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Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it

John 14:27, KJV

PANIC AT THE PUMP

Colonial shutdown fuels fear across area



Staff | The Covington News Residents far and wide flocked to gas stations this week, causing fuel shortages across the county.

Local entities work to preserve gas supply; urge residents to remain calm

By TAYLOR BECK and TOM SPIGOLON

after a May 7 cyberattack forced Colonial Pipeline to halt its operation, many gas stations across Newton County and the state of Georgia were left with empty tanks.

Fear among motorists led to a much worse gas shortage than what state officials anticipated, prompting Gov. Brian Kemp to urge everyone to remain calm.

"Only get the gasoline you need," he said during a news conference Wednesday. "Please do not go out and fill up every five-gallon tank you

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m COVINGTON, Ga.-Days}$ As result of widespread panic, several gas stations across Newton County and beyond were left with little to no fuel in their tanks after the Colonial Pipeline was forced to shutdown May 7 due to a cyberattack.

Businesses left to 'improvise' amid shortage

By TOM SPIGOLON tspigolon@covnews.com

COVINGTON, Ga. — Recent shortages have not stopped some area businesses heavily reliant on steady gasoline supplies from getting their products to their customers.

But they have taken measures to make sure their vehicles do not end up on the side of the road.

A ransomware attack on Colonial Pipeline's computer systems last weekend prompted the Alpharetta-based company to shut down its 5,500-mile

pipeline that supplies 47% of the gasoline to the East Coast.

Colonial reported Thurday it had resumed moving normal supplies through the part of its pipeline that runs through Georgia but service will not be fully restored for several days.

Wayne Harper, owner of D&W Air Flow in Covington, said he has been forced to limit his company's service calls to about a 25-mile radius of Covington out of fears technicians would

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From left, Covington Police Department **Detective Dan Seals congratulates Sheriff** Joe Nichols during a retirement party for Nichols in 2008.

Community mourns **Nichols**

Former Newton County sheriff dies at age 77

> By TOM SPIGOLON tspigolon@covnews.com

COVINGTON, Ga. — Sheriff Ezell Brown said his predecessor, Joe Nichols, asked him in 2020 if a street sign bearing Nichols' name near the sheriff's office's Alcovy Road headquarters was still in place.

"My reply was, 'You built the jail. They named the street after you. It will forever be Joe Nichols Boulevard," Brown said. "That made his day."

Friends and former colleagues last week were mourning the

77-year-old former Newton County sheriff and chief deputy after his Monday death in Statesboro.

Joe

Nichols

A private "Celebration of Life" service was planned, according to an obituary from Rinehart and Sons Funeral Home in Statesboro.

Survivors include his wife of 53 years, Lois Hires Nichols; two sons,

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Neely Farms could generate \$350 million economic impact

200-acre mixed-use project to include amphitheater, retail space, 1,162 residential units

> By TAYLOR BECK tbeck@covnews.com

COVINGTON, Ga. — A mixedused development project underway in Covington could create a more than \$350 million impact in Newton

Phil Johnson, a local attorney who represents Neely Farms Family Limited Partnership LLLP, said that figure was a rough, yet conservative

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Pictured is the master plan for Neely Farms, a 200-acre mixed-use development project to be **located off Martin Luther King Boule**vard in Covington. It will consist of 1,162 residential units and approximately 60 acres of retail space. Plans also call for an amphitheater/event center space. Special | Phil Johnson

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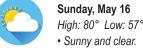
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Saturday, May 15 High: 76° Low: 53° Sunny and clear.



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Covington's assistant city manager steps down

By TAYLOR BECK tbeck@covnews.com

COVINGTON, Ga. A search began this week for a new assistant city manager after

Freddy Morgan notified the city's leadership he would be step-

ping



Morgan

down to take on the same role in Cartersville.

Morgan served as Covington's assistant city manager after being appointed by City Manager Scott Andrews to the position in late October 2020. He previously worked as the city's electric director since September 2017. From December 2004 to September 2017, Morgan was the operations and maintenance supervisor for Marietta Power. He was the energy service supervisor for the city of Cartersville from August 1995 to December 2004.

"I'm very appreciative of the city and Scott," Morgan said. "It's been a blessing to work here, and I've really enjoyed it. I actually expected to be here for the rest of my life."

But when the position came open and the opportunity to return to his hometown and be closer to his family became available, Morgan said he felt like it was an option he couldn't turn away.

