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Justin Benton,
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His Word

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

Ephesians 6:18
KJV

Biden's Inauguration

'Democracy has prevailed'



Associated Press

Joe Biden is sworn in as the 46th president of the United States of America on Wednesday, Jan. 20, as his wife, Jill, holds the Bible.

- Biden sworn in as 46th President
- Local leaders react to historic day

By TAYLOR BECK
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COVINGTON, Ga. — After Joe Biden was sworn in as the 46th president of the United States on Wednesday, Jan. 20, many local leaders both rejoiced in the peaceful transition of power and wished the best for Biden's administration.

In a roughly 21 minute speech on Inauguration Day, Biden opened his first remarks as president by briefly alluding to his race against former President Donald J. Trump and Trump's attempt to overturn the election results because of claimed voter fraud. Biden touted that democracy had triumphed.

"This is America's day," he said. "This is democracy's day. A day of history and hope. Of renewal and resolve. Through a crucible for the ages America has been tested anew and America has risen to the challenge. Today, we celebrate the triumph not of a candidate, but of a cause, the cause of democracy. The

will of the people has been heard and the will of the people has been heeded. We have learned again that democracy is precious. Democracy is fragile. And at this hour, my friends, democracy has prevailed."

Biden went on to plead Americans to join him in striving for unity.

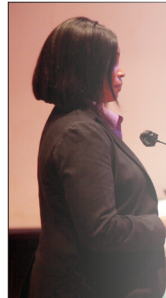
"In another January in Washington, on New Year's Day 1863, Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation. When he put pen to paper, the president said, 'If my name ever goes down into history it will be for this act and my whole soul is in it.'"

"My whole soul is in it," Biden echoed.

"Today, on this January day, my whole soul is in this: Bringing America together. Uniting our people. And uniting our nation. I ask every American to join me in this cause. Uniting to fight the common foes we

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Newton County Schools BOE elects new chair, vice chair



Special to The Covington News

Outgoing chair Shakila Henderson-Baker (center, right) presents the gavel to newly elected BOE Chair Abigail Coggin (center, left). Also pictured are new Vice Chair Trey Bailey, and Newton County Schools Superintendent Samantha Fuhrey. Read more about the officer elections at CovNews.com.

Newton County Board of Commissioners

Commissioner: Board holding east Newton fire station funding 'hostage'

By TOM SPIGOLON
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COVINGTON, Ga. — The county's new Public Facilities Authority indicated it may not allow a financing plan for a new east Newton fire station to move forward until projects Democratic members favored also were funded.



Stan Edwards

Authority members on Tuesday, Jan. 19, voted 3-2 to delay action for 30 days on recommending the only funding source available for the planned Station No. 4 for Newton County Fire Services.

The Authority, comprised of the five members of the board of commissioners, voted along political party lines for tabling the request for almost \$5 million in revenue bonds to finance the construction and equipment for the station planned

for Big Woods Road in the Starrsville community.

District 1 Commissioner Stan Edwards was obviously angry after the vote.

"We're going to hold District 1 hostage," he said.

The board of commissioners must vote to guarantee the bond issue financially before it can be issued. It was scheduled to consider approval of the bonds at its regular meeting that followed the Authority meeting

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Weather



Saturday, Jan. 23
High: 57° Low: 36°
• Mostly sunny



Sunday, Jan. 24
High: 50° Low: 43°
• 60% chance of rain

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OBITUARIES

Thomas Chiles Crenshaw

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Thomas Chiles Crenshaw, of Covington passed away on Tuesday, January 19, 2021, at the age of 95. The much-loved father, grandfather, and friend was born in Atlanta on October 1925 to Thomas C. Crenshaw and Mary Rollins Crenshaw.



He served as an Aviation Cadet for the U.S. Naval Reserve in World War II from 1943-47, and as a 2nd

Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force Reserve until his honorable discharge in 1955.

Tom graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Georgia in 1949, and had a long career in sales, most notably for Faultless Starch where he worked for 21 years before retiring in 1997. A long-standing member of several organizations, he had been a proud member of the Freemasons since 1951, Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity since 1946, and Kiwanis Club since the 2000s. Throughout his life, he loved remi-

niscing, eating good meals, traveling the world and dancing the jitterbug, especially with his late wife of 60 years, Charlen Miles Crenshaw.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, and his sister, Julianna Crenshaw Burt. He is survived by his daughter, Cathy Crenshaw Laseter of Covington; son, Rick Deemer and his wife Mary; son, Rob Deemer and his wife, Nancy; son, David Deemer and his wife, Patti; 9 Grandchildren, Michele Deemer, Paige Deemer Caras and her husband, Mike, Gray Deemer and his wife, Amberly, Barclay Deemer Al-

len, Kelly Davidson, Waites Laseter, Helen Laseter Smith, Julianna Laseter and her fiancé, Sigmund Lilian, Catherine Laseter; and 8 great-grandchildren.

Plans for a memorial service will be postponed until a later time. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Arts Association of Newton County.

This obituary was prepared with love and affection by Mr. Crenshaw's family.

Robert James Lange

Memoriams

Robert James Lange, 94 of Covington, Georgia passed away on the afternoon of January 2, 2021 at Piedmont Rockdale Hospital.

He was born December 22, 1926, and grew up in St. Joseph, Michigan. He served in the Navy during World War II and graduated from



Valparaiso University in 1949 and held a graduate degree from the Chicago Conservancy of Music. He married Fay Churchill of St. Joseph in 1946 and they remained a loving partnership for 54 years until her death raising their family, enjoying anything musical and exploring North America and Europe.

Bob's professional and personal life was fueled by music. He was active in church, community, and professional musical organizations

for over 80 years in Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, and Georgia including performances with the Chicago Lyric Opera in the United States and Europe. He was also a Music Therapist and Community Relations director for Indiana Institutions.

He is survived by his four children, Kathy Carlisle of Florida, Laurel (Chuck) Krider of Kansas, Mark (Sandra) Lange of Indiana, and Neal (Terri) Lange of Covington, Georgia. Bob was an active member

of Epiphany Lutheran Church of Conyers.

Bob and Fay enjoyed and taught their children the joys of travel, music, and family.

A memorial will be held at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to Epiphany Lutheran Church, 2375 Highway 20 SE, Conyers, GA 30013 or www.conyersedc.org.

Ronald Glenn Richards

Caldwell & Cowan Funeral Home
Ronald Glenn Richards, 88, of Covington, passed away Saturday, January 16, 2021.

He is survived by his daughter, Glenda Fitzgerald of Missouri; his son, David Richards and his wife, Mary of Atlanta; 4 grandchildren, Miranda, Erin, Timothy and Daniel; 6 great-grandchildren, Logan, Olivia,

Ethan, Collin, Madison, and Layni; nephew, Doug Spencer and his wife, Patti of Covington; and cousins.

Ron was a graduate of Campbell High School and Georgia State University, a member of the First Baptist Church of Covington, a member of Delta Sigma Pi Fraternity, Golden Fleece Masonic Lodge #6, Alcovy Shrine Club, Yaarab Shrine Temple in Atlanta, American Legion Post

#32, and Disabled American Veterans Chapter #55 and the USS Rochester CA 124 Association.

He was an avid Georgia Bulldog fan.

This obituary was prepared with love and affection by Mr. Richards' family.

CDC guidelines recommend social distancing (6 feet apart) and wearing of masks while in public. Caldwell

& Cowan Funeral Home requests that you observe these recommendations while in our funeral home attending visitations and/or services. In addition, gatherings are limited to 50 persons or less in our facility at one time. Please honor these restrictions for the safety of the family, yourself, and our staff.

Thomas Pace Kenerly

J.C. Harwell & Son Funeral Home
Mr. Thomas Pace Kenerly, age 87, of Covington passed away Sunday, January 17, 2021 at Georgia War Veterans Home in Milledgeville, GA. He was born August 12, 1933 in Newton County to Dewey H. and Alma Pace Kenerly who have preceded him in death. Mr. Ken-

erly served in the Korean conflict and was honorably discharged in 1956. He is survived by his brother, Hildreth Kenerly of Bartlett, TN along with a host of other family and friends.

Graveside services for Mr. Kenerly will be held at 11 o'clock, Saturday, January 23, 2021 at Carmel Church Cemetery, Highway 11, Mansfield,

GA 30055. J.C. Harwell and Son Funeral Home, TE Davis Funeral Services, 2157 East Street, SE, Covington, GA 30014.

Due to the COVID 19/Coronavirus Pandemic all Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) requirements will be followed. There is a limit of 50 people at any large gathering, social distancing must

be recognized, the use of a 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.

Newton's newly-elected coroner says she inherited inoperable, inadequate equipment Board votes \$50K for her to set up office, pay immediate needs

By TOM SPIGOLON

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COVINGTON, Ga. — Inoperable or damaged equipment and lack of adequate facilities and supplies to do the job were among the issues the county's new coroner said she inherited after taking office Jan. 1.

The Newton County Board of Commissioners responded by voting 4-1 on Tuesday, Jan. 19, to approve a one-time, \$50,000 transfer from the 2021 budget to Coroner Dorothea Bailey-Butts.

District 5 Commissioner Ronnie Cowan said the coroner's office needed that amount of money to pay for immediate needs like



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Coroner Dorothea Bailey-Butts speaks with Newton County commissioners Tuesday, Jan. 19.

a statewide coroners training session, purchase of office machinery and supplies and replacement equipment simply to operate through the end of the

budget year.

"I don't want somebody in my family to die and I call the coroner and the coroner's not able to provide an adequate service," Cowan said.

The county manager and finance director now will meet with Bailey-Butts to find her specific needs. Com-

missioners then must approve transfer of the funds from other areas of the budget at a future meeting to create the one-time payment to the coroner, officials said.

Bailey-Butts first went before the commissioners Tuesday to tell them she needed about \$9,000 for training and new supplies to replace non-working and obsolete equipment.

She then described for commissioners additional issues she encountered since beginning the job which requires her to investigate many types of deaths in the county.

Among them was an inadequate morgue in downtown Covington that she said needed immediate attention because it contained mold

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All My Love Always

Piedmont Newton Hospital officials share update on local pandemic response

By **TOM SPIGOLON**
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Piedmont Newton Hospital's chief medical officer says patients that local ambulance services bring to the hospital will receive care even if those from other counties are turned away.

Dr. Norris Little told members of the Newton County Board of Commissioners Tuesday, Jan. 19, that he wanted to clarify the term "patient diversion" because many believed it had a different meaning as Newton and other area hospitals deal with the heavy demand for their services amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Little said it meant that "out of county ambulances should not bring their patients to our facility."

"That doesn't stop them necessarily but if they have another option and another choice at another facility..." he said.

"All of our patients in our community that need care with our own ambulance service are certainly ... brought to Piedmont Newton if appropriate," Little said.

Little spoke as part of an update Chairman Marcello Baner asked him to give to the board.

The chief medical officer said the hospital system was rolling out available COVID-19 vaccine and giving doses to its front-line workers and eligible residents.

He said news reports may have highlighted some adverse effects from the drug but it was "quite rare and we've not seen them."

Piedmont is making doses available to the eligible groups who are now patients of physicians in the hospital system's clinics, he said.

However, doses are available at health departments and supermarket pharmacies such as Kroger and Publix, he said.

Little added that the hospital's primary patient population in Newton County has generally done a better job of taking precautions not to spread the disease compared to some neighboring counties.

