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recapping the Newton
Lady Rams' season; [See B1](#)



His Word

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unto you; good measure,
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bosom. For with the same
measure that ye mete
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to you again.

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Newton commissioners approve new Stanton Springs data center agreements >> [SEE A3](#)

NCSS announces partnerships to get teachers vaccinated >> [SEE A10](#)

Publix to anchor Town Center



The master plan for Covington Town Center shows an area in red that is set to include Publix.

Planned for first of two phases included
in Covington's long-awaited development

By **TOM SPIGOLON**
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Publix supermarket will anchor the retail portion of the long-awaited Covington Town Center project on Alcovy Road.

Joint venture partners The Sembler Co. and Berkley Development on Thursday, March 4, announced the acquisition of about 12 acres at Alcovy Road and Town Center Boulevard for construction of the planned retail part of the overall 180-acre mixed-use development that will include the new Publix.

Construction is expected to begin by this summer with

completion targeted for the spring of 2022.

It will be part of the overall 180-acre mixed-use development planned since 2016 to include residential development, hotels, retailers, restaurants and offices on Alcovy Road between City Pond Road and Ga. Highway 142.

Publix will include 48,387 square feet and be the anchor store of the Town Center retail area's 63,000-square-foot first phase — the grocer's second Newton County location.

The additional 14,400 square feet of small shop space "will offer a

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State seeks death penalty in 2020 murder case

By **TOM SPIGOLON**
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COVINGTON, Ga. — The state will seek to put to death a man accused in the murders of women in Newton and Gwinnett counties on the same day in March 2020.

Superior Court Judge Ken Wynne on Wednesday, March 3, continued until March 31 an arraignment for Arrieff McKenzie, 50, of Covington, after hearing he only had one of two required attorneys

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**Arrieff
McKenzie**

COVID-19: A Global Public Health Crisis

53,000 vaccinations administered across Gwinnett, Rockdale, Newton counties

FDA approves use of new single-dose vaccine as teachers become eligible for shot

By **TAYLOR BECK**
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Gwinnett, Newton & Rockdale County Health Departments have administered 53,000 vaccinations and counting across the area.

Chad Wasdin, who serves as communications director and public information officer for the departments, said the number above was the cumulative total as of Tuesday, March 2. He said a breakdown of how many vaccinations had been administered per county was not available.

Georgians who are currently eligible to receive the vaccine, which will



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As of March 2, Gwinnett, Newton and Rockdale County Health Departments have administered more than 53,000 vaccinations.

include teachers and school staff beginning Monday, March 8, can get the vaccine anywhere it's being provided within the state, Wasdin said.

The nearest mass vac-

cination site to Newton County residents is still Springfield Baptist Church, located at 1877 Iris Drive SE in Conyers. Wasdin said despite its Rockdale County location, Newton

residents are encouraged to schedule appointments at the church. Appointments to get a vaccine at the church must be made on the local health department's at gnrhealth.com/covid-vaccine-scheduling/. Walk-ins will not be accepted, Wasdin said.

If residents want to try and schedule an appointment somewhere else, Wasdin encouraged them to use the state health department's COVID vaccine site locator tool at dph.georgia.gov/locations/covid-vaccination-site, which includes retail pharmacy locations, private

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to help manufacturer
relocate, stay in county**

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High: 55° Low: 33°
• Partly sunny.



Sunday, March 7
High: 58° Low: 32°
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South Carolina couple seeks return of baby's ashes

Urn among items inside U-Haul truck stolen from outside Covington hotel

By TOM SPIGOLON
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COVINGTON, Ga. — A heart-shaped urn with the remains of a South Carolina couple's baby son was among items still missing today after thieves took a U-Haul truck containing their belongings from outside a Covington hotel early Wednesday.

Police were investigating the 1:24 a.m. theft of the white Ford F-650 truck from the parking lot of La Quinta Inn at 9159 Access Road.

The victim, Benjamin Benton, is in the Air Force and he and his family were moving after his recent transfer from Shaw Air Force Base in South Carolina

to Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana, said Capt. Ken Malcom of the Covington Police Department.

The black, heart-shaped urn contained the remains of the couple's six-month-old son, Wyatt, who died in 2016.

"We just want our

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The Bentons are seeking the return of this urn containing the ashes of their six-month-old son, who died five years ago.

Special to The Covington News

Arenda (Piper) Ramsey

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Arenda (Piper) Ramsey died Thursday, Feb. 11, 2021, after a brief illness. A devoted wife, sister and aunt, she was a tireless advocate for young people, the elderly, and her family. Born on September 3, 1943, Arenda Inez Piper was the first child of Rev. Leon and Mrs. Inez Piper. In time, she would be the older sister to two brothers, Leon Jr. and Mark, both of whom she loved and cherished. After high school and secretarial school, she worked at the General Motors Plant at Lakewood, where she met Robert "Bob" Ramsey. They were married on June 10, 1967, and lived in Stone Mountain, and Hartwell for nearly 50 years before he preceded her in death in January 2018.

As a loyal GM employee, she always earned the trust and admiration of her co-workers. She turned out of the lights at the Lakewood

plant, and finished her career at the Doraville plant.

During their marriage, they shared a love of travel — both car trips to national parks here in the United States, and cruises to exotic destinations around the world. She decorated her home with many beautiful photographs that Bob took on their travels. They often traveled with friends and shared many delightful memories with them.

A devoted aunt to her seven nieces and nephews, she made birthday cakes, sewed Homecoming dresses, hid hundreds of Easter eggs, and created many cherished memories with each of them. She was fortunate enough to dance at each of their weddings and celebrate the birth of her great nieces and nephews. Handcrafted with love and great attention to detail, she made wedding quilts for her nieces and nephews, and ones for the nursery of many of her great nieces and nephews. She

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worked to provide blankets and quilts to young mothers, who may not have had them otherwise, and countless lap quilts for the elderly that she also championed.

A long-time member of Smoke Rise Baptist Church, she volunteered with the youth program, and spent countless hours in support of her Sunday School class and its members. In Hartwell, GA, she dedicated her time and attention to the young preschoolers, volunteering as the preschool librarian for the First Baptist Church of Hartwell. She would lovingly and painstakingly select books for the young children, organized the library, and new additions to its collection.

For years, she cared for her elderly aunts and uncles, taking them special treats and gifts as they aged, but also checking on them often to make sure they were able to age at home and with as much dignity as possible.

She was a frequent volunteer at area nursing homes, taking arts and crafts, snacks, and activities to local residents, always caring deeply for those marginalized, and often forgotten members of society. A woman of great faith, she was always very practical in her application of God's love for others, and one who lived out the gospel message by being the hands and feet of God to those who needed help.

She was preceded in death by her husband Robert Ramsey, her parents Rev. Leon and Inez Piper and her brother, Mark, and is survived by her brother Leon and sister-in-law Hedy Piper, and her nieces and nephews — Brian (Elizabeth) Ramsey, Keith (Trish) Ramsey, Bruce Ramsey, Natalie (Scott) Williams, Allison (Ryan) Rennie, Katie (Trevor) Albertson, and Ben (Lindsey) Piper, and 17 great nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held Sunday, May 30, 2021,

at 3 p.m., to honor both Bob and Arenda at Lawnwood Memorial Park, 1111 Access Road, Covington, Georgia. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to either the Gary Sinise Foundation or the American Cancer Society.

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This obituary was prepared with love and affection by Mrs. Ramsey's family.

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Steven Richard Quillen

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Steven Richard Quillen, 52, of Monticello, passed away Tuesday, March 2, 2021, at his home surrounded by his family. He was born in Pittsburgh, PA to Ralph Donald and Elaine Claire (Caye) Quillen. He was a devoted husband, father, "Peepaw", son, brother, uncle, and friend to many. His hobbies included riding motorcycles and dirt bikes. He especially enjoyed riding his Harley to Helen, GA. Steven liked working and restoring cars. His favorite thing was his family and he cherished his time spent playing with his grandchildren. He was deeply loved by all those who knew him and will be greatly missed. Steven was preceded in death by his mother, Elaine Claire Caye Quillen, and sister, Sherry Olsen. His memory will live on in those who loved him best,

his wife Tara Quillen of Monticello; children and their spouses, Ashley Quillen and Jorge Blanco of Key West, FL, Eric Reynolds of Atlanta, GA, Chelsea and Shawn Ulmer of Dallas, GA, and Kristin Reynolds of Oxford, GA; grandchildren, Jorge, Ariana, Serenity, Giovanni and one on the way; brother and sister-in-law, Danny and Shanty Quillen; father, Ralph Donald Quillen of Mexico; in-laws, Steve and Brenda Dial of Oxford; 5 nephews and 2 nieces. A Memorial Service will be held in the Chapel of Wheeler Funeral and Cremation Services, 11405 Brown Bridge Rd, Covington, Saturday, March 6, 2021 at 2 p.m. with Pastor Mike Jorgenson officiating. The family will receive friends from Noon until 2 p.m. Condolences may be sent to wheelerfuneralhome.com. The service will be livestreamed at oneroomstreaming.com/view/authorise.php?k=1614727186103644.

Grace Goddard

Caldwell & Cowan Funeral Home

Grace Goddard, of Covington, passed away Feb. 28, 2021, at the age of 89. She was a devout Christian, and a heavily involved member of the Gaithers United Methodist Church; pioneering the youth program, and being a supportive wife to her husband's ministry at the church. Mrs. Goddard was an avid flower gardener, and also enjoyed traveling, especially to Fort Clinch at Amelia Island, Florida. She is preceded in death by her husband, Reverend Herman Goddard; daughter, Kathryn Allen; son, Rick Goddard; and parents, William A. Brock and Bertie M.

Carlan.

Her memory will be cherished dearly by her son-in-law, Richard Allen, of Covington; daughter-in-law, Janice M. Goddard, of Covington; grandchildren, Jon and Sarah Allen, Nicholas and Scarlett Goddard, Evan and Kristen Goddard; great-grandchildren, Noah Goddard, Evelyn Goddard; and several nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held on Wednesday, March 3, 2021, at 4 p.m., at Lawnwood Memorial Park, 1111 Access Road, Covington, GA, with Reverend Richard Allen and Reverend Andy Parker officiating. In Lieu of flowers, dona-

tions can be made to the Refuge Resource Center, 1307 Milstead Ave. NE, Conyers, GA.

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Newton BOC approves new Stanton Springs data center agreements

Commissioner says past incentives have not matched Facebook's community involvement efforts

By **TOM SPIGOLON**
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Newton County commissioners have approved agreements designed to help finalize a deal for construction of a data center on the last sites available within Stanton Springs industrial park.

Commissioners on Tuesday, March 2, voted for agreements with the data center developer — identified as Baymare LLC — as well as three neighboring counties and a joint development authority for the project planned for a site in the park near Social Circle.

The commissioners' votes followed the Joint Development Authority (JDA) of Jasper, Morgan, Newton and Walton Counties' Feb. 23 approval of a \$42 billion bond issue to Baymare for an unnamed, large-scale data center project; and a purchase and sale agreement for more than 628 acres of land priced at \$62,500 per acre.

Stanton Springs includes more than 1,600 acres and straddles Newton, Walton and Morgan counties.

Its main occupants are Takeda Pharmaceutical and a Facebook data center, with plans announced in 2020 for an additional Facebook data center to bring its total investment in the park to \$1 billion, company officials said.

Serra Hall of the JDA told Newton commissioners Tuesday the bonds were not approved "through any debt to any of the four counties."

"I want to make sure that that is not debt that will come back to you or any citizen of Jasper, Newton, Morgan or Walton county," said Hall, who is vice president of project development for the Newton County Industrial Development Authority. "They are on behalf of the company."

The financing will be issued as "phantom" bonds in which the JDA issues them and Baymare purchases them, said Shane Short of the JDA on Feb. 23.

The JDA then will take title to the project and lease it to Baymare for a period of time so the bonds can remain tax-exempt, said Short, who is executive director of the Development Authority of Walton County.

District 4 Commissioner J.C. Henderson on Tuesday told Newton commissioners he was concerned about giving incentives to a new company when Facebook had done very little "outreach in communities" since its announcement.

"We've got these bigtime companies and ... and it seems like they give little to nothing to the 'reason for the season,' the citizens of Newton County," Henderson said.

However, Chairman Marcello Banes said Facebook donated more than \$2 million in 2020 to the school system and local small businesses in the four counties.

County attorney Sam VanVolkenburgh said the agreement for the new project closely follows one made with Facebook before the social media company announced its intention to build in Stanton Springs in 2018.

The agreement differs from the 2018 pact because it states Newton County will do all permitting work for the project even if parts of it are being built in Walton and Morgan counties, VanVolkenburgh said.

