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## His Word

Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

Matthew 6:25, KJV

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Pictured is the sign placed outside Mystic Grill in Covington to remind patrons that the restaurant — like others across the area and nation — are still struggling to maintain a full staff.

# Making a way

Mystic Grill owner details impact of staff shortages felt nationwide

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Thirty minutes to an hour. It could be the time one waits for a table, or the amount of time before their food is served. Maybe a little less, or maybe a little longer. Nonetheless, it's a time no one really wants to hear when they're hungry.

But that timeframe has become a temporary normal as the food service industry, like several other industries across the nation, are still reeling from the pandemic and struggling to maintain a full staff.

As of Wednesday, more than 233,000 job opportunities were listed on the state's "Employ-

Georgia" website. Approximately 200 jobs were related to the food service industry.

Angie Bezborn, owner of Mystic Grill, has become all too familiar with running a restaurant shorthanded, which has put her faith to the test.

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# TRUE HERO

Local waitress lauded after removing badly injured wreck victim from burning car

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MANSFIELD, Ga. — Keelyn Harper says she does not know why she chose County Hwy. 213 rather than her usual route home from her job in Mansfield last week.

When she saw a fire off the side of the road that turned out to be a woman trapped in a burning vehicle, she knew she had to help when other passing motorists chose not to.

"That's when I was kind of like, 'It's just me. I have to do something,'" Harper said.

Friends and the victim's family were praising the waitress at Rooster's Drive Inn after she was able to pull the badly injured driver from her car after it struck a tree and caught fire on the side of Hwy. 213 near Mansfield June 10.

Rooster's owner Kenny Anderson called Harper "a true hero."

"She would have surely burned to death if it had not been for Keelyn," he said.

Harper, 22, said she decided to help the victim because she would want someone else to do the same if it had been her daughter in the car.

"I have a 1-year-old daughter ... I guess my 'fight or flight' took over," she said.

Harper had just finished her shift at

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Keelyn Harper

# Juneteenth not new to Newton County

Local residents have worked for years to bring attention to slavery's end in U.S.



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Gwen Green of the Newton County Historical Committee on Black Heritage Preservation talks about the history of Juneteenth during a rally on the Covington Square in 2020.

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COVINGTON, Ga. — The newest national holiday, Juneteenth, was to be celebrated in Covington this weekend for the 10th time since 2011 with pageants, music, vendors and a traditional parade.

Longtime organizer Terri James said this year's event on Saturday, June 19, moved to Legion Field on Mill Street after years at other locations because of the number and size of events

scheduled.

James said she has been willing to put in the volunteer hours over the course of a decade to organize the event because of the importance of what the holiday represents.

"This is something all people need to know about," she said.

James said she first learned of the then-little-known observance from a cousin in Louisiana when James was still employed in the telecommunications industry.

After retiring, she worked to spread the word about the observance of the event that marked the de facto ending of slavery of Black people in the U.S.

"I found out people had never heard about it," James said.

Juneteenth's origins date to 1865 in Texas.

President Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation in 1863 ordered an end to slavery but the order

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## Father's Day Weekend Weather Forecast



Saturday, June 19  
High: 83° Low: 68°  
• 50% chance of rain



Sunday, June 20  
High: 81° Low: 70°  
• 80% chance of rain

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County officials, first responders and others involved in Newton County's new E-911 communications system gathered at Station No. 9 in Oxford to break ground on a tower Thursday. Taylor Beck | The Covington News

# County breaks ground on tower construction for E-911 radio system

**By TAYLOR BECK**  
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OXFORD, Ga. — Next summer, public safety radio dead spots across Newton County will be no more.

County officials and first responders gathered outside Newton County Fire Station No. 9, located at 176 Mt. Zion Road in Oxford, on Thursday to break ground on the construction of the first of three towers that will help take the county's public safety communications system to new heights.

In June 2020, the Newton County Board of Commissioners approved a contract with Motorola for a new emergency radio system. Despite an initial estimate of \$3.6 million, the radio system costs upwards of \$14 million to install, according to County Manager Lloyd Kerr, but is being paid for, in part, by SPLOST funding.

"Every time you and everybody else spends a dollar here in the county, a penny goes to help support projects just like this, which will help our community be a safer and better place to be, so we thank

everyone for that," he said.

Kerr said the new radio system would boost the county's radio coverage up to 98%, "and give us the ability to talk in places that we never had the ability to communicate before."

"This is a great moment for us," Kerr said during the ceremony.

However, after the ceremony concluded, Sheriff Ezell Brown told *The Covington News* he remembered a time when the radio system was first-class with an expanded coverage area. He was excited to see the county's communications return to that level.

"What I see today is coverage like we once had," Brown said. "I can speak of that from, I guess, the dinosaur era — back about 48 years ago when we could talk from one end of the county to the other end of the county. We could talk from one county to the next county. And we have talked from the base station to a car station, from Newton County all the way to Perry, Georgia. So I feel that Motorola is going to put us back where we

should have been all along.

"My position is: we got to where we are today by agreeing and disagreeing," he continued. "That is what put us where we are today, and I'm proud of it. I'm proud to know that the equipment and the tools that the dispatchers are going to have is going to be state of the art. That said, they're no better than the equipment they're having to use. So, I'm excited about it."

Brown said he believed the current coverage was below 50% for the entire county.

To open the ceremony, Chairman Marcello Banes recalled a conversation he had about five years ago, shortly after he was elected, concerning the need for an improved radio system.

"I remember one call that I got from the police chief in Porterdale, and he said, 'Mr. Chairman, we got a few dead spots in Porterdale, and we really need to get that addressed,'" Banes said. "I want to say, today, we are taking the first steps in making that happen."

Covington Mayor

Steve Horton, who is a former police officer, gave his thoughts on the importance of a sound communications system.

"I have a little bit of a public safety background, so I understand how important and vital 911 is to all of us — not just those in public safety, but all of us," Horton said. "Much like a bridge connects an island to the main land, E-911 operation connects our citizens and our businesses within this community to the people and agencies — generally public safety agencies — who can help them in times of need and crisis. Therefore, E-911 personnel who answer the phones and man the radios are often the first and sometimes the last call that's made when people need help the worst. During those times, competent, well-trained personnel and adequate equipment and support structures, such as we are here for today, are absolutely vital to a positive outcome."

Horton also voiced his appreciation for local first responders and thanked them for their

service to the community.

"You work in a very stressful environment, and sometimes a very thankless environment, but I want you to know that what you do is vital to all of us in our community," he said. "You know, everybody can't do the jobs you do."

911 Director Trudy Henry, who was publicly lauded for helping lead the charge on the new radio system, spoke briefly during the ceremony. She implored how grateful she was to the county's leaders and all who had a role in the project thus far.

"The public safety radio system is an important part of my daily job, and it's important that these guys standing around in uniforms are safe and know that when they make a call, they can get it out and let us know what they need," she said. "This is exciting. It's been a lot of hard work, and there's a lot more work to come."

District 3 Commissioner Alana Sanders was also on hand for the groundbreaking. She talked about spending time with

Henry recently as part of a "county tour" she had taken to learn about the roles of each department. She also displayed her gratitude to county's leaders for coming together and seeing the project through.

"I've had the opportunity to sit with [Henry] and her staff for an hour to watch what they do," she said. "I've had a county tour and visited every department in the county and sat with them for an hour or more to find out what they do. As [Henry] knows I love technology, and so I'm excited about this opportunity to be able to advance with Newton County, advance in District 3 and advance with your department, Trudy. So whatever it is with technology I am here for it. So thank you Motorola for bringing us up to the next level, and thank you Newton County and my fellow board of commissioners and the chairman for allowing this to happen."

Project consultants said the new radio system was expected to be up and running by "this time next year."

## OBITUARY

**Betty Stapp**  
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Betty Stapp, of  
Covington, passed

away Saturday, June 12, 2021, at the age of 76. A beautician for 44 years, Mrs. Stapp was sweet and caring,

and always had a smile on her face. She loved spending time with her family — especially her grandchildren who

were the light of her life. In addition, Mrs. Stapp enjoyed spending her vacations at Panama City Beach with her

family whenever she could. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Lisha Michelle; parents, Charles Demus and Hazel Virginia Mason; sisters, Beverly Diane White, Brenda Hutchins; and brother, Charles Demus Mason, Jr.

Survivors include her loving husband of 50 years, Benjamin Stapp; son, Paul Stapp (Kristen); grandchildren, Caleb Stapp, Madelyn Stapp; sister, Bennie Gail Brock; brother, Rodney Mason; as well as several nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Service for Mrs. Stapp was held Wednesday, June 16, 2021, 1 p.m., at the Chapel of Caldwell & Cowan Funeral Home, 1215 Access Road, in

Covington, with Pastor Darrell Allen officiating and interment following in Lawnwood Memorial Park. Friends are invited to visit with the family at the funeral home, two hours prior to her service, from 11 a.m. — 1 p.m.

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# GSP investigates fatal wreck in Newton

By TOM SPIGOLON  
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Georgia State Patrol is investigating after a Newton County woman was killed when a truck struck her vehicle on U.S. Highway 278 recently.

The state patrol reported that June 11, at about 9:35 a.m., troopers investigated the wreck on Hwy. 278 near Deerfield Road east of Covington.

A preliminary investigation showed the victim was driving a silver Toyota Sequoia east on Hwy. 278 approaching Deerfield

Road.

At the same time, a small commercial panel truck bearing markings of the company that produces Red Bull energy drink, was traveling west in the same area on 278, a GSP spokesman said.

When traffic in front of the commercial truck slowed, the truck apparently was following too closely and it entered the eastbound lane to avoid a rear-end wreck, a GSP spokesman said.

While in the eastbound lane, the truck sideswiped the Toyota

Sequoia and the wreck occurred.

The driver of the Toyota Sequoia, Regina Clark, 52, of Newton County, died at the scene. Her husband, Jeffery Clark, was transported to Piedmont Newton Hospital with minor injuries, the spokesman said.

The driver of the commercial truck, Jalloh Habbibu, 38, was not injured.

The incident is still under investigation. Charges are pending, the spokesman said.

# Only 29% of Newton population fully vaccinated

By TAYLOR BECK  
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Newton County has some work to do before it can reach “herd immunity” against COVID-19.

As of Friday morning, only 31,360 residents had been fully vaccinated, according to the Georgia Department of Public Health, which equates to just 29% of Newton County’s population. Nearly 36,000 had received at least one dose (33%).

Reportedly 70% of the population needs to be vaccinated in order to achieve “herd immunity.” “Herd immunity” happens when a large part of the population — the herd — is immune to a virus.

Newton County’s numbers are below the state’s totals. Per the health department, more than 3.76 million (36%) Georgians have been fully vaccinated, while 4.35 million (42%) had received at least one dose.

The vaccine has been available to Georgians since December.

Chad Wasdin, who is communications director and public information officer for the Gwinnett, Newton & Rockdale County Health Departments, said the health departments were still working to get more residents vaccinated.

“We are first and foremost working to make the vaccine as widely available as possible, whether through our health centers, mass vaccination sites, or mobile teams set up around the community,” Wasdin said. “We are also partnering with the school systems to provide vaccine opportunities to families over the summer.

