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For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.
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Eastside legend Eric Stokes Jr. selected 29th overall by the Green Bay Packers on Thursday in first round of NFL Draft. [See B1](#)



2020-2021 Visions: The Covington News’ annual Progress Edition

Celebrating Newton’s best



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The Covington News recognized its 2020-2021 Visions award winners Thursday night with a reception at The Reserve at Hendricks. 2021 Visions award winners included (from left) Sheriff Ezell Brown, Community Spirit Award; Phil Johnson, Unsung Hero; Brad Stewart, Unsung Hero; Meredith McCrorey, Youth of the Year; and Piedmont Newton Hospital, Employer of the Year. Not pictured is Linda Hays, Unsung Hero.

Cheers to community’s heroes

Brown, Piedmont Newton Hospital among leaders who kept us ‘looking forward’

By TOM SPIGOLON
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Sheriff Ezell Brown said he first left his south Georgia hometown for construction work in Atlanta when he stopped in Covington to visit his brother. That was decades ago and, after a few job changes, Brown is still in Newton County and serving the public in ways above and beyond his role as the county’s top law enforcement officer. Brown was among the 2021 honorees during a reception hosted by The Covington News for the winners of its annual Visions awards. Publisher and Editor Taylor Beck of *The Covington News* led the celebration Thursday, April 29,



Taylor Beck



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Newton County Sheriff Ezell Brown delivers an acceptance speech after being awarded the 2021 Visions Community Spirit Award on Thursday.

and presented the awards during a reception at the Reserve at Hendricks in Covington. The Visions award winners for 2021 included:

- Sheriff Ezell Brown, Community Spirit Award;
- Piedmont Newton Hospital, Employer of the Year;
- Meredith McCrorey, Youth of the Year;

- Linda Hays, Unsung Hero;
- Phil Johnson, Unsung Hero;
- Brad Stewart, Unsung Hero.

Beck said the awards and annual Visions publication featuring the winners’ stories are “a chance for us to recognize” top employers, “bright and talent-rich” youth, highlight “unsung

heroes,” and honor those “who exemplify the definition of community spirit through charitable works and a lifetime of achievement.”

The 2021 Visions magazine’s theme was “Looking Forward,” Beck said. “For many of us, this past year has been the most difficult time of our life,” he said. He said it was The Covington News’ mission to show its readers the COVID-19 pandemic’s impacts and “how they were going to make it through.”

“And that was by working together, apart; keeping their focus ahead; and making way for a brighter tomorrow,” Beck said.

He said Employer of the Year award winner Piedmont Newton Hospital “did exactly that.”

“I can’t count how many times I saw CEO David Kent or Chief Medical Officer Dr. Norris Little

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Newton High School Principal Dr. Shannon Buff was named the 2020 Visions Community Spirit Award winner.

2020 Visions award winners honored one year later

By TOM SPIGOLON
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Shannon Buff waged a fierce battle with cancer in recent years but it never stopped her from being one of Newton High School’s top supporters and cheerleaders. “Obviously, I feel like God brought me through this,” said Buff, in her fourth year as the school’s principal. “I’m hopeful he will use me to continue to serve the students of Newton High School and the community,” she said.

Buff was among the honorees during a reception hosted by The Covington News for the 2020 winners of the newspaper’s annual Visions awards Thursday, April 29, at The Reserve at Hendricks in Covington.

Award winners for 2020 included:

- Shannon Buff, Community Spirit Award;
- Arbor Equity, Employer of the Year;
- Ava Jane Teasley, Youth of the Year;
- Clara Lett, Unsung Hero;
- Crystal Little, Unsung Hero;
- Michael Whatley, Unsung Hero.

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Copies of our 2021 Visions magazine remain available for purchase at The Covington News, located at 1166 Usher St. NW in Covington.



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Piedmont Newton earns ‘A’ safety rating

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• Sunny and clear.

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High: 81° Low: 64°
• Partly sunny.

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Newton County Schools

Firearms found at NHS; teen charged

District official says 5 students face unspecified ‘disciplinary’ action

By TOM SPIGOLON
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COVINGTON, Ga. — A Newton High School student is facing charges after two weapons were discovered at the school April 23.

Keywond Quintrell Gilstrap, 17, of Covington was charged with one felony count of Carrying a Weapon in a School Safety Zone; and a misdemeanor charge of Possession of a Pistol or Revolver by a Person under 18 Years of Age.

In addition, a total of five students are facing unspecified “disciplinary” action in connection with the incident, said school system spokesperson Sherri Davis.

“All students involved will also be subject to school discipline for violation of the Newton County School System code of conduct,” Davis said.

A warrant stated the suspect brought the weapons to the school between 8 and 9 a.m.

Davis said school officials then received reports of a possible weapon on campus.

“Local law enforcement personnel were notified at once,” Davis said.

During a search of the building, two weapons were located, Davis said.

The afternoon report prompted officials to place the school on lockdown, officials said.

“Multiple” students were taken into custody April 23 after officials found the weapons, Davis said.

Gilstrap was arrested and charged. He was later released on a total bond of \$11,200, according to information filed with the Newton County Superior Court.

During a First Appearance hearing Monday, April 26, a judge ordered Gilstrap not to return to Newton High School “unless ordered by the court.”

A spokesman for the Newton County Sheriff’s Office said the case was under investigation.

In a separate incident, an 18-year-old was charged with drug possession Tuesday, April 27, after Eastside High School’s school resource officer received a tip about a student selling illegal drugs.

Isaiah Regal was arrested and charged with possession of less than an ounce of marijuana, which is a misdemeanor.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **American Red Cross Blood Drive** is set for Oxford City Hall, 110 W. Clark St. in Oxford Thursday, May 6, and Aug. 6 from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
For more information, visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 800-733-2767.
- **Farmers Market opening day** is set for May 11 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Denny Dobbs Park at 6252 Hwy. 212 in Covington.
Newton County Parks and Recreation will host the weekly event which will feature fresh fruits and vegetables, baked goods and more every Tuesday from a variety of farms and vendors.
For more information, call 770-786-4373 or email jmeert@co.newton.ga.us.
- **Bicentennial Service Day Community Cleanup** for Board of Commissioners District 2 is set for May 15 at 9 a.m. at Denny Dobbs Park at 6252 Hwy. 212.
County Commissioner Demond Mason, the Newton County Bicentennial Committee and Keep Newton Beautiful will host the event.
To participate, register by May 7 at keepnewtonbeautiful.org.
For more information, call 770-784-2015 or email newtonclean@co.newton.ga.us.
- **Masquerade Jewelry & Accessories sale** hosted by the Piedmont Newton Hospital Auxiliary is set for May 17, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., and May 18, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., in the Physicians Pavilion Auditorium.
The sale is open to the public. Come shop teacher appreciation gifts, graduation gifts, or get started on your holiday shopping. Cash, debit and credit cards will be accepted.
Piedmont Newton Physician’s Pavilion Auditorium is at 4181 Hospital Drive NE.
- **A blood drive** hosted by Piedmont Newton Hospital and the American Red Cross is set for May 17 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Lions Club Clubhouse at 3120 Conyers St. in Covington.
For more information or to register to donate, please visit www.redcross-blood.org.
- **Community Kickball Event** hosted by Porterdales Police Department is set for May 21 from 5 to 8 p.m. at B.C. Crowell Park.
Young attendees can learn about public safety by seeing police vehicles, fire trucks and EMS ambulances. Hot dogs will be available and live music will be featured.
For more information, call 770-786-2217.
- **Covington Family YMCA registration** for all sessions of summer day camp is open to the public.
The YMCA at 2140 Newton Drive, Covington, will offer camps. Sign-up space is available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Registration can be completed online or in-person at a Y location.
The Y offers traditional day camps, which include challenging and fun activities featuring weekly themes, arts and crafts, group games, outdoor exploration and indoor learning experiences.
- Additionally, the Y provides specialty camps focused on sports, art, gymnastics, STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math), teen leadership and swim.
For registration, visit spiritonline.ymcaatlanta.org. For more information, call 770-787-3908 or visit https://www.ymcaatlanta.org/160.
- **Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center** at 543 Elliott Trail in Mansfield is offering a variety of programs for all ages and audiences this spring and summer.
Now open for registration are the Becoming An Outdoors Woman (BOW) program; multiple summer day camps from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day; and family-oriented public programs.
Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center is managed by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources.
For more information and deadlines, visit https://georgiawildlife.com/charlie-elliott-wildlife-center.
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Smiles of the Month

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Congratulations to the Caldwell & Cowan Staff for this achievement!

Chairman Marcello Banes proclaimed Friday, April 29, as ‘Kidpreneur Day’ in Newton County. The proclamation was signed for Jabez Jenkins, 15, and Christopher Jenkins, 14, owners and designers of Kings and Gents Accessories. The Newton residents and county schools students design and sew bow ties, have written a book following their success as ‘kidpreneurs,’ and were chosen as finalists in the national Sunny D “Show Your Bold” contest.

Special to The Covington News

Kidpreneur Day in Newton County



Mary Helen Hogan
Caldwell & Cowan Funeral Home

Mary Helen Hogan, of Social Circle, passed away Wednesday, April 28, 2021, at the age of 88. Mrs. Hogan was a faithful member of First Baptist Church, in Social Circle, and worked for First National Bank for 26 years. She was married to love of her life, John, for 63 years and enjoyed traveling and listening to music. Mrs. Hogan was pre-

ceded in death by her husband, John Foster Hogan; sons, Tony Hogan, Mike Hogan; parents, Corrie F. and Annie Mae Sullivan; sisters, Grace Armistead, Geneva Peters Burge, Kathryn Edmondson Bloodworth, and Evelyn Fuller.

Those left to cherish her memory are her sister, Joyce Knight; and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral service for Mrs. Hogan was held

Saturday, May 1, 2021, 2 p.m., at the Chapel of Caldwell & Cowan Funeral Home, 1215 Access Road, in Covington, and interment following in Social Circle City Cemetery, in Social Circle. Flowers are accepted, or donations may be made to First Baptist Church of Social Circle Building Fund, 195 N Cherokee Road, Social Circle, Georgia 30025.

