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Moore

His Word

And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand:

Matthew 12:25, KJV

General Election Runoffs



Associated Press

Rev. Raphael Warnock (left) and Jon Ossoff won election bids Tuesday for the U.S. Senate, giving Democrats majority in both chambers of Congress.

Democrats flip US Senate

Record runoff turnout in Newton pushes Ossoff, Warnock to victories

By TOM SPIGOLON
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Almost two-thirds of Newton County voters cast ballots early or absentee in the highly-publicized Tuesday, Jan. 5, runoff election for Georgia's two U.S. Senate seats.

The runoff was required after neither of the top two vote-getters in each of the U.S. Senate races and the PSC race won majorities of votes cast in their elections statewide Nov. 3.

Final voter turnout was 60% (48,817 out of 80,538 registered voters), which was lower than 69% for the General Election, but marked a new record high for a runoff. In a 2008 U.S. Senate runoff, only 22,546 voted in Newton County.

For Tuesday's runoffs, approximately 39% were advance voters and 33% were absentee by mail. The remaining 28% — about 17,000 — were Election Day voters.

In the Nov. 3 General Election, 33% voted on Election Day and 29% voted absentee, which indicates about the same number of Democrats returned to vote in the runoffs but not as many Republicans.

Only 5,690 fewer Newton County voters turned out for the Jan. 5 runoffs compared to the Nov. 3

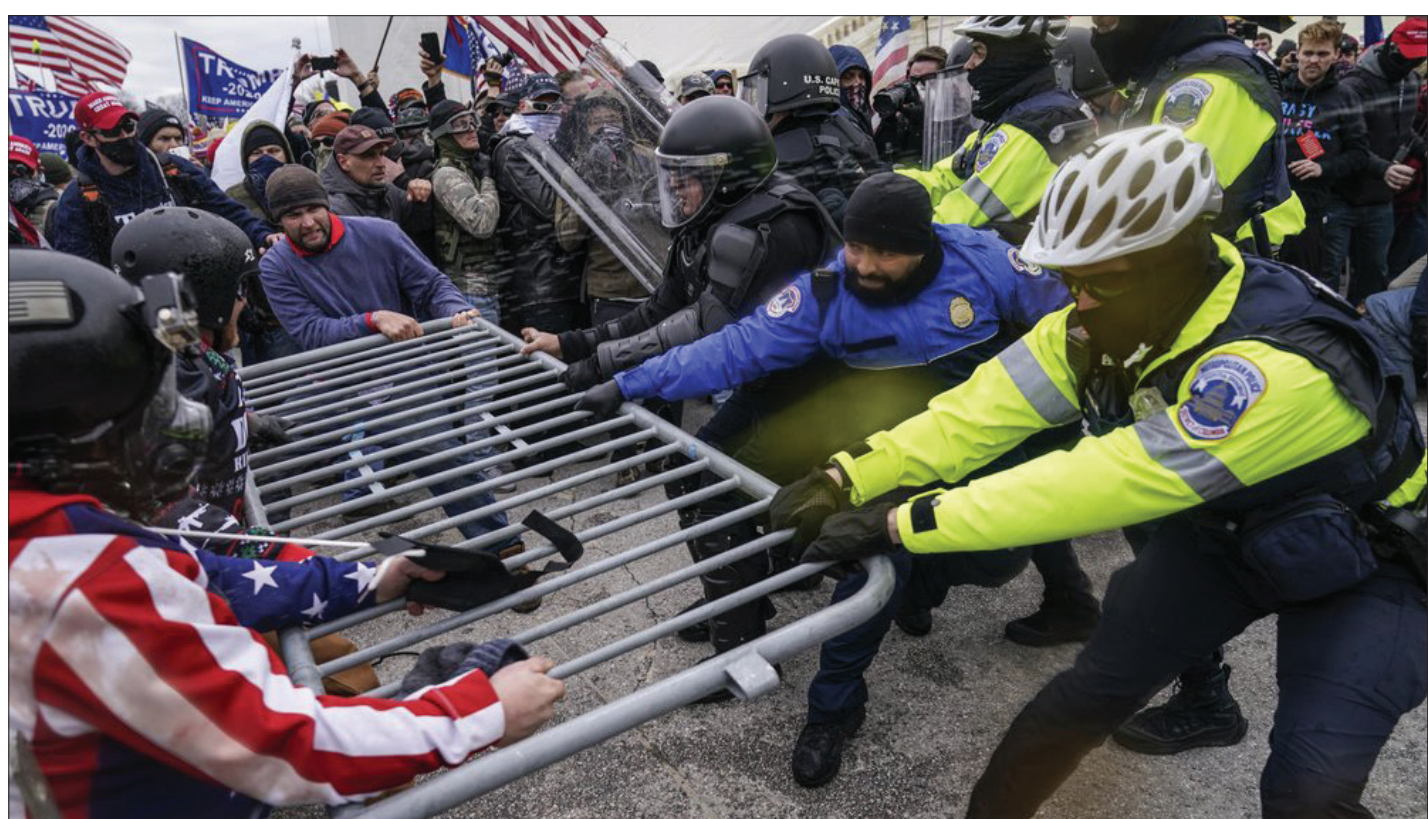
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REVOLTING

Trump supporters invade Capitol
in wake of election certification

Congress evacuates as violence
ensues; 5 killed during chaos

Federal, state, local leaders
condemn siege as world watches



John Minchillo | Associated Press

Demonstrators work to break through a police barrier Wednesday, Jan. 6, at the Capitol in Washington. As Congress prepared to affirm President-elect Joe Biden's victory, thousands of people gathered to show their support for President Donald Trump and his claims of election fraud.

By TAYLOR BECK
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People claiming to be supporters of President Donald J. Trump invaded the U.S. Capitol in an unprecedented manner Wednesday, Jan. 6, breaching security lines and inciting chaos seen around the world.

As many as five people were

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congressmen
tell of terror
in D.C.

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reportedly killed
during the action,
according to multi-
ple news outlets.

Congress had
convened to certify
President-elect Joe
Biden's Electoral
College win against Trump in the
Nov. 3 General Election. Trump

had previously encouraged his
supporters to protest the eventual
certification.

As demonstrators, some reportedly armed, violently stormed into the Capitol, breaking windows and destroying property, members of the House and Senate were forced

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Jose Luis Magana | Associated Press

Supporters of President Donald Trump protest as U.S. Capitol Police shoot tear gas outside of the U.S. Capitol.



Andrew Harnik | Associated Press

U.S. Capitol Police with guns drawn stand near a barricaded door as protesters try to break into the House Chamber.

Newton County

Former EMA Director Steve Biggers dies at 77

Carried Olympic torch for Covington in 1996, served hometown community for lifetime

**Lifelong
Newton County
resident Steve
Biggers died
Saturday,
Jan. 2, after
battling
COVID-19.
He was 77.**
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By TAYLOR BECK
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Former Newton County Emergency Management Agency Director Steve Biggers died Saturday, Jan. 2.

Biggers was recently hospitalized with COVID-19, according to family. After more than four weeks of battling the novel virus and spending time on a ventilator, Biggers died at the age of 77.

Biggers, a lifelong resident of Covington, was an accomplished man who loved nothing more than to serve others.

"He never said no," Doug Biggers said of his father. "Any time someone would call and ask him to do something, the first thing he'd say was, 'Well, sure.'"

"He set an example for me his entire life, which was super high. They don't make too many like that anymore," Doug continued. "He always had a big smile on his face — it was an infectious smile and an infectious attitude ... he was one of a kind."

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Saturday, Jan. 9

High: 46° Low: 26°

Mostly sunny; 15 mph winds.



Sunday, Jan. 10

High: 51° Low: 31°

Calm and sunny.



