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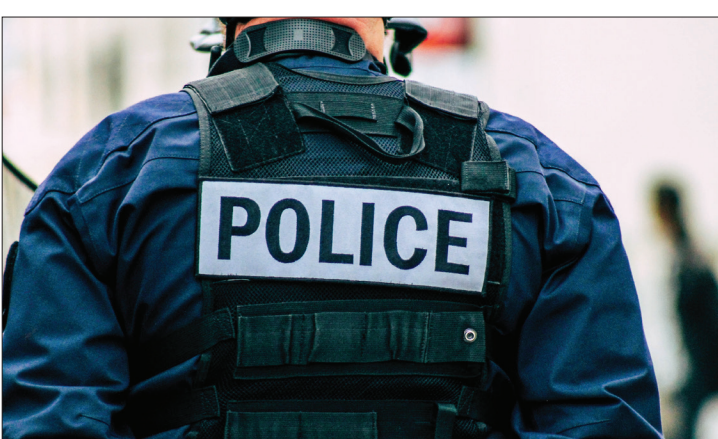
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Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:16, KJV

Essential

First responders say service departments provide is needed — no matter the date



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First responders, including law enforcement officers, firefighters, EMTs and 911 dispatchers, don't really get holidays off.

By **TOM SPIGOLON**
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COVINGTON, Ga. — First-responders are like most people who do not like working on holidays like Independence Day.

But someone needs to be ready to respond to medical emergencies or fire calls because they occur no matter what day the calendar says, said two veteran first-responders.

Trudy Henry, director of the Covington-Newton County 911 system, said it was difficult for her employees to work on a holiday like Independence Day but they were aware of the requirement when they took the job.

Henry, who began as an operator in 1994, said 911

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employees know they not only must work on holidays but also overtime on holidays, as well.

"I've done my share," Henry said.

She said when she first began with 911 — before she had her own family — she also would work for others who had families on holidays like Christmas.

The 911 department is often short-staffed which means someone must be found to fill in from time to time, she said.

"You know when it's your holiday to work and you also kind of have an idea of, 'That shift's short. Somebody's going to have to work that holiday,'" Henry said.

However, she said "people do it willingly" because "we all have to do our part and we're here to help the community and be there for them."

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Pictured is the **NOVEL Upper Westside** by **Crescent Communities** in Atlanta. **Crescent Communities Managing Director Kyle Brock** said the style and aesthetic of these apartments would resemble what's intended for the Covington development.

'Destination' plans unveiled

Developers talk 315 apartments, mixed-use project at Covington shopping center

By **TAYLOR BECK**
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Business owner and Newton County resident Sam Hay III recently unveiled plans for a 40-acre tract just off U.S. Hwy. 278, formerly home to "the old Walmart," that would include an apartment complex and revitalized shopping center.

Hay was one of three people to speak about various developments happening in

Covington at the Development Town Hall event held Wednesday inside the city council's meeting room. Several members of the community attended the event and participated by asking questions about projects underway, as well as other citywide issues.



Sam Hay III

Hay said his property being developed was home to the former Walmart building, located next to Ingles in The Shoppes at Martin's Crossing at the corner of Hwy. 278 and Covington Bypass Road, which has stood empty for more than a decade. The Hay family has owned the property for about 50 years, he said.

"That's not to be confused with the old, old Walmart,"

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Vernon Jones: 'Not afraid to make the tough decisions'

Gubernatorial candidate speaks to Covington Republicans, says Kemp should have ordered 2020 election audit



Tom Spigolon | The Covington News

Former state legislator and DeKalb County CEO **Vernon Jones** greets Newton County Republicans before his speech to the group June 22 in Covington.

By **TOM SPIGOLON**
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Vernon Jones came to Covington armed with his message of being Republicans' best alternative to Gov. Brian Kemp in the 2022 election.

Jones was the featured speaker for the recent monthly meeting of the Newton County Republican Party.

Using his variation on the phrase "feel the burn," Jones jokingly told people to "feel the Vern" as he posed for photos outside the meeting in downtown

Covington.

He said he was asking Georgia voters to elect him because they "have lost faith in Brian Kemp."

Jones said in an interview with The Covington News he has more experience than Kemp as an executive following eight years as the DeKalb County government CEO. Kemp served eight years as Secretary of State before his 2018 election as governor.

Jones also served longer than Kemp in the General Assembly, with a total of six terms in

the state House spread over two different decades compared to the governor's two terms in the state Senate, he said.

"I think I'm pretty well capable and competent of running this state," Jones said.

"I'm not afraid to make the tough decisions. I'm not afraid to look at our current system and see if it's working."

Jones said Kemp "cut and ran on election integrity" for not supporting Trump's call

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High: 85° Low: 62°
• Sunny, mostly clear



Sunday, July 4
High: 90° Low: 66°
• Sunny, mostly clear

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Police plan to move traffic away from Covington fireworks show

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Covington Police Department's "Operation Red, White and Go" is designed to make traffic depart as expeditiously as possible from watching the city's fireworks show in the downtown area.

Lane closures will begin to go into effect at 8:15 p.m. on July 4. Everyone is encouraged to be in place by then before the traffic plan goes into effect, a department news release stated.

Spectators are to be aware that how they may have traveled to

their destination may be different than their travel back home.

Below are highlights from the plan, which can be viewed in its entirety at www.cityof-covington.org:

- Access Road at Turner Lake Road: No traffic will be allowed to travel east on Hwy. 278 from this intersection. All traffic will have to turn onto I-20 West or turn south on Turner Lake Road. Traffic heading west upon entering this intersection may turn in any direction.
- West Street at Hwy. 278: No traffic will be



File | The Covington News
Fireworks are shot over downtown Covington during a past Fourth of July celebration.

allowed to travel east on Hwy. 278 from this intersection. All traffic will travel west towards I-20 or north on West Street.

- Emory Street at Hwy. 278: Traffic traveling west on Hwy. 278 will be allowed to turn onto Emory Street, northbound. Traffic traveling north on Emory Street from Washington Street can continue traveling north on Emory Street across Hwy. 278 or turn westbound on Hwy. 278.
- Newton Plaza: If exiting from Newton Plaza, vehicles will travel westbound if parked on the upper end or west area. The center turn lane will also be a westbound lane, creating three lanes of travel on Hwy. 278. Lower end exit will exit east and directed to go north on Alcovy Road.
- Pace Street at Hwy. 278: All traffic traveling north from the square area will have to turn west on Hwy. 278. No traffic will travel east on Hwy. 278.
- Elm Street at Hwy.

278: Motorists travelling west bound on Hwy. 278 prior to the Elm Street intersection must turn north onto Elm Street. Northbound traffic on Elm Street prior to the 278 intersection must turn east bound on 278. Traffic will not be allowed to turn back towards the Covington Square.

- Mill Street at Hwy. 278: No traffic will be allowed to travel south on Mill Street.

Floyd Street at Hwy. 278: No traffic will be allowed to travel west

on Floyd Street. All traffic traveling east upon entering Hwy. 278 must travel east towards Hwy. 142 bypass.

- Hwy. 278 and Hwy. 142 intersection: Motorists traveling westbound on 278 will not be allowed to travel past the Hwy. 142 intersection and must turn north on Hwy. 142. Those traveling south on 142 will not be able to turn westbound on Hwy. 278 and those traveling north on Hwy. 142 must continue travelling north or turn east on Hwy. 278.
- Alcovy Road: All traffic will travel north on Alcovy Road. No traffic will be permitted south on Alcovy Road past I-20 eastbound ramp.
- Washington Street: No traffic will be permitted to travel north on Washington Street past Flat Shoals Road. All traffic will be south on Washington Street.



We were adopted many years ago. So we were to be the Forever Family. We celebrated the birth of American Independence July 4th right along with our master. We had many years of hard times. Good news we were blessed with and know the real meaning of our American Independence Juneteenth. Our heavenly master would like for us to love and celebrate them both. Let us all thank God each day for his goodness. Be safe and enjoy the Happy 4th of July Holiday.

- Gwen Green



Smiles of the Month

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Congratulations to June's No-Cavity Club!

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Elizabeth Sowell Taylor
Caldwell & Cowan Funeral Home

Elizabeth Sowell Taylor, of Covington, passed away peacefully on June 30, 2021, at the home of her only child, Frieda Taylor Aiken and husband, Randy Aiken. Elizabeth was 97 years of age and had made her home with Frieda and Randy for the last 12 years. The daughter of the late Isaac Lamar (Ike) Sowell and Martha Belle Duke, Elizabeth was born in Henry County, Georgia, on June 17, 1924. She was preceded in death by her husband of fifty-five years, Fred E. Taylor, the love of her life.

She is survived by her brother, Ernest Sowell, of McDonough, Georgia, and sister-in-law,

Barbara Sowell, of Mansfield, Georgia. Additionally, Elizabeth is survived by her grandchildren, Kristen and Martin Boyd, of Covington, Charlie Aiken and Amie McElroy, of Garner, North Carolina, and Libby and Brian Lee, of Covington. She was also the very proud great-grandmother of three, including Mallo-ry Boyd, Taylor Boyd, and Abigail Lee. She also had numerous nieces and nephews.

Elizabeth grew up in Henry County, Georgia, and moved to Covington while in high school. She graduated from Covington High School. As a child, she was a member of Bethany Baptist Church in McDonough, Georgia, and she became a member of Allen Memori-

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al United Methodist Church after marrying Fred.

She faithfully served Allen Memorial for 79 years in many capacities, and she was a member and officer of the Susie B. Stone Circle. She loved being a member of the Young At Heart, which provided food and entertainment for the local assisted living homes and others in the community. Her special "talent" was to locate and schedule the entertainment for the day. She was also involved in the children's activities of the church and vacation bible school. Her ambition as a young girl was to become a teacher, and she became the lead teacher of the Allen Memorial United Methodist Church kindergarten, with Cora Branham being the co-teacher. They taught hundreds of kindergarten children in the church until Newton County provid-

ed kindergarten in the public schools in the 1970s.

She and her husband, Fred, became Girl Scout leaders when Frieda was in Palmer Stone School, and they enjoyed being a part of the lives of the girls in their troop. They also became assistant leaders when their daughter formed a troop when their granddaughter was six.

Elizabeth will long be remembered for her love of the Lord, her great love for family and friends, for her love for teaching children, for her commitment to her church, and for the beautiful china she so lovingly painted.

The family has requested that the Funeral Service be private with a celebration of Elizabeth's life to be scheduled later this summer.

Visit www.caldwellandcowan.com to place online condolences.

Clayton Stanley Allison
Wheeler Funeral Home

Clayton Stanley Allison, age 54, was father of three daughters, Nikki, Kristi and Shelby; he had five grandchildren with one on the way, and three sisters. Stan was a stubborn but caring dad and friend. He will be missed by many.