Our health director, Dr. Arona speaks at as many events as she can to encourage vaccines.”

Wasdin said the health departments were also advertising and pushing the message that “vaccine services are available as a walk-in service, no appointment needed,” at any of the vaccine sites.

“Our campaign is called ‘Better Together,’” he said. “From birthdays and holidays to business meetings and game days, our life is better when we get to live it together. We’re hoping that aspirational message encourages as many individuals as possible to get vaccinated so we can safely get back to doing the things we love.”

Vaccines are currently being offered to anyone age 12 and older. To learn more about the vaccination process, or how and where to get a vaccine, visit gnrhealth.com or call the Georgia Department of Public Health Vaccine Scheduling Resource Line at 888-457-0186.

## Active COVID-19 case count dwindling

There were 34 new cases of COVID-19 confirmed in Newton County within the last two weeks, as of Friday. The county’s cumulative total had climbed to 7,684 cases since the pandemic began more than one year ago with 235 confirmed deaths.

The state eclipsed 900,000 cumulative cases this week. The death toll stood at 18,368 with 64,525 hospitalizations. In the last two weeks, there had been 4,078 cases confirmed, equating to 38 per 100,000.

# Setback rules squabbling leads to delay on store, eateries near Social Circle

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COVINGTON, Ga. — A plan for a convenience store and fast-food restaurants at I-20 and Georgia Hwy. 11 will be delayed for at least two months after developers said they had problems with conditions and area zoning requirements.

Questions about an ongoing appeal of a previously rejected rezoning of the same site for a travel center also apparently led to the Newton County Board of Commissioners delaying action on the request for the site near Social Circle on Tuesday.

Commissioners voted to delay action until Aug. 17 on their consideration of Jackson-based JPC Design & Construction’s request for a conditional use permit allowing construction of a convenience store with underground fuel tanks in the Little River watershed.

The request was for use of 10 acres of a total 46-acre site at the southeast corner of I-20’s Exit 98 interchange with Georgia Hwy. 11.

JPC attorney Richard Milam said the company would face a major delay in starting construction if not given relief from a 100-foot setback requirement for commercial construction in the Brick Store Overlay District.

He asked commissioners for a 50-foot setback because construction of the 8,000-square-foot building at least 100 feet from Hwy. 11 would force developers to encroach on a creek on the property.

Encroaching on the creek would require approvals from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers that could take months to obtain, he said.

He also said JPC wanted 16 fuel pumps rather than 12 as staff recommended, and 20 spaces for employees rather than nine.

The Brick Store Overlay includes areas surrounding Hwy. 11’s intersections with I-20 and U.S. Hwy. 278 in eastern Newton between Social Circle and Mansfield.



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**Developer Jim Chapman explains his townhome plan to the Newton County Board of Commissioners on Tuesday at the Historic Courthouse.**

An overlay district places development requirements on new construction that are in addition to those already required by zoning regulations in place within a specific geographic area.

Area resident Wayne Pugh said he believed the developer needed to follow the overlay district regulations “to the letter.”

JPC’s plan will be the first major commercial project to build within the overlay zone since it was established in 2006 and commissioners “need to stand firm,” he said.

“They knew that creek was there from the beginning,” he said.

Commissioner Stan Edwards, who represents the area, said a Dollar General store on Hwy. 11 near Hwy. 278 exceeded the requirement with a 150-foot setback.

Milam said the project would be a \$6 million investment and employ a total of about 20 to staff the store and restaurants.

The developer has agreements with Burger King and Dunkin’ Donuts to operate the fast-food restaurants — which he said will each include drive-through windows.

He said the new design includes gas pumps to serve personal vehicles only and no fuel facilities for tractor-trailers.

The Board of Commissioners rejected the same developer’s plan for a travel center, fast-food

restaurants and future big-box supermarket on most of the 46-acre site in February after area homeowners groups united to oppose the plan.

County Attorney Megan Martin asked Milam about commissioners’ belief that JPC agreed to drop an existing lawsuit against the Board if it approved the conditional use permit. Milam said he did not know of any such offer.

He noted that a lawsuit it recently filed in Newton County Superior Court was the only method JPC had to appeal the Board’s February decision to deny a rezoning request for the previous travel center plan.

However, he said the two issues were not related.

In other zoning action Tuesday, the Board of Commissioners approved a rezoning of a 35-acre site on Georgia Hwy. 142 for construction of 226 rental townhomes.

The request was for a rezoning from M2 (Heavy Industrial) to RMF (Multi-Family Residential) for the site at the highway’s intersection with City Pond Road.

Jim Chapman of applicant Jim Chapman Communities told commissioners the “attached rental cottages” he planned near Three Ring Studios would target upscale residents who did not want to own their homes or be responsible for their maintenance.

He said a similar community with such amenities as a clubhouse and swimming pool he developed in Athens that rent from \$1,595 per month for two bedrooms to \$2,275 for three bedrooms.

Also Tuesday, commissioners agreed to delay action until July 20 on a request to rezone 6.6 acres on Salem Road at Smith Store Road for construction of a multi-use project that will include a fast-food restaurant.

Developers said they wanted to work to address concerns from nearby homeowners about to request to rezone the site from Single-Family Residential to Highway Commercial.



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The Mayor and City Council of the City of Oxford, Georgia, will conduct a public hearing on Monday, June 21, 2021 at 6:30 PM at City Hall at 110 West Clark Street. A link will be posted on the city’s website for those interested in joining the public hearing via the internet. To join via telephone, please call 646-558-8656. The access code is 935 6760 6829. The passcode is 998399.

The purpose of the public hearing is to consider the following recommendations from the Planning Commission of the City of Oxford to amend the city’s official zoning map:

Amend the official zoning map to change the zoning district from Town Center District to the Single-Family Residential District R-20 for the following parcels: X004 004, X004 005, X004 006, X005 007, X004 008, and X004 009.

Amend the official zoning map to change the zoning district from Single-Family Residential District R-7.5 to the Single-Family Residential District R-20 for the following parcels: X004 001, X004 010, X004 011, X004 012, X004 013, X004 013A, X004 013B, X004 013C, X004 013D, X004 014, X004 015, X005 001, X005 001A, X005 002, X005 003, X005 004, X005 009, and X005 010.

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# OPINIONS

The Covington News

Rev. Lyn Pace religious columnist

## Two books for your summer reading list

Summer is made for reading. Bookstores and online booksellers devote entire sections and special marketing to summer beach reading. My 8-year-old's summer reading list for fourth grade requires him to read several books and choose one to talk about on the first day of school. Even though many of us don't shift our work schedules in the summer, we still seem motivated to slow down and enjoy a good book.

But how do we get started on knowing what to choose? How do we find out about good books that are worth our time?

There are a lot of lists out there. One appeared in my inbox recently from the New York Times. "73 books for your summer reading list..." It's divided into sections – thriller, true crime, audio, cookbooks, fiction, music, and more. I recommend that as a good starting place.

I want to recommend two books for your summer reading. The first is "The Black Church: This Is Our Story, This Is Our Song" by Henry Louis Gates, Jr. Gates is



clear in this book that the Black church is not a single story, just as there is not one Black religion. The Black church, in Gates' view, is central in understanding the African American story in the United States.

I appreciate many parts of this book – the history, connections to social justice and community engagement, and how he confronts the issues for the church today. I was especially moved, though, with his treatment of the importance of music. Music has been a liberating force in and out of the church from slavery through Civil Rights on up to President Obama's moving rendition of "Amazing Grace" during his eulogy for the Rev. Clementa Pinckney in Charleston, South Carolina, in June 2015. This book is an important read given the state of race in the United States today.

Just in time for Father's Day gifts is "Pops: Learning to be a Son and a Father" written by my college friend and "Today Show" host, Craig Melvin. Pops is Craig's story about fatherhood – his own, his dad's, and fathers along the way who have made a difference to him in his life. In his personable and authentic way, Craig is honest about how difficult our human

relationships can be, especially with family. His story is touching and beautiful and often quite funny. I am grateful how vulnerable he (and his own father) are willing to be in the book, something needed in our society today.

Digging into a good book gives me life. Earlier this year, I discovered what many people had been telling me for years. Book clubs can also be life-giving. Along with a co-worker, we started a Harry Potter book club and even though we have been meeting on Zoom due to the pandemic, we have formed a community. Either of the two books mentioned here would be ideal for your next book club. Don't have a book club? Be courageous and start one.

Now that vaccinations are up and COVID cases down, I am hearing about book clubs returning to meet in person. We need these communal gatherings after such a long stretch of isolation and computer screens. We also need books like the two recommended here for deeper understanding and to increase our capacity for vulnerability.

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

Dick Yarbrough columnist

## Georgia Republicans need to get their act together

I must confess that as smart as I am, there are a few things in this world I do not understand, such as the unsolved problem in fundamental



physics as to whether gravity and the quantum can be made to coexist within the same theory. Egyptian hieroglyphics are a bit challenging for me as are the rules for the Tajikistan sport of buz-kashi, which is similar to polo but involves hitting a goat carcass instead of a ball.

And then there is the Georgia Republican Party. I am not sure all the physicists, Egyptologists and buz-kashi players in the world can figure out this bunch. I know I can't.

After watching them boo Gov. Brian Kemp as he addressed the GOP state convention at Jekyll Island, I came away with the feeling that they are having their usual problem of identifying the enemy. Hint: It is the other side. The Democrats have to be laughing their heads off at what they are seeing from the Republicans.

It seems some Republicans are having difficulty accepting the fact that the presidential race is over and is not coming back.

Obviously from the jeers, they hold the governor responsible. Well, guess what? He showed up for Kangaroo-Court-by-the-Sea and faced the Trump grumps head on. If you will recall, Gov. Nathan Deal decided he would ignore the boo birds after vetoing a "religious liberty" bill in 2016.

I assume they don't care that Kemp has signed a voting rights bill they all wanted, successfully guided the state through the COVID-19 pandemic while ensuring that Georgia maintained a substantial reserve (\$2.8 billion), instituted income tax cuts, raised teacher pay and opposes "critical race theory" being taught in our public schools. Sound pretty Republican to me.

As if the nitwits could not get nitwittier, Vernon Jones, who has announced that he is running against Gov. Kemp in next year's Republican primary, got an enthusiastic reception from the crowd. Vernon Jones? You've got to be kidding. This guy has more baggage than an airport carousel. Check his record. He is the quintessential RINO.

I know a lot of Republican strategists and good ones they are. I have not talked to them about what is going on with the GOP

these days but I have a good idea. They have to be scared to death that the Donald Trump zealots are going to lead the party right off the cliff like a bunch of lemmings and hand the governor's office to Stacey Abrams. Remember, Abrams lost to Kemp in 2018 by less than 55,000 votes out of more than 4 million cast. And that was when Republicans were a lot more unified than they are today.

If my mail is any indication, a lot of longtime conservative voters liked many of the things Donald Trump did but were turned off by his hyperbole, his insults and his arrogance. Yet, those very factors appealed to a lot of frustrated people tired of seeing irrelevant millionaire ballplayers disrespecting our country, goons turning over cars and looting small businesses while demanding the defunding of police and media coverage overtly slanted to the left. The problem is that while they may feel better that someone stood up for what they believe, this will not grow the party.