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OBITUARIES

Mary Jane Bollinger

Memoriums
Mary Jane Bollinger, age 92, educator, skilled calligrapher, and faithful Christian, passed away peacefully at the home of her daughter's family on Hilton Head Island, SC on January 2, 2021. The lovely, framed Bible verses, invitations, place cards and other documents that she produced enhanced many events and hold places of honor in homes of family and friends. She was preceded in death in 2015 by her husband of 62 years, Donald Bollinger. Also preceding her in death were her parents, Lewis Eckhart and Sylvia Lane Eckhart, her brother William Eckhart and sister Ruth Eckhart.



Mary was born in New Brighton, Pennsylvania and grew up on her family's farm near Fombell, Pennsylvania. She graduated from Geneva College in Beaver Falls, PA with a degree in education and was an elementary school teacher. In 1953, she married Don Bollinger and moved to Rochester, PA, raising her two children and serving as an Organist at the North Sewickley Presbyterian Church and a member of the League of Women Voters. In 1972, the Bollingers moved to Covington, Georgia. Mary then completed her Master's degree in Library Science at the

University of Georgia and worked as a Media Center Director at Sharp Middle School. Don and Mary were active members of First Presbyterian Church in Covington where she was a Deacon and Elder and participated in mission trips to Nicaragua, Louisiana, and Utah. After her husband's death, she moved to The Cypress on Hilton Head Island, where she made many new friends.

Mary is survived by her daughter Jane (Keith) Jude in Hilton Head Island, SC, son Blair (Deborah) Bollinger in Cherry Hill, NJ, nieces Rausa (Robert) Roscinski in Newville, PA, Ann (David) Spangler in Lawrence, KS, and grandchildren Amelia Jude in Portland, OR, Robyn Bollinger (Dane Lighthart) in Boston, Stewart Jude in Hilton Head and Nicholas Bollinger (Christianna Barnard) in Columbus, OH.

A memorial service was held Saturday, January 9th at First Presbyterian Church< Hilton Head Island, SC with internment beside her husband in Beaver, PA at a later date.

Memorial contributions will be gratefully received at First Presbyterian Church of Hilton Head Island, 540 William Hilton Parkway, Hilton Head Island, SC, 29928 or to First Presbyterian Church of Covington, 1169 Clark Street SW, Covington, GA 30014.

Mae Eppinger Hardy

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Mae Eppinger Hardy — beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and aunt to scores of nieces and nephews — died peacefully on Sunday, January 3, 2021, surrounded by loving family. She was born at home on November 16, 1918, to Clarence Clermont and Minnie Griffin Eppinger. The doctor who delivered her also delivered the news that World War I had just ended. She was pre-deceased by her husband, Sutton L. Hardy, on April 11, 1977. Following his death, she divided her time between Covington, Georgia and Tucson, Arizona. A devoted member of First Baptist Church of Covington since 1960, she walked to Sunday services, rain or shine, well beyond her hundredth year. One of 11 children reared on a farm in Pike County, Georgia, she adored her family and the natural world. She was a passionate gardener: native azaleas, heirloom bulbs and roses, irises, and hydrangeas filled her yard with multicolored glory every spring. Her strength, courage, compassion, resilience, and grace inspired everyone



who knew her. As one of her dear friends said, "She has marked me for life with her gentle, kind spirit and her heart for others."

Mae is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Dr. Susan Hardy Aiken of Tucson, Arizona (husband, Dr. Chris Carroll, deceased), Kathie and Terry Smith of Covington, and Jan and Bill Berning of Sycamore, Illinois; her grandchildren, Jamey Aiken of Tucson and Atlanta, Alden Carroll of Tucson, Dr. Katherine Smith and her husband Robert Soens of Decatur, Susannah Smith and her husband Brian Krehmeyer of Dunwoody, Jonathan Miller and his fiancée Heather Snyder of Massena, New York, Celeste Miller of Sycamore, Illinois, and Nathaniel Miller and his wife Kelly of Lake in the Hills, Illinois; and great-grandchildren, Maddock Thomas, Sutton Soens, Hardy Krehmeyer, Kerns Krehmeyer, Kailey Weitendorf, Jaxon Miller, Addyson Miller, and Samuel Miller.

A memorial service will be held at a later time. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that tributes be sent to First Baptist Church of Covington or to a charity of your choice.

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Brenda Duckett

Caldwell & Cowan Funeral Home

Brenda Duckett, of Covington, passed away Monday, January 4, 2021, at the age of 72. Living life to its fullest, Ms. Duckett enjoyed many things throughout her life. She was always the life of the party during family get-togethers, enjoyed cooking for her family and friends, listening and singing along to Gospel music, and dancing. Selfless and caring, Ms. Duckett loved her family immensely — so much so that she helped raise her sister, Teena, as her own. She was preceded in death by her parents, Richard Lee and Nellie Ruth Duckett; sister, Beverly Parkes; brothers, Wayne Duckett, Gary Duckett.

Those left to cherish her memory are her daughter and son-in-law, Leann and Chris Wheeler, daughter, Donita Martin; son and daughter-in-law, Richard, Sr., and Sheri Elkins; grandchildren, Tyler Elkins, Richard Elkins, Jr.,

Jesse Wheeler, Taylor Wheeler, Dwayne Martin, Maygan Martin, Nicole Martin; six great-grandchildren; sister, Teena Stump; as well as her brother, Jerry Duckett.

A Funeral Service for Ms. Duckett was held Friday, January 8, 2021, 1:00 P.M., at the Chapel of Caldwell & Cowan Funeral Home, 1215 Access Road, in Covington, and interment following in Lawnwood Memorial Park, in Covington

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Crime

Vehicle leaving New Year's party breaks woman's legs

By TOM SPIGOLON

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COVINGTON, Ga. — City police asked neighboring law enforcement agencies to be on the lookout for the driver of a vehicle which reportedly severely injured a woman while speeding away from a party shortly after midnight on New Year's Eve.

The victim, who was not identified, suffered two broken legs and her boyfriend was struck in the heel after the suspect's vehicle ran over them Jan. 1 at 12:49 a.m. on Nixon Circle in Covington, a report

stated.

A Covington officer responded to a report of a hit and run incident involving a pedestrian at the location of the incident off Turner Street and found the female victim lying on a sidewalk.

The suspect's sister reportedly told police the incident stemmed from an argument between her and her brother after they had been drinking at a location in DeKalb County.

They continued arguing while driving from the DeKalb location to Covington, where they continued to drink while

a large group of people gathered and shot off fireworks at an undisclosed location on Nixon Circle, the report stated.

The two then began arguing again and the suspect began striking his sister with a closed fist on the side of her head, she told police.

The report noted she showed no sign of injuries.

She told the officer that others at the party tried to separate the two. After they removed the suspect, he got into the black Honda Accord, in which they

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FLIP:

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General Election (54,507).

Turnout at individual precincts ranged from as high as 75% at Hub (northeast unincorporated Newton) to as low as 50% at City Pond (northeast Covington and part of Oxford). Turnout was generally higher percentage-wise in Newton County precincts won by Republicans.

Democratic challengers Jon Ossoff

and Raphael Warnock won Newton County's vote on the way to their narrow statewide wins over incumbent Republican U.S. Sens. David Perdue and Kelly Loeffler.

Ossoff won a full six-year term. Warnock will complete the last two years of the Senate term left vacant by the 2019 resignation of Johnny Isakson for health reasons.

Gov. Brian Kemp

appointed Loeffler to serve in the seat until this year's election.

Democrat Daniel Blackman of Cumming won a majority of Newton County votes but lost the statewide vote to incumbent Republican Lauren "Bubba" McDonald of Clarkesville.

Phil Johnson, chairman of the Newton County Board of Elections said he believed the Senate election's national prominence, combined with voter enthusiasm that carried over from the General Election, helped drive turnout.

Warnock finished with 28,284 votes (57.9%) of 48,772 ballots cast in Newton County. He only had 6,593 election day votes compared to Loeffler's 9,548, but Warnock drew 10,020 absentee by mail votes and 11,671 early votes. Loeffler had just more than 10,000 votes in those respective categories combined.

Ossoff finished with 28,137 votes (57.7%)

of 48,751 ballots cast in the county. While he only had 6,532 election day votes compared to Perdue's 9,604, Ossoff more than doubled Perdue's absentee and early voting totals with more than 20,000 votes.