CORRECTION

A story titled "Organizers preparing for Regional Job Fair" on page A7 of the June 30 edition of The Covington News gave an incorrect last name for Dessa Morris and incorrect first name for Debbie Harper.

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Man in head-on collision after fleeing deputies, shuts I-20 for hours

By DAVID CLEMONS
The Walton Tribune

A man fleeing sheriff's deputies crashed three counties away, resulting in several injuries and shutting down I-20 for hours Tuesday, June 29.

State troopers said a 28-year-old South Carolina man ran from Greene County sheriff's deputies. The chase went through Morgan and Walton counties into Newton County, where the pursued vehicle hit another car head-on Tuesday afternoon.

Cpl. Cal Barton of the Georgia State Patrol said 28-year-old Don-trail McDaniel was driving west on I-20 and took the Stanton Springs Parkway exit near Social Circle.

McDaniel then allegedly reentered I-20 the wrong way in his 2020 Chevrolet Impala, traveling westbound in the eastbound lanes.

About a mile to the west, McDaniel's car struck an eastbound 2018 Chevrolet Cruze. The impact forced the Cruze into the rear of a 2017 Chevrolet Equinox.

Barton said a 23-year-old Augusta woman was driving the Chevrolet Cruze. She was taken to Piedmont Newton Hospital in Covington with moderate injuries.

Also sustaining moderate injuries and transported to Piedmont Newton were the 50-year-old driver of the Chevrolet Equinox and his 44-year-old passenger. Both were from White Plains, Georgia.

Greene County sheriff's Capt. Lee Stancil told the Morgan County Citizen newspaper a deputy there tried to stop the Impala for speeding about four miles east of the Siloam exit on I-20.

McDaniel allegedly took the Greensboro exit, then turned around when a second deputy joined the pursuit. The chase then continued westbound on the interstate.

Morgan County deputies tried to use "stop sticks" at the Buckhead exit, but that didn't slow the Impala.

Stancil told the Citizen the lead car took the Madison/Monticello exit, but drove over Monticello Highway and got back on I-20, heading toward Newton County where the driver finally crashed.

Morgan County sheriff's Capt. Dietrich Roland said deputies from his office gave up the chase after the Impala crossed into Newton County but came to the scene and helped the driver of the Cruze escape moments before the car burst into flames.

Stancil said McDaniel was treated for minor injuries at a Madison hospital, then released to the Greene County Detention Center.

Barton said GSP is investigating the crash with assistance from the Specialized Collision Reconstruction Team.

The crash shut down eastbound travel for quite some time in

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Covington officer feared injured in rescue attempt back to work

By TOM SPIGOLON
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COVINGTON, Ga. — A Covington Police officer believed injured while working to free an accused vehicle thief from a fiery wreck was to be back on the job four days later.

The officer, who was not named, was to return to work Friday after the Monday afternoon incident on the side of Turner Lake Road near Clark Street Monday, June 28, said spokesman Capt. Ken Malcom.

The incident began when a Georgia State Patrol trooper determined a Ford Explorer had been stolen from an Atlanta business and ordered its driver to pull to the side of Crowell Road in Porterdale, a GSP spokesman said.

At that point, the vehicle began to flee and traveled north on Crowell Road. The trooper reportedly attempted a PIT

(pursuit intervention technique) maneuver that was unsuccessful.

The driver, identified as Billy Glendell Campbell Jr., 51, of Fayetteville, North Carolina, then fled north on Crowell. The vehicle turned right on Brown Bridge Road and then left on Turner Lake Road, the spokesman said.

"A second PIT maneuver was attempted near Clark (Street). That PIT was also unsuccessful, and the vehicle began traveling south on Turner Lake Road in the northbound lane," she said.

A Newton County Sheriff's Office vehicle that was involved in the pursuit then was struck by the Ford Explorer — whose driver lost control of the vehicle and it went over the west shoulder of Turner Lake Road and struck a tree, the spokesman said.

The driver was trapped inside the vehicle. As the trooper,

Newton County deputies and Covington officers worked to free the driver the vehicle caught fire, the GSP spokesman said.

Officers continued to use fire extinguishers to fight the blaze before firefighters arrived and the driver was extricated, the spokesman said.

Emergency personnel transported Campbell by LifeFlight helicopter to Atlanta Medical Center with serious injuries, the spokesman said.

The Covington officer was transported by helicopter to Grady Memorial Hospital with suspected burns and other undisclosed injuries.

The deputy whose vehicle was struck was injured but not transported, the spokesman said.

Campbell will face charges including Fleeing, Obstruction of an Officer, and Aggravated Assault on a Law Enforcement Officer.

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"But it's hard getting up and leaving your family," she said. "Everybody's cooking out and maybe in the pool ... it's hard knowing they're fixing to have a good time and you've got to go to work."

Another problem for many in her department is the often difficult task of finding child care on a holiday, Henry said.

Darriel Mosley, deputy chief of operations for the Newton County Fire Service, said his 28 years of work as a firefighter has included numerous holidays.

The typical schedule for a firefighter requires working days in a row that often include a holiday, he said.

"You will know 10 years out, if you stay on the same shift, what days you're going to work so you know in advance," Mosley said. "That helps out a little bit but it doesn't make it an easier pill to swallow."

However, Mosley said firefighters still must work because they provide an essential service to the community.

"They're going to have the same emergencies on holidays as they have on Feb. 16," he said.

"People are still going to have medical needs. Things are going to come up and, basically, we're still going to be needed. You've got to work 24 hours because

show.

that call can hit at any given time."

Henry said employees in her department know they are providing an essential service that could save lives.

"You pray when you come in that nothing bad is going to happen ... but a lot of dispatchers have the attitude of, 'I know that I'm there and I can help these people.'

"They have that 'heart' of they want to be there," she said.

Henry said two employees will be coming in on their off days to help the Covington Police Department dispatchers and officers manage the traffic congestion on the Square during the fireworks



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REPORT OF HIGHWAY 278 COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE

In compliance with O.C.G.A. §48-5, the Highway 278 Community Improvement District ("CID") reports that at its meeting on July 8, 2021, beginning at 12:00 Noon at the Center for Preservation and Planning, 2104 Washington Street, S.W., Covington, Georgia 30014, the CID Board of Directors will vote upon a proposal to levy an ad valorem taxation rate of 5 mills, and will set its millage rate for the lawful purposes of the District for the current calendar year. Set forth below are the assessed taxable values of the properties subject to taxes for the current year and immediately preceding 4 calendar years, the total dollar amount of ad valorem taxes proposed to be levied for the current year and levied in the immediately preceding 4 calendar years, as well as the percentage and total dollar increases or decreases with respect to the immediately preceding calendar year. All property levied upon is real property. Because this CID was created 4 years ago, there are only 4 preceding years of CID assessed taxable values, taxes, and changes to report. The millage rate each year has been 5 mills.

	<u>Assessed Value</u>	<u>Taxes Levied</u>	<u>% Change</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>
2017	\$30,687,216	\$153,436	100%	\$153,436
2018	\$31,503,440	\$157,517	3%	\$4,081
2019	\$32,884,424	\$164,422	4%	\$6,905
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OPINIONS

The Covington News

Taylor Beck editor and publisher

Friendly Fourth of July reminder

This weekend, both my parents and wife's parents are coming to town to not only visit their grand-children, but also discover the allure of Covington's renowned Fourth of July celebra-



tion.

What this means for me is no need to go out and purchase any fireworks, which feels a bit odd considering I've done so nearly every other year. But at least I won't have to worry about blowing off any fingers.

On that note, for our friends planning to shoot off their own fireworks this year — whether in addition to or instead of attending local celebrations — I encourage you to do so with plenty of caution, regardless of how long you've been doing it.

Not only can accidents happen, but they can happen to anyone. And accidents with fireworks tend to significantly increase around the months of June and July — odd, right?

In a 2019 study conducted by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission,

"fireworks were involved with an estimated 10,000 injuries treated in U.S. hospital emergency departments during calendar year 2019."

And during a one-month special study period between June 21, 2019, and July 21, 2019, data showed that's when roughly 73% of the fireworks-related injuries happened. About 66% of those injuries were to males, and the remaining 34% were to females.

And the final measure of this study I'll leave you with: Children younger than 15 years of age accounted for 36% of the estimated fireworks-related injuries.

If letting your kids get involved with the celebration, remember to keep a close eye on them and never assume they know what they're doing.

On behalf of *The Covington News* staff, I hope everyone enjoys a fantastic and safe Fourth of July weekend, filled with lots of great food, fireworks and fun.

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Dick Yarbrough columnist

Paying homage to passing of a true Southern gentleman

It is not always cool being Southern these days. We are being assailed for the sins of our ancestors. Some of it understandable, some of it out of ignorance.



While there are regrettable periods in our past for which there are no excuses, there are also many things about the South in which to take pride and I'm not talking just about Vidalia onions and sweet tea. It is only in the South that you will find the Southern gentleman. A unique species. There is nothing equivalent in any other part of the country.

You cannot define in words what constitutes a Southern gentleman but you will know one when you see one. There is a certain aura about them. They carry themselves with a certain aristocratic dignity, their very presence demanding respect. Southern gentlemen are well-mannered and courteous. They speak softly but when they do you listen carefully because they have something to say that is worth hearing.

I have been fortunate to have been around some Southern gentlemen of the first rank in my time: My

boss and mentor at Southern Bell, Jasper Dorsey, who taught me as much about life as he did the telecommunications business; Charles Gowen, a former state legislator from Brunswick who was instrumental in the state purchasing Jekyll Island (and for whom I cast my first vote for governor); State Court Judge Charles Carnes, one of the state's most respected jurists who graced me with his friendship and Gov. Carl Sanders, my all-time political hero who kept Georgia from becoming an Alabama or Mississippi during the civil rights struggles of the '60's only to be rewarded with a shameful smear campaign by Jimmy Carter in the 1970 governor's race.

To that august group I now add the name of Emory Ashford Schwall, Sr., the epitome of a Southern gentleman who passed away on Father's Day at the age of 93. Emory Schwall was an Atlanta attorney. To say he practiced law is akin to saying Hank Aaron played some baseball. They were both at the top of their profession.

Although I had known of Emory Schwall by his stellar reputation, I had only become acquainted with him personally in recent years thanks to his son, Fulton County

Superior Court Judge Craig Schwall. I will admit that it was a bit intimidating being in his presence. In that time, we had had only one mild disagreement. He asked that I call him Emory. No way. He was Mr. Schwall. He earned that right.

What I did not know until recently is that this man who was a giant in the legal profession never graduated from law school. He came to Atlanta from his hometown of Moultrie to study architecture at Georgia Tech only to discover that this was not for him.

