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**His Word**

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right hand, saying  
unto thee, Fear not;  
I will help thee.

Isaiah 41:13, KJV

# Newton man charged in brother's murder

## Suspect accused of shooting sibling multiple times at residence near Porterdale

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COVINGTON, Ga. — A Covington man is accused of shooting his brother multiple times and killing him after an argument at a residence near Porterdale early Monday.

Shaquell Fisher, 26, was being held without bond in the Newton County Detention

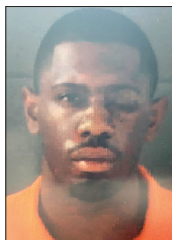
Center on Wednesday, July 7, following his arrest Monday morning on charges he used two firearms to shoot and kill Deondre Fisher, 25, of Athens.

Charges against Fisher include one count each of Murder and Possession of a Firearm in the Commission of a Felony.

He was arrested soon

after the incident at a residence on Brandon Drive in the Woodland Ridge neighborhood Monday at about 2:45 a.m.

Spokesman Jack



Shaquell  
Fisher

Redlinger of the Newton County Sheriff's Office said an argument and fight preceded the incident.

A deputy responded to a report of a penetrating trauma minutes after the incident and found the suspect still on the scene, a report stated.

"Victim was deceased on scene," Redlinger

said.

According to a warrant, Shaquell and Deondre Fisher began fighting verbally, which led to a physical altercation.

They separated but Shaquell Fisher then allegedly used two firearms — at least one reportedly was a handgun — to shoot his brother. The victim

was found with seven gunshot wounds, the warrant stated.

An investigation was continuing this week, a report stated.

County tax records list the two brothers among three individuals and a wrecker service who own the residence where the incident reportedly occurred.

## Economic Development

# Public voices traffic concerns tied to Neely Farms

Georgia DOT, county plans for widening Covington Bypass Road to culminate by 2057

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COVINGTON, Ga. — Traffic was the focal point of public discussion recently concerning a local mixed-use development that could boast a multi-million dollar impact in Newton County.

Phil Johnson, a local attorney who represents Neely Farms Family Limited Partnership LLLP, discussed details of the Neely Farms development located at 9135 Martin Luther



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Phil Johnson (standing right) details plans for the Neely Farms 200-acre mixed-use development located off Covington Bypass Road during a recent Development Town Hall hosted by the city of Covington.

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## Regional Job Fair

# Workshops help attendees prepare for interviews



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**The Regional Job Fair was last held in person in 2019. Organizers are excited to be back in person for 2021.**

By **TOM SPIGOLON**  
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A series of free workshops will focus on ways job-seekers can best prepare to interview for jobs offered by employers in the 2021 Regional Job Fair in Covington.

The Job Fair is scheduled for July

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Economic Development



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This site plans shows The Oaks development. The Porterdale City Council approved rezoning for the project at its most recent meeting.

# Porterdale OKs rezoning for Oaks

## Potential benefits, promised ‘quality’ sway council to golf course plan

By TOM SPIGOLON  
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PORTERDALE, Ga. — City COUNCIL members say they supported a multi-use development planned to replace a longtime golf course because of the potential benefits and its promise of “higher quality” nature compared to what could be built on the site.

The city council on Tuesday voted for a series of zoning changes that clear the way for planning to proceed on converting the 30-year-old The Oaks golf course into a \$215 million residential and retail development.

The council voted unanimously to approve Covington-based Infinity Homes and Development LLC’s request for changes to zoning and the future land use map on 270 acres at the corner of Brown Bridge and Crowell roads.

Infinity’s plan calls for construction of 142 single-family homes, 190 townhomes, 360 apartments and a 143,000-square-foot area for retail development clustered along the site’s southwest and west sides.

About 60% of the site would be left both as open space and part of a planned nine-hole, par-3 golf course because of the existence of a 108-acre floodplain on the east side of the site nearest Brown Bridge Road and

the Yellow River.

Developers have projected a completion date of 2025.

Councilman Lowell Chambers said during the Tuesday meeting that city officials can continue to make any needed changes to the plan as it goes through the steps of final approval.

After the meeting, Councilwoman Kay Piper said the council looked at the “big picture” concerning the plan despite the city planning commission’s recommendation to deny Infinity’s request.

“I feel that the people who are doing the development are quality and responsible people,” Piper said.

“We feel like it would be a great asset to the city,” she said. “It will certainly help us with our revenue. It would hopefully bring a lot more people to our businesses in the downtown area.”

Chambers said he supported the rezoning because it is part of “a good plan” for the site.

He noted the zoning already is in place for it to be developed as any kind of single-family residential neighborhood.

“I don’t know what the future of the golf course is,” Chambers said. “It can be developed under the current zoning. I think it’s going to redevelop one way or the other.”

Infinity’s plan calls for up-

scale residential development, he said.

“By changing the zoning, it will lead to a higher quality development than under the current zoning,” he said.

The site is bounded by Crowell Road on the west, Brown Bridge Road on the south, the Yellow River on the east and unincorporated Newton County on the north.

Opponents, including city residents and nearby county residents, spoke to the planning commission and city council during public hearings in May and June. Some living near the site but outside the city said they believed the addition of hundreds of new residents to the area would worsen traffic on already-congested Crowell Road — which is a major commuter link between central Newton County and I-20.

Many said developer Brad Mitchell should have completed traffic studies around the site before submitting plans.

Other residents said they feared further overcrowding of nearby schools, increased crime, and lack of adequate police and fire protection.

Architect Adam Kirk of Thomas & Hutton estimated about 1,700 people may reside in The Oaks after its 692 housing units of all types are built

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City of Social Circle

# Schirmer reflects on time as city manager

By DENISE ETHERIDGE  
The Walton Tribune

SOCIAL CIRCLE, Ga. — Adele Schirmer officially vacated the city manager’s office on June 30 but will continue to live in town and contribute to the community as a private citizen.



Adele Schirmer

Schirmer recently spoke about her nearly six years leading city staff in providing services to residents.

“My passion and my career has been public service,” she said. “I’d like to think I’m leaving the community in a better position than when I came.”

Schirmer said public service is about making a difference in people’s lives and improving residents’ quality of life.

“It takes many people to do that,” Schirmer said, in a nod to city staff, city council and Social Circle residents.

Schirmer began her tenure with Social Circle in October 2015. Prior to managing the city’s day-to-day operations, she served as director of engineering and geographic information systems for Blacksburg, Virginia. Schirmer served Blacksburg for 26 years where she also oversaw planning and public works.

“She has made a real difference and accomplished a great deal for our citizens,” Mayor David Keener previously told the Walton Tribune.

Schirmer counts her role in drafting the city’s Comprehensive Plan as one of her accomplishments.

“It’s not perfect,” she said. “Things change over time and tweaks are needed.”

The comp plan sets forth a consensus of what the community wants to be and gives guidance on projects, programs, and initiatives toward that vision, Schirmer said.

Schirmer emphasized that the vision for a community’s future doesn’t come from the city manager it comes from the residents and is then adopted by the city’s governing body. She said Social Circle

is unique in that its residents are engaged and willing to support one another because they genuinely care about their community.

Projects that Schirmer had a hand in will continue to benefit city residents including the Stanton Memorial Library and Friendship Park. Both projects required the pursuit of grants and investment by numerous community groups, businesses and individuals, she said.

