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Eastside basketball clinches
playoff spot for first time since
2017; advance to Region title game

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His Word

Pure religion and
undefiled before God
and the Father is this,
To visit the fatherless
and widows in their
affliction, and to keep
himself unspotted from
the world.

James 1:27, KJV

Covington

Councilman accused of election law violations

Investigators say Henderson solicited voter fraud in 2017 municipal election; turned over to AG for prosecution

By **TAYLOR BECK**
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COVINGTON, Ga. — City Councilman Anthony Henderson and five others from Newton County could be facing criminal prosecution for violating election laws nearly four years ago.

The Georgia State Elections Board met Wednesday to hear investigators' findings from the 2017 case

involving Henderson, which resulted in the board voting to bound over Henderson among others to the State Attorney General's Office for criminal prosecution.

Henderson was elected to



Anthony Henderson

the Covington City Council in November 2017, representing Municipal Ward 3. He is the son of longtime Newton County Commissioner J.C. Henderson.

According to investigators, then-Newton County Election Supervisor Angela Mantle submitted 10 voter registrations to the Secretary of State's Office that had irregularities in October 2017,

many of which later showed direct ties to Henderson.

Upon review, investigators found that Jaquory Saxton, Larry Saxton, Caseta Marks, Arthur Holmes and Kabrea Lassiter had registered to vote in the municipal election with a city address, though they lived in the county. Mantle said she received four applicants that used 8133 Puckett St. as

their residential address and received two registrations with 7174 Puckett St. as their residential address.

Investigators contacted the listed individuals associated with the changes to the voter registrations and found eight who had their voter registration cards changed to show a new residential address in

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Former Social Circle mayor dies

Engineer served as mayor from 1979-97, was on industrial board

By **DAVID CLEMONS**
The Walton Tribune

SOCIAL CIRCLE, Ga. — Former Social Circle Mayor Frank Wade Sherrill died Thursday morning. He was 79.

Sherrill, an engineer, served as mayor from 1979-97. After his tenure, he served on the Social Circle Planning Commission and the city's Industrial Development Authority.

He later served a stint as the interim city manager of Monticello.

"We are saddened by the passing of former Social Circle Mayor Frank Sherrill," the current mayor, David Keener, said.

"Frank served as our mayor for 19 years and for the past several years has been a member of our Social Circle Development Authority. He will certainly be missed in our community."

The city named its East Hightower Trail fire station the Frank W. Sherrill Fire Station in a ceremony on Dec. 5, 1997, as he prepared to leave office.

At the time, The Walton Tribune reported more than 200 people attended a ceremony for a surprise party to honor Sherrill and two other officials whose terms were expiring, Vice Mayor Larry Coker and Councilman Luke Flowers.

Former schools Superintendent



File | The Walton Tribune

Vice Mayor Larry Coker, left and Mayor Frank Sherrill talk while looking back on their service in Social Circle, during an interview with The Walton Tribune in late 1997.

John Burks said then he remembered feeling apprehensive when Sherrill and his wife, Joyce, first came to town in the mid-1970s.

"One was a Georgia Tech graduate and the other was a young artist," Burks said. "Little did we know that the man would become one of the best mayors in Georgia."

Indeed, Sherrill served as president of the Georgia Municipal Association

in 1988, a year after he helped start the Georgia Municipal Gas Authority.

Burks said Sherrill's success was because "he included everybody at the table."

Gov. Zell Miller sent his regards for the mayor, saying he'd been a valued adviser to the state.

Sherrill was a native of Miami who

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Newton County

Coroner asks county to pay legal defense fees

By **TOM SPIGOLON**
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Coroner Dorothea Bailey-Butts says the county government needs to defend her against the county's own effort to remove her from office.

Chairman Marcello Banes confirmed that Bailey-Butts recently asked the county to pay for "an attorney of my choice" to defend her against "these baseless claims" of misconduct during her first 29 days in office as coroner.

County Manager Lloyd Kerr asked in a Jan. 29 petition to the Georgia Coroners Training Council that Bailey-Butts be removed from office because of a series of alleged incidents that showed she was incapable of performing its duties.

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Dorothea Bailey-Butts

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• Sunny and clear.

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Confederate Statue Saga

Appeal hearing on ruling allowing statue removal set for April

By TOM SPIGOLON
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COVINGTON, Ga. — A tentative hearing date has been set for a state appeals court to hear arguments on a judge’s September ruling favoring the county government’s planned removal of a Confederate monument from the Covington Square.

The Georgia Court of Appeals has told county government attorneys that oral arguments in the case tentatively will be heard April 13 in Atlanta, attorneys confirmed.

However, court officials said they would send the final, scheduled date to them sometime before April 13.

Meanwhile, one of the plaintiffs seeking to halt the removal of the “To the Confederate Dead of Newton County” statue from the Covington Square is raising funds for the effort through an auction and an online fund-raising site.

Tiffany Humphries said on a virtual news conference Thursday, Feb. 18, that she planned an auction of a 30-inch by 40-inch photo of the 114-year-old statue to raise money



File | The Covington News

Newton commissioners voted 3-2 on July 14, 2020, to bring down the 114-year-old Confederate monument from the Square.

for attorney’s fees in her effort to overturn the ruling for the county in Newton County Superior Court.

She said she planned an event Sunday, Feb. 21, from 1 to 5 p.m. at Five O’Clock Sports Bar & Grill on Turner Lake Road that will include the auction.

Humphries’ attorney, Walker Chandler, also began a fundraiser on the

crowdfunding website GiveSendGo.com.

The Newton County Board of Commissioners voted on July 14 to remove the monument despite Humphries’ filing of an injunction to halt the board’s action the day before.

Local and state Sons of Confederate Veterans groups filed similar injunctions soon after the board’s vote.

Ott then presided over a hearing in late July on the two groups’ requests and told county officials he did not want the statue removed until after all appeals had been exhausted in the case.

On Sept. 14, he dismissed the complaints from Humphries and the Confederate Veterans groups.

The judge wrote that Humphries and the Confederate Veterans groups failed to show in their filings they had legal standing to seek damages from the county because of the planned removal.

Ott said neither proved they suffered “actual damages” — defined as being injured in a “concrete” way

rather than in an “abstract” way, such as affecting their belief in a cause or religion.

“Even were the Confederate Monument removed, it is questionable if the petitioners would have standing,” he wrote.

Ott also wrote that the two groups claimed a 2019 state law gave them legal standing to sue for damages despite there being no damages.

The law also removed a provision allowing injunctions against a local government for such actions, he said.

The 2019 law was an amendment to existing law that added requirements local governments must meet before they could remove memorials to fallen soldiers in any past war.

Humphries’ attorney, Walker Chandler, said Thursday, Feb. 18, he believed there are issues on which his client has valid arguments for throwing out Ott’s decision and keeping the statue in place.

“We think we have a right to ask injunctive relief,” Chandler said.

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OBITUARIES

Kevin Andrew McLoughlin

Peachtree Cremation

Kevin Andrew McLoughlin, 48, of Covington, Georgia, passed away, January 28, 2021, after a brief battle with cancer. He was born in Bethel Park, Pennsylvania, to Kevin Patrick and Mary Ann (Lapinski) McLoughlin. Kevin was a loving son, brother, uncle and friend, and will be greatly missed by all who love him. Growing up in Dunwoody,

Georgia, Kevin enjoyed playing sports and skateboarding. Kevin graduated from Dunwoody High School in 1990. Afterwards, he attended Southern Polytechnic State University in Marietta, Georgia. Kevin held several positions in Hydraulic Repairs and Sales. Kevin moved to Covington,



ton, Georgia, as a young adult. He enjoyed decorating his house for Halloween and Christmas.

Kevin’s hobbies included biking, kayaking, swimming, and hiking. He would often enjoy these activities with friends from a Conyers Meetup Group.

Kevin was a big fan of the Atlanta Falcons, Pittsburgh Steelers, and the Atlanta United. He volunteered directing the floats at the Saint

Patrick’s Day Parade, as well as the Children’s Health Care of Atlanta Christmas Parade.

Kevin was preceded in death by his father, Kevin Patrick McLoughlin. He is survived by his mother, Mary Ann McLoughlin of Dunwoody; sisters and brothers-in-law, Mary Elizabeth and Thomas Wood of Atlanta, Catherine Susanne and Ken Robin of Duluth; brother and sister-in-law, John Patrick and Melissa

McLoughlin of Dunwoody; several nieces, nephews, cousins, and uncles.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Kevin’s name to the American Kidney Fund.

A Private Memorial Service will be held at a later date. Condolences may be made at www.peachtreecremation.com.

William R. Snipes

Caldwell & Cowan Funeral Home

William R. Snipes “Bill”, of Thomaston, Georgia, passed away Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at the age of 91. He was born February 1, 1930, in Wilkinston County, Georgia, and spent much of his youth in Charleston, South Carolina, and San Francisco, California and lived most of his adult life in Covington, Georgia.

A graduate of Mount Berry High School, in Rome, Georgia, he was poet laureate of his graduating class. Mr. Snipes was a veteran of the United States Army, having served in post WWII Germany during the Korean Conflict. He was a weaver at Covington Mills before moving on to the General Motors plant in Doraville, Georgia, eventually becoming an inspector for GM for 30 years until his retire-

ment. He was a man of many talents including woodworking, upholstery, piano tuning, mechanics, and music. He played several instruments including piano, accordion, and harmonica. He was preceded in death by his parents, Herbert M. and Mattie Dee (Barlar) Snipes; his wife, Charlene Snipes; his brother, Milton Snipes; his sister, Kay Roseberry Casey; his grandson, Tony Jackson; and his

great-grandchildren, Chloe Dennington and Caden Simonton.