As a result, he said the hospital staff has been able to avoid contracting the disease.

The prevalence of the disease in Newton County also has generally been lower than neighboring counties, he said.

Newton County recorded a two-week positivity rate of 20.9% on Wednesday, Jan. 20, down from 23.2% on Jan. 6, according to the Georgia Department of Public Health.

NCSS extends remote learning through Jan. 29

STAFF REPORTS
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Newton County School System officials say weekly data for the county convinced them to extend virtual learning for all students another week through Jan. 29 because "we haven't

seen a decrease in the rate of transmission of the COVID-19 virus."

A school system news release stated the extension was meant to be a short-term solution to help decrease cases.

The two-week case rate among Newton County

residents ages 5 to 17 was 358 per 100,000 on Jan. 14, up from 214 per 100,000 on Jan. 7, according to the Georgia Department of Public Health.

Students planning to receive in-person instruction for the second semester, will report to school Feb. 1.

5 NCSO detention officers test COVID-19 positive

By **TAYLOR BECK**
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Five detention officers have tested positive for COVID-19 as of Jan. 15, Newton County Sheriff Ezell Brown said, which is what likely sparked a recent outbreak of virus among more than 20 inmates.

Brown confirmed Friday, Jan. 8, that 22 inmates within the Newton County Jail had tested positive for the novel coronavirus, though all but one were demonstrating little to no symptoms.

After investigating and using contact tracing, Brown said there was reason to believe the inmates had contracted the virus from staff members.

"The time-lapse, beginning from when residents were incarcerated to the COVID-19 outbreak last week, helped us deter-

mine that the 21 inmates, who have tested positive for COVID-19 but show little to no symptoms, contracted the virus from staff," Brown said in a statement to *The Covington News*. "As of Jan. 15, there has been a total of five detention officers who have tested positive for COVID-19."

The lone inmate who was showing significant symptoms was transported in to the Newton County Jail from another jail that had already witnessed an outbreak. He is currently being quarantined and "receiving special attention as a result of his symptoms," Brown said.

Brown said the sheriff's office had developed a testing procedure for staff to help minimize the spread of COVID-19 in the jail but did not elaborate on the procedure.

"We have strictly fol-

lowed all CDC guidelines since the pandemic began last March, and again, we are blessed to have gone so long without a single positive case in the detention center up until last week," he said. "We will continue doing everything we can to ensure the safety of all staff and residents."

A spokesperson with the sheriff's office said the five officers who tested positive for COVID-19 has not caused the jail to become understaffed, as there are 63 total detention officers currently employed by the sheriff's office.

"We have cross-trained officers so that the Detention Center is fully staffed to the point where all duties are fulfilled," the spokesperson said.

In April 2020, the sheriff's office worked to reduce the jail population by more than 100 inmates to try and avoid an outbreak.

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but removed it from its agenda.

Bond attorney Brian Huskey said he believed delaying issuance of the fire station bonds for 30 days would not affect the interest rate the county would pay.

County Fire Chief Mike Conner said officials had proposed using revenues from the county's fire district tax to repay the bond financing.

Edwards asked Authority Chairman Desmond Mason of District 2 to move a vote on the bond issue to the top of the agenda.

The chairman refused and said projects he and members J.C. Henderson of District 4 and Alana Sanders of District 3 proposed for their commission districts would be considered first.

Mason said he supported construction of an aquatic center for about \$35 million that could include an Olympic-sized pool, fitness center and other facilities.

Sanders advocated for a \$13 million project that included a new community center and park on county-owned land adjacent to the Fairview Estates subdivision off Fairview Road.

Henderson supported a list of projects totaling more than \$16 million. Among them were a \$9 million renovation of the former R.L. Cousins school building off Geiger Street; expansion of Nelson Heights Community Center and new construction of athletic fields and an indoor swimming pool at the same location; and a \$2 million addition to Porter Memorial Library.

Each list was approved with the three

Democrats favoring them and Republicans Edwards and Ronnie Cowan of District 5 voting against them.

County Manager Lloyd Kerr estimated the cost of debt service on bonds for the three commissioners' projects to be about \$2.6 million annually for 20 years.

Mason said he wanted Kerr to research the various funding options available — such as grants or corporate sponsorships — other than bonds for recreation projects. The authority then could decide how to fund them at a later date, he said.

"I'm hearing there are a lot of dollars out there," he said.

Kerr said if he could not find any grants or other funding sources then the only other options would be a tax increase for repayment of bond financing or a new Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax for the projects.

Edwards said the fire station was needed to give east Newton, including parts of Districts 1 and 5, fire protection facilities equal to other authority members' districts.

"You are adequately covered, we're not," Edwards said.

He said other authority members were confusing a "want with

a need."

"Fire stations are a matter of public safety," he said. "People's lives are at stake."

Sanders, who was attending her second meeting after taking office Jan. 1, responded that she did not want the public "to have a negative connotation" of the project she favored.

"It's not a want," she said. "They need parks for children."

Henderson said the Cousins project is one "we promised the citizens on this side of town." He has proposed construction of a Black history museum, among other projects, in the county-owned building in recent years.

He recalled that one of his neighbors drowned in the Alcovy River last summer. Providing recreational facilities for some residents may give them skills, such as learning to swim, that could serve the same purpose as a fire station in saving lives, Henderson said.

The vote to approve the projects was for them to receive further consideration and not for bond financing.

Delay of the fire station bond issue — which already had documents prepared — also included delay

of further action on the projects until Kerr can locate alternative funding sources.

After the meeting, Mason said he believed funding eventually would be approved for the fire station.

Longtime county government observer Larry McSwain said he was disappointed the action did not align with County Chairman Marcello Baner's "OneNewton" effort to deal with issues in ways agreeable to all the county's political factions.

"This certainly was a backward step toward OneNewton," McSwain said.

Another longtime observer, Barbara Morgan, said she believed the board's action was only a temporary setback for the fire station.

"It would be a dereliction of duty if the board of commissioners did not act to provide critically needed fire protection for places in the county that are now paying premium insurance rates due to the lack of protection," she said.

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Dave Belton guest columnist

Georgia had a good year despite horrific pandemic

For the past few years, I’ve had the luxury of starting the new year with a happy pronouncement about how great things are. Obviously, I won’t be doing that this year.



To be fair, Georgia has had an incredible decade-long run of historic successes. Per capita state taxes in Georgia are next to the lowest in the nation. We have the second-best Bond Rating. Our public schools have never had better SAT, ACT, and K12 scores... or a better graduation rate. Our university system is one of the best in the nation; as UGA and Georgia Tech are ranked among the top-20 in public, and Emory is among the best private universities. Before COVID, we had the lowest unemployment rates in history. Even during the pandemic, the Georgia economy has fared much better than most, including the fifth best in the nation in fewest jobs lost, and fifth best in most jobs regained. We’ve recently added 16,000 jobs in the past few months, and over \$6 billion in new investments, half of which is outside Atlanta. And for the eighth year in a row we’ve been named the Best State in the Nation to Do Business in. Georgia is poised much better than most to rebound out of this tragic pandemic.

Georgia has grown a whopping 25% over the last decade, adding 2.7 million people. Atlanta has hosted the Super Bowl and the College National Championship, and we’re scheduled to host the Final Four, All-Star games in baseball and basketball, another College Championship, and probably the World Cup. Atlanta is still the busiest airport in the world, bringing in \$82 billion a year; and Savannah is now the fourth busiest port in the U.S., bringing in an astonishing \$106 billion a year. Atlanta is now being called the “Technology Capitol of the East,” and with the partnership of Fort Gordon and Augusta

University, Augusta is now the “Cyber Capitol of the Nation”.

On the other hand, COVID has halved our tourism industry, especially our hotels and hospitality. Ag, our No. 1 business, has suffered at least \$50 billion in losses, especially in cattle and crop farmers. Farm bankruptcies are up 25%, as the typical farmer has taken a \$50,000 hit. And restaurants and small businesses are struggling everywhere.

COVID has been horrible, costing so many lives. I grieve for the more than 11,300 Georgians that have died due to this virus, and fervently applaud our brave healthcare workers who have been on the front lines of this pandemic.

Georgia has conducted 5.7 million COVID tests, a total that surpasses half of our state population. We were first in the nation to activate the National Guard to help Stop the Spread, where they served 2,400 facilities and gave out 948,000 meals to children. And we’ve supplied tens of millions of pieces of PPE, and now have an 80 days stockpile.

Even better, America has produced two different vaccines in record time, and we are now working hard to get these shots into people’s arms. And while Georgia has not had a great record in the early phase of the vaccine rollout, we’re quickly addressing these problems.

A balanced budget is always the General Assembly’s top priority. Election reform, COVID relief, mental health and broadband will also be high on the list. In order to help the COVID situation, the governor has promised an added \$405 million for Medicaid and healthcare access. He’s also calling for an additional \$1.2 billion to fully fund K-12 education (including \$10 million for special-needs children), and a one-time \$1,000 bonus to every teacher. The federal government is also giving Georgia schools an additional \$1.7 billion in funding due to CARES 2.

The governor also talked about \$20 million for rural broadband grants and \$40

million for rural innovation. He emphasized there would be no budget cuts, no furloughs, and no new taxes.

I am working on two teacher bills, one which incentivizes teachers who retire to keep teaching, and another that encourages teachers to teach in very-rural communities. I am also working on four military bills.

I cannot end this article without commenting on the recent catastrophe. Not since the invasion of the British during the War of 1812 has our U.S. Capitol been so violated. There are now more soldiers stationed in Washington than Iraq and Afghanistan put together, a grim reminder of the ills of mob violence.

I criticized last summer’s violence that caused dozens of deaths and \$2 billion in damages. I also condemned — in real-time via social media — the unpatriotic assault on our Capitol.

As an American veteran who has fought in five conflicts, I have sworn an oath before God to uphold the U.S. Constitution ... not any person or party. My commitment to you is to put country before partisanship, and the rule of law before personality. I will thus make a special effort to embrace anyone who seeks unity, and will reject those — on the left or the right — who continue to divide. Above all, I hope to act in a manner pleasing to my Lord and Savior.

The violence, depravity, and chaos we see today is the result of fallen men and women. The only way our country can truly heal, is to return to the tenets of our forgotten faith. Therefore, I urge all Americans to lower the temperature and seek forgiveness and reconciliation ... even with people who disagree with us.

That, after all, is what Jesus taught us.

I hope you will pray for me as I attempt to serve the peoples of Morgan and Newton counties.

Dave Belton is a Republican from District 112, serving in the Georgia House of Representatives. He may be contacted at dave-belton112@gmail.com.

Andy Offutt Irwin columnist

Old adage, new adage

OK, y’all. I am writing from my faith tradition and my patriotic bent. There, you are warned. So, settle in and let’s go.

The people of my grandparents’ generation are long gone.

As a storyteller, it’s my job to convey to my world a bit of long-view wisdom that I, myself, have lived long enough to have gleaned from those elders, nuggets of truth that I find valuable, truisms that may have been forgotten.

Mind you, I’m not going to get bogged down in simple nostalgia. The older I get the more I know that simple nostalgia is a marketable state. If you doubt that, just walk into a Cracker Barrel, look at the walls, and wonder who it was that sold that early photograph of their great grandmother — probably the only photograph of that person ever taken. “Hey, Becky, look here. I bet we can get \$80 for Maw-maw!”

