georgia; and her brother-in-law, David W. Herrington, Sr., of Shawmut, Alabama.

She is survived by her beloved husband of 60 years, Dr. F. Bruce Herrington, originally of Shawmut, Alabama; her four children, James Drew Herrington and wife Susan, Elizabeth Anne Herrington and wife Cindi, Susan Marie (Herrington) Klugman and husband Dave, Catherine Em-

malise (Herrington) Elmore and husband John; her sisters-in-law Louise (Norton) Eady of Oxford, Georgia, and Sue (Finley) Herrington of Shawmut, Alabama. She is also remembered by her two nieces, three nephews, six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Born in Oxford, Georgia, Emily graduated from LaGrange College with a bachelor's degree in music education (1959) and earned her master's

degree in public administration from Valdosta State University (1987). Immediately after college, Emily worked as a public school teacher, and later worked as a contract specialist for the U.S. Department of the Navy and the U.S. Mint. In July 1987, Emily was one of four women inducted into the Rotary Club of Camden County (Georgia), making her one of the first female members of Rotary International. She spent

the last 20 years of her professional life teaching as an adjunct professor for Mercer University, co-teaching every course together with Bruce. After marrying in 1960, Emily and Bruce moved together 29 times, having adventures together in Waco, Texas; Denver, Colorado; Norfolk, Virginia; Stafford, Virginia; Chicago, Illinois; Oxford, Georgia; St. Mary's, Georgia; and Naples, Italy (twice), among other places.

Due to pandemic restrictions, a private interment is planned in the Oxford Historical Cemetery in Oxford, Georgia. Tributes in Emily's memory may be sent to the Emily and Bruce Herrington Music Award, c/o Mark Davis, Development Office, LaGrange College, 601 Broad Street, LaGrange, Georgia 30240.

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Nancy Harper Allen
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Nancy Harper Allen, age 71, of Oxford, died April 15, 2021. Mrs. Allen was born September 17, 1949 to the late Leonard and Helen Harper. Survivors include her loving husband, William David (Billy) Allen of Oxford; daughter and beloved son-in-law, Melissa and David Lee Miller of Covington; sisters and brother-in-law, Martha House and Lynn and Sam Cook, all of Covington; and the loves of her life her grandchildren, Jacob Allen Miller of Covington and David Lee II and Hannah Miller of Monroe; nieces, Vickie Goldman, Deborah Stitcher, and

Tracy Dawson; nephews, Ryan Cook, William (Bill) Cook, Jr., James Steven Cook and special friends, Mike and Catherine Hodges and several cousins.

A Funeral Service for Mrs. Allen was held Saturday, April 17, 2021, at 11 a.m., at the Chapel of Caldwell & Cowan Funeral Home, 1215 Access Road, in Covington, with Blake Thomas officiating.

A graveside service was set for Sunday, April 18, 2021, at 2 p.m., at Sugar Hill Baptist Church Cemetery, 191 Skeenah Gap Road, in Suches, GA with Rev. Tim Garrett officiating.

Flowers are accepted, or donations may be made to American Diabetes Association at diabetes.org

org/donate or by mail at P.O. Box 7023 Merrifield, VA 22116.

This obituary was prepared with love and affection by Mrs. Allen's family.

Governor Brian Kemp's latest executive order has eliminated restrictions on large gatherings; however, CDC guidelines recommend social distancing (6 feet apart) and wearing of masks while in public. Caldwell & Cowan Funeral Home requests that you observe these recommendations while in our funeral home attending visitations and/or services.

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Covington man charged in drive-by shooting

By **TOM SPIGOLON**
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COVINGTON, Ga. — The Newton County Sheriff's Office has made an arrest in connection with a March 22 drive-by shooting on Spring Lake Terrace in west Newton.

Zion Shamar Brown, 21, of Covington, was arrested Monday, April 12, and charged with four counts of Aggravated Assault; one count of Possession of Firearm or Knife during the Commission of or Attempt to Commit Certain Crimes; and one count of Criminal Damage to Property in the First Degree.

Brown was being held without bond at the Newton County Detention Center.

"Sheriff Ezell Brown would like to thank all those

who provided information, either by phone or through the Sheriff's Office's online anonymous tip line, that helped the Sheriff's Office locate this individual," a news release stated.

The victim, Elijahwon Jefferies, 21, sustained major injuries in the shooting and was transported to a local hospital, said sheriff's office spokesperson Caitlin Jett.

He was injured after a firearm was discharged from a vehicle toward a house on Spring Lake Terrace March 22 around 5 p.m., Jett said.

The suspect's vehicle was described as a light-colored,



Zion Shamar Brown

early 2000s Honda after the shooting in the Silos subdivision off Spring Road.

Jefferies' mother, Tenica Lackey, said on March 25 she encouraged any parents who may know who did the shooting to contact investigators with the information.

"I just want them to come forward. Would any mother that really cares — I mean, if it was their child that had anything to do with it, just encourage them to give the information that they know," Lackey said.

She said she also was asking the community as a whole "to come out with anything that they know about this vehicle or anybody who had anything to do with the incident about my son."

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officer, before I got into HR, I really didn't understand. I always thought everybody stayed at their own job for a long period of time. That's not the case."

He added that Covington has attempted to include all employees and elected officials who meet the criteria for selection, but requested nominations be made in the case any names were incidentally disregarded.

Furthermore, the city plans to continue adding

names as more individuals eclipse the milestone achievement.

"We'd love to fill these things up and actually add some more slabs of granite in the future," Dailey said.

Following Dailey's speech, City Manager Scott Andrews, former councilwoman Janet Goodman, former City Manager Frank Turner and Mayor Steve Horton spoke at varying length about the monument



Covington Mayor Steve Horton speaks during the Milestones ceremony held Tuesday at city hall.

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2019 removed the county government's constitutional guarantee of sovereign immunity protecting it from legal actions.

Another issue raised was if Humphries and the Confederate Veterans legally were entitled to stop the statue's removal and collect damages if they were not physically or financially injured by the action.

The hearing led to Ott's September ruling that neither were eligible to stop the removal or collect damages because of the state constitution guarantee of immunity to lawsuits and the two groups were not be injured in a "concrete" way.

Before Tuesday's hearing — conducted virtually on the Zoom digital platform — the three appeals court judges already had seen the issue discussed in filings by all the attorneys in prior months.,

Confederate Veterans attorney Kyle King and Humphries' attorney, Walker Chandler, argued the government was not immune in all cases because the Supreme Court had ruled in a past case individual government

officials could be sued for their illegal actions.

King said one issue judges raised on Tuesday that was not addressed in the July 20 Superior Court hearing was the question of "ripeness."

The doctrine of "ripeness" in the U.S. Constitution says courts cannot rule on a possible injury because it is not yet an "actual controversy" and considered "ripe" for judicial review until the injury occurs.

State law provides for damages to be assessed if an injury was proven from a statue's removal. The judges on Tuesday asked "was it premature to bring this action before the monument was removed and before damages could be assessed."

"That may be an issue that (appeals court judges) may choose to emphasize," King said.

Part of the state law protecting monuments refers to damages that include attorneys' fees and court costs — both of which "my clients have incurred" during the process of filing and defending an injunction, King said.

"We think that just because

they haven't suffered all of the damages that they could suffer doesn't mean there aren't damages provided for in the statute," he said.

Patrick Jaugstetter, representing Newton County, told the judges Tuesday the court of appeals and the Georgia Supreme Court in past cases "consistently" ruled sovereign immunity is given to county governments in Georgia.

"It is waived only by an act of the General Assembly specifically waiving that sovereign immunity, or implicitly waiving when there is no other way to interpret a statute," he said.

Jaugstetter said the two groups opposing the removal failed to establish that state law gave a waiver of the county's immunity.

They also had not shown they had legal standing, or if it was an "actual controversy" because "the monument's still there."

Legal standing would require they show they were injured in a "concrete" way, such as impairing an ability to operate, rather than in a "psychic" way such as harm

to a belief in a political cause or religion, he said.

"These plaintiffs in this case have not even bought themselves an appropriate ticket to the courthouse," Jaugstetter said.

Although Georgia voters approved amending the state constitution in November 2020 to remove sovereign immunity in many cases from governments, it only applied to actions taken after Jan. 1 of this year.

Jaugstetter said even if the 2020 amendment had removed the county's immunity protection, those opposing its removal still would have to prove they had legal "standing" to file an injunction and receive damages.

He said the remedies in state law for those who could prove they were injured "are dependent on the removal, loss, damage, destruction or defacement of the Confederate monument or a protected monument."

"The monument on the Covington Square is in the exact same condition as it was a year ago, two years ago, 10 years ago," he said.

"Until the monument is

removed, no one has any standing, no one has any claim for damages, because no one could have suffered damages."

King said after the hearing he typically felt "pleased" about a case when judges are familiar with "the facts and the briefs" filed in a case.