Gov. Brian Kemp’s latest executive order

has eliminated restrictions on large gatherings; however, CDC guidelines recommend social distancing (6 feet apart) and wearing of masks while in public. Caldwell & Cowan Funeral Home requests that you observe these recommendations while in our funeral home attending visitations and/or services.

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National Politics

Congressman hosts Newton deputy as 'guest' to Biden speech

STAFF REPORTS
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One of Newton's congressmen hosted a constituent from the county as his "virtual guest" to President Joe Biden's Joint Address to Congress Wednesday night.

Newton County resident Andre Cooper was one of two guests of U.S. Rep. Hank Johnson, D-Lithonia, to the Joint Address, a news release stated.

In the past, members of Congress have often invited constituents to join them as guests to such speeches in Washington, D.C.

While COVID-19 safety protocols mean this year's in-person attendance was limited, Johnson said inviting his guests to take part virtually is a way to lift the stories and voices of residents of Georgia's 4th Congressional District.

Cooper, a Newton County sheriff's deputy, received the \$1,400 Economic Impact Direct Payment under Biden's American Rescue Plan, a news release stated.

The payment allowed Cooper to catch up on living expenses and the COVID-19 vaccination program allowed him, his wife and his parents to get vaccinated.

It also enabled them to have face-to-face visits with Cooper's father, who lives with Parkinson's disease, and allowed his parents to visit with their grandchildren who they had not seen in person in more than a year, the release stated.

Johnson also hosted Paula Moreland as a virtual guest. The disabled Rockdale County resident received the \$1,400 Economic Impact Direct Payment and was able to pay for some home repairs and buy medication she desperately needed, the news release stated.

The Joint Address was Biden's first speech to a Joint Session of Congress and marked 100 days into the president's first term.

COVID-19: A Global Health Crisis

Newton County lagging behind neighbors in COVID-19 vaccinations

By **TOM SPIGOLON**
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COVINGTON, Ga. — New numbers show Newton County is lagging behind — sometimes far behind — some neighboring counties but is slightly ahead of others in the share of its residents being vaccinated against COVID-19.

About 18% of eligible Newton County residents — almost 34,000 — had received at least one dose of the three COVID-19 vaccines and about 14% had been fully vaccinated through Tuesday, April 27, the Georgia Department of Public Health reported.

The Department's statistics also showed female Newton residents were more likely than males to get vaccinated, with 21% of women and only 15% of men receiving at least one dose.

In contrast to Newton, 22% of eligible residents in Gwinnett and Rockdale counties, and 24% of Morgan County residents, had received their first doses.

Yet, Newton was not alone in its relative hesitancy as other neighboring counties have been vaccinated in similar or lower rates than Newton.

Butts County had only vaccinated 15%; Jasper County 17%; Henry County 18% and Walton County 19% through April 27.

Oconee and Fayette counties' residents were getting jabbed at the highest rates in Georgia, with Oconee residents at a 34% rate

and Fayette residents at 32%.

On the other end of the spectrum: Only 15% of Clayton County's eligible residents and 16% of Barrow County residents have received one dose.

County elected leaders, such as County Commissioner J.C. Henderson, had suggested the Newton County mass vaccination site

Walk-ins welcome at local vaccination site

Walk-ins can now access the Gwinnett, Newton and Rockdale Health Department's Mass Vaccination site in Covington for the COVID-19 vaccine. As demand has slowed, there are more vaccines readily available for anyone who walks up to the site at Georgia Piedmont Technical College at 8100 Bob Williams Parkway in Covington.

at Georgia Piedmont Technical College in Covington be opened to walk-in patients as well as appointments to encourage residents to receive the vaccine.

On Tuesday, April 27, the Gwinnett, Newton and Rockdale Health Departments chose to do as Henderson suggested after seeing demand slow down.

Dr. Audrey Arona, director of the three counties' departments, said anyone hesitant about taking the shot because of health concerns could take comfort in the government's reaction to problems reported with the one-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

She noted that the Food &

Drug Administration and CDC recommended its use be stopped April 13 despite only about six cases of blood clots being reported out of 6 million doses given.

"They care more about safety than anything," Arona said.

The two agencies also recommended it be made available again April 23 after determining it could be administered safely.

A total of 15 cases had been reported and all occurred in women between the ages of 18 and 59, with a median age of 37 years, according to information from the FDA.

Arona also noted that county residents as young as 15 became eligible in early April which will increase the rate of vaccinations, she said.

"I think this site is going to be a very, very, very busy site throughout the summer," she said.

She said different parts of the population appear to have more hesitancy about the vaccine than others.

The department was planning an educational campaign for groups and geographic areas of the three counties with low rates of vaccinations, Arona said.

Many people also have not received the vaccine because of a lack of access to it. The department was making available mobile teams that could administer the vaccines to large groups or organizations such as churches, daycares, or schools, she said.

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speaking to a civic club or participating in a virtual event, all to educate people about the ongoing pandemic," Beck said.

Andrea Lane, director of Community Relations for Piedmont Newton, told the crowd the hospital had "unbelievable support" from the community.

"On behalf of the hospital, we want to thank all of you for your unbelievable support in the past year — plus," Lane said.

"I'm proud of Newton County, proud to work at Piedmont Newton, and proud to be here for all of you," she said.

Beck said one of those who supported medical personnel was Unsung Hero winner Brad Stewart who humbly worked to provide meals from his restaurant, Bradley's

Bar-B-Que.

His restaurant donated "to local doctors, nurses, police and firefighters, among others working the front lines of the pandemic."

"Of course, he said those were only made possible by financial support of the community and his own employees," Beck said.

Meanwhile, Brown and his deputies already were conducting or contributing to numerous outreach programs "to keep food on the table and a roof over the head of countless families in need" before the pandemic, Beck said.

"And when the pandemic set in, and we saw many people begin to lose their jobs, Brown and his deputies increased their efforts tenfold," Beck said.

He said Brown "often finds himself serving

in a variety of roles, including minister or counselor, to help meet the needs of others. Other times, Brown and his deputies might be asked to cover a month's rent or fill up a gas tank."

"While many may voice their opinion and say his acts of kindness are politically motivated, I've discovered the opposite," Beck said.

"Giving is simply a part of who Brown is, which we can thank his mother and father for, who taught him at an early age the importance of helping others."

Brown said he originally came to Covington because his brother lived in the city and was among the first Black teachers to integrate the school system.

"This community embraced me as a hometown person," he said.

After that, he joined the Covington Police Department in 1973 and the sheriff's office in 1977. Brown worked his way up the ranks, lost a race for sheriff in 1996 but won an open seat for the office in 2008.

He said he began volunteering to help special needs residents in the community in the 1970s.

Brown's sheriff's office staff and fellow church members have supported his efforts, he said.

In addition, his wife Janice and his family "have always been there to support me" and was always "pushing me, making me go further."

"I always say Newton County's been good to me, but I think I know that I have been good to Newton County," he said.

Beck said other award winners' work during the past year prompted the newspaper to honor them.

He said the leadership of Unsung Hero award winner Phil Johnson led to the county having a mostly error-free 2020 election despite COVID-19, an unexpected onslaught of absentee ballots, four elections and two recounts and "the scrutiny that has come with the results."

Johnson has served as Newton County Board of Elections chairman since 2019.

Youth of the Year award winner Meredith McCrorey, an Eastside High School senior, founded Unique Kids Showing Pigs as a way to give special needs students the experience of showing livestock at shows.

"Everyone is different

— there's no denying that fact — but that doesn't mean certain people should left out of certain places or events," Beck said.

Clerk of Courts Linda Hays, who received an Unsung Hero award, has served in her elected position for more than 37 years.

Her office maintains everything from jury selection to protection of court documents; preservation of deeds, liens, plats, charters, military discharge and notary public records, and more.

"When I asked why she's stayed with it for so long, she had this to say: 'I love this county. I love the people. And if this is how I can make a difference, I really want to,'" Beck said.

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OPINIONS

The Covington News

Taylor Beck editor and publisher

Visions winners are inspiration

Considering all our community — our nation, even — has endured over the last 365 days and counting, I’d say Thursday night was quite special.

It was the night The Covington News was able to host its 2021



Visions reception, but with a twist. Instead of only honoring 2021 award winners, we chose to invite winners from the previous year to celebrate them as well.

Unfortunately due to the uncertainty that surrounded COVID-19 and the strict social distancing requirements at the time, it was impossible to host our annual event last year.

But now that we’ve turned the corner and are looking toward the other side of this pandemic, I was absolutely thrilled Thursday night to finally be able to recognize a few of our area’s outstanding employers, showcase our bright and talent-rich youth, shed light on our area’s Unsung Heroes, and honor two wonderful people who exemplify the definition of community spirit through charitable works and a lifetime of achievement.

Our 2020 Visions winners included:
Newton High School Principal Dr. Shannon Buff — Community Spirit Award
Clara Lett, Crystal Little



Posters of The Covington News’ 2020 and 2021 Visions magazines’ covers featuring Shannon Buff (left) and Sheriff Ezell Brown set inside The Reserve at Hendricks on Thursday for The News’ annual Visions reception.

and Michael Whatley — *Unsung Heroes*
Ava Jane Teasley — Youth of the Year
Arbor Equity — Employer of the Year

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Linda Hays, Phil Johnson

and Brad Stewart — *Unsung Heroes*
Meredith McCrorey — Youth of the Year
Piedmont Newton Hospital — Employer of the Year

When I read about these people and speak to them for myself, I’m in awe — such great personalities that represent the best of Newton County. They’ve

each made a difference in this special place we call home, and their actions should serve as an inspiration to all of us.

Taylor Beck is editor and publisher of The News. Reach him at tbeck@covnews.com.

Chris Bridges columnist

Simple things make life more enjoyable

Is it true that we enjoy the smaller things in life more the older we get?

It seems that is the case.