Survivors include his daughters, Norma Smith of Oxford, DeeDee Reeder of Duluth; his son, Bob Snipes (Marian) of Social Circle; his brother, George Snipes of Centre, Alabama; his sister, Lenora Snipes of Georgia; his grandchildren, Michael Jackson of Porterdale, Joshua Jackson of Covington, Greg Dennington of

Springfield, Ohio, Man-di Simonton of Oxford, George Snipes of Canton, Robert Snipes of Lilburn, Patrick Snipes of Covington, Brandon Turner of Charleston, South Carolina, Bryce Turner of Pensacola, Florida, Jake Reynolds of Duluth, and Phoebe Reeder of Duluth; 15 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. He will be remembered as a loving son, father, grandfather, and brother.

A Graveside Service for Mr. Snipes was held Friday, February 19, 2021, 2:00 P.M., at Lawnwood Memorial Park, 1111 Access Road, in Covington, with Pastor Brandon Stanley officiating.

This obituary was prepared with love and affection by Mr. Snipe’s family.

Visit www.caldwellandcowan.com to place online condolences.

Mary “Quigg” Davis Piper

J.C. Harwell & Son Funeral Home

Mrs. Mary “Quigg” Davis Piper was born on March 16, 1925 and departed this life on February 15, 2021. Quigg was the eldest child, the only daughter of Mr. Harry Quigg Davis and Mrs. Agnes McClure Davis who have preceded her in death. She has also been preceded in death by her husband Charles Piper, her brothers Harry and Bill Davis, her eldest daughter Bonnie Davis and her

son-in-law Garth Whitsitt.

Quigg’s life, by account of all who knew her well, was full, blessed and beautiful as any life could be. In her almost 96 years she lived life to the fullest. Her family always came first and she amply demonstrated this throughout her life. Her value as a person and one who could be counted upon was beyond question. Cooking was a pleasure for her as it meant a gathering of those she loved. No one could make better candied yams or cornbread dressing.

Besides being a loving figure to all of her family, Quigg was a clever business woman who owned and operated Pi-Jon Petroleum in Covington for many years. No matter the demands of work and family, she found time to travel and enjoy the game of golf, at which she was a capable competitor.

Quigg leaves many to appreciate and remember her life, her daughters Jennifer Hudson (Felton) and Deborah Whitsitt of Covington, her grandchildren Jeff Bruno, Michael Bruno, Brad Bruno,

Shelly Bruno Holifield, Paige Oftedal, Spencer Hudson, Megan Whitsitt, as well as 12 great grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild. She will be missed and remembered by all who were privileged to know her.

A graveside service for Mrs. Piper will be held at Lawnwood Memorial Park Cemetery on Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 2:30 pm with Reverend Jan McCoy officiating. J.C Harwell & Son Funeral Home will be handling the arrangements for Mrs. Piper.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic all CDC requirements will be followed. There is a limit of 50 people at any large gathering, social distancing must be recognized, the use of mask is encouraged, and most importantly if you feel sick or have any symptoms of COVID-19 you will not be allowed to attend the service. Please be respectful of the family during this difficult time and follow the requirements of the CDC.

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Municipal Ward 3 of Covington. Two of the electors, Lasseeter and Holmes, stated they were told by Henderson that “they could use a former address to register so they could vote for candidates running in the Municipal Post 3 election in the Nov. 7, 2017, election.” Jaquory Saxton and Larry Saxton stated they were also instructed by Henderson of which residence to list on their voter registration so they could vote in the same election. Demetrius Darty and James Huff claimed that Henderson assisted them with registering to vote but did not know their residential address would be changed to a false address. Jamonte Smith was not aware his voter registration was changed, investigators said. Six of the electors voted in the

election, even though they knew they did not reside in the city, according to investigators. Henderson originally told investigators he would meet with them at his attorney’s office, but apparently never returned their calls, investigators said. Henderson also did not immediately respond to The Covington News request for comment. Investigators recommended the State Election Board to bound over Henderson to the Attorney General’s Office for prosecution of two counts of violating OCGA 21-2-562 (fraudulent entries; unlawful alteration or destruction of entries; unlawful removal of documents; neglect or refusal to deliver documents) and a single count of violating OCGA 21-2-604 (criminal solicitation to

commit election fraud; penalties). Investigators also recommended Jaquory Saxton, Larry Saxton, Marks, Holmes and Lassiter be bound over for criminal prosecution for violating OCGA 21-2-562 and OCGA 21-2-571 (voting by unqualified elector or giving false information). Violations of all three election laws cited are considered felonies. Guilty parties are subject to significant penalties including jail time. A spokesman for the Georgia Secretary of State’s Office said most would plead out, but the ones who don’t are typically referred to the District Attorney’s Office and Superior Court. The State Election Board considered 62 cases during its Wednesday meeting, but this was one of the few

— maybe the only one — in which there appeared to be actual intent to commit election fraud. A woman bearing the same name as Casetra Marks contacted The Covington News shortly after the news broke. She said she didn’t know anything about the allegations and said it must be a different Casetra Marks. The woman said she currently lives in the East Ward but did live at Magnolia Heights Apartments in 2017, located in the West Ward. Newton County Elections Supervisor Angela Davis confirmed to The News that there is only one Casetra Marks registered to vote in Newton County. She said records showed Marks had voted on Oct. 17, 2017, during Covington’s municipal election.

APPEAL:

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“That doesn’t even call for actual damages.” Sons of Confederate Veterans attorney Kyle King said the order was

“contrary to law and the evidence” after he filed the groups’ appeal with the state court. County Chairman Marcello Banes

said in September that Ott determined “our legal argument was sound and just” and the Board of Commissioners stood by its July 14

decision to remove the statue. Banes has called for replacing the statue with a fountain with a “One Newton” theme.

OBITUARIES

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Sara M. Williams
J.C. Harwell & Son Funeral Home
Mrs. Sara M. Williams, age 90, a lifelong resident of Newton County passed away Tuesday, February 16, 2021. She was born June 12, 1930 to her parents Dewey and Pansy Ewing Mann who have preceded her in death. Mrs. Williams was a longtime member of Allen Memorial United Methodist Church where she was active in the Young at Heart. She retired from Belk’s Department Store; she enjoyed cooking, sewing, and her favorite pastime was visiting

with family and friends. Mrs. Williams was a wonderful caregiver and volunteered at the Community Food Pantry at Turner Lake for a number of years. Along with her parents she was preceded in death by her husband Garland Williams. Mrs. Williams is survived by her son Tim Williams (Brenda), her daughter Cathy Allen, her grandchildren Trent Williams, Mandi Hood (Bobby), Stacey Duren, Kim Houghton (Chris), Bryne Duren, Daniel (Leigh Ellen) Allen, and David Allen her great grandchildren Lydia, Katie,

Ludie, Noah, and Robert, her brother-in-law Bryon Williams (Mary Alice) along with a host of other family and close friends. Graveside services for Mrs. Williams will be held at 2 o’clock Saturday, February 20, 2021 at Oxford Historical Cemetery with Reverend Natalie Faulkner officiating. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Allen Memorial United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 117, Oxford, GA 30054. J.C. Harwell and Son Funeral Home, TE

Davis Funeral Services, 2157 East Street, SE, Covington, GA 30014. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic all CDC requirements will be followed. There is a limit of 50 people at any large gathering, social distancing must be recognized, the use of mask is encouraged, and most importantly if you feel sick or have any symptoms of COVID-19 you will not be allowed to attend the service. Please be respectful of the family during this difficult time and follow the requirements of the CDC.

George Leon Cohen
Sauls Funeral Home

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of George Leon Cohen on February 9, 2021. George, 90, was a devoted family man who also led a distinguished legal career. George Leon Cohen was born June 20, 1930 at Emory University Hospital in Atlanta, GA to Callie Harrison Cohen and Leon (Big Hap) Cohen of Covington, Georgia. Growing up in the small town of Covington, George spent his childhood working in the family clothing store, known to locals as Cohen’s. George graduated from Covington High School in 1947 as valedictorian of his class. After high school, George attended the Virginia Military Institute where he graduated first in his class in 1951. VMI figured prominently in George’s life as he continued to attend VMI reunions with his brother rats well into his 80s. George married Jacqueline (Jackie) Edwards, a Virginia native who attended nearby

Mary Baldwin College, in 1951. After a brief tour in the Air Force, George enrolled in the University of Virginia Law School, where he graduated first in his class in 1955. Following graduation from law school, George, Jackie, and their newborn son, George (Hap) Leon Cohen, Jr. moved from Virginia back to Georgia where George began his law practice with Sutherland Asbill and Brennan. (now Eversheds Sutherland) as an associate, where he remained until his retirement in 2017 as a senior partner. George and Jackie welcomed their second son, Gardner Edwards, who was born in Atlanta in 1958. During a law career that spanned 7 decades, George contributed significantly to both firm and industry leadership roles. George led Sutherland’s Corporate Practice Group for many years and served on the firm’s Executive Committee and as Executive Partner. As a young lawyer, his expertise and leadership were frequently sought

outside the firm. In 1968 and 1969, he chaired the Georgia State Bar’s Section of Corporation and Banking Law, and sat on the Section’s committee that undertook the complete revision of Georgia’s corporation laws in the late 1960’s. He was instrumental in drafting the Georgia Business Corporation Code that was adopted in 1969, revisiting it two decades later in 1989 when he chaired the committee responsible for the code’s comprehensive revision. George’s influence in the legal world was felt well beyond the state of Georgia. From 1983-1989 George served as a member of the Business Law Section of the American Bar Association’s Corporate Laws Committee that drafted the Revised Model Business Corporation Act. And from 1981-1992, he advised the American Law Institute’s project, “Principles of Corporate Governance: Analysis and Recommendations.” In November 2004, George married Martha (Marty) Daniels,

longtime Hilton Head neighbor. The two split their time among Connecticut, New York, Atlanta, and Hilton Head visiting friends and family. An avid lover of sailing and nature, he held a particular affection for birds, frequently sailing out to the sandbar off the beach on Hilton Head in search of his favorite shore bird, Black Skimmers. Devoted to his intricate network of outside feeders and a skilled bird-caller, George began many mornings on Hilton Head by presenting a dish of wriggling mealworms to the local bluebirds, who had come to expect their hearty feast when he whistled to them from the porch. A tireless and generous host, few things gave him more pleasure than entertaining his family and friends, particularly when it came to his passion for grilling his oft imitated, but never duplicated, cedar plank salmon. George also enjoyed preparing BBQ favorites, Brunswick stew and pulled pork, and was always

experimenting with different sauces of varying spiciness. George died peacefully in his sleep near his beloved home of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, which long served as a relaxing retreat and his fulltime home in retirement. Predeceased by his first wife, Jacqueline Edwards Cohen in 2001, his younger son, Gardner Edwards Cohen in 2007, brother Philip Cohen in 2003, and nephew Lee Cohen in 2007. George is survived by his wife Martha Daniels Cohen,

his eldest son George L. (Hap) Cohen Jr. and wife Shuli Fu Cohen, stepchildren, Tim Daniels and wife Claire von Schilling and Doug Daniels, grandchildren Richard Cohen and wife Nicole, Michael Cohen and wife Leah, and Wyatt Daniels, great-grandchildren, Leighton Cohen, Delaney Cohen, and Gray Cohen, nephew, Phil Cohen and his fiancée Linda, and son-in-law Joe Leung and husband Drew Stamps.