Warnock and Ossoff each won 13 of 22 county precincts — one better than President-elect Joe Biden on Nov. 3. Both parties' candidates' highest percentages came from Crowell (90%) for Democrats and Mansfield (88% and 89%, respectively) for Republicans.

Tuesday's election received significant national attention because victories by Ossoff and Warnock now give Democrats 50 seats in the U.S. Senate and shift the balance of power from Republicans because Democratic Vice President Kamala Harris will be able to break any ties.

Publisher and editor Taylor Beck contributed to this report.

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Newton congressmen recall terror at US Capitol

By **TOM SPIGOLON**
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WASHINGTON — U.S. Rep. Hank Johnson was in the House Chamber when he and other congressmen found themselves potentially facing a mob of rioters that broke through police lines into the U.S. Capitol.

"I've been through some harrowing moments in my life before, and this was another one," Johnson said Thursday.

"I think I'm processing it well. I worry about some of my other colleagues who — their nerves may be frayed at this point, post-traumatic stress."

Johnson, D-Lithonia, who represents Georgia's 4th Congressional District, and U.S. Rep. Jody Hice, R-Greensboro, who represents the 10th Congressional District, each have roughly half of Newton County in their districts.

Johnson spoke in an interview with Atlanta radio station WABE-FM after the mob of supporters of President Donald Trump stormed the U.S. Capitol Wednesday, Jan. 6, as Congress debated certification of the results of the Electoral College vote that secured Joe Biden's defeat of Trump in the Nov. 3 election.

A total of five people died in the melee and afterward as the pro-Trump group vandalized the center of American government and assaulted police officers.

Those who died included a



Andrew Harnik | Associated Press

People, including U.S. Rep. Hank Johnson of Georgia, shelter in the House gallery as protesters try to break into the House Chamber at the U.S. Capitol on Wednesday.

Maryland Air Force veteran who police shot as she and others attempted to push their way into the House chambers.

A Capitol police officer died Thursday from injuries sustained while scuffling with rioters, and four other people — including a woman from Cobb County — died Wednesday of apparent medical emergencies, CNN reported.

An Associated Press photo showed the reactions of Johnson and some other House members inside the House chambers when Capitol Police officers had drawn guns as the mob tried to break through locked doors to gain entrance.

Johnson said he was thinking at that moment, "How are we going to get out of here? We need to get the h--- out of here."

"It was probably 10 minutes, I would say, from the time we were first told to

grab gas masks from under the chair and get ready to put on," he said.

"We then almost had to crawl from one side of the House floor to the other and then huddle there for quite some time before finally finding a secure exit and being led out at that secure exit."

Supporters of Trump say a small group within the hundreds of protestors — not his speech to protestors before the attack — incited the riots seeking to halt approval of the electoral vote.

Hice said during a "Telephone Town Hall" Thursday, Jan. 7, that he had left the House floor and had been in his office with staff members only five minutes before he began to hear explosions of tear gas canisters within the building.

He said he "felt safe" as Capitol police evacuated him and his staff twice from his office in the Cannon House

Office Building.

"It was every bit as chaotic as what you saw on TV," Hice said.

He said he "had no idea of what was going on" as the rioters forced their way into the building.

"I was oblivious," he said. "I knew there was a rally but there are a lot of rallies that go on in D.C."

He said he supported attempts to halt the ratification of Georgia's electoral votes that he said were based on vote tallies from an election in which alleged voter fraud was rampant during casting of absentee ballots throughout 2020.

Hice attempted to get a House debate and a vote on Georgia's electoral votes but lost his Senate sponsor.

U.S. Sen. Kelly Loeffler, R-Ga., chose to end her planned objection to ratification of the votes after Wednesday's chaotic scene.

"What took place on Capitol Hill is shameful. It's tragic," Hice said.

Hice, who has been a vocal supporter of Trump, said he "consistently called out" violence by left-wing groups in U.S. cities in the summer that were reactions to the police shootings of unarmed Black people earlier in 2020. "I feel the same about what happened (Wednesday)," he said. "I strongly condemn all political violence."

Hice said he now wants to know who organized the rioting and how Capitol police officers appeared so

unprepared to face a large group motivated to commit violence.

Johnson said he and U.S. Rep. Lucy McBath, D-Roswell, are working to convince Vice President Mike Pence to invoke the 25th Amendment and remove Trump immediately from office.

He said the decision to seek to remove Trump "was driven home" Wednesday after Trump spoke to the group of protestors before they marched to the Capitol.

"The 25th Amendment had always been a remedy available but it did not look as plausible as it does now, until yesterday," Johnson said.

"Once the events occurred yesterday, I think they crystallized the fact that the president is unstable in his mental capacity."

He said invoking the amendment is becoming more feasible as more of his cabinet members "jump ship." Education Secretary Betsy DeVos and Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao announced their resignations soon after Wednesday's events.

"Calmer heads have to prevail and have to rise to what's best for national security and what's best for national interests," Johnson said.

"We need to remove this president from office before he causes any more damage."

BIGGERS:

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Doug Biggers said the family was fortunately able to be with his father at the time of his passing, unlike many others during the pandemic.

After graduating from Newton County High School, Mr. Biggers served in the U.S. Navy for five years before returning to Newton County to begin a 21 year career with the Covington Fire Department. He achieved the rank of deputy chief before retiring from the department.

Shortly before his retirement from the city, Mr. Biggers was hired to work as Newton County's fire coordinator while also serving as deputy chief at the city's fire department. From 1998-1999, Mr. Biggers served as president of the Georgia Fire Chiefs Association.

The association wrote the following statement on Facebook on Jan. 3 after Mr. Biggers' death:

"Sadly, we have learned that Steve Biggers passed away after an extensive battle with COVID. Most of you in the fire service knew him as 'Newt' Biggers, retired fire chief of Newton County Fire and Emergency Services. Chief Biggers was a past president of the Georgia Association of Fire Chiefs."

Years later, Mr. Biggers became the county's EMA director and played a vital role in the creation of the Covington-Newton County 911 Center. He also served on the county's dive team and played a hand in the start of several area volunteer

fire departments. Mr. Biggers retired from the county in 2000.

In the late 1990s, Mr. Biggers received the Governor's Public Safety Award from then-Gov. Zell Miller.

Outside of his career as a first responder, Mr. Biggers loved giving back to his community any way he could.

From 1970 to 2020, Mr. Biggers remained involved in Newton County Special Olympics.

In 1996, when the Summer Olympic Games were held in Atlanta, Biggers was one of four Covington residents to participate in the Olympic Torch Relay. He carried the torch onto the Covington Town Square shortly before the relay ended with Muhammed Ali lighting the Olympic Cauldron in Atlanta.

Since the games ended, Mr. Biggers used that same torch every year at the Special Olympics in Newton County — a tradition his son hopes to continue in years to come.

"It's very special to me and our family," Doug Biggers said.

As a coach, Mr. Biggers saw four of his athletes excel at the local level and compete in the World Games.

"Our hearts are broken!" the Newton County Schools Special Olympics wrote on Facebook on Jan. 3 after Biggers' death.

"We will forever be thankful for this special man's dedication to our athletes. Heaven gained a good one today. Our heart felt condolences go out to his wonderful family. Mr. Biggers

has been dedicating his time to Special Olympics Newton County since the 1970s. In recent years we all know him as the host of the torch run but he was more than that. In the past he was a certified coach in four sports and actually drove the bus. He also was our Grand Marshall in 2014. He loved working with our athletes. Mr. Biggers has been fighting for four weeks to beat this but it is now time for him to rest. Thank you for 'being brave in the attempt!'"

Mr. Biggers was also a talented musician who enjoyed all types of music. He played in several bands including the Biggers Family Band, the Mansfield Pickers, Rambling Creek, Benny Riders Gum Creek Boys and Jubilee.