He ended up working at a downtown department store in Atlanta until he was befriended by a well-known local attorney by the name of Houston White who took the young man under his wing. Under his mentor's tutelage, Emory Schwall "read the law," much as must have been done in colonial times whereupon White prevailed on the Woodrow Wilson Law School to allow his pupil to take their exams. He did so successfully and is listed as a graduate of Woodrow Wilson despite not having graduated from there.

Emory Schwall passed the State Bar and went on to become one of Georgia's preeminent attorneys, practicing law for some

70 years and developing a well-deserved reputation as a crack-jack trial attorney. Out of the courtroom, he was equally well-known for his generosity and kindness, his mentoring of young attorneys and his philanthropic works. I suspect he would tell you that his greatest accomplishment was as a husband, father and grandfather.

As more and more people migrate to the region, we are in danger of losing what has differentiated us from the rest of the country. Too often, we let ourselves be defined by others as a bunch of flag-waving Yahoos still fighting a war that was lost a long time ago. We are more than that. We are better than that.

My South is made up of people like Emory Ashford Schwall, Sr. and what he represents about us. I am honored to have known him, even for a brief time. He was and is the quintessential Southern gentleman. I can think of no greater tribute to pay anyone. May he and his kind never be gone with the wind.

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Your Letters to the Editor

Reader says it's a good year for a property tax reduction

Dear Editor: Traditionally, the term "tax season" refers to the time each spring when our income taxes must be paid. But, in many respects, now is tax season in Newton County. The current year property tax evaluations were recently mailed to property owners and many were shocked at the increases. That means higher tax bills this fall.

Also, it is tax season here because both the Board of Commissioners (BOC) and the Board of Education (BOE) have just approved or are poised to approve their Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 budgets. After budget approval, they will set the property tax millage rates necessary to fund both county government and county schools.

The BOC postponed approval of the county's \$78.1 million FY 2022 budget until August in order to decide on employee salary increases. Hopefully, that will also provide time for the BOC to find ways to lower our property taxes.

There are sever-

al reasons property owners should expect a lower rate from the BOC than the current 12.196 mils. First, the county is in great financial condition as it closes out the current fiscal year on June 30. At the end of May 2021, the county had already received \$6.4 million more in revenue than anticipated for the whole fiscal year. In total, the county was \$20.1 million ahead in revenue versus spending as of May. County government should end FY 2021 with millions in the bank that could be used to reduce the tax revenue needed to finance the FY 2022 budget.

Second, the county's other funding sources are in excellent condition. In addition to property taxes and service charges, the county also collects SPLOST sales taxes and development impact fees. Those accounts are flush with money. The 2011 SPLOST account has \$1.1 million left, and the 2017 SPLOST sales tax account is already \$13 million over the amount anticipated. The impact fee fund

has \$3.3 million available. Those accounts have restrictions but effort should be made to utilize those funds instead of property taxes for eligible items in the FY 2022 budget.

Next, any COVID-19 relief funds received in FY 2021 or anticipated in FY 2022 should be used in ways that reduce the tax revenue needed to fund the FY 2022 budget. The county may receive as much as \$20 million from the last COVID relief bill.

What about the Board of Education? Their tentative FY 2022 budget of \$233.8 million dwarfs that of county government. The cost of educating our children is huge and your tax bill reflects that. The school system's millage rate is 19.788 mils compared to 12.916 mils for the county. The BOE spent \$10,561 per student in FY 2020, and \$3,240 of that came from local property taxes.

The tremendous cost of our school system is one reason senior citizens in Newton County still have to pay school taxes. Some nearby counties provide

reductions for seniors and Newton County needs to work toward that too.

Both the BOC and BOE need to also look at cutting expenses as a way to reduce our taxes. The county tax digest increased from \$2 billion in 2015 to \$3.0 billion in 2020, a 50 % increase. That growth should have easily financed county and school system operations without a millage increase. And, school tax rates have declined slightly from 20.450 in FY 2015 to 19.791 mils in FY 2021, possibly because of static enrollment and state and federal money available to the school system.

However, county tax rates have risen from 11.225 mils in 2015 to 12.916 mils in FY 2021. That means our county budget has increased faster than our tax digest, and faster than our population growth. That is something the BOC must bring under control.

Part of the problem is that growth

of our tax digest has been mostly residential properties which often do not produce enough taxes to support schools and local government operations. The trend here toward more multi-family housing and condominiums may exacerbate our tax problems.

In summary, Newton County is in great financial condition as

FY 2021 ends, and that is good news. But, if citizens are to realize lower tax rates, they must make their voices heard by the BOC and BOE members who will soon establish those rates. Gripping to your neighbor about taxes will accomplish nothing.

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CrimeStoppers offers reward for information on triple shooting

By **TOM SPIGOLON**
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COVINGTON, Ga. — CrimeStoppers was offering up to a \$2,000 reward Friday for information leading to an indictment and arrest in a series of shootings June 26 in the Jamestown neighborhood in Newton County.

Investigators with the sheriff's office were asking for the public's help in finding the suspects in the incident that left three men wounded by gunfire.

Any information can be submitted anonymously to 404-577-TIPS (8477), online at www.crimestoppersatlanta.org, or by texting CSA and the tip to 274637.

The person does not have to give a name or any identifying information to be eligible for a reward of up to \$2,000, a news release stated.

Those simply wanting to provide any information about the case can contact Investigator

Hicks at jhicks@newtonsheriffga.org, or 678-625-1455.

The victims included two Covington men and a Forsyth resident. A Newton County sheriff's deputy reportedly found the victims with gunshot wounds to the chest, leg and head after the shooting involving a handgun and rifle at a residence on Third Avenue in Covington June 26.

A deputy reported coming upon the scene of the shooting

at about 9 p.m. after responding to a report of a discharged gun on Third Avenue in the neighborhood near Big Woods Road.

"Prior to my arrival, dispatch advised there were multiple calls reporting gunshots in the area and someone advised that someone had been shot," the deputy reported. "Upon my arrival, there were multiple vehicles leaving the area and I started asking everyone I came in contact with

if they knew of anyone that was injured."

The deputy reported he parked his patrol vehicle and started walking on foot "and several subjects advised me that someone had been shot further up the street on Third Avenue."

"I then ran down the street and made contact with a male subject that had a gunshot wound to the side of his head. I advised dispatch of the injuries and later found

that another male had a gunshot wound to the chest and another male had a gunshot wound to his leg," the deputy reported.

He said other deputies arrived on the scene and rendered aid to the victims until EMS arrived. Detectives were called to the scene, the deputy reported.

No other injuries were reported. Multiple vehicles were struck by gunfire during the incident, the report stated.

JONES:

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to override Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger's determination that Georgia's 2020 election results were accurate.

Trump was the first Republican since 1992 not to win Georgia. Kemp said he cannot legally interfere in elections because they are overseen by the Secretary of State.

He said Kemp also helped bring Dominion Voting Systems to Georgia's election by authorizing legislation allowing the purchase of the state's current voting machines from the company in 2019.

Trump and other Republicans claimed the company's paper ballot-based machines did not accurately count votes in Georgia and other states in 2020. The company has denied the claims and said they cannot be proven. "People in Georgia don't feel comfortable with Dominion," Jones said.

Jones said he did not understand why Kemp did not call for a forensic audit of Georgia votes in the presidential election.

"He's not called for a special election, he's not called for an audit," Jones said.

"(Kemp) is stonewall-

ing. What has he got to hide?" he said.

The state's election officials will be using the company's machines for the next 20 years, Jones said.

"There are too many unanswered questions," he said. "That's why the governor should have a 159-county forensic audit — not a recount but we're talking about a real forensic audit.

"If things are OK then fine, but if they're not we need to do something," he said.

"This is the first time we've used Dominion. Wouldn't you want to have a real audit to kind of see, OK, are we using a system that's accurate, that's fair, that's transparent, that has integrity?"

Jones said Republicans see Kemp as a "Republican in name only," often referred to as a "RINO," because he approved a settlement of a lawsuit with 2018 opponent Stacey Abrams' group Fair Fight Georgia.

The settlement required election officials statewide to notify voters if their signatures on absentee ballots were rejected.

Former president Donald Trump claimed the settlement made

it "impossible" for election officials to match signatures on an absentee ballot with the Secretary of State's database.

Jones said Kemp believed more in "Stacey law" than state law in supporting the signature notification agreement and use of ballot drop boxes, which Jones and other Republicans have said is open to fraud.

He said he also rejected Abrams' claims of voter suppression in elections at the state level because elections in Georgia are managed by local governments.

Jones was elected as a Democrat to his Georgia House seat and as CEO of the DeKalb County Commission.

He famously announced he was switching to the Republican Party during a Washington, D.C., rally that preceded the rioting at the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6.

He said he switched parties because the Democratic Party had long strayed from being a conservative group in the South to one favoring the liberal tendencies of the national party.

Former governors Nathan Deal and Sonny Perdue and former

president Ronald Reagan were among former Democrats who switched to being Republicans, he said.

"I think I'm in pretty good company," Jones said.

Jones and educator Kandiss Taylor have announced they plan to challenge Kemp for the GOP nomination in 2022.

Many pundits have said Abrams likely will seek the Democratic nomination.

In a related move, former New York City mayor Rudy Giuliani traveled to Atlanta Wednesday, June 30, to formally endorse and headline a fundraiser for Jones.

Giuliani, who was Trump's personal attorney, visited Georgia numerous times following the November 2020 election to make claims about voter fraud that Trump supported.

"Rudy Giuliani is a true American hero who has not stopped fighting for election integrity," Jones said. "He understands that I will also continue to fight for greater transparency particularly in my home state of Georgia."

COLLISION:

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Newton County. The collision was reported just before 1:40 p.m. and didn't clear until 4:05 p.m., according to the Georgia Department of Transportation.

Walton EMS assisted in the emergency response, Assistant Chief

Craig League of Walton County Fire Rescue said.

Barton said McDaniel faced a warrant from his arrest from the Board of Pardon and Paroles for an alleged parole violation. He was suspected to be

under the influence of alcohol and drugs and "will face numerous charges" from the Greene County Sheriff's Office, Barton said.

Georgia Department of Corrections records show McDaniel was

convicted in Newton County for a November 2019 incident. He got a two-year sentence for fleeing and one-year concurrent sentences for obstruction and traffic charges. He was released from state custody on Dec. 17, 2020.

