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His Word

Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.

Acts 3:19, KJV


SUSPECT KILLED, DEPUTY WOUNDED

GBI called on to investigate Newton County officer-involved shooting at Hwy. 162 residence

By TAYLOR BECK
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COVINGTON, Ga. — The Georgia Bureau of Investigation has identified the suspect killed in an officer-involved shooting Tuesday night in south Newton County. Alexander Matthew Collins, 27, of Covington,

was shot and killed by a Newton County sheriff's deputy after reportedly pulling out a handgun and wounding a



Alexander Collins

deputy at a residence in the 3400 block of Georgia Hwy. 162. Newton County Sheriff's Office spokesperson Caitlin Jett said deputies were initially called to the home in the Rocky Plains area in relation to a wanted person case.

Collins had outstanding warrants for aggravated assault, false imprisonment, and pointing a gun at another person, the GBI stated in a news release. Jett said when deputies arrived at 5:44 p.m., the suspect barricaded himself inside the house.

"Collins was located inside the residence while deputies negotiated with him to surrender. The NCSO SWAT Team was also deployed during the standoff," the GBI release stated. After deputies were able

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Firefighters join Newton County Fire Service administrators and county government officials and elected and former elected leaders in a ceremonial "hose drop" to officially open the new Fire Station No. 8 in Oxford Thursday, June 24.

Hose drops at Station No. 8

Officials celebrate opening of state's first fire station with decontamination unit

By TOM SPIGOLON
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OXFORD, Ga. — One of Georgia's first fire stations built with a decontamination area designed to lower firefighters' cancer risk officially opened for business Thursday, June 24, in north Newton County. Newton County elected officials, staff members and Newton County Fire Service firefighters and administrators participated in a ceremonial "hose drop" — the equivalent of a ribbon cutting — to officially open the new Fire Station No. 8 in Oxford. The \$2.7 million facility at 2345 Gum Creek Road will serve a part of unincorporated Newton County roughly between Gum Creek Road on the south and the Walton County line on the north. Fire Chief Mike Conner said the station was "kind of a concept" that was the product of a building committee of firefighters and elected officials. "This station has kind of a cancer initiative that we tried to implement into this station," Conner said. He noted studies have found firefighters have a much higher rate of cancer than the overall popula-



Deputy Chief of Operations Darriel Mosley of Newton County Fire Service explains the workings of the decontamination area of the new Fire Station No. 8 after a ceremony officially opening the station on Gum Creek Road in Oxford.

tion because of the often hazardous materials with which they come in contact when fighting fires. "It's because of our jobs," Conner said. The decontamination process in the new station begins when firefighters return from a fire and leave their equipment outside for cleaning, said Jeff Prine, the county's project manager. Firefighters then enter the decon-

tamination unit — located off the truck bay — and clean and wash their personal equipment, such as their suit, in a room before showering in a separate area. This prevents them from entering the living space covered with any contaminants that can spread to other firefighters. "It sounds simple but it takes a lot


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Davis speaks to Newton Republicans

Opens up on return to coroner's office, cloudy future of position

By TOM SPIGOLON
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COVINGTON, Ga. — The county's interim coroner says he already had experienced one hazard of the job to which he returned in late May. Interim Coroner Tommy Davis showed off a brace on his wrist as he spoke during a meeting of the Newton County Republican Party Tuesday. "I got called down to the woods to do some coroner work, tripped, fell and cracked my hand," Davis said. State law requires a coroner to be notified about deaths that occur as a result of such factors as violence or suicide, sudden death when in apparent good health, and death in any suspicious or unusual manner, especially those 16 years of age and under. Davis has served in the position since May 26 when he was appointed to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Dorothea Bailey-Butts. A Covington funeral home owner, Davis served three terms as coroner before losing a reelection bid to Bailey-Butts in November 2020. Bailey-Butts resigned May 26 after almost five months in office. She said a number of factors affected her decision, including a threatened lack of cooperation from other county first-responders and outdated views of her competency because she is Black. Probate Judge Melanie Bell issued an order the same day as Bailey-Butts' resignation and appointed Davis to fill the vacancy. Davis said Bell conferred with Probate Court judges statewide before issuing the order. "This is not something that she



Tommy Davis

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life will be held Saturday, July 17, 2021, at 2 p.m., at Allen Memorial United Methodist Church, 803 Whatcoat Street, Oxford. In lieu of flowers, gifts in his memory may be made to Allen Memorial UMC, PO Box 117, Oxford, GA 30054, or Oxford College of Emory University Scholarship Fund, 801 Emory Street, Oxford, GA 30054.

Rejoice, smile, and laugh, for as he would say, "I've gone OHM."

Brett & Lacey Brackett, Savannah Johnson, Scout, Stone & Silas Cowan of Covington, his sister and brother in law, Perry & Shirley Wilson of Conyers, brother, Randy Cochran of Florida along with numerous other family members.

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ington; grandmother-in-law Mitchell of Covington, Hayli Massey and Monteagudo, both of and Anyka and Cady, both of Covington; in-law, Matthew Baker of Athens, and numerous, uncles and cousins. A bouquet of flowers, the family requested that memorial donations be made to the American Fund, 11921 Rockville Pike 300, Rockville, MD or the Michael J. Fox Foundation, P O Box 5014, Hagerstown, MD 21741. The condolences may be sent to www.davesculbertson-home.com. Culbertson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Visit caldwelland-cowan.com to place online condolences.

Patricia Leach; sons, Leach, Jeffrey Leach (d.); grandchildren, Khloe Landon Leach, Noah Leach; brother, William Leach (June) of St. Louis; as numerous friends. Memorial Service for Mr. Leach will be held at a later date. caldwellandcowan.com for online condolences.

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to get the suspect out of the home, Jett said that's when shots were exchanged.

The GBI confirmed that around 8:27 p.m., Collins came out of the house and the SWAT Team tried to take him into custody. Collins then pulled out a handgun and fired at deputies, injuring one. One deputy returned fire, striking Collins.

"Our officer was wounded, and the suspect was pronounced deceased by the coroner," Jett said.

The deputy was transported to an Atlanta hospital for treatment. The severity of the deputy's wound or wounds was not released. The deputy's identity was not disclosed.

"It is a tragic incident," Jett said. "[The suspect] was a resident of this community, so our hearts do go out to his family, regardless of the situation.

"And on behalf of Sheriff Ezell Brown, we do want to extend our hearts to the officer who is at the hospital right now and wish him a speedy recovery," she said Tuesday night.

Wednesday morning, Jett said, the officer was released from the hospital and "doing well."

Jett said the GBI was notified of the officer-involved shooting and has since taken over the investigation.

The GBI Medical Examiner's Office in Decatur will perform an autopsy on Collins, the state agency reported. It will complete an independent investigation and turn over its findings to the Alcovy Judicial Circuit District Attorney's office for review, the agency stated.

News Editor Tom Spigolon contributed to this report.

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did on her own," Davis said.

Bailey-Butts' term was to end on Dec. 31, 2024. Bell's order cited Georgia law in stating that Davis will "fill the vacancy and serve out the unexpired term of office of Dorothea Bailey-Butts until his successor shall be duly elected and qualified."

"(Bell's order) means to me three and a half years in office," Davis said.

Georgia law concerning a "vacancy" in the office of coroner states, "In the event a vacancy occurs in the office of coroner, the judge of the probate court shall appoint a person to serve out the unexpired term of office and until his successor shall be duly elected and qualified."

Davis said he did not like the way a resignation led him to be returned to the office. "I hate the way it happened," he said.

He also said he hated "everything about the way that it went down," including Bailey-Butts feeling the need to resign from the office rather than completing a full term.

But Davis said he was "proud to be

serving Newton County again" after being the Newton County coroner from 2009 to 2020.

He said he told County Chairman Marcello Banes and County Manager Lloyd Kerr that he would "pick up back where I was" to continue his previous work as coroner "with compassion and integrity and doing the right thing when sometimes it's very difficult to do."

Davis also said he was "ready to face the challenge" if county government officials decide to call a special election to elect someone to serve the remainder of the term.

"I don't know what's going to happen in the next few months," Davis said.

County officials said after Bailey-Butts' resignation that a special election would be called between 120 and 365 days from May 28, 2021 — or between Sept. 25, 2021, and May 28, 2022.

Georgia law states that a special election should be called, "If an election fails to fill the office of coroner."

It says if a special election is called in an odd-numbered year, such as 2021, dates for

the election remaining this year include the third Tuesday in September or the Tuesday after the first Monday in November. In 2021, those dates would be Sept. 21 and Nov. 2.

Davis said after the Tuesday meeting he had not decided if he would be a candidate in a special election if one is called.

However, he told the audience Tuesday night that if a special election is called he would "face that challenge" like others "with a smile on our face."

He also told audience members he hoped no special election would be called because it would be an extra cost to the county.

Gabriel M. White, who lost to Bailey-Butts in 2020 for the Democratic nomination, announced recently he planned to run for coroner in a special election.

Newton County officials had not commented on the status of a call for a special election as of noon Friday.

County Board of Elections Chairman Phil Johnson said on Wednesday, June 23, the county had not sent the board any notices

about beginning the process of organizing an election.

Johnson added that state law specifies dates for conducting special elections. A county-wide special election this year would strain the elections office's resources because it will also be conducting municipal elections around the same time, including a three-week

advance voting period, he said.



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REPORT OF HIGHWAY 278 COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE

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

	<u>Assessed Value</u>	<u>Taxes Levied</u>	<u>% Change</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>
2017	\$30,687,216	\$153,436	100%	\$153,436
2018	\$31,503,440	\$157,517	3%	\$4,081
2019	\$32,884,424	\$164,422	4%	\$6,905
2020	\$36,413,184	\$182,066	11%	\$17,644
2021	\$37,481,314	\$187,406	3%	\$5,340
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OPINIONS

The Covington News

Taylor Beck editor and publisher

P-card spending record will speak for itself

There has been much talk lately about P-cards and how they're being used by Newton County's elected officials.

A few weeks ago, a social media group with alleged connections

to a former county official accused Newton Chairman Marcello Banes of using his county purchasing card for personal gain. In response, Banes released reports containing receipts and details for every charge beginning in 2017 and running through this year. Those payments included everything from car washes to restaurant tabs and plane flights.

"I have followed the county's policies and procedures and the reports and receipts are verified by the Finance Department," Banes said in defense of his spending. "My P-Card is open to the public."

After Banes' P-card spending was brought to light, the public has continued its questioning, now bringing other commissioners under the microscope.

We have received many letters and comments suggesting countywide corruption and the squandering of resources.

As accusations fly and assumptions run rampant, your newspaper will let the record speak for itself.

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entered an open records request this week for P-card spending reports from the county finance department for all of Newton County's commissioners and any others with clearance to use county P-cards.

In due time, we will see those records and the truth will be brought to light.

If there is any wrongdoing concerning P-card spending, the records will show such activity. And if we stumble onto anything suspicious or inconspicuous, clarity will be sought, and the facts will be brought to light.