He helped start what Doug Biggers described as a "scaled down version of the Grand Ole Opry" in the Newborn Opry. Country, gospel and bluegrass musicians would put on shows inside the former Newborn Schoolhouse, located on Georgia Highway 142 in Newborn, every first and third Saturday of the month.

In November 2012, Mr. Biggers was inducted into the Atlanta

Country Music Hall of Fame.

In recent years, Mr. Biggers used his musical talents to minister to seniors at assisted living and nursing homes across Newton County.

Mr. Biggers was an active member and deacon at Mansfield Baptist Church. He was also a Mason and member of Mansfield Masonic Lodge.

"He did it all," Doug Biggers said.

Though many will remember Mr. Biggers for his servant's heart and infectious personality, Doug Biggers said the thing he would miss most about his father was simply being there for him.

"Knowing you have someone always in your corner ... trusted you without a doubt," Doug Biggers said. "That's what I'll probably miss most about him ... that unconditional love."

Mr. Biggers' death was felt across the community as many have expressed their condolences to the Biggers family. A moment of silence was held at the beginning of the Covington City Council's meeting Monday, Jan. 4, to honor Mr. Biggers' life.

Mr. Biggers is survived by his wife, Carol Ann Biggers; his

children Doug and Terri Biggers, and Ann and Marshall McCart; his grandchildren Leeanne and Rusty Blankenship, Dalton Biggers, Kylie and Rhett Johnson, and Laney McCart; his brother-in-law Jerry Prosser; his brother Chuck and Wendy Biggers; his nieces and nephews Beth and Todd Nolan, Susie Prosser Gates, Chip and Alexis Prosser, and Becky and Darrell Smallwood; stepmother Betty Ann Smith; and a host of

other family and close friends, according to an obituary from J.C. Harwell and Son Funeral Home.

A funeral service for Mr. Biggers will be held Wednesday, Jan. 6, at 2 p.m. at Mansfield Baptist Church and was live streamed via the church's Facebook page. Interment followed at Carmel Church Cemetery. Visitation is slated for Tuesday, Jan. 5, from 4-7 p.m. at J.C. Harwell and Son Funeral Home.

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OPINIONS

The Covington News

Taylor Beck editor and publisher

Nation we once knew is no more

shamed. It's the first word that came to mind Wednesday, the day after Georgians voted to flip the U.S. Senate for the Democrats. I couldn't believe Jon Ossoff and Rev. Raphael Warnock prevailed as victors in their respective run-offs. I don't see eye to eye with many of their views, and neither received a vote from me. But to be clear, my source of shame was not found in Georgia. Rather, it was found in Washington as people claiming to be pro-Trump supporters — the same people who claimed to be proponents of "law and order" and peaceful protests only — invaded the Capitol, terrorizing our representatives inside. Watching the live stream on Fox News, CNN and media outlets, I was appalled at the sight of such radical actions of my fellow Republicans. Protesters broke windows and incited violence by taking up arms and raiding the numerous chambers. As of Friday, five people were reportedly killed as result of the invasion. One was a Capitol Police officer. What I — we — watched was not America. No, it was more reminiscent of a third-world



Jose Luis Magana | Associated Press

Capitol police officers in riot gear push back demonstrators who try to break a door of the U.S. Capitol on Wednesday, Jan. 6, in Washington.

country engaging in civil war. To paraphrase President George W. Bush's remarks, the heartbreaking scenes that unfolded Wednesday were not those of a Democratic Republic, but rather a banana republic. And all because the protesters didn't agree with the presidential election results and opposed Congress' eventual certification. It was revolting and

unjustifiable. I am 100% behind people standing up for what they believe in, but I'll never encourage or condone the actions the world witnessed Wednesday. I didn't support similar behavior in the summer when riots broke out over police brutality and racial injustice, and I won't support such riotous behavior now. Destroying property,

looting businesses and inciting violence is unacceptable, no matter the issue at hand. I fear for our country's future, and not because of who we elect to lead it, but because of the state of its people. Our country is more divided than it has ever been before, and while I know that's a statement we've heard over and over again, it's also

never been more true. In the Bible, Jesus Christ is recorded as saying, "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand." What will it take for us to come back together? What will it take for our nation's people to show love and respect to everyone, no matter

their race, religion or creed? What will it take for us to live out our namesake as the *United States of America*? Until we find an answer, I fear this nation we once knew — a land of peace and civility — is no more. *Taylor Beck is editor and publisher of The Covington News. He may be reached at tbeck@covnews.com.*

Chris Bridges columnist

Trump plays big role in 2024 presidential race possibilities

Though Congress certified the election late Wednesday evening, the fighting for the 2020 presidential election probably won't end for months or even years.



With that in mind, is it too soon to think about, gasp, the 2024 presidential election? For those who are serious about running for the White House in four years, it is never too early. The big question of the 2024 presidential election centers around if Donald Trump runs again. Right now,

Trump is indicating he will run. Of course, Trump's emotions are still raw after losing what he claims was a rigged election this past November. Given Trump's age when 2024 rolls around, it remains to be seen if he runs or not. If he does then he certainly would be the Republican front-runner. Few, if any, politicians in recent memory have drawn such loyal followers as President Trump. Signs for his reelection remain in yards throughout our state. It wouldn't surprise me if it was that way across the country. If President Trump decides to go for the White House again in 2024, then no serious candidates would emerge in the GOP primary. Remember in 2020 some states, including Georgia, refused to allow a two-term Republican governor of Massachusetts on the presidential primary ballot. The same went for a Republican congressman from Illinois. Both had the

nerve to challenge the incumbent and GOP party leaders in Georgia were having none of that. If Trump decides to forego a run in 2024, then the race on the Republican side will be wide open and already a long, would-be list of candidates is emerging. Some potential candidates for the next race have already emerged including Texas Gov. Greg Abbott, former New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, U.S. Sen. Tom Cotton of Arkansas, Congressman Dan Crenshaw of Texas, U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas, Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey, former United Nations Ambassador Nikki Haley of South Carolina, U.S. Sen. Josh Hawley of Missouri, Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan, former Texas congressman Will Hurd, South Dakota Gov. Kristi Noem, Vice President Mike Pence, former U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida, U.S. Sen. Rick Scott of Florida, U.S. Sen. Tim Scott of South

Carolina and businessman Donald Trump Jr. There remains speculation, even before he takes office, that Joe Biden will not seek reelection for a second term. Given his age (he would be in his 80s by then), it is certainly possible he may not run again. That would make Vice President-elect Kamala Harris the front-runner but it would not be shocking to see others challenge her. Before we even get to 2024, the mid-term elections of 2022 are going to be fun to watch. That is especially true for Georgia where President Trump has called on Gov. Brian Kemp to resign. It would be shocking if Kemp does not have primary opposition in the 2022 governor's race. Outgoing congressman Doug Collins is the most likely challenger but don't be surprised if another challenger or two enters the primary. Collins gave up his congressional seat to run in the U.S. Senate jungle primary.

Other statewide Republican incumbents are also likely to face primary opposition. Look for contested GOP primaries for lieutenant governor and secretary of state and possibly more. Before we completely leave the 2020 election behind here's a look at the presidential popular vote. It is not officially complete as a few votes here and a few votes there are still be pondered and scrutinized. Biden received 81,270,561 while President Trump earned 74,217,334. The third-place finisher was Libertarian Jo Jorgensen with 1,865,737. Green Party candidate Howie Hawkins was fourth with 404,952. Rounding out the top five was Reform Party candidate Rocky De La Fuente with 88,234. *Chris Bridges is a former sports editor for The Walton Tribune and The Covington News. You can email comments about this column to pchrisbridges@gmail.com.*

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PUBLIC NOTICE #117740
01/03,10

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the right to reject any and all
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PUBLIC NOTICE # 117707
12/20,1/10

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
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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 #117732
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

TO: DERRICK GRIFFIN

RUDOLPH AND ALAMYNA CHEN
have applied to be appointed
permanent guardians of MERRITT,
STEPHAN, JINUS, CHISTION,
MANDRAVEIS, JARVIS, ZAVIER
AND AYDRION WILLIAMS (minors).
You are hereby notified to show
cause why said petition should not
be granted. Any objection must be
in writing, signed before a notary
public and filed with this court before
January 21, 2021 at 10:00 am.