Virginia Jenkins McAllister
Lord & Stephens Funeral Home East
Virginia “Gigi” Tye Jenkins Gafford McAllister, 77, died peacefully in Colbert, GA. Gigi was born in Atlanta, Ga to Charles and Hortense Jenkins. She graduated from Emory University. Gigi is survived by her

daughters, Elizabeth (Norman) Hicks of Colbert, GA, Denyse (Adrian) Hurst of Boone, NC, and her granddaughters Jamie Rose Hicks, Amelia Grace Hicks, and Sophia Elizabeth Hurst. A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Gigi’s name to May Wildlife Center, 191 Main St. CPO 3779, Banner Elk, NC 28604. Lord and Stephens Funeral Home, EAST, Athens, GA, is in charge of arrangements. www.lordandstephens.com



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OPINIONS

The Covington News

David Carroll columnist

Bouquets for the living

Recently I was honored to deliver the eulogy for my uncle, Owen Norris of Ider, Alabama. He was a child of the Great Depression. He learned how to build and fix things out of necessity, he served our country in a MASH unit in Korea, and he started his own business. He raised a great family, traveled the world, helped his neighbors, was an expert woodworker, a believer, an athlete, and a great storyteller. That's the short version of an incredible 90-year life. (If you would like to read my full tribute, send me an email.)



Despite his declining health, Uncle Owen was sharp as a tack until the very end. We knew the end was near, and we told that we loved him, face to face. He appreciated that, and returned our love many times over. I am glad he went to his eternal home knowing he was loved.

Baseball's true home run king, Henry "Hank" Aaron knew he was loved too. In the decades since he hung up his cleats, countless Braves fans told him how much he meant to them. I was lucky to be among them. When he died last month at age 87, I renewed my efforts to con-

vince the bank that owns the naming rights at the Braves stadium to name the field in his honor.

That could happen soon, as the bank yields to fan pressure to honor "Hank" in a proper way. The bank had ample time to do that during his lifetime, but chose not to do so. When they finally do the right thing, I will be there to cheer for this American hero, but I will be sad that the ceremony will not include Mr. Aaron himself.

As we "baby boomers" age, we are sadly saying goodbye to the entertainers, political figures, athletes, and role models we admired. In the age of COVID, we have been doing so at an alarming rate.

In recent weeks and months, we have lost 100-year-old George Shultz, who fought in World War II, and served three different presidents in four cabinet posts, helping to bring the Cold War to an end.

Also, we have said farewell to a full baseball team of Hall of Fame players: Don Sutton, a durable pitcher who became a popular Braves announcer; the ageless Braves knuckleball pitcher Phil Niekro, who always made time for fans; Bob Gibson of the Cardinals, the most fearsome fastball pitcher of his era; his teammate Lou Brock, one of our great base stealers; Joe Mor-

gan of the Big Red Machine, Tom Seaver of the Amazin' Mets; Tommy Lasorda of the Dodgers, who was one of the game's best managers and goodwill ambassadors, and a Country Music Hall of Famer, Charley Pride, who played minor league ball for the Dodgers.

We have also said goodbye to a Who's Who of entertainment figures: the great actress Cicely Tyson, who was 96; the master interviewer Larry King; the world-class actor Hal Holbrook, who was still doing his one-man Mark Twain stage show four years ago at the age of 91; Regis Philbin, one of the best live broadcasters of all time; and the "Jeopardy" game master Alex Trebek, who showed us it was cool to be smart.

This avalanche of notable departures is by no means complete. So rather than wait until it's too late, here are a few familiar names who are still with us, who have earned my eternal respect and admiration.

Carol Burnett will soon turn 88. She doesn't even need a script to make us laugh. She can do it simply by answering questions from the audience.

Betty White just turned 99. She was a legend even before "The Golden Girls" transformed her into a national treasure.

Bob Barker is 97. Anyone

who knows me can tell you, he has been my idol since I learned to talk. I'm still trying to be as smooth as Bob. Spoiler alert: it's not gonna happen.

Charles Osgood is 88. I'm still trying to be as good a writer as "Charlie." That won't happen either.

Dick Van Dyke is 95. Never has there been a more graceful comedian. The Kennedy Center is honoring him this year. A bit overdue, don't you think?

Herb Alpert. Bob Newhart. Angela Lansbury. Sidney Poitier. Tony Bennett. Jerry Lee Lewis. Clint Eastwood. Norman Lear. Mel Brooks. Berry Gordy.

Here's to all of you, and so many others for your remarkable longevity, and for enriching our lives.

One final note on bouquets for the living. As I write this, there is talk of a permanent honor for Dolly Parton at the Tennessee State Capitol. Of course, one state representative is concerned about this, because she is still alive. Not me. I agree with Snuffy Smith. "Time's a wastin'!" Why wait?

David Carroll, a Chattanooga news anchor and author. You may contact him at radiotv2020@yahoo.com.

Taylor Beck editor and publisher

Happy to call Newton my home

Tuesday afternoon, my wife and I walked out of the McMichael and Gray attorneys' office in Conyers with four things — three of which we didn't expect.

The first was a new set of keys to our new home located in New-



ton County, just off Rocky Plains Road. Since moving here in June 2020, we hoped to be in our new home a few months ago, but you know, thanks, COVID-19.

We couldn't have been more grateful to work with one of the best realtors around in Tami Moody of Coldwell Banker. She literally made the entire process feel like a breeze, though some days, through no fault of her own, it likened more to a tropical storm. We were not only thankful her excellent real estate skills, but we were also humbled by her friendship that I hope will last a lifetime.

So, in one hand was a set of keys. Bagged up in the other hand, I held — you guessed it — a loaf of banana nut bread, a box of chocolates, an umbrella and a Bible.

Oh, you didn't guess that? Well, I wouldn't have either.

The unexpected, symbolic gifts were from our builder, Floyd Lance of Castle Home Builder in Newton County. The kind gentleman told us the gifts were a play on the thoughtful George Bailey in the film, "It's A Wonderful Life." (Truth be told, I've never seen the film but certainly plan to now.)

"Mr. Bailey gave Mr. Martini a closing gift when he moved him into his new home," Lance told us. "We aren't able to help you move you into your new home, but we give you this bread to say, 'May you always have food on your table.' We give you chocolates so that life will always be sweet in your new home; the Bible so that the Lord and Spirit of God may always reign in your new home; and an umbrella to remind you we'll always have you covered."

Mr. Lance's kindness was a direct reflection of the warm reception that my family and I have received since moving to Newton County, and it's why we look forward to calling this place home for a very long time.

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

Chris Bridges columnist

Time for both sides to move forward

The second impeachment trial of former president Donald Trump is history and it's time to put his four years in the White House in the rear-view mirror as well.



Whether you supported Trump or thought he was the worst president in the history of our country (he wasn't), enough is enough. A new president has taken office and to be honest this most recent impeachment trial was nothing

more than political grandstanding.

Even with seven Republicans joining Democrats, it was not enough for conviction nor should it have been. People have to take responsibility for their own actions. If someone walks up to me and says "Hey you, go rob that bank" and I do it, then it is my fault.

There is much Trump can be criticized for. However, does anyone really believe he wanted the US Capitol damaged or that he wanted a police officer killed? I don't and if you are honest with yourself then you don't either.

The bottom line in all of this is how can you impeach a president when he is no longer the president. That question is common sense although you are hard-pressed to find much common sense among the two major political parties these days.

Democrats have what they want. President Trump was defeated in his re-election bid. If this second impeachment fiasco was a move simply to prevent him from running again in 2024, it was a dumb move.

It should be up to American voters who wins the White House. Trump has served one term as president and, as such, as the right to run again. A few weeks ago, the case could easily be made he would run again. Now, I'm not so sure.

The actions surrounding the citizen raid of the US Capitol caused a good bit of damage to President Trump's reputation. There were plenty of conservative leaning lawmakers who did not blindly take up for him after this. Perhaps if they had not blindly followed him the previous

four years then things would not have broken down to this degree.

The Trump presidency will be looked upon in 100 years as a baffling thing. It's baffling in many ways now, but when future historians study it after we are all gone from this mortal rock, they are going to have questions about how he was ever elected to begin with.

It was certainly a campaign for the history books in 2016. Democrats were determined to make Hillary Clinton their nominee and did so by hook or crook. This opened the door for Trump. I will always believe had Hillary not been the nominee, then Trump would have never been elected.

One good thing the 2016 election did was that it closed the book on Hillary Clinton ever being president.