He said that plan will make it easier to meet the agreement's requirement that expedites decisions from the permitting office by requiring it to process — within 10 days from the original requests — permits and other matters needed to complete construction.

Henderson asked if the plan would require the county Development Services department to hire more staff.

County Manager Lloyd Kerr said no additional employees will be needed because in a "project this size" the company typically hires its own inspectors to make sure work is being done to the county's satisfaction.

After the meeting, Banes said he was "excited about

the direction the JDA is going (and) excited about the project that is potentially coming to Stanton Springs."

Banes, who is a JDA member, said he believed "we have a great team of people down at Stanton Springs, and we have a great economic development team" working for the JDA, including Hall and Short.

Baymare will make payments in lieu of taxes, or PILOTs, starting in April 2027 at \$2 million and increase by \$1 million every two years until April 2033, totaling \$5 million per year.

The payments will be due even if the phases are not completed on time, officials said.

Newton and Walton counties will receive 37.5% of the revenue, Morgan County will receive 15% and Jasper County 10%.

The PILOT payments will compensate the four counties for lost tax revenue due to the tax-exempt status of the property.

Though Baymare will appear to make rent payments to cover debt services on the bonds, no money will change hands since the company will have bought the bonds.

School and county property taxes will be abated during construction.

As part of the deal, Baymare will also provide up to \$3 million to fund construction of a two-lane frontage

road that runs parallel to the project and a spur to improve traffic flow, which will begin as soon as the deal is completed.

Baymare will also pay the JDA a bond issuance fee of \$1.5 million.

Construction of the planned 2-million-square-foot data center will be done in phases, bond documents state.

Phase 1, estimated at \$750 million, is expected to be completed by Dec. 31, 2026, with 900,000 square feet of interior space and 50 new jobs.

Phases 2, 3 and 4 facilities are estimated at \$550 million each and will include 400,000 square feet of interior space in each phase. Completion dates for each phase are 2028, 2030 and 2032, bond documents state.

Bond documents for the development state Baymare is a Delaware limited liability company — the same legal status Morning Hornet LLC had in 2018 bond documents before it was revealed to be Facebook.

The next step is a bond validation court hearing scheduled for March 15.

An announcement to reveal the unnamed industry is expected after the deal is finalized later this month, officials said.

Publisher and Editor Taylor Beck contributed to this report.

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complementary mix of services, restaurants, and retail designed to meet the needs of the city of Covington and Newton County's growing residential and employee population," a news release stated.

Harry Kitchen and wife Charlotte own South Carolina-based The Foxfield Co., which has been the Town Center's master developer since the project's beginnings in 2016.

He said in a phone interview the objective for the overall 180-acre mixed use project "is to identify the 'best in class' of each use type, whether it is hospital-ity, residential, office, restaurant or retail."

"I certainly think the Sembler-Berkley team and Publix fit that description and will bring the highest quality grocer-anchored center to the project," Kitchen said.

Kitchen said he knew Covington was ready for more retail options, including another supermarket, because so many residents were traveling to nearby Conyers and other neighboring counties for shopping.

"Publix was one of the keys to Covington Town Center," he said.

The Sembler Co., based in St. Petersburg, Florida, has worked

to develop projects that include Publix supermarkets for more than 40 years and has developed more than 60 Publix-anchored shopping centers throughout the Southeast.

Sembler Senior Vice President Josh Beyer said in a news release that the company believes Covington Town Center "will be a premier retail destination that will provide modern convenience for the surrounding community."

Berkley Development President Mike Cohn said Publix and other retailers "will bring a first-class shopping experience to a mixed-used project in an area showing promising growth."

"We're excited to work with The Sembler Co. in bringing a Publix-anchored retail center to this project, which we believe will quickly become a staple shopping destination," Cohn said.

Cohn said in a phone interview on Thursday that the project was not an "easy sell" to Sembler because of how it viewed Covington as a retail market.

However, Cohn said the company eventually understood how changes in the area in recent years meant there was a demand for a new supermarket option.

He added that Sembler and Berkley already are planning a second phase of the shopping center that will add 100,000 square feet of retail space.

Kitchen said about 22 acres of the Town Center project are planned as outparcels that will have a variety of restaurants, financial institutions and small office tenants.

The Newton County Industrial Development Authority posted on its Facebook page that three companies had signed letters of intent to be included in the project.

However, Kitchen said he did not want to disclose the source of the letters because they only indicate they are interested in being included and are not leases.

Kitchen said the final cost of completing the Covington Town Center project will exceed \$300 million. A total of about 1,550 new jobs will be created, he said.

The city of Covington, meanwhile, had spent more than \$1 million on such infrastructure as gas mains and lighting for the project by early 2020.

In addition to Publix

and other retailers, it also will include three hotels, including Residence Inn, Courtyard By Marriott and Stay Bridge Suites. Ground will be broken for Residence Inn next week, Kitchen said.

Developers recently hosted a groundbreaking ceremony for the project's first apartment complex, The Cove at Covington Town Center, which will be a 26-acre, \$57 million project that will provide 350 "Class A" apartments starting in 2022.

Covington City Council voted in early 2020 to waive \$1 million in permitting costs and water and sewer tap fees along with \$456,000 electric infrastructure costs to spur construction of the complex.

In addition, the Council recently voted for zoning changes for an increase in the amount of the Town Center's residential space — from the current 350 units to 625 units. That will allow the addition of 275 townhomes to the residential mix, Kitchen said.

Kitchen told the city council he believed the demand for residential units from workers at

area industries would outpace the need for new office space, which is also planned for inclusion in the project.

He said he planned to reduce the more than 100,000 square feet of office space planned

for the area — citing decreased demand after many employers found their staffs could successfully work remotely from other locations as part of safety precautions during the ongoing pandemic.



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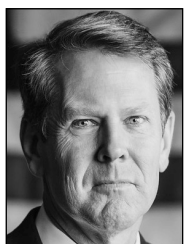
OPINIONS

The Covington News

Gov. Brian Kemp guest editorial

Georgians deserve better

My top priority as governor during the COVID-19 pandemic has been to protect both the lives and livelihoods of all Georgians. Over the last year, our state has remained open for business, while also effectively combating this unprecedented health crisis.



Over the past year, Georgia was named the top state for business for the eighth year in a row, maintained our coveted AAA bond rating, and preserved our rainy-day fund.

With more than 16,000 jobs and nearly \$6 billion in new investment announced coming to every region of the state in the first half of Fiscal Year 2021, we continue to break economic development records in our state. And, by allowing Georgia businesses to remain open, our unemployment rate continues to be below the national average. State revenues remain

strong. We continue to fund our priorities, and thanks to our measured re-opening, we avoided deep cuts to state agencies or essential services and were not forced to make significant layoffs and furloughs — all with no new taxes to help pay for it all.

In unprecedented times, working alongside the General Assembly, we made tough decisions, protected lives and livelihoods, and kept Georgia moving forward.

I am deeply concerned that, unlike federal aid passed last year, the newest round of COVID-19 relief for states that recently passed the U.S House ties those funds primarily to a state's unemployment rate.

The formula included in the previous CARES Act did not favor a resident from Georgia or any other state or base the amount of aid on the percentage of unemployed. Federal funds were distributed equally on a per capita basis. This approach enjoyed broad, bipartisan support and was signed into law by President Trump.

In terms of direct impact to hardworking Georgians, the current formula being considered in Congress would allocate over 50% more to a resident in New York than a resident in Georgia. The Peach State would be the worst-hit under this new plan, receiving nearly \$1.3 billion less than if the previous formula were applied. This is unacceptable.

The people of Georgia should not be punished by a federal government hoping to tip the scales in favor of other lockdown states who chose to decimate their own economies. It is no coincidence that the home states of Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi (D – Calif.) and Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D – N.Y.) are the biggest beneficiaries of this blue state bailout.

If President Trump and Republicans had attempted to favor red states or those who chose to safely reopen their economies in passing the CARES Act, Democrats and their mainstream media allies would have cried foul. Now, instead of using

the bipartisan blueprint for previous aid packages, congressional Democrats see a golden opportunity to prop up the failing pension plans and bloated budgets of their mismanaged states back home. This hyper-partisan process shows Washington D.C. at its worst.

The COVID-19 relief package, as currently written, is a slap in the face to hardworking Georgians, small businesses, and countless families who struggled to make ends meet throughout the pandemic. Congress should take action immediately by changing the bill to level the playing field for all states.

Failing to do so will prove that “unity” and “build back better” are bumper sticker slogans to be discarded at the earliest political opportunity. Georgians deserve better, and our country deserves better.

Brian Kemp is the 83rd governor of Georgia. This opinion was first published by Fox News.

Taylor Beck editor and publisher



Special to The Covington News

Good news, such as Starbucks coming to Covington, came at a perfect time.

Perfect timing for good news

I can't tell you how many times I hear that our newspaper should publish more “good, positive” news. In fact, I was talking to a friend a few weeks ago and she was taken aback by all the dramatic issues we've been covering lately — you know the ones.



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Bad news is like the car accident we see while driving down Interstate 20. You've been driving 5 mph for the last hour, and even though you should just acknowledge the crash and keep going, you can't. You have to slow down and take a long hard look at it because the scene is horrific and involved multiple vehicles. You have to know what happened, why it happened, how it happened and who it happened to.

Wrecks are one of the reasons why NASCAR built such a large fanbase over the years. It's dangerous. And while the wrecks are awful, you're not going to look away.

It's the same with a negative news story. When that headline hits the stands, it makes you stop and look. It makes you want to know more, no matter how bad it is. It steals the show while the good news is so often left in the dust.

I digress.

In short, my friend wished *The Covington News* could soon report some positive and encouraging news, and I hoped for the same. Honestly, covering difficult topics can be mentally taxing.

Well, our wish was granted.

Over the last two weeks, we've reported numerous major economic development announcements involving Newton County and the city of Covington, headlined of course by last week's announcement of the new data center project at Stanton Springs for Baymare LLC.

However, the announcements of Starbucks taking over the former Chick-fil-A building at Newton Plaza and a Publix anchoring Covington Town Center have appeared to cause an even bigger stir, for whatever reason, somehow overshadowing the \$42 billion, four-county development.

Regardless, I'm glad to finally see some “good, positive” news finally take the cake. It's been far too long.

My hat goes off to the leadership involved in these business negotiations. Despite a global pandemic, folks like Serra P. Hall and David Bernd with the Newton County Industrial Development Authority, along with many others, have remained hard at work to recruit industries and businesses to our home and pave the way to a brighter tomorrow.

Taylor Beck is the editor and publisher of The Covington News. He may be reached at tbeck@covnews.com.

Your Letters to the Editor

Reader disapproves ethylene oxide guest editorial

Dear Editor:

The article “Truth about ethylene oxide” written by pro-industry authors Ms. Goethe and Mr. Whitaker contains many broad statements but very little in the way of actual useful facts for the public to be informed about the truth around ethylene oxide (EtO). Here are some facts to counter their so-called facts.

While medical device sterilizers may only utilize < 1% of commercial EtO, they are actually responsible for 30% of EtO emissions (source: EPA). Interesting they left that out, wonder why?

They lob statements without context by claiming that EtO comes from all over from sources such as lawn mowers, diesel engines and gas grills. AdvaMed (Mr. Whitaker's pro-industry group) funded a study looking at supposed “everyday sources of EtO.” What they leave out is that in order to

approximate one day's output from the BD Covington facility (2 pounds EtO/day), we would need to cold start approximately 30,000 lawnmowers at once ... in the same spot. If that seems ludicrous, it should. They also leave out that diesel engine emission standards were changed by the law in 2010 and studies on diesel emission reports have not shown any EtO produced from this source.

One of the telltale signs of a pro-industry piece is the legendary claim that “our own bodies create EtO” as if we should all be able to bathe in EtO and be fine since it is so natural in our bodies. It is sort of like stating that because our livers can process alcohol, all alcohol is safe. In small amounts, yes, in larger amounts, no. It is the same with EtO except nobody really knows what, if any, EtO is produced at the human body level but we do know how

much EtO is considered unsafe for human exposure and these facilities are exceeding those limits. In addition, whatever natural EtO is produced in our bodies is non-toxic as opposed to, you know, the toxic emissions produced by sterilizers.

They also mention that the EPA is looking into EtO levels in ambient air and that it found levels of EtO more broadly than originally understood. True. What I would counter is that if you look very specifically at the monitoring done in Willowbrook, IL at the Sterigenics facility when it was open and then shut down. The results overwhelmingly showed that the amount of EtO in the air drastically reduced (by approx. 95%) when the facility was shut down (source: EPA). We are concerned with known sources of EtO that are increasing concentrations in ambient risk and, therefore, risk to human health.