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PUBLIC NOTICE #200519 7/4,11,18

Adoptions

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF HENRY COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE INTEREST OF
AIDEN DRU NIXON,
DOB: 08/29/2018 SEX: Male
Minor Child
CALEN ALEXANDER FARMER
Petitioner: Step-Parent Adoption

CIVIL ACTION FILE NO.: 21 AD 16 HV

NOTICE TO BIOLOGICAL FATHER
TO: **CHRISTIAN** Alexander Nixon

AIDEN DRU Nixon was born to Aliza Jane James in Rockdale County, Georgia, on August 29, 2018. A Petition for her stepparent adoption has been filed and is pending in the Superior Court of Henry County, Georgia, Case No. 21-AD- 16-HV. The final hearing has been set for 8:30 a.m., in Chambers, on August 31, 2021, before Judge Holly W. Veal. Be advised that your parental rights to the child will be terminated upon the finalization of the adoption. The Petitioner has alleged that you have: without justifiable cause, failed to exercise proper parental care or control due to misconduct or inability, as set out in paragraph (3), (4) of subsection (a) of Code Section 15-11-310; without justifiable cause, significantly failed to communicate or to make a bona fide attempt to communicate with the child in a meaningful, supportive, parental manner as set out in paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of Code Section 19-8-10; and without justifiable cause, significantly failed to provide for the care and support of the child as required by law or judicial decree as set out in paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of Code Section 19-8-10. You have no obligation to file an answer, but you do have the right to appear at the hearing and to show cause why your parental rights should not be terminated by his adoption. If you wish to receive a copy of the Petition for Adoption you may receive one by contacting the attorney for the Petitioner, Emmett J. Arnold, 30 Woodruff Street, McDonough, GA 30253.

PUBLIC NOTICE #200438 6/13,20,27-7/4

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, Folkston, Ga 31537; and (3) provide written notice of the filing of your Petition to Legitimate to counsel for the Petitioners, Carrie Murray Nellis, at 1700 Frederica Rd #305, SSI, GA 31522. Mayara Sant'ana Moreira be advised that you will lose all rights to the children and will not receive notice of further pleadings nor be entitled to object to the adoption unless you appear before the Court on the 6th day of August, 2021 at the Superior Court of Charlton County, GA.

PUBLIC NOTICE #200457 6/27-74,11

Citations

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 notified to show cause why said

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MARCIA WYNNE, CLERK PROBATE
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NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT
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PUBLIC NOTICE #200474
7/4,11,18,25

CITATION

ARVIN F. SPELL, IV has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **JUDITH ANN MONROE** , 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 JULY 12, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

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PUBLIC NOTICE #200444
6/13,20,27-7/4

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 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.

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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 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.

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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

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PUBLIC NOTICE #200443 6/13,20,27-7/4

CITATION

FRIEDA MAE DAVIS has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **NAKOSHA M. DAVIS** , 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 JULY 12, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

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PUBLIC NOTICE #200391 6/13,20,27-7/4

CITATION

JAMES COATS has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **DELORES H. COATS** , 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 JULY 12, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

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PUBLIC NOTICE #200395 6/13,20,27-7/4

CITATION

JANET S. CLARKE has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **THOMAS MALETIC** , 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.

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PUBLIC NOTICE #200369 6/13,20,27-7/4

CITATION

LISA BAKER has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **EVELYN BELCHER** , 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.

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

CITATION

MANUEL REID has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **MYCELLA MCPHERSON** , 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 JULY 12, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

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PUBLIC NOTICE #200445 6/13,20,27-7/4

CITATION

MARION DRISKELL has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **CARLIE BELCHER** , 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 JULY 12, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

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PUBLIC NOTICE #200368 6/13,20,27-7/4

CITATION

MELISSA CHERI NELSON has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **MARY JO REYNOLDS** , 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 JULY 12, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

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PUBLIC NOTICE #200442 6/13,20,27-7/4

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, GEORGIA

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #200496 7/4,11,18,25

CITATION

RASHONDA SHONDELL JACKSON has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **BETTYE GRIER** , 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 JULY 12, 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 #200423 6/13,20,27-7/4

CITATION

SHANDRIA LASHAY CAMP has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **CHRISTOPHER ANTONIO CAMP** , 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 #200500 7/4,11,18,25

CITATION

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

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

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LEGALS:

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GEORGIA

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #200424
6/13,20,27-7/4

CITATION

SUSAN ELAINE OLEXA AND SANDRA LEE EVANS has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **SHIRLEY ELAINE OLEXA** , 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 JULY 12, 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 #200441
6/13,20,27-7/4

CITATION

TERESA WILLIAMS has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **VERA K. DANIEL** 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 #200539
7/4,11,18,25

CITATION

THE PETITION of Mary Jane Haynes widow of **WAYNE ROSCOE HAYNES**, 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 August 2. 2021, at ten o'clock a.m.

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

NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT
1132 USHER Street- Room 148
COVINGTON, GA 30014-2435

PUBLIC NOTICE #200543
7/4,11,18,25

CITATION

TO: BEVERLY R. WEBB

BRENDA AND JOSEPH DUCATO has filed for Temporary Letters of Guardianship of the Person(s) **PAXTON AND OAKLYNN WEBB** minor(s). All objections must be in writing and filed with this Court on or before July 14th, at ten o'clock, a.m.

MELANIE M. Bell, Judge
BY: DANYELL Thomas, Clerk
Probate Court, Newton, Georgia

NEWTON COUNTY Probate Court
1132 USHER Street, RM 148
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200493
6/27-7/4

CITATION

TO: SEVKI AKYOL

ALYSSA ALLEN & DWAYNE TURNER has filed for Temporary Letters of Guardianship of the Person(s) **MERT AKYOL** minor(s). All objections must be in writing and filed with this Court on or before July 21th, at ten o'clock, a.m.

MELANIE M. Bell, Judge
BY: DANYELL Thomas, Clerk
Probate Court, Newton, Georgia

NEWTON COUNTY Probate Court
1132 USHER Street, RM 148
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200538
7/4,11

CITATION

TONIA ANN BROWN has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **ANNIE NELL BROWN**, 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 #200494
7/4,11,18,25

CITATION

TONIA ANN BROWN has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **JESSIE LEE BROWN** , 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 #200495
7/4,11,18,25

CITATION

VICKI MADDOX has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **JAMES MADDOX** , 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 JULY 12, 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 #200394
6/13,20,27-7/4

CITATION

ZACHARY VANCE MATHEWS has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **DONALD EDWARD MATHEWS** , 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 JULY 12, 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 #200353
6/13,20,27-7/4

NOTICE

RE: PETITION of Melissa D. Sheldon, to Probate Will in Solemn Form, Estate of **Jack R. GIBSON, UPON WHICH AN ORDER FOR SERVICE WAS GRANTED BY THIS COURT ON June 22. 2021**

TO: DENNIS K. Gibson

THIS IS to notify you to file objection, if there is any, to the Petition of Melissa D. Sheldon to Probate **WILL IN Solemn Form**, Estate of Jack R. Gibson.

BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All pleadings/objections must be signed before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings/objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel at the following address/telephone number for the required amount of filing fees. All objections must be filed by August 2, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

MELANIE M. BELL PROBATE JUDGE

BY: MARCIA Wyn ne
CLERK OF PROBATE COURT
1132 USHER STREET COVINGTON, GA 30014
770 784 2045

PUBLIC NOTICE #200491
7/4,11,18,25

THE PETITION of SARAH SUE BURNETT widow of **JOHN BURNETT** 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 July 12. 2021, at ten o'clock a.m.

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #200447
6/13,20,27-7/4

THE PETITION of SUZANNE M. CUMMINS widow of **PETER R. CUMMINS** 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 July 12. 2021, at ten o'clock a.m.

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #200446
6/13,20,27-7/4

Corporations

NOTICE IS hereby given that articles of incorporation that will incorporate CulturHER, Inc have been delivered to the Secretary of State in accordance with Georgia Business Corporation Code. The initial registered office of the

CLUES ACROSS

1. Absence of difficulty
5. Preserve a dead body
11. Gratitude
14. The act of coming together again
15. More cushy
18. Visionaries
19. Fish-eating bird
21. Indicates near
23. NY Mets legend Tommie
24. Icelandic poems
28. Pop
29. Hammer is one
30. Senses of self-esteem
32. Trigraph
33. Not around
35. Electronic data processing
36. Driver's licenses and passports
39. Snakelike fishes
41. Military flyers
42. Raincoats
44. Type of community
46. Feature of worm's anatomy
47. In the center
49. Laid back
52. Jewelled headdress
56. In slow tempo
58. __ Falls
60. Saying things again
62. Periods in history
63. Hyphen

CLUES DOWN

1. Body part
2. Mimics
3. Expel or eject
4. Sea eagle
5. Subdivision of cenospecies
6. Dialect of Chinese
7. Mr. T's character on "The A-Team"
8. Consumed
9. Chinese dynasty
10. NFL great Randy
12. Ireland
13. Palm trees
16. Fungal disease
17. Willis and Jerry are two
20. Affirmative!
22. Potato state
25. "The First State"
26. A way to develop

corporation is located at 100 Silver Peak Dr. Covington, GA 30016 and its initial registered agent at such address is Tiffany Cadogan.

PUBLIC NOTICE #200526
7/4,11

NOTICE OF INCORPORATION

NOTICE IS given that articles of incorporation that will incorporate **Caldwell Empire Corp. 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 115 Wynfield Way, Covington, Georgia 30016 and its initial registered agent AT SUCH address is Fisher Caldwell**

PUBLIC NOTICE #200523
7/4,11

Debtors Creditors

ALL CREDITORS of the estate of **Betty Elizabeth Neely**, late of Newton County, deceased, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to: **NAME OF Executor: BRUCE WAYNE Neely STEVEN BRUCE Neely**

EXECUTOR'S ADDRESS: BRUCE WAYNE Neely STEVEN BRUCE Neely C/O SHANNON D. Sneed Attorney at Law P.O. BOX 1245 COVINGTON, GA 30015

THIS 7TH day of June, 2021.

PUBLIC NOTICE #200440
6/13,20,27-7/4

ALL CREDITORS of the estate of **Jefferson Lyle Richards**, late of Newton County, deceased, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to:

NAME OF Administrator: Lisa Cay Richards

ADMINISTRATOR'S ADDRESS: Cheryl Bradley Kinsey
C/O SHANNON D. Sneed Attorney at Law P.O.Box 1245 COVINGTON, GA 30015

THIS 8TH day of June, 2021.

PUBLIC NOTICE #200439
6/13,20,27-7/4

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **THOMAS CHARLES NEELY** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and /or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. This the 8th day of JUNE, 2021.