As interesting note in recent days showed how some conservatives are wanting to form a new political party that does not go meekly behind Donald Trump. I'm all for new political parties but what's ironic about this move is that those behind this so-called new party will get to experience first-hand how tough it is to overcome

the strict ballot access laws in this country that they helped create.

As a whole, Democrats and Republicans have failed this country so often, one has to wonder why they continue to have so much support. It doesn't have to be that way.

Even as recent as the 2020 presidential election, there was another party whose candidate was on the ballot in all 50 states. That candidate and party barely made a blip on the radar screen.

The petty back-and-forth between those who support one side of the two-headed monster will only continue if voters let it continue. To this point, voters have shown no signs of putting a stop to it.

To quote a classic rock song, "How often times it happens, that we live our lives in chains and we never even know we have the key."

Chris Bridges is a former sports editor for The Walton Tribune and The Covington News. You can email comments about this column to pchrisbridges@gmail.com.

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NEWTON COUNTY
Family Connection has an immediate opening for a **Drug Free Communities (DFC) Project Coordinator**. The DFC Project Coordinator will work with Family Connection leadership to: (a) engage and collaborate with youth, community partners, businesses, and key stakeholders to manage a coalition that prevents youth substance abuse, (b) educate through innovative community engagement, (c) develop, implement, and evaluate evidence-based programs to reduce and prevent youth substance use, and (d) assist in identifying ways to sustain prevention programming through networking, presentations, and research.

QUALIFICATIONS:
BACHELORS' degree in Public Health, Social Work, or other Human Services field or equivalent experience in the field of prevention or health and human services to ensure required skills and knowledge.

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LEGALS

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Abandoned Vehicles

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PUBLIC NOTICE #119954
2/21,28

Bids

THE CITY of Covington, Georgia is seeking a qualified aviation consulting firm to provide **PROFESSIONAL PLANNING**, engineering, architectural, and construction administration services in connection with the Airport Capital Improvement Plan at the Covington Municipal Airport (KCVV) in Covington, Georgia.

IT IS the intent of the City of Covington to enter into a multi-year Master Agreement with a consultant for the upcoming five (5) year period. The selected consultant will negotiate and enter into individual sub-agreements for services, based on the scope of work, with the City of Covington on an assignment-by-assignment basis during the term of the Master Agreement. The selection of the consultant is being done in accordance with FAA Advisory Circular 150/5100-14E and applicable Georgia statutes and laws. Responding firms must possess a current pre-qualification by the Georgia Department of Transportation in Area Classes No. 1.08 Airport Master Planning and No. 2.09 Aviation.

SEALED PROPOSALS must be delivered to City Hall, 2194 Emory Street NW, Covington, GA 30014, Attn: Purchasing Department, no later than 10:00am on Tuesday, March 16, 2021.

REQUEST FOR Bids/Proposals 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 proposals.

PUBLIC NOTICE #119958
2/21,28

Citations

CITATION

CALEIGH RYANNA Hegwood has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **Kelly Alan Hegwood**, 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 **March 1, 2021**.

next, at ten o'clock a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #118817
01/31-2/7,14,21

CITATION

CODY G. STRATTON has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **GARY LEE STRATTON**, 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 **March 1, 2021**, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #118839
01/31-2/7,14,21

CITATION

DANA L. BRYANS has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **DONALD WAYNE PICKENS**, 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 **March 1, 2021**, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #118837
01/31-2/7,14,21

CITATION

DAVID BOYLE has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **ROBERT FRED TAYLOR**, 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 **March 1, 2021**, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

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BY: MARCIA Wynne, Clerk
PROBATE COURT
NEWTON COUNTY, Georgia

PUBLIC NOTICE #118865
01/31-2/7,14,21

CITATION

DAVID BROADNAX has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **EDD JUNIOR BROADNAX**, 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 **March 1, 2021**, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

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PROBATE COURT
NEWTON COUNTY, Georgia

PUBLIC NOTICE #118867
01/31-2/7,14,21

CITATION

DEBRA ANN PETTY has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **JAMES MICHAEL PETTY, SR.**, deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in **O.C.G.A 53-12-232**). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objection must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before **March 1, 2021**, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

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BY: MARCIA Wynne, Clerk
PROBATE COURT
NEWTON COUNTY, Georgia

PUBLIC NOTICE #118862
01/31-2/7,14,21

CITATION

DEMARCUS D. SALAUGHTER has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **HORACE SLAUGHTER, JR.**, deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in **O.C.G.A 53-12-232**). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objection must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before **March 1, 2021**, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #118863
01/31-2/7,14,21

CITATION

DENISE BOSTIC has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **Patrick Wayne Bostic**, 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 **March 1, 2021**, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

MELANIE M. Bell, Judge
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PROBATE COURT
NEWTON COUNTY, Georgia

PUBLIC NOTICE #117769
01/31-2/7,14,21

CITATION

DONALD COGAR, JR. has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **VICKY FOUCHE COGAR**, 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 **March 1, 2021**, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #118868
01/31-2/7,14,21

CITATION

ELMER HOKE Blankenship and Gregory Trent Blankenship has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **Timothy Lee Blankenship**, 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 **March 1, 2021**, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

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BY: MARCIA Wynne, Clerk
PROBATE COURT
NEWTON COUNTY, Georgia

PUBLIC NOTICE #118814
01/31-2/7,14,21

CITATION

JOHN KEVIN HANEY has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **JOHN WILLIAM HANEY III**, 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 **March 1, 2021**, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #118836
01/31-02/7,14,21

CITATION

KIMBERLY BENTON Corbett has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **Shirley Benton Lee**, 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 **March 1, 2021**, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #117782
01/31,02/7,14,21

CITATION

MARCIA ELAINE Gayle has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **Ian Anthony Gayle**, 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 **March 1, 2021**, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #118809
01/31-2/7,14,21

CITATION

PENNY THRASHER Franklin has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **Willie Gene Thrasher**, 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 **March 1, 2021**, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #118816
01/31-2/7,14,21

CITATION

RE: ESTATE of Dorothy Ann

Williams, Deceased

TRAVONNE LYNN Walker Executor has petitioned to be discharged from Office and all Liability. All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause as to why said petition should not be granted. All objections must be in writing and filed with this Court on or before March 1, 2021, at ten o'clock a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #119917
2/14,21,28-3/7

CITATION

RE: ESTATE ofEDDIE VESTER MAUGHON, Deceased

CHRISTIE OZBURN Executor has petitioned to be discharged from Office and all Liability. All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause as to why said petition should not be granted. All objections must be in writing and filed with this Court on or before March 1, 2021, at ten o'clock a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #119918
2/14,21,28-3/7

CITATION

THE PETITION of JERRY EUGENE DENNEY widow of **CONNIE CHARLENE DENNEY**, 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 MARCH 1, 2021, next at ten o'clock a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #118866
1/31,2/7,14,21

CITATION

THE PETITION of REBECCA J. TAYLOR widow of **ROBERT FRED TAYLOR**, 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 MARCH 1, 2021, next at ten o'clock a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #118866
1/31,2/7,14,21

CITATION

THE PETITION of VALDIE G. LURCH widow of **JAQUELINE GLORIA LURCH a/k/a JACKIE LURCH**, 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 MARCH 1, 2021, next at ten o'clock a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #118866
1/31,2/7,14,21

Corporations

"NOTICE IS given that Articles of Dissolution for **CAPES WAREHOUSE, INC.** have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Business Corporation Code. The registered office of the corporation is PO Box 589, 2120 Washington Street, Covington, Georgia, 30014-0589, and the registered agent at such address is the Estate of Jerry Capes.

PUBLIC NOTICE #119922
2/14,21,28-3/7

Debtors Creditors

ALL CREDITORS of the estate of **Peggy Lou Humphreys**, late of Newton County, deceased, 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:

NAME OF Executor:
KELLY RENEE McCormick

EXECUTOR'S ADDRESS:
KELLY RENEE McCormick
C/O SHANNON D. Sneed
ATTORNEY AT Law
P.O. BOX 1245
COVINGTON, GA 30015

THIS 1ST day of February, 2021.

PUBLIC NOTICE #118884
02/7,14,21,28

NOTICE OF DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

ALL CREDITORS of the Estate of **Tim Lawson Robinson**, late of Newton County, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are required

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TO MAKE immediate payment.

THIS 3RD, day of February, 2021

CRISTI ROBINSON
9055 PRESTIGE Lane
GAINESVILLE, GA 30506

PUBLIC NOTICE #119928
2/14,21,28-3/7

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of MARY L. WOOD, 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 February, 2021. Steven A. Wood, 1431 Madison St, Grayson, GA 30017.
PUBLIC NOTICE #118885
02/7,14,21,28

NOTICE TO Debtors and Creditors

ALL CREDITORS of the estate of Lisa Marie Herman late of Newton County, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.

THIS 21ST day of January, 2021
NAME: WILLIAM D. Carter, Jr.
TITLE: ATTORNEY for Estate
ADDRESS: 45 Technology Pkwy S, Suite 240, Peachtree Corners, GA 30092

PUBLIC NOTICE #118843
01/31-2/7,14,21

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of BOBBY LEE SMITH, 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 27TH day of January, 2021.

DENNIS R. SMITH
120 SHEPHERD DR
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #119908
2/14,21,28-3/7

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of BRANDACE LESLIE, 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 9TH day of February, 2021.

CHERYL B. HILL
303 SALEM GLEN WAY
CONYERS, GA 30013

PUBLIC NOTICE #119939
2/14,21,28-3/7

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of BRANDON L. COOK., 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 27TH day of January, 2021.

DEBORAH COOK
480 HINTON CHASE PARKWAY
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #119907
2/14,21,28-3/7

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of CAROLE WEEKS PRATT., 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 February, 2021.