"They asked very engaging questions — things that indicated that they understood the issues that were there. For the most part, we were able to address the questions," King said.

"We are looking forward to their decision and looking forward to clarity in the law," he said.

He predicted that the Court of Appeals judges would rule later this summer, in part because of the delays in state courts' operations because of the pandemic.

The deadline for ruling on the case is Nov. 3, 2021, which is the date the state constitution requires the Court to rule on a case considered in its current April term.

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Chairman Marcello Banes contacted GPTC President Tavaréz Holston to see if the college would be willing to assist in this critical endeavor and the longtime community partner did not hesitate.

"I am excited for this

community partnership and I can't thank Georgia Piedmont enough for agreeing to help us put this together," Banes said. "Making this mass vaccination site a reality is what #OneNewton is all about.

"I thank both the

Gwinnett, Newton and Rockdale County Health Departments and Georgia Piedmont for being great community partners.

"Getting our community vaccinated and keeping our citizens healthy is so important. I encourage all citizens

of Newton County to please take advantage of this opportunity and get vaccinated."

Georgia Piedmont Technical College's Newton Campus has worked closely with the Newton County government and the state Health Department to

prepare for nearly 600 appointments each of the three days on-site.

"Our college stands united with our health-care partners to loosen the grip of the coronavirus on our communities," Holston said. "We gladly jumped at the opportunity to serve in

an impactful way."

Individuals can schedule online by visiting www.gn-rhealth.com/covid-vaccine-scheduling or by calling the Georgia Department of Public Health vaccine scheduling resource line at 888-457-0186.

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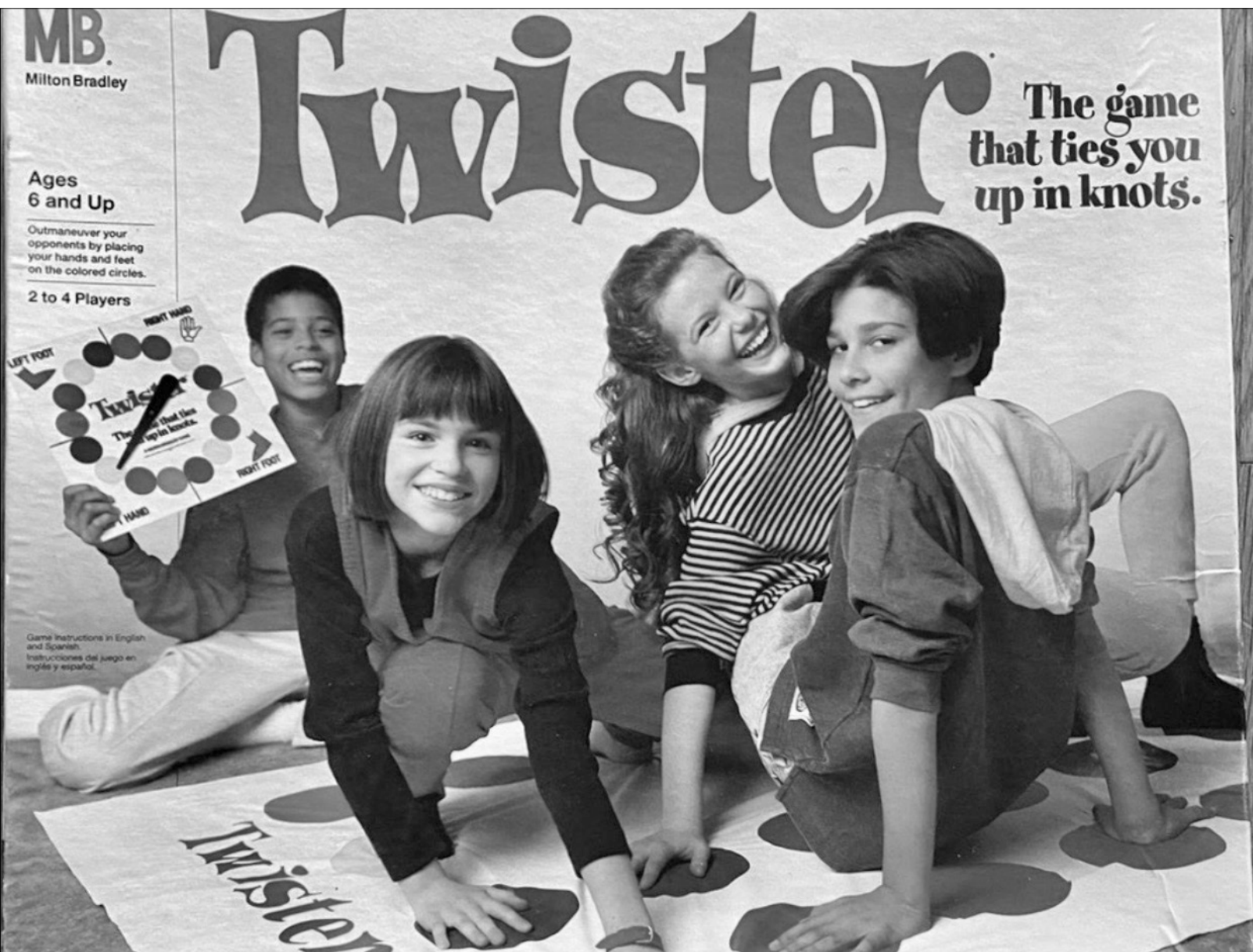
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OPINIONS

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Andy Offutt Irwin columnist

Twister, tokenism and truth



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Pictured above is the 1990s packaging of the popular game Twister, which is a glaring example of tokenism that admittedly made me laugh at first glance, but then came a pang disgust.

Alright, young people, today’s first vocabulary word is “tokenism.”

If you don’t know what tokenism is, maybe you will glean its meaning from what I have to say. And if you are offended by my occasional patronizing voice, then it is most likely that you are part of the population for which tokenism works. I won’t be so lame a writer as to give you a dictionary definition. No. Feel free to look it up, if you wish.

And lest there be any confusion, let me be clear at the get-go: I am talking about *racial* tokenism.

When racial tokenism began rearing its condescending head in the 1960s, it appeared to be naïve and cluelessly innocent, but it brought about its own kind of harm with a

nod to a false kind of acceptance.

One glaring example of tokenism, that I must confess, made me laugh at first glance, before I began to feel a pang of disgust, was the 1990s packaging for the game, Twister.

Yes, we all know Twister. And we all know (ahem) the unspoken sexual tension imbued therein as pre-teens playing it are coerced into the entanglement of limbs. And if you don’t believe that tension is one of the points of the game, well ... [*patronizing pat on the head*] ... there, there and bless your heart.

In this particular photograph on the box, there are four kids who appear to be about 12 or 13. On the fold-out vinyl “board” are two white girls and a white boy. The good-looking white boy is seriously entangled with an equally attractive red-headed white girl. (If these two weren’t playing the game, it

would be a disturbing scene, indeed.) Another white girl is beside the entangled couple. And far in the background, in charge of the game’s “spinner,” is a Black boy. That kid isn’t on the board at all. He isn’t even playing the game.

Because God forbid that he might be entangled with the white children.

Once upon a time, the exploitation of tokenism was imposed upon the population by Madison Avenue and a shifter corporate culture. But, nowadays within the white neo-conservative movement, there are some self-tokenizing African-American individuals who have gained a certain amount of fame (or infamy, depending on your perspective). One such person was the keynote speaker on our Square last weekend at the “Save the Statue Peace Rally”, the historical revisionist, H.K. Edgerton.

Mr. Edgerton brings with him the gravitas of being a former president of the NAACP of Asheville, North Carolina, where he led the organization into a state of debt and was dismissed for non-compliance of the rules.

Now, it seems, that Mr. Edgerton has found himself a very nice gig: showing up and speaking at events sponsored by the Sons of the Confederacy.

This leads me to our next vocabulary word: “prostitution.” At its core, prostitution is the act of feigned affection. The prostitute is paid to pretend something that they

and the person paying them both know isn’t true. This does not mean that there is a waning of enthusiasm. Au contraire.

The prostitute at the most basic level wears the over-the-top trappings of the trade: heavy trying-too-hard makeup, and head-turning raiments. And of course, it behooves the prostitute to express audible zeal. Very much like the countenance of an African-American man donning a Confederate-themed T-shirt (with his own face thereupon!) yelling at the top of his lungs about “Southern heritage” as he holds a Confederate battle flag. In a town in Georgia in the year 2021, such a sight is simply silly.

People do go on and on about “history.” But the historic reasons for the Civil War can be found in the speeches and the declarations *before* the war, not in the histrionic memorials and rationalizations of The Lost Cause, after the fact.

Here are some examples of such writings:

From Alexander H. Stephens, vice president of the Confederate States of America, March 21, 1861, three weeks before the bombardment of Fort Sumter:

“Its foundations are laid, its cornerstone rests upon the great truth, that the negro is not equal to the white man; that slavery—subordination to the superior race—is his natural and normal condition. This, our new government, is the first, in the history of the world, based upon this great physical, philosophical, and moral truth...”