Recently I found myself thankful for the simple joy of having a blue sky above with plenty of sunshine.



Our recent weather has been a mix of warmth, cold, rain and wind. In Georgia we always seem to have a mixed bag when it comes to our weather.

As a child, we really don’t notice things like the rain or

the sun. If it’s raining, so be it. If it’s a clear day, that’s great too.

It isn’t until we get older that we begin to appreciate little things that as children we so often took for granted. It probably has something to do with the fact that as adults our lives are filled with more stress. From work to bills to countless other responsibilities, we can’t help but feel bothered when the small things we take pleasure in are taken away, even for a little while.

It’s those things which help us get through the winter blues and sprint full-speed into spring.

Some of the things which are no longer taken for granted from my perspective include:

- birds singing in the backyard after we take more food and water to them. Their bright colors always help cut through the grayness of cold and dreary days and remind us that spring truly is not far away. Even now they we are officially in spring I love to see the red birds fly in daily.
- a peaceful day off after several consecutive days of work.
- talks with an old friend and how you realize that even though your childhoods were years — decades — ago, that those events of yesterday are only a conversation away.
- the blooming flowers which are more evident now that we are in late-April.
- the closeness of your co-workers and realizing your life wouldn’t be the same without them on a daily basis.
- the times when the power bill is opened and my heart doesn’t stop for a moment.
- memories of columns by Lewis Grizzard, Celestine Sibley and Furman Bisher.
- when the auto repair shop tells me that nothing needs working on under the hood.
- the enjoyment of holding a new book in your hands and beginning the process once again of discovering the contents within.
- how an old movie or an

old song can take you back to the year they were released.

- the sight of an old barn in a field that can still be seen from time to time off the highway. There’s one not far from where I live and I always make a note to glance over at it as I pass by.
- memories of the Steelers and Cowboys meeting in the Super Bowl back during the ‘70s. More focus was on the game then and not all the hype and hoopla.
- those friends who check in on you daily. Yes, it’s easier to do with e-mail, texting and such, but knowing someone thinks enough of you to do so does mean a great deal.
- for the times when the phone doesn’t ring in the middle of the night or very early in the morning. We all know it usually is not good news at those hours.
- those who have guided us, influenced us and encouraged us during our adventures in life. From family members to friends, we should never take anyone we care about for granted. Nothing is guaranteed in life from one week to the next or one day to the next. It’s why we should all be thankful for those little things which make life more enjoyable.

Chris Bridges is a former sports editor of The Walton Tribune and The Covington News. You can email comments about this column to pchrisbridges@gmail.com.

Dorothy Piedrahita guest columnist

Ice cream is delicious any time of day or night

In your mind’s eye, picture a bowl of your favorite ice cream.

Decades ago ice cream was made at home. For some of us who remember the taste of “home made ice cream,” that taste is almost unforgettable. I know I can’t forget.



Each starting in 1966, our family would have a reunion in the yard of one of our relatives. My Aunt Bessie, was the family ice cream maker. She would make the most delicious freeze ice cream in a wooden ice cream maker, which had a hand crank on it. Aunt Bessie mostly turned the crank herself. Sometimes my cousins and I would turn the crank, but not often. Aunt Bessie would say, “You aren’t turning the crank right.” We would have so much fun on those hot Southern Saturdays.

If you are someone who uses ice cream for the pure enjoyment of the taste, you are among millions or billions of people who feel as you do.

I have read in the Harvard Crimson an op ed about “The Ice Metaphor.” The ice cream metaphor “has developed a mind of its own. It’s been used to negotiate and desire, contemplate the balance between complacency and taking a risk for success, and — of course — free will and determination.” After my research, I had no idea you could learn so much about ice cream.

However, not to continue to write and sound boring, ice cream for me is just one of the perfect desserts. Good any time of the day or night.

Ice cream history is exciting. China introduced it to the Western world by Italy and made it accessible to the general public by France.

It is known Alexander the Great (352-323) enjoyed snow ice shaving.

Ice cream is high in sugar, calories and filled with additives. Ice cream can be part of a healthy, well-balanced diet if consumed occasionally and in moderation.

Dubai has the most expensive ice cream in the world. It costs \$817 a scoop. This dessert is called “Black Diamond.” That was the price as of April 15, 2015.

Ice cream in the beginning was consumed by elites.

Ice cream, frozen yogurt, Sorbet, Kulfi, soft serve, ice cones, gelato and rolled ice cream are only a few of the frozen desserts we all enjoy. Any time of the year, around the world.

Oh! I forgot to list ice cream cakes.

There are tricks to making great ice cream. Ice cream is irresistible at birthday parties.

I had a party in my mouth writing this column. Go now! Buy ice cream, ride to an ice cream shop or make it. Either way, get your own party in your mouth.

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LEGALS

Public Notices

Alcoholic Beverage

NOTICE – APPLICATION
ALCOHOL LICENSE

NOTICE IS hereby given that an application has been made to the Mayor and Council of the City of Covington to obtain a license to sell alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption only for: 278 Management LLC
DBA KWIK Stop
9199 HWY 278
APPLICANT: AMIN Mohammed Lakhani

THE APPLICATION will be heard on May 17th at 6:30 PM at City of Covington Council Room, 2116 Stallings Street, NW, Covington, GA. This notice is published pursuant to the provisions of Section 5.12.080(C), Covington Municipal Code.

PUBLIC NOTICE #200281

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Citations

CITATION

JULIA ANN JAMES has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **DONOVAN S. GLOVER, 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 JUNE 7, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #200264

5/2,9,16,23

CITATION

RE: ESTATE of **Donovan Sherman Glover, Jr.**, Former Ward

JULIE ANN James, Conservator has petitioned for Final Settlement of Accounts and Discharge 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 June 7, 2021, at ten o'clock am.

MELANIE M. Bell, Judge By: Marcia Wynne, Clerk Probate Court
1132 USHER STREET
COVINGTON GA 30014

NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT
1132 USHER STREET
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200200

5/2

CITATION

RE: ESTATE of **LESLIE COTMAN**, Deceased

ELISE COUNCIL, Administrator 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 June 7, 2021, at ten o'clock am.

MELANIE M. Bell, Judge By: Marcia Wynne, Clerk Probate Court
NEWTON COUNTY, GA

NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT
1132 USHER STREET
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200265

5/2

CITATION

RE: ESTATE of **MALEEK ROBBINS**, Former Ward

DERWIN DAVIS, Esq., Conservator has petitioned to be discharged from Office and all Liability. All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause as to why said petition should not be granted. All objections must be in writing and filed with this Court on or before June 7, 2021, at ten o'clock am.

MELANIE M. Bell, Judge By: Marcia Wynne, Clerk Probate Court
NEWTON COUNTY, GA

NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT
1132 USHER STREET
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200229

5/2

CITATION

RE: ESTATE OF **QUINTAVIOUS REED, FORMER WARD**

ANN J. HERRERA has petitioned for Final Settlement of Accounts and Discharge for 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 June 7, 2021, at ten o'clock am.

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #200185

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CITATION

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ARTHUR RAY MCADOO 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 APRIL , 2021.

JACK H. PHILLIPS, JR
775 JEFF COOK RD
MANSFIELD, GA 30055

PUBLIC NOTICE #200245

5/2,9,16,23

CITATION

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **BETTY JANE CORDELL** 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 31st day of March, 2021.

KELLIE S. HYERS
7106 GOLFSIDE CT. SE
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200181

4/11,18,25-5/2

CITATION

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **BETTY JEAN BELL MANUEL** 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 12th day of APRIL 2021.

EDDIE G. MANUEL
3107 WEST STREET
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200208

4/18,25-5/2,9

CITATION

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **CAROLYN JEAN HARDEMAN** 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 13th day of APRIL, 2021.

ADONIS HARDEMAN
217 COUNTRYRY CLUB PARK, UNIT 542
BIRMINGHAM, AL 35213

PUBLIC NOTICE #200204

4/18,25/5/2,9

CITATION

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **CATHERINE ROSEMARY GOMES** 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 31st day of March, 2021.

ROBERT GOMES
125 FIVE OAKS DR
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200183

4/11,18,25-5/2

CITATION

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

according to law.
THIS THE 15th day of APRIL , 2021.

CURTIS MICHAEL DAVENPORT
2700 WHITE PINE LANE
MANSFIELD, GA 30055

PUBLIC NOTICE #200241

5/2,9,16,23

CITATION

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

CURTIS MICHAEL DAVENPORT
2700 WHITE PINE LANE
MANSFIELD GA 30055

PUBLIC NOTICE #200242

5/2,9,16,23

CITATION

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **EMMETT G. GAYLOR 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 22ND day of APRIL , 2021.

AARON SCHLOSSENBERG
11216 PINWOOD CT
RICHMOND, VA 23238

PUBLIC NOTICE #200267

5/2,9,16,23

CITATION

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **HOWARD LARRY JONES** 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 APRIL , 2021.

SHELLEY LOYD
4687 HWY 162 SOUTH
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #200250

5/2,9,16,23

CITATION

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **HUANNE AIKEN BURNETT** 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 APRIL , 2021.

ROBERT BURNETT
171 VIDAL BLVD
DECATUR GA 30030

PUBLIC NOTICE #200244

5/2,9,16,23

CITATION

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **ILLA MAE STONE** 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 APRIL , 2021.

DANNY KNIGHT
1441 BRADFORD LANE
MONROE, GA 30656

PUBLIC NOTICE #200249

5/2,9,16,23

CITATION

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **JEANETTE D. HAWKINS-BRITT** 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 APRIL , 2021.

JOHN HAWKINS
154 PHOENIX DR
EATONTON, GA 31024

PUBLIC NOTICE #200266

5/2,9,16,23

CITATION

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **JONATHAN MURRAY, 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 12th day of APRIL , 2021.

SHANETHA MURRAY
255 WILLOW SHOALS DR
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #200205

4/18,25-5/2,9

CITATION

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **JOSEPH SANFORD MCDONALD** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.
THIS THE 15th day of APRIL , 2021.