Monitoring city finances and making upgrades to water, sewer and gas systems were also an important part of her time with the city, Schirmer said. She pointed to the city’s awards in the areas of budgeting, and its improved fire ISO rating from a 4/10 to a 2/10.

Schirmer said she closely examined employees’ skills, licenses and accreditations when she first came to Social Circle. Workers must have continual training and be encouraged to network with their peers to help them attain excellence, she said. The police department and those in public works are two examples of where this training and networking proved valuable, according to Schirmer.

The outgoing manager said she focused staff on core values: honesty, excellence, teamwork, and customer service. Putting these concepts into practice results in transparency, she said. Schirmer said transparency also allows for citizen input and helps the community better understand how their city operates.

“It’s OK to make a mistake, it’s not OK to be dishonest,” she said.

Being a small city, teamwork is essential, according to Schirmer.

“We’ve all got to be pointing in the same direction to be successful,” she said.

Schirmer said she believes customer service improved under her supervision.

Schirmer said she was not worried about the city’s future.

“Every person in the manager position brings different skills to the table,” she said. “I have no doubt the city will continue to thrive and be an even better place to live.”



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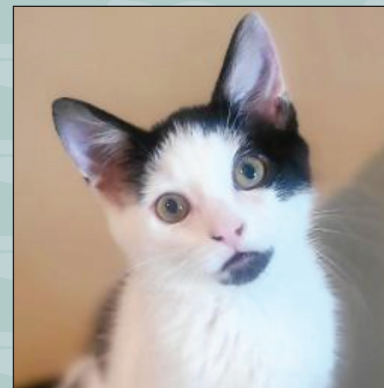
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# Boys & Girls Club eyes Porterdale for new Newton club location

By **TOM SPIGOLON**  
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PORTERDALE, Ga. — Boys & Girls Club officials are targeting Porterdale for a permanent location for its Newton club that could serve as the eventual hub for a series of satellite locations within the county.

Bob Mackey, president and CEO of the Boys & Girls Club of North Central Georgia, said the organization is working with Porterdale city officials to locate a building to replace its current location in portable structures in west Newton. “What we’re attempting to do is to serve more kids, more often,” Mackey said. “It boils down to what’s best for the community.”

Mackey said he also envisioned having satellite locations to serve more areas of the county than just the westside where its Brown Bridge Road location operates.

A new main location and satellite locations will allow it to continue a drone certification program for teens, which is already offered, as well as fashion design and development, workforce development, financial education, sports programming and more in more locations, he said.

About 75 club members attend programming at the Newton club, which only serves teens ages 14 to 18, Mackey said.

“We’ve outgrown the space,” he said. Porterdale Mayor



The Newton County Boys & Girls Club is in the midst of its annual Duck Derby fundraiser set for Aug. 28.

Arline Chapman said she was happy the city was working with the organization to find a location closer than the current site.

She said the club could serve Porterdale youth without the need for buses to transport them.

City Manager Frank Etheridge said work to locate a building was in the “very early” stages.

The Newton club is among five the Madison-based Boys & Girls Club of North Central Georgia organization operates. Others are in Monroe, Greensboro, Madison and Barnesville.

Members of Newton’s civic, government and business communities worked for about a decade to establish a Newton Boys & Girls club before it opened

in June 2019 in two temporary buildings at 13634 Brown Bridge Road.

“We went in with the ‘temporary’ mindset,” Mackey said.

Mackey said the club was considering existing space rather than new construction.

He said he hoped the Newton club could eventually serve around 300 members and expand to include children 13 and younger.

A variety of activities and programs are offered at the Newton club, such as the drones course that is designed to prepare club members to work for any number of companies or government agencies, Mackey said.

However, he said expanding the Newton club’s offerings will require funding.

“Growing takes dollars,” he said.

The club is in the midst of its annual Duck Derby fundraiser set for Aug. 28 at 10 a.m. and broadcast on Facebook Live.

Organizers gives a number to each duck and sends the numbers randomly to those who buy tickets.

It then awards cash prizes to those given rubber ducks that finish first through third in a race of ducks floating downstream.

In past years, the event was on the Yellow River in Porterdale — including 2020 when it was done virtually for the first time. Mackey said it was moved this year to allow other areas the club serves to host the

Derby.

The Newton club hosted its inaugural New Year’s Eve gala fundraiser in 2019 with plans for making it an annual event. It was forced to cancel the 2020 event because of COVID-19 safety concerns.

Mackey said he still believed 2017 SPLOST funds of \$495,000 for a “Westside Youth Outreach Facility”

could be used for a club location if it establishes a satellite location in west Newton.

The Newton County Commission earlier this year briefly debated whether the funds should go to the non-profit club without the county government having some control over its programming.

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and occupied.

Its only three entrances will be on Crowell Road because the part of the site along Brown Bridge Road is mostly in a floodplain, Kirk said.

He said developers planned to add needed deceleration lanes for those entering The Oaks site to coincide with county government plans for improving both Crowell and Brown Bridge roads.

City Manager Frank Etheridge said at the June meeting the city would address the need for more Porterdale police protection by

budgeting for it as the population increased.

He said Mitchell’s plan was consistent with residential and commercial development patterns in the area. The Oaks also is one of the largest undeveloped sites zoned for residential uses in the county, he said.

Etheridge said the developer will be required to meet a lengthy series of conditions on everything from roof designs and building materials for residential structures, to limitations on noise levels from speakers at restaurant drive-through windows.

He said Tuesday that the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission completed a review of a Development of Regional Impact the city filed for the project and it differed little from information the council already heard in June.

The Oaks has operated on the longtime golf course site since 1990. Porterdale annexed the site into the city in 2005.

Mitchell already is developing another multi-use project, Cedar Shoals, on the city’s south side.

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Taylor Beck editor and publisher

# Proud of past year but more excited for what’s to come

I recently celebrated my one-year anniversary at *The Covington News*, and as I’ve had time to reflect on the past 365 days, I must say, it’s been a nothing short of a wild ride.



As we’ve traversed the pandemic like everyone else, this newspaper has achieved many goals since I first stepped foot into the building on Usher Street. Our crown achievement was doing something most newspapers wouldn’t dream of trying — especially during a pandemic. Upon my arrival at *The Covington News* was only published on week-ends. Now there’s a print edition publishing every Wednesday and weekend. We revived the midweek edition in August as part of this newspaper’s commitment to be Newton County’s most reliable news source.