Some might believe this is an extreme measure to take, but this is simply our duty, and further, speaks to the crucial role of community newspapers. Without them, residents would be left in the dark on things taking place within their local government, and the truth, quite possibly, would never see the light of day.

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Sure, there's been many changes over the last 156 years, but nothing is going to change this newspaper's role in the community now.

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Dick Yarbrough columnist

Remembering the past while focused on the future

Hard to believe that it has been six months since I lost my soul-mate, my anchor, my best friend. In some ways, it seems like it was yesterday. At other times, it seems like forever. Time can play tricks with your mind.

For a year-and-a-half, I watched her inexorable descent physically and mentally. There were the trips to the emergency room, the hospital stays, assisted living, memory care. All of this in the midst of the cursed pandemic, meaning I was not there with her as I should have been and the few times that I was, there was an artificial barrier between us. It was like a cruel joke. The only thing that ever separated us in 62 years of marriage was a piece of plexiglass!

Living with the loss of a loved one is a constant adjustment. You grieve. You regret the things you said or did that were unnecessary and uncalled for. But you can't take them back and you beat yourself up for having made unnecessary mountains out of mole hills. Thank God, she always forgave me even if it is still sometimes hard to forgive myself.

Then you remember the good times. She would be the first to tell you that she had a great run. A midlife change from mother and homemaker to a college graduate with a nursing degree and a rewarding career at Delta Air Lines. Trips to her beloved vacation home at St. Simons Island. Teaching



piano. Haggling over the price of a bushel of beans at the Farmers Market. (She always won.) Meeting presidents and first ladies. Her feigned indignation at being referred to in this space as "The Woman Who Shares My Name." (Secretly, she loved it.) Her 5 p.m. "Wine Time," a hallowed daily ritual. Her pride in being a grandmother and great grandmother.

All of this swirls through your head. All day. Every day. Grief one minute. A good memory the next.

And then there are all the "firsts." The first Christmas. The first birthday. The first anniversary. The first time back at church in our old pew. The first trip to St. Simons without her. (Probably the hardest one of all.)

If you aren't careful, you can find yourself wallowing in self-pity and making things uncomfortable for those around you who want to help but don't know what to say or do. That is where perspective comes in.

At lunch not long after her going-home service, my grandson reminded me that while a lot of people go through what I was going through, many don't have the strong support system I do. Out of the mouth of grandsons. Even though this grandson is a schoolteacher/coach with a Ph.D. It was a gamechanger.

I have been sustained by the care and concern from my family and my friends. I think about having to navigate this difficult journey without them. I'm not sure I could. There are the phone calls, the cards, emails, the offer to run errands, to

grocery shop, to drive me wherever I need to go, to treat me to lunch. I don't know what I have done to deserve such kindness. I think it is because I married someone who touched so many lives with her own innate kindness. I am just the beneficiary.

On our refrigerator is a magnet that says, "Coincidence is God's way of remaining anonymous." It was one of her favorite sayings. We would laugh at how God was doing things in our lives that we would say were coincidental but we both knew better. We used to call them "God moments."

While at St. Simons trying to wrestle with the memories, I agreed to accompany my daughter-in-law to a small silver shop in the village as she shopped for a bracelet.

Looking in the display case, I noticed a small sign that read, "To Life! I am living. I am blessed." Next to it was a bracelet with the Hebrew symbol representing "Chaia," a word meaning "life." A coincidence? I don't think so and neither would she. It was her way – and God's – of telling me that she blessed my life and to now embrace every precious moment I have left on this earth.

The sign sits on my laptop and the bracelet is on my wrist. It is a daily reminder that life goes on and I must, as well. That is what she would want. I owe her that and so very much more.

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Chris Bridges columnist

Jones must overcome obstacles in gubernatorial race

Vernon Jones can be described as a typical politician in many ways.

If the wind is blowing a certain direction, then Jones wants

to follow along. Jones was a lifelong Democrat and was elected as such to various offices. Now he is a full-time Republican and wants to be the next governor of Georgia. Talk about doing an about face.

Just a short time ago seeking statewide office in Georgia as a Republican was not that difficult. But Jones faces some obstacles on the course.

First, Brian Kemp is running for reelection as a Republican. His 2018 campaign used some silly but effective tactics. He talked about having his shotgun ready for would-be suitors of his daughter. Behind closed doors you have to wonder if Kemp himself was laughing at Georgia voters.

Kemp, along with Lt.

Gov. Geoff Duncan and Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger, came under intense fire following the 2020 election. Ironically, none of the three Republicans were even on the ballot.

When Donald Trump lost the state of Georgia to Democratic challenger Joe Biden, many in Georgia faulted the trio. When each began speaking out that voter fraud did not exist, the banter got even hotter.

Raffensperger took the most criticism. It reached a point where his family had to go into hiding for a time after homes were broken into. Kemp came to the defense of Raffensperger, but eventually Kemp realized his key to reelection in 2022 was to ease off that defense and begin impressing voter fraud.

Kemp would later sign a new voting law into law which has drawn criticism from many, including Major League Baseball which pulled this year's All-Star game from Atlanta. That move cost the state millions of dollars.

Jones meanwhile was a very vocal supporter of Trump

during the 2020 election. Jones had great value as a long-time Democrat who was now campaigning for the other side. He was seen crowd surfing at a Trump rally in Macon.

In recent months, Jones has decided Kemp did not do enough to make sure President Trump won Georgia's electoral votes. As a result, Jones is now running in the Republican primary for governor in 2022.

Most of the news from the Jones campaign centers on how Kemp has not and is not doing enough to declare Trump the winner of Georgia's 2020 vote. Even if, in theory, that was to happen, Trump would still not have enough electoral votes to win.

Recent polls, however, among Republicans show that 30% believe Trump is somehow going to be returned to the White House, not after the 2024 election but in the year 2021.

Jones is banking on making Kemp as anti-Trump as possible. It is a strategy that will almost certainly win him a good slice of the

GOP primary voters next year.

Educator Kandiss Taylor is also running in the GOP primary for governor against Kemp and Jones. Taylor ran in the 2020 "jungle primary" for US Senate and has built a strong grassroots level of support. Her campaign has centered on many of the topics that Jones talks about including an audit of the 2020 Georgia vote.

It is certain more names could enter the Republican primary for governor. Kemp is certainly vulnerable and Jones has pointed out that with Stacey Abrams the likely Democratic nominee, that it would take another African-American candidate like himself to defeat her.

Abrams came within an eyelash of winning the 2018 election. Two years later the Republican tide which has swept over Georgia for decades ended up receding somewhat with both US Senate seats going to Democratic. This was in addition to the outcome of the presidential election

here. No word yet on if Kemp's shotgun will make a return in 2022. The governor should know that stereotypical slogans might not be enough to win a second term.

Kemp is in for a tough battle in continuing his political career. As the incumbent he is still the favorite to win the GOP nomination but he then faces

a well-organized and well-funded Democrat for the general election.

Will Kemp be Georgia's governor by the time 2023 arrives? Right now the odds are about even.

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Stop, read, apply: Pesticide safety for homeowners

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As Georgians head into summer, problems with weeds, diseases and insects in the landscape and around vegetable gardens can be seen.

Some of these pest problems can be solved without the use of chemicals, but if the pest population reaches damaging levels, using pesticides may be warranted. Remember that using pesticides is safe and legal but requires reading and following label directions in their entirety.

The first step is properly identifying the pest or problem in order to select the correct control method. The local University of Georgia Cooperative Extension agent can help in selecting the correct pesticide and recommended application rate.

Once that is determined, it is very important for users' safety and for the environment that users follow all label directions and safety precautions.

The pesticide label gives users all the information needed to safely and effectively use the product, and users should never take liberties with label directions. For example, doubling a recommended rate will not achieve quicker results and can have an adverse effect on the intended site.

Follow these guidelines when using a chemical pesticide:

- Read the label before you buy or use the product and make sure that it is registered for the pest and site you intend to treat. Observe signal words like DANGER,



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Pesticide labels give users all the information needed to safely and effectively use the product, and users should never take liberties with label directions.

WARNING and CAUTION.

These signal words tell the user how toxic a product is if it gets on or enters the body.

- Read the entire label and follow all instructions. The label will have important information about storing pesticides, disposing of excess pesticide, handling spills, first aid, and poison control.

- Observe all safety precautions on the label. Examples include "Keep out of reach of children" and "Do not use near fire, sparks or

flames."

- Wear proper protective clothing as listed on the label. This should include liquid-proof gloves and shoes, long-sleeved shirt, long pants and a wide-brimmed hat.

- Do not eat, drink, smoke or go to the bathroom while handling pesticides. Wash your hands before and after use.

- Observe the reentry periods before allowing pets and people into the treated area.
- Make recently treated areas off-limits until it's safe.

- Avoid mixing pesticides near wells or open water. It's critical to avoid contaminating water sources.

- Do not apply pesticides to blooming plants. This is especially important if honey bees or other pollinating insects are visiting them. If you have to spray, do so early in the evening and use a non-dust formulation.

- Evaluate your control efforts. If it is unsatisfactory, consider these possibilities: correct identification of pest, using the correct pesticide

on the correct site, timely treatment, old product or pest resistance to the pesticide. Rain can also hinder treatment effectiveness.

If you come across a product that has been sitting in a storage shed or no longer has a label, contact your county Extension agent for help. It may be tempting to just mix a little and spray, but that's not a good idea. Most product labels can be found at greenbook.net. Follow the exact instructions to ensure your safety and to achieve the best results. You should never use a product that you are unsure about. Remember that the safe and legal use of pesticides requires that the entire label be followed exactly.

The home and garden edition of the 2021 Georgia Pest Management Handbook is another great resource for selecting pesticide products. The home and garden edition covers pest control around homes, on pets, and for pests of home garden vegetables, lawns, fruits and ornamentals, providing current information on the selection, application and safe use of chemicals and other control methods.

To order a \$29.95 print copy of the home and garden edition of the 2021 Georgia Pest Management Handbook, visit the UGA Press website or Amazon.com. To order by email or phone, send a message to orders@longleafservices.org or call 800-848-6224. A Kindle edition can be purchased for \$22.49 at Amazon.com

UGA Poultry Science faculty, staff earn national awards

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ATHENS, Ga. — Four faculty and staff members in the Department of Poultry Science at the University of Georgia's College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences (CAES) have received prestigious awards from national professional organizations.

Andrew Benson, assistant professor in the Department of Poultry Science, received the 2021 Novus International Teaching Award from the Poultry Science Association (PSA).

The award is given to recognize that excellence in teaching is integral to the future welfare of the poultry industry, and to support continued professional improvement through travel, study and other means.

Benson is an alumnus of the department and now teaches the course that inspired him to pursue a career in poultry science.

Jessica Fife, who serves as the outreach coordinator for the department, received the 2021 PSA Student Recruitment Award from PSA.

This biennial award recognizes an individual who, using innovative methods, has significantly improved the recruiting program of a respective department,

college or university.

As outreach coordinator, Fife leads the department's recruitment initiatives; student affairs, marketing and communication efforts; alumni relations, and more. Recently, she created Georgia's first poultry science curriculum for high school agriculture education classrooms and is currently pursuing a doctorate in agricultural leadership, education and communication from CAES.