Pining for the overly-idealized good-old-days brings about a certain kind of righteous social appetency that is of little use. Be careful, nostalgists, you may miss out on living in the present.

I’ve written this before, but in the *Dictionary of Offutt*, there’s a difference between *nostalgia* and *sentimentality*. Nostalgia wishes *for* comfort.

Sentimentality wishes *to* comfort.

The sentimental heart yearns with empathy; empathy brings us outside ourselves and prods us to act and to offer help, and in the best situations, to empower. With that in mind, I want to convey an idea that I am sentimental about.

There is a saying I grew up with and it astonishes me that I haven’t heard it in the year 2020. It is a saying for our time.

For those who bleed Red, White, and Blue, this little adage is attributed to one of America’s most noted polymaths and, I will confess, my favorite founding father: the printer, humorist, scientist, writer, inventor, thinker, ambassador, penitent abolitionist, and because of his fervid efforts for colonial unity, the one who was named by his fellows, *The First American* — Benjamin Franklin.*

Franklin wrote: “An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.”

Now, lower this newspaper for a few seconds, take a deep breath, and ponder that sentence before I move on to another historic figure with some wisdom to impart.

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During our current pandemic, I have heard over and over, “This is unprecedented!”

Well, no, it isn’t, actually. In the history of humanity, and more specifically, Christendom, COVID-19 ain’t our first quarantine rodeo. You’ve got your Plague of 1347, aka: “The Black Death.” Then you’ve got your Bubonic Plague of 1527. And of course, I grew up hearing plenty of *wash-your-hands* commentary from the old people of my childhood regarding the Flu Pandemic of 1918.

During that Bubonic Plague of 1527, the noted priest, monk, theologian, and reformation-rabble-rouser Martin Luther penned an open letter titled, *Whether One May Flee From A Deadly Plague*. I took the time to read the whole thing, and as letters go, it’s pretty long. I mean, not *U.S.-congressional-COVID-relief-bill* long, but still, Luther’s letter comes in at some 8,500 words.

In that letter, Martin Luther says things like:

“Therefore I shall ask God mercifully to protect us. Then I shall fumigate, help purify the air, administer medicine, and take it. I shall avoid persons and places where my presence is not needed in order not to become contaminated and thus perchance infect and pollute others, and so cause their death as a result of my negligence.”

And Martin Luther did just that. Before “germs” were even discovered, learned people knew that the disease was carried from person to person. Martin Luther ministered to the downtrodden and dying. But he avoided the public when he wasn’t tending to the sick.

That, my friends, is called finding a balance.

On a day when Jesus was tested by a smart aleck lawyer as to how to inherit eternal life, the Lord prodded that fellow to recite the most important commandments: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,” and ‘your neighbor as yourself.’

And when the lawyer asked Jesus, “And Who is my

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Letter to the Editor

Reader compares Trump’s ‘big lie’ to Hitler, Russians

Dear Editor:

The “big lie” is, “a gross distortion or misrepresentation of the facts, especially when used as a propaganda device by a politician or official body”. The expression was coined by Adolf Hitler. One of the most consistent practitioners was Soviet Russia. The “big lie” is still a principal tool of Russian disinformation.

Fast forward to 2021.

Does the “big lie” sound familiar? It should. It is the principal propaganda tool used by former President Donald Trump to discredit the results of the 2020 election. Donald Trump’s use of the “big lie” is part of a pattern of lies and distortions used from the incep-

tion of his first campaign and throughout his term of office.

A vital part of the Donald Trump’s “big lie” have been members of Congress and other high-profile individuals who have lent credence to the “big lie” of the “election steal.” Their tools included groundless lawsuits (essentially all dismissed by state and federal courts throughout the country), demands for recounts (all of which confirmed the election results), “objections” in Congress to accepting the election results as certified by both Republican and Democratic secretaries of state and governors and, most recently, speeches haranguing mobs to attack the Capitol and the members

of Congress assembled there to prevent them from accepting the election results.

The danger of the “big lie,” and the reason Hitler, the Russians and demagogues worldwide use it, is that there will always be gullible people who will believe it and who can be led to violent action in the name of the “big lie.”

The answer to the “big lie” is always the same: tell the truth. We have witnessed the terrible danger of the “big lie.”

Now we must hold those who promulgated and supported the “big lie” to account.

*Bruce Menke
Athens*

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LEGALS

Public Notices

Abandoned Vehicles

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THE VEHICLES are currently located at 4199 OLD ATLANTA HWY, COVINGTON GA 30014 and will be foreclosed upon through Newton County Magistrate Court.

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

VEHICLE MAKE: IR BOBCAT
Year:0000 Model: LT 203
VEHICLE ID #: 706201073
(SERIAL#) Vehicle License # NA

VEHICLE MAKE: SUZUKI Year: 0000 Model: 750
VEHICLE ID #: NONE Vehicle License # NA

VEHICLE MAKE: PEACE SPORT
Year: 0000 Model: PEACE ATV TPATV516
VEHICLE ID #: L6ASCHL63BA002444 Vehicle License # NA

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VEHICLE MAKE: YAMAHA Year: 2007 Model: TT-R125E
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VEHICLE ID #: ARJ10748C797 Vehicle License # NA

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VEHICLE ID #: JSTMP41A862103089 Vehicle License # NA

PUBLIC NOTICE #117797
01/17,24

ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE PETITION ADVERTISEMENT
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 vehicle (s) 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 vehicle (s) is : **9179 Aaron Dr. Covington, GA 30014.**
ANYONE WITH an ownership interest in a vehicle listed herein may file an answer to the petition on or before: 1-30-21
ANSWER FORMS may be found in the Magistrate Court Clerks office located at: Newton County Court House
FORMS MAY also be obtained online at www.georgiamagistratecouncil.com
2012 NISSAN ALTIMA 1N4AL2AP1CC180813 CASE#20-3877AV

PUBLIC NOTICE #117798
01/17,24

Bids

ADVERTISEMENT FOR REQUEST FOR BID FOR PEST CONTROL Services
NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RFB # 21-012

SEPARATE SEALED BIDS for Pest Control Services will be received on behalf of the Newton County Board of Commissioners electronically until 9:00 AM, local time, January 28, 2021. ALL PROPOSALS MUST BE SUBMITTED THROUGH

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per accident (c) statutory worker's compensation insurance, including \$1,000,000 employer's liability insurance (d) employee dishonesty and/or crimes coverage with respect to personnel of Contractor having access to County buildings, with limits of no less than \$50,000 per occurrence. All insurance shall be provided by an insurer(s) acceptable to the County, and shall provide for thirty (30) days prior notice of cancellation to the County. Upon request, Contractor shall deliver to the County a certificate or policy of insurance evidencing Contractor's compliance with this paragraph. Contractor shall abide by all terms and conditions of the insurance and shall do nothing to impair or invalidate the coverage.

ANSWERS TO all questions shall be provided a minimum of 72 hours prior to the time the bid is due.

EACH BIDDER will be considered by the OWNER, taking into consideration specific evaluation factors, listed in their order of relative importance, as set forth in the Request for Bid. Newton County reserves the right to reject any or all bids, including without limitation, the right to reject any bid that the OWNER believes would not be in the best interest of the Project.

DIGITAL COPIES of the BID Documents may be obtained at no charge by visiting www.co.newton.ga.us or contacting Randi Fincher at 678-625-1237 or rfincher@co.newton.ga.us. Hard copies of the BID DOCUMENTS may be obtained upon a non-refundable payment of \$25.00 for each set. The County is not obligated to consider the contractor's proposal if they are not on record with the issuing office as having received

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JANUARY 11, 2021
LLOYD KERR, County Manager
NEWTON COUNTY Board of Commissioners

PUBLIC NOTICE #117796
01/17,24,

THE CITY of Covington is seeking bids for the purchase of one (1) Aerial Bucket Truck as specified in exhibit "A" of the bid packet
SEALED BIDS must be delivered to City Hall, 2194 Emory Street NW, Covington, GA 30014, Attn: Scott Cromer no later than 11:00am on Thursday, January 28, 2021. Bids will be opened and read aloud at that time.
REQUEST FOR Bids and additional information may be obtained by accessing the request for proposals on the City's website at <https://www.cityofcovington.org/index.php?section=business-opportunities>

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #118800
01/17,24

THE CITY of Covington is seeking bids for the purchase of one (1) Debris Collection Loader (Leaf Truck) as specified in exhibit "A" of the bid packet
SEALED BIDS must be delivered to City Hall, 2194 Emory Street NW, Covington, GA 30014, Attn: Scott Cromer no later than 10:00am on Thursday, January 28, 2021. Bids will be opened and read aloud at that time.
REQUEST FOR Bids and additional information may be obtained by accessing the request for proposals on the City's website at <https://www.cityofcovington.org/index.php?section=business-opportunities>

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #118801
01/17,24

THE CITY of Covington is seeking bids for the purchase of one (1) Knuckle Boom Truck as specified in exhibit "A" of the bid packet
SEALED BIDS must be delivered to City Hall, 2194 Emory Street NW, Covington, GA 30014, Attn: Scott Cromer no later than 10:00am on Thursday, January 28, 2021. Bids will be opened and read aloud at that time.
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THE CITY of Covington reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

PUBLIC NOTICE #118802
1/17,24

Citations

CITATION

BAILEY UTTERBACK has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of JOSE "JUJU" SALAS MORALES, JR, deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before FEBRUARY 1, 2021, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

CITATION

BELINDA M. PINKEY has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of ROBERT GEORGE PINKNEY JR, deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before FEBRUARY 1,

2021, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE # 117729
01/3,10,17,24

CITATION

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE # 117727
01/3,10,17,24

CITATION

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #117730
01/3,10,17,24

CITATION

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #117722
01/03,10,17,24

CITATION

THE PETITION of SARAH LYNN QUINTON, widow/widower of BOBBY GENE QUINTON III, 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 FEBRUARY 12021, next at ten o'clock a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #117726
01/3,10,17,24

CITATION

TO: TO Unknown Father & all interested parties

PAMELA DAVIS has filed for Temporary Letters of Guardianship of the Person(s) Autumn Williams minor (s). All objections must be in writing and filed with this Court on or before February 3rd, 2021 at ten

LEGALS:

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O'CLOCK, A.M.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #118806
01/17,24

Corporations

ARTICLES OF Dissolution

THE NAME of the corporation is **SAMM95 ENTERPRISES INC.**
CONTROL NUMBER 17044715.
The date on which the Notice of Intent to Dissolve was filed with the Secretary of State. The Notice of intent to Dissolve has not been revoked. All known debts, liabilities and obligations of the corporation have been paid and discharged. All remaining property and assets of the corporation have been distributed to its shareholders in accordance with their respective rights and privileges. There are no actions pending against the corporation in any court. The articles of dissolution shall be effective on December 31, 2020 at 11:59 pm

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed these Articles of Dissolution on December 29, 2020
ANDY MORGAN

PUBLIC NOTICE #118813
01/17,24

NOTICE IS given that articles of amendment which will change name of **Blackwell & Bruce, Inc.** to **Mansfield Marketplace, Inc.** have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Business Corporation Code. The registered office of the corporation is located at 4420 County Road 213, Mansfield, GA 30055.