SUSAN P. MITCHELL
P.O. BOX 229
MONTICELLO, GA 31064

PUBLIC NOTICE #119912
2/14,21,28-3/7

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of DALTON LLOYD KNOX., 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 2ND day of February, 2021.

MELISSA MCCARTHY
3701 DIXIE RD
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #119913
2/14,21,28-3/7

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of JOHN FORREST COLLINS., 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 2 ND day of February, 2021.

KRITA A. COLLINS
890 BETHANY RD
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #119909
02/14,21,28-3/7

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND

CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of JOYCE O. DYAR., 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 20TH day of January, 2021.

WANDA CHATHAM
243 BINGHAM ROAD SW
CARTERSVILLE GA 30120

PUBLIC NOTICE #119915
2/14,21,28-3/7

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of KENNETH DAVID POPE., 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 9TH day of February, 2021.

WANDA POPE
846 CAMPBELL RD
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #119938
2/14,21,28-3/7

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of LARRY RAY DELAMAR., deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.

THIS THE 29TH day of January, 2021.

BOBBIE A. DELAMAR
241 CROWELL RD
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #119911
2/14,21,28-3/7

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of LORRAINE M. RICHARDSON., 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 January, 2021.

CATRICE JONES-MYERS
7566 PETAL PLACE
FAIRBURN GA, 30213

PUBLIC NOTICE #118840
01/31-2/7,14,21

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of MARCELLA JOHNSON AUGURSON., 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 20TH day of January, 2021.

KARLA AUGURSON
80 FIELDSTONE LANE
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #118835
01/31-2/7,14,21

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of MARGARET JENNE ADAMS., deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.

THIS THE 29TH day of January, 2021.

TIMOTHY ADAMS
P.O. BOX 1026
COVINGTON, GA 30015

PUBLIC NOTICE #119910
2/14,21,28-3/7

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of MARY ANN FUCHS., 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 2ND day of February, 2021.

DIANA M. WRIGHT
1200 SKYLINE DR
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #119916
2/14,21,28-3/7

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of ROBERT ARNOLD SILL., 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 January, 2021.

LETA MCWATERS SILL
1580 RIVER COVE RD
SOCIAL CIRCLE, GA 30025

PUBLIC NOTICE #118841
01/31-2/7,14,21

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of RUTH KIMBLE CURTIS., deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.

THIS THE 19TH day of January, 2021.

CREDITORS

LOUISE ELAINE CURTIS
GILBERT
476 W MACEDONIA CHURCH RD
OXFORD, GA 30054

PUBLIC NOTICE #118838
01/31-2/7,14,21

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of SONYA SIMONE HARPER JOHNSON, 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 9TH day of February, 2021.

DERWIN DAVIS
P.O. BOX 82870
CONYERS, GA 30013

PUBLIC NOTICE #119940
2/14,21,28-3/7

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of THOMAS CHILES CRENSHAW 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 2ND day of February, 2021.

MARY C. LASETER
4141 DORCHESTER DR. SE
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #119914
2/14,21,28-3/7

Divorces

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

DEMETRIUS JULIAO
PLAINTIFF,

-VS-
TONNY JULIAO
DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION No.: 2021-CV-369-1

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: TONNY JULIAO
380 WISTERIA BLVD
COVINGTON, GA 30016

BY ORDER of the court for service by publication dated **FEBRUARY 1, 2021** you are hereby notified that on **JFEBRUARY 13, 2021**(date of filing) **DEMETRIUS JULIAO**(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 **JEFFERY W. FOSTER**, Judge Superior Court of Newton County.

THIS, THE 1ST day of **FEBRUARY Y 2021.**

LINDA D. Hays
CLERK OF Superior Court

PUBLIC NOTICE #119924
2/14,21,28-3/7

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

EBONIE JOHNSON
PLAINTIFF,

-VS-
RONALD TAYLOR
DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION No.: 2021-CV-62-2

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: RONALD TAYLOR
5152 HERITAGE OAKS CT
HIRAM, GA 30141

BY ORDER of the court for service by publication dated **JANUARY 29, 2021** you are hereby notified that on **JANUARY 11, 2021**(date of filing) **EBONIE JOHNSON** (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 12th day of **JANUARY 2021.**

LINDA D. Hays
CLERK OF Superior Court

PUBLIC NOTICE #118914
2/7,14,21,28

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

BIANCA L. BONNER
PETITIONER,

V.

ADONIS D. BONNER
RESPONDENT.

CIVIL ACTION NO.:
SUCV2020001962

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

BY ORDER for Service by Publication dated the 5th day of February, 2021, you are hereby notified that on the 28th day of September, 2020 the Petitioner herein filed suit against you for Divorce.

YOU ARE required to file with the Clerk of the Superior Court of DeKalb County, and to serve upon the Petitioner's Attorney, Manchilo Guadie of Law Office of Manchilo Guadie, Inc., 6157 Memorial Drive, Stone Mountain, GA 30083, an answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the Order of Publication.

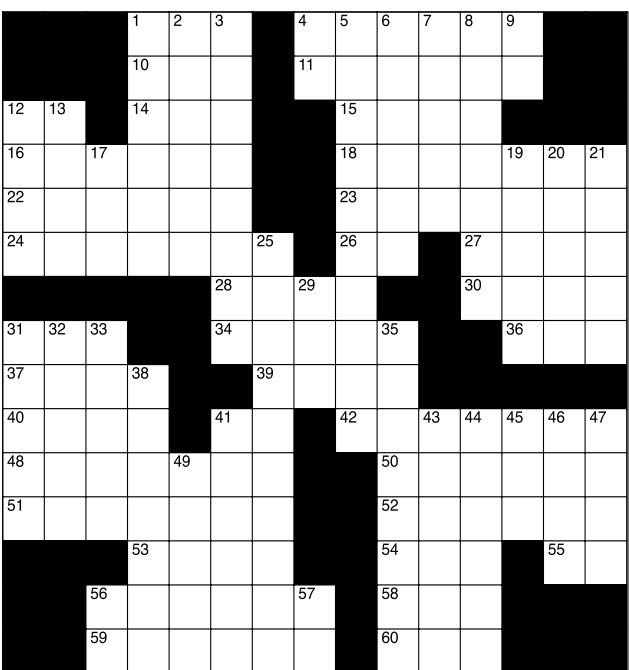
WITNESS THE Honorable

CLUES ACROSS

- Big tech firm
- Picked
- Type of whale
- A woman of refinement
- New England state
- Common gibbon
- Tall coniferous tree
- State capital
- Making a liquid muddy
- Vinegary
- Peninsula
- Thee
- Atomic #55
- Used in units of measurement
- Welsh female name
- Arab ruler title
- One's mother
- Trap
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- Assn. of oil-producing countries
- Holy fire
- Emit coherent radiation
- Atomic #81
- Orthodox Jewish college
- Herbs
- Ran after
- Begin again
- Named
- Barbary sheep
- Unwell
- Postscript
- Drivers
- One point east (clockwise) of due north
- Prim
- A facility equipped for sports or physical training

CLUES DOWN

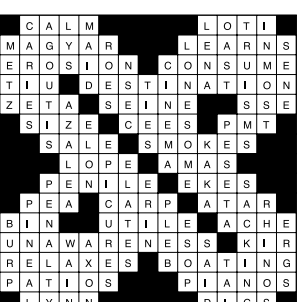
- Small islands
- Skullcap
- Unexplained events
- One hundredth of a meter
- Beloved baseball announcer
- Repulsive



- Northern European languages
- Match or surpass
- Northeast
- Chew the fat
- Innovative industry
- Land to put down to grass
- Products
- Nostril
- Surprise Icelandic politician
- Conclusive acts
- Inform on
- Grinding tooth
- Keep up
- Tablelands
- Raising
- Mythical creature
- Hums
- Mountain in Antarctica
- Neighborhood in Manhattan
- Distinctive practice

- Vice president
- Contributes to
- Small bones
- Oil company
- Empire State

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:



LEGALS:

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NAME OF ADULT

SHAVA OLIVIA WOLFE filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on **JANUARY 15, 2021**to change the name from **SHAVA OLIVIA WOLFE** to **SHOSHANA JUDITH ISRAEL**. Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after Petition was filed.

DATED JANUARY 15, 2021

SHAVA WOLVE
225 THE falls Blvd
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #118849
01/31,2/7,14,21

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: JASMINE ALEXIS NORRIS,
A minor child.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS hereby given that **MELISSA KITCHO**, has filed her petition in the Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia on the 2nd day of February, 2021, praying for a change in the name of the petitioner's minor child from **JASMINE ALEXIS NORRIS** to **JASMINE ALEXIS KITCHO**. Notice is hereby given pursuant to law to any interested or affected party to appear in said Court and to file objections to such name change. Objections must be filed with said Court within 30 days of the filing of said petition.

CLERK, SUPERIOR Court
NEWTON COUNTY, Georgia

PUBLIC NOTICE #118891
02/7,14,21,28

NOTICE OF FILING OF NAME CHANGE PETITION

COMES NOW the Petitioner, **VIRGINIA BROWN HARVEY**, a/k/a **BESSIE BROWN HARVEY**, by and through counsel, who files this Notice to any interested or affected party to appear and file objections to her request for a name change from **VIRGINIA BROWN HARVEY** a/k/a **BESSIE BROWN HARVEY** to **VIRGINIA BROWN HARVEY**, such objections to be filed within thirty (30) days of February 8, 2021, the date of the filing of said Name Change Petition.

THIS 8TH day of February, 2021.