MARGARET W. MCDONALD
40 BIRCHWOOD COURT
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200243

5/2,9,16,23

CITATION

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **LILLIE MAE WEBB** 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 APRIL , 2021.

CARLOS RHODES
4460 HWY 142
NEWBORN, GA 30056

PUBLIC NOTICE #200247

5/2,9,16,23

CITATION

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **LOUIS D. ALSTON** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.
THIS THE 8th day of APRIL , 2021.

FANNIE ALSTON
420 TRELAWNEY CIRCLE
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #200207

4/18,25-5/2,9

CITATION

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **MARTHA FRANCES HALCOMBE** 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 APRIL , 2021.

MICHAEL E. PICKENS
96 LINWOOD RD, NW
ADAIRSVILLE, GA 30103

PUBLIC NOTICE #200248

5/2,9,16,23

CITATION

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

DAISY LEACH
180 SUMMERWALK DR
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #200206

4/18,25-5/2,9

CITATION

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **SANDRA HELEN HICKS** 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 6th day of April, 2021.

WALDROP & BOOTCHECK
P.O. BOX 1017
CONYERS, GA 30012

PUBLIC NOTICE #200182

4/11,18,25-5/2

CITATION

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **TAVIUS SHUNEIL BROWN** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.
THIS THE 15th day of APRIL , 2021.

TELLY BROWN
150 PIEDMONT CIRCLE
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #200246

5/2,9,16,23

CITATION

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

of **THURMAN EUGENE HANE** 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 April, 2021.

PENNY HANE
1753 HIGHWAY 213
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200184

4/11,18,25-5/2

CITATION

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **WILHELMINA STEWART** 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 26th day of APRIL , 2021.

ALTON STEWART, JR
8214 NORTH STERLING LAKES DRIVE
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200268

5/2,9,16,23

CITATION

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **WILLIAM H. VEAL**, 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 APRIL , 2021.

BARBARA J. VEAL
90 ALCOVY TRESTLE ROAD
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200240

5/2,9,16,23

CITATION

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

ALL CREDITORS of the Estate of **Winnie Lee Cooper**, deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render an account of their demands to the undersigned, and all persons indebted to said estate are hereby **NOTIFIED** To make immediate payment to the undersigned.

THIS 22ND day of April, 2021.

PUBLIC NOTICE #200253

5/2,9,16,23

CITATION

Divorces

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
NEWTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

COURTNEY WILLIS
PLAINTIFF,
-VS-
REGINA GLANTON
DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION No.: 2021-CV-605-2

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: REGINA GLANTON
85 FIELDVIEW LANE
COVINGTON, GA 30016

BY ORDER of the court for service by publication dated MARCH 31, 2021 you are hereby notified that on MARCH 18, 2021 (date of filing) **COURTNEY WILLIS** (plaintiff) filed suit against you for Divorce . **YOU ARE** required to file an answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for publication with the clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County and to serve a copy of the answer upon the plaintiff (if prose) or upon the plaintiff's attorney (if represented).

WITNESS THE Honorable JOHN M. OTT., Judge Superior Court of Newton County.

THIS, THE 31ST day of MARCH, 2020.
LINDA D. Hays
CLERK OF Superior Court

PUBLIC NOTICE #200189

4/18,25-5/2,9

CITATION

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
NEWTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

LISA GUY
PLAINTIFF
V.
JEFFREY GUY
DEFENDANT

CIVIL ACTION NUMBER
2020-CV-1138-3

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: JEFFREY GUY
888 CONRWELL AVE
UNIONDALE, NY 11553

BY ORDER of the court for service by publication dated APRIL 20 2021 you are hereby notified that on 6/9/2020(date of filing) **LISA A. GUY** (plaintiff) filed suit against you for Divorce . **YOU ARE** required to file an answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for publication with the clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County and to serve a copy of the answer upon the plaintiff (if prose) or upon the plaintiff's attorney (if represented).

WITNESS THE Honorable LAYLA H. ZON , Judge Superior Court of Newton County.

THIS, THE 21ST day of APRIL 2021.
LINDA D. Hays
CLERK OF Superior

PUBLIC NOTICE #200252

5/2,9,16,23

CITATION

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF

See LEGALS, A6

LEGALS:

Continued from A5

NEWTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

VICTOR LAWRENCE
PLAINTIFF,
V.
JENNIFER JOSEPH BECKLES
DEFENDANT,

TO: JENNIFER JOSEPH BECKLES
80 CINNAMON FERN CIR
COVINGTON, GA 30016

CIVIL ACTION NUMBER
2021-CV-660-3

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

BY ORDER of the court for service
by publication dated MARCH 29,
2021 you are hereby notified that on
03/24/2021 (date of filing) VICTOR
LAWRENCE (plaintiff) filed suit
against you for Complaint For Divorce
. You are required to file an answer in
writing within sixty (60) days of the
date of the order for publication with
the clerk of the Superior Court of
Newton County and to serve a copy
of the answer upon the plaintiff (if pro
se) or upon the plaintiff's attorney (if
represented).

WITNESS THE Honorable LAYLA
H. ZON , Judge Superior Court of
Newton County.

THIS, THE 30th day of MARCH 2021
LINDA D. Hays
CLERK OF Superior

PUBLIC NOTICE #200165
4/11,18,25-5/2

Foreclosures

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
UNDER POWER
NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

UNDER AND by virtue of the
Power of Sale contained in a
Security Deed given by **Stanley
B. Cooper** to Mortgage Electronic
Registration Systems, Inc., as
grantee, as nominee for SunTrust
Mortgage, Inc. D/B/A Sun America
Mortgage, dated April 26, 2006,
and recorded in Deed Book 2180,
Page 8, Newton County, Georgia
Records, subsequently modified
by a Loan Modification Agreement
recorded June 16, 2015 in Book
3335, Page 273 in the amount of Two
Hundred Seventy-Four Thousand
Seven Hundred Twelve and 35/100
(\$274,712.35) Newton County,
Georgia Records, subsequently
modified by a Loan Modification
Agreement recorded November 8,
2018 in Book 3769, Page 56 in the
amount of Two Hundred Seventy
Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-One
and 53/100 (\$270,431.53) Newton
County, Georgia Records, as last
transferred to Wilmington Savings
Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana
Trust, not individually but as trustee
for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition
Trust by assignment recorded on
January 20, 2015 in Book 3294
Page 81 in the Office of the Clerk of
Superior Court of Newton County,
Georgia Records, conveying the
after-described property to secure a
Note in the original principal amount
of One Hundred Seventy-Two
Thousand Six Hundred and 0/100
dollars (\$172,600.00), 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, within the legal hours of
sale on June 1, 2021, the following
described property:
**ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL
OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN
LAND LOT 156, 10TH DISTRICT,
NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA,
BEING LOT 74, OAKWOOD MANOR
SUBDIVISION, UNIT I, AS PER
PLAT RECORDED AT PLAT BOOK
43, PAGE 154-160, SAID PLAT
BEING INCORPORATED HEREIN
BY REFERENCE.**
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 Security
Deed and by law, including attorney's
fees (notice of intent to collect
attorney's fees having been given).
THE ENTITY having full authority to
negotiate, amend or modify all terms
of the loan (although not required by
law to do so) is: Selene Finance they
can be contacted at (877) 735-3637
for Loss Mitigation Dept, or by writing
to 9990 Richmond Avenue, Suite 400
South, Houston, Texas 77042, to
discuss possible alternatives to avoid
foreclosure.
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.
TO THE best knowledge and belief
of the undersigned, the party in
possession of the property is Stanley
B. Cooper or tenant(s); and said
property is more commonly known as
**40 Oak Terr Dr, Covington, GA
30016.**
THE SALE will be conducted subject
to (1) confirmation that the sale is not
prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy
Code (2) final confirmation and audit
of the status of the loan with the
holder of the security deed and (3)
any right of redemption or other lien
not extinguished by foreclosure.
WILMINGTON SAVINGS Fund
Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust,
not individually but as trustee for
Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust
as Attorney in Fact for Stanley B.
Cooper.

BROCK & Scott, PLLC
4360 CHAMBLEE Dunwoody Road
SUITE 310
ATLANTA, GA 30341
404-789-2661
B&S FILE no.: 21-02900

PUBLIC NOTICE #200259
5/5,12,19,26

NOTICE OF Sale Under Power

GEORGIA, NEWTON County
UNDER AND by virtue of the Power
of Sale contained in a Deed to Secure

CLUES ACROSS

1. Engine additive
4. A hearty laugh
8. Restrain
10. Dried coconut kernels
11. Nefarious
12. Elderly
13. Central part of a church
building
15. Throw into confusion
16. Intestinal
17. Qualities of being religious
18. Live up to a standard
21. Seize
22. Go quickly
23. Automated teller machine
24. Bowling necessity
25. One point east of due south
26. Japanese honorific
27. A way to induce sleep
34. Makes cash register rolls
35. A city in S Louisiana
36. Make more cheerful
37. Manicurist
38. Consents
39. Network of nerves
40. Mocking smile
41. It covers the body
42. Partner to pans
43. Perform in a play

CROSSWORD

CLUES DOWN

1. Beautiful
2. Polynesian island country
3. Shrub of the olive family
4. Self-governing Netherlands
territory
5. Shared one's view
6. Tailless amphibians
7. Charge passengers must pay
9. Sound sheep make
10. Known for sure
12. Filled with unexpressed
anger
14. Student (abbr.)
15. Criticize
17. Gathering place
19. Informal alliances
20. One's mother (British)
23. Landholder
24. Peter's last name
25. Parties
26. Title of respect
27. Red wine

28. Pearl Jam's debut
29. Shaft horsepower (abbr.)
30. Frosts
31. Cry of joy
32. Induces vomiting
33. Mother or father
34. Dal __: Musical navigation
marker
36. Door fastener part

HERE TO 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 T C H E R # :
0012C00000036000**
MR/MEH 6/1/21
OUR FILE no. 5841207 - FT 1