PUBLIC NOTICE #117751
01/10,17,24,31

Debtors Creditors

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS

ALL CREDITORS of the estate of **ELIZABETH BODEN MCGHEE** deceased, late of **Newton County, Georgia** are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
THIS 7TH day of January, 2021

ELIZABETH HATHORN McGehee
EXECUTOR Of the Estate
OF ELIZABETH Boden McGehee
C/O ROBERT Stansfield, Esq.
GREER, STANSFIELD & Turner, LLP
P.O. BOX 1617
COVINGTON, GEORGIA 30015
(770) 786-4390

PUBLIC NOTICE #117787
01/13,20,27-2/3

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate** of **AMAYAH PARRIS.**, 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.

MERLENE ST. Luce
63037 ENIGHED
ST. JOHN, VI 00830

PUBLIC NOTICE #118834
01/24,31-2/7,14

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate** of **GARY EDWARD MILLIGAN.**, deceased, late of **Newton County, Georgia.** You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.
THIS THE 5TH day of January, 2021.

SEAN WOODS
2804 LIND Rd
CONYERS, GA 30013

PUBLIC NOTICE #118832
01/24,31-2/7,14

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate** of **GARY EDWARD MILLIGAN.**, deceased, late of **Newton County, Georgia.** You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.
THIS THE 30TH day of January, 2020.

LOURIE WILLIAMS
80 SADDLEBROOK DR
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #117766
01/17,24,31-02/7

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND

CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate** of **JACQUELYN B. SIMS.** deceased, late of **Newton County, Georgia.** You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.
THIS THE 18th day of **DECEMBER,** 2020.

ANGELA SIMS-DAVIS
1406 SWIFTWATER CIR.
MCDONOUGH, GA 30252

PUBLIC NOTICE #117723
01/3,10,17,24

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate** of **JOHN THOMAS WALDEN, 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 20TH day of January, 2021.

JOHN R. Walden
1070 JONES Bluff Ct
GREENSBORO GA 30642

PUBLIC NOTICE #118833
01/31-2/7,14,21

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate** of **JOSEPH BRADFORD WRIGHT III.**, deceased, late of **Newton County, Georgia.** You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.
THIS THE 5TH day of January 2021.

KERRY WRIGHT
270 TAMERA Trail
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #117774
01/17,24,31-02/7

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

DEBORAH JEAN Crum
1251 HODGES Circle
MANSFIELD, GA 30055

PUBLIC NOTICE #118815
01/24,31-2/7,14

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate** of **LAURA LEE SANDERS.**, 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 21st day of December, 2020.

REESE SANDERS
5540 HIGHWAY 20
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE # 117731
01/3,10,17,24

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate** of **MARILYN A. FINKBEINER.**, deceased, late of **Newton County, Georgia.** You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.
THIS THE 5th day of January 2021

DOUGLAS P. Finkbiner
334C BEACON St
SOMERVILLE, MA 02143

PUBLIC NOTICE #117773
01/17,24,31-02/7

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate** of **MICHAEL HENRY AUTRY 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 18th day of December, 2020.

DIANE SALE
12285 BROWN Bridge Rd
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE # 117732
01/3,10,17,24

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate** of **OLGA NIKITOVNA BOBIK.**, deceased, late of **Newton County, Georgia.** You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.
THIS THE 5th day of January 2021.

TATYANA YALOVEGA
55 SALEM Branch Rd
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #117775
01/17,24,31-02/7

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate** of **REBA RUNEA MILLIGAN.**, deceased, late of **Newton County, Georgia.** You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.
THIS THE 30TH day of December, 2020.

LOURIE WILLIAMS
80 SADDLEBROOK DR
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #117766
01/17,24,31-02/7

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND

representative according to law.
THIS THE 5TH day of January, 2021.

WILLIE L. Milligan
P.O. BOX 417
PORTERDALE, GA 30070

PUBLIC NOTICE #117785
01/17,24,31-2/7

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate** of **ROBERT EUGENE SKINNER.**, deceased, late of **Newton County, Georgia.** You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.
THIS THE 13TH day of January, 2021.

SHERRY S. Hitchcock
1798 HWY 229
MANSFIELD GA 30055

PUBLIC NOTICE #118831
01/24,31-02/7,14

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate** of **TERRY CLYDE KING.**, deceased, late of **Newton County, Georgia.** You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.
THIS THE 5TH day of January, 2021.

ROBERT CASE
3080 HORSESHOE Spring Dr
CONYERS, GA 30013

PUBLIC NOTICE #117771
01/17,24,31-2/7

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate** of **WALTER LEE KINES, 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 5th day of January, 2021.

WALTER L. Kines, Jr
1212 DIXIE Rd
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #117772
01/17,24,31-02/7

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate** of **ANTRON L. LEWSI.**, deceased, late of **Newton County, Georgia.** You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.
THIS THE 5th day of January 20

HEATHER STEPHENSON
9227 GOLFVIEW Circle
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #117777
01/17,24,31-2/7

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate** of **BETTY NEAAL HOUSE CASON.**, deceased, late of **Newton County, Georgia.** You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.
THIS THE 30th day of December 2020.

KIM C. Dylong
1140 GUM Creek Rd
OXFORD, GA 30054

PUBLIC NOTICE #117779
01/17,24,31-02/7

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate** of **CASSANDRA MITCHELL.**, deceased, late of **Newton County, Georgia.** You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.
THIS THE 5th day of January 2021.

ADDIE JO White
525 WHITE Rd
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #117768
01/17,24,31-02/7

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate** of **ELIZABETH FARRELL CROMER.**, deceased, late of **Newton County, Georgia.** You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.
THIS THE 30TH day of December, 2020.

RICHARD BRAGG
809 OTTO Dr
ALLEN TX 75013

PUBLIC NOTICE #117770
01/17,24,31-02/7

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate** of **HENRY THOMAS JOHNSON.**, deceased, late of **Newton County, Georgia.** You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.
THIS THE 11th day of January 2021.

KEYWANDER FLOYD
100 HIGHWOOD Dr
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE # 118810
01/17,24,31-2/7

CLUES ACROSS
1. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
5. 2014 Winter Olympics host
10. Soft fabric
12. Covered in flowers
14. Works at a college or university
16. Keeps us cool
18. Corpuscle count (abbr.)
19. Similar
20. Birthplace of Muhammad
22. They ____
23. Preamble to a book
25. Southern China people
26. Hair product
27. The woman
28. Partner to cheese
30. One point north of due east
31. Round Dutch cheese
33. Be in awe of
35. Christmas song
37. Emits coherent radiation
38. Something that is comparable to another
40. Monetary unit
41. The cutting part of a drill
42. Resinlike substance secreted by certain insects
44. Touch lightly
45. Toyota SUV
48. ____ and Andy, TV show
50. Made less dangerous
52. Assets under management (abbr.)
53. Nostrils
55. Moved quickly
56. Thai isthmus
57. TV personality Roker
58. Honors anew
63. Rags
65. One who obtains pleasure from inflicting pain or others
66. Marketplaces
67. Dark brown or black

CLUES DOWN
1. Nowhere to be found (abbr.)
2. Not new

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate** of **JAMES LLOYD HIGGINS.**, deceased, late of **Newton County, Georgia.** You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.
THIS THE 4th day of January 2021.

STEPHEN HIGGINS
1718 PADDELEWWHEEL Dr. NE
MARIETTA, GA 30062

PUBLIC NOTICE #117778
01/17,24,31-02/7

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate** of **JOHNNIE JANELL DENNEY.**, deceased, late of **Newton County, Georgia.** You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.
THIS THE 30TH day of December, 2020.

JERRY E. Denney
410 ELLINGTON Rd
OXFORD, GA 30054

PUBLIC NOTICE #117780
01/17,24,31-2/7

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate** of **KATHLEEN K. WHITE.**, deceased, late of **Newton County, Georgia.** You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.
THIS THE 30TH day of December, 2020.

OTIS WHITE, JR
134 THOMAS OVERBY DR.
SHARPSBURG, GA 30277

PUBLIC NOTICE #117761
01/17,24,31-02/7

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate** of **WILLIE MONTGOMERY, 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 11th day of January 2021.

MELVA MONTGOMERY
175 KESTREL Circle
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #118808
01/17,24,31-2/7

NOTICE TO Debtors/Creditors

ALL CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF **BETTY RAMSEY KINCAID** LATE OF **ROCKDALE COUNTY, DECEASED, ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED TO RENDER THEIR DEMANDS TO THE UNDERSIGNED ACCORDING TO LAW AND ALL PERSONS INDEBTED TO THE SAID ESTATE ARE REQUIRED TO MAKE PAYMENT TO SUSAN B. ATKINSON, EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE BETTY RAMSEY KINCAID AT 195 BRIAR PATCH DRIVE, COVINGTON, GEORGIA 30014 THIS 21ST OF DECEMBER 2020**

PUBLIC NOTICE #117741
01/3,10,17,24

Divorces

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

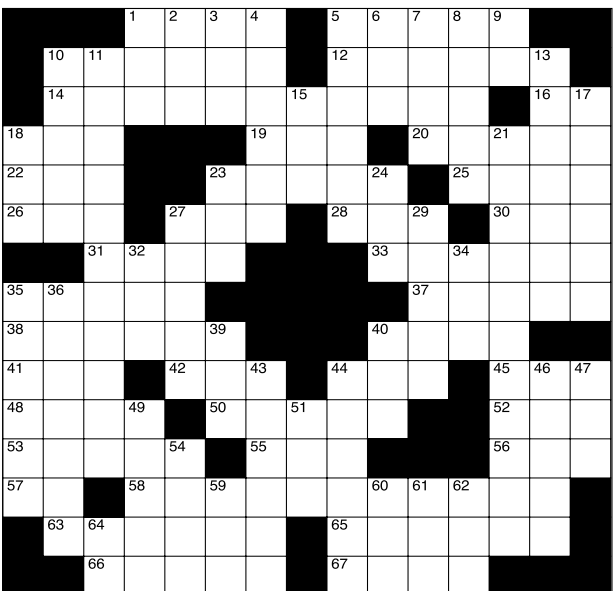
TONY R WALLS
PLAINTIFF,
-VS-
CHIKEEDA J JACKSON
DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION No.: 2021-CV-13-2

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

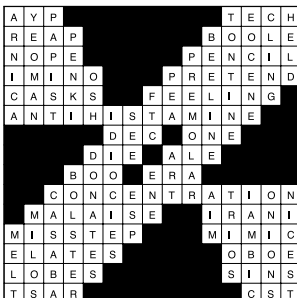
TO: CHIKEEDA J. JACKSON
60 BELMONT CIRCLE
COVINGTON, GA 30016

BY ORDER of the court for service



3. Brew
4. Stain with mud
5. Chief or leader
6. Luke Skywalker's mentor ____-Wan
7. Type of sauce
8. Sharpens
9. Priestess loved by Zeus
10. Jean Henri ____, French entomologist
11. Regulates supply of fuel
13. Disturbing and horrifying
15. Equal (prefix)
17. Hosts film festival
18. Tattered piece of clothing
21. Rich desserts
23. Unique motor (abbr.)
24. Disfigure
27. Chemical substance
29. Slang for famous person
32. Department of Labor
34. The A-team rode around in one
35. Beach cabin
36. Living things
39. Gun (slang)
40. Disconsolate

43. Stroke gently
44. Actress Richards
46. "Cletus Hogg" actor
47. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
49. Brazilian mountain range
51. Upset
54. One with supernatural insight
59. Insecticide
60. Taxi
61. "Much ____ about nothing"
62. Cannister
64. Popular clothing retailer

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:


to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed.