I find it interesting that despite Donald Trump's endorsement, both of Georgia's GOP incumbents lost their United States Senate seats to Democrats, thereby giving

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Chris Bridges columnist

## National ties to 10th District congressional race

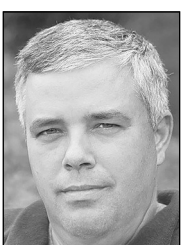
Open congressional seats are treated almost as valuable as gold here in Georgia.

Each of the state's 14 congressional districts are so treasured that when an election has no incumbent then you can bet there will be a large number of contenders, whether serious or not. Such will be the case next year when the 10th Congressional District, covering part of Newton County, will have numerous contenders vying for a spot in Washington, D.C.

Jody Hice, who carried the 10th District mantle since being elected in 2014, has decided to return to Georgia and campaign to be the next Secretary of State.

Hice, a big-time supporter of Donald Trump, is among a group who has thrown current Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger under the bus.

Hice has made it known he thinks



Raffensperger, despite being a Republican, worked against Trump's campaign in Georgia.

There is no evidence of that but with plenty of like-minded thinking among voters across the state, Hice may very well find himself the new Secretary of State. Time will tell. Hice will not be the only Republican challenging Raffensperger, however. We'll look at that race in a future edition.

As far as the 10th Congressional District seat Hice is leaving behind, a growing number of contenders continue emerging. Here's a look at the declared candidates on the Republican side:

- Andrew Alvey, non-profit group program director and community activist
- Timothy Barr, state representative and builder contractor
- Paul Broun, physician and former congressman
- Mike Collins, trucking executive
- David Curry, former state revenue commissioner and former Henry County tax commissioner

•Mark McMain, magazine publisher and realtor

•Matt Richards, businessman

•Charles V. Rupert, Monroe businessman  
Collins finished first in the GOP primary in 2014 but then lost to Hice in the runoff. It was a surprising outcome to some political observers as Collins has family political ties and is also a large employer in Butts County with his trucking company.

Broun has been elected before but has also come up short in various races. He was the first official candidate to declare for the 2022 seat in the 10th district.

One potential candidate to watch is state representative Houston Gaines. If he decides to enter the fray, Gaines will certainly be a contender to be dealt with in the 10th district race.

There will likely be more Republican candidates in the race. At least five more are considering throwing their hats into the ring.

The 10th District covers a large area and will take financial backing to make a successful

run. Look for most, if not all, of the Republicans to associate themselves with former President Trump. Despite Georgia turning blue for the last presidential election, former President Trump remains extremely popular to a large portion of voters here in the Peach State.

Saying Trump's name is similar to throwing red meat to the lions and there will be plenty of it during the 2022 race. Trump's name won't appear on any Georgia ballot in 2022 but it will seem like he will be as often as his name will be mentioned at various campaign events for the open District seat.

Two Democrats have also announced they are seeking the seat but it will be an uphill battle. The district makeup is one that favors any Republican nominee.

Tabitha Johnson-Green, who was the Democratic nominee in the last two elections, is running again. Green is a retired nurse. In addition, Kimber-

ly Reuter, a licensed professional counselor, is campaigning in the 10th District as a Democrat.

In reality, it would be a win for Democrats if their candidate was able to draw 40% of the vote in this district for the general election. It's doubtful any Democrat, regardless of who it is, could win this seat in November 2022.

It should be a fascinating race to watch, especially the Republican primary. Open congressional seats don't happen often and it will be a grueling battle to emerge victorious.

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# WAY:

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“I’m back to working seven days a week,” she said in an exclusive interview with *The Covington News*. “But, you just do what you got to do.”

The iconic restaurant known for being featured on the hit TV series “Vampire Diaries” was operating with just more than half of its regular serving staff, Bezborn said Wednesday, leaving about 1/3 of server positions unfilled. She said the shortage has made things difficult over the last few months, but the staff has worked diligently to see customers feel little impact.

“Of course it makes the wait time to be seated longer, and that sometimes makes the wait time for the food longer,” Bezborn said. “It’s been trying, but it’s just one more thing left over from COVID, I guess. We learned to do a lot of things differently during that time — re-think and restructure a lot of things. So, this is just one more bump in the road, but you just do what you’ve got to do. If you need to wash dishes, you wash dishes. If you need to cook, you cook. If you need to wait tables, you wait tables. Because the last thing you want to do is have your guests suffer for it.”

Bezborn was proud of her employees who’ve continued to show up everyday and put in many hours to help keep the restaurant’s doors open. She said there had been some days when only three servers were present to run the entire restaurant.

The shortage has also led to the restaurant’s popular rooftop seating to remain closed. However, she’s excited to see the turbulent time coming to an end.

“It’s been tough, and the workers I do have are tired — we’re all tired — but there’s light at the end of the tunnel,” Bezborn said. “We’re starting to get applicants, so it’s starting to break loose and there’s some new people coming in.

“I knew that we just had to



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**Restaurants locally and nationally are struggling to find workers, which has led to longer wait times and even menu changes for some.**

hold on for a while, but I just wasn’t sure what ‘a while’ was going to be,” she added. “It’s been tiring, trying and difficult, but it’s all part of the business. You can’t be happy and have it great all the time. You can’t be perfect — it will never be perfect... We coasted there for a while, you know. Everything was going good, but then COVID came and just — but you know, that’s when your faith steps in. You can’t see it, it looks like everything’s just going the wrong way, and you just have to put your faith to practice.”

Bezborn believes the biggest reason for the staff shortages felt nationwide was due to not only the novel virus, but the increased, extended unemployment

benefits available and stimulus money as well.

“I don’t blame anybody,” she said. “I get it and everything. But my question to some of these folks that were working for me but then decided to do that was, ‘What are you going to do when that runs out?’”

The restaurant owner said she encouraged all of her employees to secure their positions rather than taking the benefits, because they might regret it later.

“What I told them [was], I would secure a position in a good establishment where you’re being paid well and you’re being treated well, because some restaurants didn’t open back up, and all the cream is going to rise to the top,” she said. “At

some point, these places are going to be able to pick and choose, and they’re going to pick and choose the people who are showing up, showing up on time, giving it their all, following the rules — those kinds of things. There’s not going be room for everyone if you’re not going to be fully committed to your job. What are you going to do then?”

Since the pandemic began, jobless Americans were eligible to receive \$600 boost to their unemployment benefits, which was later reduced to a \$300 boost. Gov. Brian Kemp announced in May that the boost would be no longer available to Georgians beginning June 26.

Putting an end to the increased unemployment benefits could be the solution, but Bezborn said there was really no way to be sure.

“I really don’t know,” she said. “I’ve never seen anything like this; I don’t think anybody has.”

In addition to staffing issues, Bezborn said minor changes were made to the menu to compensate for a different kind of shortage.

“We haven’t been running any features lately because we’re so heavily impacted by the tourists, so we make sure we stay as stocked up as possible,” Bezborn said. “And that’s another thing. Some of the purveyors are not able to get the product, so we have to all kind of come together and go, ‘OK, they don’t have this, this or this, this week, so what are we going to have in place of it?’ Or, ‘what are we going to do?’ ... It’s a lot going on.”

But despite all the adversity, the restaurant’s workers have placed a renewed focus on quality customer service in light of the pandemic, Bezborn said.

“[Someone once said], ‘People might not remember what you said to them, but they’ll always remember how you made them feel,’” Bezborn said. “So, we just really try to push customer service, Southern hospitality

[and] talk to people. Sometimes with tourists and out-of-town people, this might be their one time to eat at the Mystic Grill ... but when they get here, we treat them like they’re the VIPs that they are, because if it weren’t for anybody — whether it’s a tourist or a local — I always tell my staff, the person who walks in that door, that’s who pays us.

“I also understand that people coming in are trying to get away from the outside world sometimes,” she added. “Maybe they’re experiencing some of this on a different level as well. So, it’s our job to win them over, just be friendly and go the extra mile.”

Bezborn said, unfortunately, some people don’t understand the impact staff shortages are having on local businesses. For that reason, she decided to place a sign outside the restaurant’s front door, at the corner of Clark Street and Hays Street, that states, “Sorry we are short staffed. Please be patient with the staff that did show up to work. Thank you.”

“Some people do understand and some people don’t. And I get it,” she said. “They came in here to get away from the world for a minute. I guess they were thinking things should be the same, but we all know nothing is the same.

“People just need to remember that everybody is going through this, Bezborn continued. “What ever happened to — you know, when we all got in this mess, it was like, ‘We’re all in this together!’ If they could just remember, we are all in this together. Everybody’s got something that’s not normal anymore. So if we could just all try to remember that, I just wanted to put a nice reminder out front.

“I think it would be just a much better world if everybody could remember just to always be kind, no matter what kind of day they’re having. And that’s what I always tell my staff.”

# YARBROUGH:

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Democrats control of both houses of Congress. Were those election results fraudulent? Just asking.

I was impressed by the observations of Alan Futch, the 21-year-old chairman of the Ben Hill County Republican Party, who said in an opinion piece in the Atlanta newspapers that the GOP can’t

win going forward by continuing to look backwards.

Futch says the party is “eating itself from the inside out” over the election controversy and worries that, “If we don’t stand together, we will fall apart.” The youngest party chair in the state suggests it is time for Republicans to get over the presidential

election and move on. I suspect he speaks for a number of his generation. They are the future of the party and had best be listened to.

Instead of continuing to turn on each other as it seems to be their inclination, the Georgia Republican Party needs to get its act together and quickly. If you boo-birds don’t like

Brian Kemp, I hope you will enjoy the administration of Gov. Stacey Abrams. You will have gotten what you deserve.

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# County to repair, pave 34 roads with annual GDOT grant

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COVINGTON, Ga. — Newton County is repairing and resurfacing pavement on parts of 34 roads this summer and fall with money from local and state sources.

The county government received \$1.25 million from GDOT's annual Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) program after providing a 30% match — about \$375,000 — to receive the funds, according to information from GDOT.

The total of about \$1.6 million is being used to patch and resurface about 16 miles on a list of 34 roads in the unincorporated part of Newton County.

County spokesman Bryan Fazio said work is underway to complete all the projects on the list — which range in length from 1.7 miles to 0.11 of a mile — by late November.

"The list is being worked on now and is scheduled to be completed this paving season," Fazio said. "The season ends around Thanksgiving, depending on the weather."

Paving work was

recently completed on Johnson Road between Duncan and Hightower roads; Northwood Oak Court; and in three cul-de-sacs in Dove Landing subdivision, County Manager Lloyd Kerr said.