PUBLIC NOTICE #200239
5/2,9,16,23

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 **Reggie L Jefferies** and
Terlisha B Jefferies to Ameriquist
Mortgage Company, dated August
19, 2002, recorded in Deed Book
1278, Page 48, Newton County,
Georgia Records, as last transferred
to Wilmington Savings Fund Society,
FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not
individually but as trustee for Pretium
Mortgage Acquisition Trust by
assignment recorded in Deed Book
4069, Page 501, Newton County,
Georgia Records, conveying the

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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NEWTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE the name change of
DONNA M. GAGNE
PETITIONER

CIVIL ACTION File # 2021-CV-941-3

NOTICE OF PETITION TO
CHANGE NAME OF ADULT

DONNA M. GAGNE filed a petition in
the Newton County Superior Court on
APRIL 22, 2021 to change the name
from DONNA M. GAGNE to DONNA
M. MCCORMACK. Any interested
party has the right to appear in this
case and file objections within 30
days after the Petition was filed
DATE: 3-22-21

DONNA M. GAGNE

PUBLIC NOTICE #200276
5/2,9,16,23

Public Hearings

STATE BOARD MEMBER TO
HOLD PUBLIC HEARING
MAY 18, 2021

LISA KINNEMORE to Host
STATE BOARD of Education Fourth
District Public Hearing

THE STATE Board of Education will
hold a public hearing for citizens in
the Eighth Congressional District
on Tuesday, May 18, 2021. The
meeting will be held from 7:00 p.m.
– 8:00 p.m. at Rockdale County
High School, 1174 Bulldog Circle,
Conyers, GA 30012.
THE PURPOSE of the hearing is
to hear comments from interested
citizens and educators within the
congressional district regarding the
performance and problems of public
education. Persons wishing to speak
should sign in upon arrival.
THE GEORGIA Department of
Education does not discriminate on
the basis of disability in admission
to, access to, or operations of its
programs, services or activities.
Individuals who need assistance or
auxiliary aids for participation in this
public forum are invited to make their
needs known to Geraldine Price at
sboeadmin@doe.k12.ga.us no later
than 72 hours before the scheduled
event.

PUBLIC NOTICE #200263
5/2

Public Notice

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
NEWTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

JERMAINE HINTON, as Trustee of
the **SONNIE M. HINTON LIVING
TRUST,**
PETITIONER,
V.
**PARCELS OF LAND, BEING
DESCRIBED AS TAX PARCEL NO.**
004800000005600, TAX PARCEL
NO. 00489000000013A00, AND TAX
PARCEL NO. 0048000000012A00,
EACH BEING LOCATED ON
STEWART ROAD, NEWTON
COUNTY, GEORGIA,

AND THE following adjacent
property owners:
**FOREVER FLOWING, JEANNINE
W. MARCHESSAUE, NAYIA
ANDERSON, FREDERICK L.
JOHNSON, BARBARA JACKSON,
RUTH S. MITCHELL, DAVID P.
MITCHELL, RUTH ANN ATKINS,
ADEL M. BOYNTON, ARTHUR
LEE JOHNSON, JR., OTIS JONES,
LEON ROME, FAZIA MOHAMED,
MARIO TREJO VALLE, DAVID
D. LITTLEJOHN, TIFFANY V.
LITTLEJOHN, EF JOHNSON
MEMORIAL PARK, BEVERLY
ROME EVANS, JOHNNY ROGERS,
SHANE ROGERS, THERESA
ROGERS, DORIS LUCAS, AND**

See LEGALS, A7

HONORED:

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Publisher and Editor Taylor Beck of *The Covington News* told the crowd at the event that the awards, and the annual Visions publication featuring the winners’ stories, are part of the newspaper’s “yearly celebration of the community it calls home.”

The newspaper was unable to host its 2020 awards celebration due to COVID-19 so it decided to host two years of award winners in one reception.

“Each year, we choose a theme to mold our magazine around. In 2020, it was ‘Simply the Best’ to show what makes Newton County such a special place to ‘live, work and play,’” he said.

Buff had previously served as a teacher and assistant principal at the school.

She served a four-year stint as a school system administrator before being named principal in 2017.

Her diagnosis of cancer came in 2019 but her final treatment was April 10.

Buff said she was “humbled” by the award that honored her for working to lead the school through her



Mason Wittner | The Covington News

2020 Visions award winners, from left, included Michael Whatley, Unsung Hero; Crystal Little, Unsung Hero; Clara Lett, Unsung Hero; and Shannon Buff, Community Spirit Award. Not pictured are Ava Jane Teasley, Youth of the Year; and David Bauer of Arbor Equity, Employer of the Year.

cancer treatments.

“Even now, hearing those words was incredibly moving,” she said.

“I love my kids. I love my teachers. I love the faculty. I’m very grateful and thankful (that) God allowed us all to be together again — my husband, my daughter and my son’s at college.

“I’m very blessed and very humbled,” Buff said.

Beck also told the crowd about other award winners’ community service.

He said Arbor Equity Pres-

ident David Bauer’s “hands-on approach” and working as part of a team “has allowed him to grow it from a base-ment business into a flourishing tree service.”

“As the company has expanded, it has also become a partner with Newton County Schools’ College and Career Academy, and recruited locals to join the business,” Beck said.

Clara Lett “is a minister in every form of the word,” Beck said.

Lett leads the operation of

Newton County’s homeless shelter, pastors Rainbow Covenant Ministries, and has ministered professionally for more than 28 years — allowing her to help an estimated 40,000 people since 2001.

“She’s also played a big role in Porterdale’s Meals on Wheels program,” he said.

Crystal Little founded the Ride for Roxy Foundation and raised \$35,000 through four charity motorcycle rides to help her mother, Roxanne Hall.

“The focus quickly moved

from helping breast cancer patients to several types of cancer patients, victims of motorcycle accidents and other types of diseases,” Beck said.

Hall died of the disease in 2019 but Little carries on with Ride for Roxy to honor her mother’s legacy and provide hope for those who feel all is lost, Beck said.

Whatley served four terms on the Covington City Council and on various boards, including the State Board of Water and Wastewater Certification after being appointed by former Gov. Sonny Perdue.

“Whatley played an instrumental role in the redevelopment of the downtown area and planning for inevitable growth across the city,” Beck said.

Teasley, a student at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, found her passion for community service through her family and church, Beck said.

“She has displayed this passion through a variety of ways, and many have taken notice,” he said.

LEGALS:

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THE ESTATE OF THELMA ROME, RESPONDENTS.

CIVIL ACTION FILE NO. SUVCV2019000480

NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

TO RESPONDENTS: (1) Forever Flowing; (2) Fazia Mohamed; (3) EF Johnson Memorial Park; (4) Leon Rome; and (5) All Other Possible and/or Unknown Parties Who Have or Claim Any Possessory or Adverse Right, Title or Interest in the Respondent Property: Please take notice that Petitioner Jermaine Hinton, as Trustee of the Sonnie M. Hinton Living Trust, has filed a Summons and Petition to Quiet Title in the Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia in the above-captioned case.

RESPONDENTS ARE hereby commanded to file their Answer to the Petition within 60 days of the date of the Order for Publication, or by June 15, 2021, with the Clerk of Superior Court of Newton County, 1132 Usher Street, NW, Suite 338, Covington, Georgia 30014, and serve a copy of their Answer on Petitioner’s counsel D. Andrew Folkner, at WEISSMAN PC, One Alliance Center, 4th Floor, 3500 Lenox Road, NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30326.

WITNESS, The Judge of Newton County Superior Court.

THIS 19TH day of April 2021.

BY: CLERK of Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia

PUBLIC NOTICE #200214

4/25-5/2,9,16

KENNETH R. Lehman, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, intends to apply to the Federal Reserve Board for permission to acquire 25% or more of the shares and thereby control of Affinity Bancshares, Inc. Covington, Georgia. Affinity Bancshares, Inc. controls Affinity Bank, Covington, Georgia. The Federal Reserve considers a number of factors in deciding whether to approve the notice.

YOU ARE invited to submit comments in writing on this notice to the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, P.O. Box 27622, Richmond, VA 23261. Comments can also be sent electronically to comments.applications@rich.frb.org. The comment period will not end before May 22, 2021 and may be somewhat longer. The Board’s procedures for processing applications may be found at 12 C.F.R. Part 262.25. To obtain a copy of the Federal Reserve Board’s procedures, or if you need more information about how to submit your comments on the notice, contact Adam M. Drimer, Assistant Vice President, at (804) 697-8980. The Federal Reserve will consider your comments and any request for a public meeting or formal hearing on the notice if they are received in writing by the Reserve Bank on or before the last day of the comment period.

PUBLIC NOTICE #200260

5/2

Public Sales Auctions

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

IN ACCORDANCE with the GA Self Storage Facilities Act notice is hereby given that the undersigned will be sold at public sale to the highest bidder in order to satisfy lien of the owner. Bidding to take place on lockerfox.com ending **Wednesday the 19th day of May, 2021 at 10:00 AM.** Said property is Space Shop Self Storage, 6177 Jackson Hwy, Covington, GA, 30014

DANIEL, IRBY 1140 Mattress, box spring, plastic bins, couches, ac unit, lamps, table.

COUEY, RANDALL G24 Boxes, tapes.

THE AUCTION will be listed and advertised on lockerfox.com. Space Shop Self Storage may refuse any

bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.

PUBLIC NOTICE #200226

5/2,9

NOTICE OF SALE

A DEFAULT HAVING OCCURRED UNDER THE TERMS OF THE RENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN G & J MINI STORAGE, INC. AND THE BELOW LISTED TENANTS, AND NOTICE HAVING BEEN SENT TO THE TENANTS AS REQUIRED BY LAW, THERE WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC SALE ALL PERSONAL PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE BELOW LISTED TENANTS FOR CASH TO SATISFY OWNERS LIEN FOR RENT DUE.

IAW GEORGIA LAW ANN. 10-4-213

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: TUESDAY MAY 18, 2021 ENDING AT 10:00A.M.