In doing so, we’ve achieved another goal. Our readership, both online and print subscribers, has grown steadily. A few months ago, we launched *The Covington News* app that is free to download today. We’ve launched various special publications that are new to the community, including *Women of Newton* and our *Menu Guide*, in addition to the regular publications our readers look forward to each year, such as *Newcomers’ Guide*, *Football Preview* and *Visions*, among others. I can also share that our newspaper has won numerous editorial and advertising awards this year from the Georgia Press Association, but we’ll share specifics of those recognitions in due time. But above all, over the past year we’ve made it a point to listen to readers’ input, and we’ve done our best to give you exactly what’s desired of your community newspaper. I’m excited about how far this newspaper has come since I’ve become publisher — not to say I’ve accomplished these things alone. It was the hard work of our entire staff and ownership that allowed us to have a monumental year. From day one, my promise to this community has been

to work fervently to help make this newspaper not only one of the best in the state, but, most importantly, a publication this community can be proud of and rely upon. I believe we’ve made great strides toward that long-term goal this year, but I’m not satisfied. There’s plenty of room to grow, and the work continues today. In fact, readers will see, yet again, the fruit of our staff’s labor inside this Wednesday’s print publication. This week, July 14, *The Covington News* launches its new Entertainment Extra — a special section that we’re adding to our Wednesday edition each week at no cost to you. Featured within the Entertainment Extra will be TV listings, articles about your favorite shows and upcoming films, a variety of puzzles, including crosswords, sudokus and word searches, and sports quizzes. It’s truly a one-of-a-kind product that many readers have been asking for and a product we believe all of our readers will come to love. As I enter year two at the helm of *The News*, please feel free to let me know: is there something we’re doing that you feel could be done better? Is there something we’re not doing that you want us to do? Is there a local issue that you want us to address and shed light on? Please feel free to contact me or any other staff member to provide your input on how we can continue to make your community newspaper the best it can be. **Fireworks show lives up to the hype** I’d be remiss if I wrote a column after Independence Day and didn’t acknowledge how awesome the fireworks in Covington were this past Sunday. Prior to moving here, I had been told how magical Fourth of July was in Newton County, but I also know some people tend to innocently exaggerate. However, my family and I discovered that the hype was real. Hats off to all involved with the fireworks show. It was an excellent event, I can’t wait to enjoy the full festival experience next year.

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Rev. Lyn Pace religious columnist

# Birthdays are sacred — like you

My niece turned 10 a couple of weeks ago. Double digits. As with my son, who will be 10 in a year and a half, I have been reminding my niece that this means you will never again celebrate a single digit birthday. I don’t think they quite get the significance of that like I do, a man in his mid-forties.



Birthdays have always been important to me. I credit my parents with finding creative ways to celebrate a summer birthday when everyone was out of school and sometimes far-flung on vacation. They always made my birthday feel like a big deal. I also realize not everyone is a fan of birthdays, often for good reason and sometimes not. Birthdays are sacred days, though. We took our first breath and survived the process of labor on the day of our birth. I think of the state motto of my home state of South Carolina when I think of birthdays, “Dum spiro spero.” That’s Latin for “While I breathe, I hope.” I am here, alive, and a child of God. My life and my birthday are sacred. I’m guessing someone out there will roll their eyes at me when I mention how much I appreciate Facebook birthday messages. Not just the ones I receive on my day, but I value knowing about my friends and their special day. Even if I miss writing a post that day, I still have a moment to think about them and acknowledge their life as a gift. There’s deep meaning in that contemplative and compassionate act. My friend, Lisa, is celebrating her 50th birthday later this



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**Birthdays not only mark time, they call us out of the constant noise and busyness of our lives to stop and honor time.**

month and as with her 40th, she’s reflecting on this milestone each of the 50 days leading to the big day. She says, “I’ve tried to use it to intentionally reflect on my life — the people who have formed me, family and friends.” On Day 2 she celebrated her goddaughter and posted pictures from her recent high school graduation. I may have to borrow this practice in six years! There’s at least one other reason I like birthdays. They are important markers of time. Time is as much a mystery to me now as ever, which helps explain why I continue to be fascinated by it. Ask anyone who really knows me, and they will tell you that I live and die by a calendar. As much as I hate to admit it sometimes, it’s true. I also love wall calendars and am the one

who designs the family photo calendar every December. Even recognizing my own attachments to it, I am still awed at how preoccupied we are with time. Just listening carefully to our everyday language, we hear phrases loaded with our obsession with time. “I’m out of time.” “It’s not the right time.” “I made it just in time.” I could go on. Birthdays not only mark time, they call us out of the constant noise and busyness of our lives to stop and honor time. That’s what I love about Lisa’s reflections leading up to her birthdays marking the decades. The intentional reflection extends to a whole season and makes even deeper meaning out of her life. It encourages gratitude and recounts what is important to her. It affords her the opportunity to

connect or even reconnect with her community. Birthdays have the power to do this if we let them. How might you celebrate your next birthday? Could it be a day of intentional reflection in addition to celebration? I hope so because you are sacred and so is your birthday. As I walked out the door leaving my niece’s birthday party, I gave her a hug and reminded her it would be double digits from now on. “Yeah, until I make it to triple digits, Uncle Lyn,” she exclaimed. I smiled and thought, “Dum spiro spero.” “While I breathe, I hope.”

*The Rev. Dr. Lyn Pace is a United Methodist minister and college chaplain who lives in Oxford, Georgia with his spouse and 8-year-old.*

Your Letters to the Editor

# Officials should review criteria for tree removal

**Dear Editor:** In April, I was dismayed to learn that Newton County was planning to cut down 100 oak trees lining the streets of a local subdivision that at 20 years old. This past week, I saw that seven 20-year-old oak trees had been removed from along Clark Street, four at Trail Blazer Park and three just west of the intersection at Emory Street. Reasons for street tree removal such as this range from sidewalk damage to potential interference with power lines. However, the benefits of trees are well documented and outweigh these situations that have alternative solutions, such as root and limb trimming. Numerous sources report that street trees make streets more

walkable by providing shade from the sun and relief from humidity. They can lower the electricity bills of surrounding houses and even lower the average driving speed, making roadways safer. There’s evidence that trees improve the health of nearby residents and significantly increase property values by beautifying the areas where they’re planted. Trees also improve air quality, reduce greenhouse gases like carbon dioxide, and help reduce storm water run off. Given the documented benefits that trees provide, particularly as we face a changing climate, it’s time that county and city officials reevaluate the criteria for street tree removal and develop plans to plant trees

rather than remove them.

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King Ave. (Covington Bypass Road) during a Development Town Hall event held inside the Covington City Council meeting room Wednesday, June 30.

As initially reported by *The Covington News* in May, plans for the development centered around a former quarry will consist of 1,162 residential units including 330 houses located within two single-family detached neighborhoods; 227 townhomes; 39 upscale estate homes; several condos and apartments; and a variety of retailers and restaurants. A brewery and amphitheater are also planned for the property.

The development, in total, could create a more than \$350 million economic boon for the county, Johnson said.

There will be two single-family detached neighborhoods located east and south of the quarry under contract, according to Johnson. One 180-lot neighborhood is planned to be located north of Scenic Parkway; the second 150-lot neighborhood will be located south of Scenic Parkway below the quarry.

In addition, 227 townhomes are to be located on a tract directly east of the quarry and there will be 39 upscale estate homes surrounding the quarry.

# WORKSHOPS:

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22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Georgia Piedmont Technical College's Newton campus conference center at 8100 Bob Williams Parkway in Covington.

At least 60 local employers from Newton and Walton counties representing such industries as manufacturing and education are set to be on hand for the event.

However, pre-fair workshops scheduled for Tuesday, July 13, and Wednesday, July 14, will focus on updating resumes, hard to employ workers, job fair preparation, transferable skills and more.

Irvin Clark, the college's vice president of economic development, said part of the emphasis of the workshops "really is to help job-seekers in the region get ready for the Job Fair."

"It just helps job-seekers get ready for this job fair because we want these job-seekers to be career-ready when they walk in the door or they walk into that interview," Clark said.