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

PUBLIC NOTIC #117733
01/3,10

Corporations

"NOTICE OF INCORPORATION

NOTICE IS given that articles of
incorporation which incorporate
Three Little Pynk Houses, Inc. have
been delivered to the Secretary of
State for filing in accordance with the
Georgia Business Corporation Code.
The initial registered office of the
corporation is located at 1864 Smith
Store Road, Covington, Newton
County, Georgia 30016. The initial
registered agent of the corporation at
such address is STEPFANIE GRAY.

LISA M. GABLE
ROBERTSON & GABLE, LLC
5875 PEACHTREE Industrial Blvd.,
Suite 170
PEACHTREE CORNERS, GA
30092 (770) 736-5182"

PUBLIC NOTICE #117744
01/03,10

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

NOTICE IS given that articles of
incorporation that will incorporate
RAPHA FAMILY Foundation Inc.
have been delivered to the Secretary
of State for filing in accordance with
the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation
Code The initial registered office
of the corporation is located at 35

Lantana Lane Covington Ga. 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #117752
01/10,17

Debtors Creditors

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
NEWTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE INTEREST OF:
HELEN SANDRA HICKS,
DECEASED.

ESTATE NO. 2020-P-296

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND
CREDITORS

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this
10th day of DECEMBER, 2020.

DERWIN BRYAN Davis
973 GREEN Street, SE
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PUBLIC NOTICE #11709
12/20,27,1/3,10

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND
CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the
debtors and creditors of the Estate
of EUGENE TALMADGE
NASWORTHY, 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 7th day of DECEMBER,
2020.

CHRISTY ANN NASWORTHY
50 STEWART HOLLOW LANE
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #117714
12/27,1/3,10,17

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND
CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the
debtors and creditors of the Estate
of HARRIETT EUGENIA KITCHENS,
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 7th day of DECEMBER,
2020.

BRANDON EPPS
4177 CHESTNUT LAKE AVE
LITHONIA, GA 30038

PUBLIC NOTICE #117711
12/27,1/3,10,17

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND
CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the
debtors and creditors of the Estate
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PUBLIC NOTICE #117712
12/27,1/3,10,17

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 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 MARSHA NEAL MCCALL
SEARS, 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 7th day of DECEMBER,
2020.

LISA A. SINGLEY
P.O. BOX 2637
COVINGTON, GA 30015

PUBLIC NOTICE #117713
12/27,1/3,10,17

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
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COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE # 117732
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 MARY A. BASKETTE to
CITIFINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.,
dated March 30, 2006, recorded
March 31, 2006, in Deed Book 2151,
Page 404 , 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-Nine Thousand
Two Hundred Thirty-Two and 95/100
dollars (\$129,232.95), with interest
thereon as provided for therein,
said Security Deed having been
last sold, assigned and transferred to
Community Loan Servicing, LLC,
fka Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC,
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
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LOT 21, 10TH
DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY,
GEORGIA, BEING LOT 40, PARK
PLACE SUBDIVISION
UNIT THREE, AS PER PLAT
RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 25,
See LEGALS, A6

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

WILLIE HENDON
PLAINTIFF,

-VS-
VIVIAN HERNDON
DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION No.: 2020-CV2476-Z

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: VIVIAN HERNDON
P.O. BOX 171
LITHONIA, GA 30058

BY ORDER of the court for service
by publication dated DECEMBER 7,
2020 you are hereby notified that on
DECEMBER 10, 2020 (date of filing)
WILLIE HERNDON (plaintiff) filed
suit against you for Divorce .
YOU ARE required to file an answer
in writing within sixty (60) days of the
date of the order for publication with
the clerk of the Superior Court of
Newton County and to serve a copy
of the answer upon the plaintiff (if pro
se) or upon the plaintiff's attorney (if
represented).

WITNESS THE Honorable JOHN
M. OTT, Judge Superior Court of
Newton County.

THIS, THE 17th day of DECEMBER
2020.
LINDA D. Hays
CLERK OF Superior Court

PUBLIC NOTICE #117721
12/30,01/3,6,10

Foreclosures

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

LEGALS:

Continued from A5

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) 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., 15th 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: Rubin 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 OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN THE LAND LOT 155 OF THE 10TH DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 165 OF PRINCETON WOODS SUBDIVISION, PHASE FOUR, AS PER SHOWN ON PLAT OF SURVEY THEREOF PREPARED BY LOUIS D. PATRICK, GEORGIA R.L.S. #1757, DATED 03/03/2000 AND RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 34, PAGE 124-126, CLERK'S OFFICE, NEWTON SUPERIOR COURT, WHICH PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN AND MADE A PART HEREOF BY REFERENCE THERETO FOR A MORE COMPLETE DESCRIPTION. THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON BEING KNOWN AS 435 PRINCETON WAY, COVINGTON, GEORGIA - 30016.

SAID LEGAL description being controlling, however the property is more commonly known as **435 PRINCETON WAY, 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 **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

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF NEWTON NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

TO: HALL Employment Network and Ladawn J. Hall, Carlton R. Nivens and Antawan Anderson, Hall Employment Network - Learn Network INC.

TAKE NOTICE that: The right to redeem the following described property, to wit:
ALL AND only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel C0320 00030 035 000, in Land Lot 234 OF the 9th District, in the City of Covington, Newton County, Georgia, being 0.24 acre, more or less, and being Lot 32, Block A, Covington South Subdivision, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 8, page 26, Newton County Georgia Records, which recorded plat is incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this description, located on **Morris Drive.**

WILL EXPIRE and be forever foreclosed and barred on and after the 31st day of January 2021.

THE TAX deed to which this notice relates is dated the 4th day of December, 2018, and is recorded in the office of the Clerk of Superior court of Newton County Georgia, in Deed Book **3786** AT page 608.

THE PROPERTY may be redeemed at any time before the day of January 31st 2021, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address:
BRUNO PROPERTIES Management LLC, 3126 Mill St. NE Covington, Georgia, 30014

PLEASE BE governed accordingly.

PUBLIC NOTICE #117697
12/27,1/3,10,17

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF NEWTON NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

TO: JACOB LUNT, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN, JSL PROPERTIES, LLC, FIRST FRANKLIN A DIVISION OF NATIONAL CITY BANK, "MERS" MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC,CAPSTONE FUNDING, LLC, CITY OF COVINGTON,

TAKE NOTICE that: The right to redeem the following described property, to wit:
ALL AND only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel C007 00030 002 000, Land Lot 264 of the 9th District, in the City of Covington, Newton County, Georgia, being 0.26 acre, being shown as Lot 102 Covington Mills, Inc. Subdivision according to plat of same recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 192, public records Newton County, Georgia, which plat is by reference thereto incorporated herein and made a party hereof for a more particular and complete description.

SAID PROPERTY being known as **6130 Sorrell Street, Covington, Georgia** in accordance with the current system of numbering properties in Newton County,

Georgia.

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PUBLIC NOTICE #117696
12/27,1/3,10,17

Name Changes

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

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT GEORGIA, NEWTON County

A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (CUP20-000004) HAS BEEN FILED WITH THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON THE PROPERTY BELONGING TO: **JACK P DAVIS**
WHOSE SUBJECT PROPERTY ADDRESS/LOCATION IS HWY 11 CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 46.12 ACRES BEING ON TAX MAP & PARCEL 0112 017.

APPLICANT IS REQUESTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ESTABLISH A TRUCK STOP, PARKING, DISPATCH.
A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION ON THE: **26TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2021 AT 7:00PM**

THE PLANNING Commission's public hearing will occur as a Zoom meeting. Register in advance for this meeting: **HTTPS://ZOOM.US/MEETING/REGISTER/TJYPC-GOPZKPG9F-ZIMCXNC-UGJJI9A -HDS**
AFTER REGISTERING, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HEARD BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON THE: **16TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2021 AT 7:30 PM**

THE BOARD of Commissioner's public hearing will be held in the Newton County Historic Courthouse, located at 1124 Clark Street, Covington, Georgia 30014, Second Floor.