PLACE: ONLINE AT: www.StorageAuctions.com

TENANTS NAME UNIT# CONTENTS

CHERRY PARK 230 HSEHOLD GOODS/FURN/BOXES

CRYSTA HARDEMAN 268 HSEHOLD GOODS/FURN/BOXES

MARCUS BROW 323 HSEHOLD GOODS/FURN/BOXES

CATHERINE BRINSON 374 & 413 HSEHOLD GOODS/FURN/BOXES

ALPHONZA FLETCHER, II 410 HSEHOLD GOODS/FURN/BOXES

JONATHAN D. JENKINS 426 HSEHOLD GOODS/FURN/BOXES

RODERICK SHY 470 HSEHOLD GOODS/FURN/BOXES

DESHAUNA WALKER-LEE 527 & 818 HSEHOLD GOODS/FURN/BOXES

KIMBERLY LOTT 543 HSEHOLD GOODS/BOXES

REGINALD L. PRICE 560 BOXES/TOOLS/TV

DUSTIN DECESARE 719 BOXES/SPORTING GOODS/TOOLS

JANIE MICHELE B-7 HSEHOLD GOODS/FURN/BOXES

DONTAVIUS JOHNSON C-22 HSEHOLD GOODS/FURN/BOXES

CRYSTAL CUFF D-38C HSEHOLD GOODS/FURN/BOXES

JANELLE MCLEOD D-4 HSEHOLD GOODS/FURN/BOXES

HEIDI CLARK D-58 HSEHOLD GOODS

EDWIN ONEAL I-16 HSEHOLD GOODS

MICHAEL THOMAS J-47 HSEHOLD GOODS/FURN

JACQUELINE MITCHELL J-56 HSEHOLD GOODS/FURN/BOXES

THE PROCEEDS OF SAID SALE SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF SAID AGREEMENT. OWNER HAS RIGHT TO ACCEPT OR REJECT BID OR WITHDRAW ANY UNIT FROM SALE. PAYMENT MUST BE IN CASH AND ITEMS REMOVED WITHIN 24 HOURS.

PUBLIC NOTICE #200223

4/25-5/2

PUBLIC SALE/AUCTION

NOTICE IS hereby given that Dixie Self Storage located at **1447 Access Road Covington, Ga. 30014.**

THE UNDERSIGNED intent to sell household goods and personal property, to enforce imposed lien on said Property pursuant of the Georgia Self Storage Facility Act, Georgia Code Section 10-1-210 to 10-4-215. The undersigned will sell at Public Sale to the highest Bidder on:

MAY 17,2021 at 11 A.M.

CASH ONLY, will be accepted at the time of purchase.

UNIT 6013, Bobby Farmer,

Household Goods, Furniture

UNIT 6013,KAMERYN Kirkpatrick, Household Goods, Furniture

UNIT 6016,ROBERT L. Huffman, Jr. Household Goods

UNIT 6021, Robert I. Huffman, Jr. **HOUSEHOLD GOODS,** Furniture, Boxes

UNIT 6024, Anthony S. Dudley, Household Goods, Boxes **SALE IS** subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between Owners and the obligated party. We reserve the right to refuse any bid. **CALL 770-787-3039**

PUBLIC NOTICE #200220

4/25-5/2

THE CITY of Covington will be putting up for auction to the highest responsible bidder the following equipment

21- SCOTT Air-Pack 75's 4500psi with onboard pass device, vibe alert regulators.

36- SCOTT 4500psi full wrap cylinders all in good working order, will need hydro testing.

51- SCOTT air masks with voice amp adapters. 10 large, 40 medium and 1 small

45- USED and 10 new in box voice amps. Some needing the normal repair of the battery cap.

2- SCOTT RIT packs with 60 minute 4500psi wrap cylinders

1 -SURVIVAIR RIT pack with 60 minute 4500psi steel cylinder.

1- SURVIVAIR escape pack with 15 minute steel cylinder.

2 -ISI Escape packs with 15 minute steel cylinders.

THE AUCTION will end on **Wednesday, May 19, 2021.**

For questions concerning this equipment or to schedule an inspection, please contact Jack Ferrell, at jferrell@cityofcovington.org. All interested parties may place a bid at any time through the end of the auction by accessing GovDeals auction website at www.govdeals.com.

TERMS AND Conditions

GUARANTY WAIVER. All assets are offered for sale “AS IS, WHERE IS.” City of Covington (Seller) makes no warranty, guaranty or representation of any kind, expressed or implied, as to the merchantability or fitness for any purpose of the property offered for sale. The Buyer is not entitled to any payment from the seller for loss of profit or any other money damages — special, direct, indirect or consequential.

DESCRIPTION WARRANTY. Seller warrants to the Buyer the property offered for sale will conform to its description. Any claim for misdescription must be made prior to removal of the property. If Seller confirms the property does not conform to the description, Seller will keep the property and refund any money paid. The liability of the Seller shall not exceed the actual purchase price of the property. Please note upon removal of the property, all sales are final.

PERSONAL AND property risk. Persons attending during exhibition, sale or removal of goods assume all risks of damage of or loss to person and property and specifically release the seller and GovDeals from liability therefore.

INSPECTION. MOST assets offered for sale are used and may contain defects not immediately detectable. Bidders may inspect the property prior to bidding. Bidders must adhere to the inspection dates and times indicated in the asset description. See instructions on each asset page for inspection details.

CONSIDERATION OF Bid. City of Covington (Seller) reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to withdraw from sale any of the assets listed, and to waive formalities for any bids.

BUYER'S CERTIFICATE. Successful bidders will receive a Buyer's Certificate by email from GovDeals.

***PAYMENT. PAYMENT** in full is due not later than 5 business days from

the time and date of the Buyer's Certificate. Acceptable forms of payment are:

- **U. S. Currency**
 - **CERTIFIED** Cashiers Check
 - **MONEY Order**
 - **CONFIRMED** Wire Transfer
 - **COMPANY** Check (with Bank Letter guaranteeing funds – mandatory)
- CHECKS SHALL** be made payable to: City of Covington. Payments shall be made at the location listed in the Buyer's Certificate.

REMOVAL. ALL assets must be removed within ten (10) business days from the time and date of issuance of the Buyer's Certificate. Purchases will be released only upon receipt of payment as specified. Successful bidders are responsible for loading and removal of any and all property awarded to them from the place where the property is located as indicated on the website and in the Buyer's Certificate. The Buyer will make all arrangements and perform all work necessary, including packing, loading and transportation of the property. Under no circumstances will Seller assume responsibility for packing, loading or shipping. See instructions on each asset page for removal details. A daily storage fee of \$10.00 may be charged for any item not removed within the ten (10) business days allowed and stated on the Buyer's Certificate.

VEHICLE TITLES. Seller will issue a title or certificate upon receipt of payment. Titles may be subject to restrictions as indicated in the asset description on the website.

DEFAULT. DEFAULT shall include (1) failure to observe these terms and conditions; (2) failure to make good and timely payment; or (3) failure to remove all assets within the specified time. Default may result in termination of the contract and suspension from participation in all future sales until the default has been cured. If the Buyer fails in the performance of their obligations, Seller may exercise such rights and may pursue such remedies as are provided by law. Seller reserves the right to reclaim and resell all items not removed by the specified removal date.

ACCEPTANCE OF Terms and Conditions. By submitting a bid, the bidder agrees they have read, fully understand and accept these Terms and Conditions, and agree to pay for and remove the property, by the dates and times specified. These Terms and Conditions are displayed at the top of each page of each asset listed on GovDeals. Special Instructions appearing on the asset page will override certain sections of the terms and conditions.

STATE/LOCAL SALES and/or Use Tax. Buyers may be subject to payment of State and/or local sales and/or use tax. Buyers are responsible for contacting seller or the appropriate tax office, completing any forms and paying any taxes that may be imposed.

OTHER. A 7.5% administration fee will be added to final bid amount.

PUBLIC NOTICE #200262

5/2

Trade Names

NOTICE IS given that articles of incorporation that will incorporate **Arlington Personal Care Home Inc.** have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Business Corporation Code. The initial registered office of the corporation is located at 55 Oak Terrace Drive, Covington, Georgia 30016 and its initial registered agent at such address is **Joan Mooyin Edwards**

PUBLIC NOTICE #200222

4/25-5/2

TRADE NAME REGISTRATION AFFIDAVIT

GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

TO WHOM It may Concern: **PLEASE BE** advised that **ALGE**

BROWN, whose address is 6280 GREEN ACRES DRIVE COVINGTON, GA 30014 is the owner(s) of the certain business now being carried on at 6280 GREEN ACRES DRIVE COVINGTON, GA 30014in the following trade name, to-wit: ALGE'S REMODELING; and that the nature of said business is: HOME IMPROVEMENT.

THIS STATEMENT is made in conformity with O.C.G.A. §10-1-490 et seq. requiring the filing of such statement with the Clerk of Superior Court of this county.

THIS THE 16th day of APRIL, 2021.

PUBLIC NOTICE #200215

4/25-5/2

TRADE NAME REGISTRATION AFFIDAVIT

GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

TO WHOM It may Concern: **PLEASE BE** advised that **CYRSTAL GEE,** whose address is 3759 SPRING GARDEN LANE LITHONIA, GA 30038is the owner(s) of the certain business now being carried on at 635 KESWICK VILLAGE COURT NE CONYERS, GA 30013 in the following trade name, to-wit: **KIDZ PARTY EVENTZ LLC ;** and that the nature of said business is: **EVENT PLANNING.**

THIS STATEMENT is made in conformity with O.C.G.A. §10-1-490 et seq. requiring the filing of such statement with the Clerk of Superior Court of this county.

THIS THE 13th day of APRIL, 2021.

PUBLIC NOTICE #200196

4/18,25-5/2,9

TRADE NAME REGISTRATION AFFIDAVIT

GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

TO WHOM It may Concern: **PLEASE BE** advised that **DARLENE STERLING,** whose address is 215 VALLEY BROOK DRIVE COVINGTON, GA 30016 is the owner(s) of the certain business now being carried on at 215 VALLEY BROOK DRIVE COVINGTON, GA 30016 in the following trade name, to-wit: D&G JEWELRLRY & ACCESSORIES ; and that the nature of said business is: JEWELRLRY & ACCESSORIES.