PLEASE NOTE that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, you are not entitled by law to an amendment or modification of the terms of your loan. The entity having full authority to negotiate, amend or modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is: Community Loan Servicing, LLC fka Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC, Loss Mitigation Dept., 4425 Ponce de Leon Blvd., 5th Floor, Coral Gables, FL 33146, Telephone Number: 800-771-0299.

COMMUNITY LOAN SERVICING, LLC FKA BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC
AS ATTORNEY IN Fact for **MARY A. BASKETTE**

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

ATTORNEY CONTACT: Ruben Lublin, LLC, 3145 Avalon Ridge Place, Suite 100, Peachtree Corners, GA 30071
TELEPHONE NUMBER: (877) 813-0992 Case No. CLS-20-04324-1
AD RUN Dates 01/03/2021, 01/10/2021, 01/17/2021, 01/24/2021

PUBLIC NOTICE # 117733
01/3,10,17,24

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

BY VIRTUE of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from **MYIA ROSETTA LOVE-SMITH MYIA ODOM BEY** to **MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC AS NOMINEE FOR CITIMORTGAGE INC**, dated December 7, 2006, recorded December 21, 2006, in Deed Book 2348, Page 546, Newton County, Georgia Records, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of One Hundred Twenty-Four Thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$124,000.00), with interest thereon as provided for therein, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned and transferred to U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Trustee of the New Residential Mortgage Loan Trust 2020-NPL1, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the Newton County Courthouse, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in February, 2021, all property described in said Security Deed including but not limited to the following described property:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 21, 10TH DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 40, PARK PLACE SUBDIVISION UNIT THREE, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 25, PAGE 249, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS, WHICH PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN AND MADE A PART HEREOF BY REFERENCES.

SAID LEGAL description being controlling, however the property is more commonly known as **65 BOARDWALK AVE, COVINGTON, GA 30016.**

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

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

TO THE best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owner and party in possession of the property is **MARY A. BASKETTE, ESTATE AND/ OR HEIRS-AT-LAW OF MARY A. BASKETTE , STACIE BASKETTE HERDER, or tenants(s).**

THE SALE will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2)

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

TO THE best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owner and party in possession of the property is MYIA ROSETTA LOVE-SMITH MYIA ODOM BEY, CRAIG VINCENT KENNEY, or tenants(s).

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

PLEASE NOTE that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, you are not entitled by law to an amendment or modification of the terms of your loan. The entity having full authority to negotiate, amend or modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is: NewRez LLC, F/K/A New Penn Financial, LLC, D/B/A Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, Loss Mitigation Dept., 75 Beattie Place, Ste. 300, Greenville, SC 29601, Telephone Number: 800-365-7107.

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE OF THE NEW RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2020-NPL1 **AS ATTORNEY** in Fact for **MYIA ROSETTA LOVE-SMITH MYIA ODOM BEY** **THE BELOW LAW FIRM** MAY BE HELD TO BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, UNDER FEDERAL LAW. IF SO, ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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

TELEPHONE NUMBER: (877) 813-0992 Case No. SHP-20-03471-1 **AD RUN** Dates 01/03/2021, 01/10/2021, 01/17/2021, 01/24/2021

PUBLIC NOTICE #117704
1/03,10,17,24

Name Changes

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF ADULT

ANNMARIE BLACKE filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on **JANUARY 1, 2021** to change the name from **ANNMARIE KIMONA BLAKE-BARTHLEY** to **ANNMARIE KIMONA BLAKE**. Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after Petition was filed.

DATED JANUARY 5, 2021

ANNMARIE K. Blake
3955 BARSHAY Dr
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #
01/17,24,31-2/7

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE the Name Change of Child(ren):
ARETHA FAFA MILLER

JEUNICE ADU
PETITIONER,
VS.

RESPONDENT.
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 2021-CV-78-5

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF CHILD

JEUNICE A. ADU filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on JANUARY 14, 2021, to change the name of the following minor child **FROM: ARETHA FAFA MILLER** to **ARETHA FAFA ADU**.

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

JEUNICE A. ADU
425 ST. ANNE'S PL
COVINGTON GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #118829
01/24,31-2/7,14

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE the Name Change of Child(ren):
LEILANI LOVE DUCASSE

MICHELLE HILL
PETITIONER,
VS
FRANCIS DUCASSE
RESPONDENT

CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 2021-CV-002-3

NOTICE OF PETITION TO

CHANGE NAME OF CHILD

MICHELLE LATOYA HILL filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on January 4, 2021, to change the name of the following minor child

FROM: LEILANI Love Dauceasse to Leilani Love Hill.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #117790
01/17,24,31-2/7

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE the Name Change of: **ANTHONY ALTON Titus**
PETITIONER
CIVIL ACTION File Number: **2021-CV-26-5**

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF ADULT

ANTHONY ALTON Titus filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on **JANUARY 7, 2021** to change the name from **Anthony Alton Titus** to **Abdullah Shaheed** . Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after Petition was filed.

DATED 01/01/2021

ANTHONY TITUS
15 NORTHWOOD SPRING DR
OXFORD, GA 30054

PUBLIC NOTICE #118807
01/17,24,31-02/7

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE the Name Change of: **JENNIFER NACOLE MATHIS**
PETITIONER
CIVIL ACTION File Number: **2021-CV-35-4**

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF ADULT

JENNIFER NACOLE MATHIS filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on **JANUARY 8, 2021** to change the name from **JENNIFER NACOLE MATHIS** to **JENNIFER NACOLE MOTON**. Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after Petition was filed.

DATED JANUARY 8, 2021

JENNIFER NACOLE Mathis
205 1ST Ave
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #118823
01/24,31-2/7,14

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE the Name Change of: **JOHN LEE WHITE**
PETITIONER
CIVIL ACTION File Number: **2020-CV-2610-3**

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF ADULT

JOHN LEE WHITE filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on **DECEMBER 23, 2020** to change the name from **JOHN LEE WHITE** to **JOHNNY LEE WHITE**. Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after Petition was filed.

DATED DECEMBER 23, 2020

JOHN LEE WHITE
2553 MOTE ROAD
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #117755
01/10,17,24,31

Public Hearings

CITY OF COVINGTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
- HISTORIC PERSERVATION COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 3, 2021 @ 6PM

NOTICE IS hereby given, per the City of Covington's Code of Ordinances Chapter 16.52.270, applications were submitted for Certificate of Appropriateness' to be considered by Covington's Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) on the following properties:

A. ITEM 1: COA# - PCA20-0032
RENOVATION/REMODEL TO include:
NEW SIDING, exterior painting where siding not applied, frame new floor joists, walls & roof, replace windows, exterior steps and columns, HVAC and interior remodel.
LOCATION: 2232 Lee Street
TAX PARCEL Number: C027 0006 05A
PROPERTY OWNER: Fortune Equity Properties, LLC
APPLICANT: ANDRE Merkerson

B. ITEM 2: COA# - PCA20-0034
RENOVATION/REMODEL TO include:

include:
DEMO DILAPIDATED room on back of house, new siding, exterior paint where siding not applied, frame new floor joists, walls & roof, replace windows, exterior steps and columns, HVAC and interior remodel.
LOCATION: 2219 Emory Street
TAX PARCEL Number: C0270 0006 003
PROPERTY OWNER: Fortune Equity Properties, LLC
APPLICANT: ANDRE Merkerson

C. ITEM 3: COA# PCA20-0035
RENOVATION/REMODEL TO include:

DEMO DILAPIDATED room on back of house, new siding, exterior paint where siding not applied, frame new floor joists, walls & roof, replace windows, exterior steps and columns, HVAC and interior remodel.
LOCATION: 2221 Emory Street
TAX PARCEL Number: C027 0006 003
PROPERTY OWNER: Fortune Equity Properties, LLC
APPLICANT: ANDRE Merkerson

D. ITEM 4: COA# - PCA20-0036
RENOVATION/REMODEL TO include:
NEW SIDING, exterior painting where siding not applied, frame new floor joists, walls & roof, replace windows, exterior steps and columns, HVAC and interior remodel.
LOCATION: 2220 Lee Street
TAX PARCEL Number: C027 0006 002
PROPERTY OWNER: Fortune Equity Properties, LLC
APPLICANT: ANDRE Merkerson

E. ITEM 5: COA# - PCA20-0037
RENOVATION/REMODEL TO include:
NEW SIDING, exterior painting where siding not applied, frame new floor joists, walls & roof, replace windows, exterior steps and columns, HVAC and interior remodel.
LOCATION: 2222 Lee Street
TAX PARCEL Number: C027 0006 04A
PROPERTY OWNER: Fortune Equity Properties, LLC
APPLICANT: ANDRE Merkerson

DUE TO circumstances necessitated by emergency conditions involving public safety and preservation of public services, public access to this meeting is limited to teleconference and video access. **THE PUBLIC MAY ACCESS THIS MEETING BY** CALLING 1-646-558-8656, use the following Meeting ID #: 990-0421-9963: To view online use the following link: <https://zoom.us/j/99004219963>
THE APPLICANT and **ALL INTERESTED** shall be given an opportunity to be heard before the HPC. For more information, contact Renee Criswell, at rcriswell@cityofcovington.org, or 770-385-2178.

PUBLIC NOTICE #118825
01/24

CITY OF COVINGTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING –
PLANNING COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 9, 2021 @ 6PM

NOTICE IS hereby given, per the City of Covington's Code of Ordinances Chapter 16.12.020, the following items are to be considered by the Covington Planning Commission.

A. ITEM 1 - PR20-0003:
REZONING – Text Amendment for SEC. 16.24.040 – Covington Town Center Overlay:
LOCATION: 10227 Alcovy Road
ZONED: CORRIDOR MIXED-USE
TAX MAP Parcel Number: #C080 002A
OWNER: HARRY Kitchens

B. ITEM 2 – Map Amendment:
ZONING MAP Amendment in relation to newer mixed-use zoning.

DUE TO circumstances necessitated by emergency conditions involving public safety and preservation of public services, public access to this meeting is limited to teleconference and video access. **THE PUBLIC MAY ACCESS THIS MEETING BY** CALLING 1-646-558-8656, use the following Meeting ID #: 986-7793-2099: To view online use the following link: <https://zoom.us/j/98677932099>
ALL INTERESTED parties are invited to participate. For more information, contact Renee Criswell, at rcriswell@cityofcovington.org, or 770-385-2178.

PUBLIC NOTICE #118826

Newton County Board of Education 2021 Meeting Dates

The Newton County Board of Education has set the following meeting dates for **January 2021 through January 2022**. The Board meetings will start at 7:00 PM on the dates listed and are open to the public. Please note the school board meets in closed (executive) session from 6 PM until the start of the public meeting. The Newton County School Board's meeting schedule is as follows:

January 12, 2021
January 19, 2021
February 9, 2021
February 16, 2021
March 9, 2021
March 16, 2021
April 27, 2021
May 11, 2021
May 18, 2021
June 15, 2021
June 22, 2021
July 20, 2021
July 27, 2021
August 10, 2021
August 17, 2021
September 14, 2021
September 21, 2021
October 26, 2021
November 9, 2021
November 16, 2021
December 14, 2021
January 11, 2022
January 18, 2022

PUBLIC NOTICE #118830
01/24

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

CIVIL ACTION NUMBER
sucy2019001226

PLAINTIFF:
YEHUDAH, TAMIMAH

VS

DEFENDANTS:
LEWIS, DASHAWN
LEWIS, MATTHEW

SUMMONS

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:

YOU ARE hereby summoned and required to file with the Clerk of said court and serve upon the **PLAINTIFFS ATTORNEY**, whose name and address is: **KENNY ROBLNION WILLIAMS & Associates :Z:O CHUREB Street DEEATUR, GEORGIA 30030** **AN ANSWER** to the complaint which is herewith served upon you, within 30 days after service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

THIS 17TH day of June, 2019.