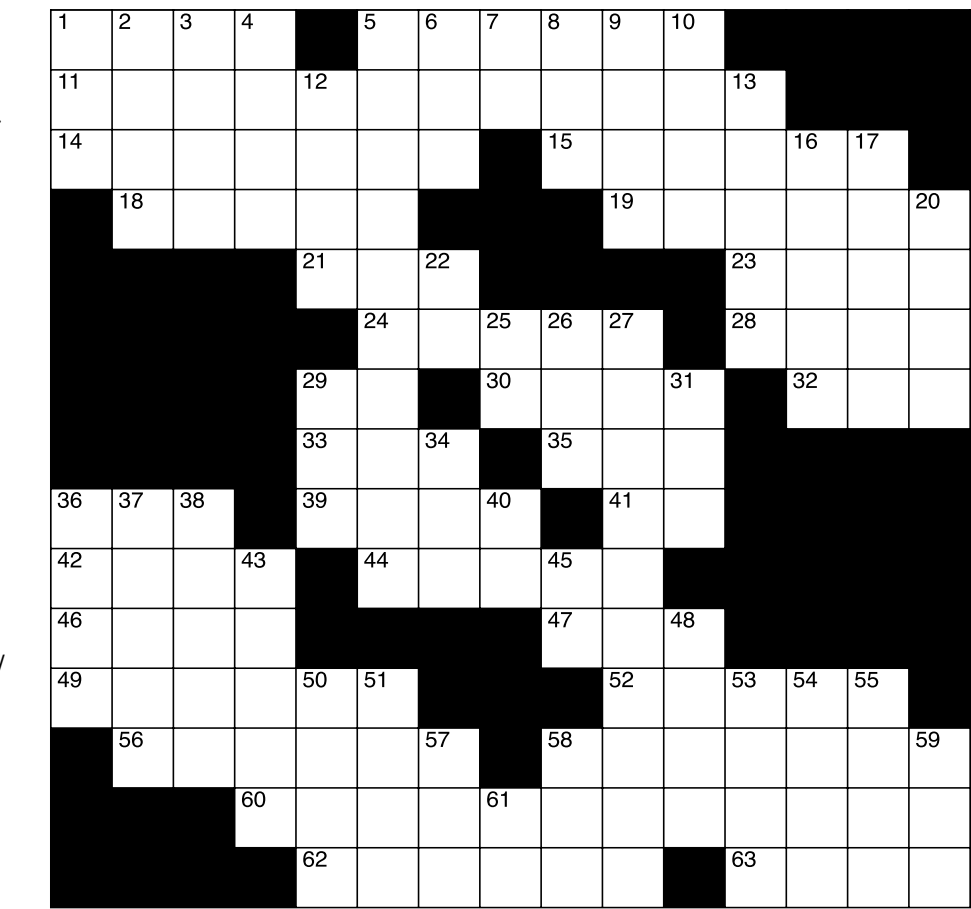
JOSEPH NEELY Jr.
2510 FAIRWEATHER CT. SE
CONYERS, GA 30013

PUBLIC NOTICE #200436
6/13,20,27-7/4

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

ALL CREDITORS of the estate of **MARY ANN RAPE**, deceased, a resident of Newton County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment. **THIS 29TH** day of June, 2021.

THOMAS A. Rape, Jr. Executor of the Estate of Mary Ann Rape
C/O MICHELLE Chaudhuri, Esq.

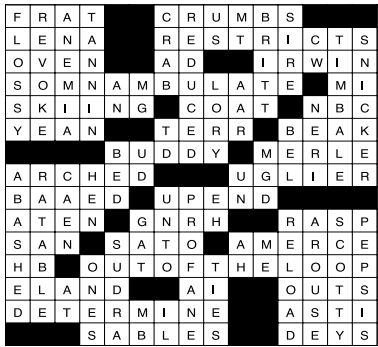


27. Associations
29. Woman (French)
31. Sunscreen rating
34. Brew
36. Mosque prayer leader
37. Indigo bush
38. Burn with a hot liquid
40. Jr.'s father
43. Scad genus
45. Morning
48. Length of a straight line (abbr.)
50. Double curve
51. Small thin bunch
53. Worn by exposure to the weather
54. Mars crater
55. Humanities

57. Of the ears
58. "To the __ degree"

59. Residue
61. It keeps you cool

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:



payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.
THIS THE 15TH day of JUNE , 2021.

BRENDA COOK
P.O. BOX 1501
OXFORD, GA 30054

PUBLIC NOTICE #200471
6/20,27-7/4,11

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **EDDIE BAKER** 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 3RD day of JUNE , 2021.

MELVIN O. BAKER
119 OXFORD NORTH RD
OXFORD, GA 30054

PUBLIC NOTICE #200452
6/13,20,27-7/4

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **EUREY DEAN HOOPER** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.
THIS THE 9TH day of JUNE , 2021.

NICOLE DEANNE FULLER
37 BREEDLOVE LANE
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200455
6/13,20,27-7/4

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **GARY TIMOTHY HARPER** 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 17TH day of JUNE , 2021.

BRENDA HARPER
95 PATTERSON WAY
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #200511
7/4,11,18,25

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **GRACE AARON JOHNSON** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.
THIS THE 8TH day of JUNE , 2021.

ANTHONY D. JOHNSON
11051 HWY 36
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200450
5/13,20,27-7/4

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **JAMES EDWARD JENKINS, 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 21ST day of JUNE , 2021.

JOHN JENKINS
340 PARK ST
MADISON, GA 30650

PUBLIC NOTICE #200507
7/4,11,18,25

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the

debtors and creditors of the Estate of **JEAN Y. JENKINS** 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 JUNE , 2021.

JOHN JENKINS
340 PARK ST
MADISON, GA 30650

PUBLIC NOTICE #200506
7/4,11,18,25

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **JIMMY PARKER** 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 22ND day of JUNE , 2021.

KIRK PARKER
2141 CONYERS ST
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200502
7/4,11,18,25

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **LUCILE U. MCCOLLUM** 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 JUNE , 2021.

TRUDIE WADE
4080 TROUPE SMITH RD
CONYERS, GA 30094

PUBLIC NOTICE #200504
7/4,11,18,25

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **MONTA ANN CRAWFORD** 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 22ND day of JUNE , 2021.

JAMES CRAWFORD
185 BALLGROUND ROAD
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200501
7/4,11,18,25

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **OLLIE J. DUKE** 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 17TH day of JUNE , 2021.

DARLENE DUKE
P.O. BOX 63
PORTERDALE, GA 30070

PUBLIC NOTICE #200509
7/4,11,18,25

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

LEGALS:

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LAW.
THIS THE 18TH day of JUNE , 2021.

MONICA LAWRENCE
9107 CECELIA ST
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200510
7/4,11,18,25

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **THOMAS CHARLES NEELY** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.
THIS THE 4TH day of JUNE , 2021.

JOSEPH NEELY
2510 FAIRWEATHER CT
CONYERS, GA 30013

PUBLIC NOTICE #200451
6/13,20,27-7/4

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **TOMMY PERRY HARRIS** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.
THIS THE 15TH day of JUNE , 2021.

SONYA HARRIS
7102 NEED STREET
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200508
7/4,11,12,25

Divorces

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
NEWTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

SERIGNE M. TRAORE,
PLAINTIFF,
V.
CAMNGA THI TRUONG,
DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION FILE
SUCV2021001397-5

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

THE ABOVE-STYLED Plaintiff, **SERIGNE M. TRAORE'S** Complaint for Divorce, having been read and considered and it appearing that the Defendant may not be residing in the State of Georgia; and that her actual, physical address cannot be determined after due diligence; **IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that the Defendant shall be served by publication
SUMMONS AS provided by law

SO ORDERED, this 21st day of June, 2021

JUDGE W. Kendall Wynne, Jr.
SUPERIOR COURT of Newton County

PREPARED BY:
MARIO S. Ninfo
LAW OFFICES of Mario S. Ninfo
1198 CLARK Street, NW
COVINGTON GEORGIA 30014 770-784-8000

PUBLIC NOTICE #200488
6/27-7/4,11,18

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY
STATE OF GERORGIA

DANYEL CARO LUGO
PLAINTIFF
V.
TERESA MALDONADO HUNOZ
DEFENDANT

CIVIL ACTION NUMBER
2021-CV-1232-4

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
TO:
TERESA MALDONADO HUNOZ
MEXICO, CUERNAVACA

BY ORDER of the court for service by publication dated MAY 27 2021 you are hereby notified that on MAY 25 , 2021 (date of filing) **DANYEL CARO LUGO** (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 **CHEVEDA D. MCCAMY**, Judge Superior Court of Newton County.

THIS, THE 8TH day of JNES 2021.
LINDA D. Hays
CLERK OF Superior

PUBLIC NOTICE #200458
6/20,27-7/4,11

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY
STATE OF GERORGIA

STEPHEN MCMILLIAN
PLAINTIFF
V.
TABATHA MCMILLIAN
DEFENDANT

CIVIL ACTION NUMBER
2021-CV-960-3

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
TO:
TABATHA MCMILLIAN
UNKNOWN ADDRESS

BY ORDER of the court for service by publication dated JUNE 23 2021 you are hereby notified that on 4-22-21 (date of filing) **STEPHEN MCMILLIAN** (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 **LAYLA H. ZON**, Judge Superior Court of

Newton County.

THIS, THE 23rd day of JUNE 2021.
LINDA D. Hays
CLERK OF Superior

PUBLIC NOTICE #200529
7/4,11,18,25

DUI - Second
SECOND/SUBSEQUENT DUI CONVICTION



NAME: ALIKSA JOHN JOHNNYBOY
ADDRESS 5195 ADAMS ST, COVINGTON GA 30014
DATE OF ARREST: SEPTEMBER 5, 2019
DATE OF OFFENSE: SEPTEMBER 5, 2019
TIME OF OFFENSE 4:11AM **PLACE OF OFFENSE:** HWY 278 AT/ON COOK ST
DISPOSITION: PLEA OF GUILTY-DEFENDANT IS SENTENCED TO A TOTAL OF36 MONTHS W/ THE FIRST 5 DAYS TO BE SERVED IN THE NEWTON COUNTY JAIL AND THE REMAINDER TO BE SERVED ON PROBATION - \$1,400.00 IN FINES PLUS ALL APPLICABLE STATUTORY FEES AND SURCHARGES- DEFENDANT SHALL PERFORM 40 HOURS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE & SHALL ATIEND AND COMPLETE A DUI RISK REDUCTION COURSE MAY 19, 2021
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

PUBLIC NOTICE #200520
7/4

Foreclosures

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

UNDER AND by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Stevie Hall** to Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., dated December 16, 2004, recorded in Deed Book 1825, Page 404, Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Aviator Properties, LLC by assignment recorded in Deed Book 4212, Page 15, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of TWENTY-SEVEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$27,800.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in August, 2021, the following described property:

SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF

THE DEBT secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, 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 will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.

AVIATOR PROPERTIES, LLC is the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-162.2.

THE ENTITY that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: Real Time Resolutions, Inc., 1349 Empire Central Drive, Suite 150, Dallas, TX 75247, (214) 599-6363.