Carol Rayburn-Cofer, director of Worksource Northeast Georgia, said one workshop will help potential applicants build resumes that show how skills they may have developed in previous jobs can transfer to a new job.

Other workshops will discuss how to make good first impressions with employers; or proper dress for the interview and the job site, she said.

One will focus on

During the town hall, Johnson said the single-family neighborhood homes would be "Craftsman style" and range from 1,700- to 1,800-square-feet. The cost would be from \$275,000-\$350,000, Johnson said.

The townhomes "won't be far removed" from the single-family homes, Johnson said. He believed builders would try to bring the price under \$300,000, but was doubtful considering construction costs.

The estate homes around the quarry are expected to cost around \$500,000-\$600,000.

With the influx of homes, Johnson realized traffic flow was a potential problem on everyone's mind, but said the developers would be doing all they could to keep issues at a minimum.

"There's no easy answer to the traffic," Johnson said. "We're going to try to be part of the solution on how we deal with our traffic coming into and leaving our neighborhood. But it's going to require a big push to get DOT to widen the Covington Bypass Road all the way around."

"Something I've observed ... infrastructure seldom precedes growth," he added. "Growth drives infrastructure. So, we're not

going to get this road four-laned with nobody living here. What going to happen is we're going to build on it, then we're going to be able to drive the infrastructure to support it."

Per the site plans, the community would have two major access points; one via Scenic Parkway and the other being next to Nitro 2 Go — both turning off Covington Bypass Road.

Johnson said no there was no feasible, logistical way to create an access point from U.S. Hwy. 278 or any other highway.

Some residents were not pleased by this.

"So, let's call it 600 homes," one resident said. "You're going to bring all of those people in and out to work and home every day through that one corridor?"

"Through that one corridor, that is what we've got is the Covington ByPass Road," Johnson replied. "It's a state highway —"

"This is just a couple of miles down the bypass from an existing community being built right now," the resident interjected, "and then on [Georgia Hwy.] 36, the extremely large apartment-looking complex there. And now you're going to add another 600, and everybody's got to

go through that same corridor, if I'm understanding correctly, to get the interstate, to [U.S. Hwy.] 278, to the grocery store, to the doctor, to the hospital, all within the same area?"

Covington Bypass Road is a state highway, but only in part.

The Georgia Department of Transportation controls the segment of highway from Jackson Highway to U.S. Hwy. 278, which is formally known as Georgia Hwy. 36.

The Newton County government maintains ownership of the segment of Covington Bypass Road that starts from Jackson Highway and goes back toward the city of Porterdale.

Covington Planning & Development Director Tres Thomas, who also serves as city engineer, said the "long-range plan" to widen the county's part of the Covington Bypass Road from a two-lane road to a four-lane road was currently scheduled to get underway by 2040.

Per county documents, the cost is estimated to be upwards of \$31 million.

As for GDOT's plans, Thomas said preliminary engineering wasn't scheduled to begin until 2051 and construction wouldn't take place until 2057 for their

portion of Covington Bypass Road.

According to documents from GDOT, the cost would be upwards of \$21 million, bringing the total up to approximately \$52 million for all of Covington Bypass Road to be widened.

The good news, Thomas said, was

if Neely Farms' development plans, as well as Sam Hay's development plans for apartments, were to be finalized and built in a timely manner, increased traffic counts along Covington Bypass Road could help speed up the process of widening the highway.

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**CASE NO: 20210603950411**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200519  
7/4,11,18**

### Adoptions

#### NOTICE OF ADOPTION

**TO: JOSEPH Gilliard and Mayara  
Sant'ana Moreira,**  
**YOU ARE** hereby notified that a  
female child, Alyssa Rose Gilliard  
born to Mayara Sant'ana Moreira on  
July 11, 2007 in Covington, Ga; a  
male child, Damien Alexander Gilliard  
born to Mayara Sant'ana Moreira on  
August 21, 2008 in Conyers, Ga; and  
a female child, Isabella Alanna Gilliard  
was born to Mayara Sant'ana Moreira  
on February 11, 2010 in Covington,  
Ga. A Petition for Adoption of these  
children was filed in the Superior  
Court of Charlton County, GA,  
Adoption No. 21-SU-CA-002. Joseph  
Gilliard be advised that you will lose  
all rights to the children and will not  
receive notice nor be entitled to object  
to the adoption unless within 30 days  
of your receipt of this Notice you: (1)  
file a Petition to Legitimate the child  
in the Superior Court of Charlton  
County pursuant to OCGA 19-7-22;  
(2) provide written notice of the filing  
of your Petition to Legitimate to the  
adoption Clerk, Superior Court of  
Charlton County, 1520 3rd Street, #A,  
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written notice of the filing of your  
Petition to Legitimate to counsel for  
the Petitioners, Carrie Murray Nellis,  
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advised that you will lose all rights to  
the children and will not receive notice  
of further pleadings nor be entitled  
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Court of Charlton County, GA.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200457  
6/27-74,11**

### Bids

**THE CITY** of Covington is issuing  
a Request for Qualifications  
(RFQ) to engineering firms  
experienced in the development of  
preliminary engineering plans, final  
design documents, construction  
documents, and bid documents for  
the installation of approximately  
3,200 linear feet of water main on  
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**ALL CONTRACTS** are subject to  
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369-5650, Monday through Friday  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE #200564  
7/11,25**

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##### CITATION

**ANTHONY CAINE FERNATT**  
has petitioned to be appointed  
Administrator of the Estate of **KEITH  
EDWARD FERNATT** , 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  
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application should not be granted. All  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE #200474  
7/4,11,18,25**

##### CITATION

**CHEYENNE B. HODGE AND  
TAMMY HODGE** has petitioned to be  
appointed Administrator of the Estate  
of **WILLIAM CHARLES MAXWELL**,  
deceased. (The applicant has also  
applied for waiver of bond and/or  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE #200473  
7/4,11,18,25**

##### CITATION

**CHRISTINA MCGIBONEY  
BARROW** has petitioned to be  
appointed Administrator of the Estate  
of **ROBERT WAYNE MCGIBONEY**  
deceased. (The applicant has also  
applied for waiver of bond and/or  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE #200499  
7/4,11,18,25**

##### CITATION

**DAVID STRATTON** has petitioned  
to be appointed Administrator of the  
Estate of **GARY LEE STRATTON**,  
deceased. (The applicant has also  
applied for waiver of bond and/or  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE #200497  
7/4,11,18,25**

##### CITATION

**DAVID W. REED** has petitioned to be  
appointed Administrator of the Estate  
of **KEITH LAWAN CHAMBERS** ,  
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  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE #200475  
7/4,11,18,25**

##### CITATION

**DELVER CHARLES ROBINSON**  
has petitioned to be appointed  
Administrator of the Estate of **MAE  
ALICE ROBINSON**, deceased. (The  
applicant has also applied for waiver  
of bond and/or grant of certain powers  
contained in O.C.G.A 53-12-232). All  
interested parties are hereby notified  
to show cause why said application  
should not be granted. All objection  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE #200498  
7/4,11,18,25**

##### CITATION

**DIANNE WYATT GARRETT**  
has petitioned to be appointed

Administrator of the Estate of **JOAN  
DOBBS WYATT** deceased. (The  
applicant has also applied for waiver  
of bond and/or grant of certain powers  
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must be in writing, and filed with this  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE #200542  
7/4,11,18,25**

##### CITATION

**LISA BAKER** has petitioned to be  
appointed Administrator of the Estate  
of **EVELYN BELCHER** deceased.  
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waiver of bond and/or grant of certain  
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GEORGIA

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200541  
7/4,11,18,25**

##### CITATION

**ORA CODY** has petitioned to be  
appointed Administrator of the  
Estate of **ERIC BERNARD CODY**  
deceased. (The applicant has also  
applied for waiver of bond and/or  
grant of certain powers contained in  
O.C.G.A 53-12-232). All interested  
parties are hereby notified to show  
cause why said application should  
not be granted. All objection must be  
in writing, and filed with this Court on  
or before AUGUST 2, 2021, next, at  
ten o'clock a.m.