THE PURPOSE of the public hearing shall be for public review. All Newton County residents and any other affected and/or interested persons are invited and encouraged to attend. For more information on this case please contact Tracy Hernandez at 770-784-2018, Shena Applewhite at 678-625-1231 or Judy Johnson at 678-625-1656. Updated information will also be posted at the following link as it becomes available <https://www.ncboc.com/196/Development-Services>

PUBLIC NOTICE #117763
01/10,17

CORRECTION TO OFFICIAL ZONING DISTRICT MAP GEORGIA, NEWTON County

THE NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, PURSUANT TO CASE MC20-000003, WILL AMEND THE 2012 OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA TO CONFORM WITH A MAP CORRECTION PETITION FROM MSR (MIXED USE RESIDENTIAL) AND AR (AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTIAL) TO AR (AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTIAL) ZONING FOR THE PROPERTY BELONGING TO: **RICHARD T & SALLY R MULLOY**
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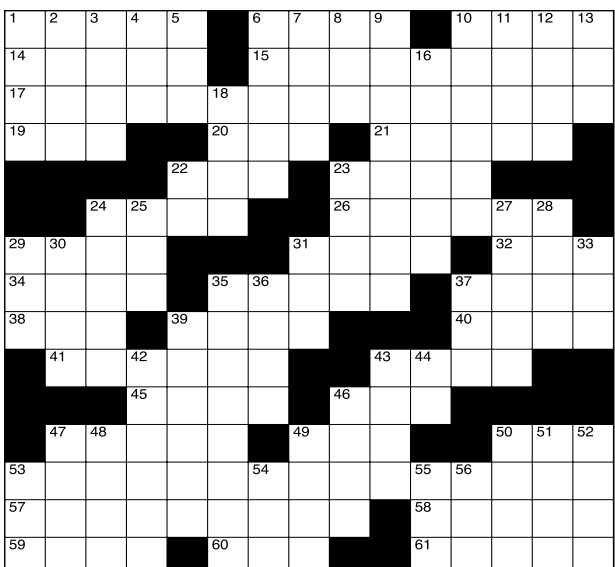
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CLUES ACROSS

- Partner to "ooohed"
- Relaxing places
- Humorous monologue
- Simple elegance
- Bearable
- Disobedience
- Express delight
- Gov't attorneys
- Wake up
- A type of band
- Remain as is
- Turfs
- Battle-ax
- Volcanic crater
- The mother of Jesus
- One's life history
- "Rule, Britannia" composer
- Doubles
- Jacob __, American journalist
- House pet
- S. African river
- Broad sashes
- Establish as a foundation
- KGB double agent Aldrich __
- Part of a book
- Taxi
- Pancakes made from buck-wheat flour
- Train group (abbr.)
- Frames per second
- Have surgery
- Formal withdrawal from a federation
- Guitarist sounds
- Greek war god
- 2,000 lbs.
- Helps escape

CLUES DOWN

- Currency exchange charge
- River in Tuscany
- Breakfast dish
- Defunct European currency
- Upper class young woman
- Part of a purse
- Self-contained units



- Boxing's GOAT
- Legislators
- Flightless birds
- U. of Miami's mascot is one
- Floating ice
- Low, marshy land
- Seldom
- Lyric poems
- Law enforcement agency (abbr.)
- Full extent of something
- __ Claus
- Naturally occurring solid material
- Acquired brain injury behavior science (abbr.)
- Thirteen
- Partner to cheese
- Member of a Semitic people
- One thousandth of an inch
- Former CIA
- Most lemony
- Engage in
- Small Eurasian deer
- Provisions
- All humans have them

- Swiss river
- Storage term (abbr.)
- Famed Broadway lyricist
- Sammy
- Dutch colonist
- Full-grown pike fish
- Egyptian sun god
- Flute
- Flew off!
- Scottish tax
- Young women's association
- Populous Brazilian city
- Malaysian Isthmus
- Pointed end of a pen

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:



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PUBLIC NOTICE #117758
01/10,17

REZONING PETITION GEORGIA, NEWTON County

A PETITION (REZ20-000008) HAS BEEN FILED WITH THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR A REZONING FOR THE PROPERTY BELONGING TO **JACK P DAVIS**
WHOSE SUBJECT PROPERTY ADDRESS/LOCATION IS HWY 11 CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 46.12 ACRES BEING ON TAX MAP & PARCELS 0112 017.

THE PETITIONER HAS INITIATED A REZONE REQUEST FROM AR (AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTAL) & CH (HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL) TO CH (HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL).

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PUBLIC NOTICE #117761
01/10,17

REZONING PETITION GEORGIA, NEWTON County

A PETITION (REZ20-000009) HAS BEEN FILED WITH THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR A REZONING FOR THE PROPERTY BELONGING TO **MAX & ELIZABETH GREENWOOD**

WHOSE SUBJECT PROPERTY ADDRESS/LOCATION IS 2107 HENDERSON MILL RD CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 8.6 ACRES BEING ON TAX MAP & PARCELS 0105 042.THE PETITIONER HAS INITIATED A REZONE REQUEST FROM A (AGRICULTURAL) TO AR (AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTAL).

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REZONING PETITION GEORGIA, NEWTON County

A PETITION (REZ20-000010) HAS BEEN FILED WITH THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR A REZONING FOR THE PROPERTY BELONGING TO **CLAUDE L BROOKS**

WHOSE SUBJECT PROPERTY ADDRESS/LOCATION IS HENDERSON MILL RD CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 30 ACRES BEING ON TAX MAP & PARCEL 0086 008F.

THE PETITIONER HAS INITIATED A REZONE REQUEST FROM A (AGRICULTURAL) TO AR (AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTAL).

A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION ON THE: **26TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2021 AT 7:00PM**

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PUBLIC NOTICE #117762
01/10,17

REZONING PETITION GEORGIA, NEWTON County

A PETITION (REZ20-000011) HAS BEEN FILED WITH THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR A REZONING FOR THE PROPERTY BELONGING TO **CLEVELAND STROUD**

WHOSE SUBJECT PROPERTY ADDRESS/LOCATION IS 2001 DOGWOOD DR CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 32.27 ACRES BEING ON TAX MAP & PARCEL 0024 038.

THE PETITIONER HAS INITIATED A REZONE REQUEST FROM R2 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO M1 (LIGHT INDUSTRIAL).

A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION ON THE: **26TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2021 AT 7:00PM**

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PUBLIC NOTICE #117764
01/10,17

REZONING PETITION GEORGIA, NEWTON County

A PETITION (REZ21-000001) HAS BEEN FILED WITH THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR A REZONING FOR THE PROPERTY BELONGING TO **THOMAS A BUCHER & WILLIAM P BLINCOE**
WHOSE SUBJECT PROPERTY ADDRESS/LOCATION IS COUNTY LINE RD CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 42.23 ACRES BEING ON TAX MAP & PARCEL 0134 002.

A REZONE REQUEST HAS BEEN INITIATED FROM AGRICULTURAL TO STANTON SPRINGS BUSINESS PARK

A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION ON THE: **26TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2021 AT 7:00PM**

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PUBLIC NOTICE #117760
01/10,17

Public Notice

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

Newton County tag office closed Jan. 13-18 for system upgrade

STAFF REPORTS

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Newton County’s motor vehicle tag office will be closed from Wednesday, Jan. 13, through Monday, Jan. 18, for a major statewide system upgrade. The office will reopen Jan. 19, according to information from the

Newton County Tax Commissioner’s Office. During the outage, no walk-in, online, or kiosk services will be available for customers, the Georgia Department of Revenue said in a news release. Services unavailable Jan. 13-18 will be:

- Vehicle registration or titling services available in offices.
 - Online services or kiosk.
- The outage is part of a technology upgrade called DRIVES — Driver Record and Integrated Vehicle Enterprise System — being done by the Georgia Department of Driver Services (DDS) and the Georgia

Department of Revenue (DOR). This multi-year upgrade modernizes the current DDS Driver’s License system and the DOR Tag & Title system. The new system will offer more self-service options, improve customer service, and enhance data integrity, according to the DOR.