"That job opportunity isn't one that comes along very often," he

Morgan's last day in Covington is June 11. He expects to be voted in as Cartersville's assistant city manager May 20.

"I'm very disappointed to lose Freddy," Andrews said. "He was doing an outstanding job for us. We are sad to see him go after four years with Covington.

"Saying that, I'm very happy for his family," he added.

Applications are currently being accepted for Covington's assistant city manager position, which will likely draw another large candidate pool.

When Morgan was tapped for the position in October, Andrews told The Covington News that Morgan was chosen among a group of 70 "very high caliber" candidates from across the U.S. Andrews said half the candidates were from out of state and 70% had advanced degrees. Per the job post-

ing, the incoming assistant city manager would make between \$102,273.60 and \$150,176, depending on qualifications. Minimal education and experience requirements include "a bachelor's degree in accounting, finance, public administration, business administration, management or closely related field (master's degree preferred), five years of increasingly responsible experience at a management level in local government or related field, or any combination of experience and education that meets the requirements of the position."

Qualified applicants can download an application packet at cityofcovington.org or apply in person at Covington City Hall, located at 2194 Emory Street. The application period will remain open through 4 p.m. Monday, June 7.



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Pursuit of Excellence Award

For the 15th consecutive year, Caldwell & Cowan Funeral Home, Covington, has been named a recipient of the National Funeral Directors Association Pursuit of Excellence Award. This Award is presented by NFDA annually to firms that have demonstrated a commitment to raising the bar on funeral service excellence by adhering to strict ethical and professional standards and providing outstanding service to families and

Congratulations to the Caldwell & Cowan Staff for this achievement!

communities.

Warnock pushes big action to boost nation's future

Georgia's historic senator opens up on first 100 days in office

Plans to improve roads, bridges and internet access, and to expand education and

child care access, top Sen. Raphael Warnock's agenda as the nation emerges from the pandemic.

In an exclusive interview with The Walton Tribune and The Covington News, Warnock said he's been busy trying to pass legislation that will bring aid for families — and now he wants to pass the ambitious American Jobs Plan.

"I'm proud of the ways the people of Georgia are standing up in heroic ways, making the best they can out of their lives," Warnock said Thursday.

"I've been busy through the American Rescue Plan, which we passed, making sure we get vaccinations into people's bodies, and needed resources into their bank accounts, to make sure they survive."

The plan, which brought stimulus checks to millions of Americans and funded vaccines, passed along party lines. It wouldn't have happened without Georgia voters sending Warnock and fellow Democrat Jon Ossoff to

Sallie-Amanda "Joy"

Lemonds Anglin

Central Cremation Services

Sallie-Amanda "Joy" Le-

Sunday, May 2,

2021 in Atlanta,

Georgia. Joy

was a beloved

wife, mother, grandmother,

monds Anglin passed away on



Special | Office of Sen. Raphael Warnock

U.S. Sen. Raphael Warnock says passing the American Rescue Plan was just the beginning . He wants to see the American Jobs Plan and American Families Plan passed next.

the Senate in a January runoff.

But for Warnock, it's just the start.

"Now that we have passed this bill that enables us to survive, we've got to pass the American Jobs Plan to help us thrive," he said. "Our country needs a home improvement project, and that's what infrastructure is all about."

A \$2.65 trillion spending package would rebuild the nation's roads and bridges and create energy jobs "that will create economic growth in the short term and position our country to lead in

the 21st century, as we did in the 20th century," Warnock said.

A key component for the senator is broadband access for rural parts of the nation, especially Georgia.

"Farmers understand you can't even farm efficiently if you can't get online, and there are huge swaths of our state with inadequate broadband infrastructure," Warnock said. "Almost 40% of our state has only one choice for broadband, and about 10% of our state has no broadband at all.

"Broadband really is — in the 21st century, it's a utility. The way to think about it is the way we thought about lights coming on in another century. Sure, people had kerosene lights, but that would not suffice, and no internet will not suffice."