THIS STATEMENT is made in conformity with O.C.G.A. §10-1-490 et seq. requiring the filing of such statement with the Clerk of Superior Court of this county.

THIS THE 19th day of APRIL, 2021.

PUBLIC NOTICE #200218

4/25-5/2

TRADE NAME REGISTRATION AFFIDAVIT

GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

TO WHOM It may Concern: **PLEASE BE** advised that **DARLENE STERLING,** whose address is 215 VALLEY BROOK DRIVE COVINGTON, GA 30016 is the owner(s) of the certain business now being carried on at 215 VALLEY BROOK DRIVE COVINGTON, GA 30016 in the following trade name, to-wit: D&G WORLDWIDE TRAVEL; and that the nature of said business is: TRAVELING AGENCY .

THIS STATEMENT is made in conformity with O.C.G.A. §10-1-490 et seq. requiring the filing of such statement with the Clerk of Superior Court of this county.

THIS THE 19th day of APRIL, 2021.

PUBLIC NOTICE #200217

4/25-5/2

TRADE NAME REGISTRATION AFFIDAVIT

GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

TO WHOM It may Concern: **PLEASE BE** advised that **DARLENE STERLING,** whose address is 215 VALLEY BROOK DRIVE COVINGTON, GA

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BUSINESS

The Covington News

Local unemployment rate down to 4.5% for March

Report shows more people across Newton County now finding jobs

STAFF REPORTS

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Newton County's unemployment rate dropped to 4.5% in March as more residents found jobs and entered the labor force.

Georgia Labor Commissioner Mark Butler recently said that Newton County saw positive over-the-month measures for nearly every key indicator in March.

"We had another strong month in March," Butler said. "We saw the unemployment rate drop in every single region and county, along with an increase in jobs across the state and most importantly, a decrease in over-the-year initial claims for every region and county."

In Newton County, the unemployment rate decreased by 0.5 percentage points, bringing the rate to 4.5%. A year ago, the rate was 4.2%.

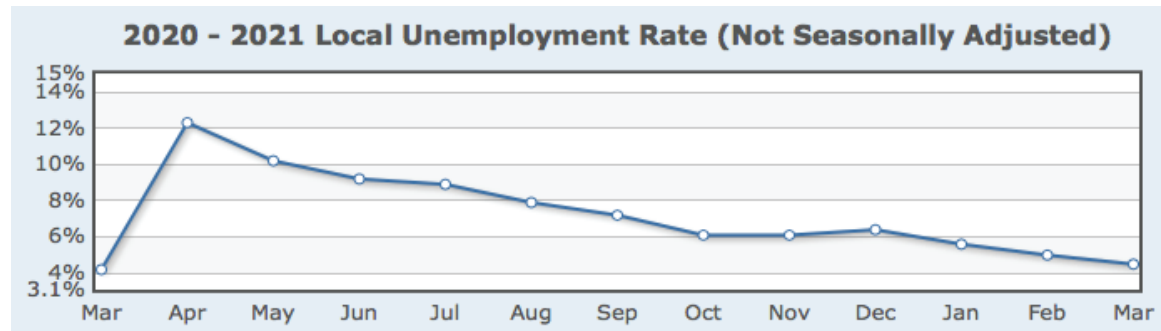
The labor force — the total of all county residents working or available to work — increased in March by 113 to 52,791.

However, that number is down by 650 from the total in March 2020.

Newton County ended March 2021 with 50,414 employed residents — an increase of 354 compared to the previous month.

However, the March 2021 number of employed residents was 770 fewer than March 2020.

Unemployed residents decreased by 241, from



Georgia Department of Labor

2,618 in February to 2,377 in March of this year.

Initial claims for unemployment increased by 12% in March. When compared to last March, claims were down by about 61%.

The GDOL's online job listing service at employgeorgia.com showed 559 active job postings in Newton County for March.

Statewide, Georgia's unemployment rate dropped 0.4% to 4.0% in March while the state saw a significant increase in the number of jobs.

"March is yet another month where we have seen job growth throughout the state," said Labor Commissioner Mark Butler.

"EmployGeorgia is showing triple the amount of job listings that we were seeing at the start of pandemic."

"Georgia has gained a vast majority of the jobs that were lost since March of last year, and we continue to remain strong in economic growth and business development."

Jobs in March increased by 21,800, reaching a total of 4,486,000. That number is

down 151,000 compared to this same time last year.

The job total listed online at EmployGeorgia is showing 223,000 job listings — triple the amount of the 70,000 listings in March of 2020.

Of the more than 223,000 jobs currently listed on EmployGeorgia, over half of them advertise annual salaries over \$40,000. In many cases, employers are willing to train quality candidates and assist with attainment of additional credentials.

The sectors with the most over-the-month job gains included Administrative and Support Services, 3,500, Health Care, 2,400, Local Government, 1,800, Finance and Insurance, 1,700, and Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services, 1,700.

In March, the number of employed Georgians was up 29,854 to reach a total of 4,929,108, and the number of employed was up by 564,000 since April.

Georgia's labor force in March saw an increase of 15,762, reaching a total of 5.1 million.

In March, initial unem-

ployment claims increased by 29% (32,102) since February to reach 143,410. Since week ending March 21, 2020, 4.6 million regular UI initial claims have been processed, more than the nine years prior to the pandemic combined (4 million).

Last week, regular UI initial claims totaled 38,382, up 4,759 over the week. Additionally, the agency currently has 240,594 active PUA claims.

The sectors with the most weekly regular UI initial claims processed included Accommodation and Food Services, 11,906, Administrative and Support Services, 4,043, Manufacturing, 3,160, Retail Trade, 2,226, and Health Care, 2,149.

The number of initial unemployment claims filed throughout the United States for the week ending April 10, was 576,000, a decrease of 193,000 from the previous week's revised level of 769,000. This is the lowest level for initial claims since March 14, 2020, when it was 256,000.

Newton County Business Briefs

Costley named to state advisory board for DFACS

A Newton County man has been appointed to the Division of Family and Children Services (DFACS) State Advisory Board.

J. Virgil Costley was named to the post by Gov. Brian Kemp.

The State Advisory Board reviews and makes recommendations on issues relating to the protection of children and the welfare and public assistance functions of the Division, according to information from the agency.

Costley is a longtime child advocate and former Juvenile Court judge. He has continued his career as a legal instructor and mediator.

A longtime attorney, Costley has earned a number of accolades over the years for his work in the community and is the recipient of the Justice Robert Benham, State Bar of Georgia Award for Community Service Commitment and Volunteer Participation in the Community.

Costley served as Juvenile Court judge for Newton County from 1977 to 1997, according to a LinkedIn page.

Arts Association hires Robinson-Spears

The Arts Association in Newton County has hired Lashondra Robinson-Spears as its Development Coordinator.

She will be the primary contact for the association's Individual and Corporate Donors.

Robinson-Spears formerly was part of the Arts Association family as a dance instructor for the Covington Regional Ballet School.

She earned an undergraduate degree in mathematics and economics from Valdosta State University and is pursuing a master's degree in data analytics from Western Governors University.

The Arts Association in Newton County is a nonprofit organization that provides quality arts programming and education.

Deputy completes course required for certification

Deputy William Farmer of the Newton County Sheriff's Office recently completed a course in Advanced Traffic Law that the Georgia Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) Council requires for Advanced Certification.

The course provides public safety officers an overview of the laws in the Georgia Traffic Code that pertain to moving vehicle violations and includes updates on rules of the road that govern how a vehicle shall be operating safely on Georgia roads.

Emphasis in the course is placed on Georgia laws that govern the operation of motor vehicles and laws that resulted from court cases on specific offenses.

— Staff reports

Piedmont Newton gets 'A' in safety

Hospital nationally recognized for protecting patients from errors, injuries, accidents

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

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COVINGTON, Ga. — Piedmont Newton Hospital received an "A" grade in the spring 2021 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade, a national distinction recognizing Piedmont Newton's achievements protecting patients from errors, injuries, accidents, and infections.

The Leapfrog Group is an independent national watchdog organization committed to health care quality and safety. The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade assigns an "A," "B," "C," "D," or "F" grade to all general hospitals across the country and is updated every six months. It is the only hospital ratings program based exclusively on hospitals' prevention of medical errors and other harms to patients in their care.

"At the heart of Piedmont Newton's strategy is the goal of establishing ourselves as a leader in clinical quality and



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Piedmont Newton Hospital joined elite company by earning an "A" rating in the spring 2021 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade.

service quality that places the patient at the center of our decision making," said David Kent, CEO for Piedmont Newton Hospital.

"This Leapfrog score is a testament to that commitment and the talent of our employees who have helped us achieve this recognition."

"An 'A' safety grade is an elite designation that your community should be proud of," said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. "The past year has been extraordinarily

difficult for hospitals, but Piedmont Newton shows us it is possible to keep a laser focus on patients and their safety, no matter what it takes."

Developed under the guidance of a national Expert Panel, the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade uses up to 27 measures of publicly available hospital safety data to assign grades to more than 2,700 U.S. acute-care hospitals twice per year. The Hospital Safety Grade's methodology is peer-re-

viewed and fully transparent, and the results are free to the public.

Piedmont Newton was awarded an "A" grade Thursday when Leapfrog updated grades for spring 2021. To see Newton's full grade details and access patient tips for staying safe in the hospital, visit hospital-safetygrade.org and follow The Leapfrog Group on Twitter and Facebook.

The flagship Leapfrog Hospital Survey and new Leapfrog Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) Survey collect and transparently report hospital and ASC performance, empowering purchasers to find the highest-value care and giving consumers the lifesaving information they need to make informed decisions. The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade, Leapfrog's other main initiative, assigns letter grades to hospitals based on their record of patient safety.