Lorraine Fuller, a research professional in the Department of Poultry Science, was awarded the Tyson Foods Inc. Support Personnel Award through PSA. This award acknowledges the contributions by support personnel and to recognize outstanding support of research, extension or teaching programs in poultry science.

Fuller has helped more than 30 graduate students with their research, is author or co-author on 49 papers, and holds two patents. Recently she has begun developing testing protocols and reagents for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's use in approving active compounds for treatment of ascariasis and helminthiasis in poultry.

Lilong Chai, assistant professor in the Department of Poultry Science, was awarded

the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers' 2021 Sunkist Young Designer Award.

This award recognizes and honors members under 40 years of age for outstanding contributions to the advancement of the profession and to stimulate professional achievement.

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Chai's contributions include being author or co-author of more than 100 publications and principal investigator or co-principal investigator for 20 grants and contracts. Chai also recently initiated a successful inaugural Georgia Precision Poultry Farming Conference with support from department administration, fellow faculty members and researchers.

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the efforts of two of the faculty, Drs. Benson and Chai, recognized by two professional associations.

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Fife, and Dr. Lorraine Fuller for career-long efforts in parasitology research and service to the poultry community."



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- Georgia was the first state to create a state department of agriculture.
- The first agricultural experiment farm and state were established in Savannah in 1735.

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For Your Information

NOTICE TO ALL DISABLED VETERANS

CHAPTER 55 DAV, would like to give all qualified interested Vet's an open invitation to meet with us at the **NEWTON COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT** located at 15151 Alcovy Rd. Covington, GA. The second Saturday of each month at 2:00p.m. we have service officers willing and able to help with claims
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LEGALS

Public Notices

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 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

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

TO: JOSEPH Gilliard and Mayara Sant'ana Moreira, **YOU ARE** hereby notified that a female child, Alyssa Rose Gilliard born to Mayara Sant'ana Moreira on July 11, 2007 in Covington, Ga; a male child, Damien Alexander Gilliard born to Mayara Sant'ana Moreira on August 21, 2008 in Conyers, Ga; and a female child, Isabella Alanna Gilliard was born to Mayara Sant'ana Moreira on February 11, 2010 in Covington, Ga. A Petition for Adoption of these children was filed in the Superior Court of Charlton County, GA, Adoption No. 21-SU-CA-002. Joseph Gilliard be advised that you will lose all rights to the children and will not receive notice nor be entitled to object to the adoption unless within 30 days of your receipt of this Notice you: (1) file a Petition to Legitimate the child in the Superior Court of Charlton County pursuant to OCGA 19-7-22; (2) provide written notice of the filing of your Petition to Legitimate to the adoption Clerk, Superior Court of Charlton County, 1520 3rd Street, #A, Folkston, Ga 31537; and (3) provide written notice of the filing of your Petition to Legitimate to counsel for the Petitioners, Carrie Murray Nellis, at 1700 Frederica Rd #305, SSI, GA 31522. Mayara Sant'ana Moreira be advised that you will lose all rights to the children and will not receive notice of further pleadings nor be entitled to object to the adoption unless you appear before the Court on the 6th day of August, 2021 at the Superior

Court of Charlton County, GA.

PUBLIC NOTICE #200457 6/27-74,11

Citations

CITATION

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

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

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. CLARKE has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **THOMAS MALETIC**, deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. 53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objection must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before 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, 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 **BETTIE 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

RE: ESTATE of GENEVIEVE M. JONES Deceased

ALAN DANNY JONES, Executor has petitioned to be discharged from Office and all Liability. All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause as to 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, GA**

NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT 1132 USHER STREET COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200492 6/27

CITATION

RE: ESTATE of JOHN LEE SORROW, Deceased

MARTHA LYNN Sorrow Swaney, Executor Conservator has petitioned to be discharged from Office and all Liability. All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause as to 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, GA**

NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT 1132 USHER STREET COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200449 6/27

CITATION

RE: ESTATE of TERRY CLYDE KING, Deceased

ROBERT DAVID, Executor Conservator has petitioned to be discharged from Office and all Liability. All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause as to 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, GA**

NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT 1132 USHER STREET COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200448 6/27

CITATION

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

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- 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.

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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.

CITY OF COVINGTON JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

The City of Covington is currently accepting applications for a **Human Resources Specialist** in the **Human Resources Department** with a starting hourly rate of \$18.01 to a maximum hourly rate of \$26.46 depending upon qualifications. This position performs routine and complex administrative, technical work in administering various components of the personnel system of the City of Covington, including, but not limited to, salary administration, recruitment of qualified applicants, new hire processing and reporting, and registration of benefits for new employees. Required training and experience include an Associate's degree in business management, accounting, human resources or closely related field, and four (4) years of experience in a human resource capacity with at least two (2) years in salary administration, or any combination of equivalent education and experience. Qualified applicants can download an application packet at cityofcovington.org or may apply in person at Covington City Hall, 2194 Emory Street, Covington, Georgia 30014. This position will remain open until 4:00 PM on Tuesday, July 6, 2021. The City of Covington is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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

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

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: BEVERLY R. WEBB

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

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #200493
6/27-7/4

CITATION

TO: 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

AVASHOFANA 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

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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
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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
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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

CITATION

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,

CLUES ACROSS
1. College group
5. Small morsels of food
11. Actress Dunham
12. Puts a limit on
16. Used for baking or drying
17. Commercial
18. Zookeeper Bindi
19. Walk in one's sleep
24. The Great Lakes State
25. Winter sport
26. A thin layer on something
27. Peacock network
28. Give birth to a lamb or kid
29. "Too Scared to Cry" author
30. Nose
31. Friend
33. Country music legend
Haggard
34. Curved
38. More deformed
39. Bleated
40. Set on its end
43. An aspect of Ra
44. Releasing hormone (abbr.)
45. Harsh, grating noise
49. __ Francisco
50. Common Japanese surname
51. Punish with an arbitrary penalty
53. Football position (abbr.)
54. Not in the know
56. African antelope
58. Popular tech (abbr.)
59. Baseball teams get three of them
60. Make up one's mind
63. __ Spumante (Italian wine)
64. Martens
65. Susan and Tom are two

CLUES DOWN
1. Excessively showy
2. Put an end to
3. Blood disorder
4. Ingredient in wine
5. Shellfish
6. Made smaller
7. We
8. The Treasure State
9. __ Eklund, actress
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Georgia. You are required to render your demands and /or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. This the 8th day of JUNE, 2021.

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

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

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

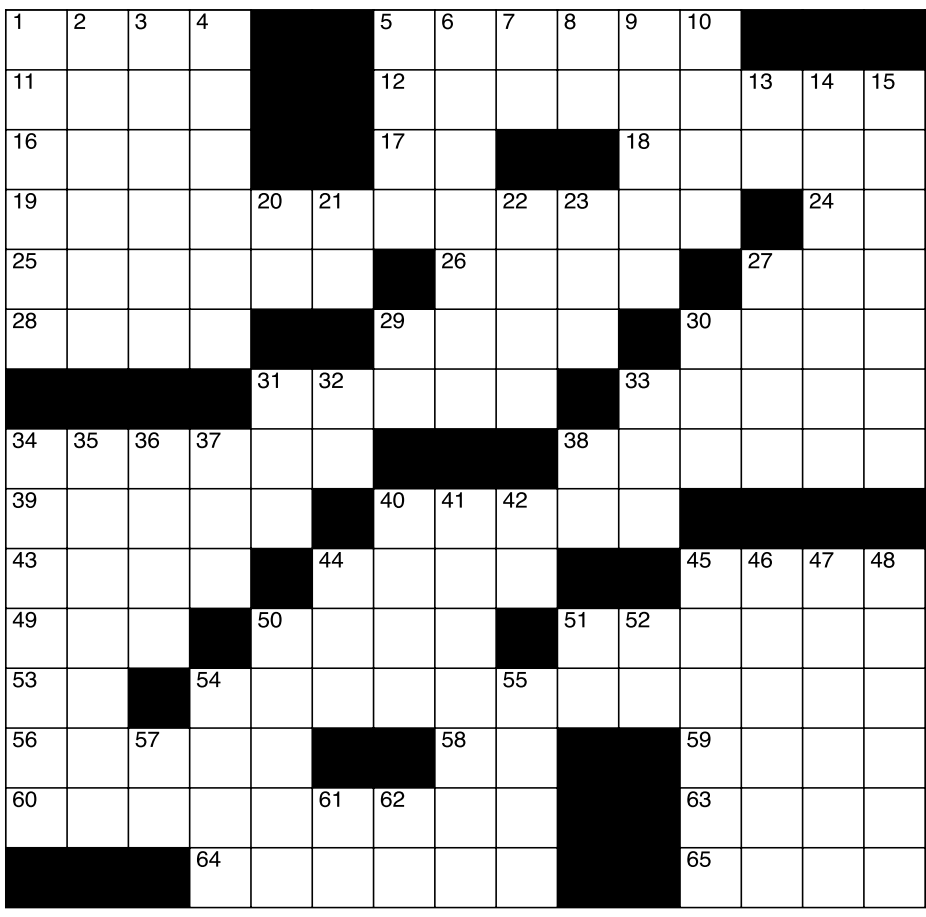
NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **DORIS C. COTTON** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. **THIS THE 24TH** day of MAY , 2021.