The Covington News

Another initiative of President Joe Biden's administration, backed by Warnock, is the American Families Plan. It's a \$1.5 billion effort that would fund two years of pre-K education and two years of community college for all Americans, and provide direct support to ensure that no family spends more than 7%

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OBITUARIES

ers with kind words and a warm smile. She enjoyed spending time at lake Oconee with friends and family, vacationing along the Gulf Coast, taking cruises, concert-going, and attending community events. Joy is survived by her loving husband of 35 years, David Anglin of Newborn; daughters Autumn Rafford (Byron) of Kathleen, and Allison McDowell of Social Circle; grandchildren Tripp, Emmersen, and George Rafford, all of Kathleen, and Karsyn Prothro, Brooks and Gage Brown, all of Social Circle; mother Chloe Kendrick Robertson of Athens; sisters Susan Criscolo (Cris) of

(Rusty) of Oxford, and Stacey Murphy (Ray) of Grayson; brothers Terry Lemonds (Brenda) of St. Mary's, Grant Lemonds (Marsha) of Covington, and Danny Lemonds (Beth) of Monroe. A public celebration of life is planned for 12 p.m. on June 19, 2021, at Covington Mill United Methodist Church (formerly Trinity United Methodist) in Covington. In addition to her father Albert Lemonds, Joy was preceded in death by her brother Kent Lemonds, and sister Shari Boyd. Expressions of sympathy may be made in whichever way(s) you wish.

sister, daughter, cousin and friend who will be Sallie-Amanda **Anglin** deeply missed. Born and raised in Covington, Joy worked as a licensed Insurance Agent for 28 years, and thoroughly enjoyed serving her clients and custom-Lawrenceville, Stephanie Anglin

Edna Joyce Beasley

Caldwell & Cowan Funeral Home Edna Joyce Beasley, of Covington, passed away Wednesday, May 12, 2021, at the age of 72. Mrs. Beasley was a devout Christian, and member of East Newton Baptist Church. She carved out a career at Piedmont Molding for seventeen years and worked for Stanley Tools from 1997-2002. She loved working

on her yard and her flowers. Additionally, she enjoyed going to different thrift stores looking for a good find. Mrs. Beasley was very independent, selfless, and had a very giving heart. She was a loving wife and mother. Mrs. Beasley was preceded in death by her parents, Fred and Jessie Louise Moore; and husband, Herbert Marvin Beasley.

Her memory will be cherished

dearly by her daughter, Crystal Gayle Beasley; and son, Herbert David Beasley.

A Memorial Service for Mrs. Beasley will be held Saturday, May 22, 2021, 11 a.m., at Solid Rock Baptist Church, 8111 Brown Bridge Road, in Covington, with Pastor Mike Franklin officiating.

Visit caldwellandcowan.com to place online condolences.



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have. Doing so will only mean the shortage will last longer."

Colonial Pipeline is a 5,500-mile pipeline that supplies almost half of the gasoline on the East Coast. It was forced to shut down May 7 after a ransomware attack that has been traced to hackers operating out of Russia or Eastern Europe. The company reportedly paid hackers up to \$5 million to get the pipeline operational

again.

Late Wednesday
afternoon, Colonial
Pipeline announced its
operations were finally
able to continue, but
company officials said
service won't be fully
restored for several
days, according to Cap-

itol Beat News Service.
By Thursday morning, several stations in Newton County were reportedly out of gas.
Where gas was available, motorists were paying around \$3 per gallon, on average, for fuel.

Officials said an increase in prices was not a surprise as the cost to transport fuel went up after the pipeline shut down. However, Kemp signed an executive order Tuesday to combat any price gouging. Georgia Attorney General Chris Carr said his office has received more than 300 complaints of price gouging, according to Capitol Beat News

Service.

"No one should be taking advantage of consumers trying to pursue their daily activities," Carr said.

The governor's order also suspended collection of the state gasoline tax and lifted the usual weight limits on fuel delivery trucks.

In the wake of the gas shortage, city and county entities are working to conserve fuel supplies and trying to keep the people of Newton County calm.

Covington Public Works Director Kevin Sorrow said the city had implemented temporary policies for its various departments Tuesday to help preserve gas.

"We have requested that employees do the following: 1) mission essential driving; 2) eliminate idling; 3) only fill tanks to half capacity and only if needed; and 4) use some of the low-use vehicles that have fuel," Sorrow stated.

Sorrow said public safety calls would, of course, take priority.

Chief Jeremy Holmes of the Covington Fire Department said his fire engines run on diesel fuel that has not been in short supply.

The department responds to fire calls and other emergency calls over 15 square miles, he said.

C said. However, the department has temporarily halted its annual check of fire hydrant water pressure within the city.

"We have just cut back unnecessary travel," he said.