According to the county government, its 2021 paving list also includes:

- Rocky Plains Road from State Route 162 to Lumious Road, 1.7 miles, patch and resurface.
- Shenendoah Drive, cul-de-sac, 0.7 of a mile, patch and resurface.
- Wehunt Road from Covered Bridge Road to dirt road section, 0.49 of a mile, patch and resurface.
- Pickens Road South from Rocky Plains Road to end of cul-de-sac, 0.48, patch and resurface.
- Cobb Road from Dixie Road to its end, 0.26, patch and resurface.
- Ashford Cove from State Route 142 to end of cul-de-sac, 0.27, patch and resurface.
- Little Mill Road from Covered Bridge Road to Wehunt Road, 0.35, patch and resurface.
- Sears Road from



County workers pave a neighborhood street in Newton County. Special to The Covington News

McGiboney Road to Galloway, 0.47, patch and resurface.

- McGiboney Place from McGiboney Road to end of cul-de-sac, 0.68, patch and resurface.
- Beaver Dam Court from Upper River Road to end of cul-de-sac, 0.18, patch and resurface.
- Windward Drive from State Route 162 to end of cul-de-sac, 0.35, patch and resurface.
- Slades Mill Lane from Brown Bridge Road to end of cul-de-sac, 0.18, patch and resurface.
- Almon Church Road from railroad to J.T. Wallace Road,

1.32, patch and resurface.

- Mountain Trace from Griffin Mountain Road to end of cul-de-sac, 0.11, patch and resurface.
- Bald Rock Road from Mt. Zion Road to Rockdale County line, 1.0 mile, patch and resurface.
- Fieldcrest Drive from I-20 Access Road to Geanette Road, 0.26, patch and resurface.
- Edgefield Lane from Fieldcrest Drive to end of cul-de-sac, 0.10, patch and resurface.
- South Dina Circle from North Dina Circle to Covington city limits, 0.22, patch and resurface.

- Morningside Drive from Lower River Road to State Route 162 South, 0.76, patch and resurface.

**THE SPRINGS OF ELLINGTON:**

- Hazelhurst Drive from Desota Drive to end of cul-de-sac, 0.41, patch and resurface.
- Lantana Lane from Hazelhurst Drive to Middleton Drive, 0.13, patch and resurface.
- Desota Drive from Middleton Drive to Jericho Drive, 0.18, patch and resurface.
- Champions Chase from Hazelhurst Drive to Middleton Drive, 0.06, patch and resurface.
- Grayson Lane from

Jericho Drive to Desota Drive, 0.11, patch and resurface.

**AVONLEA SUBDIVISION**

- Queensland Lane from Kirkland Road to Green Gables, 0.61, patch and resurface.
- Avonlea Drive from Kirkland Road to Green Gables, 0.63, patch and resurface.
- Montgomery Court from Avonlea Drive to end of cul-de-sac, 0.13, patch and resurface.
- Green Gables from Queensland Lane to Avonlea Drive, 0.16, patch and resurface.

**SOUTH LINKS SUBDIVISION:**

- South Links Drive Eagle Drive Fairway Trail 0.41, patch and resurface.

The annual LMIG allocation from GDOT is based on a formula comparing the total centerline road miles for each local road system and the total population of each county or city with the total statewide centerline road miles and total statewide population.

Newton County has 768 miles of roads and a population of about 92,000 in the unincorporated area.

The county also uses money from the county budget's General Fund and collections of the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) for paving, Fazio said.

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## Newton BOC delays budget approval to find cuts to offset pay increase

**By TOM SPIGOLON**  
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Newton commissioners will see a new version of the proposed 2022 budget after the county manager asked for a month's delay Tuesday to make enough cuts to preserve across-the-board pay

increases.

The Board of Commissioners approved scheduling a first public hearing on a revised budget for July 20 at 6 p.m. and will set a date and time for a final public hearing and adoption of the budget later.

The pay increases recommended by County Manager Lloyd Kerr are step increases in the county's salary grade plan that average 4.5%.

They will be needed to recruit and retain employees in the current tight labor market in metro Atlanta, he said.

"Everybody's competing for help," Kerr said.

About 694 employees on the step plan — including those in departments headed by constitutional officers — would receive the increases, finance officials said.

The 2022 spending plan totals \$78.1 million in the General Fund. It is slightly larger than the 2021 budget and includes 32 new full-time positions — half of which will not be hired until Jan. 1 to staff a new fire station.

Newton County Board of Commissioners members Tuesday indicated they wanted to approve a property tax rate lower than the current rate in an effort to offset higher property assessments residents received this year.

As a result, commissioners will have less revenue to fund the budget that also included the pay increases.

Kerr asked if board members on Tuesday could postpone the budget's final approval until he could propose ways to cut enough in other areas to produce the \$1.1 million to \$1.4 million needed to maintain increases between 3.5% and 4.5%.

He said a pay increase for all positions was needed in such departments as Public Works where some jobs have a starting pay as low as \$11 an hour. An equivalent private sector position is paying about \$13 an hour, Kerr said.

Kerr said he began working in 2018 on plans to increase pay for county workers after finding Newton County government was paying an average

of 20% less than other area public and private sector employers.

Commissioner Stan Edwards asked Kerr why the proposed Newton County increase exceeded increases planned by other entities such as the federal government, for which a planned 2.7% increase had reportedly been considered.

Kerr said he believed the federal government was able to offer less than the county because it typically still offers such incentives as a pension plan.

Most local governments stopped offering pension plans after they found they could not afford their rapidly escalating costs.

Newton County offers a 401K plan to its employees after abandoning its own pension plan in the 1990s, Kerr said.

Kerr said he was not ready to recommend specific areas to cut and would "really need to dive into the budget" to see "where we are on some things and to see how many dollars we could generate."

"It may take one or two things, it may take half a dozen things," he said.

The Board of Commissioners also voted Tuesday to approve a resolution to continue using 2021 budget funds in the 2022 budget year because it will not have approved a new budget by the start of the fiscal year July 1.

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## HERO:

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Rooster’s and was traveling on Hwy. 213 on June 10 at around 9:30 p.m. when the incident began.

The Eastside High School graduate said she usually took a more direct route than Hwy. 213 to the home she shares with her daughter west of Covington.

“I don’t know why I went that way,” she said.

What she thought was a brush fire on the side of the road caught her attention, Harper said.

She stopped her vehicle and noticed the fire was on a car that was not moving after traveling down an embankment on the side of the rural road.

Harper said she called 911 and told another

motorist who also had stopped about making the call. The other motorist drove off rather than also stopping to help, she said.

“That’s when I was kind of like, ‘It’s just me. I have to do something,’” Harper said.

She said she walked to the car, saw the driver’s side window was open, but initially did not believe anyone was in the vehicle because the fully inflated air bag filled the interior.

Harper then was able to pull back the air bag and see the driver, Ashley Strawn of Mansfield, was trapped inside and bleeding heavily.

The car was pointed at a downward angle and Harper said she

was unable to open the driver’s side door.

“The whole car was like it had run off the side of a cliff,” Harper said. “It was completely embedded into the woods.”

She then quickly worked her way through some bushes and branches on the other side and was able to pry open the badly damaged passenger side door.

The victim’s leg was caught in the gas pedal area on the floor, she said. Harper said the heat from the fire was getting more intense and she told the victim — who was barely conscious — she would remove her from the vehicle.

“I told her it was

going to hurt and I’m sorry,” she said. “But I grabbed her and I pulled her out.”

Others had stopped to see what was happening but apparently did not want to help out of fear of what the growing fire might do, Harper said.

She said she was unable to muster the strength to carry Strawn by herself up the embankment. They then sat between the car and branches as it continued to burn — hoping help would arrive soon, Harper said.

“We just sat there and I just prayed and prayed that it would not blow up on us,” she said.

“I don’t think she was really comprehending the situation, which

is understandable,” Harper said. “I held her and rubbed her hair and told her it was going to be OK.”

Help arrived in the form of a Newton County sheriff’s deputy and other first-responders who put out the fire and transported the victim in serious condition to Atlanta Medical Center, a Newton County Sheriff’s Office report stated. The sheriff’s office confirmed Harper’s story.

The victim’s boyfriend, Troy Anderson, told The Covington News that Strawn had driven to a nearby store and was “35 seconds” from the home they shared on Hwy. 213 when she apparently swerved to miss a deer

and ran off the road in the rural area.

He said she was “recovering” at the Atlanta hospital following surgeries to repair a broken neck and back. She also had a punctured lung and numerous cuts on her face he said may have been the result of striking the windshield.

Strawn’s sister, Shannan, said on Facebook that her whole family thanked Harper and “appreciates her saving my sister.”

Troy Anderson said he and Strawn’s family had been in close contact with Harper through the ordeal and hoped he could somehow pay her back for her efforts.

“I think that that girl was amazing,” he said.

## JUNETEENTH:

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could not be implemented in parts of the U.S. still under Confederate control.

Texas was the most western Confederate state during the war. It remained in Rebel hands until June 19, 1865, when about 2,000 Union troops arrived at Galveston Bay, Texas, and announced that Lincoln’s executive decree had freed the more than 250,000 enslaved Black people in the state.

The newly freed people then began calling the day “Juneteenth,” according to information from the National Museum of African-American History and Culture.

Texas officially made June 19 a state holiday in 1980 and total of 48 states and Washington, D.C., came to recognize Juneteenth as either a state holiday or ceremonial holiday.

This year, after a bill to establish it as the 12th federal holiday had stalled in 2020, the U.S. Senate and U.S. House overwhelmingly approved the legislation earlier this week and President Joe Biden signed it into law Thursday.

Newton County branch of the NAACP hosted its inaugural Juneteenth celebration in 2011 with keynote speaker Tyrone Brooks, a longtime Georgia state legislator and civil rights advocate, at Bethlehem Baptist Church on Usher Street.

James and Gwen Green first organized the annual celebration in its current form in 2012 with a daytime festival at Nelson Heights Community Center on Lassiter Street and a Black History Gala at an event facility in Oxford.

Her nonprofit organization, the Newton County Historical Committee on Black Heritage Preservation, was formed in 2013 and now organizes Juneteenth and other events. It also gives a scholarship from its signature fundraiser, the Black History Scholarship Gala, in February.

James said she worked to organize a number of programs, such as Easter egg



Participants in the Juneteenth parade drive on the Covington Square in 2019.  
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hunts, and events surrounding the history of Juneteenth. The event added a parade in 2018 to its annual festival at Nelson Heights Community Center, she said.

Organizers have focused on local African-American history — including putting a spotlight on historic African-American communities such as Frog Town and Petty’s Hill in 2013; and making longtime Cousins Middle School band director T.K. Adams its parade grand marshal this year.

In 2020, the pandemic prompted James and other organizers to cancel any Juneteenth plans — though she said she marched with local activists before a program protesting the deaths of Black people at the hands of white police officers in other part of the U.S.

A short presentation about the origins of Juneteenth was part of the June 19, 2020, protest rally on the Covington Square.

James said she at times over the years became frustrated that older African-Americans seemed less enthusiastic about celebrating Juneteenth’s importance than younger people.

“Older people don’t even want to think about the past,” she said.

She credited County Commissioner Alana Sanders with helping expand the event by organizing a pageant and encouraging more volunteers to participate.

Sanders, in a state-

ment, said, “As a public servant to the people, it is my job to assist and to be involved in various events around the county, no matter how big or small.

“Supporting my neighbors in the community with their endeavors while also being involved with history allows me to not forget the struggles and to celebrate freedom; so that I could have a better life in this country we call America.