TO THE best knowledge and belief 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

NOTICE OF Sale Under Power
GEORGIA, NEWTON County

UNDER AND by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Deed to Secure Debt given by **Lia M. Bostic** to HomeBanc Mortgage Corporation, dated May 31, 2005, and recorded in Deed Book 1930, Page 280, Newton County, Georgia records, as last transferred to U.S. Bank National Association, as Indenture Trustee, in trust for Holders of the HomeBanc Mortgage Trust 2005-4, Mortgage Backed Notes by Assignment recorded in Deed Book 2664, Page 79, Newton County, Georgia records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of \$166,800.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in July, 2021, to wit: July 6, 2021, the following described property:

ALL THAT tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 154 of the 10th District, Newton County, Georgia, being Lot 71, Block B, The Meadows at Saddlebrook, Phase 2, as per plat recorded in Plat Book 40, Page 210-214, Newton County, Georgia records, said plat being incorporated herein and made reference hereto.

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

SAID PROPERTY is commonly known as **210 Meadowbrook Court, Covington, GA 30016**, together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): Lia M. Bostic or tenant or tenants.

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) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (c) all matters of record superior to the Deed to Secure Debt first set out above, including, but not limited to, assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, easements, restrictions, covenants, etc.

THE SALE will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; (2) O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1; and (3) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed.

PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and nonjudicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided in the preceding paragraph.

PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2, the entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is:

SELECT PORTFOLIO Servicing, Inc.
ATTENTION: LOSS Mitigation Department
3217 S. Decker Lake Drive
SALT LAKE City, Utah 84119
1-888-818-6032
THE FOREGOING notwithstanding, nothing in O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require the secured creditor to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the Deed to Secure Debt described herein.

THIS SALE is conducted on behalf of the secured creditor under the power of sale granted in the aforementioned security instrument, specifically being **U.S. BANK** National Association, as Indenture Trustee, in trust for Holders of the HomeBanc Mortgage Trust 2005-4, Mortgage Backed Notes **AS ATTORNEY** in fact for **LIA M.** Bostic

RICHARD B. Maner, P.C.
180 INTERSTATE N Parkway, Suite 200
ATLANTA, GA 30339
404.252.6385
THIS LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
FC18-381

PUBLIC NOTICE #200384
6/6,13,20,27-7/4

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

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF NEWTON
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

PURSUANT TO the power of sale contained in the Security Deed executed by **JOHN L GOLDEN III** to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., ACTING SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR HOMESTAR FINANCIAL CORP., its successors and assigns, in the original principal amount of \$157,102.00 dated August 11, 2017 and recorded in Deed Book 3599, Page 4, Newton County records, said Security Deed being last transferred to LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC in Deed Book 4215, Page 324, Newton County records, the undersigned will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, before the Courthouse door in said County, or at such other place as lawfully designated, within the legal hours of sale, on August 03, 2021, the property in said Security Deed and described as follows:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 100 OF THE 10TH DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 56, UNIT THREE OF ASHLEY MEADOWS SUBDIVISION, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 42, PAGES 145-148, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS, WHICH RECORDED PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE AND MADE A PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION.
PARCEL ID: 0028E-00000-055-000
SAID PROPERTY being known as: **150 SUNFLOWER LANE, COVINGTON, GA 30016**

TO THE best of the undersigned's knowledge, the party or parties in possession of said property is/are

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

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

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

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

CENLAR FEDERAL Savings Bank
 425 Phillips Boulevard Ewing, NJ 08618

NOTE THAT pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, the above individual or entity is not required by law to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the mortgage.

THIS LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, as Attorney-in-Fact for **JOHN L GOLDEN III**
ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC
 10700 Abbott's Bridge Road Suite 170 Duluth, GA 30097 Phone: 470.321.7112
FIRM FILE No. 21-061047 - AmE

PUBLIC NOTICE #200485
6/27-7/4,11,18,25

Name Changes
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE the Name Change of Child(ren):
CHRISTIE LEA MOBLEY
PETITIONER,
VS.
ANTHONY LEVON PROCTOR
RESPONDENT.
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER
2021-CV-1269-5

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF CHILD

CHRISTIE LEA MOBLEY filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on JUNE 1 , 2021, to change the name of the following minor child
FROM: KAREN LEVON PROCTOR to KACEN LEVON PROCTOR
 Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within the time prescribed in O.C.G.A. §§ 19-12-1(f)(2) and (3).

CHRISTIE LEA MOBLEY
6102 NIXON CIRCLE
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200432
6/13,20,27-7/4

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE the Name Change of Child(ren):
CONLECTRICLE BELCHER
PETITIONER,
VS.
MORRIS THRASHER
RESPONDENT.
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER
2021-CV-1272-2

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF CHILD

CONLECTRICLE BELCHER filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on MAY 28 , 2021, to change the name of the following minor child
FROM: MARTRAIL KEYONTAE GRIFFIN to MARTRAIL KEYONTAE THRASHER
 Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within the time prescribed in O.C.G.A. §§ 19-12-1(f) (2) and (3).

CONLECTRICLE BELCHER
10230 SOUTH DINAH CIRCLE
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200433
6/13,20,27-7/4

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

DESTINATION:

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Hay joked with the audience.

Hay said there had been several opportunities over the years to fill the space vacated by the supermarket chain, but he believed none were in the community’s best interest, until now.

“We’re thrilled to tell you that several events have come together recently that we believe will allow us to transform that entire 40-acre tract into a destination for our community, a trailhead for the East-side trail, and, really, an eastern entrance and gateway to the community that we can all be proud of and all will enjoy.”

Hay said his family made the decision in fall of 2020 to pursue advice about the property and how to best develop it, so they engaged Haddow & Company, a real estate consultant firm based in Atlanta. The firm conducted a study of the property and recommended the Hay family do two things: partner with a developer to construct a “high-quality multi-family development” and then redevelop the shopping center.

“As many of you may know, we really haven’t had high-quality, market-rent, luxury apartments to be delivered into our community for a good many years,” Hay said.

Despite the announcement of plans for apartments at Covington Town Center, Hay said the last time such quality apartments were developed was about 15 years ago when the historic mills in Porterdale were transformed into the Porterdale Lofts.

“We feel that this is

a great opportunity for this property and really for the community, too,” Hay said of his property’s plans. “We all know that our employment growth [and] our industrial growth has exceeded our housing growth, really, for a good many years now. And there are a good many folks who work in our community who really haven’t been able to find suitable housing.”

With Haddow & Company’s guidance, Hay said his family chose to partner with Crescent Communities — which is ranked among the top 20 multi-family development companies in the nation — to develop apartments.

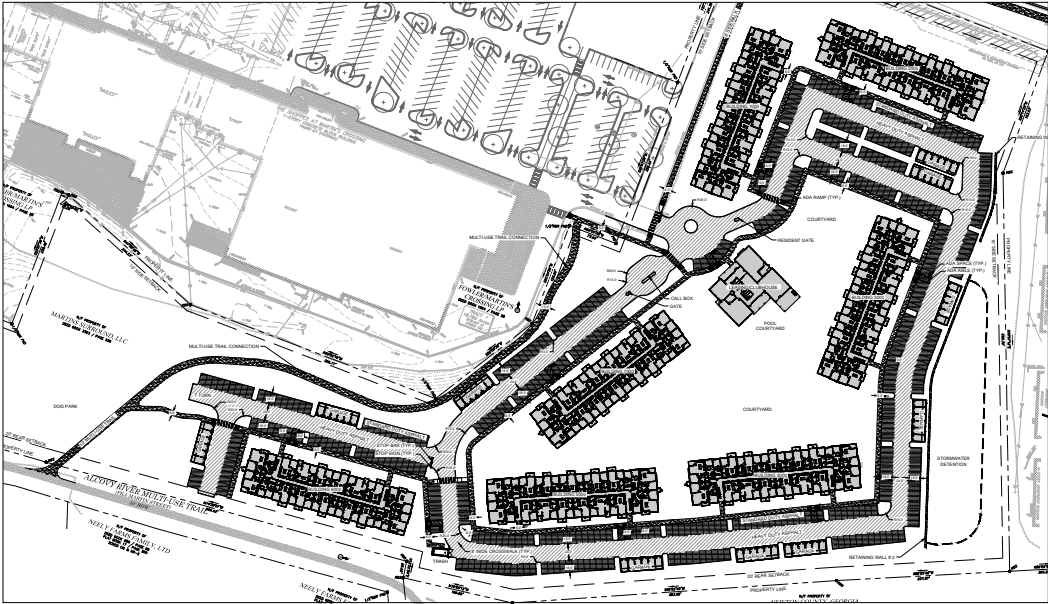
Kyle Brock, managing director of Crescent Communities, was on hand for the event and spoke briefly about plans for the apartment complex.

Brock called the project an “average-sized” investment for Crescent Communities, but at the same time, said it was considered a “large investment of tens of millions of dollars.”

He said there would be approximately 315 apartments, and the complex would consist of multiple three-story buildings, constructed to an “appropriate scale” based on the surrounding area.

There would be options for one-bedroom rentals starting at \$1,200 per month, two-bedroom rentals starting between \$1,800-\$1,900 per month, and a limited offering of three-bedroom rentals starting at more than \$2,000 per month.

Brock said Crescent Communities’ typical resident ranged



Pictured is the site plan for a 315-apartment complex to be built at the corner of U.S. Hwy. 278 and Covington Bypass Road. The project is part of a mixed-use development plan to revitalize The Shoppes at Martin's Crossing in Covington.

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between 25-34 years old and had an average household income \$137,000. He said their apartments were expected to be a great fit for this demographic.

“What we’ve seen is that a large segment of the population has moved away from home ownership, and that started in the Great Recession,” Brock said. “... They want the flexibility. They want no maintenance. They want someone else to pick up the phone and unclog their toilet, when that happens.”

Brock said the trailhead, as well as any outdoor amenities, were the biggest attraction for developers.

“Outdoor amenities and exercise are a thing our residents really value and being located adjacent to the trail where you can easily and safely walk or bike downtown, or just for exercise, is a huge amenity and a huge plus for us,” he said.

Brock said the plan was to create a connector trail throughout the property that would look identical to the current trail and be open to the public.

With such amenities, Brock said the hope was to attract quality tenants for the redeveloped shopping center, which would include restaurants and a brewery, among others.

On the topic of traffic, Brock wasn’t overly concerned with traffic flow as he said the current infrastructure could handle an increase brought on by the apartments.

“The fact that this was previously a Walmart, it will be less traffic than that,” he said. “So the infrastructure is already here to accommodate much more traffic than is there today.

“When you locate residences next to retail, you cut down on trips, especially grocery,” he added, “and we look for places we can locate next to grocery.”

When asked about concern of schools and lacking space, Brock said based on his company’s portfolio, they expect about between 20-22 school-aged residents to live at the apartments. He said the majority of tenants would likely be young professionals without families.

As for redeveloping the shopping center, Hay said he was excited about the area’s potential but could not share specific details yet.