Covington Police Capt. Ken Malcom told *The Covington News* late Thursday afternoon that the city's police department had not been affected by the shortage.

Piedmont Newton Hospital and its EMS service, which is now being contracted through Priority Ambulance, are operating as usual without much disruption from the gas shortage.

"Piedmont Newton Hospital has procedures in place to ensure the continuity of patient care in the event of natural or man-made interruptions to normal operations," a Piedmont Newton spokesperson stated. "Our priority always is to provide excellent care to the patients we serve, and we monitor situations like this very closely working with our system partners to ensure our employees remain informed of potential disruptions.'

Amanda Jennings, who is director of Marketing and Communications for Priority Ambulance, said the EMS service was monitoring the situation and preparing in the event the shortage lasts

longer than expected.

"National EMS is not currently seeing significant impacts from the pipeline disruption to our operations; however, we are monitoring the situation closely and preparing in case the shortage lasts longer than currently anticipated as the pipeline restores service," she said. "National EMS uses company gas cards at commercial gas stations. Ambulances have continued to be able to find gas stations for fuel this week with only minor inconveniences of having to pass over some stations where gas is temporarily unavailable. The company has instituted gas conversation strategies, and crews are filling up ambulance gas tanks

more frequently."
In a statement to The News, Newton County Schools Superintendent Samantha Fuhrey said the district has not been directly impacted by the gas shortage but noted officials would keep an eye on the situation.

"School system staff are monitoring the conditions related to the Colonial Pipeline shutdown; we have been in contact with our school system fuel provider and based on that conversation, we are confident there will not be an interruption to transportation services at this time,"

Fuhrey stated Thursday. "Should [there be] a need to make school schedule adjustments, we will notify our employees and families as

soon as possible.

"It was certainly welcome news to learn that the Pipeline has resumed operation, and we are hopeful that this crisis will end soon," she continued. "Parents with specific questions should contact their child's principal, and employees should reach out to their immediate supervisor for assistance as needed."

Spokesman Bryan Fazio said the Newton County government has a contingency plan that includes working with state and local emergency management agencies to ensure critical services would continue in case shortages continue.

However, he said Thursday afternoon that this week's shortages had not affected any parts of the county government, including emergency vehicles like those used by the fire department.

The government's central fueling station for its vehicles also had

plenty of supply, Fazio said.

"All our vehicles are fueled," he said. "We have enough to last us awhile"

awhile." Also as of Thursday afternoon, the Newton County Sheriff's Office had not been impacted by the gas shortage in any significant way. Spokesperson Caitlin Jett said the shortage had changed how the sheriff's office patrol unit would operate, but a contingency plan implemented by Sheriff Ezell Brown "ensures the Office of the Sheriff will continue to operate efficiently and effectively, regardless of the

circumstances."
"Our deputies are
still answering calls to
service in their assigned
area," Jett said. "As
always, our top priority
is to serve and protect
the Newton County

Brown encouraged residents to remain calm.

community.'

"I advise the citizens of Newton County to not panic and travel only if needed," the sheriff said. "Together, we will get through this."



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be unable to find gas in time to make it back to its Brown Bridge Road office.

Harper said his company normally services customers throughout Metro Atlanta; as far south as Newnan and Milledgeville; and as far east as Lake Oconee.

"We've kind of limited that the past couple of days — where we're going," he said.

D&W is a 35-yearold company that repairs, maintains and installs heating and air conditioning units.

He said the company had filled up its fleet of five vehicles with gas Monday before lines started forming Tuesday and Wednesday and dried up supplies

at a majority of gas

stations in the area.

"We had to scramble around getting \$15 here and \$15 there (of gas) because a lot of them had a \$15, \$20 limit on it," he said. "We're just spinning our wheels trying to make things happen."

He said D&W has had to delay some work it normally does around this time each year fulfilling contracts for biannual maintenance on HVAC units.

However, he said the limited fuel supply has not reduced other demands for the company's services.

"We're still maintaining at full speed," Harper said. "But when it's like this you've got to improvise and do things a little different than you normally do."

Alanna Harris, manager of Domino's Pizza on U.S. Hwy. 278 in Covington, said her delivery drivers have been able to find gas and not been forced her to turn away customers.

"A couple of stores in our district have had to send people home because they didn't have gas and there was nowhere to find it," she said.

Harris said she is telling her delivery drivers to use apps on their phones that locate stations with gasoline.