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

PUBLIC NOTIC # 117752
01/10,17,24,31

Public Notice

NOTICE OF LOCATION AND DESIGN APPROVAL
P. I. 0013859
NEWTON COUNTY

NOTICE IS hereby given in compliance with Georgia Code 22-2-109 and 32-3-5 that the Georgia Department of Transportation has approved the Location and Design of this project.

THE DATE of location and design approval is: __December 9, 2020

THIS PROJECT is located in Georgia Militia District (GMD) 420 and is in Land Lot 175 of the 1st Land District of Newton County, Georgia
THE PROPOSED project is located at the intersection of SR 11 and SR 12/US 278 in Newton County near Covington, Georgia. The intersection is approximately 0.9 miles south of the intersection of SR 11 and I-20 and 3.4 miles north of the intersection of SR 11 and SR 142. The proposed project would replace the existing all way stop controlled intersection with a roundabout configuration for a project length of 0.33 miles. The two-lane bypass roadway with one lane in each direction in the northwest quadrant of the SR 11 and SR 12/US 278 intersection would be removed. The truck apron is widened to accommodate oversized overweight vehicles. Curb and gutter will be installed along the outside of the roundabout with a mountable curb along the inside for the truck apron. The roadway approaches on SR 11 would consist of 12-ft travel lanes and 10-ft wide outside shoulders, of which 6.5-ft is paved to accommodate shared bike path, with open ditch drainage. The roadway approaches on SR 12 would consist of 12-ft travel lanes and 10-ft wide outside shoulders, of which 4-ft is paved, with open ditch drainage.
DRAWINGS OR maps or plats of the proposed project, as approved, are on file and are available for public inspection at the Georgia Department of Transportation:
MARK GILES, Area Manager
DISTRICT 2 Area 5
MGILES@DOT.GA.GOV
GEORGIA DEPARTMENT of

Transportation
1570 BETHANY Road
MADISON, GA 30650
(706) 343-5837

ANY INTERESTED party may obtain a copy of the drawings or maps or plats or portions thereof by paying a nominal fee and requesting in writing to:
KIMBERLY W. Nesbitt
STATE PROGRAM Delivery Administrator
ATTN: DANIEL Chastain
DCHASTAIN@DOT.GA.GOV
600 WEST Peachtree Street, NW
ATLANTA, GA 30308
(404) 865-3496
ANY WRITTEN request or communication in reference to this project or notice **SHOULD** include the Project and P. I. Numbers as noted at the top of this notice.
PUBLIC NOTICE#117749
01/10,17,24,31

Public Sales Auctions

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

A PUBLIC Auction for the non-PAYMENT of storage fees at Speedy Storage will take place on Saturday, January 30, 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.

RICHARD BARMANN.....UNIT 10
DANNY GLENN.....UNIT 13
KRISTIN GREITMAN.....UNIT 91
MICHAEL DICK.....UNIT 140, 141
CRYSTAL CARTER.....UNIT 172
BARRY BROWN.....UNIT 213

PUBLIC NOTICE #117794
01/17,20

PUBLIC AUCTION

NOTICE IS hereby given that Storett of Covington located at **10211 HWY 278 E**, Covington, GA 30014, the undersigned **INTEND** to sell household goods and personal effects to enforce **A LIEN** imposed on said property pursuant to the Georgia self **STORAGE FACILITY** Act, Georgia Code Section 10-1-210 to 10-4-215. **THE** undersigned will sell at Public Auction by **COMPETITIVE BIDDING** to the highest bidder on January 30, **2021 AT 10:00am CASH ONLY** will be accepted at the **CASH OF PURCHASE**.
UNIT 103 Browner, Willie
UNIT 134 Becknell, Elizabeth L.
UNIT 222 Williams, Brandon L.
UNIT 241 Usher, Shekita S.
UNIT 248 LeGree, Asha M.
UNIT 302 Clark, Dusty R.
UNIT 317 Hallas, Michael T.
UNIT 330 Brown, Chris
UNIT 341 Harris, Darrell
UNIT 411 Henderson, Ashley N.
UNIT 419 Jones II, Johnny
UNIT 432 Fischer, Ricky A.
UNIT 502 Knight, Jason H.
UNIT 503 Moon, Desir'ee M.
UNIT CC23 Rogers, Ashley K.
SALE IS subject to cancellation in the event of settlement
BETWEEN OWNER and obligated party. We reserve the right to **WITHDRAW ANY** unit from the sale. We also reserve the right to **REFUSE ANY** bid. Call 770-788-9818

PUBLIC NOTICE #117792
01/17,24

PUBLIC SALE/AUCTION

NOTICE IS hereby given that **Dixie Self Stor81e** located at**1447 Access Road, Covin,ton,Ga.30014**. **THE UNDERSIGNED** Intent to sell household goods and personal property,to enforce **Imposed lien** on said Property pursuant of the Georgia Self Storage Facility Act, Georgia Code Section 10-1-210 to 10-4-215. **The undersigned** will sell at Public Sale to the highest Bidder on:

FEBRUARY 18,2021 at 11A.M.
CASH ONLY,WILL be accepted at the time of purchase. Unit 1033, Heather Love,Household Goods
UNIT 1038, Sharita Parada,Household Goods,Boxes
UNIT 1046, Ivan Richard S m i t h , H o u s e h o l d Goods,Furniture,Boxes,Toys
UNIT 2024, Demetrius A.Enoch,Household Goods
UNIT 2041, Yulandra M. Mitchell,Household Goods,Furniture,Boxes,Toys
UNIT 3004, Illysla W a l k e r , H o u s e h o l d Goods,Furniture,Boxes
UNIT 3014, Arthur Dawson,Jr.Household Goods,Furniture,Boxes Unit 3016, Ashley M.Thomas, Household Goods,Furniture,Boxes Unit 4004, Vonetta McLemore,Household Goods,Furniture,Boxes

SALE IS subject to cancellation in

the event of settlement between Owners and the obligated party. We reserve the right to refuse any bid.
CALL 770-.787-3039

PUBLIC NOTICE #118824
01/24,31

Trade Names

THE UNDERSIGNED hereby certifies that they are conduction a business at **14500 A-C Lochridge Blvd. In The City of Covington, County of Newton, State of Georgia**. Under the name **Piston Technology Center**. And the type of business to be conducted is Compressor sales and services. Business is composed of the following person Quinicy Compressor LLC, 701 N. Dobson Ave, Bay Minette, AL 36507

PUBLIC NOTICE #118827
01/24,31

TRADE NAME
REGISTRATION
AFFIDAVIT
GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

TO WHOM It may Concern:
PLEASE BE advised that **BC UNLIMITED.,** whose address is154 Mabry Road Covington, GA 30014 the owner(s) of the certain business now being carried on at in the following trade name, to-wit: **BC POOL CO.** that the nature of said business is: . Construction/ Contractor- Construct other types of structures.
THIS STATEMENT is made in conformity with O.C.G.A. §10-1-490 et seq. requiring the filing of such statement with the Clerk of Superior Court of this county.
THIS THE 1st day of January 2021

PUBLIC NOTICE #118812
01/17,24

TRADE NAME
REGISTRATION
AFFIDAVIT
GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

TO WHOM It may Concern:
PLEASE BE advised that **DONALD LIAPING.,** whose address is205 Piedmont Circle, Covington, Georgia 30016 the owner(s) of the certain business now being carried on at in the following trade name, to-wit: Pings Transport that the nature of said business is: .Transportation.
THIS STATEMENT is made in conformity with O.C.G.A. §10-1-490 et seq. requiring the filing of such statement with the Clerk of Superior Court of this county.
THIS THE 6th day of January 2021

PUBLIC NOTICE #118811
01/17,24

TRADE NAME
REGISTRATION
AFFIDAVIT
GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

TO WHOM It may Concern:
PLEASE BE advised that **HARYWARD DEROUEN.,** whose address is220 Homestead Way Covington, GA 30014
THE OWNER(S) of the certain business now being carried on at in the following trade name, to-wit: V & H Logistics that the nature of said business is: .Transportation.
THIS STATEMENT is made in conformity with O.C.G.A. §10-1-490 et seq. requiring the filing of such statement with the Clerk of Superior Court of this county.
THIS THE 31st day of December 2020

PUBLIC NOTICE #118825

TRADE NAME
REGISTRATION
AFFIDAVIT
GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

TO WHOM It may Concern:
PLEASE BE advised that **JAY TERRELL.,** whose address is11471 Brown Bridge Road Covington, Ga 30016 the owner(s) of the certain business now being carried on at in the following trade name, to-wit: Terrell Management llc that the nature of said business is: . self service storage facility
THIS STATEMENT is made in conformity with O.C.G.A. §10-1-490 et seq. requiring the filing of such statement with the Clerk of Superior Court of this county.
THIS THE 7th day of January 2021

PUBLIC NOTICE #117791
01/17,24

TRADE NAME
REGISTRATION
AFFIDAVIT
GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

TO WHOM It may Concern:
PLEASE BE advised that **KIERA HURST.,** whose address is390 Oak Hill Dr Covingtonn, GA 30016 the owner(s) of the certain business now being carried on at in the following trade name, to-wit: Flawless Salon Suites llc that the nature of said business is: .Hair Salon
THIS STATEMENT is made in conformity with O.C.G.A. §10-1-490 et seq. requiring the filing of such statement with the Clerk of Superior Court of this county.
THIS THE 5th day of January 2021

PUBLIC NOTICE #117776
01/17,24

DEMOCRACY:

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face: Anger, resentment, hatred. Extremism, lawlessness, violence. Disease, joblessness, hopelessness. With unity we can do great things. Important things.”

The president ended his speech with a promise to “always level” with the American people and “defend the Constitution” as his administration works to “write an American story of hope.”

“My fellow Americans, I close today where I began, with a sacred oath,” he said. “Before God and all of you I give you my word. I will always level with you. I will defend the Constitution. I will defend our democracy. I will defend America. I will give my all in your service thinking not of power, but of possibilities. Not of personal interest, but of the public good. And together, we shall write an American story of hope, not fear. Of unity, not division. Of light, not darkness. An American story of decency and dignity. Of love and of healing. Of greatness and of goodness. May this be the story that guides us. The story that inspires us. The story that tells ages yet to come that we answered the call of history. We met the moment. That democracy and hope, truth and justice, did not die on our watch but thrived. That our America secured liberty at home and stood once again as a beacon to the world. That is what we owe our forebearers, one another, and generations to follow. So, with purpose and resolve we turn to the tasks of our time. Sustained by faith. Driven by conviction. And, devoted to one another and to this country we love with all our hearts. May God bless America and may God protect our troops.”

Kamala Harris was also sworn into office, becoming the first female vice president and the first Black and South Asian vice president in U.S. history.