“We have had a significant amount of interest in the shopping center just in the last year or so,” Hay said. “We have several plans for the center, but unfortunately we

can’t disclose any of those specifics tonight. But suffice it to say, the combination of first-class market rent apartments, a trail head and mixed use activity, we think are going to combine along with a revitalized shopping center to create a really nice gateway and destination for our community.”

Hay said the plan was to invest proceeds of the land sale to Crescent Communities back into the redevelopment of shopping center and retain ownership of the shopping center “for the long haul.”

“We think renovating the shopping center is critical to the future of it, and, of course, critical to obtaining a good mix of tenants,” Hay said.

He said there were already a few occupants outside of the former Walmart space, but now his team was “heavily” focused on the Walmart space, as there are “good prospects” now.

“I should tell you that we had a significant amount of interest in this land for multi-family development,” Hay said. “We believe it’s a superior location and has the infrastructure that’s needed to handle this kind of development without much impact.

“One of the things I’m very proud to tell

you is that Crescent’s offer was not highest offer,” he continued. “But we believe it was best offer, and we believe that they will be the best possible partner to our family, to this property and to the community — to do something good that we all can be proud of and that we can all enjoy in the coming years as well.”

Brock estimated construction of apartments could begin next year, which would be a 12-month process. He said apartments could start being leased as early as 2023.

Developers’ plans and application for a special use permit will go before the city’s Planning Commission in August, according to Planning and Zoning Manager Marc Beechuk. The special use permit “is due to the project being multi-family over five acres,” Beechuk said. The project appears to meet all other zoning requirements.

“Our code splits projects under five acres versus over five acres into two different levels of use,” he said. “My understanding on this is to allow smaller developments by right, but to have an extra level of attention, or front end planning, on larger developments.”

LEGALS:

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APPROXIMATELY 45.06 ACRES BEING ON TAX MAP & PARCEL 0104 003.

APPLICANT IS REQUESTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL EVENTS FACILITY IN THE A (AGRICULTURAL) ZONING DISTRICT

A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HEARD BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON THE: 20TH DAY OF JULY, 2021 AT 7:30 PM

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #200530 7/4

REZONING PETITION
GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

A PETITION (REZ20-000011) HAS BEEN FILED WITH THE NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS FOR A REZONING FOR THE PROPERTY BELONGING TO CLEVELAND STROUD

WHOSE SUBJECT PROPERTY ADDRESS/LOCATION IS 2001 DOGWOOD DR CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 28.73+- 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 HEARD BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON THE: 20TH DAY OF JULY, 2021 AT 7:30 PM

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #200532 7/4

VARIANCE PETITION
GEORGIA, NEWTON County

A PETITION (VAR21-000011) HAS BEEN FILED WITH THE NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS FOR A VARIANCE FOR

THE PROPERTY BELONGING TO: SALLY PITTS

WHOSE SUBJECT PROPERTY ADDRESS/LOCATION IS 290 FLAT ROCK RD CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 1.33 ACRES BEING ON TAX MAP & PARCEL 79 007.

APPLICANT IS REQUESTING A VARIANCE TO: THE REQUIRED MINIMUM LOT SIZE OF FOUR ACRES FOR A PLACE OF WORSHIP WHEN LOCATED WITHIN A RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT. SEC 540-480 (A).

THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE: 22ND DAY OF JULY, 2021 AT 7:00 P.M.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #200533 7/4

VARIANCE PETITION
GEORGIA, NEWTON County

A PETITION (VAR21-000009) HAS BEEN FILED WITH THE NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS FOR A VARIANCE FOR THE PROPERTY BELONGING TO: WALT O FREEMAN

WHOSE SUBJECT PROPERTY ADDRESS/LOCATION IS 325 MOUNTAINVIEW DR CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY .6 ACRES BEING ON TAX MAP & PARCEL 47C 044.

APPLICANT IS REQUESTING A VARIANCE TO: ALLOW AN ACCESSORY STRUCTURE TO BE LOCATED IN THE FRONT YARD IN THE R2 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) ZONING DISTRICT. SEC 510-020 (2)

THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE: 22ND DAY OF JULY, 2021 AT 7:00 P.M.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #200534 7/4

VARIANCE PETITION
GEORGIA, NEWTON County

A PETITION (VAR21-000010) HAS BEEN FILED WITH THE NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS FOR A VARIANCE FOR THE PROPERTY BELONGING TO: TIMOTHY KRISHER

WHOSE SUBJECT PROPERTY ADDRESS/LOCATION IS 3590 HWY 229 CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 41.79 ACRES BEING ON TAX MAP & PARCEL 137 005D.

APPLICANT IS REQUESTING A VARIANCE TO: EXTEND THE ACCESS PORTION OF A FLAG LOT BEYOND 300-FEET. SEC. 505-030 E (2)

THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE: 22ND DAY OF JULY, 2021 AT 7:00 P.M.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #200531 7/4

Public Notice

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY GEORGIA

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION VS. CERTAIN EASEMENT RIGHTS; and DAVID W. Plott; Vivian G. Plott; AgSouth Farm Credit, ACA; and United States of America acting through the Internal Revenue Service, individually

DOCKET NO. SUCV2021000490

NOTICE OF SUMMONS

TO: DAVID W. Plott and Vivian G. Plott, Defendants and Condemnees named above.

YOU ARE hereby notified that the above-styled condemnation action was filed against you in said Court on the 3rd day of March, 2021, and that by reason of an Order for service of summons by publication entered by the Court on May 26, 2021, you are hereby commanded and required to

file with the clerk of said court and serve upon William C. Gottschalk, Plaintiffs and Condemnor’s attorney, whose address is William C. Gottschalk, LLC, 2708 Pathview Drive, Dacula, GA 30019, an answer to the complaint within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for service by publication.

WITNESS THE Honorable W. Kendall Wynne, Jr., Judge of said court. This 28th day of May, 2021

PUBLIC NOTICE #200408 6/13,20,27-7/4

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
Time 11:00 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,

Veioletta 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 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

PUBLIC AUCTION: Sellars Wrecker Services, In accordance with the OCGA (40-11-2) the following vehicle will be sold to the highest bidder at public auction that will be held on JULY 10, 2021. Sealed bids will be accepted from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at Sellars Wrecker Services, 295 Hwy 162, Covington Ga. 30016.

- **2002 KAWASAKI** zx900 JKAZX2F132A001813
- **2011 DODGE**
- **JOURNEY** 3D4PG1FG7BT518510
- **2011 NISSAN** ALTIMA 1N4AL2AP8BN417140
- **2000 FORD** MUSTANG

1FAPP42X3YF157723

- **1989 FORD** RANGER 1FTCR14A1KPA36091
- **2017 SCOOTER** XPLOER LETHCB158HR000113
- **2020 MOPED** L9NTCBAE5L1011652
- **2006 HONDA** PILOT 5FNFY28456B042677
- **PUBLIC NOTICE #200524 7/4,7**

Trade Names

TRADE NAME REGISTRATION AFFIDAVIT
GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

TO WHOM It may Concern: **PLEASE BE** advised that **KEVIN MCREE** whose address is 5193 OLD MONTICELLO ST, COVINGTON GA 30014 and the owner(s) of the certain business now being carried on at 5193 OLD MONTICELLO ST COVINGTON GA 30014 in the following trade name, to-wit: **KM CHIMNEY AND GUTTER CLEANING** that the nature of said business is: **SCORPIO CLEANING AND PRESSURE WASHING** 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 14TH** day of **JUNE**, 2021.

PUBLIC NOTICE #200483 6/27-7/4

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 30014 in 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.

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SPORTS

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Prep Baseball

Piedmont's Satterfield inks NLI with Erskine College



Special to The Covington News

Piedmont Academy's Jeb Satterfield is heading to the next level after signing a baseball scholarship with Erskine College in South Carolina.

By **CHRIS BRIDGES**
Correspondent

MONTICELLO, Ga. — Jeb Satterfield quickly made a name for himself at Piedmont Academy.

The recent graduate is set to continue his career at Erskine College in South Carolina, where he will compete for the Fleet baseball program. He helped guide the Piedmont baseball team to a GISA Class AA state title this spring.

"He fit right in," Piedmont baseball coach Matt Britt said. "We needed a first baseman and he had a great season. He really shined on offense. Despite some arm trouble early when he

didn't pitch much, he became a key player for us."

Satterfield, who stands at 6-9, fired a no-hitter in his first start of the season against region foe La-Grange Academy.

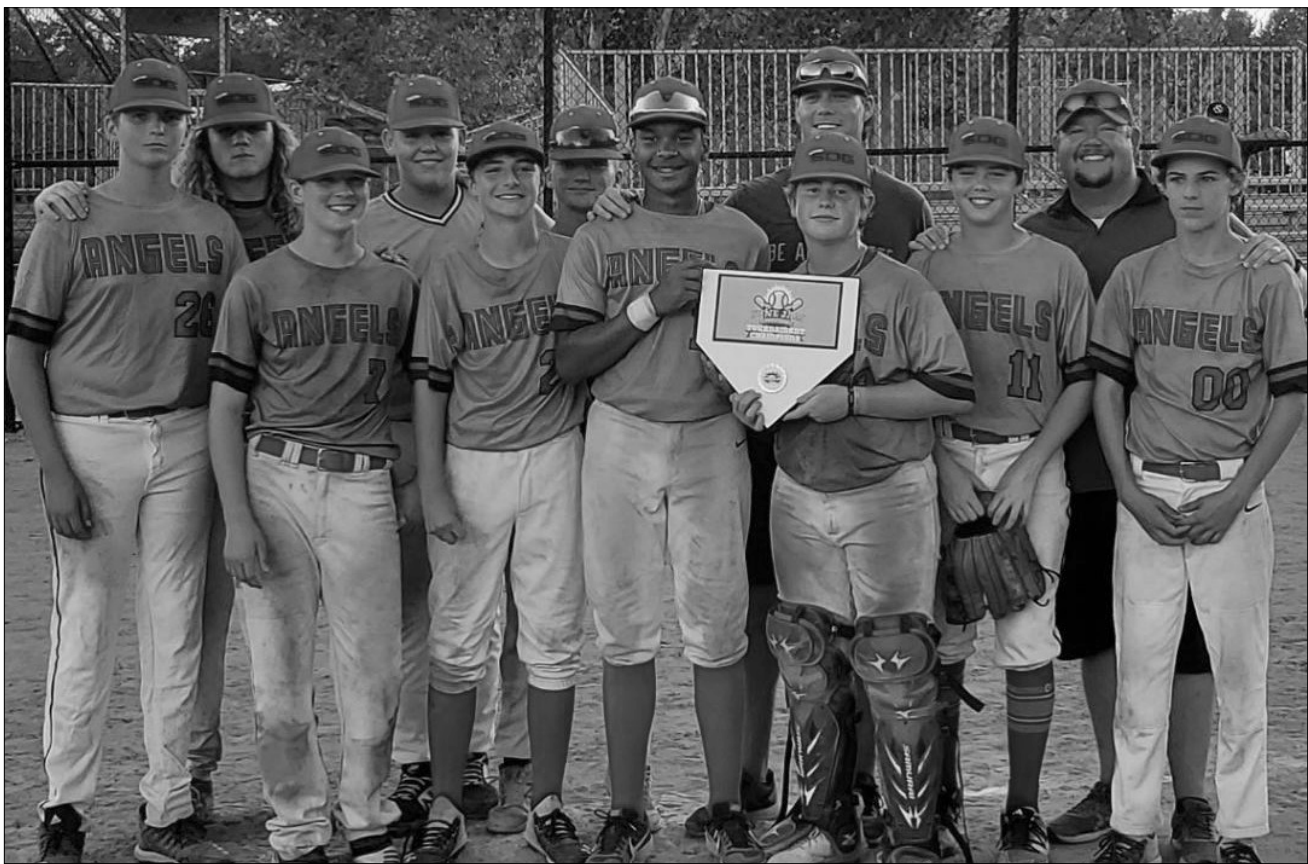
"He is pretty good on the mound," Britt said. "He will pitch at the next level. He has so much potential on the mound. They will get him in the weight room for a year and he will increase his pitch speed."