The industry is currently fighting very hard to maintain their ability to self-report emissions. Keep in mind that all data we have from commercial sterilizers comes from self-reporting. Additional fun fact: self-reporting is based on mathematical calculations and not any kind of actual monitoring. The BD Bard facility in Covington self-reported EtO emissions of 20,206 pounds in 2003; 6,803 pounds in 2013; and 693 pounds in 2014 with pretty amazingly similar levels every year since (source: EPA). Was there some huge improvement in technology? No! 2014 is also (total coincidence I'm sure) the time frame of the National Air Toxics Assessment (NATA) which spurred this whole issue of elevated EtO exposure. So, we have 2014

self-reported emission data decreasing by almost an order of magnitude at the same time of a significant review by the EPA around this very gas. Very interesting indeed.

Does anyone else have a problem with companies who profit off of utilizing carcinogens and emit carcinogens into the air being the ones who are charged with monitoring and reporting the same emissions? Not only that they don't actually have to monitor them, they need only calculate them? We as a citizenry should, at a minimum, demand that self-reporting is a non-starter. These companies should pay for, and the Georgia EPD should be responsible for, independent testing not just at the stack but ongoing real-time fence line monitoring around the BD Bard facilities in Covington and Madison. In addition, there should be additional monitoring at any facility utilized to store EtO sterilized product to accurately measure fugitive emissions. Ms. Goethe and Mr. Whitaker claim that the industry has been looking into alternatives for years but the truth is that alternatives to EtO will take investment and may increase prices. That could potentially mean less profits and that is not something that is high on their priority list.

Now I will admit my bias here (unlike Ms. Goethe and Mr. Whitaker) as I am part of a group of concerned citizens. Say no to EtO Georgia, who believe that EtO related businesses have no place near any populations. We believe simply that cancer is bad and no level of EtO exposure should be acceptable.

*Jason McCarthy
Covington*

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Yard Sales

Yard & Estate Sales

LARGE ESTATE SALE

DATE: SATURDAY, March 13, 2021

TIME: 9A.M. to 3p.m.

LOCATION: 1974 Meadows Rd Newborn, GA 30054

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LEGALS

Public Notices

Adoptions

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
WALTON COUNTY STATE OF
GEORGIA

RE: PETITION of
GARRISON BRANDON DOUGHTY,
FOR THE Adoption of
IVY GRACE MASON and **MILA KAY MASON**, Minor Children.
CIVIL ACTION Adoption
FILE NO. 21-AOOI-1

NOTICE OF ADOPTION TO: JOHN THOMAS MASON, Natural Father of **IVY GRACE MASON** and **MILA KAY MASON**
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 10226 Stone Street NW., Apt A., Covington, Georgia 30014
GREETINGS: **By** Order of Service by Publication, you are hereby notified that **GARRISON BRANDON DOUGHTY** has filed a petition to adopt **IVY GRACE MASON** and **MILA KAY MASON**, and when adopted to be known as **IVY GRACE DOUGHTY** and **MILA KAY DOUGHTY**, Adoption No.21-A001-1, in the Superior Court of Walton County, Georgia and you make known any objections you might have to the prayers in said petition at the hearing on the Motion for Termination of Parental Rights and Adoption and show cause why your rights in the above named children should not be terminated.

JUDGE JEFFREY L. Foster at the Court House in Walton County, Georgia. **WITNESS,** the Honorable **Jeffrey L. Foster**, Judge of the Superior Court. Honorable **Karen P. David**
CLERK, SUPERIOR Court of Walton County
ALCOVY JUDICIAL Circuit
THIS DAY of February, 2021.

PUBLIC NOTICE #119990
2/28-3/7,14,21

Alcoholic Beverage

MEMORANDUM
DATE: MARCH 3, 2021
TO: SCOTT Andrews, Ed. D., City Manager
FROM: PLANNING & Development Department
SUBJECT: REQUEST for Alcohol License on behalf of:
MELON SALON, LLC
1123 CHURCH Street, Ste 102

APPLICANT: SADIE Huff
THE REFERENCED applicant is in the process of applying for: **PERSONAL SERVICE** Beer and/or Wine License Based on the attached review application, including pertinent records, documentation and information on file and in accordance with Chapter 5.12 of the City Alcoholic Beverages Ordinance, Planning and Zoning recommends the Mayor and City Council, **NOTICE – APPLICATION ALCOHOL LICENSE**

NOTICE IS hereby given that an application has been submitted to the Mayor and Council of the City of Covington to obtain a license for alcoholic beverages for Personal Service Beer and/or Wine License only for:
MELON SALON, LLC
1123 CHURCH Street, Ste 102
Applicant's name: **Sadie Huff**
THE APPLICATION will come before the Mayor and Council, City of Covington, Georgia, for consideration March 15, 2021 at 6:30 PM Council Room located 2116 Stallings Street, NW, Covington, GA. This notice is published pursuant to the provisions of Section 5.12.080(C), Covington Municipal Code.
ATTEST:
JENNIFER HISE, PERMITTING AND LICENSE SPECIALIST
CITY OF COVINGTON

PUBLIC NOTICE #200030
3/7

Bids

THE CITY of Covington is seeking bids for the purchase of one (1) Compact Mini Excavator as specified in exhibit "A" of the bid packet **SEALED BIDS** must be delivered to City Hall, 2194 Emory Street NW, Covington, GA 30014, Attn: Scott Cromer no later than 10:00am on Thursday, March 18, 2021.

REQUEST FOR Bids and additional information may be obtained by accessing the request for proposals on the City's website at <https://www.cityofcovington.org/index.php?section=business-opportunities>
THE CITY of Covington reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

PUBLIC NOTICE #200021
3/7,14

Citations

CITATION

BRANDY HYMAN has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **CATHERINE L. REESE** deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in **O.C.G.A 53-12-232**). All interested parties are hereby notified to show

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CITY OF COVINGTON

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT


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CITY OF COVINGTON

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

The City of Covington is currently accepting applications for the position of **Engineering Technician** in the **Engineering Department** with a starting hourly rate of \$18.55 to a maximum hourly rate of \$27.25 depending upon qualifications. This position performs routine and complex technical engineering related work for environmental, water, sewer, street, and other public works projects and programs. Minimal education and experience qualifications include graduation from a high school or GED equivalent, supplemented by two years of related technical or college training in drafting, Computer-Aided-Design (CAD), engineering technology, civil engineering or a closely related field, a minimum of two years of related experience, or any equivalent combination of education and experience. Qualified applicants may apply via our website by downloading an application packet at cityofcovington.org or may apply in person at the City of Covington, 2194 Emory Street, Covington, Georgia 30014. This position will remain open until 4:00 PM on Wednesday, March 17, 2021. The City of Covington is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



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JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

The City of Covington is currently accepting applications for the position of **Utility Locator** in the **Engineering Department** with a starting hourly rate of \$16.98 to a maximum hourly rate of \$24.94 depending upon qualifications. This position utilizes site plans, area maps and blueprints to locate and map underground cables, pipes and other conduits to prevent damage during excavations. Minimal education and experience qualifications include graduation from a high school or GED equivalent, two years of related experience, or any equivalent combination of education and experience. Applicants must possess a valid state driver's license. Qualified applicants may apply via our website by downloading an application packet at cityofcovington.org or may apply in person at the City of Covington, 2194 Emory Street, Covington, Georgia 30014. This position will remain open until 4:00 PM on Wednesday, March 17, 2021. The City of Covington is an Equal Opportunity Employer.


o'clock a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #200023
3/7,14,21,28

CITATION

BRUCE WAYNE Neely and Steven Bruce Neelyhas petitioned to be



The Jasper County Charter System is currently seeking applicants for the following position(s):

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Substitute Bus Drivers (Starting Pay \$13.47 per hour)

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Individuals interested in applying for any of these positions may submit an application located under Employment Opportunities at the Jasper County Charter System website www.jasper.k12.ga.us.

appointed Administrator of the Estate of **Joel Robinson Neely**, 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 April 5, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #200025
3/7,14,21,28

CITATION

RE: ESTATE of Dorothy Ann Williams, Deceased

TRAVONNE LYNN Walker 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 March 1, 2021, at ten o'clock am.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #119917
2/14,21,28-3/7

CITATION

RE: ESTATE ofEDDIE VESTER MAUGHON, Deceased

PUBLIC NOTICE #119965
3/7,14,21,28

CITATION

CURTIS MICHAEL DAVENPORT has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **WILLIE RUTH OPHELIA DAVENPORT**, 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 April 5, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #119966
3/7,14,21,28

CITATION

JESSICA ELIZABETH SCOTT has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **HUGH BARRINGTON WHYLIE 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 April 5, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #119964
3/7,14,21,28

CITATION

TELLY QUINTREZ BROWN has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **TAIVUS SHUNEL BROWN**, deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in **O.C.G.A 53-12-232**). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objection must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before April 5, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #200026
3/7,14,21,28

CITATION

ALTON STEWART, JR. has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **WILHELMINA STEWART**, deceased. (The applicant has also petitioned for wavier of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements and/or grant of certain powers contained in **O.C.G.A 53-12-232**). All interested persons 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 April 5, 2021 at ten o'clock a.m.

MELANIE M. BELL, JUDGE
MARCIA WYNNE, Clerk Probate Court
NEWTON COUNTY, Georgia

PUBLIC NOTICE #119946
3/7,14,21,28

CITATION

OLA MAE FRANKLIN. has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **TIMOTHY NEAL FRANKLIN**, deceased. (The applicant has also petitioned for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements and/or grant of certain powers contained in **O.C.G.A 53-12-232**). All interested persons are hereby notified to show

See LEGALS, A6

LEGALS:

Continued from A5

CAUSE WHY said petition should not be granted. All objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before April 5, 2021 at ten o'clock a.m.

MELANIE M. BELL, JUDGE
MARCIA WYNNE, Clerk Probate Court
NEWTON COUNTY, Georgia

PUBLIC NOTICE #119945
3/7,14,21,28

CITATION
SHELLY MARIE LOYD, has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **HOWARD LARRY JONES**, deceased. (The applicant has also petitioned for wavier of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A 53-12-232). All interested persons 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 April 5, 2021 at ten o'clock a.m.

MELANIE M. BELL, JUDGE
MARCIA WYNNE, Clerk Probate Court
NEWTON COUNTY, Georgia

PUBLIC NOTICE #119943
3/7,14,21,28

IN RE: ESTATE OF
JERRY LEROY ROBINSON,
DECEASED

IN RE: The petition to Probate Will (and Codicil(s) in Solemn Form in the above referenced estate having been duly filed,

TO: CARLTON Robinson
THIS IS to notify you to file objection, if there is any, to petition to probate will in solemn form, in this Court on or before April 5, 2021.

BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objection. All objection should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fee must be tendered with your objection, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fee. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.

MELANIE M. Bell, Judge
LAURA E. Niko, Clerk
1132 USHER St rm 148
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #119906
3/7,14,21,28

THE PETITION of Anne Lott widow of **Steve W. Lott**, 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 April 5, 2021 at ten o'clock a.m.

MELANIE M. BELL, JUDGE
MARCIA WYNNE, Clerk
PROBATE COURT
NEWTON COUNTY, Georgia

PUBLIC NOTICE #119944
3/7,14,21,28

THE PETITION of James Hurt widow of **Ile Hurt**, 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 April 5, 2021, at ten o'clock am.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #119903
3/7,14,21,28

THE PETITION of SHARON SAWYER widow of **FORREST SAWYER JR.**, 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 April 5, 2021, at ten o'clock am.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #20028
3/7,14,21,28

Corporations

"NOTICE IS given that Articles of Dissolution for **CAPES WAREHOUSE, INC.** have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Business Corporation Code. The registered office of the corporation is PO Box 589, 2120 Washington Street, Covington, Georgia, 30014-0589, and the registered agent at such address is the Estate of Jerry Capes.

PUBLIC NOTICE #119922
2/14,21,28-3/7

Debtors Creditors

NOTICE OF DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

ALL CREDITORS of the Estate of **Tim Lawson Robinson**, late of Newton County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment.

THIS 3RD, day of February, 2021

CRISTI ROBINSON
9055 PRESTIGE Lane
GAINESVILLE, GA 30506

PUBLIC NOTICE #119928
2/14,21,28-3/7

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND

CREDITORS

ALL CREDITORS of the estate of **JAMES W. NAY**, deceased, a resident of Newton County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.
THIS 22ND day of February, 2021.