Newton County U.S. Rep. Hank Johnson, D-Lithonia, was in attendance for the inauguration of Biden and Harris. He sent out a series of tweets via Twitter, commenting on the day.

“Beautiful day in the nation’s capital -- it’s a new day in America,” he wrote.

“The clouds have overtaken the sun, and snow has begun to fall. Winter is upon the nation, but winter always yields to spring!”

“Just like that the snow receded, as did the clouds, and now we have a beautiful blue sky as the historic VP @KamalaHarris is sworn in. #InaugurationDay”

“@JoeBiden President Biden sworn in! A day of history where democracy lives on in America! It’s springtime in America!”

Newton County U.S. Rep. Jody Hice, R-Greensboro, commented on the Biden-Harris inauguration via Facebook. He first recapped the accomplishments of Trump’s administration and ended by saying he hoped Biden would “keep his word.”

“May God bless America and all who love and serve her! Despite all that divides us, we are still the UNITED States of America,” Hice wrote.

“As President, Donald Trump did more for Americans than any elected official in our lifetimes: enacting historic tax reform, securing the Southern border, negotiating better and fairer trade deals, protecting the right to life, improving healthcare for veterans, producing a COVID vaccine

through Operation Warp Speed — just to name a few! His accomplishments should be honored and preserved.

“Looking forward, I pray to God that President Joe Biden will keep his word to protect the rights of ALL Americans, no matter their political ideologies. If President Biden is truly committed to promoting unity, he should call for an end to Congressional Democrats’ impeachment attempt of Donald Trump.”

Chairs of Newton County’s Democrat and Republican parties also commented on the historic day.

“May our thoughts be with the new leaders of our nation and their administration,” wrote Ryan Barrett, chairman of the Newton County Democrat Party, on Facebook. “May we find determination in our convictions, perseverance in a greater tomorrow, and a undivided interest in the common good.

“I pray for peace for President Biden and Vice President Harris as they are sworn in. I entrust in them to do what is just, fair, and equal to all.”

“Wrong choice for freedom and liberty loving Americans!” Republican Party Chairman Scott Jay briefly told The Covington News. “History is 20/20.”

During his first hours as president, Biden signed 17 executive orders, undoing many of Trump’s policies. These orders included, but were not limited to, instituting a 100-day mask mandate as part of his initial plan to address the COVID-19 pandemic, halting construction of Trump’s border wall, reversing a discriminatory travel ban, rejoining the Paris climate accord and cancelling the Keystone XL pipeline.

Braves’ home run king Hank Aaron dies at 76

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CORONER:

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and had a faulty cooling system — among other problems.

“We need to get that (morgue) fixed ASAP,” she said. “I’m not talking about, just, no ‘mom and pop’ fixing something — I need to see certification.”

Bailey-Butts said she tried to store a body in the morgue recently before finding she could not do so because the temperature inside it could not be regulated.

The facility contained mold and mildew that could be breathed in and cause medical problems, she said.

“There’s no way that I would allow my staff ... to take a body in there alone when the temperature is not working,” Bailey-Butts said.

After asking area funeral homes about available space, she finally transported the body to an area hospital, she said.

Other equipment is inoperable, including a laptop computer, handheld radio and camera, she said.

She said one vehicle dedicated to the office has bad brakes while the other has engine problems. The lack of a GPS in them forces her to use her personal cellphone’s GPS to travel to calls for service, she said.

In addition, she said she lacks adequate space in the coroner’s dedicated office in the Historic Courthouse.

“I’m an elected official and my office is the size of a closet,” Bailey-Butts said.

Chairman Marcello Banes pledged to look at vacant space in the county-owned R.L. Cousins school building as a possible office location.

Banes told her that currently vacant office space in the Historic Courthouse was reserved for a new deputy county clerk and new county film coordinator.

In addition, space on the unfinished third floor of the county administration building was not usable as an office, County Manager Lloyd Kerr said.

Banes said the county can make a private room available for her meetings in the Historic Courthouse while they determine if the county has space elsewhere.

FORMER CORONER RESPONDS

Bailey-Butts defeated longtime coroner Tommy Davis in the Nov. 3

election for the position.

Davis, who was first elected in 2008, said the Newton County Sheriff’s Office owns and is responsible for maintaining the morgue.

“It was in working order as of Dec. 31, 2020, as the last case I worked had to be temporarily stored before being transported for autopsy,” he said. “The morgue temperature on that day was 36 degrees and is regulated at that temperature.”

He said the morgue is equipped with an alarm that sends an alert to the person in charge of maintenance for the sheriff’s office if the temperature ever goes up.

“The thermostat and temperature gauge is located inside the cooler itself and not on the door of the unit,” he said.

A gauge on the door is not part of a new cooling unit the sheriff installed within the last two years — when a new thermostat was placed inside the unit, Davis said.

He said, in reference to mold and mildew in the morgue, the drain for the cooling unit has to be cleaned from time to time so condensation can run out into a floor drain located just outside of the cooler door.

The morgue was never used on a regular basis and would sometimes sit empty weeks between temporary storage uses, he said.

“During that time the sheriff’s maintenance department was always monitoring the equipment, making sure it was working properly,” Davis said.

Both coroner vehicles were in “good working order” on his last day in office, Davis said.

“Any time a vehicle needed service or repair the county shop would complete all service and repairs as needed,” Davis said.

All equipment left at the coroner’s office was its property, including the old and obsolete equipment, he said.

“As technology changed over the 17 years I was with the office, certain items were not needed and not replaced,” Davis said.

He said the radio was one that operated on the MRD system that county emergency agencies had not used in years.

“The laptop was old and the operating system was outdated,” he said.

Davis said the only personal item he used to do the coroner’s job was his cell phone.

ADAGE:

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neighbor?” Jesus told him the story of *The Good Samaritan*.

It is notable that when Jesus was telling that story, the response from the Samaritan to the man assaulted and dying on the road was *nothing* along the lines of:

“I’ll keep you in my

thoughts and prayers, brother.”

Or, “Name it and claim it and be healed!”

No, Jesus is calling on his faithful to act.

Therefore, to those of you who might quip, “It’s my right as an American not to

wear a mask and socially distance,” I ask you, what would Benjamin Franklin do? What would any Founding Father do?

And for Christians who pound on about their right to crowd together at their churches, I ask, what would Martin Luther do?

And as for Jesus, it is curious to notice a newer adage-turned-acronym that has fallen out of vogue of late... **WWJD?**

*For those who are eager to remind me that Franklin was a flawed person, my answer is: so was Washington. So was Jefferson. So was

Luther. So was that lawyer questioning Jesus. And so am I.

Andy Offutt Irwin, a citizen of Covington, Georgia, is a traveling storyteller on quarantine hiatus. He is a backsliding United Methodist.

TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §21-2-131(a)(1)(A) notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 between the hours of 7 AM and 7 PM, a General Election will be held at the City of Covington Council and Courtroom Chambers located at 2116 Stallings Street for election to the office of:

Council Post #1	East Ward
Council Post #2	West Ward
Council Post #3	West Ward

The qualifying fees for these posts are three percent (3%) of the annual salary of the office or \$270.00.

To qualify for the for the above offices a notice of candidacy must be filed in the office of the Newton County Board of Elections and Registration no earlier than Monday, August 16, 2021 beginning at 8:30 AM and no later than 4:30 PM on August 20, 2021.

Audra M. Gutierrez, City Clerk
01/24/2021

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The City of Oxford is considering reapplying to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for a Community Development Block Grant of up to \$750,000. These funds must be used to primarily benefit low- and moderate-income persons.

The activities for which these funds may be used are in the areas of housing, public facilities, and economic development. More specific details regarding eligible activities, plans to assist displaced persons (if any), the estimated amount of funds proposed to be used for activities to benefit low- and moderate-income persons, and the rating system will be provided at a public hearing which will be held via a video conference on February 1st, 2021 at 6:45 p.m. A link will be posted on the city’s website for those interested in joining the public hearing via the internet. To join via telephone, please call 1-646-558-8656. The Meeting ID is 927 9337 6349 and the passcode is 819119.

The purpose of this hearing will be to obtain citizen input for the development of the application and to answer any questions attendees may have about the CDBG grant. The City of Oxford is committed to providing all persons with equal access to its services, programs, activities, education, and employment regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, disability, or age. Persons with special needs relating to handicapped accessibility or foreign language shall contact Marcia Brooks, City Clerk at (770) 786-7004 prior to February 1st, 2021. This person can be located at City Hall 110 West Clark Street, Oxford, GA 30054 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Persons with hearing disabilities can contact the Georgia Relay Service at (TDD) (800) 255-0056 or (voice) (800) 255-0135.

AGRICULTURE

The Covington News

Common sustainable agriculture practices

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The concept of sustainability varies by industry. Within the agricultural industry, sustainability is a multifaceted concept that has become increasingly popular in recent decades.

According to the National Institute of Food and Agriculture, sustainable agriculture seeks to increase profitable farm income, promote environmental stewardship, enhance quality of life for farm families and communities, and increase production for human food and fiber needs. In an attempt to reach those goals, farmers who embrace sustainable agriculture may look to various practices.

- **Cover crops:** The Union of Concerned Scientists, a nonprofit organization that aims to employ independent science to address the planet's most pressing problems, notes that cover crops are planted during the offseason when soils have traditionally been left bare. Cover crops can help prevent soil erosion and replenish the nutrients in the soil. Cover crops also can limit weed growth, reducing the need for herbicides that can prove harmful to the environment.
- **Reduce or eliminate tillage:** According to the UCS, traditional plowing, or tillage, can cause a significant amount of soil loss, even as it prepares fields for planting and



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Farmers often embrace sustainable agriculture to help increase their profit margin.

reduces the likelihood of weed problems. Eliminating or reducing tillage involves inserting seeds directly into undisturbed soil, which can reduce erosion and improve the health of the soil.

- **Integrated pest management:** Integrated pest management techniques aim to minimize the use of chemical pesticides that can prove harmful to the environment and local wildlife. According to the University of California Statewide Integrated Pest Management Pro-

gram, IPM strategies like habitat manipulation and the planting of disease-resistant plants are designed to promote long-term prevention of pests and the damage such pests can cause.

- **Agroforestry:** The Association for Temperate Agroforestry defines agroforestry as an intensive land management system that incorporates trees and/or shrubs to optimize the benefits they provide when deliberately combined with crops and/or livestock. The shade and shelter provided

by trees and shrubs can protect plants, animals and water resources.

- **Crop/livestock integration:** The UCS notes that there is growing evidence to suggest that the careful integration of crop and animal production can help farmers make their farms more efficient and profitable.

Sustainable agriculture is a complex concept that can benefit farmers, their local communities and the environment in myriad ways.

What is sustainable agriculture?

Many transitions have taken place in the agricultural industry over the last several decades. The widespread adoption of various technologies over the last 20-plus years has helped farmers streamline their operations, making their farms more efficient and less wasteful as a result. In addition, many farmers have embraced sustainable farming, which is a relatively recent approach to agriculture.

According to the Union of Concerned Scientists, sustainable agriculture is a complex, multi-faceted concept. Sustainable agriculture intends to contribute to a robust economy by making farms profitable. Farmers who embrace sustainable agriculture also aim to have a positive effect on the environment and their surrounding ecosystems. That's accomplished by embracing strategies that focus on building and maintaining healthy soil, managing water wisely, minimizing pollution, and promoting biodiversity.