The company also temporarily increased its pay to delivery drivers by \$2 to compensate for higher gas prices this week, Harris said.

Gov. Brian Kemp signed an executive

order Tuesday that suspended collection of the state gasoline tax and lifted typical weight limits on trucks hauling fuel.

The U.S. Environmental Protection
Agency also approved the state's request to allow the sale of a blend of gasoline normally sold only during winter months that the state has in storage.

And state Attorney General Chris Carr said his office had received more than 300 complaints of price goug-

The Better Business Bureau stated people may report potential price gouging cases to the state attorney general's office by calling 404-651-8600.

CITY OF OXFORD PUBLIC HEARING FY2022 BUDGET REVIEW AND ADOPTION

A Public Hearing on the FY2022 Budget is scheduled for Monday, May 17, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. At this meeting, the Mayor and Council will receive both written and oral comments about the Annual Operating and Capital Budget for the City of Oxford. A copy of the budget is available in the office of the City Clerk at City

Hall for public inspection.

The City Council will review the Budget during its meeting after the Public Hearing on May 17, 2021. The Council is scheduled to adopt the Budget at its regular meeting on Monday, June 7th at 7:00 p.m. All meetings will be held via

teleconference.

A link will be posted on the city's website for those interested in joining the public hearing via the internet. To join via telephone, please call 646-558-8656. The access code is 969 5109 0363. The passcode is 476389.

Marcia Brooks
City Clerk

City of Porterdale Rezoning & Future Land Use Map Amendment Request

Infinity Homes and Development, LLC of 1121 Floyd Street, Covington, GA 30014 has submitted the following rezoning requests to the City of Porterdale:

Map P044 Parcel 050, 11240 Brown Bridge Road, 263.24 acres from R-2 (Single Family Residential) and CN (Commercial Neighborhood) to R-2 (Single Family Residential), R-3 (Multi-Family Residential), and CG (Commercial General)

Map P043 Parcel 056, N. Crowell Boad (Undeveloped), 5.26 acres from R-2 (Single Family Residential) to R-2 (Multi-Family

Map P043 Parcel 056, N. Crowell Road (Undeveloped), 5.26 acres from R-2 (Single Family Residential) to R-3 (Multi-Family Residential) and CN (Commercial Neighborhood)

Map P044 Parcel 061, 216 Crowell Road, 1.5 acres from R-2 (Single Family Residential) to R-3 (Multi-Family Residential) Concurrently, Infinity Homes and Development, LLC of 1121 Floyd Street, Covington, Ga 30014 has submitted the following

future land use map amendment requests to the City of Porterdale:

Map P044 Parcel 050, 11240 Brown Bridge Road, 263.24 acres from Commercial Corridor, Conservation, and Active Recreation

to Active Recreation, Conservation, Neighborhood Residential, Mixed Use and Commercial Corridor Map P043 Parcel 056, N. Crowell Road, 5.26 acres from Commercial Node to Commercial Node and Neighborhood Residential

Map P044 Parcel 061, 216 Crowell Road, 1.5 acres from Active Recreation to Mixed Use

The public hearings are scheduled as follows: The Zoning Board will hear and consider this request at their June 1, 2021 meeting at 6:30 pm at the Old Porterdale Gymnasium at 2201 Main Street. The City Council will consider this request at their June 7, 2021 meeting at 6:30 pm at City Hall; located at 2800 Main Street.

Anyone needing accommodation please contact City Hall at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

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OPINIONS

The Covington News

Taylor Beck editor and publisher

Pipeline shutdown and shortage of common sense fueled our gas crisis

istory repeats itself. I'm a firm believer of that adage, and if you're not, well, you should be after this

week. I thought we learned our lesson just more than a year ago when there was a

toilet paper crisis. The pandemic had just set in and people were being told to shelter in place. This sparked a case of panic buying seen across the country. Grocery stores were depleted of just about every item you could imagine — even toilet

During this time, I was still living in Alabama. I'll never forget the day after Gov. Kay Ivey announced the shelterin-place order. It was the day my wife sent me to Walmart for a few food items, among other things. It would also be the day that nearly every shelf within the store was empty, and it was all because people panicked.

This led to shortages in various products — predominantly cleaning supplies and toilet paper. People had to hop from store to store just to find the hot commodity. The cost of these products even went up, and many were accused of gouging.

Doesn't any of that sound familiar? It should, because we obviously did not learn our lesson.