REVOLTING:

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to evacuate while wearing masks after tear gas was used to disperse the rioters. After violence began to ensue, Trump took to Twitter at 3:15 p.m. asking his supporters to “remain peaceful.” “I am asking for everyone at the U.S. Capitol to remain peaceful. No violence! Remember, WE are the Party of Law & Order—respect the Law and our great men and women in Blue. Thank you!” Biden then took to Twitter, calling on Trump to go on national television “to fulfill his oath and defend the Constitution and demand an end to this siege.” The president-elect later fired off more tweets about the chaos at the Capitol: “America is so much better than what we’re seeing today. “Our way is plain: It is the way of democracy — of lawfulness, and of respect — respect for each other, and for our nation. “Today is a reminder, a painful one, that democracy is fragile. To preserve it requires people of good will, leaders with the courage to stand up, who are devoted not to pursuit of power and personal interest at any cost, but to the common

good.” In a video from the White House lawn, Trump encouraged demonstrators to go home, but continued to oppose the election results. Vice President Mike Pence also pleaded with Trump supporters to go home. “The violence and destruction taking place at the US Capitol Must Stop and it Must Stop Now. Anyone involved must respect Law Enforcement officers and immediately leave the building. “Peaceful protest is the right of every American but this attack on our Capitol will not be tolerated and those involved will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.” U.S. Rep. Hank Johnson, D-Lithonia, was preparing to debate those who objected to the counting of Georgia’s votes when Wednesday’s events began to unfold, said district spokesman Andy Phelan. At about 4:15 p.m., Johnson wrote on Twitter: “Harrowing moments inside the US Capitol!!! Hats off to the Capitol Hill Police protecting us. We are safe and secure. Pray for our nation.” Johnson later referred

to a 2019 speech he made to the Atlanta NAACP in a second tweet. The speech compared the president to Adolph Hitler when Johnson said Trump was elected because of a resurgence of bigotry in the U.S. “Chaos and confusion ruled the day ...was what I said in a speech I delivered on Jan. 1, 2019, and was deluged with an avalanche of hateful mail, calls, and social media posts. No need to say more. Heed my words America!” U.S. Rep. Jody Hice, R-Greensboro., who planned to object to the Georgia count, was safe “with security and other members,” a spokeswoman told The Walton Tribune in Monroe. Hice retweeted a 3 p.m. tweet by the House Freedom Caucus, of which he is a member: “There is a difference between peaceful protests and mob violence. We unequivocally condemn the violence going on in Capitol building right now. This must end and must end NOW. Thank God for the Capitol Police and for our law enforcement personnel.” Hice then tweeted again Thursday saying, “Yesterday was a day to

lawfully & peacefully fulfill our sacred duty to defend election integrity. Instead, a peaceful protest was hijacked by bad actors — some reportedly masquerading as Trump supporters. I CONDEMN political violence. God bless America & US Capitol Police.” Gov. Brian Kemp and other top state officials condemned the actions of Trump supporters Wednesday in Washington, describing the siege as “un-American” and “a disgrace.” “It is unimaginable that we have people in our state and in our country that have been threatening police officers, breaking into government buildings,” Kemp said during a press conference inside the Georgia Capitol in Atlanta. “This is not the Georgia way and it is not the way of our country.” Kemp readied the Georgia National Guard in response to the riots Wednesday by extending an executive order allowing him to mobilize the National Guard that was put in place during protests over the summer against racial injustice and police brutality. The governor has been at the forefront of Trump’s rage in recent

recent weeks for not stepping in to toss out the presidential election results. He had also faced heat for not ordering a special legislative session to overturn the election. “Those of you who have called for a special session: You now know what that would look like,” Kemp said. Lt. Gov. Geoff Duncan and Georgia House Speaker David Ralston, R-Blue Ridge, joined the governor in condemning the riots. Some Republican Congress members from Georgia objected to the riots after being forced to lock down in the Capitol rotunda as protesters shattered windows and broke into lawmakers’ offices — though many including U.S. Reps. Rick Allen, Barry Loudermilk, Buddy Carter and Marjorie Taylor Greene had earlier pledged to object to the Electoral College certification. House Democrats from Georgia were unanimous in denouncing the riots, with newly seated U.S. Rep. Carolyn Bourdeaux going so far as to urge her colleagues to impeach Trump a second time. U.S. Sen. Kelly Loeffler, who lost to Democrat Rev. Raphael Warnock in Tuesday’s

runoff election, also condemned the Capitol riots after promising to join House and Senate Republicans objecting to the certification. U.S. Sen. David Perdue was still silent late Wednesday after losing to Democrat Jon Ossoff. The events in Washington came as Ossoff and Warnock were both set to secure wins in their runoff races for U.S. Senate, giving Democrats control of Congress and the White House for at least the first two years of the incoming Biden administration. Trump released a video Thursday evening to further condemn the violence at the Capitol, in which he also publicly acknowledged Biden as president-elect and promised a smooth transition of power. “The demonstrators who infiltrated the Capitol have defiled the seat of American democracy,” he said. “To those that engage in the acts of violence and disruption, you do not represent our country. To those that broke the law, you will pay.”

Covington News Editor Tom Spigolon and the Capitol Beat News Service contributed to this report.

BREAKS:

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traveled to the party, and “someone threw a metal crowbar-like tool inside of the car and struck him.” The suspect then began to become very agitated and sped off, veering the car at the direction of the victims who were standing in front of the vehicle. It struck them

both and continued going, the report stated. “(The female victim) had both of her legs completely ran over, causing both of them to break,” the report stated. “While leaving, (the suspect’s vehicle) also struck the side of a telephone pole

causing heavy front-end damage and damage to the passenger side headlight of the vehicle,” it stated. The group dispersed prior to the officer’s arrival, the report stated. Victims were transported by ambulance to Grady Hospital in Atlanta, it stated. No

condition was available for the woman. Police then traveled to an address in Green Acres to see if they could locate the suspect or the vehicle, but were unsuccessful. They then put out a BOLO with other law enforcement agencies in the area to hold

the suspect for Covington Police if found, the report stated. The report stated officers would obtain warrants for the suspect on charges of aggravated assault, reckless driving, and hit and run. The investigation was ongoing, as of Friday, Jan. 8.

LEGALS:

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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 ROBLN10N WILLIAMS & Associates** **12116 Stallings Street, Covington, 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

NOTICE IS hereby given that at 6:30 p.m. on January 4, 2021 at 12116 Stallings Street, Covington, Georgia the Mayor and Council of the City of Covington, Georgia, shall provide for a hearing on the

passage of an ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, GEORGIA, TO AMEND THE COVINGTON MUNICIPAL CODE, ENACTED AND ADOPTED ON THE 16TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2001, AS AMENDED BY PREVIOUS AMENDMENTS, TO ALTER CERTAIN PROVISION OF TITLE 12 OF THE SAID CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING SECTION 12.20.010 (DEFINITIONS) AND SECTION 12.20.020 (ESTABLISHMENT OF PARK HOURS AND DESIGNATED PARKING AREAS) OF CHAPTER 12.20 (PARKS) THEREOF, TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”

A COPY of said proposed ordinance is posted on the bulletin board at the City Hall, 2194 Emory Street, Covington, Georgia.

THIS 5TH day of January 2021.