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

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200540  
7/4,11,18,25**

##### CITATION

**PAMELA KAYLE LITTELL**  
has petitioned to be appointed  
Administrator of the Estate of **KEVIN  
JAMES LITTELL**, deceased. (The  
applicant has also applied for waiver  
of bond and/or grant of certain powers  
contained in O.C.G.A 53-12-232). All  
interested parties are hereby notified  
to show cause why said application  
should not be granted. All objection  
must be in writing, and filed with this  
Court on or before AUGUST 2, 2021,  
next, at ten o'clock a.m.

**MELANIE M. BELL, JUDGE  
MARCIA WYNNE, CLERK** PROBATE  
COURT NEWTON COUNTY,

## ESTATE AUCTION

**Selling By Order of the Executor to  
Settle the Jean P. Anderson Estate**

### 35 Wesleyan Way, Oxford

- 3 BR/3 BA Brick Home with 5,200 SF
- Private, Gated Community
- Inground Pool • New Roof

### 250 River Cove Meadows Social Circle

- 2.04 Acre Residential Lot
- Equestrian Community • Water/Septic
- 5 Minutes from I-20 • Covenants

**Thursday, July 29th at 11:00 A.M.  
Property Sells from 35 Wesleyan Way**



GA Auct #274

For More Information Call

**478-743-1511**

[www.hudsonmarshall.com](http://www.hudsonmarshall.com)

## AUCTION

### 2225 East Street Covington, GA 30014

- Prime Location in Covington
- 1.128 Acres • Residential
- Can be Subdivided • Survey

#### TERMS & CONDITIONS







LEGALS:

Continued from A7

**OF THE** undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Stevie Hall or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **155 Cashew Ct, Covington, Georgia 30016**. **THE SALE** will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed.

**AVIATOR PROPERTIES, LLC**  
**AS ATTORNEY** In Fact for **STEVIE HALL**  
**MCCALLA RAYMER** Leibert Pierce, LLC  
**1544 OLD** Alabama Road  
**ROSWELL, GA** 30076  
**WWW.FORECLOSUREHOTLINE.NET**  
**EXHIBIT "A"**

**ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 68 OF THE 8TH DISTRICT, LOT 58, OF CHESTNUT CORNERS SUBDIVISION, UNIT THREE, ACCORDING TO SUBDIVISION PLAT OF SAME DATED 3/1/00 AND RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 34, PAGE 114-117, CLERK'S OFFICE, NEWTON SUPERIOR COURT, WHICH PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN AND MADE A PART HEREOF BY REFERENCE THERETO FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY CONVEYED HEREIN.**

**SUBJECT TO** that certain security deed from Stevie Hall to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., its successors and assigns, dated December 16, 2004, Book 1825, Page 388, Newton County, Georgia Records.

**MR/CA 8/3/21**  
**OUR FILE** no. 20-03359GA - FT17

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200576**  
**7/4,11,18,25**

**NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER, NEWTON COUNTY**

**PURSUANT TO** the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Raymond McDougal and Debra Ann McDougal** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as a nominee for FMF Capital LLC, it's successors and assigns dated 9/1/2006 and recorded in Deed Book 2414 Page 464 and modified at Deed Book 3980Page 218Newton County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not individually but solely as Trustee for RPMLT 2014-1 Trust, Series 2014-1, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$128,000.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia (or such other area as designated by Order of the Superior Court of said county), within the legal hours of sale on August 3, 2021 (being the first Tuesday of said month unless said date falls on a Federal Holiday, in which case being the first Wednesday of said month), the following described property:

**BEING THE** property commonly known as **115 King James Court SE, Conyers, GA. 30013**  
**PARCEL #** 0006-233

**ALL THAT** tract or parcel of land lying and being in land Lot 109 of the 10th District, Newton County, Georgia being Lot 7, Christian Woods Subdivision, Phase Three, as per plat recorded in Plat Book 25, Page 174, Newton County, Georgia records, which plat is incorporated herein and made a part hereof by reference for a more particular and complete description.

**BEING THE** same property conveyed to Raymond McDougal, by Deed from Alexandra Kathleen Gray, dated 5-24-02, of record in Book 1235, Page 571, in the Register's Office for Rockdale County, Georgia.

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

**SAID PROPERTY** is commonly known as 115 King James Court SE, Conyers, GA 30013 together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): Raymond McDougal or tenant or tenants.

**RUSHMORE LOAN** Management Services, LLC is the entity or

individual designated who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage.

**RUSHMORE LOAN** Management Services, LLC  
**PO BOX** 52708  
**IRVINE, CA** 92619  
**888.504.7300**  
**NOTE, HOWEVER,** that such entity or individual is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan.

**SAID PROPERTY** will be sold subject to: (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), (b) unpaid water or sewage bills that constitute a lien against the property whether due and payable or not yet due and payable and which may not be of record, (c) the right of redemption of any taxing authority, (d) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (e) any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.

**THE SALE** will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and non-judicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided immediately above.

**WILMINGTON SAVINGS** Fund Society, FSB, not individually but solely as Trustee for RPMLT 2014-1 Trust, Series 2014-1 as agent and Attorney in Fact for Raymond McDougal and Debra Ann McDougal **ALDRIDGE PITE, LLP**, 15 Piedmont Center, 3575 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 500, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7637.

**1208-3480A**  
**THIS LAW FIRM** MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 1208-3480A

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200522**  
**7/4,11,18,25**

**Name Changes**

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

**IN RE SARA NICOLE FREDERICKS**  
**JEREMY FREDERICKS**  
**PETITIONER**

**CIVIL ACTION** File No. SUCV2021001246

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME**

**GEORGIA, NEWTON County**

**NOTICE IS** hereby given that Jeremy Fredericks, filed this petition to the Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia on the 27th day of May, 2021, praying got a change in the name of the minor child, from Sara Nicole Frederick to Zephyr Theodore Jaxen Fredericks.

**NOTICE IS** hereby given pursuant to law to any interested or affected party to appear in said Court and to file objections to such name change. Objections must be filed with said Court within 20 days of the filing of said petition.