From Georgia’s Declaration of Secession:

“For the last (10) years we have had numerous and serious causes of complaint against our non-slaveholding Confederate States with reference to the subject of African slavery. They have endeavored to weaken our security, to disturb our domestic peace and tranquility, and persistently refused to comply with their express constitutional obligations to us in reference to that property...” (The emphasis is mine. — AOI)

From Mississippi’s Declaration of Secession:

“Our position is thoroughly identified with the institution of slavery — the greatest material interest of the world.”

From South Carolina’s Declaration of Secession:

“But an increasing hostility on the part of the non-slaveholding States to the institution of slavery, has led to a disregard of their obligations, and the laws...”

All of the other states’ declarations and ordinances of secession reveal that the reason for the war surrounds the economy of slavery.

For historical understanding, I suggest going to primary sources.

Truth isn’t necessarily what is repeated over and over at the highest volume.

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Taylor Beck editor and publisher

Power still found in prayer

Covington Police Chief Stacey Cotton nearly brought me to tears Tuesday afternoon, and he didn’t even realize it.

He spoke briefly at the end of our weekly

Rotary Club of Covington meeting, but I was not able to attend in person. Rather, I was listening in via Zoom.

Stacey requested prayers for one of the law enforcement officers that was shot this week in Carroll County. He said the officer was shot in the head, which brought back memories of Matt Cooper’s situation a couple of years ago.

That’s when he reminded us all of a simple truth: there’s power in prayer.

Stacey got emotional when he recalled the first time he ever saw Cooper drive a car after his recovery from a gunshot to the head. He and others, if they were to tell you the truth, probably didn’t think it would ever be possible. “If you don’t believe the power of prayer is real, seeing Matt Cooper today ought to change your mind.”

Stacey said the officer shot in Carroll County will likely have a long road ahead of him, similar to Cooper’s journey. He said the Coopers were made aware of the situation and would likely reach out to the officer’s family if they haven’t already.

I’ve heard plenty of people dismiss the idea of prayer — from high profile politicians to everyday people like you and me.

In the midst of a rash of gun violence, it’s common to hear someone say, “I don’t want your prayers. I want gun control.” Some, frankly, just don’t believe.

But I say otherwise.

Prayer has changed many lives, not just for the Matt Coopers of the world. It’s changed my life, and it can change yours, too.

Eli and Opal Beck celebrate birthdays

As you read this, I’ll be surrounded by family celebrating my children’s birthdays.

My son, Eli Duskin, turned 2 years old April 9. My daughter, Opal Mae, turns 1 year old April 22.

Sometimes I wonder what life would be like without those two.

But honestly, I’d rather not find out.

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Bids

THE CITY of Covington is seeking bids for the purchase of one (1) Compact Mini Excavator as specified in exhibit "A" of the bid packet **SEALED BIDS** must be delivered to City Hall, 2194 Emory Street NW, Covington, GA 30014, Attn: Scott Cromer no later than 10:00am on Wednesday, April 21, 2021. **REQUEST FOR** Bids and additional information may be obtained by accessing the request for proposals on the City's website at <https://www.cityofcovington.org/index.php?section=business-opportunities>

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #200175
4/11,18

Citations

CITATION

BRENDA BAFFORD has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **JAMES KAY WELLHAM**, deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A 53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objection must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before MAY 3, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #200154
4/4,11,18,25

CITATION

BRENDA WOOTEN has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **ORA LEE KING**, deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A 53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objection must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before MAY 3, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

MELANIE M. BELL, JUDGE
MARCIA WYNNE, Clerk Probate Court Newton County, Georgia
NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT

1132 USHER STREET-RM 148
COVINGTON, GA.30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200059
4/4,11,18,25

CITATION

BRIAN BYARS has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **JAMES ALAN MORRIS**, deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A 53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objection must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before MAY 3, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #200060
4/4,11,18,25

CITATION

JAMES M. COLEMAN has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **SHARON ELAINE COLEMAN**, deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A 53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objection must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before MAY 3, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #200058
4/4,11,18,25

THE PETITION of **Addie Jo White** widow of **Curtis White**, 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 May 3, 2021, at ten o'clock a.m.

MELANIE M. BELL, JUDGE By: Marcia Wynne, Clerk
PROBATE COURT
NEWTON COUNTY, Georgia

NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT
1132 USHER STREET- RM 148
COVINGTON, GA 30014-2435

PUBLIC NOTICE#200156
4/4,11,18,25

THE PETITION of **Brenda C. Maughan** widow of **Tomm v Maughan**, deceased, for Twelve Month's Support for having been duly filed, all interested parties

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For a complete list of job responsibilities and application, visit our website at <https://www.oxfordgeorgia.org/> or contact Jody Reid at jreid@oxfordgeorgia.org.

Completed job applications may be dropped off in person or mailed to:

Oxford City Hall
Attn: Jody Reid
110 West Clark Street
Oxford, GA 30054

Resumes submitted without completed applications will not be considered. Applications will be accepted through Monday, May 3, 2021. The City of Oxford is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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 May 3, 2021, at ten o'clock a.m.

MELANIE M. BELL, JUDGE By: Marcia Wynne, Clerk
PROBATE COURT
NEWTON COUNTY, Georgia

NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT
1132 USHER STREET- RM 148
COVINGTON, GA 30014-2435

PUBLIC NOTICE #200155
4/4,11,18,25

Debtors Creditors

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS

ALL CREDITORS of the estate of **DONALD LEACH** 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 DAY of April, 2021

LINDA C. Leach Executor of the Estate of Donald Leach
C/O ROBERT Stansfield, Esq. Greer, Stansfield & Turner, LLP
P.O. BOX 1617
COVINGTON, GEORGIA 30015-

1617 (770) 786-4390

PUBLIC NOTICE #200194
4/18,25-5/2,9

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS

ALL CREDITORS of the estate of **JAMES LINTON SHIPP, III** 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 13TH day of April, 2021

JAMES GARRETT Shipp
EXECUTOR OF the Estate
OF JAMES Linton Shipp, III
C/O ROBERT Stansfield, Esq. GREER, STANSFIELD & Turner, LLP
P.O. BOX 1617
COVINGTON, GEORGIA 30015-1617 (770) 786-4390

PUBLIC NOTICE #200195
4/18,25-5/2,9

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

ALL CREDITORS of the Estate of **Gregory David Rowe, late of Newton County, Georgia, deceased,** are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law; and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate

payment.

THIS 25TH day of March, 2021
MEGAN MASSEY Kittrell,
Administrator

DEBRA ROBINSON Law Group, P.C
11030 JONES Bridge Rd, Ste 208
JOHNS CREEK, Ga

PUBLIC NOTICE #200144
4/4,11,18,25

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

ALL CREDITORS of the estate of **JOHN WILLIAM HANEY III**, deceased, a resident 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 29th** day of March, 2021.

JOHN KEVIN HANEY
EXECUTOR OF the
ESTATE OF John William Haney, III
C/O MICHELLE Chaudhuri, Esq. Talley & Associates, P.C.
1892 GA. Hwy 138, SE Conyers, GA 30013 (770) 483-1431

PUBLIC NOTICE #200142
4/4,11,18,25

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **BETTY JANE CORDELL** 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 31st day of March, 2021.

KELLIE S. HYERS
7106 GOLFSIDE CT. SE
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200181
4/11,18,25-5/2

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **BETTY JEAN BELL MANUEL** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.
THIS THE 12th day of APRIL 2021.

EDDIE G. MANUEL
3107 WEST STREET
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200208
4/18,25-5/2,9

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **CAROLYN JEAN HARDEMAN** 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 13th day of APRIL, 2021.

ADONIS HARDEMAN
217 COUNTRY CLUB PARK, UNIT 542
BIRMINGHAM, AL 35213

PUBLIC NOTICE #200204
4/18,25/5/2,9

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **CATHERINE ROSEMARY GOMES** 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 31st day of March, 2021.

ROBERT GOMES
125 FIVE OAKS DR
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200183
4/11,18,25-5/2

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of CLEO ALLEN FULLER** 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 March, 2021.

ALLEN FULLER
544 STARSVILLE Rd
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200086
3/28-4/4,11,18

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of DOROTHY ANN BINION** 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 March, 2021.

BRANDY GOLPHIN
9236 SCARLETT Drive SW
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200089
3/28-4/4,11,18

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of IAN ANTHONY GAYLE** 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 March, 2021.

MARCIA GAYLE
30 ASTERIA Trail
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200083
3/28-4/4,11,18

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of JAMES MICHAEL PETTY, SR** 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 March, 2021.

DEBRA A. Petty
20 PATRICK Court
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #200087
3/28-4/4,11,18

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of JOHN MILO ESTES** 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 March, 2021.

CAROLYN B. ESTES
135 DEARING Woods Way
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200090
3/28-4/4,11,18

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND

CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **JONATHAN MURRAY, SR** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.
THIS THE 12th day of APRIL , 2021.