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

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

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

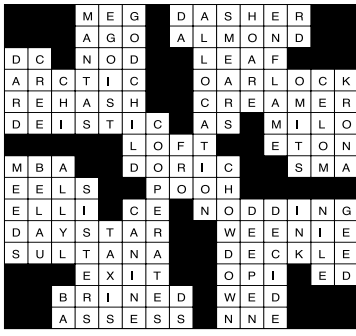
NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate



14. Dish of minced meat
15. Smothered laugh
20. Article
21. Atomic #12
22. Small parrot
23. Fictional "Star Wars" planet
27. French wine grape
29. Football stat (abbr.)
30. Sound unit
31. Where you sleep
32. University of Dayton
33. Miller beer offering
34. Feel embarrassed
35. Able to be estimated
36. Commune in NW France
37. Adult female chicken
38. Intergovernmental organization

40. Archaic term for until
41. That which is not sacred
42. Sound made in speech
44. Handgun (slang)
45. Fill up again
46. Evoke or awaken
47. Beam Me Up, __!
48. Spider wasp genus
50. Headaddress
51. Exclamation of surprise
52. Of I
54. Figures
55. Men's fashion accessories
57. Indicates position
61. Megabyte
62. The Prairie State

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:



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

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 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

See LEGALS, A8



CITY OF COVINGTON JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

The City of Covington is currently accepting applications for a **Human Resources Administrative Assistant** in the **Human Resources Department** with a starting hourly rate of \$16.60 to a maximum hourly rate of \$24.38 depending upon qualifications. This position is responsible for general clerical, administrative and light technical work involving word processing, data entry, filing, and daily record keeping of the Human Resources Department. Required training and experience include a High School Diploma or GED equivalent with applicable secretarial and other office work experience, or a two-year degree from an accredited college in business management or closely related field, or any combination of equivalent education and experience. Qualified applicants can download an application packet at cityofcovington.org or may apply in person at Covington City Hall, 2194 Emory Street, Covington, Georgia 30014. This position will remain open until 4:00 PM on Wednesday, July 7, 2021. The City of Covington is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



CITY OF COVINGTON JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

The City of Covington is currently accepting applications for a **Staking Technician** in the **Electric Department** with a starting hourly rate of \$19.68 to a maximum hourly rate of \$33.52 depending upon qualifications. This position supports the Distribution Design organization and is responsible for the design and inspection of the Electrical Distribution System. Responsibilities include field work, drawing, estimating, and designing for electrical system line extensions, and improvements and maintenance for new and existing facilities. Required training and experience include a Bachelor's and/or Associate's degree in Engineering Technology, five (5) years of experience in Electric Distribution Operations, or any combination of equivalent education and experience. Applicants must possess a valid Georgia Driver's License. Qualified applicants can download an application packet at cityofcovington.org or may apply in person at Covington City Hall, 2194 Emory Street, Covington, Georgia 30014. This position will remain open until 4:00 PM on Monday, July 5, 2021. The City of Covington is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

LEGALS:

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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 **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
6/20,27-7/4,11

Divorces

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

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

CIVIL ACTION FILE
SUCV2021001397-5

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

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

SO ORDERED, this 21st day of June, 2021

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

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

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

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY
STATE OF GERORGIA

CHERRIE MCQUINTER
FERNANDEZ PLAINTIFF
V.
GABRIEL FERNANDEZ DEFENDANT

CIVIL ACTION NUMBER
2021-CV-1077-4

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO:
FLORENCIO G. FERNANDEZ
8221 GA HWY 16 LOT #8
MONTICELLO, GA 31064

BY ORDER of the court for service by publication dated MAY 20 2021 you are hereby notified that on APRIL 30, 2021 (date of filing) CHERRIE M. FERNANDEZ (plaintiff) filed suit against you for Divorce .

YOU ARE required to file an answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for publication with the clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County and to serve a copy of the answer upon the plaintiff (if pro se) or upon the plaintiff's attorney (if represented).

WITNESS THE Honorable CHEVEDA D. MCCAMY, Judge Superior Court of Newton County.

THIS, THE 20TH day of MAY 2021.
LINDA D. Hays
CLERK OF Superior

PUBLIC NOTICE #200410
6/6,13,20,27

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY
STATE OF GERORGIA

DANYEL CARO LUGO
PLAINTIFF
V.
TERESA MALDONADO HUNOZ
DEFENDANT

CIVIL ACTION NUMBER
2021-CV-1232-4

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO:
TERESA MALDONADO HUNOZ
MEXICO, CUERNAVACA

BY ORDER of the court for service by publication dated MAY 27 2021 you are hereby notified that on MAY 25 , 2021 (date of filing) DANYEL CARO LUGO (plaintiff) filed suit against you for Divorce .

YOU ARE required to file an answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for publication with the clerk of the Superior Court of

Newton County and to serve a copy of the answer upon the plaintiff (if pro se) or upon the plaintiff's attorney (if represented).

WITNESS THE Honorable CHEVEDA D. MCCAMY, Judge Superior Court of Newton County.

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

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

Foreclosures

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
COUNTY OF NEWTON
STATE OF GEORGIA

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 alt 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 000° 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,

and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtors is: **SACOR FINANCIAL Inc.**
C/O MARK Stewart
1911 DOUGLAS # 85205
ROSEVILLE CA 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 a 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 a tenant 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 a 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 **JOHN L GOLDEN III** to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., ACTING SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR HOMESTAR FINANCIAL CORP., its successors and assigns, in the original principal amount of \$157,102.00 dated August 11, 2017 and recorded in Deed Book 3599, Page 4, Newton County records, said Security Deed being last transferred to LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC in Deed Book 4215, Page 324, Newton County records, the undersigned will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, before the Courthouse door in said County, or at such other place as lawfully designated, within the legal hours of sale, on August 03, 2021, the property in said Security Deed and described as follows:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 100 OF THE 10TH DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 56, UNIT THREE OF ASHLEY MEADOWS SUBDIVISION, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 42, PAGES 145-148, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS, WHICH RECORDED PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE AND MADE A PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION.
PARCEL ID: 0028E-00000-055-000
SAID PROPERTY being known as: **150 SUNFLOWER LANE, COVINGTON, GA 30016**
TO THE best of the undersigned's knowledge, the party or parties in possession of said property is/are **JOHN L GOLDEN III** or tenant(s).

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

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

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

THE NAME, address, and telephone number of the individual or entity who has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage is as follows:
CENLAR FEDERAL Savings Bank
425 Phillips Boulevard Ewing, NJ 08618

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

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

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

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

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. PREDRO 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

Former teacher pleads guilty to obscene contact with child

By TOM SPIGOLON
tspigolon@covnews.com

COVINGTON, Ga. — A former Newton County middle school teacher who had served as a teen’s mentor pleaded guilty Thursday to an internet porn charge related to his request the boy videotape himself for the teacher’s pleasure.

Former seventh-grade math teacher Winfred Akins, 48, of Covington, pleaded guilty to one felony count of Obscene Internet Contact with a Child in a negotiated plea in Newton County Superior Court Thursday, June 24.

Judge Layla Zon accepted the plea and sentenced Akins to 10 years, with the first three in confinement and the remainder on probation.

“There’s something wrong with an individual who would prey upon innocent young men,” Zon told Akins during the hearing.

She told Akins he would be classified as a sex offender and ordered him not to

have contact with children under age 16.

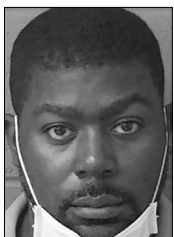
The judge also said she did not want him to go “off the radar” if he moved from his Henry County home.

She ordered Akins to notify Newton County Superior Court if he changed residences because of her concerns he would become involved with a new group of youths as he went through the “bureaucracy” of linking with a new probation officer.

“I don’t trust you around children,” Zon said.

The judge also allowed the boy’s mother to read a victim impact statement Thursday.

She said she had trusted Akins enough to allow him to mentor her 14-year-old son. He had visited her church and told an audience during a public event the boy was an “inspiration” to



Winfred Akins

others, she said.

“And ‘blah, blah, blah’ and all the other jibberish,” she said. “Not knowing the day I asked you to mentor my son would be a day I would regret.”

She said she now has a strained relationship with her son.

The woman said she is a single mother and endured physical ailments from the mental anguish she went through for allowing Akins access to her son.

“The defendant convinced my son he had no one to turn to,” she said.

The ailment also kept her from working at times, despite being a sole provider for her family.

Akins declined to speak.

Zon noted prosecutors had said the 14-year-old victim had found it odd that he was being asked to share images of himself with his teacher.

“I think that the mother’s words summarized just a small part of the damage you’ve done in the commu-

nity,” Zon told Akins.

Akins had worked in two counties as a teacher and had “years of direct involvement” with young students before working in Newton County, said Assistant District Attorney Alex Stone during a September bond hearing.

She said Akins, who was married with two children, also had mentored a church youth group but was told to leave the job after he allegedly made advances toward a group member during a trip to Orlando, Florida.

He worked as a teacher at Liberty Middle School for two years and served as a step team coach and a student mentor.

The investigation into the charges began when the victim’s mother told a sheriff’s deputy on Aug. 11, 2020, that she had discovered her 14-year-old son received messages by phone from Akins in December 2019.

Akins had asked the boy to videotape himself commit-

ting a sex act so the suspect could watch it and tell him if he was doing it correctly, Stone said.

Stone said sheriff’s office investigators then secured a search warrant for Akins’ home Aug. 28, 2020, and seized electronic devices, including computers and cell phones.

They also seized a list of “multiple” names of potential victims, and a pencil case containing names and images on what appeared to be replicas of temporary driver’s licenses, Stone said.

After his Aug. 28 arrest, he resigned from his teaching job six days later after being charged with child molestation and computer pornography crimes.

Zon denied Akins’ request for a bond to be set during the September hearing because of his alleged actions to convince his wife to remove files from a cell phone that was part of the investigation.

Covington council OKs 2021-2022 budget

Records show nearly \$14M increase from last year

By TAYLOR BECK
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Council members unanimously approved a \$142 million budget for the city to operate with over the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

According to records provided by the city, the budget amount was a nearly \$14 million increase from the previous fiscal year. For 2020-2021, the budget was \$128 million.

While estimated revenues for the city totaled \$142,509,003 for the new year, expenditures were totaled at \$142,104,611, leaving \$404,392 earmarked as contingency funds.

The majority of the budget increase appeared to be mostly

pointed toward salary increases for city employees across nearly all departments. Exceptions were the mayor and council (\$72,000 — no change), Utility Billing/Meter Reading employees (\$266,265 — decrease of \$57,384), Auto Repair Shop employees (\$243,860 — decrease of \$30,659), and Cemetery and Parks employees (\$80,847 — decrease of \$16,862).

The city estimated a slight decrease in general property tax revenue for the new fiscal year (\$5.3 million) than the previous year (\$5.4 million).

Sales tax revenue was anticipated to increase by about \$800,000 in 2021-2022.

The police department will have an annual operating expense of \$8.8 million — the

highest of all departments — followed by the fire department’s expense total of \$6.3 million. The city’s street department will try to operate with a cap of \$1.94 million.

Other notable expense totals by department:

- Administration – \$1.6 million
- Planning & Zoning – \$1.3 million
- Engineering – \$1.1 million.
- Marketing/Communications – \$1.03 million
- Elected Officials – \$543,591
- Economic Development – \$226,699
- Recreation – \$132,369

A copy of the approved budget can be viewed at CovNews.com.

The new fiscal year begins July 1.



Special to The Covington News

U.S. Rep. Jody Hice, R-Greensboro, recently awarded his Hice Headliner award to Bradley’s BBQ owner Brad Stewart for his work to team up with the Georgia Emergency Management Agency as well as the local Kiwanis and Rotary clubs to provide meals to local first responders, doctors’ offices and hospitals during the COVID-19 pandemic. Bradley’s BBQ has operated since 1999 and earned the Covington-Newton County Chamber’s Small Business Employer of the Year Award in 2019 and The Covington News’ Unsung Hero award in 2021.