PUBLIC NOTICE # 117756
01/10

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

PUBLIC AUCTION— 212 STORAGE WILL HOLD A PUBLIC SALE TO ENFORCE A LIEN IMPOSED ON SAID PROPERTY, AS DESCRIBED BELOW, PURSUANT TO THE GEORGIA SELF STORAGE FACILITY ACT, GEORGIA CODE 10-4-210 TO 10-4-215, AT 10:00 AM ON WEDNESDAY 13TH OF JANUARY, 2021. AT 212 STORAGE, 67 HWY 212, COVINGTON, GA 30014. MANAGEMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO WITHDRAW ANY UNIT FROM SALE. REGISTERED OR MOTOR VEHICLES ARE SOLD “AS IS/PARTS ONLY,” NO TITLES OR REGISTRATION. TENANT NAME ,GREGORY BURKE, UNIT #16, 18, 21, 76. ITEMS STORED FURN, BXS, MISC.

PUBLIC NOTICE #117739
01/3,10

PUBLIC AUCTION
NOTICE OF SALE

BUDGET SELF Storage of Covington, pursuant to the Georgia Self Storage Act, 10-4-213, shall conduct a public sale of the following units at 6217 Highway 278 NE, Covington, GA 30014; 770-787-0900; after 1 p.m. on Tuesday, January 19th, 2021. All bids will be accepted online through www.storageauctions.com. Budget Self Storage of Covington reserves the right to withdraw units from such sale and reject any bid. Terms of sale are cash or money order only. The following unit will be sold:

• **A21** Eleanor Johnson: This unit appears to contain storage bins, signs, ccommercial kitchen equipment, vacuum, and boxes.

PUBLIC NOTICE #117757
01/10,17

Trade Names

TRADE NAME
REGISTRATION
AFFIDAVIT
GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

TO WHOM It may Concern: **PLEASE BE** advised that **PETER FERGUSON.,** whose address is

conduct a public sale of the following units at 6217 Highway 278 NE, Covington, GA 30014; 770-787-0900; after 1 p.m. on Tuesday, January 19th, 2021. All bids will be accepted online through www.storageauctions.com. Budget Self Storage of Covington reserves the right to withdraw units from such sale and reject any bid. Terms of sale are cash or money order only. The following unit will be sold:

• **H20** Tonya Reddick appears to contain totes and clothing.

PUBLIC NOTICE# 117745
01/3,10

PUBLIC AUCTION
NOTICE OF SALE

BUDGET SELF Storage of Covington, pursuant to the Georgia Self Storage Act, 10-4-213, shall conduct a public sale of the following units at 6217 Highway 278 NE, Covington, GA 30014; 770-787-0900; after 1 p.m. on Wednesday, January 27th, 2021. All bids will be accepted online through www.storageauctions.com. Budget Self Storage of Covington reserves the right to withdraw units from such sale and reject any bid. Terms of sale are cash or money order only. The following unit will be sold:

• **A21** Eleanor Johnson: This unit appears to contain storage bins, signs, ccommercial kitchen equipment, vacuum, and boxes.

PUBLIC NOTICE #117757
01/10,17

Trade Names

TRADE NAME
REGISTRATION
AFFIDAVIT
GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

TO WHOM It may Concern: **PLEASE BE** advised that **PETER FERGUSON.,** whose address is

1135A E 224TH ST, BRONX NY is the owner(s) of the certain business now being carried on at 8178 PETTY ST COVINGTON, GA 30014in the following trade name, to-wit: PDF INDUSTRIES that the nature of said business is: FIXER UPPER WOR, TO TRUCKING BUSINESS.

THIS STATEMENT is made in conformity with O.C.G.A. §10-1-490 et seq. requiring the filing of such statement with the Clerk of Superior Court of this county.

THIS THE 03 day of DECEMBER, 2020.

PUBLIC NOTICE #117742
01/3,10

TRADE NAME
REGISTRATION
AFFIDAVIT
GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

TO WHOM It may Concern: **PLEASE BE** advised that **TE’RINA EZE.,** whose address is NW. #149, COVINGTON, GA 30014is the owner(s) of the certain business now being carried on at 3142 HIGHWAY 278 in the following trade name, to-wit: PDF INDUSTRIES that the nature of said business is: CUSTOMER SERVICE/REMOTE CALL CENTER (WORK FROM HOME).

THIS STATEMENT is made in conformity with O.C.G.A. §10-1-490 et seq. requiring the filing of such statement with the Clerk of Superior Court of this county.

THIS THE 9TH day of DECEMBER, 2020.

PUBLIC NOTICE #117743
01/3,10,17,24

SPORTS

The Covington News

Prep Basketball

Alcovy swept by Grovetown

Both squads open region play with losses

By **MASON WITTNER**
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COVINGTON, Ga. — The Alcovy girls’ and boys’ basketball teams tipped off their respective Region 3-AAAAAA slates in their home gym against Grovetown on Tuesday.

There was a stark contrast in competitiveness between the two games, but Alcovy came out on the wrong side of both.

Grovetown Girls 78, Alcovy Girls 28

The Lady Tigers had a rough go of it against the defending Region 3 champions.

Grovetown opened the game with nine unanswered points, storming out to a 20-8 lead by the end of the opening quarter. Their lead continued to grow exponentially in the second period, allowing the Lady Warriors to coast into the locker room with a 39-17 advantage.

Alcovy was overmatched, and Grovetown continued to take advantage of that in the

second half as the Lady Tiger deficit eventually ballooned to 50 points by the final buzzer.

Despite fielding a young squad and having five inactive players on Tuesday, Alcovy head coach Justin Hunter wasn’t looking to make any excuses for his team’s performance.

“You still have to go through and play the game as if everybody’s there,” Hunter said. “You’re just trying to compete because that’s what this is at the end of the day — competition.”

The road didn’t get much easier for the Lady Tigers later in the week. On Friday, they were scheduled to host a Rockdale County (9-2, 1-0) club that went 22-8 in Class AAAAAA last winter.

“We’re playing the top of the crop in the region right now, which lets us know where we’re at. It’s the measuring stick for where we’ve got to go,” Hunter said.



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The Lady Tigers were overmatched in a 50-point loss to Grovetown on Tuesday, Jan. 5.

Grovetown Boys 73, Alcovy Boys 72

The Tigers opened region play with a heartbreaking loss.

Trailing 61-51 in the fourth quarter, Alcovy continue began chipping away at its deficit. A switch from zone defense to man, coupled by timely shots from the likes of senior Tyreek Singleton, sophomore Steven Moore and junior Byron Howard, allowed the Tigers to claw their way back into the game.

Knotted up at 71 points apiece with less 1:30 left in regulation, Grovetown senior Julius Brown drew a foul on a shot attempt. He drained a pair of free throws, giving the Warriors a two-point

cushion.

Singleton later drew a foul on a layup attempt from the left side of the basket, earning a trip to the charity stripe with a chance to tie the game. He sank the first shot, but the second one clanged out with 21.7 seconds remaining.

Alcovy’s defense clamped down, allowing the Tigers to inbound the ball at mid-coast with 6.3 seconds to go. Singleton put the ball into play, received it back in a pass and raced down the right side of the court to attempt a game-winning layup. He missed the shot but was fouled at the 0.5 second mark, resulting in two free throws with the game on the line.



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The Alcovy boys’ team dropped its region opener to Grovetown in heartbreaking fashion, 73-72.

However, he missed both shots, sealing Grovetown’s one-point victory.

After the loss, Alcovy head coach Mack Hardwick offered comforting words for his players. He employers them to “Take this as a learning lesson.”

“Grow from it,” he said. “Remember the pain and remember how it feels.”

Hardwick lauded his team for their ability to battle back from a 10-point deficit in the fourth quarter. He credited his defense for locking down shooters and generating scoring opportunities on the other side of the court.

“The big thing that I liked was our boys had the mental fortitude to make sure that they fall back using what we do — which is defense — and keeping a positive outlook on the game,” Hardwick said. “There were a lot of different times when they could’ve given up, hung their heads, but they fought to the very end.”

Despite his struggles at the free-throw line late, Singleton poured in 14 points for the Tigers. Senior Trevon Howze scored a team-high 17 points in less than three quarters before missing the majority of the second half due to a nagging injury.

Alcovy welcomed new region foe Rockdale County (7-3, 1-0) to its gym Friday night.

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