**THIS 1ST** day of June, 2021.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200467**  
**6/20,27-7/4,11**

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

**IN RE** the name change of **AMANDA SUE FARILL**  
**PETITIONER**

**CIVIL ACTION** File # 2021-CV-1433-2

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF ADULT**

**AMANDA SUE FARILL** filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on JUNE 17 2021 to change the name from **AMANDA SUE FARILL** to **AMANDA SUE HOSHAL** Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after the Petition was filed  
**DATE: 06/17/21**

**AMANDA SUE FARILL**  
**6195 FLOYD STREET**  
**COVINGTON, GA** 30014

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200479**  
**6/27-7/4,11,18**

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF**

**NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA**

**IN RE** the name change of **CAMRON MAURICE MCCOLLUM**  
**PETITIONER**

**CIVIL ACTION** File # 2021-CV-1538-5

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF ADULT**

**CAMRON MAURICE MCCOLLUM** filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on JULY 1, 2021 to change the name from **CAMRON MAURICE MCCOLLUM** to **Asé KAM'RON KNIGHT** Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after the Petition was filed  
**DATE: 7/1/21**

**CAMRON MAURICE MCCOLLUM**  
**25 PINEVALLEY LANE**  
**COVINGTON, GA** 30016

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200575**  
**7/11,18,25-8/1**

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

**IN RE** the name change of **DEANNA TOWANDA DAVENPORT**  
**PETITIONER**

**CIVIL ACTION** File # 2021-CV-1405-2

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF ADULT**

**DEANNA TOWANDA DAVENPORT** filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on JUNE 16, 2021to change the name from **DEANNA TOWANDA DAVENPORT** to **DEANNA DAVENPORT WEAVER**. Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after the Petition was filed  
**DATE: 6-16-21**

**DEANNA T. DAVENPORT**  
**13611 HWY 278 SE**  
**SOCIAL CIRCLE, GA** 30025

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200486**  
**6/27-7/4,11,18**

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

**IN RE** the name change of **MAYRA MONICA BANDA MARTINEZ**  
**PETITIONER**

**CIVIL ACTION** File # 2021-CV-11530-5

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF ADULT**

**MAYRA MONICA BANDA MARTINEZ** filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on JUNE 30, 2021 to change the name from **MAYRA MONICA BANDA MARTINEZ** to **PALOMA ITZEL BANDA** Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after the Petition was filed  
**DATE: 6/30/21**

**MAYRA MONICA BANDA MARTINEZ**  
**35 AUSTIN TERRACES**  
**PORTERDALE, GA** 30014

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200574**  
**7/11,18,25-8/1**

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

**IN RE** the name change of **NENE YAYA BALDE**  
**PETITIONER**

**CIVIL ACTION** File # 2021-CV-1428-3

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF ADULT**

**NENE YAYA BALDE** filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on JUNE 14, 2021 to change the name from **NENE YAYA BALDE** to **NENE YAYA BERETE** Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after the Petition was filed  
**DATE: 6-14-21**

**NENE YAYA BALED**  
**85 LOTUS LANE**  
**COVINGTON, GA** 30016

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200528**  
**7/4,11,18,25**

**Public Hearings**

**CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT**  
**GEORGIA, NEWTON County**

**A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT** (CUP21-000003) HAS BEEN FILED WITH THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON THE PROPERTY BELONGING TO: **KANOY DANIELLE NICOLE** WHOSE SUBJECT PROPERTY ADDRESS/LOCATION IS 706

**N CROWELL RD** CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 5.15 ACRES BEING ON TAX MAP & PARCEL 0043 165.

**APPLICANT IS** REQUESTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL EVENTS FACILITY IN THE R2 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) ZONING DISTRICT

**A PUBLIC HEARING** WILL BE HELD BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION ON THE: **27TH DAY** OF JULY, 2021 AT 7:00PM

**A PUBLIC HEARING** WILL BE HEARD BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON THE: **17TH DAY** OF AUGUST, 2021 AT 7:30 PM

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200557**  
**7/11**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING POSSIBLE EXTENSION OF EXISTING ZONING MORATORIUM**

**NOTICE IS** hereby given that the Newton County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on July 20, 2021, to consider a possible extension, until September 21, 2021, of the emergency, temporary moratorium on the acceptance of applications for Zoning Petitions and Preliminary Plat/Concept Plans for New Residential Development adopted on January 19, 2021.

**THE PUBLIC HEARING** WILL BE HELD BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON THE 20TH DAY OF JULY, 2021 AT 7:00 PM IN THE NEWTON COUNTY HISTORIC COURTHOUSE, 2ND FLOOR BOARDROOM. THOSE HAVING CONCERNS ABOUT THIS PETITION SHOULD ATTEND THE MEETINGS.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200566**  
**7/11**

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**  
**GEORGIA, NEWTON County**

**THIS IS** TO NOTIFY THE PUBLIC OF A PUBLIC HEARING FOR: **TRANSMITTAL RESOLUTION** FOR THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ELEMENTS & SHORT TERM WORK PROGRAM

**A PUBLIC HEARING** WILL BE HELD BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON THE: **20TH DAY** OF JULY, 2021 AT 7:00 PM

**MEETING WILL** BE HELD IN THE NEWTON COUNTY HISTORIC COURTHOUSE, 2ND FLOOR BOARDROOM. THOSE HAVING CONCERNS ABOUT THIS PETITION SHOULD ATTEND THE MEETINGS.

**PLEASE NOTE** THAT COPIES OF DOCUMENTS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1113 USHER STREET, COVINGTON GA 30014

**PRIOR TO** THE PUBLIC HEARING, COMMENTS MAY BE SUBMITTED TO JUDY T. JOHNSON, DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES, 678-625-1656 OR jtjohnson@co.newton.ga.us.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200565**  
**7/11**

**REZONING PETITION**  
**GEORGIA, NEWTON County**

**A PETITION** (OTC21-000001) HAS BEEN FILED WITH THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE PROPERTY BELONGING TO **DENNY M DOBBS** WHOSE SUBJECT PROPERTY ADDRESS/LOCATION IS N CROWELL RD CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 51.02 ACRES BEING ON TAX MAP & PARCEL 25 037

**THE OWNER** HAS INITIATED A REQUEST FOR AN OVERLAY TIER CHANGE FROM TIER 1 & 2 TO TIER 2.

**A PUBLIC HEARING** WILL BE HELD BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION ON THE: **27TH DAY** OF JULY, 2021 AT 7:00PM

**A PUBLIC HEARING** WILL BE HEARD BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON THE: **17TH DAY** OF AUGUST, 2021 AT 7:30 PM

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200558**  
**7/11**

**Public Notice**

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF**

**NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA**

**LAKEVIEW LOAN** SERVICING, LLC,  
**PETITIONER,**  
**V.**

**MICHAEL ROGERS;** TABATHA CHRISTINE ROGERS; THE ESTATE OF HOWARD MITCHELL, DECEASED; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF HOWARD MITCHELL, DECEASED; ANY OTHER PARTY, KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, WHO HAVE OR CLAIM, ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, **DEFENDANT(S).**

**CIVIL ACTION**  
**FILE NO.** SUCV2020000646

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

**TO: ANY OTHER PARTY,** KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, WHO HAVE OR CLAIM, ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT PROPERTY AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF HOWARD MITCHELL, DECEASED

**YOU ARE** hereby notified that the above styled action seeking Quiet Title, For Declaratory Judgment, and Foreclosure was filed against you in said Court on March 13, 2020 and that by reason of an Order for Service by Publication entered by the Court on June 9, 2021, you are hereby commanded and required to file with the Clerk of said Court and serve upon Plaintiff's Attorney whose address is:

**ANGELO VASILESCU**  
**TERSUGH TIVZENDA**  
**ROBERTSON ANSCHUTZ** Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC  
**10700 ABBOTT'S** Bridge Road, Suite 170  
**DULUTH, GA** 30097

**AN ANSWER** to the complaint within sixty (60) days of the date of the Order for Service by Publication. Witness the Honorable Cheveda D. McCamy, Judge of this Court.