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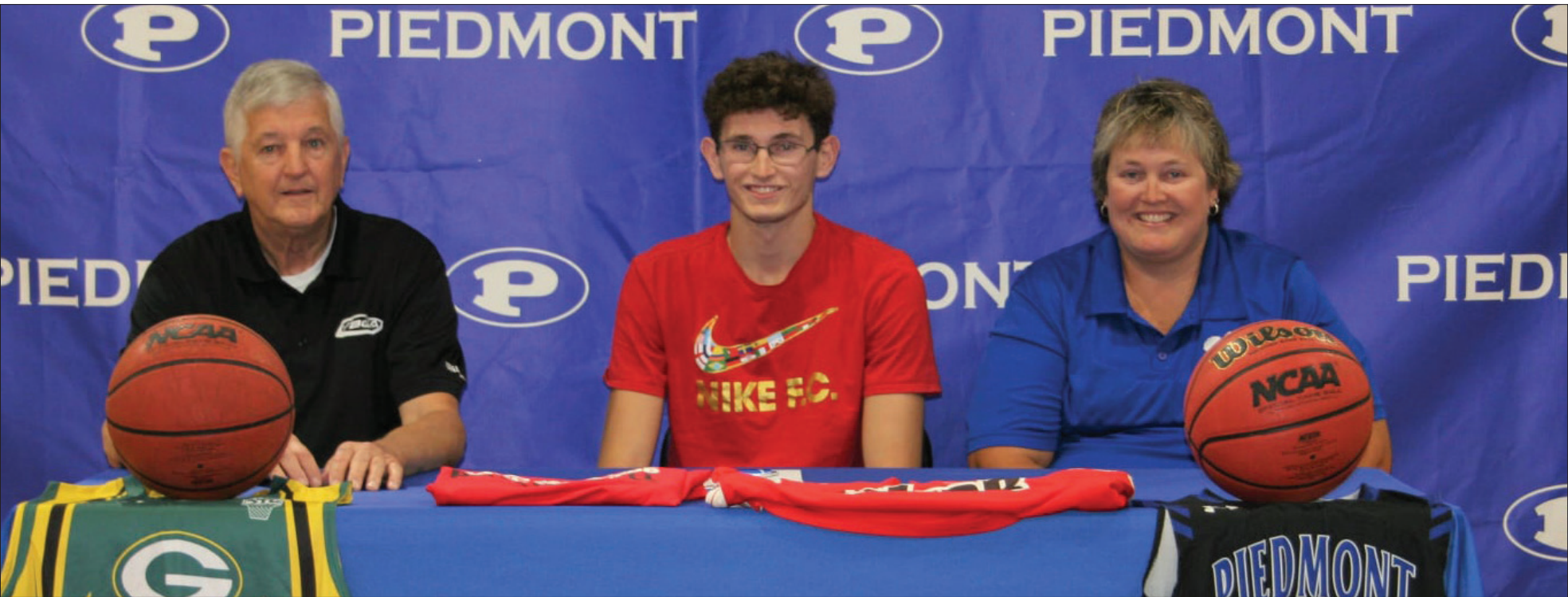
<p>NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA</p> <p>IN RE the name change of DANIEL EDWARD NANCE PETITIONER</p> <p>CIVIL ACTION File # 2021-CV-1083-2</p> <p>NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF ADULT</p> <p>DANIEL EDWARD NANCE filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on MAY 6 2021 to change the name from DANIEL EDWARD NANCE to IRIKETEKANA DANIEL EDWARD NANCE. Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after the Petition was filed DATE: 3-22-21</p> <p>DANIEL E.NANCE 330 RIVER RIDGE SOCIAL CIRCLE, GA 30025</p> <p>PUBLIC NOTICE #200454 6/13,20,27-7/4</p> <p>IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA</p> <p>IN RE the name change of DEANNA TOWANDA DAVENPORT PETITIONER</p> <p>CIVIL ACTION File # 2021-CV-1405-2</p> <p>NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF ADULT</p> <p>DEANNA TOWANDA DAVENPORT filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on JUNE 16, 2021to change the name from DEANNA TOWANDA DAVENPORT to DEANNA DAVENPORT WEAVER. Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after the Petition was filed DATE: 6-16-21</p> <p>DEANNA T. DAVENPORT 13611 HWY 278 SE SOCIAL CIRCLE, GA 30025</p> <p>PUBLIC NOTICE #200486 6/27-7/4,11,18</p> <p>IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA</p> <p>IN RE the name change of ERICA HENDERSON PETITIONER</p> <p>CIVIL ACTION File # 2021-CV-129-2</p> <p>NOTICE OF PETITION TO</p>	<p>CHANGE NAME OF ADULT</p> <p>ERICA HENDERSON filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on JUNE 2 2021 to change the name from ERICA LASHAWN HENDERSON to ERICA LASHAWN JOHNSON. Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after the Petition was filed DATE: 06-2-21</p> <p>ERICA HENDERSON 11545 BROWN BRIDGE RD COVINGTON, GA 30016</p> <p>PUBLIC NOTICE #200435 6/13,20,27-7/4</p> <p>Public Hearings</p> <p>CITY OF COVINGTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>NOTICE IS hereby given, per the City of Covington's Code of Ordinances Chapter 16.12 that the below applications were submitted for consideration by the Covington Planning Commission on the following properties.</p> <p>A. REZONING: PR21-0003- REQUEST – Rezone notated parcels from existing M2 (Heavy Industrial) TO proposed CR (Corridor Residential) for a proposed 210-unit residential townhome development: LOCATION: ALCOVY Road TAX MAP Parcel Number: C079 079 OWNERS: JAMES P. Hayes & Joan Sutherland APPLICANT: JBW Investments, LLC (Eric Johansen) B. SPECIAL USE PERMIT: PSU21-0009-REQUESTED USE – 210-unit residential townhome development: LOCATION: ALCOVY Road TAX MAP Parcel Number: C079 079 OWNERS: JAMES P. Hayes & Joan Sutherland APPLICANT: JBW Investments, LLC (Eric Johansen) C. SPECIAL USE PERMIT: PSU21-0007-REQUESTED USE – A 227-unit, townhome development: LOCATION: DR. ML King Jr. Ave., TAX MAP Parcel Number: C082 005B & C082 005C (CM) OWNER: NEELY Farms Family, LTD. APPLICANT: TAYLOR Weaver D. PRELIMINARY PLAT: PPP21-0001-REQUEST - Subdivide +/- 23 acres for a proposed 227-unit, townhome development: LOCATION: DR. ML King Jr., Ave., TAX MAP Parcel Number: C082</p>	<p>005B & C082 005C (CM) OWNER: NEELY Farms Family LTD APPLICANT: TAYLOR Weaver E. PRELIMINARY PLAT: PPP21-0004-REQUEST: SUBDIVIDE +/- 59 acres for a proposed 157-lot, single-family residential development (Neely Farms Phase III): LOCATION: 9431 ML King Jr., Ave., & ML King Jr., Ave. TAX MAP Parcel Number: C082 005E & C082 005F (NR2) OWNER: DON Barnette APPLICANT: BLUE River Development (Steve Oexmann) F. PRELIMINARY PLAT: PPP21-0006-REQUEST: SUBDIVIDE +/- 96 acres into three (3) parcels for proposed development of Covington Logistics Center. LOCATION: 1 Hazelbrand Road TAX MAP Parcel Number: C097 035B OWNER: COVINGTON Logistics Park 1, LLC APPLICANT: GEORGIA Civil, Inc. (Todd Peaster) G. FINAL PLAT: PFP21-0003-REQUEST:FINAL plat for Covington Town Center and will create Parcel 2A. LOCATION: 10000 City Pond Road TAX MAP Parcel Number: C080 036 OWNER / APPLICANT: COVINGTON Town Center, LLC (Harry Kitchen)</p> <p>THE PLANNING Commission will conduct the First Public Hearing on Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor and Council conducting the Final Public Hearing, on Monday July 19th, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. Both meetings will be held in the City Hall Council Chambers, 2116 Stallings Street. ALL INTERESTED parties are invited to participate. For more information, contact the city Planning & Development office at 770-385-2178/2179.</p> <p>PUBLIC NOTICE #200489 6/27</p> <p>CITY OF COVINGTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>NOTICE IS hereby given, per the City of Covington's Code of Ordinances Chapter 16.12 that the below applications were submitted for consideration by the Covington Board of Adjustments and Appeals on the following applications/properties.</p> <p>A. VARIANCE: PAV21-0003- REQUEST: VARIANCE to the requirement for sidewalk along Hwy</p>	<p>142: PROPOSED PARCEL to be affected: HWY 142 TAX MAP Parcel Number: C080 045 OWNER/APPLICANT: USPF/SREP Covington Owner LP C/O KEVIN Casteel B. VARIANCE: PAV21-0002: REQUEST: VARIANCE to setbacks to allowing for a parcel division with existing businesses to remain on proposed divided parcels, Tracts A & B. PROPOSED PARCEL to be affected: 4122 WASHINGTON St. TAX MAP Parcel Number: C035 0002 007 OWNER/APPLICANT: P R A V E E N Vittal THE BOARD of Adjustments and Appeals will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 2116 Stallings Street, Covington, GA. ALL INTERESTED parties are invited to participate. For more information, contact the city Planning & Development office at 770-385-2178/2179.</p> <p>PUBLIC NOTICE #200490 6/27</p> <p>Public Notice</p> <p>IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY GEORGIA</p> <p>DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION VS. CERTAIN EASEMENT RIGHTS; AND DAVID W. Plott; Vivian G. Plott; AgSouth Farm Credit, ACA; and United States of America acting through the Internal Revenue Service, individually</p> <p>DOCKET NO. SUCV2021000490</p> <p>NOTICE OF SUMMONS</p> <p>TO: DAVID W. Plott and Vivian G. Plott, Defendants and Condemnees named above.</p> <p>YOU ARE hereby notified that the above-sty led condemnation action was filed against you in said Court on the 3nl day of March, 2021, and that by reason of an Order for service of summons by publication entered by the Court on May 26, 2021, you are hereby commanded and required to file with the clerk of said court and serve upon William C. Gottschalk, Plaintiffs and Condemnor’s attorney, whose address is William C. Gottschalk, LLC, 2708 Pathview Drive, Dacula, GA 30019, an answer to the complaint within sixty (60) days ofthe date of the order for</p>	<p>service by publication. WITNESS THE Honorable W. Kendall Wynne, Jr., Judge of said court. This 28th day of May , 2021</p> <p>PUBLIC NOTICE #200408 6/13,20,27-7/4</p> <p>PUBLIC NOTICE:</p> <p>COVINGTON-NEWTON COUNTY Communications is proposing to build a 480-foot Guyed Wire Public Safety Communications Tower located at 10792 GA Hwy 36, Covington, Newton County, GA 30014 (33° 33' 24.41" N, 83° 51' 4.43" W). Public comments regarding potential effects from this site on historic properties may be submitted within 30-days from the date of this publication to J. Ivey, Terracon, 2105 Newpoint Place, Suite 600, Lawrenceville, GA 30043; 770-623-0755; joann.ivey@terracon.com. Reference Terracon Project No. 49217326.</p> <p>PUBLIC NOTICE #200482 6/27</p> <p>THE NEWTON County government proposes to construct a 250' self-support public safety communications tower at 176 Mt. Zion Road, Oxford, Newton County, Georgia. (33 38' 50.75" N, 83 54' 46.41" W). Anticipated tower lighting application is medium intensity dual red/white strobes. Interested persons may review the application for this project at www.fcc.gov/asr/ applications by entering Antenna Structure Registration (Form 854) file No. A1195973. Environmental concerns may be raised by filing a Request for Environmental Review with the FCC. The FCC strongly encourages interested parties to file Requests for Environmental Review online at www.fcc.gov/asr/ environmentalrequest , but they may be filed with a paper copy by mailing the Request to: FCC Requests for Environmental Review, Attn: Ramon Williams, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554.</p> <p>PUBLIC NOTICE #200484 6/27</p> <p>Public Sales Auctions</p> <p>PUBLIC AUCTION: Sellars Wrecker Services, In accordance with the OCCGA (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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2015 APOLLO• DIRTBIKE L08YGJGA1F000184• 2015 NISSAN ALTIMA	<p>1N4AL3AP1FC444106</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2006 DODGE• DURANGO 1D4HD48N76F166104• 2013 CHEVROLET• TAHOE 1GNLC2E07DR260459• 2005 HONDA CIVIC• 1HGEM22905L023433• 2002 TOYOTA• 4RUNNER JT3GN86R720258138• 2014 CHEVROLET• CRUZE 1G1PA5SH7E7486616• 1998 CHEVROLET S10• 1GCCS1441WK174778 <p>PUBLIC NOTICE #200463 6/20,27</p> <p>Trade Names</p> <p>TRADE NAME REGISTRATION AFFIDAVIT GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY</p> <p>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: HUALING & 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.</p> <p>PUBLIC NOTICE #200461 6/20,27</p> <p>TRADE NAME REGISTRATION AFFIDAVIT GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY</p> <p>TO WHOM It may Concern: PLEASE BE advised that KEVIN MCREE whose address is 5193 OLD MONTICELLO ST, COVINGTON GA 30014 and the owner(s) of the certain business now being carried on at 5193 OLD MONTICELLO ST COVINGTON GA 30014 in the following trade name, to-wit: KM CHIMNEY AND GUTTER CLEANING that the nature of said business is: SCORPIO CLEANING AND PRESSURE WASHING This statement is made in conformity with O.C.G.A. §10-1-490 et seq. requiring the filing of such statement with the Clerk of Superior Court of this county. THIS THE 14TH day of JUNE , 2021.</p> <p>PUBLIC NOTICE #200483 6/27-7/4</p>
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Prep Basketball