JODY RHOADES Tomei
EXECUTRIX OF the Estate of James W. Nay
405 STEVENSON Avenue
AKRON, OH 44312

PUBLIC NOTICE #119984
2/28-3/7,14,21

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of BOBBY LEE SMITH, SR.**, deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.
THIS THE 27TH day of January, 2021.

DENNIS R. SMITH
120 SHEPHERD DR
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #119908
2/14,21,28-3/7

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

CHERYL B. HILL
303 SALEM GLEN WAY
CONYERS, GA 30013

PUBLIC NOTICE #119939
2/14,21,28-3/7

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of BRANDON L. COOK.**, 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 January, 2021.

DEBORAH COOK
480 HINTON CHASE PARKWAY
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #119907
2/14,21,28-3/7

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of CAROLE WEEKS PRATT.**, 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 February, 2021.

SUSAN P. MITCHELL
P.O. BOX 229
MONTICELLO, GA 31064

PUBLIC NOTICE #119912
2/14,21,28-3/7

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of DALTON LLOYD KNOX.**, 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 2ND day of February, 2021.

MELISSA MCCARTHY
3701 DIXIE RD
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #119913
2/14,21,28-3/7

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of EBBIE D. SYPHOE**, 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 16TH day of February, 2021.

MICHAEL SYPHOE
6105 EBERHARDT ST
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #119971
2/28-3/7,14,21

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of GAIL JEAN ADAMS**., 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 22NDday of February, 2021.

CYNTHIA GOODING
1439 STATION RIDGE DR
LAWRENCEVILLE, GA 30045

PUBLIC NOTICE #200000
2/28-3/7,14,21

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

CLUES ACROSS

1. One of Noah's sons

5. Openings

11. Rising from the dead

14. Expressions for humorous effect

15. North American country

18. Flowed over

19. Tags

21. Long-lasting light bulb

23. Off-Broadway theater award

24. Khoikhoi peoples

28. Beloved movie pig

29. South Dakota

30. Tai language

32. Get free of

33. Afflict

35. Transmits genetic information from DNA

36. Commercials

39. Digits

41. Expression of sympathy

42. Bleats

44. Swiss Nobel Peace Prize winner

46. Vegetable

47. Turf

49. Disorganized in character

52. Takes

56. Rules over

58. More fervid

60. Sweet drink

62. Cry loudly

63. A friendly nation

CROSSWORD

Puzzle

CLUES DOWN

1. A title of respect in India

2. His and __

3. Employee stock ownership plan

4. A type of bond (abbr.)

5. Acting as if you are

6. Affirmative

7. Not caps

8. Type of medication

9. Monetary unit

10. Private school in New York

12. Small stream

13. A person of wealth

16. Exclude

17. Someone who vouches for you

20. Vegetable part

22. Gov't lawyer

25. Term to address a woman

26. Swiss river

27. About senator

29. __ Paulo, city

31. Native American tribe

34. "Titanic" actor

36. Campaign for students' rights (abbr.)

37. Capital of Senegal

38. Slang for military leader

40. Football's big game

43. Women who threw themselves on funeral pyres

45. Equally

48. Forest animal

50. Heavy stoves

51. Releasing hormone (abbr.)

53. Song

54. Type of pickle

55. Offer in return for money

57. Soviet Socialist Republic

58. Burns wood (abbr.)

59. Beloved singer Charles

61. Three-toed sloth

representative according to law.
THIS THE 16TH day of February, 2021.

MONIQUE R. SNOWDEN
55 DEARING WOODS LN
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #119972
2/28-3/7,14,21

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of JEAN PAMELA ANDERSON**., 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 10TH day of February, 2021.

ELIZABETH POPE
PO BOX 30
COVINGTON, GA 30015

PUBLIC NOTICE #119967
2/28-3/7,14,21

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of JOHN FORREST COLLINS.**, 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 2 ND day of February, 2021.

RITA A. COLLINS
890 BETHANY RD
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #119909
02/14,21,28-3/7

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of JOYCE O. DYAR.**, 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 January, 2021.

WANDA CHATHAM
243 BINGHAM ROAD SW
CARTERSVILLE GA 30120

PUBLIC NOTICE #119915
2/14,21,28-3/7

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of KENNETH DAVID POPE.**, 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 February, 2021.

WANDA POPE
846 CAMPBELL RD
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #119938
2/14,21,28-3/7

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of KEVIN ANDREW MCLOUGHLIN** 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 March, 2021.

KENNETH ROBIN
7745 WENTWORTH Dr.
DULUTH, GA 30097

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND

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11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63

26. Swiss river
27. About senator
29. __ Paulo, city
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36. Campaign for students' rights (abbr.)
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38. Slang for military leader
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50. Heavy stoves
51. Releasing hormone (abbr.)
53. Song
54. Type of pickle
55. Offer in return for money

CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of LARRY RAY DELAMAR.**, 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 29TH day of January, 2021.

BOBBIE A. DELAMAR
241 CROWELL RD
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #119911
2/14,21,28-3/7

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of MARGARET JENNE ADAMS.**, 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 29TH day of January, 2021.

TIMOTHY ADAMS
P.O. BOX 1026
COVINGTON, GA 30015

PUBLIC NOTICE #119910
2/14,21,28-3/7

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of MARGARET STIGGERS**., 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 February, 2021.

BRIAN N. STIGGERS
65 SPRINGFIELD DR
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #119970
2/28-3/7,14,21

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of MARGIE MARIE JEFFREYS.**, 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 23RD day of February, 2021.

LINDA HARALSON
1258 WEST MACEDONIA CHURCH RD
OXFORD, GA 30054

PUBLIC NOTICE #119997
2/28-3/7,14,21

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of MARTHA JANE ROBERTS**., 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 16TH day of February, 2021.

DEBORAH JEAN ROBERTS
104 DUCATI DR
MCDONOUGH, GA 30252

PUBLIC NOTICE #119969
2/28-3/7,14,21

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of MARY ANN FUCHS.** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the

57. Soviet Socialist Republic
58. Burns wood (abbr.)

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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undersigned estate representative according to law.

THIS THE 2ND day of February, 2021.

DIANA M. WRIGHT
1200 SKYLINE DR
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #119916
2/14,21,28-3/7

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of PLEAS EWING HAYS.**, deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.
THIS THE 17TH day of February, 2021.

FRED HAYS
1156 WOODLAWN RD
MANSFIELD, GA 30013

PUBLIC NOTICE #119999
2/28-3/7,14,21

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of RALPH MATTHEW JOHNSON, JR. a/ka**, RALPH 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 16TH day of February, 2021.

REBECCA CREECH
985 SEWELL RD
MANSFIELD, GA 30055

PUBLIC NOTICE #119968
2/28-3/7,14,21

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of ROBERT GEORGE PINKNEY 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 19TH day of February, 2021.

BELINDA PINKNEY
811 JUNIPER ST. APT 1507
ATLANTA, GA 30308

PUBLIC NOTICE #119998
2/28-3/7,14,21

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of SARAH PRATT MOORE.**, 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 February, 2021.

ROERT T. MOORE
4401 NW 13TH AVE
POMPAÑO BEACH, FL 33064

PUBLIC NOTICE #119996
2/28-3/7,14,21

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of SONYA SIMONE HARPER JOHNSON**., SR., deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.
THIS THE 9TH day of February,

2021.

DERWIN DAVIS
P.O. BOX 82870
CONYERS, GA 30013

PUBLIC NOTICE #119940
2/14,21,28-3/7

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of THOMAS CHILES CRENSHAW 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 2ND day of February, 2021.

MARY C. LASETER
4141 DORCHESTER DR. SE
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #1

LEGALS: Continued from A6

ADONIS D. BONNER
RESPONDENT.
CIVIL ACTION NO.:
SUCVC2020001962

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
BY ORDER for Service by Publication dated the 5th day of February, 2021, you are hereby notified that on the 28th day of September, 2020 the Petitioner herein filed suit against you for Divorce.

YOU ARE required to file with the Clerk of the Superior Court of DeKalb County, and to serve upon the Petitioner's Attorney, Manchilo Guadie of Law Office of Manchilo Guadie, Inc., 6157 Memorial Drive, Stone Mountain, GA 30083, an answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the Order of Publication.

WITNESSTHE Honorable JEFFREY L. FOSTER Judge of this Court.

THIS 5TH day of February, 2021.

PUBLIC NOTICE #119929
2/14,21,28-3/7

Foreclosures

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

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

UNDER AND by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Lisa B Clark** to First Georgia Community Bank, dated September 28, 2004, recorded in Deed Book 1763, Page 382, Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF CFWALT, INC., ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2004-30CB, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-30CB by assignment recorded in Deed Book 3907, Page 177, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of ONE HUNDRED SIXTEEN THOUSAND AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$116,000.00), 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 April, 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.

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF CFWALT, INC., ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2004-30CB, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-30CB 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: Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, 55 Beattie Place, Suite 110, Greenville, SC 29601, (800) 539-0267.

TO THE best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Lisa B Clark or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **115 Brookwood Drive, Covington, Georgia 30014.**

THE SALE will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed.

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF CFWALT, INC., ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2004-30CB, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-30CB

AS ATTORNEY in Fact for **LISA B Clark**

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 224 of the 1st District, Newton County, Georgia, being Lot 11, of the Brookwood East Subdivision, as per plat recorded in Plat Book 13, Page 77, Newton County, Georgia Records, to which plat reference is made for a more detailed description.

MR/CJO 4/6/21
OUR FILE no. 5910720 - FT18

PUBLIC NOTICE #119962
3/7,14,21,28

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 Manuel Reid to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for New Century Mortgage Corporation,

its successors and assigns, dated August 31, 2006, recorded in Deed Book 2275, Page 163, Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as Trustee for The Certificateholders of Ace Securities Corp. Home Equity Loan Trust, Series 2006-NC3, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates by assignment recorded in Deed Book 2946, Page 136, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of ONE HUNDRED SIXTEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$116,800.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in April, 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.

HSBC BANK USA, National Association, as Trustee, in trust for the registered holders of ACE Securities Corp. Home Equity Loan Trust, Series 2006-NC3, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates 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: Select Portfolio Servicing, 3217 S. Decker Lake Dr., Salt Lake City, UT 84119, 888-818-6032.

TO THE best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is **Mycella McPhearson** or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **125 Summer Walk Drive, Covington, Georgia 30016.**

THE SALE will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed.

HSBC BANK USA, National Association, as Trustee, in trust for the registered holders of ACE Securities Corp. Home Equity Loan Trust, Series 2006-NC3, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates

AS ATTORNEY in Fact for **MANUEL REID**

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 situate in Land Lot 168, of the 10th District, Newton County Georgia, being Lot 128 of Summerwalk Subdivision, Unit One, as shown on plat recorded in Plat Book 30, Pages 206 and 207, Newton County, Georgia records, which plat is incorporated herein by reference for a more complete description.

M A P / P A R C E L # :
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MR/CA 4/6/21
OUR FILE no. 5841207 - FT1

PUBLIC NOTICE #119960
3/7,14,21,28

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

BY VIRTUE of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from NEIL S BADERTSCHER, TERRY L BADERTSCHER to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC AS NOMINEE FOR BAYROCK MORTGAGE CORPORATION, dated October 25, 2007, recorded October 31, 2007, in Deed Book 2525, Page 269-288 , Newton County, Georgia Records, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of One Hundred Sixty-One Thousand One Hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$161,100.00), with interest thereon as provided for therein, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned and transferred to Towd Point Mortgage Trust 2017-4, U.S. Bank National Association, as Indenture Trustee, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the Newton County Courthouse, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in April, 2021, all property described in said Security Deed including but not limited to the following described property:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 129 OF THE 10TH DISTRICT OF NEWTON COUNTY, CITY OF COVINGTON, GEORGIA ACCORDING TO A SURVEY FOR PERRY BARNETT AND ELIZABETH BARNETT DATED JUNE 28, 1991, WHICH SURVEY IS INCORPORATED HEREIN AND MADE A PART HEREOF BY REFERENCE THERETO AND BEING MORE

PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT A POINT LOCATED ALONG THE SOUTHEASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF WESTVIEW DRIVE (50 INCHES RIGHT-OF-WAY) SAID POINT BEING LOCATED 621.83 FEET SOUTHWESTERLY FROM THE INTERSECTION OF THE CENTERLINE OF LAKEVIEW DRIVE (PAVEMENT WIDTH OF 18 INCHES) AND THE CENTERLINE OF WESTVIEW DRIVE; THENCE RUNNING ALONG THE SOUTHEASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF WESTVIEW DRIVE SOUTH 34 DEGREES 16 MINUTES 51SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 115.00 FEET TO A 3/8 INCGES REBAR FOUND; THENCE LEAVING THE SOUTHEASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF WESTVIEW DRIVE AND RUNNING SOUTH 37 DEGREES 21MINUTES 54 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 200.00 FEET TO A 3/8 INCHES REBAR SET; THENCE RUNNING NORTH 31 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 100.00 FEET TO A 1/2 INCH REBAR SET; THENCE RUNNING NORTH 32 DEGRES 43 MINUTES 14 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 200.00 FEET TO A 3/8 INCHES REBAR FOUND ALONG THE SOUTHEASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF WESTVIEW DRIVE AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

SAID LEGAL description being controlling, however the property is more commonly known as **10173 WESTVIEW DR SW, COVINGTON, GA 30014.**

THE INDEBTEDNESS secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of default under the terms of said Security Deed. The indebtedness remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same, all expenses of the sale, including attorneys' fees (notice to collect same having been given) and all other payments provided for under the terms of the Security Deed.