SHANETHA MURRAY
255 WILLOW SHOALS DR
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #200205
4/18,25-5/2,9

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **LOUIS D. ALSTON** 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 APRIL , 2021.

FANNIE ALSTON
420 TRELAWNEY CIRCLE
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #200207
4/18,25-5/2,9

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of MARGARET LOUISE JOHNSON MCGIBONEY** 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 March, 2021.

DEBRA GRIFFITH
875 FLAT Rock Rd
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200085
3/28-4/4,11,18

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of MARTHA SUMMER ENGLE** 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 March, 2021.

LYNN AY Alexander
3209 14TH Ave
PHENIX CITY, AL 36867

PUBLIC NOTICE #200091
3/28-4/4,11,18

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of MARY FRANCES DUNCAN** 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 March, 2021.

LYNN AY Alexander
3209 14TH Ave
PHENIX CITY, AL 36867

PUBLIC NOTICE #200088
3/28-4/4,11,18

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **NORMAN LEACH** 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 APRIL , 2021.

DAISY LEACH
180 SUMMERWALK DR
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #200206
4/18,25-5/2,9

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of PATRICK WAYNE BOSTICK** 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 March, 2021.

DENISE BOSTIC
30 MAPLE Trace
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #200084
3/28-4/4,11,18

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of ROBERT L. PLOTT** 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 March, 2021.

WILLIAM D. Compton
100 DOGWOOD Lane
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200092
3/28-4/4,11,18

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of ROGER LEE CANNON** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative

LEGALS:

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ACCORDING TO law.
THIS THE 24th day of March, 2021.

NED CANNON
P.O. BOX 3421
CLEVELAND, GA 30528

PUBLIC NOTICE #200159
4/4,11,18,25

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **SANDRA HELEN HICKS** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.
THIS THE 6th day of April, 2021.

WALDROP & BOOTCHECK
P.O. BOX 1017
CONYERS, GA 30012

PUBLIC NOTICE #200182
4/11,18,25-5/2

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of SYBIL SMITH GIBBS** 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 March, 2021.

HERMAN GIBBS, III
11134 HWY 278 East
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200093
3/28-4/4,11,18

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of THOMAS PACE KENERLY** 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 25th day of March, 2021.

DEWEY KENERLY
4317 W. SPARROW SPRINGS LOOP, APT 101
BARTLETT, TN 38135

PUBLIC NOTICE #200158
4/4,11,18,25

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **THURMAN EUGENE HANE** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.
THIS THE 1st day of April, 2021.

PENNY HANE
1753 HIGHWAY 213
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200184
4/11,18,25-5/2

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of WILLIAM B. WATSON, JR.** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.
THIS THE 24th day of March, 2021.

SHIRLEY D. WATSON
641 MAGNET RD
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #200160
4/4,11,18,25

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of WILLIAM OSCAR TAYLOR** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.
THIS THE 24th day of March, 2021.

BEVERLY R. TAYLOR
1346 HENDERSON MILL RD
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200157
4/4,11,18,25

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of WINCELL S. JOHNSON** 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 March, 2021.

SHARON JOHNSON
P.O. BOX 123
NEWBORN, GA 30056

PUBLIC NOTICE #200082
3/28-4/4,11,18

Divorces

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

COURTNEY WILLIS
PLAINTIFF,
-VS-
REGINA GLANTON
DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION No.: 2021-CV-605-2

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: REGINA GLANTON
85 FIELDVIEW LANE
COVINGTON, GA 30016

BY ORDER of the court for service by publication dated MARCH 31, 2021 you are hereby notified that on MARCH 18, 2021 (date of filing) **COURTNEY WILLIS** (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 JOHN M. OTT., Judge Superior Court of Newton County.

THIS, THE 31ST day of MARCH, 2020.
LINDA D. Hays
CLERK OF Superior Court

PUBLIC NOTICE #200189
4/18,25-5/2,9

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

MARIA L. RIVERA
PLAINTIFF,
V.
LOIS RIVERA-ROSCRIO
DEFENDANT,

CIVIL ACTION NUMBER
2021-CV-4559-2

NOTICE OF SUMMONS- SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

BY ORDER of the court for service by publication dated MARCH 24, 2021 you are hereby notified that on 03/15/2021 (date of filing) **MARIA L. RIVERA** (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 JOHN M. OTT., Judge Superior Court of Newton County.

THIS, THE 24th day of MARCH 2021
LINDA D. Hays
CLERK OF Superior

PUBLIC NOTICE #200146
4/4,11,18,25

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

VICTOR LAWRENCE
PLAINTIFF,
V.
JENNIFER JOSEPH BECKLES
DEFENDANT,

TO: JENNIFER JOSEPH BECKLES
80 CINNAMON FERN CIR
COVINGTON, GA 30016

CIVIL ACTION NUMBER
2021-CV-660-3

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

BY ORDER of the court for service by publication dated MARCH 29, 2021 you are hereby notified that on 03/24/2021 (date of filing) **VICTOR LAWRENCE** (plaintiff) filed suit against you for Complaint 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 LAYLA H. ZON , Judge Superior Court of Newton County.

THIS, THE 30th day of MARCH 2021
LINDA D. Hays
CLERK OF Superior

PUBLIC NOTICE #200165
4/11,18,25-5/2

Foreclosures

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 **Courtney Burrell** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS") as nominee for Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., dated April 27, 2006, and recorded in Deed Book 2176, Page 577, Newton County, Georgia records, and re-recorded at Deed Book 2942, Page 162, Newton County, Georgia records; and as last transferred to The Bank of New York Mellon as Trustee for the Certificate holders of CWABS, Inc. Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-8, by Assignment recorded in Deed Book 2918, Page 289, Newton County, Georgia records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of \$171,750.00, 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 May, 2021, to wit: May 4, 2021, the following described property: All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 40 of the 10th District of Newton County, Georgia, being Lot 59 of Glen Echo Subdivision, Phase One, as per plat recorded in Plat Book 42, Pages 195-198 (more particularly described in Page 197), Newton County, Georgia records, which plat is incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof.
THE DEBT secured by said Deed to Secure Debt has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and 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 **40 Glen Echo 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): Courtney Burrell or tenant or tenants.
SAID PROPERTY will be sold

CLUES ACROSS

1. Ocean surface indicator (abbr.)
4. American time
7. Satisfaction
8. Diving duck
10. Very small amount
12. Metrical units
13. An ignorant or foolish person
14. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
16. It may sting you
17. Turn outward
19. Perform on stage
20. "CSI" actor George
21. Localities
25. Make a choice
26. Indicates position
27. One of Thor's names
29. Indian musical rhythmic pattern
30. "The Raven" author
31. Take in solid food
32. Legendary QB
39. Sorrels
41. Organization of nations
42. Texas pharmaceutical company
43. Mathematical term
44. Expression of disappointment
45. Abba __, Israeli politician
46. Hide away
48. Salad restaurant
49. Daughters of Boreas (mythology)
50. Men's fashion accessory
51. Political action committee
52. Unhappy

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

CLUES DOWN

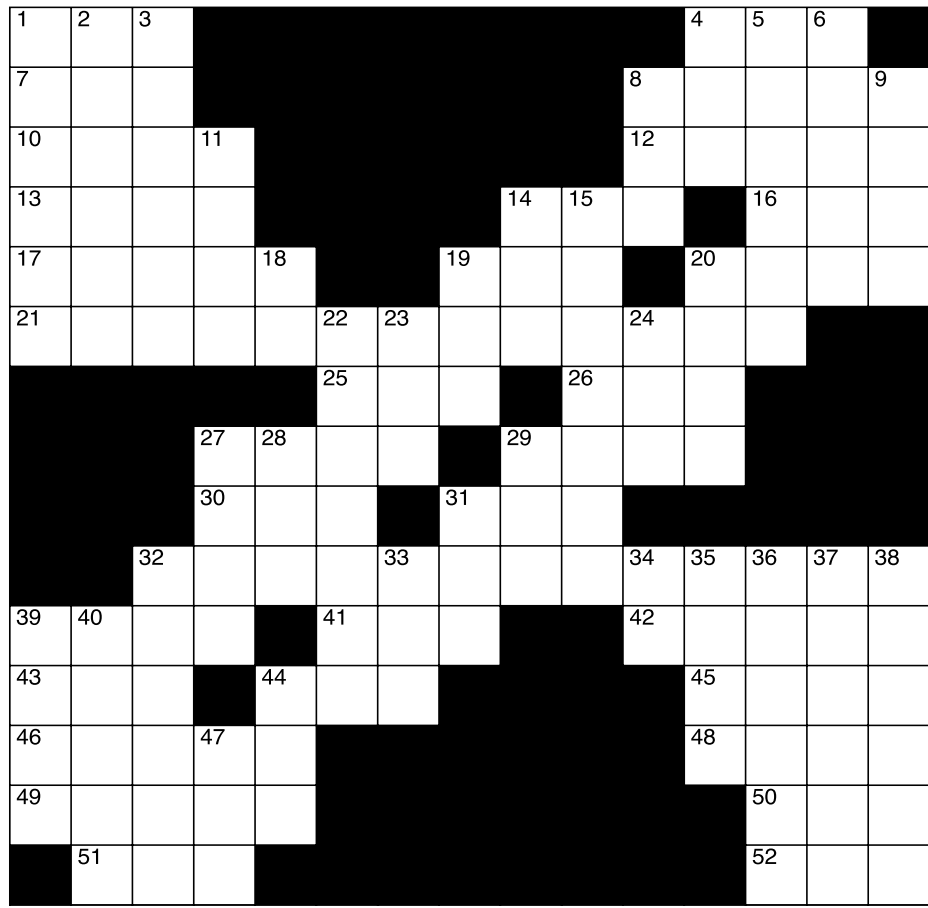
1. Make unhappy
2. Heard the confession of
3. Capital of Taiwan
4. Fiddler crab
5. Brazilian dances
6. Fit with device to assist breathing
8. Brother or sister
9. Pastries
11. "Lone Survivor" director Peter
14. Boat type (abbr.)
15. Apertures (biology)
18. Suffix
19. Creative endeavor