“It is an honor and a privilege to volunteer my service to the Juneteenth festivities. I have assisted with organizing many major events throughout my career and it is my duty to dedicate my God-given gifts and talents to others.

“I would also like to thank my neighbors in District 3 and throughout the county that have provided their time to make this event a success. This can only get bigger and better from here on out and I am excited to see what Mrs. (Terri) James and her team, Newton County Historical Committee, has in store for years to come.

“The organization has been putting on this event for years in the county and I am grateful for what they have done to preserve history.

“I am also thankful to Commissioner J.C. Henderson for his continuous support of this organization throughout the years and making sure that Juneteenth is recognized in Newton County.”

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MONTICELLO, Ga. — The Piedmont Academy Class of 2033 graduated from kindergarten in the Cougar Gymnasium on May 25.

Eighteen kindergarten students received their diplomas following an exciting program filled

with songs, dances, and the children reciting their favorite nursery rhymes.

Each child shared their favorite hobby, food and what they plan to be when they grow up. There was also a year in review video presentation.

Head of School Clint Welch, gave the in-

cation and presented the diplomas. A reception for the "Kinder Cougars," families and friends followed in the Cougar Café.

The kindergarten class is taught by Julie Tucker and assistant teacher Brianne Satterfield.

Congratulations "Kinder Cougars"!

## Swann voted Piedmont Academy's teacher of the year

**SPECIAL TO THE NEWS**  
news@covnews.com

MONTICELLO, Ga. — Parrish Swann, an elementary school teacher at Piedmont Academy was voted the school's 2021 Teacher of the Year.

Head of School Clint Welch announced the special award at the Post Planning Luncheon hosted by the Piedmont Academy Grandparent's Club.

Swann has been in education for eight years. Five years were spent in special education at Clements Middle School and two years as a first-grade teacher at Peachtree Academy. The 2020-2021 school year was her family's first year at

Piedmont Academy.

The most memorable event this school year has been watching her second graders put together the Animal Wax Museum. The Animal Wax Museum was an animal research project that was an engaging and motivating classroom activity where students turned animal research projects into an animal wax museum. Students said they were proud of themselves when they could answer questions about their animal without looking at notes.

Swann classifies herself as a "nerd at heart" and loves to learn and grow with her students.

Outside of the classroom, Swann enjoys

spending time with her family, fishing on the coast, and reading in her hammock. She is a graduate of Western Governors University where she earned a bachelor's degree in Special Education PK-12 and Elementary Education.

Welch said he was pleased Swann was named Teacher of the Year and presented her with a plaque.

"Mrs. Swann defines what a Teacher of the Year should be," Welch said. "She teaches to all learning styles and thinks outside the box when it comes to educating her students. We are fortunate to have her be a part of our Piedmont family."



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Parrish Swann, an elementary school teacher at Piedmont Academy, was recently voted 2021 Teacher of the Year.

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## Theme School principal named NCSS Student Services director

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COVINGTON, Ga. — The Newton County Board of Education has approved the appointment of Ashante Everett as director of Student Services.

Everett, who was principal of Newton County Theme School, will replace Darren Berry who recently announced his retirement.

Prior to serving as principal of the Theme School, Everett was employed as the Newton County School System (NCSS) secondary coordinator for Curriculum Instruction and Professional Learning. She also has served as a hearing officer for the district and an assistant principal at Newton County Theme School.

She previously held the position of secondary instructional coach for English/Language Arts and History/Social Studies for Newton County Schools.

Everett joined the NCSS team as a middle school teacher in 2009 and during her tenure as a teacher, she was voted Liberty Middle School's Teacher of the Year. She also earned a 2011 Outstanding Women in Education Award. Everett began her career in education in Kansas City, Missouri.

She earned her doctorate in education from Capella University in 2018, an Education Specialist degree in educational leadership from Georgia College and State University in 2014, a master's degree in Education from Pittsburg State University in 2003, and a Bachelor of Arts in Dance from the University of Kansas in 1999.

Her duties as director of Student Services will include overseeing the district's student information software system, athletics program, student discipline, school nursing program, and more. Dr. Everett will also manage the school system's Placement Review Committee, serve as liaison with juvenile court and other community agencies, and be responsible for numerous Georgia Department of Education state-mandated reports.

"I am extremely excited and humbled to serve Newton County Schools as the Director of Student Services," said Everett. "With my



Ashante Everett

knowledge and experience at the elementary, middle, and high school levels, I strive to speak the language needed to provide the necessary services and support to ensure educational excellence for all students. Additionally, I look to strengthen the synergy of group efficacy to maintain an inclusive culture for students to become well-rounded and prepared for the future."

"We are excited to have Dr. Everett join the Operations team," said Chief Operations Officer Michael Barr. "She brings with her extensive knowledge and leadership experience which are extremely important for this position. In addition, during her tenure as principal of Newton County Theme School, she has demonstrated her ability to work with parents and the community in a positive manner. I fully expect Dr. Everett to hit the ground running as our new director of Student Services and I'm happy to welcome her to our team."

LaMoyné Brunson is transferring from the principal's position at Fairview Elementary School to replace Everett as Theme School principal.



# SPORTS

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## Prep Baseball

# Eagles hire Davis to take over on diamond

By MASON WITTNER  
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Eastside's coaching search is over.

This week, the Eagles announced the hiring of Brandon Davis as the school's next head baseball coach. Davis will take the reins from former head coach Brandon Crumbley, who stepped down to accept a head coaching job at Whitewater High following three seasons running the ship.

Davis comes over from Locust Grove, where he most recently helped coach baseball and softball. He has 14 years of experience as an assistant baseball coach, aiding dominant programs at Jones County and Heritage before his stint with the Wildcats.

Now, he's ready to take ownership and blaze his own trail.

"As a 14-year veteran assistant coach, I saw an opportunity to finally do something on my own," Davis said. "I've been around great coaches. I was under Barry Veal for eight years down at Jones County. I was with Shane Ramsey for a year at Heritage. I coached with coach [Stephen] Phillips for a year at Locust Grove.



Brandon Davis has been named the next head baseball coach at Eastside. The 14-year veteran assistant has coached at Jones County and Heritage before his most recent stop at Locust Grove.

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"I think, at this time in my life, I'm at a place where I know where I want to be. And I can put 100% effort into it and do it the right way."

Davis is a baseball lifer. His childhood was spend around diamonds, whether he was swinging a bat, watching his brother, Chris, do the same or attend-

ing a game his dad was umpiring.

He played out his prep baseball career at nearby Salem High in Rockdale County before spending two seasons on the team at Truett-McConnell in Cleveland, Georgia. Through decades of playing and coaching, Davis says, his passion for and understanding

of the game continues to develop.

"It's been like that beard you keep growing — it's always there," Davis said of baseball. "The love of the game, the learning, the constant analyzation of every single thing that happens. Whether it be a Braves game, whether it be a rec ball game, whether it be a

high school game. Just being around the game itself."

Davis says the first step in integrating himself into the Eastside program will be showing his face. He wants his players and staff to understand that he's there and ready to join them in the trenches. He added that the preparation for the

2022 season will begin in the fall, not in the winter.

"Baseball season doesn't start until January, but I'm going to be starting from the very beginning of school," he said. "We're going to have kids in the weight room. We're going to go ahead and start getting our juniors and seniors some video portfolios that we can send out to college coaches so that they can see we've got these kids at Eastside, and they're going to be able to play. I want to get those names out to those coaches and I want them to come and see how good we can be."

As for the expectations he intends to set for the 2022 season, they'll be the same as the ones he hopes to set every season going forward.

Title or bust.

"We're not going to out there to say, 'Oh, it was a great year because we made the state playoffs,'" Davis said. "No. Our expectations are, each and every year, to win a region championship and then compete for a state championship. Anything less than that, we've got to figure out why."

## Prep Football

# Enthusiasm surrounds Redskins heading into 2021-22 season

By CHRIS BRIDGES  
Correspondent

Year two of the Rob Patton era at Social Circle High School is already filled with plenty of enthusiasm.

It can be sensed among the fans, the players, the community, the school and the coaches as the Redskins look to the upcoming 2021 season. A trip to the state playoffs last fall has only made the program hungry for more gridiron success.

"We had a strong spring practice," Patton said. "We didn't get everyone back until the last week. Our baseball and track athletes joined when their seasons were complete. We do have several returning players. The biggest thing for us is that our strength is so much better than a year ago. Not have a six-month break due to COVID has helped in that area."

The Redskins com-

pleted their spring session with a scrimmage against Loganville Christian Academy. Social Circle set the tone for the evening early.

"We had a big hit on the first play," Patton said. "It was a harder hit than any we had all last season."

That early play set the tone for the scrimmage.

"We had plenty of energy on the sidelines and our defense was swarming to the football," Patton said. "Our

offense was lights out moving the ball. We did a great job of catching the football and putting points on the scoreboard."

While the scrimmage did not involve special teams play, the Social Circle coach said he doesn't think that took away from his team's effort and performance.

Amarion Russell will be a key player in the offensive backfield. He

See REDSKINS, B6



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Social Circle head coach Rob Patton could take a sizable step forward in his second season with the Redskins.



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#### Abandoned Vehicles

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**YOU ARE** hereby notified, in accordance with O.C.G.A. Section 40-11-19.1, that petitions were filed in the Magistrate Court of Newton County to foreclose liens against the vehicles listed below for all amounts owed. If a lien is foreclosed, the Court shall order the sale of the vehicle to satisfy the debt. The present location of the vehicles is: 125 Old Hwy 138 Loganville, GA 30052-4814. Anyone with an ownership interest in a vehicle listed herein may file an answer to the petition on or before: 07/02/21 Answer forms may be found in the Magistrate Court Clerk's office located at: 1132 Usher St Room

**COVINGTON, GA** Forms may also be obtained online at [www.georgiamagistratecouncil.com](http://www.georgiamagistratecouncil.com).

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**PUBLIC NOTICE #200434**  
**6/13,20**

### 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**

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

**THE PETITION OF J.D.D. AND A.K.D. FOR THE ADOPTION OF A.D.H., CHILD;**  
**CIVIL ACTION FILE**  
**# 2021-AD-17-2**

**TO: JESSICA LYNN HERRIN,** concerning your female child A.D.H. born on June 1, 2017 in Covington, GA. Notice is given pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 19-8-10 that this adoption was filed in Newton County Superior Court Clerk's Office on May 6, 2021. A final hearing in this case is scheduled for August 2, 2021, at 9:15 a.m. before Judge John Ott at the Newton County Courthouse. Attorney: Julie Wilkes Wisotsky, 706-207-5201. A parent who receives notification pursuant to this paragraph shall not be a party to the adoption and shall

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## Position Opening: ASSOCIATE CLERK

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## CITY OF OXFORD POSITION AVAILABLE: Public Works and Utilities Maintenance Worker I

The City of Oxford is accepting applications for the position of Public Works and Utilities Maintenance Worker I.