"My short time at Piedmont Academy has been wonderful," Satterfield said. "Everyone was willing to go out of their way to

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Youth Travel Baseball

SDG Angels complete trifecta



Special to The Covington News

Fielding a squad loaded with current and future Alcovy Tigers, Eastside Eagles and Social Circle Redskins, the SDG Angels won three consecutive Grand Slam baseball tournament championships to close out the 2021 travel ball season on a strong note.

By **MIKE HARRISON**
Correspondent

Coach Andy Mitchell led his 14u SDG Angels to three straight Grand Slam baseball tournament championships to complete their Spring 2021 travel ball season.

Finishing with a 20-6 overall record, the Angels went 13-2 in their last three tournaments, including a perfect 9-0 on Championship Sundays. As a result, SDG was crowned as 14u

Gold Bracket Champions of the 20-team Gwinnett Invitational on May 23 with a 4-1 record, the 34-team 2021 North Georgia State Championships on June 6 with a 4-1 record, and the 11-team June Jam Summer Series Week 4 on June 27 with a perfect 5-0 record.

The Angels, assisted by coach Justin Duncan, have a roster that includes: Nolan Mitch-

ell, Gehrig Knapp, Luke Smith, Luke Cross, Lucas Langley, Caden Richardson and Levi Kendall — all current or future Social Circle Redskins. There are more local ties scattered throughout, with Cooper Duncan and Parker Gassman, both Alcovy Tigers, and Brandon Ellis, Brayson Osborn and Payton Shaw, all Eastside Eagles, on the club.

Luke Kendall, Cam-

eron Kelley, JD Smith and Coy Buckner also contributed in limited appearances.

Ellis led the Angels' attack with 35 hits, including a team-high 28 singles and had 22 RBI, scored 22 runs and had a .461 batting average, which was boosted by a .485 clip with runners in scoring position.

Knapp had 30 hits, including 27 singles,

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show me around and make me feel welcome. The teachers are more one-on-one so if I had any problems then I was comfortable in going to them and it would be resolved very quickly. If I had known I would have loved Piedmont this much, I would've transferred much sooner."

In making his collegiate choice, Satterfield said the "hometown" atmosphere of the school appealed to him. "It seems everyone knows everyone," he said. "The campus is small so it will be very easy to focus on my education and getting a degree. But most of all I really liked the pitching

coach (Caulin Cragle). He watched a little bit of film with us and he went pitch by pitch in the mechanics aspect of the major league pitchers."

Satterfield batted .400 during his senior baseball season.

"He carried us offensively in several games," Britt said. "He is one who will connect for a double in the middle of a rally. I am thrilled that he decided to become part of Piedmont."

Satterfield's height also made him a force for the Piedmont basketball team as the Cougars reached the Elite Eight and won a region championship.



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Jeb Satterfield (far right) was one of three seniors on the Piedmont Academy baseball team that captured the GISA Class AA state title this spring. Alongside fellow 12th graders Cameron Mobley (far left) and Tanner Locklear (middle), Satterfield helped lead the Cougars to 19-6 mark and their sixth championship in seven seasons.

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while leading the team in runs scored with 34, base on balls with 23, a batting average of .462 and a .556 batting average with runners in scoring position.

Langley led with 11 extra-base hits including nine doubles and two triples, scored 29 times and stole a team-high 17 bases.

Richardson had 8 doubles, 21 RBI, walked 22 times and had a .483 batting average with runners in scoring position.

Smith led the Angels with 24 RBI and was hit by pitches a team-high seven times.

Duncan scored 23

runs and Osborn scored 20 runs. Mitchell added 15 runs scored and Cross added 12.

Ellis finished with a 5-0 pitching record and a 2.392 ERA in 26.1 innings pitched while striking out 29 batters. Knapp posted a 3-1 record and an ERA of 2.414 in 29 innings pitched while striking out 27. Langley had a 3-0 record in 18 innings. Richardson finished 4-1 with a team-best ERA of 2.172 in 19.1 innings pitched. Smith finished 3-1 in 20 innings pitched.

Defensively, Levi Kendall led the Angels with a perfect 1.000

percent fielding average in 16 games played.

Knapp was close behind with a .985

percent fielding average in 26 games played and Smith posted a .979 fielding average in 24 games. Richardson threw out a team-high eight runners trying to steal from the catcher position in 26 games.

Coach Mitchell said of the 2021 Angels: "This team benefited from how much they loved the game but, more importantly, how much they loved playing with, and for, each other. It was a special group with a new energy. They took pride in

playing for SDG!

"New additions in 2021 made a difference in the excitement and energy in the dugout all year. Levi Kendall, Luke Cross, Brandon Ellis and Brayson Osborn were our key additions. The core group of Nolan Mitchell, Gehrig Knapp, Lucas Langley, Luke Smith, Caden Richardson and Cooper Duncan were great leaders!

"Our team was very versatile in their ability to play different positions and do what it takes at the plate to help the team in all situations. We also had extreme pitching depth

on this squad. In the final tournament, a few players were not able to play due to scheduled summer vacations, but we picked up two great players that were big parts of each game that weekend: Payton Shaw and Parker Gassman."

After winning 14-1, 11-4 and 9-1 on Championship Sunday at the 2021 North Georgia State Championships, Mitchell tweeted out: "I've never had a team play harder and have more fun, while beating up on other teams, than this group."

Perhaps the most thrilling win of the season came in the first

game this past Sunday at the June Jam Summer Series Week 4 when the Angels fell behind the Outlaws 0-8 only to rally to tie the game 8-8. Due to time constraints, a runner was placed on second base to begin play in an extra-inning situation. The Outlaws scored to go-ahead, 9-8, in the top of the inning, but the Angels scored twice in their at bat to win the game in walk-off fashion, 10-9.

The "Comeback" Angels went on to finish the tournament undefeated.

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Rotary Club of Covington



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From left, Rotary Club of Covington 2020-21 President Thomas Kephart passes leadership of the club to 2021-22 President Bryan Fazio during a recent meeting. Below, officers and directors for the new year were also installed.



Ribbon Cutting



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Local officials gathered Wednesday at Rock House Farm & Creamery in Newborn for a celebratory ribbon cutting. The Newton County-based creamery recently expanded its operation to produce a new line of goat cheeses and artisan ice cream. Rock House has been in operation since 2005 when it started in Leesburg focused entirely on "unique, sustainably raised food products." The creamery was opened in 2016.



Money Talks with Dianne Jennings

What in the 'house' is going on?

After the year the world has endured, with the pandemic, the dysfunctional presidential election, civil unrest coupled with racism and riots, all I can say is, "wow."



It would appear this would be enough, but no. Now the housing market has gone mad.

It's a race to the finish with sellers in the lead.

Home purchases are the highest that I have ever witnessed, and I have been in this industry for more than 30 years. With interest rates being the lowest ever (2-4%), and because there are more buyers than homes, the demand has reached an all-time high, which has created a shortage in inventory, as well as an escalation in offers on properties.

There are many properties for sale that have as many or more than 40 offers at one time, therefore creating a bidding war. It's a domino effect for this gouging bidding war that purchasers are unknowingly creating has caused prices of homes to skyrocket far beyond market values. It's good for the seller right now because they are selling their home in one day, with purchasers offering cash, and some offering up to \$30,000 beyond the appraised value. This bidding war has pushed many credit-qualified, deserving home purchasers out of the market, simply because they cannot compete.

There was a time that one would offer \$200,000 for value, and if the property's appraised value came in less, the seller would lower the price to that value because for those financing the purchase with a mortgage, the lender would only lend to the appraised value.

This is still true, but there is a twist in today's market. Sellers and their listing agents are adding a clause to the contract stating no matter what the appraisal, if it is less than the agreed purchase price then the purchaser agrees to pay the difference out of pocket. Home purchasers are cashing in retirement funds, 401Ks, IRAs, savings, gift funds, family funds — you name it, they're probably cashing it in.

What about a new build?

The new homes sales in many instances have stalled because the cost

of lumber went up 150% from a few years ago, and the profit margin for the builder/developer had not been as great.

This was pandemic cause and effect, slow delivery, skeletal staff and closures of mills but the good news is, according to *USA Today*, the lumber prices are lowering. But, builders and developers are holding lumber that was purchased at a very high price, wondering if they will break even or lose because the prices of lumber has fallen. This is good news for you.

Well, you may wonder where does that leave the market now and in future? As I look into my crystal ball, I believe, more than likely, many areas will turn to a renters' market. I have heard instances where investors are purchasing subdivision communities to be occupied by renters, and I am sure that the rent fee will be top dollar.

What can you do as purchasers?

First, I say stand down and let the market cool down a bit, as I can only imagine the frustration in getting your hopes up for a home that you believe to be the one for you and someone come and bids \$25,000 over the asking price and puts your heart-felt offer to shame. Or, the seller's greed takes over and he or she refuses to sell at a reasonable price, again, placing you out of the market.

Second, let's build together, especially now that lumber prices are somewhat stabilizing. Find a lot, get some plans, and build what you want without the competition.

Third, renovate your existing home. Create more space, update your kitchen, reface your cabinets. I say put some lipstick on your home, make it pop with bright, yet conservation inviting colors. You'll have the new home that you have always wanted, and it will be one you're already familiar with. And the cost will be a lot less.

Finally, renovate a fixer upper with an FHA 203K, VA, or Fannie Mae home-style renovation loan. There may be less competition on this note. At least you get to choose your carpet and paint colors. You can also pick your counter tops and appliances. You make it your own and it will feel just like home.

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