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 OC.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 **THE BANK** of New York Mellon as Trustee for CWABS, Inc. Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-8 **AS ATTORNEY** in fact for **COURTNEY BURRELL 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. FC21-023**

PUBLIC NOTICE #200141
4/4,11,18,25-5/2

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 May, 2021, 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,



20. Icelandic poem
22. Spanish dances
23. Town in Central Italy
24. Cars need it
27. Mimics
28. Rocky peak
29. Cigarette (slang)
31. One point south of due east
32. Soap actress Braun
33. Large domesticated wild ox
34. Island nation
35. Appear
36. Addictive practices
37. Loss of control of one's body
38. Type of poster
39. Greek mountain
40. Funny person
44. One and only
47. Pouch

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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#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/CA 5/4/21

OUR FILE no. 5410119 - FT17

PUBLIC NOTICE #200143
4/4,11,18,25

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF NEWTON NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

PURSUANT TO the power of sale contained in the Security Deed executed by **MICHELLE FENCH** to UNION PLANTERS BANK, N.A. in the original principal amount of \$106,074.00 dated May 22, 2003 and recorded in Deed Book 1445, Page 378, Newton County records, said Security Deed being last transferred to NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING in Deed Book 4146, Page 657, Newton County records, the undersigned will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, before the Courthouse door in said County, or at such other place as lawfully designated, within the legal hours of sale, on May 04, 2021, the property in said Security Deed and described as follows:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 66, 8TH DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND BEING SHOWN AS LOT 67, CYPRESS POINT, UNIT THREE, ON A PLAT OF SURVEY OF SAME RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 36, PAGE 162, PUBLIC RECORDS OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, WHICH PLAT IS BY REFERENCE THERETO INCORPORATED HEREIN AND MADE A PART HEREOF FOR A MORE PARTICULAR AND COMPLETE DESCRIPTION.
SAID PROPERTY being known as: **165 BRIGHTON DR, COVINGTON, GA 30016**

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

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

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

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

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

SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE Servicing 75 Beattie Place, Suite 300 Greenville, SC 29601 866-825-2174
NOTE THAT pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, the above individual or entity is not required by law to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the mortgage.
THIS LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING, as Attorney-in-Fact for **MICHELLE FENCH ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ**, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC 10700 Abbott's Bridge Road Suite 170 Duluth, GA 30097 Phone: 470.321.7112
FIRM FILE No. 20-038565 - AmE

PUBLIC NOTICE #200147
4/4,11,18,25

Juvenile Court

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE INTEREST OF:
L.T. SEX: FEMALE
DOB: 07/13/2006 Case #107-21J-0120
A CHILD Under 18 Years of Age

SUMMONS AND PROCESS

TO: SHAMIKA E. Terrell,
Mother

YOU ARE hereby notified that an Order for Temporary Alternatives to Foster Care in Accordance to O.C.G.A. §15-11-133.1 was entered in the Juvenile Court of Newton County on March 25, 2021, requesting that custody of the minor child shall be granted to Erica Hunter, as a temporary alternative to foster care.

YOU ARE hereby commanded, personally or by attorney, to be and appear at the Newton County Juvenile Court, 1132 Usher Street, NW, Covington, Georgia 30014, for a Preliminary Protective hearing to be held on the 3rd day of June, 2021, at 11:00 a.m., then and there to answer why the prayers for relief as set forth in the Order for Temporary Alternatives to Foster Care in Accordance to O.C.G.A. §15-11-133.1, should not be granted.
A COPY of said Order for Temporary Alternatives to Foster Care in Accordance to O.C.G.A. §15-11.133.1 can be obtained from the Clerk of the Newton County Juvenile Court, at the aforementioned address.

READ CAREFULLY

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

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

IF YOU want a lawyer, you may choose to hire your own lawyer. If you want to hire a lawyer, please contact your lawyer immediately.
IF YOU want a lawyer but are not able to hire a lawyer without undue financial hardship, you may ask for a lawyer to be appointed to represent you. The Court would inquire into your financial circumstances and if the Court finds you to be financially unable to hire a lawyer, then a lawyer will be appointed to represent

See LEGALS, A7

LEGALS: Continued from A6

YOU. PLEASE contact immediately the Newton County Juvenile Court at 770-784-2060 if you wish to request a lawyer to be appointed to represent you. **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE DAY OF COURT TO REQUEST AN ATTORNEY.**

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

WITNESS THE Hon. Hillary Edgar, Associate Judge of said Court, this 31st day of March, 2021.

/S/ JANELL Gaines

Clerk, Newton County Juvenile Court

PUBLIC NOTICE #200166
4/11,18,24-5/2

Name Changes

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE the Name change of Child(ren):
JAYDYN MIKAYLA GAY

TERESA S. TURNER
PETITIONER
V.
AMANDA DEANNE WARREN
SHAWN MICHAEL GAY
RESPONDENT.

CIVIL ACTION Number
2021-CV-663-2

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

TERESA S. TURNER filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on March 24th, 2021 to change the name(s) of the following minor child(ren) **FROM: JAYDYN MIKAYLA GAY to: JAYDYN MIKAYLA GAY TURNER**. Any INTERESTED party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within the time prescribed in O.C.G.A. 19-12-1(F)(2) and (3)

TERESA S. Turner
470 BETHANY Road
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #200145
4/4,11,18,25

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: XAVIER DEMARCO THURMAN
PETITIONER

CIVIL ACTION File No.2021-CV-643-1

NOTICE OF Petition To Change Name of Adult

XAVIER DEMARCO THURMAN filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on March 22, 2021 to change the name from **XAVIER DEMARCO THURMAN** to **XAVIER DEMARCO ZACHARY**. Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objection within 30 days after the Petition was filed.

DATE: 3-23-2021

MARIO S. Ninfo
ATTORNEY FOR Petitioner
1198 CLARK Street, NW
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200124
3/28-4/4,11,18

Public Notice

APPEAL TO DECISION OF BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
GEORGIA, NEWTON County

A PETITION (APP21-000001) HAS BEEN FILED WITH THE NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR AN APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS DECISION PERTAINING TO THE DENIAL OF PETITION (VAR21-000003) FOR THE PROPERTY BELONGING TO: **CHERYL E & TIMOTHY L BELL**. **WHOSE SUBJECT PROPERTY ADDRESS/LOCATION** IS 520 **SMITH STORE RD** CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 1.4 ACRES BEING ON TAX MAP & PARCEL 14 250. **APPLICANT** IS REQUESTING A VARIANCE TO: ALLOW A COMMERCIAL VEHICLE TO BE PARKED ON THE PROPERTY. REFERENCE SEC 510-010 B (5). **THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE: **4TH DAY OF MAY, 2021 AT 7:30 P.M.**

THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE NEWTON COUNTY HISTORIC COURTHOUSE, 3RD FLOOR BOARDROOM. THOSE HAVING CONCERNS ABOUT THIS PETITION SHOULD ATTEND THIS MEETING.