**Minimum Qualifications:**

- Lineman certification preferred. If no Lineman certification upon employment, employee may be expected to earn the certification within a reasonable period of time.
- Possession of a valid driver's license issued by the State of Georgia, with a 3-year clean record. CDL preferred; if no CDL upon employment, employee may be expected to qualify for CDL within a reasonable period of time.
- Must have a valid driver's license issued by the State of Georgia, with a 3-year clean record.

**Top candidates will possess the following knowledge, skills, and abilities at a minimum:**

- Knowledge of the methods and practices involved in the design, operation, construction, maintenance, and repair of electrical utilities and water distribution systems.
- Knowledge of water distribution operations.
- Knowledge of municipal electrical distribution system operations and practices.
- Knowledge of safety regulations related to utilities systems.
- Skill in using a variety of hand and power tools and heavy equipment.

The city requires a pre-employment drug screen, background investigation, and a 3-year Motor Vehicle Report. Entry salary for this position is \$28,727.92. Actual salary will be determined based on qualifications and experience.

For a complete list of job responsibilities and application, visit our website at <https://www.oxfordgeorgia.org/> or contact Jody Reid at [jreid@oxfordgeorgia.org](mailto:jreid@oxfordgeorgia.org).

Completed job applications may be dropped off in person or mailed to:

Oxford City Hall  
Attn: Jody Reid  
110 West Clark Street  
Oxford, GA 30054

Resumes submitted without completed applications will not be considered. Applications will be accepted through Wednesday, June 30, 2021. The City of Oxford is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

have no obligation to file an answer, but shall have the right to appear at the hearing and show cause why their parental rights should not be terminated by this adoption. If you fail to appear at this hearing, your rights may be terminated.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200407**  
**6/13,20,27**

**Bids**

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR DESIGN SERVICES - Yellow River Trail System**  
**NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**RFP #21-20**

**SEPARATE SEALED PROPOSALS** For Design services related to expansion of the Yellow River Trail System, on behalf of the Newton County Board of Commissioners will be received by Newton County via **BONFIRE'S ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION PORTAL** until 11:30 A.M., Local Time on Monday, July 19, 2021. Refer to RFP Exhibit A for specific scope of work.

**BONFIRE ELECTRONIC**

**SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS**  
**PLEASE FOLLOW** these instructions to submit via our online submission Portal.

1. **PREPARE** your submission materials as outlined in this RFP:  
**SUBMIT REQUESTED** Information:  
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Requirement  
**TECHNICAL PROPOSAL** PDF (.pdf) 1 Combined File Required  
**PRICING PROPOSAL** PDF (.pdf) 1 Combined File required  
**THE MAXIMUM** upload file size is 200 MB.

2. **UPLOAD** your submission at: <https://co-newton-ga.bonfirehub.com/portal/?tab=login>  
**THERE WILL** be a MANDATORY Pre-Proposal Conference on THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 2021, AT 1:30 P.M. LOCAL TIME at the Newton County Administration Building, 2nd Floor Conference Room  
**LOCATED AT** 1113 Usher Street, Covington, GA.

**NOTE: CONTRACTOR** and all subcontractors must obtain a

business license and be fully insured.  
**INSURANCE: FIRM** shall maintain the following insurance (a) comprehensive general liability, including blanket contractual, covering bodily injuries with limits of no less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence, and property damage with limits of no less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence; and (b) commercial automobile liability, including blanket contractual, covering bodily injuries with limits of no less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence, and property damage with limits of no less than \$1,000,000 per accident (c) statutory worker's compensation insurance, including \$1,000,000 employer's liability insurance (d) employee dishonesty and/or crimes coverage with respect to personnel of Contractor having access to County buildings, with limits of no less than \$50,000 per occurrence. All insurance shall be provided by an insurer(s) acceptable to the County and shall provide for thirty (30) days prior notice of cancellation to the County. Upon request, Firm shall deliver to the County a certificate or policy of insurance evidencing Firm's compliance with this paragraph. Firm shall abide by all terms and conditions

of the insurance and shall do nothing to impair or invalidate the coverage. The successful Proposer shall secure and pay for all permits, assessments, charges or fees required in connection with the proposed construction.

**ANY INQUIRIES** regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing no later than Noon-Local Time, Friday, July 02, 2021 to: Newton County Purchasing Office, Attn: Randi Fincher, 1113 Usher Street, Suite 204 Covington, GA 30014 or email: [rfincher@co.newton.ga.us](mailto:rfincher@co.newton.ga.us). Questions will be answered at the mandatory pre-submission conference and/or in writing by addendum. Questions received after this time will not receive a response.

**EACH PROPOSAL** will be considered by the OWNER, taking into consideration specific evaluation factors, listed in their order of relative importance, as set forth in the Request for Proposals.

**NEWTON COUNTY** reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals, including without limitation, the right to reject any Proposal that the OWNER believes would not be in the best interest of the Project.

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

**JUNE 17, 2021**

**LLOYD KERR**, County Manager  
**NEWTON COUNTY** Board of Commissioners

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200462**  
**6/20**

**NEWTON COUNTY School System Current Solicitations**  
**SAFETY AND** Sanitation Program for School Nutrition Program (RFP C-485-15)

**THE NEWTON** County School System is soliciting sealed proposals to obtain a qualified vendor to provide a safety and sanitation program for the School Nutrition Department.

**INSTRUCTIONS**  
**ALL SOLICITATION** documents are located on the School System's e-procurement website at the following link:  
[HTTPS://NCSEBIDI.ONWAVE.NET](https://ncssebidi.onwave.net)

**NOTE: YOU** must be a registered supplier to obtain solicitation documents and participate in the solicitation. New suppliers must first complete the online registration process by selecting "Supplier Registration" at the link above to register your company, and obtain a username and password. All responses must be submitted electronically utilizing the Newton County School System's e-procurement system.

**IF YOU** have any questions, please contact the Newton County School System's procurement department at 770-385-6874.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200464**  
**6/20**

### Citations

#### 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.

**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 #200444**  
**6/13,20,27-7/4**

#### CITATION

**CLOYCE E. WREN, JR** has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **MAXINE WREN**, 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 #200393**  
**6/13,20,27-7/4**

#### CITATION

**CRYSTLE GILES** has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **FREDERICK L. GILES**, 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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**PUBLIC NOTICE #200392**  
**6/13,20,27-7/4**

#### CITATION

**EARNEST SHEPHERD** has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **CLARA SHEPHERD**, 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 #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.

**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 #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.

**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 #200395**  
**6/13,20,27-7/4**

#### CITATION

**JANET S. CLARK** 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 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 #200369**  
**6/13,20,27-7/4**

#### 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.

**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 #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.

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

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

**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.

**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 #200442**  
**6/13,20,27-7/4**

**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**

**SHARA LYNN GREER** has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **HARVEY LEE MCCOLLERS, 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**

**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**

**TO: TO UNKNOWN FATHER & ALL INTERESTED PARTIES**

**CRYSTAL FRIESON AND YAKEIAME AIKEN** has filed for Temporary Letters of Guardianship of the Person(s) **A'DOIR STAYS** minor(s). All objections must be in writing and filed with this Court on or before July 7th, 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 #200468**  
**6/20,27**

**CITATION**

**VASHOFANA BAHT-EL** has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **COTIS D. WEAVER** , 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 #200389**  
**6/6.13.20.27**

**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**

**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** given that articles of incorporation that will incorporate **M 5 SCOTT EXPEDITING INC** have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Business Corporation Code. The initial registered office of the corporation is located at 30 RAINEY RIDGE, OXFORD, GA, 30054 and its initial registered agent at such address is **Michael P Scott**.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200466**  
**6/20,27**

**Debtors Creditors**

**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 you 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**

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate

**CLUES ACROSS**  
1. "Sleepless In Seattle" actress Ryan  
4. One of Santa's reindeer  
10. Before the present  
11. Type of butter  
12. Location of White House  
14. Motion  
15. Tree part  
16. Regions around the North Pole  
18. Fits on a boat's gunwale  
22. Discuss after it's happened  
23. Milk substitute for coffee  
24. Describes one who believes in supreme being  
26. Equally  
27. Famed director Forman  
28. Popular apartment style  
30. British School  
31. Advanced degree  
34. Order of architecture  
36. Investment account (abbr.)  
37. Snakelike fishes  
39. Children's tale bear  
40. Norse personification of old age  
41. Atomic #58  
42. Moving your head  
48. 1878 Kentucky Derby winner  
50. Frankfurter  
51. Small, seedless raisin  
52. Device in papermaking machine  
53. Go  
54. Open payment initiative (abbr.)  
55. "Westworld" actor Harris  
56. Saturated with salt  
58. Marry  
59. Report on  
60. Midway between north and northeast

**CLUES DOWN**  
1. Rays  
2. Self-centered person  
3. One you look after  
4. Prosecutor  
5. Portion  
6. Speaks ill of  
7. Formal system for computer programs  
8. To make angry

**CLUES ACROSS**  
9. Rural delivery  
12. Group of languages  
13. Large First Nations group  
17. Circulating life force in Chinese philosophy  
19. Excludes  
20. Body cavity of a metazoan  
21. Swedish monetary unit  
25. Works with  
29. Partner to "to"  
31. Rewards (archaic)  
32. One of Caroline Islands  
33. Type of alcohol  
35. Eat a lot  
38. Nuns  
41. Dog  
43. Become more serious  
44. Choose

**of BRENDA KAY WELLHAM** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. **THIS THE 11th** day of MAY , 2021.

**BRENDA BAFFORD**  
**394 NAVAHO RD LOCUS GROVE, GA 30248**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200396**  
**6/6,13,20,27**

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **CARMEN LETA CHISHOLM** 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.

**CHRISTOPHER DYER-CUMMINGS**  
**115 OAK TERRACE DR COVINGTON, GA 30016**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200469**  
**6/20,27-7/4,11**

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **DORIS C. COTTON** 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 24TH** day of MAY , 2021.

**REBECCA F. (BECKY) BOLDEN**  
**4510 HIDDEN MEADOW LANE MONROE, GA 30656**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200397**  
**6/6,13,20,27**

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **DOROTHY ANN WHALEY** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. **THIS THE 20th** day of MAY , 2021.

**JOAN DOLLAR**  
**7224 LAKEVIEW DR COVINTON, GA 30014**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200402**  
**6/6,13,20,27**

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **DOROTHY LEE KENNEY MOBLEY** 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.