SAID PROPERTY will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The sale will also be subject to the following items which may affect the title: any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, whether or not now due and payable); the right of redemption of any taxing authority; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; all zoning ordinances; assessments; liens; encumbrances; restrictions; covenants; and any other matters of record superior to said Security Deed.

TO THE best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owner and party in possession of the property is **NEIL S BADERTSCHER, TERRY L BADERTSCHER,** or tenants(s).

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

PLEASE NOTE that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, you are not entitled by law to an amendment or modification of the terms of your loan. The entity having full authority to negotiate, amend or modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is: Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc., Loss Mitigation Dept., 3217 S. Decker Lake Dr., Salt Lake City, UT 84119, Telephone Number: 888-818-6032.

TOWD POINT MORTGAGE TRUST 2017-4, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE
AS ATTORNEY in Fact for **NEIL S BADERTSCHER, TERRY L BADERTSCHER**
THE BELOW LAW FIRM MAY BE HELD TO BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, UNDER FEDERAL LAW. IF SO, ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

ATTORNEY CONTACT: Rubin Lublin, LLC, 3145 Avalon Ridge Place, Suite 100, Peachtree Corners, GA 30071

TELEPHONE NUMBER: (877) 813-0992 Case No. SPS-20-03529-1

PUBLIC NOTICE #119974
3/7,14,21,28

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 **Keith Lawan** Chambers to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Nations Direct Mortgage, LLC dba Motive Lending, its successors and assigns, dated September 27, 2017, recorded in Deed Book 3616, Page 100, Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Nations Direct Mortgage, LLC by assignment recorded in Deed Book 3850, Page 468, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHT THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED THIRTY AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$158,230.00), 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 April, 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.

NATIONS DIRECT Mortgage, 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: Dovenmuehle Mortgage, Inc., 1 Corporate Drive, Suite 360, Lake Zurich, IL 60047, 8006694268.
TO THE best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Keith Lawan Chambers and Estate of Keith Lawan Chambers or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **140 Landing Ln, Covington, Georgia 30016.**
THE SALE will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed.

NATIONS DIRECT Mortgage, LLC
AS ATTORNEY in Fact for **KEITH LAWAN** Chambers
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 186 OF THE 10TH DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 239, UNIT FIVE OF CAMERONS LANDING SUBDIVISION, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 33, PAGES 174-175, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS, WHICH RECORDED PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE AND MADE A PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION.
MR/CA 4/6/21
OUR FILE no. 5505619 - FT18

PUBLIC NOTICE #200016
3/7,14,21,28

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER, NEWTON COUNTY

PURSUANT TO the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Anita Colbert to Service First Mortgage, L.C. dated 3/29/2004 and recorded in Deed Book 3057 Page 210 Rockdale County and also recorded in Deed Book 1652 Page 31 in Newton County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by U.S. Bank National Association, as indenture trustee, for the holders of the CIM Trust 2017-1, Mortgage-Backed Notes, Series 2017-1, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$130,500.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Rockdale County, Georgia (or such other area as designated by Order of the Superior Court of said county), within the legal hours of sale on April 6, 2021 (being the first Tuesday of said month unless said date falls on a Federal Holiday, in which case being the first Wednesday of said month), the following described property:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 201 OF THE 10TH DISTRICT, ROCKDALE AND NEWTON COUNTIES, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 39, BLOCK "B" OF FIELDSTONE SUBDIVISION, UNIT TWO, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK G, PAGE 80 IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT OF ROCKDALE COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS, AND PLAT BOOK 10, PAGE 15A, NEWTON COUNTY RECORDS, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE NORTHERLY SIDE OF FAIRVIEW ROAD 2341.8 FEET EASTERLY FROM A POINT WHERE FAIRVIEW ROAD INTERSECTS THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF SALEM ROAD; RUNNING THENCE EASTERLY ALONG THE NORTHERLY SIDE OF FAIRVIEW ROAD 125 FEET TO LOT 40, SAID BLOCK AND SUBDIVISION, RUNNING THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 40, 171.3 FEET TO A POINT; RUNNING THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY 128.2 FEET TO LOT 38, SAID BLOCK AND SUBDIVISION; RUNNING THENCE SOUTHERLY ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 38, 145.7 FEET TO THE NORTHERLY SIDE OF FAIRVIEW ROAD AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; BEING IMPROVED PROPERTY KNOWN AS 2436 FAIRVIEW ROAD, ACCORDING TO THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF NUMBERING HOUSES IN ROCKDALE COUNTY AND IN NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA.

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

SAID PROPERTY is commonly known as **2436 Fairview Road SE, Conyers, GA 30013** together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): **Anita Colbert** or tenant or

tenants.

SELECT PORTFOLIO Servicing, Inc. is the entity or individual designated who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage.
SELECT PORTFOLIO Servicing, Inc.

LOAN RESOLUTION Department
3217 SOUTH Decker Lake Drive
SALT LAKE City, UT 84119
(888) 818-6032

NOTE, HOWEVER, that such entity or individual is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan.

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

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

U.S. BANK National Association, as indenture trustee, for the holders of the CIM Trust 2017-1, Mortgage-Backed Notes, Series 2017-1 as agent and Attorney in Fact for Anita Colbert

ALDRIDGE PITE, LLP, 15 Piedmont Center, 3575 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 500, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7637.

1012-10213A

THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 1012-10213A

PUBLIC NOTICE #119961
3/7,14,21,28

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER, NEWTON COUNTY

PURSUANT TO the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Michael O. Jegede** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Solutions Lending, LLC, an Indiana Limited Liability Company, its successors and assigns dated 1/5/2009 and recorded in Deed Book 2677 Page 509 Newton County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by Towd Point Mortgage Trust 2018-2, U.S. Bank National Association, as Indenture Trustee, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$146,927.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia (or such other area as designated by Order of the Superior Court of said county), within the legal hours of sale on April 6, 2021 (being the first Tuesday of said month unless said date falls on a Federal Holiday, in which case being the first Wednesday of said month), the following described property:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 14 OF THE 10TH DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING SHOWN AS LOT 54D, THE FALLS, PHASE FOUR, ON A PLAT SURVEY OF SAME RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 33, PAGE 61, PUBLIC RECORDS OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS, WHICH RECORDED PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE AND MADE A PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION.

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

SAID PROPERTY is commonly known as **410 Freeman Drive, Covington, GA 30016** together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): Michael O. Jegede or tenant or tenants.

SELECT PORTFOLIO Servicing, Inc. is the entity or individual designated who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage.
SELECT PORTFOLIO Servicing, Inc.

LOAN RESOLUTION Department
3217 SOUTH Decker Lake Drive
SALT LAKE City, UT 84119
(888) 818-6032

NOTE, HOWEVER, that such entity or individual is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan.

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

Deed first set out above.

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

TOWD POINT Mortgage Trust 2018-2, U.S. Bank National Association, as Indenture Trustee as agent and Attorney in Fact for Michael O. Jegede
ALDRIDGE PITE, LLP, 15 Piedmont Center, 3575 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 500, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7637.

1012-14028A

THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 1012-14028A

PUBLIC NOTICE #200018
3/7,14,21,28

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF NEWTON

BECAUSE OF a default in the payment of the indebtedness secured by a Security Deed executed by **LADRICKA JOHNSON** to UNITED FARM PROPERTIES, INC., dated April 29, 2019, and recorded in Deed Book 3917, Page 315, Newton County Records, securing Note in the amount of \$28,700.00, the holder thereof pursuant to said Security Deed and Note thereby secured, has declared the entire amount of said indebtedness due and payable and pursuant to the power of sale contained in said Security Deed, will on the first Tuesday, the 6th day of April, 2021, during the legal hours of sale, before the Courthouse door in said County, sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, the property described in said Security Deed, to-wit:

ALL THAT tract or parcel of land and all improvements thereon, lying and being in Newton County, Georgia, Farm #003 in Riverbrooke Plantation Subdivision – Unit I, as shown on Plat Book 30, Page 237, Clerk's Office, Newton County Superior Court, to which reference is hereby made for a more complete description and containing 1.41 acres.

SAID PROPERTY will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, whether or not now 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.

THE SALE will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed.

THE ENTITY that has full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: UNITED FARM PROPERTIES, INC., P O Box 309, Loganville, Ga. 30052, 1-770-696-1500. Please understand that the secured creditor is not required to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the mortgage instrument.

NOTICE HAS been given of the intention to collect attorney's

LEGALS:

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ACCURATE SURVEY and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants and matters or record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.

THE SALE will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed.

THE ENTITY that has full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: UNITED FARM PROPERTIES, INC., P O Box 309, Loganville, Ga. 30052, 1-770-696-1500. Please understand that the secured creditor is not required to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the mortgage instrument.

NOTICE HAS been given of the intention to collect attorney's fees in accordance with the terms of the note secured by said security deed.

SAID PROPERTY will be sold as the property of SONIA LEE to the best information and belief of the undersigned, being presently in the possession of SONIA LEE and the proceeds of said sale will be applied to the payment of said indebtedness and all the expenses of said sale as provided in said Security Deed, and the balance, if any, will be distributed by law.

THIS 1ST day of March, 2021.

UNITED FARM PROPERTIES, INC. ATTORNEY IN Fact for **SONIA LEE**

W. DAN ROBERTS
ATTORNEY AT Law
P. O. Box 110
126 N. Warren Street
MONTICELLO, GA 31064
706-468-8816

PUBLIC NOTICE #119980
3/7,14,21,28

Name Changes

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE the Name Change of: **CHAMADINE SAMUELS PETITIONER**
CIVIL ACTION File Number: **2021-CV-173-2**

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF ADULT

CHAMADINE SAMUELS filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on **JANUARY 25, 2021** to change the name from **CHAMADINE SAMUELS** to **CHAMADINE HAMILTON**. Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after Petition was filed.

DATED JANUARY 25, 2021

CHAMADINE SAMUELS
95 LOGANS RUN
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #119923
2/14,21,28-3/7

NOTICE OF FILING OF NAME CHANGE PETITION

COMES NOW the Petitioner, **VIRGINIA BROWN HARVEY**, a/k/a **BESSIE BROWN HARVEY**, by and through counsel, who files this Notice to any interested or affected party to appear and file objections to her request for a name change from **VIRGINIA BROWN HARVEY** a/k/a **BESSIE BROWN HARVEY** to **VIRGINIA BROWN HARVEY**, such objections to be filed within thirty (30) days of February 8, 2021, the date of the filing of said Name Change Petition.

THIS 8TH day of February, 2021.

WILLIAM F. Todd, Jr. ATTORNEY FOR Petitioner
P.O. BOX 80159
CONYERS, GA 30013
(770)860-1996

PUBLIC NOTICE #119955
2/21,28-3/7,14

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF ADULT

LINDA MICHELLE SIMPSON BISHOP, filed a petition in the **NEWTON** County Superior Court on 2/17, 2021 to change name from: LINDA MICHELLE SIMPSON BISHOP to SHELLY SIMPSON BISHOP.

ANY INTERESTED party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after the Petition was filed.