WILLIAM F. Todd, Jr.
ATTORNEY FOR Petitioner
P.O. BOX 80159
CONYERS, GA 30013
(770)860-1996

PUBLIC NOTICE #119955
2/21,28-3/7,14

Public Hearings

NOTICE IS hereby given that at 6:30 p.m. on March 1, 2021 at 2116 Stallings Street, Covington, Georgia the Mayor and Council of the City of Covington, Georgia, shall provide for a hearing on the passage of an ordinance entitled:

"AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, GEORGIA, TO AMEND THE COVINGTON MUNICIPAL CODE, ENACTED AND ADOPTED ON THE 16TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2001, AS AMENDED BY PREVIOUS AMENDMENTS,

TO ALTER CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF TITLE 16 OF THE SAID CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING SECTION 16.24.040 (COVINGTON TOWN CENTER OVERLAY ZONING DISTRICT) OF CHAPTER 16.24 (OVERLAY ZONING DISTRICTS), TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

A COPY of said proposed ordinance is posted on the bulletin board at the City Hall, 2194 Emory Street, Covington, Georgia.
THIS 16TH day of February, 2021.

PUBLIC NOTICE #119957
2/21

Public Notice

ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE PETITIONED NOTIFICATION

YOU ARE hereby notified, in accordance with O.C.G.A. Section 40-11-19.1, that petitions were filed in the Magistrate Court of NEWTON County to foreclose liens against the vehicles listed below for all amounts owed. If a lien is foreclosed, the Court shall order the sale of the vehicle to satisfy the debt. The present location of the vehicles is:4199 OW ATLANTA HWY COVINGTON, GA 30014

ANYONE WITH an ownership interest in a vehicle listed herein may file an answer to the petition on or before: 2/24/2021
ANSWER FORMS may be found in the Magistrate Court Clerk's office located at: 1132 Usher St NW Room 149 Covington, GA 30014
FORMS MAY also be obtained online at www.georgiamagistratecouncil.com.
VEHICLE MAKE: JET SKI
year:0000 Model:1000 vehicle ID#ARJ10748C797 Vehicle License#: NA state N/A Magistrate Court Case No. 21-594AV

VEHICLE MAKE: SUZUKI Year:000 Model:750 Vehicle License # N/A State N/A Magistrate Court Case No: 21-591AV

VEHICLE MAKE: FORD Year: 2018 Model: TRANSIT CARGO Vehicle ID# 1FTYR2XG1JKA19015 Vehicle License# N/A State N/A Magistrate Court Case No. 21-591AV

VEHICLE MAKE: HONDA Year:2009 Model: CRF450 Vehicle ID#JH2PE05309K703965 Vehicle License# NA State N/A Magistrate Court Case No:21-590AV

VEHICLE MAKE:IR BOBCAT Year:0000 Model:T203 Vehicle ID# 706201073 Vehicle License#N/A State:N/A Magistrate Court Case No. 21-589AV

VEHICLE MAKE SUZUKI Year 2006 Model 650 Vehicle ID#:JSTMP41A862109089 Vehicle License # N/A State N/A **MAGISTRATE COURT** Case No.21-589AV

VEHICLE MAKE: PEACE SPORT Year:0000 Model: PEACE ATV Vehicle ID#L6ASCHL63BA002444 Vehicle License# NA State NA Magistrate Court Case No.21-587AV

VEHICLE MAKE: Nissan Year2020 Model ALTIMA Vehicle ID#1N4BL4BVALC231480 Vehicle License# NA State NA Magistrate Court Case No.21-585AV

VEHICLE MAKE YAMAHA

Year2007 ModelTT-R-125E Vehicle ID#9C6CE11Y470612732 Vehicle License# NA State NA Magistrate Court Case No. 21-584AV

PUBLIC NOTICE #119942
2/14,21

Public Sales Auctions

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY
In accordance with the GA Self Service Storage Facilities Act notice is hereby given that the undersigned will be sold at public sale to the highest bidder in order to satisfy lien of the owner. Bidding to take place on lockerfox.com ending **Thursday the 11th day of March, 2021** at 10:00 AM. Said property is Space Shop Self Storage, 6177 Jackson Hwy, Covington, GA, 30014 Grindle, Michael 1001 Baby Items, Vacuum, Boxes, Hamper. Davis, Charente K12 Boxes, Couch, Mattresses, Metal Bed Frame. Toath, Julie B44 Weed-eater, Plastic Bins, Mini Fridge, Cooler. StJohn, Marlene A03 Heaters, Fans, Stand Up Lamp. Clothes. Martin SR., Terry S 1013 Mattress, Box Spring, Dresser, TV, Clothes. Roberts, Bradley 1027 Printer, Boxes, Clothes, Shoes. Stodghill, Derrick B71 Big Box, Wooden Pallets. The auction will be listed and advertised on lockerfox.com. Space Shop Self Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.

PUBLIC NOTICE #119927
2/21,28

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

A PUBLIC Auction for the non-PAYMENT of storage fees at Speedy Storage will take place on Saturday, March 6, 2021 AT 10am located at 2222 HWY 212, Covington, GA. 30016

THE PERSONAL effects and household **GOODS BELONGING** to the following **TENANTS, HAVING** been properly notified, Will be sold for CASH to the highest Bidder to satisfy the owner's lien for Rent due, in accordance with the Georgia Self Storage Act-, Section **10-1-210** TO 10-4-215
THE PERSONAL effects and household goods belonging to **THE FOLLOWING** tenants.

SHENELLE BENNETT.....UNITS
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PUBLIC NOTICE #119959
2/21,28

PUBLIC AUCTION NOTICE OF SALE

BUDGET SELF Storage of Covington, pursuant to the Georgia Self Storage Act, 10-4-213, shall conduct a public sale of the following units at 6217 Highway 278 NE, Covington, GA 30014; 770-787-0900; after 1 p.m. and on or after Tuesday, March 2nd, 2021. All bids will be accepted online through www.storageauctions.com. Budget Self Storage of Covington reserves the right to withdraw units from such sale and reject any bid. Terms of sale are cash or money order only. The following unit will be sold:

- A140** Tracy Rhodes: This unit appears to contain tv, chairs, space heater, flooring, doors, ladder,

china cabinet, power tools, outdoor tools, speakers, and boxes.

- G51** Jacquelyn Lackey: This unit appears to contain refrigerator, bed set, speakers, sofa, couch, and Christmas decorations.

PUBLIC NOTICE #119932
2/14,21

Probate Notices

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS FOR TIERED PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

DATE OF Publication: February 21, 2021

HOUSING AUTHORITY of the City of Covington
2160 ALCOVY Road
COVINGTON, GA 30014
(770) 786-7739

ON OR after March 05, 2021, the Housing Authority of the City of Covington (CHA) will submit a request to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) for the release of HOME Investment Program funds under the HOME Investment Partnerships Program Title II of Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 as amended, to undertake the following project:
TIER 2 Site-Specific Review Project/ Program Title: Covington Housing Authority CHIP 2020-102

PURPOSE:
NEW construction of seven (7) single-family homes for sale to low-to moderate- income homebuyers in the City of Covington, GA. The homes will be constructed on scattered site locations at least 2,000 feet apart and no more than four (4) units on one site.
LOCATION (SITE-SPECIFIC Review 1): 4301 S Carroll Street, 4135 Walnut Street

LOCATION (SITE-SPECIFIC Review 2): 6104 Tew Lane, 6106 Tew Lane, 6108 Tew Lane, 6110 Tew Lane
P R O J E C T / P R O G R A M DESCRIPTION: Covington Housing Authority will construct seven (7) single-family homes for sale to low-to moderate- income homebuyers in the City of Covington on scattered site locations. Homes will be at least 2,000 feet apart and no more than four (4) units on one site. The Tier 2 Site Specific reviews have been completed for those laws and authorities not addressed in the Tier 1 broad review for each address under this program.
LEVEL OF Environmental Review Citation: The activities are categorically excluded under **NEPA, BUT** are subject to review under authorities listed in Sec. 58.5 and subject to laws and authorities at 58.5(3)(i) for the construction of a building for residential use (with one to four units), the density is not increased beyond four units, and the land use is not changed.
TIER 2 Site Specific Reviews: The site specific reviews cover the following laws and authorities not addressed in the Tier 1 broad review: 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart C (Explosive and Flammable Hazards) and Subpart D (Airport Hazards); Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 and National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994 [42 USC 4001-4128 and 42 USC 5154a];24 CFR part 50.3(i) & 58.5(i)(2) (Contamination and Toxic Substances); Floodplain Management Executive Order 11988; 24 CFR Part 55 (Floodplain Management); National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and 36

CFR Part 800; Noise Control Act of 1972, as amended by the Quiet Communities Act of 1978 and 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart B; and Environmental Justice Executive Order 12898.

MITIGATION MEASURES/ CONDITIONS/PERMITS (if any): Compliance with various laws, authorities and written strategies are documented and listed in the Tier 2 Site-Specific review project file. Per the review, no mitigation measures/ conditions will be required for this project. In the case of a change in scope, the CHA will perform the proper consultations with governing authorities and will document correspondence in the project file.
ESTIMATED PROJECT Cost: Total HUD funding: \$600,000. Total anticipated project cost \$977,200.
THE ACTIVITY/ACTIVITIES proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements per 24 CFR Part 58.5(a)(3)(i). An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at the CHA located at 5160 Alcovy Road, Covington, GA 30014 and is available for public review and maybe examined and or copied by appointment only weekdays 8:30A.M to 5 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

ANY INDIVIDUAL, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Shamica Tucker, by phone at (770) 786-7739 or by email at stucker@covha.com. All comments received by March 05, 2021, will be considered by DCA prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

E N V I R O N M E N T A L CERTIFICATION

CHA CERTIFIES to HUD that Shamica Tucker, in her capacity as Director of the Housing Authority of the City of Covington consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The approval of HUD certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the CHA to use HUD program funds.

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came to Georgia for his career in engineering. The young family moved to Social Circle when he worked in Atlanta and his wife was studying at the University of Georgia.

“It was so long ago, I didn’t have any gray hair on my head,” he told The Tribune in 1997. “It was 1975, and I don’t think I had ever been to Social Circle. It was a beautiful spring day with the azaleas and the dogwoods in bloom and we both knew this is where we wanted to spend the rest of our lives.”