The National Institute of Food and Agriculture notes that sustainable agriculture encompasses a wide range of production practices, including some associated with conventional farming and some linked to organic farming. As a result, sustainable farming should not be mistaken for organic farming, or vice versa. However, the UCS notes there's a strong likelihood that certified organic produce at local grocery stores are byproducts of farms that embrace sustainable agriculture.

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Houseplants carry benefits

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The lines between the outdoors and indoors are being blurred. Homeowners build extensive outdoor living spaces so they can relax on weather-resistant furniture and even cook in lavish kitchens in their backyards. In addition, indoor three-season rooms full of bright, open windows that showcase outdoor vistas challenge the boundaries between outside and inside.

For those working with limited budgets, there are some easy, inexpensive ways to enjoy the majesty of natural landscapes indoors. Houseplants can be used to improve indoor spaces, and they also provide various health benefits.

- **Help with allergies** According to WebMD, rooms with houseplants tend to have less dust and mold in them than those without any foliage.

Leaves and other parts of the plants serve as natural filters, catching airborne particles and

allergens. Plants with textured leaves might be especially effective at trapping particles.

Put more oxygen into the air

The human respiratory system works by bringing in oxygen and releasing carbon dioxide. Plants do the opposite during photosynthesis. They absorb carbon dioxide and then release oxygen. Plants can put much more oxygen into the air, improving indoor conditions.

Increase indoor humidity, reduce illness

Studies from the Agricultural University of Norway found that indoor plants can increase humidity in indoor spaces, which decreases the incidences of sore throats, dry coughs, dry skin, and the common cold. Higher absolute humidity can decrease the chances of survival and transmission of the flu virus.

Filter the air

Researchers who presented their work at the

252nd National Meeting & Exposition of the American Chemical Society found certain houseplants can combat the potentially harmful effects of volatile organic compounds. Plants may help filter out VOCs like benzene, acetone and formaldehyde, which can enter indoor air via cleaning supplies, dry-cleaned clothes, furniture, printers, and paints.

Can improve mood

Growing and caring for plants can alleviate everyday stress. A nationwide study from UK Magazine Gardeners World found 80 percent of gardeners declared themselves satisfied with life compared to 67 percent among non-gardeners. Gardeners were more positive mentally. Greenery can help people feel more at home and improve mental health. A rehab center in Norway found patients reported a greater increase in well-being four weeks after having greenery added to their surroundings.

Agriculture in Georgia

Firsts

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

To learn more about Georgia agriculture and how to become a Farm Bureau member, go to www.gfb.org

Newton County Farm Bureau

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GEORGIA AGRICULTURE: TOUCHING OUR LIVES EVERY DAY.





Nyland Green, Covington MVP



Dayton Green, Offensive POTY



Ashton Evans, Newcomer of the Year



Troy Hoff, Coach of the Year

BEST OF THE BEST

Honoring Newton County's elite from the 2020 season

By MASON WITTNER
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COVINGTON, Ga. — With the 2020 prep football season firmly in our rear-view mirror, it's time for *The Covington News* staff to take a look back at the most impactful players from our area.

In the context of a pandemic, simply completing a season should be viewed as a success. Even still, there are always individuals who find ways to rise above and beyond the call of duty in the face of adversity. Last season was no exception.

Those listed below showed up each Friday night and earned the right to be placed among the Newton County's elite.

It's an honor to present to you the 2020 All-Covington News Football Team.

MVP:

Nyland Green (Newton)

Was there anything Green couldn't do on a football field in 2020?

As a senior, he racked up 457 receiving yards on 25 catches and found the end zone four times as a receiver. He was also productive on the other side of the field, recording 47 tackles, five tackles for loss and five interceptions — including a pick-six — while garnering national attention as a cornerback.

Green was also a lethal weapon for the Rams on special teams. His seemingly effortless stride and elusiveness made him a nightmare for opposing punt and kickoff teams. He picked up big chunks of yards on returns time and time again, including his electric 97-yard kickoff return for a touchdown against rival Alcovy.

No other player in the area had a bigger impact on his team's success than Green last season. He truly earned the title of Most Valuable Player in our area each and every Friday night.

Offensive POTY:

Dayton Green (Eastside)

Five days before the 2020 season began, Eastside senior quarterback Jaylen Woods suffered a leg injury in practice that threatened to sideline him for nearly two months.

In stepped Green.

After emerging as one of the Eagles' top wideouts in 2019, Green transitioned to a new role under center as the team's emergency quarterback. There were some growing pains at first, but it didn't take very long for him to adjust to the life of a gunslinger.

Green started the first seven games of the season, throwing for 787 yards and nine touchdowns while tossing just one interception. He was also a threat on his legs, picking up 137 yards on the ground from the quarterback position.

Woods returned from injury for Eastside's eighth game of the season, but Green's contributions didn't stop. He shifted back out to receiver and reeled in 21 receptions — second-most on the team — for 258 yards and two touchdowns in six games.

When adversity struck, Green didn't hesitate to do anything he could to bring his team success. As a result, the Eagles won 10 games and returned to the state quarterfinals for the second time in three years.

Defensive POTY:

Justin Benton (Newton)

The freshman phenom lived up to the hype during his sophomore campaign last fall.

Coming off a season in which he was named the

2020 All-Covington News Football Team

First Team Offense

QB Logan Cross (Social Circle)
RB Dallas Johnson (Eastside)
RB Tristan Mayweather (Alcovy)
WR KJ Reid (Social Circle)
WR Mathias Height (Alcovy)
WR Saabir Berrian (Eastside)
OL Dana Campbell (Alcovy)
OL James Amos (Eastside)
OL Keyshawn Blackstock (Newton)
OL Jaylen Farmer (Eastside)
OL Jackson Austin (Social Circle)

First Team Defense

DL MJ Stroud (Alcovy)
DL Seth Martin (Eastside)
DL Christian Benson (Eastside)
LB Nolan McCamy (Newton)
LB Grayson Malcom (Eastside)
LB Justin Buchanan (Alcovy)
LB Tucker Cleary (Social Circle)
DB Mason Moore (Social Circle)
DB Darius Green (Newton)
DB Nijay Willis (Newton)
DB Devin Brown (Eastside)

Second Team Offense

QB Jevarra Martin Jr. (Newton)
RB Kenai Grier (Eastside)
RB Sincere Johnson (Eastside)
WR Jamel Johnson (Alcovy)
WR Cole Shannon (Eastside)
WR Eric Taylor (Social Circle)
OL Sean Poe (Social Circle)
OL Marcus Metcalf (Eastside)
OL Oro Avery (Newton)
OL Elijah Zollicofer (Newton)
OL Jaden Thrower (Alcovy)

Second Team Defense

DL Malachai Arnett (Newton)
DL Sambo Button (Eastside)
DL Trey Douglas (Social Circle)
LB Levi Adcox (Alcovy)
LB Trace Nicholson (Eastside)
LB Jehden Robinson (Newton)
LB Armani Russ (Alcovy)
DB Nick Benton (Eastside)
DB Audavion Collins (Newton)
DB Phillip Baynes Jr. (Social Circle)
DB Caleb Brown (Alcovy)

Special Teams

K Jaydon Fain (Eastside)
P Braxton Crawford (Alcovy)

Honorable Mentions:

Dawson Blake (Alcovy), Isaiah Kairy (Alcovy), Danny Moore (Alcovy), Raymir Brown (Alcovy), Jaylen Woods (Eastside), Kevin Napier (Eastside), Rodney Williams (Eastside), Tahjae Mullix (Newton), Jaden Blackwell (Newton), AJ Greene (Newton), Amari Russell (Social Circle)

All-Covington News Freshman of the Year, Benton added more muscle in the winter and summer. He also took on more of a vocal leadership role in practice, reaching outside his comfort zone to lead his teammates with words and instruction in addition to his actions.

These steps of maturation translated to continued on-field success.

Benton closed out the year with 93 total tackles. The defensive lineman led the team in sacks (12.5), tackles for loss (24.5) and QB hurries

(22), tied First Team All-Area defensive back Darius Green for solo tackles (55) and added an interception for good measure.

With offers from the likes of Georgia, Florida, Arkansas and Arizona State on the table, Benton has already begun to light up recruiting boards. As he continues to pile on muscle and hammer down his technique, he could prove to be one of the top college football recruits in the state — if not the country.

Newcomer of the Year:

Ashton Evans (Alcovy)

Evans was tabbed the starting quarterback for the Tigers in their final game of 2019. Coming into his sophomore season poised to earn the full-time starting role, he didn't disappoint.

With Evans under center, the Tigers averaged 20.6 points per game — a significant uptick from 14.5 PPG in 2019 and 7.75 PPG in 2018. He proved to be a versatile threat, keeping defenders on edge with his shiftiness in the backfield as well as his powerful arm.

Alcovy was struck with adversity and scheduling issues due to the pandemic, but Evans' leadership as a sophomore quarterback helped guide the team to their first postseason appearance since 2013.

Coach of the Year:

Troy Hoff (Eastside)

The departure of a four-year starter at quarterback. A significant injury to the novel quarterback brought in to take the reins of the offense. A higher classification and tougher region to navigate than in years past.

It's a combination that would spell a setback for many programs. But not for Eastside.

Instead, in his sixth season calling the shots, head coach Troy Hoff led the Eagles to a 10-win season and a trip back to the state quarterfinals for the second time in three years.

It could be argued that the 2020 season was Hoff's most impressive from a coaching standpoint — even more so than the 2018 campaign that saw the Eagles coast into the quarterfinals at 12-0.

Hoff proved that he and his staff excel at utilizing the talent they have and moving puzzle pieces around to find the right fit.

TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF MANSFIELD, GEORGIA

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. 21-2-131(a)(1)(A) notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, the 2nd day of November 2021, a **Municipal General Election** will be held at Mansfield City Hall, 3146 Hwy 11 S, Mansfield, Newton County, Georgia 30055 for the Municipal General Election of Council persons to fill Posts #3, #4 and #5 (for a 4 year term).

A qualifying fee of \$36 has been set for the Posts. Qualifying will held at Mansfield City Hall, 3146 Hwy 11 S, Mansfield, Newton County, Georgia 30055. The qualifying dates are Monday, August 16, 2021 thru Friday, August 20, 2021 beginning at 8:30 am until 4:30 pm.

The last day a person may register and be eligible to vote in the Municipal General Election is October 4, 2021. The polls will be open on Election Day from 7:00 am until 7:00 pm. If there is a need for a Municipal General Election runoff, the date will be November 30, 2021.

Town of Newborn Notice of Election Date, Qualifying Fees, Dates, and Hours

Pursuant to O.C.G.A § 21-2-131 (a) (1)(A) notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, November 2nd, 2021, a General Election will be held at Newborn Town Hall, 4224 Hwy 142, Newborn, Georgia for the election of Mayor, and Council persons to fill Post 3 and 4 (4 year term).

Qualifying fees have been set at \$30.00 for Mayor and \$25.00 for each Council Post. Qualifying will be held at Newborn Town Hall, 4224 Hwy 142.

Mayor (4 year term) - \$30.00
Council Post 3 (4 year term) - \$25.00
Council Post 4 (4 year term) - \$25.00

To qualify for the above offices a Declaration of Candidacy must be filed in the office of the Town of Newborn no earlier than 8:30 A.M. on Monday, August 16th, 2021 and no later than 4:30 P.M. on Wednesday August 18th, 2021.

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Elisa Rowe, Town Clerk