LINDA MICHELLE SIMPSON BISHOP
75 RAY RD
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200019
3/7,14,21,28

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME(S) OF CHILD(REN)

YOMARIE DALEIKA Febres filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on March 2nd, 2021 to change the name(s) of the following minor child(ren)
FROM: IFADEMILOLA Kori Hardaway-Febres to: Lola Genesis Febres

PUBLIC NOTICE #200020
3/7,14,21,28

Public Notice

ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE PETITION ADVERTISEMENT

YOU ARE hereby notified, in accordance with O.C.G.A. Section 40-11-19.1, that petitions were filed in the Magistrate Court of NEWTON County to foreclose liens against the vehicles listed below for all amounts owed. If a lien is foreclosed, the Court shall order the sale of the vehicle to satisfy the debt. The present location of the vehicles is: 4199 Old Atlanta Hwy Covington, Ga 30014 Anyone with an ownership interest in a vehicle listed herein may file an answer to the petition on or before: March 17, 2021

ANSWER FORMS may be found in the Magistrate Court Clerk's office located at: 1132 Usher St. NW, Ste. 149 Covington, Ga 30014

FORMS MAY also be obtained online at www.georgiamagistratecouncil.com.

VEHICLE MAKE: TAOTAO Year: 0000 Model: 125CC Vehicle ID #: L5NYAJT10G1401178 Vehicle License #: N/A Magistrate Court Case No.:21-862AV

VEHICLE MAKE: YAMAHA Year: 2016 Model: YZ250 Vehicle ID #: JYACG34C2GA017882 Vehicle License #: N/A Magistrate Court Case No.:21-861AV

VEHICLE MAKE: DODGE Year: 2002 Model: RAM PICKUP 1500 Vehicle ID #: 3D7HU18N42G115198 Vehicle License #:073RYK State: MN Magistrate Court Case No.: 21-586AV

PUBLIC NOTICE #200022
3/7,14

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT GEORGIA, NEWTON County A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (CUP21-000001) HAS BEEN FILED WITH THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON THE PROPERTY BELONGING TO: RAMOS MIGUEL RAMOS & AYALA MARBELLA

WHOSE SUBJECT PROPERTY ADDRESS/LOCATION IS 19 POPLAR HILL RD CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 45.06 ACRES BEING ON TAX MAP & PARCEL 0104 003.

APPLICANT IS REQUESTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL EVENTS FACILITY IN THE A (AGRICULTURAL) ZONING DISTRICT A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION ON THE: 23RD DAY OF MARCH, 2021 AT 7:00PM

THE PLANNING Commission's public hearing will occur as a Zoom meeting. Register in advance for this meeting:
HTTPS://ZOOM.US/MEETING/REGISTER/TJELDUGRQJ0IH0YNE900VX00-

STFBVNB. WEY
AFTER REGISTERING, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

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

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #200015
3/7

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: NICHOLAS A. Tate
235 WLNNSTEAD Place
COVINGTON, GEORGIA 30016

BY ORDER OFTHE Court for service by publication dated February 16,2021 ,you are hereby notified that on July 7, 2020 (date of filing), **Coopers Lake COA, Inc.** (plaintiff) filed suit against you for MONEY DAMAGES

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(ifpro se) or upon the plaintiff's attorney (if represented).

WITNESS, THE Honorable Layla H. Zon , Judge of the Superior Court of Newton County.

THIS, THE 16th day of February , 2021.

PUBLIC NOTICE #119985
2/28-3/7,14,21

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on March 15, 2021, at 9:00 a.m., in the Morgan County Courthouse at 149 E. Jefferson Street, Madison, Georgia 30650, the presiding Judge of the Superior Court of Morgan County will hear the case of STATE OF GEORGIA vs. JOINT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF JASPER COUNTY, MORGAN COUNTY, NEWTON COUNTY AND WALTON COUNTY and BAYMARE LLC, Civil Action File No. 2021-SUCA-051, the same being proceeding to confirm and validate the Joint Development Authority of Jasper County, Morgan County, Newton County and Walton County Taxable Revenue Bonds (Baymare LLC Project), Series 2021 in a maximum aggregate principal amount of \$42,000,000,000 (the "Bonds"), proposed to be issued by the Joint Development Authority of Jasper County, Morgan County, Newton County and Walton County (the "Issuer") for the purpose of financing the costs of acquiring, constructing, equipping, and installing a capital project, in one or more phases, consisting of certain land to be located in portions of Morgan County, Newton County, and Walton County, Georgia, together with improvements thereto and equipment thereon, including buildings, ancillary structures, infrastructure facilities, and associated personal property (the "Project"), for use as a data center and economic development project under Section 36-6-2(6)(N) of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. The Project shall be owned by the Issuer and leased to Baymare LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "Company"), all in order to develop and promote trade,

commerce, industry and employment opportunities for the public good and the general welfare and to promote the general welfare of the State of Georgia and of the citizens of the area served by the Issuer. The Bonds shall be issued in accordance with the terms of a resolution (the "Bond Resolution") adopted by the Issuer together with the Bond Documents attached as Exhibits thereto. In such proceeding, the Court will also (a) hear and determine the validity of instruments relating to and providing security for the Bonds; and (b) hear and determine such other questions of law and fact pertaining to the right of the Issuer to issue the Bonds and to provide the security therefor. The Bonds shall be special and limited obligations of the Issuer, payable from funds provided by the Company and shall not be payable from taxes or other public funds. NO PERFORMANCE AUDIT OR PERFORMANCE REVIEW (AS SUCH TERMS ARE DESCRIBED IN SECTION 36 82 100 OF THE OFFICIAL CODE OF GEORGIA ANNOTATED) WILL BE CONDUCTED WITH RESPECT TO THE EXPENDITURE OF BOND PROCEEDS.

ANY CITIZEN of the State of Georgia residing in Morgan County, or any other person wherever residing who has a right to object, may intervene and become a party to these proceedings.

CLERK, SUPERIOR Court Morgan County, Georgia

PUBLIC NOTICE #200002
2/28-3/7

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

WHOSE SUBJECT PROPERTY ADDRESS/LOCATION IS 2001 DOGWOOD DR CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 28.73+- ACRES BEING ON TAX MAP & PARCEL 0024 038. THE PETITIONER HAS INITIATED A REZONE REQUEST FROM R2 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO M1 (LIGHT INDUSTRIAL).

A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION ON THE 23RD DAY OF MARCH, 2021 AT 7:00PM

THE PLANNING Commission's public hearing will occur as a Zoom meeting. Register in advance for this meeting:
HTTPS://ZOOM.US/MEETING/REGISTER/TJELDUGRQJ0IH0YNE900VX00-STFBVNB. WEY

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PUBLIC NOTICE #200013
3/7

VARIANCE PETITON GEORGIA, NEWTON County A PETITION (VAR21-000003) HAS BEEN FILED WITH THE NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS FOR A VARIANCE FOR

THE PROPERTY BELONGING TO: CHERYL E & TIMOTHY L BELL

WHOSE SUBJECT PROPERTY ADDRESS/LOCATION IS 520 SMITH STORE RD CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 1.4 ACRES BEING ON TAX MAP & PARCEL 14 250. APPLICANT IS REQUESTING A VARIANCE TO: ALLOW A COMMERCIAL VEHICLE TO BE PARKED ON THE PROPERTY. REFERENCE SEC 510-010 B (5). THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE: 25TH DAY OF MARCH, 2021 AT 7:00 P.M.

THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE NEWTON COUNTY HISTORIC COURTHOUSE, LOCATED AT 1124 CLARK ST, COVINGTON, GEORGIA 30014. THOSE HAVING CONCERNS ABOUT THIS PETITION SHOULD ATTEND THE MEETING.

PUBLIC NOTICE #200012
3/7

VARIANCE PETITON GEORGIA, NEWTON County A PETITION (VAR21-000004) HAS BEEN FILED WITH THE NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS FOR A VARIANCE FOR THE PROPERTY BELONGING TO: TRACY CERMAK & ALEXANDRE PAVLUCK

WHOSE SUBJECT PROPERTY ADDRESS/LOCATION IS 480 FRIAR TUCK CIRCLE CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY .28 ACRES BEING ON TAX MAP & PARCEL 74A 102. APPLICANT IS REQUESTING A VARIANCE TO: REDUCE THE 150 FOOT IMPERVIOUS SURFACE SETBACK ASSOCIATED WITH THE SHORELINE OF LAKE JACKSON TO CONSTRUCT A SMALL ACCESSORY STRUCTURE. REFERENCE SEC 420-120 (C).

THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE: 25TH DAY OF MARCH, 2021 AT 7:00 P.M.

THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE NEWTON COUNTY HISTORIC COURTHOUSE, LOCATED AT 1124 CLARK ST, COVINGTON, GEORGIA 30014. THOSE HAVING CONCERNS ABOUT THIS PETITION SHOULD ATTEND THE MEETING.

PUBLIC NOTICE #200014
3/7

Public Sales Auctions

READY RENT ALL, INC.
1335 ACCESS Road
COVINGTON, GA 30014
770-787-3200

NOTICE OF SALE

A DEFAULT having occurred under the terms of the rental agreement between **Ready Rent All, Inc.**, and the tenants listed below, notice having been sent to the tenants as required by law, there will be sold at public sale, to the public, all personal property involved, for cash, to satisfy owner's lien for rent due on each warehouse.

IAW GEORGIA Law Ann. 10-4-213

THE PROCEEDS of said public sale shall be distributed in accordance with the terms of said agreement. Ready Rent All, Inc. reserves the right to accept or reject any bids.

DATE AND Time of Sale: Friday, March 19, 2021 @ 11:00AM

PLACE: **STORAGEAUCTIONS.COM**

TENANTS	NAME,	Warehouse
Number		Contents
NORMAN, SANDRA	I - 1 3	
HOUSEHOLD GOODS		
ANGLIN, BOBBY	D-2	
HOUSEHOLD GOODS		
ELDER, VICTOR	B-8	
HOUSEHOLD GOODS		
HYATT, ALFRED JR	B-7	
HOUSEHOLD GOODS		
VARNER, CHRISTOPHER		

J-29 **HOUSEHOLD GOODS**

BINION, RALPH
J-3

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

GEARO, MAURICE
E-1

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

THOMAS, MOLLIE
A-19

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

NEWSOME, KATHY G-27

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

ANDREW, TODD
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HOUSEHOLD GOODS

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Construction to begin soon on new east Newton fire station

County commissioners approve \$2.65 million contract for construction on Hwy. 213

By TOM SPIGOLON
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Construction on a new east Newton County fire station will begin this month after the Board of Commissioners approved a contract for the project Tuesday, March 2.

Commissioners unanimously voted to select Sunbelt Builders and its \$2.65 million bid for construction of the station at 1200 Hwy. 213.

Completion of the 9,150-square-foot station is planned by April 2022, according to the contract terms.

“That fills a significant hole in fire coverage for districts 1 and 5 and boosts the overall coverage for the county,” said District 1 Commissioner Stan Edwards on his Facebook page.

Covington-based Sunbelt agreed to pay the county \$1,500 per day if construction goes past April 1, 2022, the contract stated.

Fire Station No. 4 will include three apparatus bays,



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Newton County Fire Station No. 4 will be built in the Starrsville Community on a five-acre site that was formerly part of a larger tract that fronted on Big Woods Road and Hwy. 213.

a cascade room, decontamination area and firefighter living space.

Sunbelt has built a number of private and publicly funded projects in metro Atlanta. Its local work has included a Newton County government maintenance facility; a fire station for the city of Social Circle; and restoration of the Lula Building in downtown Covington.

The project, valued at a to-

tal \$2,652,155, was proposed to provide more fire safety coverage and help lower insurance premiums for area residents by reducing firefighter response times.

The Board first discussed the project in January 2020 after commissioners heard that residents’ insurance premiums were increasing due to the Insurance Services Office (ISO) determining some residents on the county’s east

side did not live within five road miles of a fire station.

They then voted to move forward with construction of Fire Station No. 4 on Feb. 4 and approved the purchase of land on Hwy. 213 on July 21.

The five-acre site was formerly part of a larger tract that fronted on both Big Woods Road and Hwy. 213 in the Starrsville Community.

A majority of commissioners in January approved a monthlong delay in approving bond financing for the station in an effort to seek support for county financing of projects in their districts.

They later voted to issue \$5 million in bonds to, in part, finance the construction and equip the station. Repayment will come from proceeds of a county fire tax, officials said.

In other action, the Board voted to approve:

- A total \$52,693 purchase of right of way and easements for construction of a roundabout intersection at Kirkland and Jack Neely

road; and for bridge replacement projects for Brown Bridge Road’s crossing of the Yellow River and Snapping Shoals Creek. Funding will come from the Federal Highway Administration and the 2017 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax.

- Support for allowing the builder of a speculative warehouse on Industrial Park Boulevard in the Covington/Newton County Industrial Park to use an exterior design that differs from design standards established in 1984 for the park. The builder is planning a 200,000-square-foot warehouse with a painted concrete façade on a site near Harland Drive and General Mills, said Serra Hall of the Newton County Industrial Development Authority.
- A request to use a corner of the roof of the Judge Horace Johnson Jr. Judicial Building for launching fireworks for the city of Covington’s July 4 fireworks show.