A few months later, he said, that was validated when a businessman called Sherrill’s wife to ask how much candy he should sell their son, Jeff. “We knew then this was a community that would watch over us and look out for children,” he said.

He ran for City Council in 1976 and said he finished “dead last.”

“I said, ‘So much for electoral politics,’” he recalled.

But Sherrill said he was approached two years later about running for mayor against incumbent W.B. Stephens. Sherrill ran and Stephens decided not to seek reelection after all, setting up the 19-year run in office.

Sherrill said he focused on building the city’s infrastructure and industrial base.

The city’s property tax rate decreased to 4 mills in 1997 from 8.5 mills in 1978.

He led a National League of Cities delegation to Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania to advise in setting up local governments after the fall of the Soviet Union.

Sherrill said the decision not to run again was for the good of himself and the city. “Once you’ve fixed one pothole, you’ve fixed them all,” he said.

In addition to his public service, Sherrill was the president of Hightower Consulting Engineers, a civil engineering firm in Social Circle that began in 1977.

He was a charter member of the Rotary Club of Social Circle and a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Athens.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Joyce Scott Hanks, and survived by their son, Jeff. Sherrill split his time between Social Circle and Watkinsville in recent years.

A private funeral service will take place Wednesday in Athens. A private burial with military honors will follow in the Social Circle City Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials to his church or the American Cancer Society.

Newton County

Commissioners kill rezone plan for I-20 travel center

By TOM SPIGOLON
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Newton County commissioners heard from both sides of a travel center plan for a site south of Social Circle before quickly voting to deny it Tuesday night.

The Board of Commissioners voted unanimously Tuesday, Feb. 16, to deny the request from Jackson-based Jones Petroleum Co. for a rezoning of a 46-acre site at I-20 and Ga. Highway 11 for construction of a travel center with convenience store, gift shop, three fast-food restaurants and possible future construction of a supermarket.

District 1 Commissioner Stan Edwards said he made his motion to deny the rezoning request because it was not conducive with the nearby college and the “small town charm” objective of the Brick Store overlay zone.

The undeveloped site is at the southeast corner of Exit 98 north of Hub Junction near Georgia State University-Perimeter College’s Newton campus.

Developer Bill Jones said he planned the new travel center to have more amenities for families traveling on I-20 than other chain travel centers.

He said it also would cater to long-distance tractor-trail-



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Bill Jones of Jones Petroleum Co. tells Newton County commissioners why they should vote to approve a rezoning for a new travel center near Social Circle on Tuesday.

er drivers but added the center’s 24-hour security would be focused on preventing crimes sometimes seen at traditional truck stops.

Jones also said he estimated the travel center and supermarket would eventually produce about \$3 million in sales tax revenue that could offset the need for the same amount of property taxes from Newton homeowners.

Edwards said an estimated \$3 million in tax revenue from a travel center would be “eaten up immediately” by the infrastructure needed for such a large, traffic-producing development.

LeAnne Long, a resident of River Cove subdivision and a former Newton County commissioner, said she had visited Jones

Petroleum’s two-year-old travel center on I-75 in Butts County and said it was located in an area of industrial uses.

“It’s nothing like Brick Store,” she said, in reference to the zoning overlay district containing the travel center site.

She said the overlay zone — which includes additional restrictions on new developments in the area — was designed to keep new development in the area at a higher quality than what had been allowed in other areas.

“There’s a reason you have that overlay,” she said. “You need to keep with the plan.”

Wayne Pugh, also a resident of a nearby neighborhood, said he had a petition

with more than 900 signatures opposing the rezoning.

He said he has owned a small trucking company for decades and believed crime like sex trafficking and drug use “just happens” at truck stops.

Pugh added that a travel center was not conducive with the area’s current land use, such as the college and residential neighborhoods across I-20 from the currently vacant site.

“No way a travel center should be across the street from a college,” he said.

County Development Services Director Judy Johnson said the planning staff believed a travel center would be inconsistent with the overlay zone intent to create a “small town” atmosphere.

Newton County reopens animal shelter to public

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COVINGTON, Ga. — The Newton County Animal Shelter has reopened to the public after being closed because of safety fears about COVID-19.

The shelter reopened Tuesday, Feb. 16, after being changed to an appointment-only status Jan. 21.

The public now can search for adoptable pets without the use of an appointment, the county government

announced in a news release.

Adoptions are available Monday through Friday 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the shelter at 210 Lower River Road in Covington.

Adoption fees are \$100 for dogs and puppies and \$75 for cats and kittens, including sterilization, microchip with lifetime registration and DA2PP vaccination. Rabies vaccination is included if the pet is over 12 weeks old.

Adoption fees for small mammals, reptiles and fowl are \$10.

Animals available for adoption can be seen by visiting:

Adopt a Pet at https://www.adoptapet.com/adoption_rescue/79658-newton-county-animal-control-covington-georgia.

Pet Finder at <https://www.petfinder.com/member/us/ga/covington/newton-county-animal-control-ga247/>.

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The office is an elected position responsible for investigating suspicious deaths countywide and signing death certificates, among other tasks. Bailey-Butts won the office Nov. 3 after defeating three-term incumbent Tommy Davis.

Banes confirmed the coroner said in a letter Feb. 10 that she wanted the county to cover her legal expenses and wanted an answer in two days.

After not hearing from the county, she said in a Feb. 12

letter that she planned to hire an attorney and expected the county to cover the cost.

Banes then emailed her on Feb. 17 and said he had forwarded the letter to the county attorney.

Kerr’s petition to the Coroners Training Council sought an emergency injunction to prevent Bailey-Butts from continuing in the elected position “effective immediately.”

The allegations against her included refusing to transport a body from a fatal

wreck on Georgia Hwy. 212 last month despite its requirement in state law.

She also possibly destroyed evidence and mishandled the body of a suicide victim; and left a deceased hotel patron in plain view of other guests and employees, according to the petition.

Kerr’s petition also includes other allegations against Bailey-Butts for actions she took between taking office Jan. 1 and Jan. 29 that he said show

that “she is wholly unable to competently serve as the county’s coroner.”

The additional allegations range from possibly being mentally unstable; to telling county commissioners she had damaging information to coerce them to approve more money for her office.

Bailey-Butts recently told an Atlanta TV station she denied many of the allegations in the petition and defended other actions by saying she was not properly trained.

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Sage Cudney, Mercer Admissions Counselor (left), and Christina Huseman, Coordinator of Tift Programs at Mercer, present Abigail Sugg with a certificate recognizing her as the recipient of the 2021 Mercer University Bessie Willingham Tift Scholarship.

Eastside senior earns Mercer's Bessie Willingham Tift Scholarship

STAFF REPORTS

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COVINGTON, Ga. — The future looks bright — and debt-free — for a student at Eastside High School and the Newton College & Career Academy STEM Institute.

Abigail Sugg, a senior, was chosen the sole winner of the Bessie Willingham Scholarship from Mercer University out of 198 applicants.

The scholarship is a full ride award that pays for both tuition and room and board — equating to approximately \$250,000 over the course of four years, according to Christina Huseman, coordinator of the Tift Program at Mercer University.

Sugg said, "I'm so happy to receive this honor. Mercer University has been a goal for me since eighth grade. 'It has always been my No. 1 college that I wanted to attend. It has always been my end goal.'"

She explained that she fell in love with the school after a stroll on the campus.

"Walking on that campus I always felt like it could be a home and I liked the fact that it was smaller and that they really value education there," Sugg said.

She added that her plans are to double major in graphic design

and business at the university.

In addition to her free ride, Sugg will also hold several college credits when she arrives on campus because she participated in dual enrollment since junior year and also has earned Advanced Placement course credits.

Eastside High School Principal Jeff Cher said, "Abigail is an outstanding student and has truly excelled at Eastside, the STEM Institute, and in Dual Enrollment."

"She is a remarkable young lady and so deserving of this scholarship. We say that Eastside graduates excellence and she definitely exemplifies that."

Cher also noted how the scholarship presentation was extra special as Huseman, who awarded the scholarship to Sugg, is also a graduate of Eastside High School.

"It's very exciting to be back to present this scholarship to an Eastside High School student," Huseman said.

She said Mercer University bought Tift College in 1986 and — as part of the merger — they created the Tift Legacy and the Tift Scholars program as a way to continue that legacy.

"Every year admissions presents the Tift program with a list of

scholars that meet certain academic criteria," Huseman said. "Of those, they are interviewed by Tift alum, Tift Scholar alum, and some are interviewed based on a board recommendation."

Sugg entered the scholarship program through a board recommendation from Tift Scholar alumna Julia Chatfield, a 2006 Mercer University graduate and current science teacher at Eastside High School.

"I am so very thankful to be blessed with this opportunity because it is an expensive school to attend," Sugg said.

She admitted to being extremely nervous during the interview process.

"I didn't know at the time that the scholarship covered everything, including room and board. This is just so surreal. When I learned I got the scholarship I was in total shock and just so excited to tell my parents. It's just a fantastic opportunity."

During her high school career, Sugg has immersed herself not just in academics but also numerous organizations including the FBLA, TSA, the swim team, color guard, and concert band.

Walker named incoming principal for Flint Hill Elementary School

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

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COVINGTON, Ga. — By unanimous vote, the Newton County Board of Education approved the appointment of Kelly Walker as the incoming principal of Flint Hill Elementary School during its Tuesday, Feb. 16, meeting. She will replace Lynne DiNardo, who recently announced her retirement effective the end of the current school year.

Walker currently serves as an assistant principal at both Flint Hill Elementary and Fairview Elementary. She will begin her new role at Flint Hill on July 1, 2021.

"I am very excited and honored to be named the principal of Flint Hill," Walker said. "I look forward to serving the students, teachers and families at Flint Hill."