Greenwood inks NLI with Gardner-Webb



Special to The Covington News

Piedmont Academy senior Bradley Greenwood is taking his talents to the next level after signing a basketball scholarship to play for Gardner-Webb University in North Carolina.

By CHRIS BRIDGES
Correspondent

MONTICELLO, Ga. — Coach Will Johnson has always believed Bradley Greenwood possesses unlimited potential on the basketball court.

Greenwood will now have the opportunity to continue his hoops career at the next level after signing with Gardner-Webb University in Boiling Springs, N.C., last week. The Pied-

mont Academy senior was a two-time All-Region player and helped the Cougars to the Elite Eight on two occasions.

“Bradley was on my first team here and played for me for four years,” Johnson said. “He helped turn the program around and was a big part of winning more than 60 games during his career.”

The coach said play-

ing at the next level will be a great opportunity for his player.

“I have always said Bradley has as much potential as anyone I have coached,” Johnson said. “I am glad he is getting this opportunity.”

Greenwood’s AAU coach called him early this month and told him of the opportunity at Gardner-Webb. The senior was already set to

attend Augusta University since it was somewhat close to home.

After discussing the opportunity with his family, Greenwood visited the Gardner-Webb campus. Greenwood was impressed with what he saw and decided to make the commitment.

“I am very thankful to God for this opportunity and didn’t want to pass it up,” he said.



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Elija Godwin will be representing Team USA as a relay leg.

College Track & Field

Godwin named relay leg for Team USA

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It appears Elija Godwin will be heading to Tokyo after all.

The former Newton Ram and current Georgia Bulldog placed sixth in the U.S. Olympic Track & Field Trials at Hayward Field in Eugene, Ore., last weekend. He ran a 44.94 in the 400m final, the third-fastest time for a collegiate sprinter in the event, but missed the cut to automatically qualify for the Tokyo Olympics.

This week, however, the University of Georgia athletic department announced Godwin had been named as a relay leg for Team USA.

Wednesday morning, Georgia’s Track & Field twitter account sent out a photo of Godwin walking in a Team USA sweatshirt

while hauling luggage that had Nike and Team USA logos imprinted on them. The picture was accompanied by a caption, which read: “Know what that means if Elija Godwin is leaving #TrackFieldTrials21 in Oregon with Team USA gear?? Ticket PUNCHED.”

Godwin’s selection to the Team USA relay team was later confirmed on *GeorgiaDogs.com*, the official website for University of Georgia athletics.

Godwin, a junior, has been nothing short of historic thus far in 2021. He set the record for the fastest indoor 400m relay leg in collegiate history with a 44.21 and shattered several program records for the Bulldogs during the SEC Outdoor Championships.



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Finding the right nursing facility

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Humans’ desire to live independently begins in adolescence and continues into older adulthood. Though many seniors can handle the tasks of daily life on their own, others may need varying degrees of assistance.

Seniors have various options at their disposal in regard to finding help to get through daily life. Those who need round-the-clock help typically look to skilled nursing facilities, or SNFs, which are staffed with licensed nurses and therapists who are capable of providing a more advanced level of medical care than home health aides or assisted living facilities can offer.

Seniors who want to plan ahead can shop around for SNFs and make their preferences known in their estate planning. When looking for an SNF, seniors and their loved ones can utilize these tips to find the right facility.

- Speak with your health care team. Seniors’ health care teams, including their general practitioners as well as any doctors who may have treated them for specific diseases or conditions, can be great resources. For example, an oncology team may recommend a local SNF that has a strong track record in working with cancer survivors. Many people who stay in SNFs do so as part of a rehabilitation program, and a health care team can provide valuable insight into which facilities may match up well with individual patients’ needs.
- Give location ample consideration. When looking for an SNF, location should not be overlooked. The quality of care a facility can provide should be the utmost priority, but the value of choosing a facility that’s close to loved ones cannot be understated, especially for seniors who will be moving in for a lengthy period of time. Routine visits from loved ones can lift the spirits of SNF residents. In addition, AARP® notes that regular visitors can scrutinize care and serve as residents’ advocates if they feel their concerns are not being satisfactorily addressed by staff members.
- Visit facilities in person. Online ratings can provide some insight into a facility, but nothing can replace the value of an in-person visit. The American Health Care Association urges families to observe a facility in person so they can gauge its overall environment and whether or not it seems like a peaceful or chaotic place. Pay close attention

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Seniors can successfully engage in a variety of exercises that benefit their bodies and are unlikely to grow stale.

Effective exercises for seniors

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Losing interest in an exercise regimen is a situation many fitness enthusiasts have confronted at one point or another. Overcoming a stale workout routine can be simple for young athletes, whose bodies can typically handle a wide range of physical activities. That flexibility allows younger athletes the chance to pursue any number of physical activities when their existing fitness regimens grow stale. But what about seniors who have grown tired of their workouts?

Even seniors who have lived active lifestyles since they were youngsters are likely to encounter certain physical limitations associated with aging. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the likelihood of dealing with one or more physical limitations increases with age. CDC data indicates that 8 percent of adults between the ages of 50 and 59 have three or more physical limitations. That figure rises to 27 percent among adults age 80 and over.

Physical limitations may be a part of aging for many people, but such obstacles need not limit seniors

looking to banish boredom from their workout routines. In fact, many seniors can successfully engage in a variety of exercises that benefit their bodies and are unlikely to grow stale.

- Water aerobics: Sometimes referred to as “aqua aerobics,” water aerobics may involve jogging in the water, leg lifts, arm curls, and other activities that can safely be performed in a pool. The YMCA notes that water aerobics exercises are low impact, which can make them ideal for seniors with bone and joint issues like arthritis.
- Resistance band workouts: Resistance band workouts can be especially useful for seniors who spend a lot of time at home. Resistance bands are inexpensive and don’t take up a lot of space, making them ideal for people who like to exercise at home but don’t have much space. Resistance bands can be used to strengthen muscles in various parts of the body, including the legs, arms and back. Resistance bands can be pulled or pushed in any direction, which allows for more versatility in a workout than weight machines and dumbbells. That versatility allows seniors to spice up their workout regimens when things get a little stale.

- Pilates: Pilates is another low-impact exercise that can be ideal for seniors with bone and joint issues. According to SilverSneakers®, a community fitness program for seniors that promotes living through physical and social engagement, Pilates can help seniors build overall strength, stability and coordination. SilverSneakers® even notes that seniors can experience improvements in strength and stability by committing to as little as 10 to 15 minutes of daily Pilates exercises.
- Strength training: Seniors on the lookout for something more challenging than a daily walk around the neighborhood should not overlook the benefits of strength training. The CDC notes that seniors who participate in strength training can stimulate the growth of muscle and bone, thereby reducing their risk for osteoporosis and frailty. In fact, the CDC notes that people with health concerns like arthritis or heart disease often benefit the most from exercise regimens that include lifting weights a few times each week.

Physical limitations are a part of aging. But seniors need not let such limitations relegate them to repetitive, boring workouts.

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Hobbies for seniors in assisted living communities

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Assisted living facilities are a vital resource for aging individuals. Data from the American Health Care Association® and the National Center for Assisted Living® indicates that more than 811,000 people reside in assisted living facilities across the United States.

Assisted living facilities have changed dramatically over the years, making them ideal options for adults who may need varying degrees of help with daily activities. Such facilities can help with activities like bathing and preparing meals, but they also can help residents find and explore new or existing hobbies. As individuals adjust to life in assisted living facilities, finding new hobbies or rediscovering old passions can be a great way to connect with fellow residents.

- **Reading:** Reading is a rewarding activity that can greatly benefit seniors and provide an engaging pastime for those with limited mobility. Many assisted living facilities



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offer activities that are designed to foster communication between residents and a book club can do just that. What's more, reading every day may be especially valuable for people age 65 and older. A 2018 study published in the journal JAMA Psychiatry found that dementia risk was con-

siderably lower among men and women 65 and older who participated in intellectual activities like reading than it was among seniors who did not engage in such pursuits.

- **Gardening:** AARP notes that gardening provides a host of health benefits that go beyond ensuring fresh

fruits and vegetables will be on the dinner table. For example, vitamin D is vital to bone health, which is important for aging men and women who are vulnerable to osteoporosis. A 2014 study from researchers in Italy found that exposure to sunlight can help older adults get

adequate amounts of vitamin D. Signing up for a gardening club can be a great way for seniors to get some exercise, enjoy time outside the assisted living facility and promote strong bones.

- **Art therapy:** According to the Chicago Methodist Senior Services, art therapy is a

creative form of therapy designed to help older adults with memory loss or those experiencing mental or physical stress. The Harvard Medical School notes that recent research has indicated that engaging in creative activities may be more effective at delaying cognitive decline than merely appreciating creative works. A 2014 study from researchers in Germany found that retirees who painted and sculpted had greater improvements in spatial reasoning and emotional resilience than a similar group who attended art appreciation classes. Many assisted living facilities offer art therapy or similar programs to residents, and enrolling in such programs can promote social interaction and provide numerous benefits to men and women over 65.