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

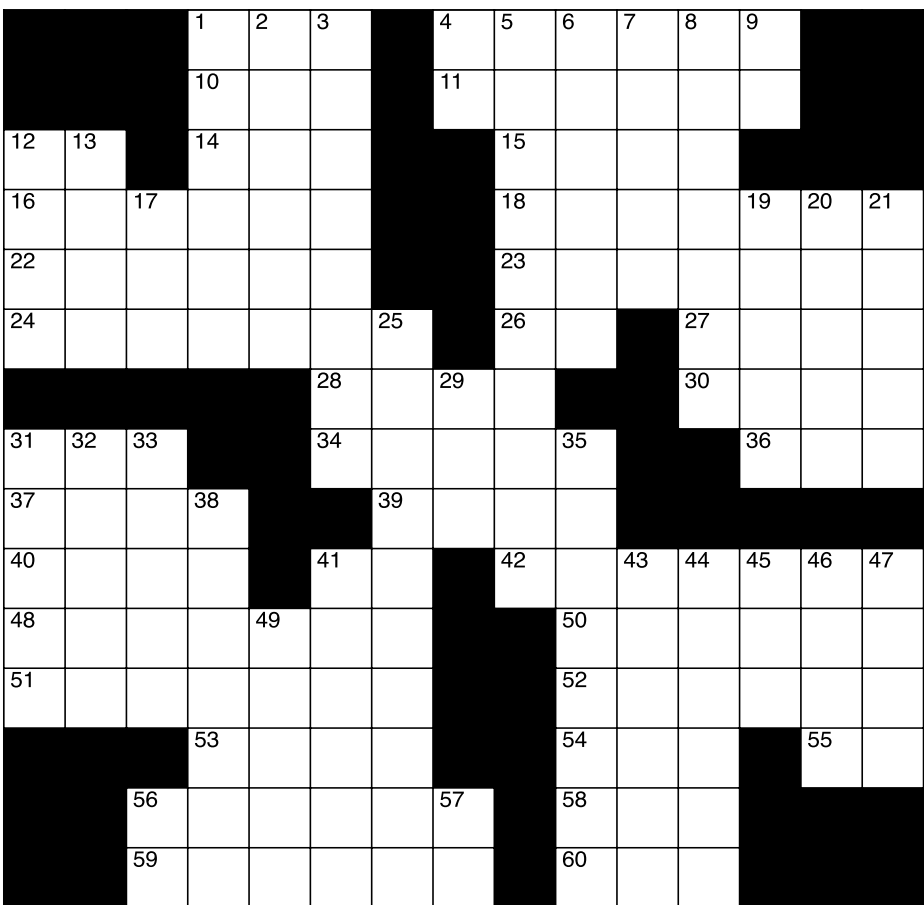
**PUBLIC NOTICE #200471**  
**6/20,27-7/4,11**

**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**



9. Rural delivery  
12. Group of languages  
13. Large First Nations group  
17. Circulating life force in Chinese philosophy  
19. Excludes  
20. Body cavity of a metazoan  
21. Swedish monetary unit  
25. Works with  
29. Partner to "to"  
31. Rewards (archaic)  
32. One of Caroline Islands  
33. Type of alcohol  
35. Eat a lot  
38. Nuns  
41. Dog  
43. Become more serious  
44. Choose

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **EDSON WALEA UNDERWOOD** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. **THIS THE 20TH** day of MAY, 2021.

**LAURA UNDERWOOD**  
**455 HEATON RD COVINGTON, GA 30016**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200398**  
**6/6,13,20,27**

**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 **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 ALAN MORRIS** 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 24th** day of MAY , 2021.

**BRIAN BYARS**  
**6140 HANNAH ST COVINGTON, GA 30014**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200400**  
**6/6,13,20,27**

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **JAMES T. MARSON** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. **THIS THE 20th** day of MAY, 2021.

**DIANE MARSTON**  
**270 RIVER COVE RE SOCIAL CIRCLE, GA 30025**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200401**  
**6/6,13,20,27**

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

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

45. Newspapers use it  
46. World's longest river  
47. Commanded to go faster  
49. Cabs  
56. Mr. T's "A-Team" character  
57. Document signed (abbr.)

according to law. **THIS THE 1ST** day of JUNE , 2021.

**DOROTHY FIELDS**  
**7010 MESSER RD HENRICO, VA 23231**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200420**  
**6/6,13,20,27**

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **OKSANA FOLTYN** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. **THIS THE 1ST** day of JUNE , 2021.

**IGOR FOLTYN**  
**12900 ALCOVY RD COVINGTON, GA 30014**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200422**  
**6/6,13,20,27**

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **ROBERT FRANKLIN STRAWN** 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 24TH** day of MAY , 2021.

**GRACIE PAYNE**  
**3126 HIGHWAY 81 S COVINGTON, GA 30016**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200399**  
**6/6,13,20,27**

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **SARA M. WILLIAMS** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. **THIS THE 27th** day of MAY , 2021.

**CATHY WILLIAMS ALLEN**  
**219 E SOULE STREET OXFORD, GA 30054**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200421**  
**6/6,13,20,27**

**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 **WILLE RUTH DAVENPORT** 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 APRIL , 2021.

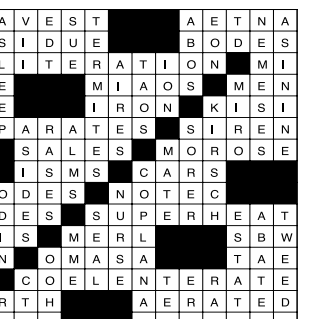
**CURTIS MICHAEL DAVENPORT**  
**2700 WHITE PINE LANE MANSFIELD GA 30055**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200375**  
**5/30-6/6,13,20**

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate

## LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:



of **WILLIAM FRANK MOBLEY** 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.

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200470**



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## NEWTON COUNTY.

**THIS, THE 8TH** day of JNES 2021. **LINDA D.** Hays **ROSECLERK** of Superior

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

## Foreclosures

### NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

**UNDER AND** by virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain Security Deed dated December 10, 2020 from the Estate of **James Curtis Johnson** ("Debtor" or "Grantor") granting Sacor Financial, Inc. ("Sacor" or "Lender") a security interest in that those certain real properties located in Newton County described therein (the "Property"), recorded on January 5, 2021 at Deed Book 4124, Page 521, Newton County, Georgia records, (the "Security Deed") which secures, inter alia, that certain Judgment against Grantor to Lender (the "Judgment"), and Settlement Agreement between Grantor and Lender ("Settlement Agreement") in the original principal amount of \$21,875.81, with interest from the date thereof at the rate specified therein, as previously or subsequently amended, modified or replaced, there will be sold at public outcry by Lender as attorney-in-fact of Grantor to the highest bidder for cash between the legal hours for sale before the Courthouse door in Newton County, Georgia, on July 6, 2021 the following described land, improvements and appurtenances (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Premises" or "Property") to wit: **PARCEL ONE:** All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the City of Covington, Newton County, Georgia, being Lot 52 of the Nelson Heights Subdivision, as shown by plat of the same recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 47, Newton County, records, and being more particularly described as follows:

**BEGINNING** ON the western line of Puckett Street (formerly Cecelia Street) at a point 546.0 feet, as measured in a southern direction along the western line of said Puckett Street, from the southeastern line of Cecelia Street (formerly Puckett Street); thence in a southern direction along the western line of said Puckett Street a distance of 75.0 feet; thence North, 78 Degrees 30 Minutes West, a distance of 150.0 feet; thence North, 11 Degrees 30 Minutes East, a distance of 75.0 feet; and thence South, 78 Degrees 30 Minutes East, a distance of 150.0 feet to the point of beginning; and being the same property as conveyed to Erwin Kelly by Otis Spillers, d/b/a Spillers Lumber Company by deed dated September 8, 1960 and recorded in Deed Book 57, Page 201, Newton County Records.

**THE NAMES** of said streets were reversed at the plat of said subdivision was placed on record.

**SITUATED** ON said property and included in this conveyance is one (1) 40-gallon, gas water heater, Rheem-Glass.

### PARCEL TWO:

**ALL THAT** tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 31 of the Tenth District of Newton County, Georgia, as shown on a plat of survey dated July 10, 1983, prepared by Robert M. Buhler, R.L.S. No. 1403, and recorded in Plat Book 18, page 140, Public records of Newton County, Georgia, and being more particularly described as follows.

**BEGINNING AT** an iron pin marking the Northwest corner of Tract 8 as shown on the above plat, thence North 01° 42' 34" East, 120.21 feet to an iron pin, thence North 88° 17' 27" West 49.77 feet to an iron pin, thence North 00° 42' 32" East, 269.94 feet to an iron pin, thence South 88° 17' 25" East 1266.35 feet to an iron pin, thence South 07° 31' 26" West 349.98 feet to an iron pin, thence South 10° 45' 20" West 65.24 feet to an iron pin, thence North 87° 11' 10" West 1166.36 feet to the point of beginning. Said property is shown as Tract 9 on the above plat which is incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof.

**THE INDEBTEDNESS** evidenced by the Settlement Agreement and Judgment is due and payable and remains unpaid. The Security Deed therefore has become and is now foreclosable according to its terms. Accordingly, the Premises will be sold at public outcry pursuant to the terms of the power of sale provided in the Security Deed. The Debtor has been notified of the same, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2.

**THE PREMISES** will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis without recourse against Lender or its auctioneer or other agents and without representation or warranty of any kind or nature whatsoever by Lender or its auctioneer or other agents with respect thereto. All persons attending the sale will be given an opportunity to bid on a competitive basis. Lender may offer the Property for sale, may adjourn and withdraw the sale and recommence the sale in its discretion. Lender reserves the right, in its discretion, to reject any and all bids that do not meet its minimum reserve price.

**THE PROCEEDS** of the sale are to be applied first to the expenses of the sale and all proceedings in connection therewith, including attorneys' fees (notice of intention to collect attorneys' fees having been given), then to the payment of all sums secured by the Security Deed, and the remainder, if any, will be paid to the person or persons legally entitled thereto, all as provided in the Judgment, Settlement Agreement and Security Deed.

**THE PREMISES** shall be sold as the property of Grantor, subject to all restrictions, easements and other matters of record that are prior to the Security Deed and to which the Security Deed is subject and to any unpaid city, county and state ad valorem taxes or assessments relating to the Premises.

**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 with the debtors is:

**SACOR FINANCIAL** Inc.  
**C/O MARK** Stewart  
**1911 DOUGLAS** # 85205  
**ROSEVILLE** GA 95661  
**916-773-3500** EXT 5020

**NOTHING HEREIN,** however, shall obligate Lender to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the mortgage or loan.

**TO THE** best of the undersigned's knowledge and belief, the owner of the Premises is the Grantor and the party or parties in possession of the Premises are the Grantor or tenants of the Grantor.

**SACOR FINANCIAL,** Inc.  
**AS ATTORNEY-IN-FACT** for **THE ESTATE** of James Curtis Johnson  
**BETH E.** Rogers, Esq.  
**ROGERS LAW OFFICES**  
**THE EQUITABLE** Building  
**100 PEACHTREE** St., Ste. 1950  
**ATLANTA, GA** 30303  
**(770) 685-6320** phone  
**(678) 990-9959** fax

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200298**  
**6/6,13,20,27**

### 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 **Gawayne Dawson** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Ownit Mortgage Solutions, Inc., a California Corporation, its successors and assigns , dated December 16, 2005, recorded in Deed Book 2081, Page 387, Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Star202, LLC by assignment recorded in Deed Book 4092, Page 29, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of THIRTY-EIGHT THOUSAND AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$38,000.00), 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 July, 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.

**STAR202, 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: Statebridge Company, LLC, 4600 S. Syracuse Street, Suite 700, Denver, CO 80237, 303-962-6753.

**TO THE** best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Gawayne Dawson or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **35 Goshawk Walk, Covington, Georgia 30014**.