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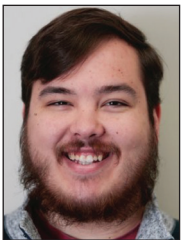
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Mason Wittner sports editor

NFL Draft Coverage

Peach State still on top

Georgia found itself at the center of the sports world on Nov. 18, 2020, when NBA Commissioner Adam Silver announced the Minnesota Timberwolves had selected Anthony Edwards with the No. 1 overall pick in the draft.



Edwards was a Peach State product through and through. Initially making his mark at Therrell High School, he transferred to Holy Spirit Prep in Atlanta and closed out his prep career there before spending a year in Athens as a Georgia Bulldog.

When Edwards was the first player to come off the board, Georgians rejoiced. The state had once more showed the nation was locals have long known — that Georgia is a rich resource for elite athletic talent.

Fast forward five months, and the Peach State has done it yet again.

Georgia stole the show in the first round of the 2021 NFL Draft on Thursday night. Six of the 32 players selected were products of the GHSA — more than any other state — starting with the No. 1 overall pick, former Cartersville High School gunslinger Trevor Lawrence, who was selected by the Jacksonville Jaguars.

Following Lawrence were Jaycee Horn (No. 8; Carolina Panthers) from Alpharetta; Justin Fields (No. 11; Chicago Bears) from Harrison; Jamin Davis (No. 19; Washington Football Team) from Long County; Rashod Bateman (No. 27; Baltimore Ravens) from Tift County; and Newton County's own Eric Stokes Jr. (No. 29; Green Bay Packers) from Eastside.

Get used to it, folks. This state is hotbed for professional talent. That's not changing anytime soon.

STOKES GETS THE CALL



Special to The Covington News

Former Eastside, Georgia defensive back drafted by Packers

By MASON WITTNER
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Eric Stokes Jr. will once again be donning green duds.

The former Eastside and University of Georgia defensive back was drafted No. 29 overall by the Green Bay Packers in the first round of the 2021 NFL Draft on Thursday. Following a stellar junior season, he continued to shoot up draft boards with lightning-quick 40-yard dash times, clocking a pair under 4.3 seconds.

Stokes quickly to social media to

share his excitement following his selection.

"This is amazing!! Feels like a dream!" he said in a Tweet. "I'm ready to get to work Packer Nation!!! LETS GO!! #GoPackGo"

Standing at 6-foot-1, weighing 194 pounds, Stokes started all nine games for the Bulldogs last fall and recorded 20 tackles and four interceptions, returning a pair of the latter for touchdowns. He became the second cornerback to be taken in the first round by the Packers in the last four years, joining Jaire Alexander (2018).

Recently asked in a Q & A with *The Covington News* what type of person an NFL team who selected him would be receiving, Stokes replied that they would "get the same person that, I know for a fact, they've done their research on."

"You're going to get a guy that you're rarely going to hear [negative] things from," he said, "and you're going to get a guy that's competitive, hungry and pretty much like that."

The Packers announced that Stokes will be wearing No. 21 next season.

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Prep Soccer

Eastside well represented on All-Region 8-AAAAA teams



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Eastside girls' soccer coach Joel Singleton was recently named the Region 8-AAAAA Coach of the Year.

By **MIKE HARRISON**
Correspondent

COVINGTON, Ga. — After leading his Lady Eagles to the region runner-up position in 8-AAAAA and an 11-4-2 overall record, Eastside head coach Joel Singleton was selected as the 8-AAAAA 2021 Girls' Coach of the Year by the region coaches. Singleton took his team back to the state playoffs after the COVID-19-interrupted 2020 season and to the highest state ranking in program history at No. 5 in Class AAAAA.

Aralyn Everett was named the 8-AAAAA Girls' Player of the Year and 8-AAAAA Forward of the Year. Everett recorded 25 goals, including six game-winners, and 15 assists to lead the Lady Eagles in both categories. Everett also netted 100 goals in her Eastside career, second all-time at Eastside.

Anna Shelton was named 8-AAAAA Goalkeeper of the Year. Shelton had a habit of making athletic saves look normal. In the last three seasons, Shelton and her defenders

allowed only 57 goals in 45 games for a goals against average of only 1.27, the lowest three-year average in the Lady Eagles' 25-year program history

Lauren Gates was selected as a defender and Lizzie Teasley as a midfielder on the 8-AAAAA First Team. Gates contributed two assists from the back and Teasley netted 12 goals and seven assists in 2021. Earlier in the year, Teasley was selected to the 8-AAAAA All-Region Girls Basketball team. After posting an 8-6-1 record, including only the second all-time win over Heritage to end the campaign, the Eastside Eagles were also well represented.

Forward Caden Coggins, who led the Eagles in goals scored with 11, defender Patrick Kelly, a stand-out in one-on-one defending, per Eagles coach Champ Young, and midfielder Tanner Beam, the team leader in assists with 14, were all selected to the First Team of the 2021 8-AAAAA Boys' All-Region Team.

Prep Baseball

Eagles fall to St. Pius X



Mason Wittner | The Covington News
No. 3 seed Eastside fell to No. 2 seed St. Pius X in three games in the opening round of the Class AAAAA state playoffs this week. The Eagles collected a Game 1 victory before dropping back-to-back contests and being eliminated.

By **MASON WITTNER**
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ATLANTA — Following two days of dramatic, back-and-forth baseball, No. 3 seed Eastside's season came to an abrupt end with an 8-7 loss to No. 2 seed St. Pius X in Game 3 of the first-round Class AAAAA state playoff series Thursday.

The Eagles took the first game of the series, 5-2, and found themselves three outs away from advancing to the second round before a late Golden Lion rally led to an 11-8 defeat.

In the decisive final game at the Seaver Family Sports Complex, however, St. Pius built up a five-run advantage. The Eagles struck for three runs in the sixth inning and one in the seventh, and threatened to retake the lead in the final moments, but they were unable to pull off the comeback.

St. Pius X ultimately advanced to the second round, but the two heavyweights traded blows for 21 innings. Here's how the action played out in the first two games of the series Wednesday.

Game 1: Eastside 5, St. Pius X 2
The first three innings

were quiet along the offensive front as Eastside southpaw Cade Mitchell and St. Pius X right-hander Agyei Quinichett quickly settled in on the mound.

In the fourth inning, however, it was the Eagles who showed the first signs of life at the plate.

Sambo Button stepped into the box with one out and laced a line-drive double to center field. He moved up to third base on a single from Josh Johnson and later trotted home on a passed ball to score the game's first run. Shortly thereafter, Ethan Booth snuck a 2-out RBI single just inside the line in shallow right field to double Eastside's advantage.

Tanner Middlebrooks came up to the plate two at-bats later and connected on a 3-2 pitch that he bounced back up the middle, driving in Booth to make it 3-0.

A fielding error and a run-scoring groundout allowed the Golden Lions to pull within a run in the fifth inning, but Mitchell locked in and stifled the rally. The left-hander went on to finish his outing with 6-plus innings pitched, allowing just three hits

and a pair of unearned runs while striking out seven and walking four.

"Cade pitched well," Crumbley said. "If we don't give him some runners there, we might go 5-0 in that first game."

The Eagles tacked on a little insurance in the seventh inning to alleviate pressure for the bullpen and ice the three-run victory.

Game 2: St. Pius X 11, Eastside 8

Despite the echoing pings of hard contact reverberating throughout the complex, both clubs failed to light up the scoreboard for the first three innings of the nightcap.

Once the fourth inning rolled around, however, that changed in a hurry.

Eastside, the designated home team for Game 2, put up a five-spot in the fourth inning. St. Pius X wasted no time answering, exploding for seven runs in the fifth frame to establish their first lead of the day at 7-5.

Button led off the fifth inning and kept his bat on his shoulder to look at ball 1. He connected with the next pitch he saw, launching it to deep right field for a solo home run. Three

at-bats later, Booth obliterated a two-run homer to left-center to put the Eagles back in front, 8-7.

Three outs away from elimination in the seventh inning, St. Pius X peeled its back from the proverbial wall when senior Jack Herring belted a two-run home run to once again put the Golden Lions in the lead. A two-run double off the bat of Sinclair Eberlein pushed the advantage out to 11-8, which would stick as the final.

"It's a good team. They swing it, one through nine," Crumbley said of the Golden Lions. "They find a way to hit. We've just got to find a way to hit it, too."

Wednesday's contests lasted a total of six hours, comprised of six innings, 26 combined runs and XX lead changes.

"That's playoff baseball. That's what you sign up to do high school baseball for is this moment right here," Crumbley said. "We did some things well, we did some things bad, but at the end of the day it's playoff baseball. You've got to bend but don't break."

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Redskins sweep, Rams falter in opening round

FROM STAFF REPORTS
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Three local baseball teams entered the GHSA state playoffs this week.

After two days of play, just one remains.

No. 3 seed Social Circle traveled to Butler, Ga., on Thursday to take on No. 2 seed Taylor County in the Class A-Public bracket. The young Redskins proceeded to flex their muscles, sweeping the doubleheader (5-0, 11-1) to bounce the Vikings out of the post-season and advance to the Sweet 16.

Waiting in the wings next Tuesday will be top-seeded ACE Char-

ter out of Macon. The Gryphons have been a force all spring, compiling a 28-4 overall record while going 11-1 against league opponents en route to claiming the Region 7 crown. They clinched a spot in the Sweet 16 with a sweep of their own, taking care of business against No. 4 seed Mt. Zion-Carrollton (13-3, 11-0).

Newton also went on the road to open up postseason play Thursday. The Rams, a No. 4 seed, took on top-seeded Lowndes in Valdosta.

Following a hard-fought, 9-5 loss to the Vikings in Game 1, the



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No. 3 Social Circle knocked off No. 2 seed Taylor County in the first round of the Class A-Public state playoffs.

Rams were overpowered in a 13-3 loss in Game 2 to end their season.

Lowndes will advance to the Sweet 16

and face off against the winner of the first-round series between No. 2 Walton and No. 3 Newnan.



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