Assisted living facilities offer an array of programs designed to help residents develop rewarding hobbies that can benefit their long-term health.



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When failing physical or mental health affects one's ability to be independent and live safely at home, moving into an assisted living facility may be the next step.

Considering a move to assisted living facilities

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As people age, often-times their living arrangements need to be adjusted. Needs evolve as children move out or other situations arise. One of the scenarios that may come to pass as a person ages is the need for more specialized help that just isn't possible at home.

When failing physical or mental health affects one's ability to be independent and live safely at home, moving into an assisted living facility may be the next step. The National Center for Assisted Living indicates assisted living offers the little bit of help some people need when they can no longer manage living alone. Typically these facilities provide assistance with bathing or dressing, medication management and other care, while also catering to people who may not require the around-the-clock medical care most often associated with nursing homes.

Vetting is an important component of

finding assisted living facilities. Family caregivers need to educate themselves about services, costs and other resources provided by assisted living facilities.

AARP says assisted living facilities provide residents with a range of services that can include supervision, meals, housekeeping, laundry, and personal care. Residents usually have their own apartments or private rooms. Because they are mostly regulated at state level in the United States, there is a lot of variety among these facilities. That means family caregivers need to assess their needs and desires in a facility to find the right one that fits. Assisted living facilities offer a home-like environment, and the amenities available vary based on cost.

Paying for assisted living differs from paying for nursing homes. Largely government-subsidized health programs like Medicare and Medicaid pay for nursing home care. Those who would be

best serviced by assisted living may find they may not qualify for government support, nor may the facilities accept anything other than private payment or long-term care insurance to cover room and board.

Other considerations in assisted living facilities are size, specialties, atmosphere, location, and the ability to transition to higher forms of care. Assisted living may fill a void currently, but it's often not a permanent situation for all, and eventually certain residents may have to move on to skilled care facilities.

Potential residents and their families should visit various assisted living facilities to get a feel for what they are like. Speak with the staff and residents, request a meal and get a sense of the environment. Apart from cost, how the home feels is one of the most important factors in shopping around for this type of residence.

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to residents and try to determine if they're well-groomed. These are things that can only be noticed in person, which underscores the importance of in person visits.

Skilled nursing facilities are an option for seniors who require advanced medical care. Finding the right facility requires careful consideration of a host of factors.

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It's important that adults recognize there are many ways they can protect and sharpen their minds as they age.

Simple ways to maintain memory as you age

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Adults confront various age-related side effects as they transition from middle age to their golden years. Skin may begin to wrinkle and hair may turn gray, but those are just the visible side effects of aging. Many additional effects are unseen, but those changes can have a profound effect on adults' quality of life.

According to the Mayo Clinic, various parts of the body are affected by aging. For example, the cardiovascular system changes as people grow older. Blood vessels and arteries stiffen as adults age, forcing the heart to work harder to pump blood through them.

Though many changes are linked to aging, other changes com-

monly associated with aging, such as a decline in memory, reasoning and other thinking skills, are not natural. The Alzheimer's Association® notes that dementia is not a normal part of aging. There are many different types of dementia, including Alzheimer's disease, and these are the result of damage to brain cells that affect a person's ability to communicate. That damage is not inevitable, even if it's commonly associated with aging.

The Harvard Medical School notes that fleeting memory problems experienced with aging often reflect normal changes in the structure and function of the brain. But it's important that those

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Figuring doctor visit frequency

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Routine health checkups are a key part of staying healthy. Older adults may feel like they're always visiting one doctor or another. But what is an acceptable frequency for doctor appointments?

The answer isn't always so cut and dry, and many health professionals have mixed feelings even among themselves over the magic number. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends adults over the age of 65 visit the doctor more than twice as often as 18- to 44-year-olds. According to Paul Takahashi, a physician at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., adults should see their primary care physicians at least once a year to make sure diseases are being properly managed and to stay current on preventative screenings.

Visiting the doctor more frequently does not necessarily add up to better health, and it actually can do the opposite. Dr. Peter Abadir, an associate professor of medicine at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, says frequent visits to health facilities where sick people congregate puts one at a higher risk of illness or infection. Visiting the doctor only when necessary is one way to avoid risky exposure.

Doctor visit frequency is not a one-size-fits-all answer. A yearly physical or checkup is a given, even for people who are healthy. People with a family history of certain conditions, like sleep disorders, cancer, high blood pressure, and other conditions, may need to see a doctor more frequently than those with no such histories. In addition, patients may need referrals to certain specialists who work together to provide an overall health plan. That can



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Adults should see their primary care physicians at least once a year to make sure diseases are being properly managed and to stay current on preventative screenings.

increase the number of appointments and shorten the intervals between them. Johnson Memorial Health offers some statistics.

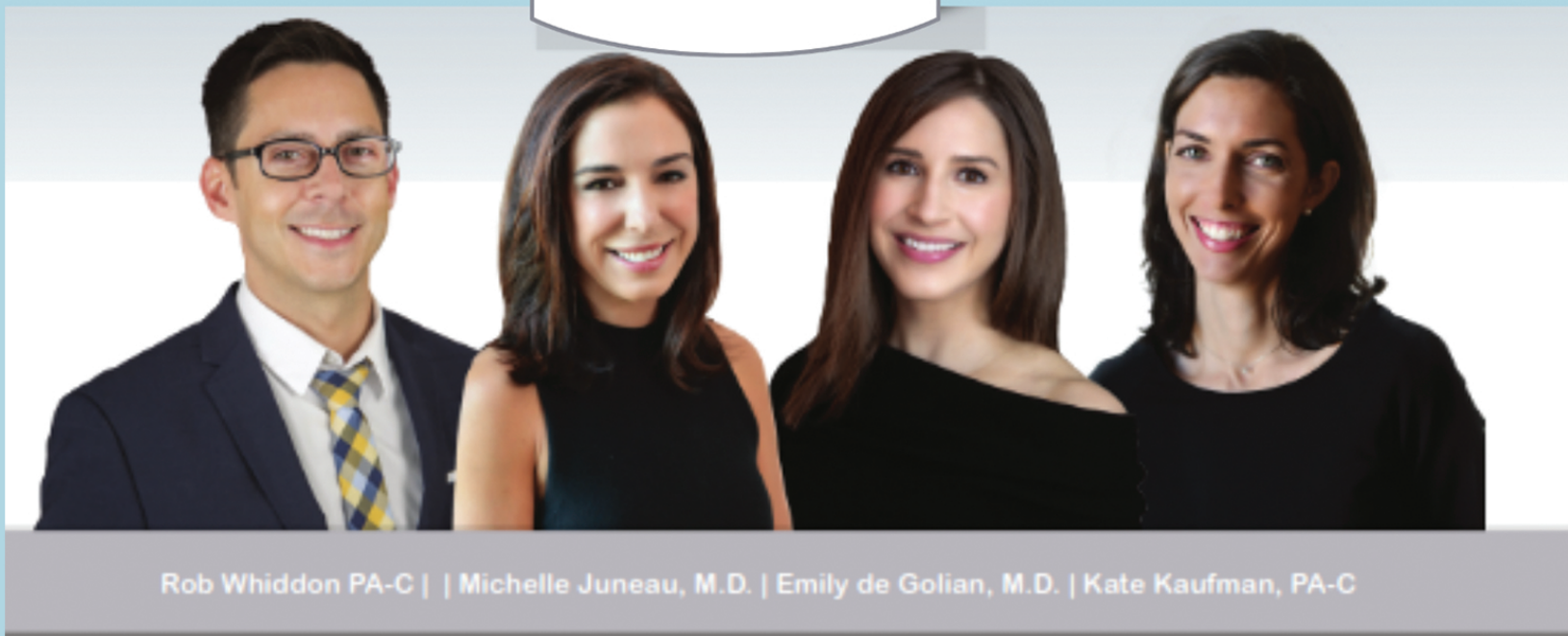
- People visit the doctor four times a year on average.
- Studies show that poor or uninsured people prolong the time between doctor's visits.
- Individuals with high blood pressure may need to see the doctor four times a year to ensure medications are working properly.
- Patients on dialysis see the doctor several times a week.

Dr. Jennifer Caudle, a family physician and assistant professor at Rowan University School

of Osteopathic Medicine in Stratford, New Jersey, says too often people visit the doctor only when they are really sick. That works to their disadvantage because the appointment will focus only on treating the illness instead of addressing other preventative care and screenings. Balance is necessary in regard to health care.

Patients can work together with their doctors to develop screening schedules that are customized to their particular profiles. These schedules can be modified as health history information changes or as patients age. Doctors can dial back or increase health visits as needed.

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A living will is not always a necessity if a person does not have strong feelings about decisions made on his or her behalf while not cognizant.

Things to know before drafting a living will

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During the prime of their lives, people typically don't give much thought to scenarios in which they become ill or are facing the end of life. Sickness and mortality are not easy conversations to have, but it is important for everyone to approach these heavy topics with close family members so that individuals can rest easy knowing their needs will be met if or when their health falters.

An advanced health-care directive — also known as a living will — is a legal document in which a person lists the specifics of medical care and comfort actions they desire should the individual no longer be able to make decisions for themselves due to illness or incapacity. The legal advice resource Legal Zoom says the living will may list certain things, such as whether life support is desired or if pain medication should be administered. A living will should not be confused with a traditional will, which is a legal document that explains wishes for financial and personal assets after a person dies. Living wills also differ from living trusts, which address how assets will be managed if a person becomes incapacitated.

A living will is not always a necessity if a person does not have strong feelings about decisions made on his or her behalf while not cognizant. However, for those who do want to have a say in care,

a living will is the best method for ensuring choices will be carried out. Below are questions people should ask themselves concerning living wills:

- Do I want to remove the burden of tough choices from my loved ones? A living will relieves grieving loved ones of the responsibility of making challenging decisions of invoking life-saving procedures or not — particularly if they're not sure what you desire.

- Do I have firm feelings about life-saving methods? A living will allows you to spell out preferences on insertion of feeding tubes, if you want specialized hydration, if you want to be hooked up to life support if brain function is minimal, and a host of other scenarios.

- Is cost preventing me from drafting a living will? Cost need not be a factor in setting up a living will. You can download a free template from any number of online legal sources. Local hospitals often have forms as well, which can be notarized for only a few dollars.

- Have you selected a trusted person to carry out wishes? A health care proxy, according to the American Bar Association, is a person appointed by you with the authority to make decisions for you if you are unable to express your preferences for medical treatment. Together with the living will, the health care proxy, also called a durable medical power of attorney, can fulfill your wishes accordingly.



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People who are worried they haven't saved enough can try various strategies to build up their account balances before they officially call it a career.

Saving strategies as retirement draws near

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Professionals on the cusp of retirement are often excited about what lies ahead. Some prospective retirees may look forward to traveling once they no longer have to go to work each day, while others may plan to return to school. Regardless of how adults envision spending their retirement, they're going to need money when they're no longer being paid by their employers.