**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.

**STAR202, LLC**

**AS ATTORNEY IN** Fact for **GAWAYNE DAWSON**

**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 227 of the 9th District, Newton County, Georgia, being Lot 502, Unit 2, Phase 2 of River Walk Farm Subdivision, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 40, Pages 195-199, Newton County, Georgia Records, which recorded plat is incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this description.

**SUBJECT TO** that certain security deed from Gawayne Dawson to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Ownit Mortgage Solutions, Inc., its successors and assigns, dated December 16, 2005, and recorded in Deed Book 2081, Page 366, Newton County, Georgia Records.

**MR/CA** 7/6/21

**OUR FILE** no. 21-04861GA - FT17

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200373**  
**6/6,13,20,27**

### 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 **Toni Jones a/k/a Toni D. Jones** to Bank of America, N.A., dated October 26, 2005, recorded in Deed Book 2048, Page 266, Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to MEB Loan Trust IV by assignment recorded in Deed Book 3945, Page 337, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of EIGHTEEN THOUSAND TWO

HUNDRED AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$18,200.00), 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 July, 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.

**MEB LOAN** Trust IV, U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee 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: Specialized Loan Servicing, 6200 S. Quebec St., Greenwood Village, CO 80111, 800-306-6059.

**TO THE** best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Toni Jones a/k/a Toni D. Jones or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **110 Deep Springs Way, 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.

**MEB LOAN** Trust IV, U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee

**AS ATTORNEY** in Fact for

**TONI JONES** a/k/a Toni D. Jones

**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 168 for the 10th District of Newton County, Georgia, being Lot 196 of Overlook Pass, Unit Two, according to the plat recorded in Plat Book 32, Page 35, Newton County, Georgia Records, which plat is incorporated herein by reference thereto for a more accurate and complete description.

**SUBJECT TO** any first position security deeds of record.

**MR/MJW** 7/6/21

**OUR FILE** no. 21-05159GA - FT7

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200370**  
**6/6,13,20,27**

### STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF NEWTON

#### NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

**PURSUANT** TO the power of sale contained in the Security Deed executed by **MOHAMMED A AL JUBOORI** to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR HOMESTAR FINANCIAL CORP., its successors and assigns in the original principal amount of \$239,580.00 dated March 31, 2016 and recorded in Deed Book 3427, Page 81, Newton County records, said Security Deed being last transferred to FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION in Deed Book 4036, Page 556, 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 July 06, 2021, the property in said Security Deed and described as follows:

**ALL THAT** TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 84 OF THE TENTH LAND DISTRICT OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, CONTAINING 2.73 ACRES AND SHOWN AS TRACT #2 ON THAT PLAT OF SURVEY FOR RONALD W. STANLEY PREPARED BY LOUIE D. PATRICK, R.S., DATED OCTOBER 31, 1983, AND RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 18, PAGE 307, NEWTON COUNTY CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT RECORDS, WHICH PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE THERETO FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION.

**SAID PROPERTY** being known as: **1220 KINNETT RD, COVINGTON, GA 30016**

**TO THE** best of the undersigned's knowledge, the party or parties in possession of said property is/are **MOHAMMED A AL JUBOORI** AND **SHERNELL N AL JUBOORI** 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:

**FREEDOM MORTGAGE** Corporation 907 Pleasant Valley Avenue, Suite 3

**MOUNT LAUREL, NJ** 08054 Phone: 855-690-5900

**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.

**FREEDOM MORTGAGE** CORPORATION, as Attorney-in-Fact for

**MOHAMMED A AL JUBOORI**

**ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ,**

**Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC**

**10700 Abbott's Bridge Road Suite**

**170 Duluth, GA 30097** Phone: 470.321.7112

**FIRM FILE** No. 19-366418 - AmE

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200405**  
**6/6,13,20,27**

## Name Changes

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

**IN RE** the Name Change of Child(ren):

**ADEN PESHAWN HECTOR**

**TOLEDO**

**PETITIONER,**

**VS.**

**PREDO TOLEDO**

**RESPONDENT.**

**CIVIL ACTION** NUMBER

**2021-CV-1245-2**

### NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF CHILD

**TRISHAWNA BELL** filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on MAY 26 , 2021, to change the name of the following minor child

**FROM: ADEN PESHAWN HECTOR**

**TOLEDO TO ADEN PESHAWN**

**RYDER TOLDEP BELL** 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).

**TRISHAWNA BELL**

**195 PEBBLE BROOKE COURT**

**COVINGTON, GA 30016**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200416**  
**6/6,13,20,27**

### 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** the Name Change of Child(ren):

**DAMON CALVIN CALDWELL**

**BRANDI NICOLE CASTLEBERRY**

**PETITIONER,**

**VS.**

**DAMON MILLER**

**RESPONDENT.**

**CIVIL ACTION** NUMBER 2021-CV-1132-4

### NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF CHILD

**BRANDI NICOLE CASTLEBERRY** filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on MAY 28 , 2021, to change the name of the following minor child

Superior Court on 14, 2021, to change the name of the following minor child

**FROM: DAMON CALVIN CALDWELL** to **DAMON CALVIN MILLER** 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).

**BRANDI NICOLE CASTLEBERRY**

**100 WYNFIELD KEEP**

**COVINGTON, GA 30016**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200372**  
**5/30-6/6,13,20**

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



# LEGALS:

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## FOLLOWING PROPERTY:

**A. COA#** - PCA21-0017  
**REQUEST:** **SUNPORCH** (320 sqft) addition to the rear of home.  
**LOCATION:** **2188** Conyers St.  
**TMP#:** **C027** 0007 005A  
**PROPERTY OWNER(S)/ APPLICANT(S):** Emma Horne, Alexis Love, & Jada Hargrove  
**B. DISCUSSION** on HPC Guideline revisions.

**ALL INTERESTED** parties are invited to participate, meeting will be held in person. For additional information, contact Renee Criswell, at rcriswell@cityofcovington.org, or

770-385-2178.

## PUBLIC NOTICE #200476 6/20

**Public Sales Auctions**  
**NOTICE OF** Public Sale of Personal Property Georgia Self Storage Act (210-215) Extra Storage Rental Spaces is hereby given that the under- signed self storage units will be sold at a public sale by competitive bidding, in their entirety to the highest bidder, on or after June 29, 2021 to satisfy the lien of the Lessor, Brown Bridge Storage Terrell Management LLC, for rental and other charges. The auction will be held at 11471 Brown Bridge Road Covington, GA 30016 and will begin on June 29, 2021 at

10:00 AM for the following units: unit 27 Joannes Williams, unit 22 Caswell Walker, unit 88 Tashanna Williams, unit 605 Beverly Hull, unit 101 Katherine Durden, unit 516 Trentsin Bell. The contents consist of general household goods, furniture, boxes, and miscellaneous items. The terms of the sale will be cash only and must be paid for at the time of sale. All goods are sold as is. Brown Bridge Storage Terrell Management LLC reserves the right to withdraw any or all units, partial or entire, from the sale at any time. All contents must be removed completely from the property within 48 hours or sooner of auction completion.

## PUBLIC NOTICE #200437 6/13,20

**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 JUNE 26, 2021. Sealed bids will be accepted from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at Sellars Wrecker Services, 295 Hwy 162, Covington Ga. 30016.

- **2015 APOLLO** DIRTBK L08YGJGA1F000184
- **2015 NISSAN ALTIMA** 1N4AL3AP1FC444106
- **2006 DODGE** DURANGO 1D4HD48N76F166104
- **2013 CHEVROLET** TAHOE 1GNLNC2E07DR260459
- **2005 HONDA CIVIC** 1HGEM22905L023433
- **2002 TOYOTA**

4RUNNER JT3GN86R720258138  
• **2014 CHEVROLET** CRUZE 1G1PA5SH7E7486616  
• **1998 CHEVROLET** S10 1GCCS1441WK174778

## PUBLIC NOTICE #200463 6/20,27

### Trade Names

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

**TO WHOM** It may Concern:  
**PLEASE BE** advised that **THE ERIKA R. STOKES**, whose address is 55 CRANBROOK CT COVINGTON GA 30016 and the owner(s) of the certain business now being carried on at 55 CRANBROOK

CT COVINGTON GA 30016 in the following trade name, to-wit: RELI-ON JUNK REMOVAL and that the nature of said business is: HUAULING & JUNK REMOVAL/ TRASH REMOVAL This statement is made in conformity with O.C.G.A. §10-1-490 et seq. requiring the filing of such statement with the Clerk of Superior Court of this county. **THIS THE 9TH** day of JUNE , 2021.

## PUBLIC NOTICE #200461 6/20,27

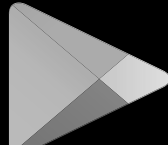
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# The Covington News



Motor Racing



Special to The Covington News  
Covington resident Garrett Erwin recently won the Outlaw Feature race during Thursday Thunder at Atlanta Motor Speedway.

Covington’s Erwin wins Outlaw Feature

STAFF REPORTS  
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HAMPTON, Ga. — Garrett Erwin is a champion. The Covington resident took part in Thursday Thunder week at Atlanta Motor Speedway and won the Outlaw Feature race. Erwin began the race in second

place, positioned behind Jacob Bradley. It took just two turns for Erwin to pass Bradley, catapulting himself into first place. After grabbing hold of a dominant lead for the first half of the race, Erwin staved off competitors in the later laps to hold on for a first-place finish.

REDSKINS:  
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missed some time in 2020 due to injury but still rushed for more than 300 yards with five touchdowns. Russell made a positive impact in the spring scrimmage. Quarterback Logan Cross returns after throwing for 2,081 yards and 19 touchdowns as a sophomore. Cross completed approximately 200 passes a season ago. “Logan is very impressive,” his coach said. “He was tremendous all spring.”

One plus for the program, Patton believes, is the return of the entire coaching staff. That includes all varsity and middle school coaches. The varsity program did add Bean Reaves to the staff. Reaves is a former Social Circle head coach and has stints directing other programs as well including Newton High School and Putnam County. He will be the offensive line coach. Reaves’ son, Caleb, coached the running backs and secondary last

season at Social Circle. Caleb will handle the special teams duties in 2021. “It is huge to have everyone back,” Patton said. “We can continue with the same message. Everyone is on the same page and knows what we want for the kids.” Currently, Social Circle is working on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Following workouts on Wednesdays the team hosts local teams to work on their passing

games. The Redskins will also participate in some 7-on-7 events. “Right now, the biggest thing is continuing to work in the weight room,” Patton said. “We want to establish a strong work ethic and toughness. We feel good about having our offensive and defensive systems in place.” Social Circle compiled a 5-6 record last fall, advancing to the first round of the state playoffs.

College Softball



University of Louisiana Lafayette Athletics  
Former Newton Lady Ram and Georgia Bulldog Ciara Bryan was named to the 2021 Softball America NCAA Division I All-American Team for her stellar senior season.

Bryan receives All-America recognition

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Former Newton Lady Ram and Georgia Bulldog Ciara Bryan was named to the 2021 Softball America Division I All-American Team

following her senior season with Louisiana’s Ragin’ Cajuns. The outfielder led her team with 21 extra-base hits while batting .418 with seven home runs, 39 RBI and a total of 63 runs scored.

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