"I have had the unique opportunity to be a staff member, a parent and an administrator at Flint Hill. Some of my favorite memories of being an educator happened in this building. I truly feel connected to the families and students here and can't wait to serve as the principal."

As an assistant principal, Walker has served as a Pre-K site director, instructional supervisor and school testing coordinator. In addition, Walker's assistant principal duties have also included serving as school administrator over various programs including Response to Intervention, Emotional and Behavioral Disabilities Program, Bus Discipline, Early Intervention Program, Special Education, Gifted and the English Language Learners program.



Kelly Walker

According to Walker, DiNardo has been a huge influence on her professional career and helped her prepare for her new role.

"Dr. DiNardo has been a great educational leader for Flint Hill," Walker said. "She is very smart and has served this school extremely well. I will miss her but I have learned so much from her. She has always had a clear vision for this school. She has been generous with her knowledge during our years together, which has greatly helped me be well prepared for this new opportunity."

Walker noted her goals for the future are quite simple.

"I want to be an instructional leader that is accessible to the students, parents and teachers of Flint Hill," she said. "And I want to provide steady leadership and continue striving for educational excellence for every student."

She added that being appointed principal of Flint Hill is extra-special due to her long-lasting relationship with the school.

"Flint Hill is so special to me because not only have I been lucky enough to work here since the school was opened, but all four of my children went to school here," she said. "They all had amazing teachers. The staff here is genuine, caring and enthusiastic and I do think they are the best!"

"I am confident that Mrs. Walker will continue the culture of high expectations at Flint Hill Elementary School," Newton County Schools Superintendent Samantha Fuhrey said. "I am sure her knowledge, care, and commitment will lead to continued student and staff success."

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Prep Basketball

Eagles eye shot for Region 8-AAAAA title

Eastside earns first state playoff berth since '17

By MASON WITTNER and GARRETT PITTS
The Covington News

COVINGTON, Ga. — It was a week to remember for the Eastside boys' basketball team.

The Eagles secured their place in the state playoffs Monday night by pulling off a physical, 62-52 win over Jackson County. Three days later, the Eagles pulled out 48-46 victory over Greenbrier in the final seconds to clinch a spot in the Region 8-AAAAA championship.

The second-seeded Eagles will now take on No. 1 Clarke Central at Walnut Grove High School on Saturday night to battle for a top spot in the postseason.

Monday's victory against the Panthers (8-11, 3-11) was especially big for head coach Dorrian Randolph, who will lead the Eagles (13-8, 11-5) into the playoffs in his first year as head coach. It will be Eastside's first playoff appearance since 2017.

"It feels great [to make the playoffs]," Randolph said. "We wanted to send our seniors out with having a taste of what the state [playoffs] are like."

The first two quarters were mainly defensive for both teams, but the Eagles still managed to hold a decent lead over

Jackson County as they only allowed six points in the first quarter and 10 in the second quarter.

Going into halftime with the 21-16 lead, it was still up in the air with both offenses being stopped often up to that point.

Coming out into the third quarter, Eastside began to score, as a barrage of 3-point shots would land for the Eagles.

Seniors Jaylen Woods and Jayce Douglas joined up with junior Jacquez Williams to knock down multiple 3 as the trio started to get the momentum rolling when the Eagles needed it the most.

"We were a little stagnant [in the first half], we just need to be who we are," Randolph said. "We were on a seven-game win streak and we got that by being able to shoot the ball, so I told my shooters to shoot with confidence."

Woods hit back-to-back 3-pointers to close out the third quarter and Eagles took a 38-30 lead, but the Panthers were still continuing the fight.

Senior Jaylen Leslie-Johnson would turn it on in the final quarter as the guard was able to slash his way to the rim easily.

Johnson got to the



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Eastside took down Jackson County, 62-52, in the opening round of the Region 8-AAAAA tournament Monday to earn its first state playoff berth since 2017. Three days later, senior Jayce Douglas (4) knocked down a last-second shot against Greenbrier to send the Eagles to the region title game.

line four times in the first four minutes of the quarter, which helped Eagles to build up to a 50-37 lead over Jackson County.

Just as time was beginning to become scarce, the Panthers came storming back, connecting on multiple and-one's as well as a 3-pointer to reduce the Eastside lead to only 50-45.

With the clock now

under two minutes, Johnson connected on a dime to Williams, would put up the easy lay-in to provide cushion. Shortly after both Douglas and Johnson drew fouls and connected on all shots at the line to extend the lead to 60-52.

Just as time was about to expire Douglas got the steal and passed the ball to Johnson, who threw it down

for a massive dunk to send the Eagles to the playoffs in outstanding fashion.

"[Johnson] is a slasher, and he can get to the line whenever he wants, I just have to calm him down because he so eager to get there. Him getting to the line that much and shooting around 80% really helps us," Randolph said.

The playoff-clinch-

ing win for the Eagles marks their eighth straight victory, as Eastside has the momentum at just the right time.

Johnson would lead the Eagles in scoring with 20 points, while Woods and Williams ended the game with 14 points each.

The Eagles carried that momentum into Thursday night's region semifinal game against Greenbrier at Walnut Grove High School. After a back-and-forth affair through the majority of four quarters, Douglas drained a go-ahead jumper from the right side of the court with 2.5 seconds to go, lifting Eastside to a 48-46 victory.

Eastside and Clarke Central (17-6, 15-1) met on Friday, Jan. 8, resulting in a 64-46 victory for the Gladiators. Since that night, the Eagles have won nine of their last 10 games, including eight in a row. The Gladiators, meanwhile, find themselves in the midst of a 14-game winning streak. They advanced to the title game by boat-racing Johnson, 80-35, before squeaking past Walnut Grove, 54-50, in overtime Thursday.

Eastside last played for a region title in 2013 and settled for a runner-up finish. They'll be looking to capture their first championship in program history.

Prep Wrestling

Waldrop wins state title for Piedmont Academy

By CHRIS BRIDGES
Correspondent

MONTICELLO, Ga. — Piedmont Academy senior Davin Waldrop captured the GISA state wrestling championship at 138 pounds at the Storm Dome in Americus last weekend.

Waldrop finished the 2020-2021 season undefeated and won his championship match 6-0.

"I was impressed with what he did," said coach Kaden Miller.

"He had wrestled for us his sophomore season but last year broke his ankle during football and missed his junior season wrestling. He returned this year and really was a standout."

Miller said he was not surprised at how well

Waldrop performed but said other people have been.

"We were not able to wrestle that much this season and after he missed last year, he was something of an unknown to some," he added.

The senior said he began wrestling during the eighth grade and has worked to improve each year.

"After losing my junior season to injury, this year I worked harder than I ever have, running every day and so on," Waldrop said.

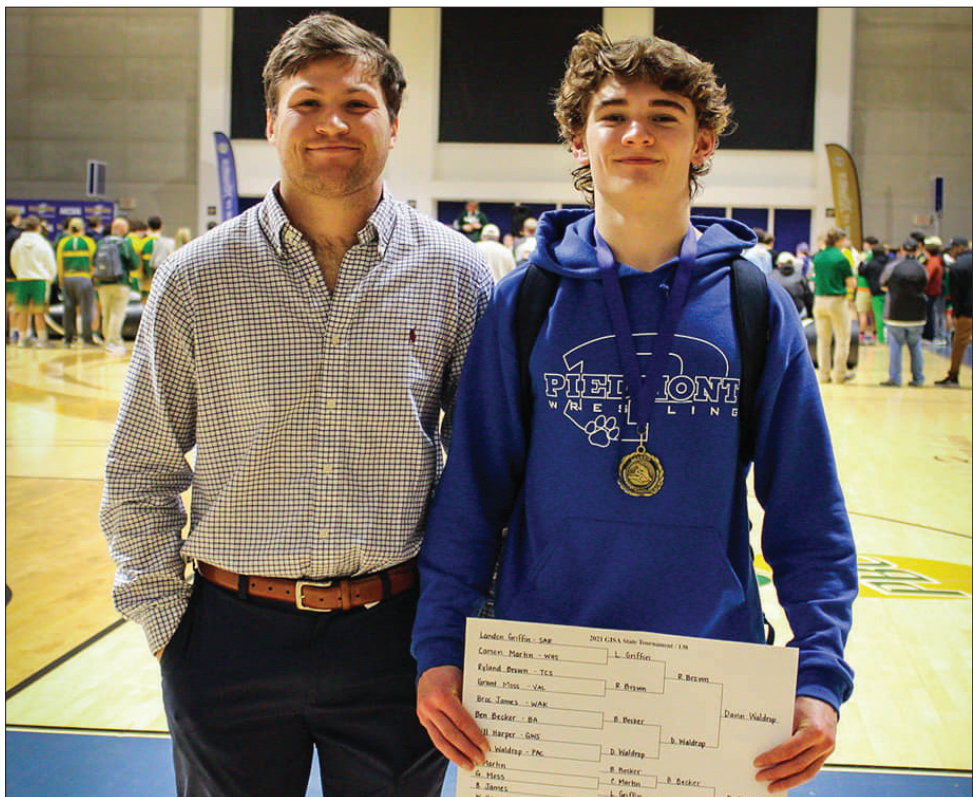
"This year, my senior season, I came back and won state. This was the best feeling I have ever had because I knew that all my hard work and emotions for

the sport had paid off. The feeling I had in the middle of that stadium was unmatched and I will never forget that moment for the rest of my life. I couldn't have done it without the support and help from Coach Miller, Coach Ty and the rest of my wrestling team."

Mat Cougar Daniel Joseph (110) was fourth while teammates Scott Swann (113) and Ray LaCroy (120) were both fifth in their respective weight classes.

"We were able to send seven wrestlers to state," Miller said.

"It has been a rough season battling COVID but I was glad to see it end on such a positive note."



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Piedmont Academy coach Kaden Miller (left) and senior Davin Waldrop (right) were all smiles last week after Waldrop captured a GISA state title.



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