As retirement nears, some professionals may be concerned that they haven't saved enough.

There's no one-size-fits-all answer in regard to how much money people will need in retirement.

People who are worried they haven't saved enough can try various strategies to build up their account balances before they officially call it a career.

- Take advantage of catch-up contributions. Adults who are 50 or older are eligible to take advantage of catch-up contributions. These are designed to help people over 50 contribute more to certain retirement accounts, such as a 401(k) or IRA, than statutory limits would otherwise allow.

There are limits that govern the amount of money people can designate as catch-up contributions, but taking advantage of this perk can help people save more as retirement draws closer.

- Consider relocating. A recent study from the Employee Benefit Re-

search Institute found that housing costs accounted for 49% of seniors' spending.

Professionals nearing retirement who live in areas traditionally associated with a high cost of living can begin to rethink their long-term housing strategy.

Relocating to an area with a lower cost of living is one option, while those who prefer to remain in their current town or city can consider downsizing to a smaller home to reduce their property taxes and monthly utility bills.

- Continue investing. Conventional wisdom suggests moving away from investing in stocks the closer you get to retirement.

Though that's a sound strategy, professionals who are trying to build their retirement savings in the final years before retiring could be missing out on significant growth by abandoning stocks entirely.

Speak with a financial advisor about stock-based investments and your risk tolerance. Maintaining a diversified portfolio with a little risk can be a great way to grow your savings as retirement draws near.

Professionals approaching retirement may be dealing with a mix of excitement and anxiety, particularly if they're concerned about their retirement savings. Various strategies can help quell such anxiety and make it easier for professionals over 50 to build their savings as retirement nears.



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Individuals may be surprised to learn about where they'll be spending the bulk of their money when they get older. Here's a look at some key categories.

Evaluating seniors' biggest expenses

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New parents may not be able to visualize that one day their largest expenditures won't be centralized around providing necessities for their children. Adults go through many years of paying for diapers, toys, clothing, food, and education for their children. Yet, when the children have flown the coop, spending patterns change, and even more changes await come retirement.

According to a 2020 survey from the financial services firm Edward Jones, 68% of workers soon to retire said they had no idea how much they should be setting aside for expenses, particularly health care and long-term care. Professionals approaching retirement would be wise to analyze the Consumer Price Index - Elderly. It is a tool to estimate which future expenses will cost the most after retirement. The Bureau of Labor Statistics looks at consumer spending and uses various data to determine the rate of inflation in key areas that apply to older adults starting at age 62.

Below are a few things to keep in mind:

- Housing: According to data from the Employee Benefit Research Institute, in 2017, the most recent year for which data is available, housing accounted for roughly 49% of all spending for seniors. Focus should be centered on lowering those costs when a fixed income is imminent. The possibilities include paying off a

mortgage; downsizing a home to have a lower rent or mortgage payment; refinancing a home to a fixed-rate loan so that costs are predictable; and taking on a tenant to offset costs.

- Food: The cost of food will not change dramatically, but it can eat into your budget. Even though food costs may decline when there's only two mouths to feed, food and beverage spending may go up due to more leisure time and dining out. Utilize senior discounts by shopping on days when stores offer percentages off purchases. Save money on restaurant spending by eating out at lunch instead of dinner, splitting plates or skipping appetizers.

- Healthcare: Experts warn while many expenses decline in retirement, health care spending increases. Studies show, the average 65-year-old couple retiring in 2020 in the U.S. needed roughly \$295,000 just to cover their retirement health care expenses. Those with family histories of severe illnesses or those with preexisting conditions will need even more. Roughly half of the population will need long-term care at some point, and that requires advanced budgeting. Many people find that Medicare supplement plans can bridge the gap in expenses that government-run plans will not cover. Saving through a health savings account when employed can create extra cash on hand for retirement expenses.

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changes not be mistaken for dementia, and it's equally important that adults recognize there are many ways they can protect and sharpen their minds as they age.

- Continue learning. HMS notes that a higher level of education is associated with improved mental functioning in old age. The reasons for that are unknown, but experts theorize that advanced education compels people to remain mentally active, which in turn helps them maintain a strong memory. Even aging men and women who are still working in challenging fields can benefit from pursuing a new hobby or learning a new skill.

- Use the tools at your disposal. It may seem counterintuitive to suggest that organizational tools like planners, maps and lists can help people maintain their memories. However, HMS notes that expending mental energy on finding car keys or trying

to remember what to buy at the store makes it harder to learn new and important things.

- Let all your senses play a role. HMS reports that the more senses a person uses to learn something, the more his or her brain is involved in retaining a memory. HMS cites one study in which adults were shown a series of emotionally neutral images that were each presented along with a smell. Participants were not asked to recall what they saw, but were later shown a set of images and asked to indicate which they had previously seen. The participants had excellent recall for the odor-paired images, and researchers believe that's because additional parts of the brain were activated when participants were asked to use more than one sense.

Memory loss is not an inevitable side effect of aging, especially for adults who take steps to maintain their memories as they age.

What seniors should know about herbal medicines

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A lifelong commitment to healthy living can improve life expectancy and quality of life while reducing a person's risk for various conditions and diseases, including cancer and heart disease.

Healthy lifestyle choices like eating a nutritious diet and exercising regularly can greatly reduce a person's risk for various ailments, but such choices don't eliminate that risk entirely. As a result, even health-conscious men and women may need to rely on medication to stay healthy. That's especially true for seniors since age is a risk factor for various conditions.

A 2014 analysis that appeared in the Archives of Gerontology and Geriatrics examined nearly 1,300 published articles that focused on the use of herbal supplements by elderly patients. Though only 16 of those articles met the researchers' criteria, the analysis concluded that herbal supplement usage is common among elderly patients, as was a lack of dialogue about such supplements between medical professionals and seniors. A concerted effort to initiate such dialogue on the part of both patients and health care providers can help shed light on herbal medicines so people taking them, including seniors, can learn more about what they're putting into their bodies.

What are herbal medicines?

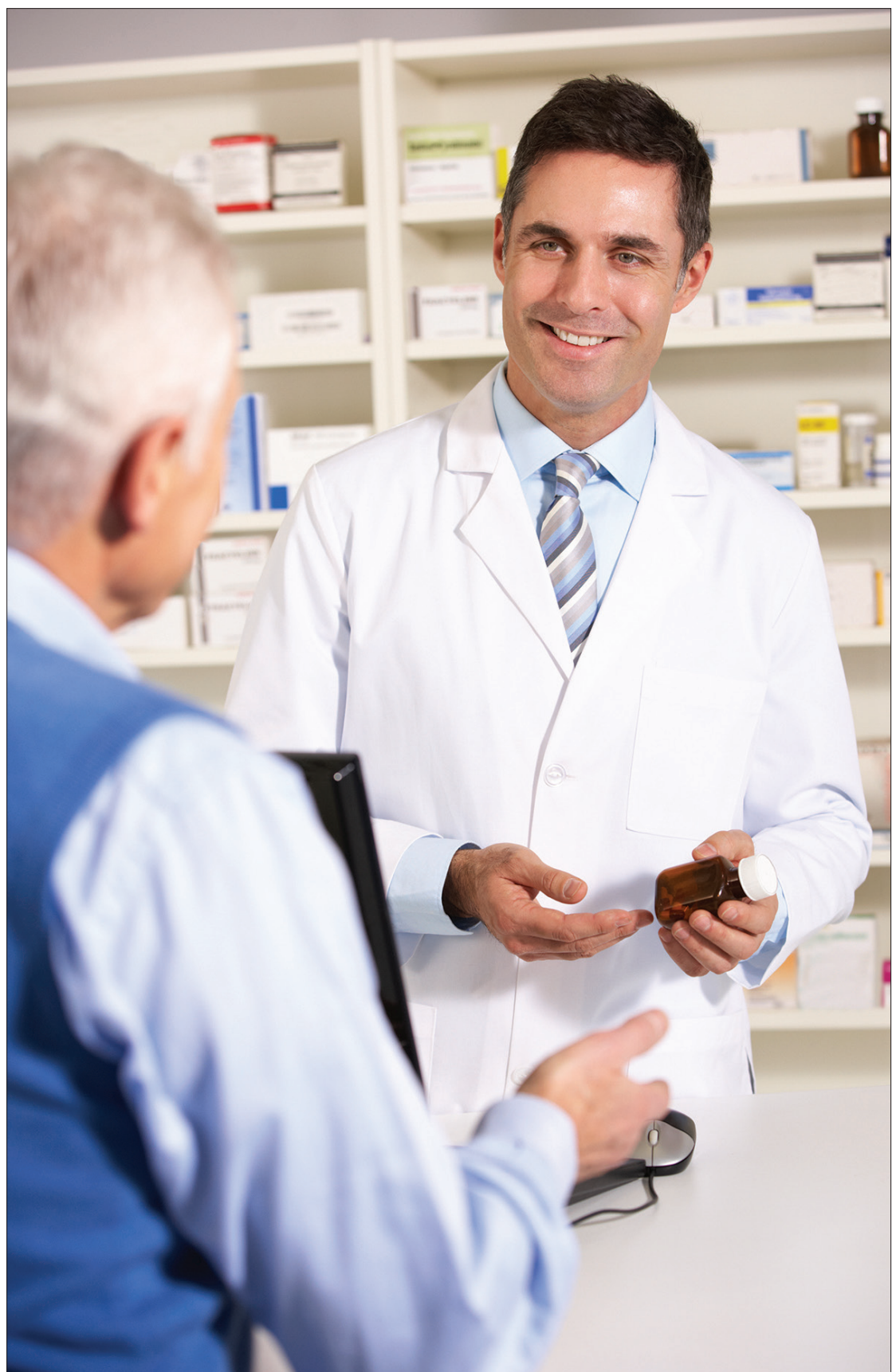
The National Health Service of the United Kingdom, a widely respected and publicly funded health care system, describes herbal medicines as those with active ingredients made from plant parts like leaves, roots or flowers. Because herbal medicines are

made from plant parts, many people assume they're safe to take without consulting a physician. However, the NHS urges people to treat herbal medicines with the same care and respect as they would more conventional medicines. Herbal medicines can affect the body in various ways. A frank discussion with a physician can shed light on the potential side effects of herbal medicines and whether or not they're safe.

Why should seniors be concerned about herbal medicines?

The NHS notes that seniors taking other medications may experience problems if they begin taking herbal medicines as well. The National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health, which is part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, notes that more well-designed studies are necessary to fully evaluate interactions between herbal medicines and prescription drugs. However, the NCCIH notes that some evidence points to some harmful effects of mixing the two. For example, the NCCIH reports that prolonged exposure to concentrated garlic extracts may reduce the efficacy of some drugs. The potential for these types of interactions should be enough to compel seniors to think twice before taking herbal medicines without first consulting their physicians. In addition, the NHS has developed a list of various types of people for whom herbal medicines may not be suitable, and that list includes the elderly.

Seniors considering herbal medicines should discuss the pros and cons of such products with their physicians prior to taking anything.



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