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NCSS announces partnerships to provide staff COVID-19 vaccine

STAFF REPORTS

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The Newton County School System (NCSS) is partnering with the Gwinnett, Newton and Rockdale County Health Departments and Reagan Home Care Pharmacy to make COVID-19 vaccinations available to interested school system staff, the district announced today.

Gov. Brian Kemp recently announced that

COVID-19 vaccine eligibility will expand in Georgia to include teachers and school staff beginning Monday, March 8.

“We want to make sure that our teachers and staff have access to the vaccines as soon as possible,” NCSS Superintendent Samantha Fuhrey said. “These partnerships are an important part of accomplishing that goal.”

The Gwinnett, New-

ton and Rockdale Health Departments will provide vaccinations for staff beginning March 8 at Springfield Baptist Church. Vaccinations will be provided at no charge to school system employees.



Samantha Fuhrey

Reagan Home Care Pharmacy will administer vaccines March 12, 17, 19, and 24 at Porter Performing Arts Center on the campus of the Newton College and Career Academy. There will be no out-of-pocket cost for NCSS employees.

COVID-19 safety measures will be in place at both sites, and masks will be required throughout the duration of the events.

School system employees will receive an email with information about how to schedule an appointment; vaccinations are encouraged but not mandatory. Employees may also

choose to schedule an appointment for a vaccination with another provider. Providers are listed by the Georgia Department of Public Health at dph.georgia.gov/covid-vaccine.

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providers and a link to other mass vaccination sites across Georgia. Wasdin noted that booking options may vary by provider and appointment availability would be dependent on vaccine supply.

People are also encouraged to pre-register for a vaccine appointment on the state's sign-up website (myvaccinegeorgia.com/), even if they are not yet eligible. The website will automatically alert people once they're eligible and will schedule an appointment.

As of Tuesday, there had been more than 820,000 total posi-

tive COVID-19 cases recorded in Georgia since the pandemic began with 15,209 deaths.

In Newton County, there had been 6,891 total COVID-19 cases recorded — 232 coming within the last two weeks — and 182 deaths. The county recorded its first case of the novel coronavirus almost one year ago, on March 12, 2020.

A third vaccine will soon be available.

The first two vaccines that were FDA-approved in December are being produced by Moderna and Pfizer. Both require multiple doses.

The third vaccine is being produced by Johnson & Johnson and will only require one dose. An emergency use authorization was approved for the vaccine by the FDA on Feb. 27. Unlike the other vaccines, Johnson & Johnson's single-shot jab can be stored at a slightly higher temperature in a refrigerator and has been determined more cost effective. The others must be kept in freezers.

Wasdin said Tuesday the local health departments did not yet know how much of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine would be allocated to the area.

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son,” Benton said.

Sgt. Allan Seebarn of the Covington Police Department said the couple will be given the chance to look through the remaining items.

“They won't rest until they have absolute closure,” Seebarn said.

Thieves took most of the couple's belongings and abandoned the 26-foot truck on the side of a south Atlanta road, he said.

A report stated Benton had last seen the truck Tuesday, March 2, at 11 p.m.

Around 1:17 a.m., a man wearing “possibly” a grey hoodie top, light colored pants and a light-colored baseball cap exited a large black SUV with its lights off on Woodhaven Drive next to the hotel, Malcom said.

“He then walked along the roadway to the eastern end of the hotel's parking lot where the U-Haul was parked, in an effort to avoid the hotel's surveillance

cameras,” Malcom said.

Seven minutes later, the suspect was seen on video driving the U-Haul west on Access Road, Malcom said.

“A compact or midsize car met with the SUV briefly before everyone left. The SUV followed the U-Haul traveling west on the Access Road,” Malcom said.

Seebarn said the theft apparently was “the work of people who knew what they were doing,” based on the method they used to break door locks and the ignition. He said he was notified today about 7 a.m. that the Atlanta Police Department had recovered the truck and trailer after APD was notified they were parked on the side of Forrest Park Road. The thieves took “any items of value” but left some clothes, kitchen and baby items, and a bed, Seebarn said. He said he searched through what was left but could not

locate the 3-inch by 4-inch urn, which had gold trim and writing on the top, Seebarn said.

Benton told police the truck and a trailer contained the urn and \$25,000 worth of items including his family's belongings and household items, a \$15,000 motorcycle, all of the victim's Air Force clothing, and legal documents, among other things.

The victim's 2018 Harley-Davidson XL883N Iron motorcycle was described as being matte black in color with an eagle Harley Davidson logo on the gas tank, black windshield, black swing arm bag on the back, and a Harley Davidson #1 logo on a small bell on the front of the bike.

One right mirror was turned upside down, and the clear coat on the gas tank was rubbed off, Malcom said.

Anyone with information about the case should call Covington Police at 770-385-2122.

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in the case, said District Attorney Randy McGinley.

McKenzie is facing charges of malice murder, felony murder, burglary, home invasion and others in Newton County related to the March 3 death of his estranged wife, Niki McKenzie, at a residence on Keyton Drive in Covington.

Deputies reportedly found 51-year-old Niki McKenzie dead in the garage of the Keyton Drive home on March 3, 2020.

Gwinnett County officers also arrested McKenzie on a murder charge after police found 36-year-old Jillian Myles-Walters dead earlier on March 3 at her home in unincorporated Lawrenceville.

Myles-Walters and the suspect reportedly had been in a prior relationship.

The Newton County DA's office filed a notice of intent to seek the death penalty against McKenzie in December.

McGinley appeared before Wynne

Wednesday for a status conference regarding McKenzie's legal representation.

If the state seeks the death penalty it must follow rules stated in the Georgia Supreme Court's Uniform Appeal Procedure (UAP), McGinley said.

It mandates that a defendant in a death penalty case have two attorneys appointed, including a lead counsel and a co-counsel who each have specific experience and education, he said.

McKenzie, however, only had one attorney present during the Wednesday conference.

The attorney, Jerrilyn Bell of the Georgia Capital Defenders Office, told Wynne that her office should complete the hiring of an additional attorney who will serve as McKenzie's second attorney.

McGinley said he anticipated McKenzie will be arraigned on the charges March 31.

The Superior Court then likely will hold what the UAP calls the “first proceeding.”

The first proceeding must include a review of the defense attorneys' qualifications and a long checklist of potential legal issues that can be raised, McGinley said.

The UAP seeks to ensure that all legal issues that ought to be raised on behalf of the defendant have been considered by the defendant and defense counsel and asserted in a timely and correct manner, McGinley said.

It seeks to minimize the possibility of errors and correct as promptly as possible any error that nonetheless may occur, he said.

The UAP also seeks to make certain that the record and transcripts of the proceedings are complete for unified review by the sentencing court and the Supreme Court, he said.

He said he could not comment on why the death penalty was sought or specifics about the case or the evidence because it was a pending matter.

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Piedmont opens infusion centers for COVID-19 antibody treatment

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CONYERS, Ga. — Piedmont Healthcare now offers Bamlanivimab, a monoclonal antibody treatment for high-risk patients diagnosed with COVID-19 that do not require hospitalization and oxygen therapy.

The Bamlanivimab treatment, approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration through an emergency use authorization in November 2020, is intended for individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 and are at a high-risk for hospitalization and potential complications, including those aged 65 years or older or who have certain chronic medical conditions.

Patients receive the treatment through infusion during an outpatient visit, and it works by preventing the COVID-19 virus from progressing once it's infected them. Bamlanivimab mimics a person's immune system response to viruses and blocks the COVID-19 virus from entering and



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Bamlanivimab treatment is a monoclonal antibody treatment for high-risk patients diagnosed with COVID-19.

attaching to cells.

The treatment has been proven to decrease the viral load in patients and has also been successful in reducing hospitalization for high-risk patients with COVID-19.

Those considered high risk include:

- People who are 65 years of age and

older,

- People who have chronic kidney disease,
- People who have an immunosuppressive disease state or are receiving immunosuppressive therapy,
- People who have a body mass index of 35 and higher,
- People with diabetes,
- And people 55 years of age and older with cardiovascular disease, hypertension, COPD or other chronic respiratory diseases.

To receive treatment, patients need to be referred to the infusion center by a doctor within the first 10 days of having symptoms of COVID-19. Piedmont's infusion centers are located at Piedmont Atlanta Hospital, Piedmont Henry Hospital, Piedmont Athens Regional, Piedmont Mountainside and at Piedmont Columbus Regional.

For more information on Piedmont's COVID-19 response, visit piedmont.org/covid19.



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Roses first announced it would locate to Covington in September 2020.

Roses opening delayed

By TAYLOR BECK

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COVINGTON, Ga. — Roses is expected to open within the next two months in the former K-Mart building located off Turner Lake Road.

The city of Covington first announced the retail store would be locating to Newton County in September 2020 and originally anticipated its opening in November, ending a nearly two-year vacancy for the building.

"We are very excited to bring this type of development to the city of Covington, and hope to work with the city on other economic development projects" said property owner Bhushan Khanna at the time.

Covington Economic Development Manager William Smith did not disclose why Roses' opening had been delayed but said the store planned to open in mid-March or April.

Roses, which will be 37,000 square feet, will sell food, clothing, home furnishings and electronics. There are currently more than 20 Georgia locations.

Joining Roses will be Nex-Gen storage, home to 547 climate-controlled storage units.

Georgia House OKs tax break package aimed at COVID

By DAVE WILLIAMS

Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA — Georgians and Georgia businesses hit in the wallet by the coronavirus pandemic would get a series of tax breaks under three bills the state House of Representatives passed Wednesday.

Lawmakers voted unanimously to raise the standard deduction Georgia taxpayers can declare on their state income taxes, then overwhelmingly approved two packages of tax credits and sales tax exemptions.

The income tax bill would let married taxpayers filing jointly add \$1,100 to the state's standard deduction, which would increase from \$6,000 to \$7,100. Single taxpayers would be allowed to deduct an additional \$800, and married couples filing separately would get an additional deduction of \$550.

More Georgians began taking the standard deduction rather than itemizing their returns after Congress passed legislation at the end of 2017 doubling the federal standard deduction.

"This will affect the most Georgians

possible," said Rep. Chuck Martin, R-Alpharetta, one of the bill's cosponsors.

The bill would represent a total tax cut of \$140 million.

The tax credit bill, which passed 157-14, would provide new state tax credits to Georgia manufacturers of medical devices and pharmaceuticals and to "high-impact" aerospace projects.

The aerospace tax credit would help Georgia take advantage of a "generational opportunity" to land contracts for a new generation of military aircraft that will be rolled out during the next three years, said Rep. Bert Reeves, R-Marietta.

"There is capacity at Lockheed-Martin," he said. "They're turnkey ready right now."

Another provision in the bill would renew a tax credit the state provides for maintenance projects along short-line freight rail lines that otherwise would expire in 2023.

The sales tax exemption bill, which passed 164-6, would extend the sunset date on an exemption on sales of mate-

rials used in construction of "projects of regional significance" in Georgia.

The state has only used the exemption for nine projects since 2012, but that work has generated 8,700 jobs, said Rep. Sam Watson R-Moultrie, the bill's chief sponsor.

The bill also includes a tax exemption on the sale of tickets by performing arts venues across the state, which have lost the vast majority of their business to the pandemic.

"Hopefully, this will help them fill in some holes," Watson said.

A provision in the bill aimed at Coastal Georgia would remove the sunset provision on a tax exemption on sales of parts used to repair boats.

"We want the big yachts to come to our state to be retrofitted and repaired," Watson said.

The tax credit and tax exemption measures were titled "The Georgia Economic Renewal Act of 2021" and "The Georgia Economic Recovery Act of 2021," respectively.

All three bills now move to the Georgia Senate.

Covington pursues grant to help manufacturer relocate, stay in county

By TAYLOR BECK

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COVINGTON, Ga. — Local leaders are doing what they can to make sure a manufacturer that employs more than 100 workers stays in Newton County.

Council members approved a resolution Monday allowing Covington Mayor Steve Horton to send a letter to the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission for assistance in applying for a \$500,000 grant from the One Georgia Fund. The grant would help finance the "critical infrastructure development" portion for Process Equipment and Controls (PEC).

PEC is a metal and machine fabrication company that manufactures, installs and maintains specifically designed machinery for industrial clientele. The company is currently located 10439 Old Atlanta Hwy., which is deemed unincor-



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Pictured is a rendering of the entrance for Process Equipment and Controls' planned facility to be located within the city of Covington.

porated Newton County and employs 120 workers who live throughout the region. Hourly employees reportedly make between \$15-\$50 per hour, according to city documents. Salaried project managers make \$120,000 per year, plus a bonus.