PUBLIC NOTICE #200191
4/18

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF LOWNDES COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

STATE OF GEORGIA,
PLAINTIFF,
V.
THIRTY-THREE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$33,900.00) IN UNITED STATES CURRENCY; ONE (1) GOLD AND RED WITH DIAMONDS ROLEX WATCH, SN# (Value \$25,000.00),
DEFENDANTS IN rem.
AND
MEDARD ULYSSE and BRIANNA J. BINKLEY,
PURPORTED OWNER/INTEREST Holder.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 2021CV0083

NOTICE OF PROCEEDINGS

TO: MEDARD ULYSSE, a/k/a Ulysse Medard

YOU ARE hereby notified that the above-styled action has been filed in the named court on January 20, 2021, seeking the forfeiture of the above-described property due to its being subject to forfeiture to the

State of Georgia pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. §9-16-12, §16-14-7 and §16-13-49, in that the defendant property was directly or indirectly used or intended for use to facilitate a violation of O.C.G.A. §16-13-30-Possession of Methamphetamine (a scheduled controlled substance) and Marijuana; and/or the Defendant property was found in close proximity to Methamphetamine and Marijuana possessed in violation of O.C.G.A. §16-13-30, and was used, or intended to be used, in facilitation of a transaction of Marijuana; and/or the defendant property was found in close proximity to other property subject to forfeiture pursuant to O.C.G. A. §16-13-49 and §9-16-12. Alternatively, the defendant property is contraband and subject to forfeiture to the State of Georgia pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. §16-14-7, in that the defendant property was directly or indirectly used or intended for use in, and/or derived from or realized through, the course of a pattern of racketeering activity in furtherance of one incident with at least two such violations of O.C.G.A. Sections 16-9-31 and 16-9-121, and thus §16-14-4. On November 30, 2020, Deputies of the Lowndes County, Georgia, Sheriff's Office seized the Defendant in Rem property near the 11 mile marker of the South bound lane of Georgia Highway 401 (Interstate 75), Lowndes County, Georgia. The Complaint in this action alleges you may have an interest in said property. You are hereby commanded and required to file with the Clerk of said Court and serve upon J. Bennett Threlkeld, Assistant District Attorney, Southern Judicial Circuit, Post Office Box 99, Valdosta, Georgia 31603-0099, an answer to the complaint within thirty (30) days of the date of final publication of this notice, that is to say within thirty (30) days of the second publication on April 18, 2021. If you fail to do so, judgment pursuant to O.C.G.A. §9-16-12 shall be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

THIS THE 6th day of April, 2021 **/S/ LaToya Brown**

DEP. CLERK, Lowndes County, Georgia Superior Court

THIS NOTICE is to run in The Covington News on April 11, 2021 and April 18, 2021.

PUBLIC NOTICE #200171
4/11,18

NOTICE OF HIGHWAY 278 COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN as provided in the NEWTON COUNTY COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT ACT that a Caucus of Electors of the Highway 278 Community Improvement District (CID) shall be held on the 13th day of May, 2021 at Newton Federal Bank, Operations Center, 8460 Dr. M.L. King, Jr. Ave., Covington, Georgia 30014. The purpose of the Caucus is to elect Board Members to serve 4 year terms in Posts 1, 3, & 5 on the Highway 278 Community Improvement District Board. Registration for the election shall be held from 11:45 o'clock A.M. to 12:00 o'clock Noon. Voting will occur immediately after each Elector who has arrived at the registration table by 12:00 o'clock Noon has registered. A map of said District may be reviewed in the office of the Newton County Tax Commissioner or City of Covington Clerk. All Electors as designated under the Act are invited to attend and cast their votes.

PUBLIC NOTICE #200112
3/31-4/7,14,21

Public Sales Auctions

PUBLIC AUCTION

THE AUCTION will be held at: **CHANCEY'S WRECKER Service, Inc**
539 MCDANIEL Mill Rd SW
CONYERS, GA 30012
TELEPHONE: 770-483-0698
FAX: 770-922-5223

THE FOLLOWING vehicles will be sold at Public Auction on the following **Saturday, May 8, 2021**

ALL AUCTIONS start promptly @ 1:00pm.
REGISTRATION BEGINS @ 12 noon

YEAR MAKE Model Vin#:

2002 DODGE INTREPID
2B3HD46R22H277365

2002 ACURA TL
19UUA56642A052673

2002 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE
1J4GX58N72C124544

2007 CHRYSLER PT CRUISER
3A4FY58B67T605895

2008 PONTIAC GRAND PRIX
2G2WP582181139924

1995 CHEVROLET C1500
SUBURBAN 3GNEC16K1SG118883

2004 HYUNDAI ELANTRA
KMHDN46D24U709933

PUBLIC NOTICE #200198
4/18,25

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

A PUBLIC Auction for the non-PAYMENT Of storage fees at Speedy Storage will take place on **Saturday, May 1, 2021** AT 10am located at 2222 HWY 212, Covington, GA. 30016 **THE PERSONAL** effects and household **GOODS BELONGING** to the following **TENANT, 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** tenant.
LARRY CLARK.....UNITS 146,

147

PUBLIC NOTICE #200192
4/18,25

THE CITY of Covington will be putting up for auction to the highest responsible bidder the following vehicles & equipment
1995 FORD F450
1997 FORD F800
2001 STERLING
2002 FORD F550
2007 FREIGHTLINER
WOODS BATWING Mower
3- FORD / New Holland Tractors
2 -FORD / New Holland Backhoe
OTG TRAILER
HUSTLER MOWERS
TRUCK SERVICE bodies
THE AUCTION will end on **Wednesday, May 5, 2021**. For questions concerning these vehicles and equipment or to schedule an inspection, please contact Tom Mason, Equipment Manager at 678-212-6137. All interested parties may place a bid at any time through the end of the auction by accessing GovDeals auction website at www.govdeals.com.

TERMS AND Conditions
GUARANTY WAIVER. All assets are offered for sale "AS IS, WHERE IS." City of Covington (Seller) makes no warranty, guaranty or representation of any kind, expressed or implied, as to the merchantability or fitness for any purpose of the property offered for sale. The Buyer is not entitled to any payment from the seller for loss of profit or any other money damages – special, direct, indirect or consequential.
DESCRIPTION WARRANTY. Seller warrants to the Buyer the property offered for sale will conform to its description. Any claim for misdescription must be made prior to removal of the property. If Seller confirms the property does not conform to the description, Seller will keep the property and refund any money paid. The liability of the Seller shall not exceed the actual purchase price of the property. Please note upon removal of the property, all sales are final.

PERSONAL AND property risk. Persons attending during exhibition, sale or removal of goods assume all risks of damage of or loss to person and property and specifically release the seller and GovDeals from liability therefore. Inspection. Most assets offered for sale are used and may contain defects not immediately detectable. Bidders may inspect the property prior to bidding. Bidders must adhere to the inspection dates and times indicated in the asset description. See instructions on each asset page for inspection details.

CONSIDERATION OF Bid. City of Covington (Seller) reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to withdraw from sale any of the assets listed, and to waive formalities for any bids.

BUYER'S CERTIFICATE. Successful bidders will receive a Buyer's Certificate by email from GovDeals.

***PAYMENT. PAYMENT** in full is due not later than 5 business days from the time and date of the Buyer's Certificate. Acceptable forms of payment are:

- **U. S. Currency**
- **CERTIFIED** Cashiers Check
- **MONEY** Order
- **CONFIRMED** Wire Transfer
- **COMPANY** Check (with Bank Letter guaranteeing funds – mandatory)

CHECKS SHALL be made payable to: City of Covington. Payments shall be made at the location listed in the Buyer's Certificate.

REMOVAL. ALL assets must be removed within ten (10) business days from the time and date of issuance of the Buyer's Certificate. Purchases will be released only upon receipt of payment as specified. Successful bidders are responsible for loading and removal of any and all property awarded to them from the place where the property is located as indicated on the website and in the Buyer's Certificate. The Buyer will make all arrangements and perform all work necessary, including packing, loading and transportation of the property. Under no circumstances will Seller assume responsibility for packing, loading or shipping. See instructions on each asset page for removal details. A daily storage fee of \$10.00 may be charged for any item not removed within the ten (10) business days allowed and stated on the Buyer's Certificate.

VEHICLE TITLES. Seller will issue a title or certificate upon receipt of payment. Titles may be subject to restrictions as indicated in the asset description on the website.

DEFAULT. DEFAULT shall include (1) failure to observe these terms and conditions; (2) failure to make good and timely payment; or (3) failure to remove all assets within the specified time. Default may result in termination of the contract and suspension from participation in all future sales until the default has been cured. If the Buyer fails in the performance of their obligations, Seller may exercise such rights and may pursue such remedies as are provided by law. Seller reserves the right to reclaim and resell all items not removed by the specified removal date.

ACCEPTANCE OF Terms and Conditions. By submitting a bid, the bidder agrees they have read, fully understand and accept these Terms and Conditions, and agree to pay for and remove the property, by the dates and times specified. These Terms and Conditions are displayed at the top of each page of each asset listed on GovDeals. Special Instructions appearing on the asset page will override certain sections of the terms and conditions.
STATE/LOCAL SALES and/or Use Tax. Buyers may be subject to payment of State and/or local sales and/or use tax. Buyers are responsible for contacting seller or the appropriate tax office, completing any forms and paying any taxes that may be imposed.

OTHER. A 7.5% administration fee will be added to final bid amount.