**THIS 10TH** day of June, 2021.

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200487**  
**7/11,18,25-8/1**

**THE NEXT** meeting of the Newton County Board of Health will be Thursday, July 22, 2021, at 8:00 AM at the Newton County Health Center, 8203 Hazelbrand Road, Covington, GA. The meeting is open to the public.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200563**  
**7/11**

**Public Sales Auctions**

**PUBLIC SALE/ Auction**

**NOTICE IS** hereby given that **Dixie Self Storage** located at: **1447 Access Road, COVINGTON, GA. 30014.** The Undersigned intend to sell household goods and Personal property to enforce imposed lien 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 Sale to the highest bidder on:

DATE	AUGUST	7,2021
Time11:00 am		

**UNIT 1002** Marquis J Johnson  
**UNIT 1032** Gregory Carraway  
**UNIT 3018** Kelli Huggins  
**UNIT 4042** Gregory Carraway  
**UNIT 5021** Venessa Bennett  
**UNIT 6053** Rashida F Kroger  
**UNIT 8004** Matthew Harris  
**UNIT SALE IS** subject to cancellation in the event of settlement.  
**CALL 770-787-3039.**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200536**  
**7/4,11**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY**

**IN ACCORDANCE** with the GA Self Service Storage Facilities Act notice is hereby given that the undersigned will be sold at public sale to the highest bidder in order to satisfy lien of the owner. Bidding to take place on lockerfox.com ending Thursday the 22nd day of July, 2021 at 10:00 AM. Said property is Space Shop Self Storage, 6177 Jackson Hwy, Covington, GA, 30014 Lindsey, Doug C12 Couches, Table, Chairs, Box Spring, Wooden Furniture, Boxes, Plastic containers. Svarda, Veoletta M0716 Washer, dryer, tv, mattress, wooden furniture, bicycles, boxes. Mathis, Lamarius 1087 Bed frame, fake trees, mirror, dresser, boxes. Curry, Shae I13 Couch, Mattresses, box Spring, Kids, toys, Washer,Dryer. Martinez, Michelle 1027 Couch, Mattress, kids clothes, lamp. Estes, Angela 1096 Clothes, pillow, bags, plastic containers, misc. Reyes, Quintonio 2009 Shelves, mannequins, printer, boxes. The auction will be listed and advertised on lockerfox.com. Space Shop Self Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of

the personal property.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200480**  
**7/4,11**

**NOTICE OF Public Sale of Personal Property:**

**NOTICE IS** hereby given that Budget Self Storage of Covington, located at 6217 HWY 278 NE Covington, GA 30014; intends to sell the personal property according to the Georgia Self Storage Act, 10-4-210 through 10-4-215 to satisfy the owner's lien. All bids will be accepted online through [www.storageauctions.com](http://www.storageauctions.com). The auction will end on or after 7/26/2021 1:00 p.m. Budget Self Storage reserves the right to withdraw units from such a sale and reject any bid. Terms of sale are cash or money order only.

**MAROONI REED,** G02, appears to contain; desk, bed frame, mattress, boxes, kid table, chairs, desk chair

**DRAVEN CHASTAIN,** B13, appears to contain; speaker, bed frame, tools, toys, mattresses, furniture, end tables, and recliner

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200546**  
**7/11,18**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION**

**A PUBLIC** Auction for the non-**PAYMENT OF** storage fees at **Speedy Storage** will take place on **Saturday, JULY 17, 2021 AT 10am** located at **2222 HWY 212, Covington, GA. 30016**

**THE PERSONAL** effects and household Goods belonging to the following Tenant, having been properly notified, Will be sold for CASH to the highest Bidder to satisfy the owner's lien for Rent due, in accordance with the **GEORGIA SELF** Storage Act, Section 10-1-210 to 10-4-215

**THE PERSONAL** effects and household goods belonging to **THE FOLLOWING** tenant.

**KIMBERLY BULLARD.....UNIT**  
**196**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200513**  
**7/4,11**

**Trade Names**

**TRADE NAME REGISTRATION AFFIDAVIT**  
**GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY**

**TO WHOM** It may Concern: **PLEASE BE** advised that **EMBRACING LIVES CHARITY INC** whose address is 36 GRANADE RD SW CONYERS, GA 30094 and the owner(s) of the certain business now being carried on at3828 SALEM RD STE 189 COVINGTON, GA 30016 in the following trade name, to-wit: ALPHA CHI SIGMA PHI that the nature of said business is: FRATERNITY CO-ED MENTORSHIP PROGRAM 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** 29TH day of JUNE , 2021.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200562**  
**7/11,18**

**TRADE NAME REGISTRATION AFFIDAVIT**  
**GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY**

**TO WHOM** It may Concern: **PLEASE BE** advised that **MKVET LLC** whose address is 1400 OLYMPIC CT OXFORD, GA 30054 and the owner(s) of the certain business now being carried on at 5294 ADAMS ST COVINGTON, GA 30014in the following trade name, to-wit: HOMETOWN VETS COVINGTON that the nature of said business is: VETERINARY HOSPITAL 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** 28TH day of JUNE , 2021.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200521**  
**7/4,11**

**TRADE NAME REGISTRATION AFFIDAVIT**  
**GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY**

**TO WHOM** It may Concern: **PLEASE BE** advised that **NASIR TERRY** whose address is 120 SUNFLOWER LN COVINGTON, GA 30016 and the owner(s) of the certain business now being carried on at 120 SUNFLOWER LN COVINGTON, GA 30016 in the following trade name, to-wit: BANKROLL KARTEL that the nature of said business is: CLOTHING AND SALES RETAIL 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** 2ND day of JULY , 2021.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200560**  
**7/11,18**





# SPORTS

The Covington News

Prep Football

## CROSS' COOLDOWN PIVOTAL TO SUCCESS

By DAVID JOHNSON

The Walton Tribune

It didn't look good for Social Circle. They were down 20-0 at halftime to the fourth-ranked team in the state at home last November.

But something changed between the end of the second quarter and the start of the third. After struggling to move the ball offensively, the Redskins exploded for three touchdowns.

Although they still lost, the rebound served as a turning point, not just for the team but their young and talented quarterback.

Logan Cross, who'd burst onto the scene as a wide-eyed freshman with a cannon of an arm, settled in as a cool and collected team leader.

Over the next three weeks, he led the Redskins to a pair of wins and a state playoff berth, the school's first in a decade. During that stretch, he passed for 840 yards and nine touchdowns.

"After we scored that first touchdown against Commerce, it really gave us come confidence," Cross said. "After that, we felt like we could move the ball and score."

With Cross returning for his third season as the Social Circle starting quarterback, moving and scoring should be a strength of this year's team. At 6-foot-5, 180 pounds with a strong and accurate arm, the rising junior is a perfect fit for the team's

pass-happy "Air Raid" offense.

"The throws he makes, I've not seen a lot of quarterbacks with stuff like that," said Redskins head coach Rob Patton.