After purchasing 36 acres off Hazelbrand Road at \$10,000 per acre, PEC is

working to relocate to the city of Covington. The company is leasing its current property at \$17,000 per month.

"The addition of Process Equipment and Controls will add 150 skilled jobs to the Covington workforce while adding revenue to the city's tax digest," said William Smith, who is Covington's

economic development director. "We are excited to support a small, local business that has grown to have a regional and national presence. We are proud to see this business come to Covington."

One of PEC's largest contracts is with Hartfield-Jackson Airport in Atlanta, and close proximity to the large employer is "extremely attractive" to the owner, Smith said. If the infrastructure development project can't be completed, Covington and all of Newton County could be in danger of losing PEC. Apparently the owner would be open to relocating outside the area, Smith said.

In order to successfully move into the city and stay in Newton County, the site at Hazelbrand Road needs sewer and water to construct the planned \$6 million industrial facility. If this can't be completed, city officials stated, PEC could start looking

outside the region for a new location.

The proposal states PEC intends to tie into new infrastructure developed on the western portion of Hazelbrand Road. Once connected, water lines will be extended to the new development. The owner has elected to install a septic system.

Infrastructure costs are expected to total \$400,000, but Smith said the city would be applying for \$500,000 to account for potential over-ages.

After infrastructure is up to par, PEC plans to construct a \$6 million facility that will be conducive "for all their business needs," bringing the total investment to \$6.86 million to remain in Newton County.

The owner plans to expand its operation by 30 employees, who would all make between \$15-\$50 per hour, once the relocation project is completed.

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Prep Baseball

Renewed focus key for Tigers in 2021

By MASON WITTNER
The Covington News

COVINGTON, Ga. — Two weeks into the 2021 baseball season, Alcovy has already matched its win total from a year ago.

By the end of the day on Saturday, March 6, they'll have surpassed 2020's game total as well.

When the Tigers walked off the field March 9, 2020, following an 8-5 region victory over Evans, they were unaware they'd just played their last game of the season. Less than a month later, they were forced to pull the plug as the impact of COVID-19 turned a two-week hiatus into an indefinite suspension of play.

"I don't have the words to describe what we went through at the end of last year," Alcovy head coach Jimmy Hughes said. "I don't think anything will ever hurt me more emotionally, as far as baseball goes, than having to look our seniors in the eye and tell them their season's over. Having to tell them that due to things that were out of their control, they wouldn't be playing anymore."

Alcovy's shortened 2020 campaign ended at 5-6. With the heart of region play still on the horizon, the realm of

possibilities were limitless before they had their season stripped away from them. After dismantling Rutland, 16-1, on Saturday, then dropping a 4-1 contest on road against Jasper Coutny on Thursday, the Tigers are now sitting at 5-5 in the new year with all their goals still well within reach.

The new year has gotten off with minimal hiccups, but it remains to be seen how far into the season clubs will be allowed to advance this spring. With that in mind, Hughes and his staff have made it a point to be grateful for every opportunity they have to return to the diamond.

Their renewed appreciation for the game has carried over into the mindsets of their players.

"We're not promised to even have practice tomorrow depending on how the numbers are, so just getting to play is kind of a win," Hughes said. "I think just the fact that these kids can get out here and play the game they love, get better every day, and become more respectful and just better men — that's all I want."

Chief among names to keep an eye on this spring is senior pitcher Lamar Williams, who gives the Tigers a fighting chance any time



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Following the abrupt end of their 2020 campaign, senior Raquis Holmes and the Alcovy Tigers are determined to go out on a strong note in 2021. They've already matched last spring's win total, and are on the right track to accomplish their goals for the season, should it be played to completion.

he's on the mound as well being a formidable two-hole hitter. Fellow senior Jayden Bishop, the starting center fielder, has earned his spot leading off the lineup with his compact swing and ability to wreak havoc on the basepaths.

Senior Raquis Holmes holds his own in the middle of Hughes' batting order while also providing shutdown innings of relief to help close doors on opponents.

The trio of seniors make up the backbone

of Alcovy's team, but the team's spark plug could very well be a newcomer. Freshman Reece Payne — who batted .625 on the Tigers' JV team as an eighth grader — has already cemented himself as an everyday outfield-

er who has the ability to bat near the middle of the order.

"I'm biased here, but I believe the Freshman of the Year is coming from our program," Hughes said. "Reece is a solid left-handed hitter. He squares the ball up offensively; he'll throw strikes; he's got a glove heavy fastball and great off-speed stuff; and defensively, he can play right field, first base — he can move all over the place."

Hughes lauded Payne's baseball IQ and maturity, saying that spectators "would think, just by how he handles himself, that he's an upperclassman."

With that quartet in tow, as well as a renewed devotion to working on the minutiae of becoming a better baseball team, the Tigers have the potential to make a little noise this spring.

Alcovy is slated to return to the diamond Saturday as the club travels to county rival Newton for a double-header starting at noon.

The Rams entered Friday at 3-3 on the year. They traveled to Bogart to play a talented Prince Avenue Christian club and look to bounce back from a 10-8 loss against Jackson on Monday.

Diamond Cougars putting in work for new season

By CHRIS BRIDGES
Correspondent

MONTICELLO, Ga. — With the disappointment of the 2020 season still fresh on its mind, the Piedmont Academy baseball team is set to begin the trip down the road of the 2021 schedule.

Players and coaches are hoping COVID-19, which is still an ongoing issue, does not wreck this season like it did the previous one.

Matt Britt enters his second year with the Piedmont program and had been dealing with not having his entire roster in the preseason. Several players were still involved in basketball season until this past Saturday.

"We are working but it's tough not having everyone there," Britt said. "We are really just doing individual work now and not much team-oriented drills."

The 2020 opener scheduled for Tuesday of this week against Trinity Christian School in Dublin was rained out, which actually benefits the Cougars in terms of preseason preparation.

Britt has only been able to hold practices with his entire team starting this week.

"We should be pretty good before all is said and done," he said "I am not sure how fast it will happen."

Senior Cameron Mobley, a senior left-hander who has signed with North Georgia, will help lead the pitching staff. Junior David Bishop, another left-hander, returns after working some in the relief in the handful of games the Diamond Cougars were able to play in 2020.

Gavin Mask is in first year with the program and Britt said

he already sees solid potential.

"He is going to be a good player and is only a junior," Britt said "In addition to pitcher, we are still looking [at] whether to use him in the infield or outfield. He has looked good in both."

Senior Jeb Satterfield, a 6-8 pitcher and first baseman, will also be a key player.

"Our pitching will have to carry us this year," Britt said. "We are going to have to work to get runs. We have to figure who is going to lead us at the plate."

Another area of concern for Piedmont is the ongoing search for someone to step in at the catcher position.

The Cougars were 2-3 last spring when the season was brought to a stop due to COVID-19. The team was 1-0 in region play at the time.

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ELITE SEASON

Lady Rams finish year with appearance in quarterfinals of GHSA state playoffs



The Newton High School girls' basketball team was knocked out of the Class AAAAAAA state playoffs with a 64-39 loss to Woodstock in the Elite Eight on Tuesday. After slipping into the postseason as a No. 4 seed, the Lady Rams made quite a bit of noise by pulling off upsets over No. 1 seed Tift County and No. 2 seed North Paulding.

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WOODSTOCK, Ga. — Newton's memorable postseason run met an abrupt end in the Class AAAAAAA Elite Eight on Tuesday night. On the heels of upset victories over No. 1 Tift County and No. 2 North Paulding, the fourth-seeded Lady Rams traveled to second-seeded Woodstock hoping to keep the magic alive. Newton hung tight for nearly three quarters, but the Lady Wolverines flexed their muscles late as they pulled away for a 64-39 win.

"When we believe in ourselves and we play as a team, we are almost unstoppable," Newton head coach Tiffani Johnson said. "But



Freshman sensation Sanaa Tripp (21) scored a team-high 15 points in Tuesday night's loss to Woodstock. She's emerged as one of brightest players in the Class of 2024.

[Tuesday,] what we didn't do was believe in ourselves and play as a team. That [loss] was the result."

The game's turning point came midway through the third quarter. Trailing by seven points, Newton was afforded repeated

opportunities to pull within striking distance through a multitude of looks at the basket. The shots never fell, however, and Woodstock eventually knocked down a bucket before sophomore Karson Martin drained a 3-pointer to put her

squad up 39-27 at the 2:45 mark. The Lady Rams never recovered. Martin's shot electrified the Lady Wolverines, sparking a run that saw them close the third quarter with a 44-30 lead and push it out to 49-30 with 6:16 remaining in the fourth.

Over the final six minutes, sloppy turnovers and hurried shots resulted in a further widening of the point differential as Woodstock ran away with the 25-point win.

"We just weren't able to turn the corner," Johnson said. "There weren't any defensive or offensive surprises, but we just didn't have the step-up we needed and stops we needed to make it happen."

The first half was a competitive affair. Newton took the first lead of the night on a 3-pointer and battled valiantly despite trailing 15-11 at the end of the first quarter.

The second quarter saw Woodstock begin to establish a presence in the post behind the

dominant play of sophomore Casey Miller, who finished the night with 23 points. Miller's play was complimented by the sharpshooting of junior guard Bridget Utberg, who exploded for a game-high 32 points.

Consequently, the Lady Wolverines trotted into the locker room with a 30-19 lead.

While Newton's third-round exit was disappointing, the future appears blindingly bright for the Lady Rams. They were led in scoring by freshman sensation Sanaa Tripp, who came to life late to score 15 points. She comprised one half of an outstanding backcourt this season

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Johnson reflects on obstacles faced during unprecedented season

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WOODSTOCK, Ga. — Losing is never easy. However, there's no denying that a season-ending blow is softened when it's applied to a team whose best days appear to still be ahead of them. That should be the case for the 2020-21 edition of the Newton girls' basketball team.

In a bizarre year in which the impact of COVID-19 made scheduling practices and games a logistical nightmare, the Lady Rams stumbled out of the gate. They followed up a season-opening win over Woodland by

dropping five of their next six contests, dropping to 2-5 overall with a 72-51 loss to Luella on Jan. 2.

Despite closing out the regular season with a 6-10 record, they emerged from the five-team Region 4-AAAAAAA to earn a No. 4 seed in the state playoffs.

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Led by one of the strongest backcourts in the state comprised of freshman phenom Sanaa Tripp and savvy junior Ashleigh Norris, the Lady Rams were suddenly a force to be reckoned with.

In the opening round, they put the state on notice by traveling down to Tift County and knocking off a No. 1 seed with a 50-38 victory. Four days later, they kept the run alive by squaring up against No. 2 seed North Paulding and leading wire-to-wire in a 55-46 win.

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alongside junior guard Ashleigh Norris, who added 12 points.

All five Lady Rams who contributed to the scoresheet Tuesday night — three freshmen

and two juniors — will be eligible to return to the hardwood next winter.

“We’re not coming out of the locker room chin to chest. We have

a great opportunity next year to be right back at it,” Johnson said.

Woodstock is heading to the Final Four for the first time in program history. The

Lady Wolverines will travel to top-seeded Brookwood this weekend to play for a spot in the Class AAAAAA state championship in Macon.

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The Lady Rams are poised to be one of the strongest teams in the state next winter with its starting five set to return.

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Newton went from four games under .500 to making its first Elite Eight appearance since 2018.

“I’m definitely happy with a young group under the circumstances of a pandemic and everything going on,” Newton head coach Tifani Johnson said. “We did put together two great [playoff] games. Unfortunately, we just weren’t able to keep it going.”

Time ran out on the Lady Rams’ Cinderella story Tuesday as Woodstock put the pieces together to earn their first Final Four berth in program history. But while the defeat marked the end of Newton’s campaign, it’s only a stepping stone for the journey ahead.

“Every loss is a learning experience,” Johnson said.

She noted that despite the third-round exit, she and her staff remain encouraged about the pieces they’ll be bring-

ing back next year.

When senior-laden squads fall short of capturing a title, they’re often forced to use their imagination to answer questions about what would’ve happened if they’d done something different. But for this particular squad, with Newton’s starting five all set to return, the girls will be afforded the opportunity to right their wrongs themselves next winter.

Newton intends to use the pain of Tuesday night’s defeat to fuel their motivation in the coming months. The result could be the molding of one of the strongest programs in the state next winter.

“That’s how we ended the conversation in the locker room after the game,” Johnson said. “We talked about what needs to happen post-season, summer time, pre-season, to make sure that we are ready for everything next year.”

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