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4/18

THE FOLLOWING WERE ABANDONED AND HAVE BEEN FORECLOSED THROUGH THE NEWTON COUNTY MAGISTRATE

COURT.
THESE VEHICLES WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION ON **SATURDAY MAY 1, @ 1PM.** **THE AUCTION** WILL BE HELD AT **K-2 TOWING LLC, 9179 AARON DR. COVINGTON, GA 30014.**
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SAJDA14C131LF59427

2006 TOYOTA COROLLA
JTDBR32EX60092557

2010 CHEVROLET EQUINOX
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2006 CHRYSLER 300
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1991 FORD F150
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2004 VOLVO V40
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2006 HONDA MOTORCYCLE
ZDCPC36026F100680

2007 SUZUKI GSXR750
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2002 SUZUKI GSXR750
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2008 MERCEDES GL450
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2005 SUZUKI GSXR600
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2004 BMWX3
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4/18,25

Trade Names

TRADE NAME
REGISTRATION
AFFIDAVIT
GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

TO WHOM It may Concern:
PLEASE BE advised that **LIZA BERRY** , whose address is 3759 SPRING GARDEN LANE LITHONIA, GA 30038is the owner(s) of the certain business now being carried on at 635 KESWICK VILLAGE COURT NE CONYERS, GA 30013 in the following trade name, to-wit: **KIDZ PARTY EVENTZ LLC** ; and that the nature of said business is: **EVENT PLANNING.** **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** 13th day of APRIL, 2021.

PUBLIC NOTICE #200196
4/18,25

TRADE NAME
REGISTRATION
AFFIDAVIT
GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

TO WHOM It may Concern:
PLEASE BE advised that **VANESSA MERCER**, whose address is 185 VICTORIA BLVD OXFORD, GA 30054 is the owner(s) of the certain business now being carried on at 185 VICTORIA BLVD OXFORD, GA 30054 in the following trade name, to-wit: **CLEAN AS A PEACH**; and that the nature of said business is: **CLEAN BUSINESS.** **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** 12th day of APRIL, 2021.

PUBLIC NOTICE #200190
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Town of Newborn

Hornyhead Fish Festival set for April 24

By TOM SPIGOLON

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NEWBORN, Ga.

— Organizers have scheduled the annual Hornyhead Fish Festival and Tournament for April 24 in Newborn after canceling last year’s event due to the pandemic.

Times are 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Historic Newborn Schoolhouse on Georgia Hwy. 142 in the town on Newton County’s eastern edge.

The event will be different from past years due to pandemic restrictions — there will be no parade and a museum will not be open. The Historic Schoolhouse will be open for restroom use, but all festival activities will be outdoors, organizers said.

However, according to its official website, the festival will feature around 35 vendors.

Customer parking will be across the street, while vendor parking will be near the maintenance shed to the left of the schoolhouse, the website stated.

“As with all plans, anything could change. Please have patience with us and help us make this a fantastic Hornyhead Fish Festival and Tournament,” organizers stated on the website.

Vendors as of April 15 were set to include Debi’s Tupperware; Margi Colquitt with Crochet items; A Basket of Sunshine - Paparazzi Jewelry / Gift baskets; BCZ Designs; Donna Hattaway - Painted

Newton County

Officials seeks input for first Transit Master Plan

STAFF REPORTS

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COVINGTON, Ga. — The county’s Department of Transportation is seeking input through May 9 from those who live and work in Newton County to inform the government’s first Transit Master Plan (TMP), known as Moving Newton.

The development of the plan is a direct outcome and recommendation of the county’s Comprehensive Transportation Plan that was completed in 2018.

With funding from the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC), the goal of the TMP is to identify the feasibility of various public transit options that could serve the needs of Newton County residents.

Survey participants are asked to share their daily travel patterns to home, work, school and entertainment activities and offer their vision for the availability of future transit options in the county.

items, mostly pavers; Crafts By Nan - Dammit Dolls, Decorated horseshoes; Get Your Glitz - Color Street; Dandelion Designs - Tumblers, signs, bless you jars; Myrtle Beasley - Kitchen items & Doll clothes; and Face painting by Joann.

Vendors also will include C&A Creations/ Truvy - Custom apparel/health & wellness; Lisa Carr - Handmade jewelry and upcycled wearables; Boiled Peanuts - Timothy; Gypsy GiGi - Resin Art; J and B Cutlery; Newton Trails; Jackson Family BBQ & Catering; and Dorothy J Designs; Ashley Meeks with Soaps, lotions, candles, etc.; Divine Designs - Teen Challenge; and Wildlife

Chris Bridges Correspondent

Three decades of magical memories

With the start of another new professional baseball season, I found myself thinking back to 1991 when the Atlanta Braves went on a last to first ride and came within inches of winning the World Series.

The 1990 season showed no signs that the Braves were about to embark on an incredible run which would give fans something truly special.



Atlanta went into the 1991 season with a new general manager and some key new players including Terry Pendleton and Sid Bream. With those two anchoring the infield at third and first, the Braves certainly had the potential to be better than the previous dreadful campaigns which became all too common.

However, the additions to the 1991 roster, along with a strong returning pitching staff, had many believing Atlanta would certainly climb out of the cellar. With names fans still remember such as David Justice, Jeff Treadway, Ron Gant and Rafael Belliard, the team was embarking, we would later learn, on a magical season.

I was a sophomore in college when the season began and often sat watching the afternoon Braves games in between morning classes and then working into the night as editor of the student newspaper.

It didn't take long to see that this Braves team was going to be different. There was a different attitude and even the losses were competitive often coming by a run or two.

I won't try to convince you I knew Atlanta was going to eventually finish the season one run away from winning it all. In reality, I felt the Braves would make that type of run in 1992.

However, in addition to improving defensively and with their standout pitching staff, Atlanta now had legitimate speed on the base paths and in the outfield with Otis Nixon and Deion Sanders.

All the ingredients were there and as the 1991 season progressed the Braves were no longer in last place. In fact, they continued to hang around the top of their division and fans and media began to wonder if they could actually make the postseason.

Remember this was still during a time when only the four division winners made the playoffs. A team could win more than 100 games but if it didn't win its division, it would not continue playing.

Atlanta won 94 games in the 1991 regular season and it was just enough to get into the postseason. The Los Angeles Dodgers finished with 93 wins in what was a tough National League West which also included an 84-win San Diego Padres team.

The historic season continued all the way to the World Series against the Minnesota Twins, the American League's last to first story.

In what is still considered one of the best series of all time, the Braves and Twins went seven games with the final one going to extra innings before Minnesota won.

It was not without controversy though as the umpires missed numerous calls that hurt Atlanta. Many still recall the infamous play where Ron Gant was pulled off first base and still signaled out.

While disappointed with the final game, fans could not be disappointed in the 1991 season as a whole. It was something completely unexpected and the start of a long postseason run that fans eventually began taking for granted

Perhaps the toughest thing to comprehend now is that it was 30 years ago when it happened.

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Prep Softball

Lady Cougars win region title



Special to The Covington News

The Peachtree Academy varsity softball team captured the Georgia Association of Private and Parochial Schools (GAPPS) Region Championship on Wednesday to punch its ticket to the state playoffs. The Lady Cougars will enter the postseason as the No. 3 seed and face No. 6 Calvary Christian School in the first round April 19-22.

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Later the pair almost hooked up again when a Love pass led to an Everett shot that bounced off the left post of the Lady Patriots goal with 12:50 remaining.

Just as they did at the end of the first half, the Lady Eagles created chances in the final three minutes of play. Mostek fired a shot that the Heritage keeper saved with 2:55 left to play. Later Everett launched a long free kick that rose over the Heritage goal with only 40 seconds left.

The 3-2 loss was the closest the Eastside Lady Eagles have ever come in a loss to Heritage. The Lady Patriots now hold a 13-1-0 advantage all-time against Eastside. After the match Eastside Coach Joel Singleton said:

“Tough one for us to lose but we played hard and well enough to win. We had some missed calls that did not help but that’s part of the game. No crying. It is what it is!”.

Singleton added: “We had some good play from Kyli Greer and Lily Oftedal, two of our more soft spoken seniors, today. They had great energy and their aggressiveness on the defensive side was good to see.

It was fun to recognize the senior class and say thank you for all the work they put into our program. I’m thankful for such good kids and families to share this experience with”.

Looking forward, Singleton said: “Play-offs start Tuesday. This week’s opponents were scheduled for that reason. To help us great



Eastside senior and leading scorer Cade Coggins (24) helped lead the Eagles to a 6-1 victory over Heritage on Senior Night. Coggins assisted on a header goal and followed with a header of his own that led to a goal in the win.

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The Covington News

prepared!”

Eastside will host a first-round game against Decatur High on Tuesday at Homer Sharp Stadium. Kickoff time to be determined.

Senior Night ceremonies followed that included 2020 and 2021 Eagle soccer seniors, the 2021 golf team seniors and the 2021 Lady Eagle soccer seniors.

Coach Champ Young and the Eastside Eagles (8-6-1) squared off against the Heritage Patriots (9-7-0) next.