The closest comparison he sees is Collins Hill quarterback Sam Horn, who's among the top recruited signal callers in the country and recently committed to Missouri.

"He's got that kind of talent," Patton said of Cross.

He had the talent as a freshman, when he was thrust into the starting role. It was just unrefined. He passed for 1,460 yards and 10 touchdowns, good for second in the county. But he also threw 10 interceptions.

"Back then, whenever I'd get under pressure, I'd just throw the ball wherever," Cross said.

Last season, he led the county in passing with 2,081 yards. But more importantly, he had more than twice as many TD passes (19) as picks (seven).

"I'm a lot more calm now whenever I see a blitz or I'm about to get hit," Cross said. "I'm making better decisions."

If he continues to pile up the numbers, he'll likely have some bigger decisions in the future, like where to play at the next level. For now, he more focused on the present.

"I just want to win," Cross said.

"I'm just focused on the team. If we win and I do great, then that's even better."



Rising junior Logan Cross has learned to settle down under center. The 6-foot-5, 180-pound quarterback passed for 840 yards and nine touchdowns in three weeks at the end of last season to help lead Social Circle to its first playoff appearance in a decade. He's now hoping his renewed mental approach will carry over into the fall.

Brett Fowler | The Walton Tribune

## Alcovy awards scholarships



Special to The Covington News

Dana Campbell Jr. (left), who will be attending Kennesaw State University and majoring in psychology, was one of two recipients of the Linus "Spike" Jordan Sr. Scholarship.

By MASON WITTNER

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COVINGTON, Ga. — Alcovy head football coach Jason Dukes and his wife, Roxanne Jordan Dukes, presented a pair of former players with scholarships at Homer Sharp Stadium on Wednesday.

Founded in 2020 and named in honor of Roxanne's father, who gifted graduating seniors scholarships in hopes of helping them continue their education, the Linus "Spike" Jordan Sr. Scholarship will be awarded annually to one recently graduated senior from coach Dukes' team.

Former players JaQuez Snell, who will be attending Ottawa University, and Dana Campbell Jr., who will be attending Kennesaw State University, were awarded scholarships for 2020 and 2021, respectively.



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## Dr. Steven Steinhilber Announced as Luther Rice College and Seminary's 5th President

LITHONIA, GA. (June 25, 2021)—Dr. James Flanagan, president of Luther Rice College and Seminary, along with Jimmy Cox, Board of Trustees chair, announced today the appointment of Dr. Steven Steinhilber as the institution's 5th president.

The search was led by members of the Board of Trustees who unanimously selected Dr. Steinhilber to succeed Dr. James Flanagan, president of 27 years. Dr. Flanagan observed, "I am grateful for the Board of Trustees' decision to elect Dr. Steven Steinhilber as the fifth President of Luther Rice College and Seminary. I will be praying for and encouraging Dr. Steinhilber and will continue to enthusiastically support the work and ministry of Luther Rice."



Dr. Steinhilber, an alumnus of Luther Rice College and Seminary, has faithfully served Luther Rice for nine years, most recently as the Executive Vice President. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Accounting from Ohio Wesleyan University, a Master of Arts in Apologetics and Master of Divinity from Luther Rice College and Seminary, and a Doctor of Ministry from Clamp Divinity School of Anderson University, SC.

In addition to his work at Luther Rice, Dr. Steinhilber has served in a variety of ministerial positions including youth ministry, the foreign mission field, and the pastorate.

Dr. Steinhilber and his wife, Crystal, have been married for 21 years. They have one married daughter who lives in the Metro-Atlanta area.

In reflection, Dr. Steinhilber stated, "Luther Rice has been blessed for 60 years with faithful leaders who loved the Lord, served with urgency, and pioneered the idea of distance education. I would like to thank Dr. Flanagan for his many years of service and love for the Luther Rice family. I am extremely humbled by this appointment and equally excited to continue the legacy of Luther Rice and these faithful leaders. Our adherence to the inspiration, inerrancy, and authority of Scripture will never waiver as we look to provide more ways to serve the church and community by delivering a biblically-based education for Christian men and women for ministry and the marketplace."

Dr. Steinhilber's tenure as president of Luther Rice College and Seminary will begin on July 1, 2021.

For more information about Luther Rice College and Seminary, please visit [www.lutherrice.edu](http://www.lutherrice.edu).





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Pictured is the staff of Tiki Island, along with owner George Hammonds (second from left). Hammonds said all employees complete up to four months of classes as part of the training process before ever making it to the sales floor.

# TIKI TIME!

## Shop offers variety of vapes, CBD, hookah at three area locations

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COVINGTON, Ga. — Tiki Island is looking to redefine the experience of purchasing CBD and vape products.

George Hammonds understands there’s an unfortunate stigma attached to traditional vape shops. They’re viewed as intimidating and off-putting, indisposing casual consumers to stepping foot inside.

However, Hammonds believes his company offers its customers — which they refer to as “guests” — an inviting, clean and friendly experience. Started in 2018 with a store in Loganville, Tiki Island offers its guests vape and CBD products that they believe will truly enhance their lives.

Tiki Island states its mission as this: “To redefine what it means to be a vape and CBD company with the kind of ‘WOW!’ experiences and memorable customer service typically associated with leading theme parks and vacation resorts.”

Tiki Island’s branding was inspired by surf shops, island vacations and Disney World. Guests who enter

through the doors at any of its four locations will be greeted by soft Jimmy Buffett music and enveloped in a welcoming environment that includes soft-colored walls, thatch decor and artificial seagulls.

Hammonds has spent 35 years as a bartender. While he’s never opened up a bar of his own in a tropical location, he’s successfully emulated a beach vacation vibe in his stores to instill a comfortability in patrons not found in traditional vape shops.

“Every bartender dreams of opening up a bar on the beach, and the smart ones don’t,” Hammonds said. “This is as close as it got.”

The inviting decor is just a portion of what helps Tiki Island stand out above the crowd. Perhaps most impressive is the level of expertise and insight with which employees are armed.

Hammonds’ employees are approachable and informed. They masterfully toe the line between overbearing and underwhelming, engaging in conversation with each guest to guide them toward the products they feel best fit their needs.

“Part of our brand,

really, is to have an educated staff. Every one of our employees doesn’t get on this floor until they’ve done about three or four months of classes,” Hammonds explained. “There is so much bad information out there. There is good information, too, but you can’t be a headline reader. If you do that then you’re not getting enough information.”

There are a multitude of misconceptions about CBD and its usage, Hammonds said. With 60 different cannabinoids — which he likens to the active ingredients in food — each strain offers a unique experience. It’s vital for consumers to understand the impact each product can have on them, while also grasping that there’s no singular product that promises to be a cure-all.

Offering helpful guidance and dispelling those misconceptions is a crucial part of the job for Tiki Island employees.

“That’s part of the education process,” Hammonds said. “Yeah, we want to make money. But I don’t want to make it out of someone else’s ignorance.”



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A variety of vapes, CBD and hookah options can be found at Tiki Island locations. The store sells 14 different strains of “Hula Hemp.”



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There are currently four Tiki Island stores located in Covington, Walnut Grove and Loganville. Owner George Hammonds hopes to soon open a fifth location in Conyers.

Tiki Island’s Oak Hill store is located at 5354 Hwy 20 S in the Kroger shopping center. at 844-438-8454. For more information, please contact the store

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