The Eagles wasted little time by taking a 1-0 lead 32 seconds into the match on a goal by Demba Fofana.

Fofana added a header goal to stretch the lead to 2-0. His second goal would prove to be the game-winner.

Rodney Williams scored to make it 3-0, Liam McGiboney scored on a header off a free kick from Caden Coggins to put Eastside up 4-0. Coggins followed his own header that was blocked by the Heritage keeper with a shot into the net that gave Eastside a 5-0 lead. Winston Harris scored the Eagles final goal with 8 minutes left to play. The Patriots notched their only goal to prevent the shutout 2 minutes later.

The 6-1 victory was only the second time Eastside had ever won over Heritage. The most goals the Patriots had surrendered in their previous 15 games this season was 3. This years seniors went 2-0-1 against the Patriots in 2019 (2-1), 2020 (2-2)

and 2021 (6-1). Heritage still holds a 9-2-3 advantage in the all-time series. The Patriots finished second in their region and are state playoff bound. The Eastside Eagles boys soccer team truly saved their best for last!

After the match Eastside Coach Champ Young said: “I was very proud of the boys as a whole. They came out and scored early and set the tone for the night. I told the boys before the game that we wanted people to know for sure who was the best in this area. We’ve looked up to that program for a long time and we felt that with the level of play on our schedule and our region that we would be prepared for them and the boys responded.”

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Newton County Schools Superintendent Samantha Fuhrey (right) presents a plaque to outgoing attorney Kent Campbell for his 45 years of service.

NCSS celebrates attorney’s retirement

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS
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School board members and superintendents both present and past joined other special guests at a recent reception honoring Newton County School Board attorney Kent Campbell, who is retiring with over 45 years of service to the school district.

Newton County School System Superintendent Samantha Fuhrey presented Campbell with a special plaque to commemorate his service to Newton County Schools and noted that he was, in fact, the longest serving employee of the district.

Upon accepting

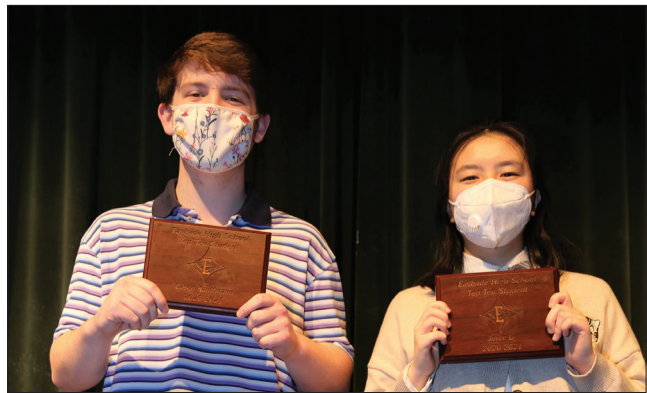
his plaque, Campbell thanked the assembled group and reminisced on his 45 years with the district, noting that it wasn’t always an easy job, but it was one that he truly enjoyed.

“Mr. Campbell has left an indelible mark on the school system that will continue to serve our students, families, and community well into the foreseeable future,” Fuhrey said.

“I am grateful for his service, support, and sound guidance over his more than 45-year career with our school system, and I wish him nothing but the best in his much-deserved retirement.”

TOP FLIGHT STUDENTS

Newton County schools announce valedictorians, salutatorians, Top-10



Pictured left, from left, are Alcovy High's salutatorian Natalia Sanchez and valedictorian Logan Dobar. Pictured top right, from left, are Eastside High's salutatorian Cason Kauffmann and valedictorian Joyce Li. Pictured bottom right, from left are Newton High's valedictorian Nathaniel “Skye” Nash and salutatorian Russell Danilchuk.

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COVINGTON, Ga. — Newton County Schools recently announced its top students from the Class of 2021.

Alcovy High School
Graduating at the top of the class are valedictorian Logan Dobar, and salutatorian Natalia Sanchez.

Rounding out the top 10 graduates in alphabetical order are Aderonke Adewumi, Aeryn Barrentine,

Morgan Hathorn, Faith Kamau, Jessica Malcolm, Brennen Reilly, Alisha Rosembert and Salimah Ziyad.

• Aderonke “Esther” Adewumi intends to major in biochemistry and molecular biology at Mercer University in the fall. She chose Roberta Axson as her favorite teacher.

• Aeryn Barrentine plans to study worship arts and sound tech at Toccoa Falls College in the fall. She chose Mack Hardwick as her favorite teacher.

• Logan Dobar — The Class of 2021 valedictorian plans to attend college in the fall to study electrical engineering. He chose Ryan Allred as his favorite teacher.

• Morgan Hathorn plans to attend college to major in biology and minor in computer science in the fall. Morgan chose Tony Brooks as her favorite teacher.

• Faith Kamau plans to major in pre-med at college in the fall. She chose Chantae Pittman as her favorite teacher.

• Jessica “Taylor” Malcolm plans on continuing her bachelor’s degree in political science at the University of West Georgia in the fall. She chose Patty Pulliam as her favorite teacher.

• Brennen Reilly intends to major in mathematics at college in the fall. He chose Joshua Cook as his favorite teacher.

• Alisha Rosembert plans to major in nursing in the fall. She chose Priscilla Waters as her favorite teacher.

• Natalia Sanchez — The Class of 2021 salutatorian plans to attend the University of Georgia in the fall. Her major is undecided at the moment but she is leaning towards a combination of math and business administration. She chose Jasmine El-Jourbagy as her favorite teacher.

• Salimah “Limah” Ziyad plans to major in sound design at college in the fall. She chose Suzanne Stokes as her favorite teacher.

Eastside High School
Graduating at the top of the class are valedictorian, Joyce Li, and salutatorian, Cason Kauffmann.

Rounding out the top 10 graduates in alphabetical order are Ziana Benjiman, Hannah Gaston, Lauren Gates, Jada Harrison, Warth Haymore, Ray Holt, Frances Prieto, and Arianna Thomas.

• Ziana Benjiman plans to attend Grinnell College in the fall on a full-ride QuestBridge National Match College Scholarship. She chose Leslie Welborn as her favorite teacher.

• Hannah Gaston plans to attend Georgia Tech in the fall and major in biochemistry. She chose Julia Chatfield as her favorite teacher.

• Lauren Gates plans to attend Clemson University in the fall and major in business. She chose Kelly Shaughnessy as her favorite teacher.

• Jada Harrison plans to attend college in the fall and major in criminal justice before attending law school. She chose Tony Brooks as her favorite teacher.

• Warth Haymore plans to attend college in the fall and study film and computer science. He chose Betsy Proffitt as his favorite teacher.

• Ray Holt plans to attend college in the fall to earn a degree in mechanical engineering. He chose Michael Poor as his favorite teacher.

• Cason Kauffmann — The Class of 2021 salutatorian plans on attending Georgia Tech in the fall to pursue a degree in mathematics. He chose Tony Chatfield as his favorite teacher.

• Joyce Li — The Class of 2021 valedictorian plans to attend Georgia Tech in the fall and major in Computer Science. She chose Eric Adams as her favorite teacher.

• Frances Prieto plans to attend the University of Georgia in the fall and major in animal science or biology. She chose David Hornbeck as her favorite teacher.

• Arianna Thomas plans to attend college in the fall and major in mathematics with a possible minor in environmental science. She chose Josh Cook as her favorite teacher.

Newton High School
Graduating at the top of the class are valedictorian Nathaniel “Skye” Nash, and salutatorian Russell Danilchuk.

Rounding out the top 10 graduates are Abigail Caceres, Iyonna Clark, Alanys Elvir-Bustillo, Julia Kolt, Zoe Mayo, Karington Perry, Alexander Simons and Jada Spillers.

• Abigail Caceres plans to attend the University of Georgia. She chose Laura Lambert as her favorite teacher.

• Iyonna Clark plans to attend Georgia Tech in the fall. She chose Duane Williams as her favorite teacher.

• Russell Danilchuk will attend Georgia Tech in the fall. He chose Ryan Allred as his favorite teacher.

• Alanys Elvir-Bustillo is attending Georgia Tech this fall. She chose Rachel Barkley as her favorite teacher.

• Julia Kolt is attending Harvey Mudd College in California this fall. She chose Jennifer Camba as her favorite teacher.

• Zoe Mayo will attend Spelman College in the fall. She chose Shundra Green as her favorite teacher.

• Nathaniel “Skye” Nash plans to attend Oxford College of Emory University. He chose Joshua Cook as his favorite teacher.

• Karington Perry will attend Elizabeth City State University in North Carolina in the fall. She chose Victoria Lockhart as her favorite teacher.


• Alexander Simons will attend Georgia Tech in the fall. He chose Jasmine El-Jourbagy as his favorite teacher.

• Jada Spillers is attending the University of Georgia this fall. She chose Vanessa Mattox as her favorite teacher.

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