This week, the southeast region of the U.S. has another



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Colonial Pipeline's brief shutdown sparked panic across the Southeast, leading many people to hoard fuel in a variety of ways including filling plastic totes, water bottles and, yes, even plastic bags with gasoline.

crisis on their hands, except this time it's an even more valuable and necessary commodity than toilet paper. It's gasoline.

As you've read, seen and heard from every news cycle in America, the Colonial Pipeline was forced to shut down after a cyberattack last week. When the news first came out, I remember reading that officials were telling everyone not to panic and that there was plenty of fuel supply. It would only take a few days to sort out.

But a few days was all the hypochondriacs needed.

To put it in perspective, here's my personal timeline

of the gas crisis: Friday afternoon, my family and I drive to Alabama to visit family over Mother's Day Weekend. When we arrive to our destination, I see the news about the pipeline.

Jump to Sunday morning, while getting ready for church a group chat including my mother lights up my phone. Now keep in mind, my mother isn't a news person she'll pick up a newspaper, but she can't stand to watch anything from the mainstream media outlets. She hardly ever comments on current events. She proceeds to text, "Heard through the grape vine, appears we will have gas shortage, announcement is being made today."

This was the moment I knew we were in for a long

Sunday afternoon, we drive back to Newton County. I don't really see or hear anything new on the gas situa-

Monday, talks start heating up here in Georgia.

By Tuesday, it's like the toilet paper crisis all over again. People start coming out of the woodworks to fill their vehicles with gas. Then it escalates to filling up little five-gallon jugs, and then we see people trying to fill up plastic totes, grocery bags and water bottles.

If everyone would have remained calm and not gone into a frenzy, this shortage would have not been so bad, and, really, it may have never led to dozens of area gas stations running out of fuel. I mean, the pipeline was back up and running Wednesday evening.

Now, I hear there's a shortage of sauces at Chick-Fil-A, and I can't help but wonder, what's next?

Batteries? Bottled water? Peanut butter? Bacon?

But then it occurred to me: we're already in the middle of another shortage crisis — this time its common sense. And if we're being honest, it's the true culprit behind this gas crisis.

Maybe we'll witness a stop to that shortage one day, too.

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

Our View on the Issue

Nichols gone but never forgotten ormer Newton

Joe Nichols was the epitome of what it means to be a leader and public servant. Nichols died Monday in Statesboro at the age of 77. He worked in law enforcement for the city

County Sheriff

of Covington and at the Newton County Sheriff's Office for nearly 40 years until retiring in 2008. This week many have shared with *The News* their memories of Nichols and personal stories

conveying the life he

lived, and it's been an

honor to share those with the community. Nichols was a great sheriff, as a list of his accomplishments could fill our entire newspaper, but he was an even better friend, mentor, father and husband to those he deeply cherished. He was the

great county. He will be sorely missed, but thankfully, his impact and influence will live on in Covington, and all of Newton County, til the end of time.

perfect example of what

we should all strive to

be as residents of this

Our View is an opinion of The News' editorial board, including Publisher Taylor Beck.

Dick Yarbrough columnist

Could that COVID-19 shot be spying on you?

t is my firm policy that all members in my conglomerate of companies must receive their COVID-19 shots or risk losing the gen-

perks offered them as employees. These include



occasional weekends off (without pay), discounts on zither lessons, signed photographs of me kneeling

during the playing of "Ramblin' Wreck from You-Know-Where-Institute of Technology,' and the book, "The Best of Northern Cuisine" (one page) among other morale boosters.

As the leader it is, of course, incumbent on me to lead the way. I had no negative reaction to either shot, except I forgot to tell the nurse that I am allergic to latex and after pulling off the little spot bandage following my second shot, my shoul-

der nearly exploded and threatened to sue me for glenohumeral joint cruelty.

Among the many organizations that make up my conglomerate is the Yarbrough Worldwide Media and Pest Control Company, located in Greater Garfield, Georgia, and best known for publishing the much-respected Round or Square Polls ("You provide the dough and we'll cook the numbers.") Junior

E. Lee is the general manager.

As you know, Junior E. Lee is one of the most-respected media analysts in the nation as well as a certified pest control professional. That is a rare combination of skills. Yet, Junior is very modest when I offer him praise. He says whether it is a guy in a buffalo hat storming the U.S. Capitol or your runof-the-mill Cabbage looper (Trichoplusia ni), a pest is a pest.

I asked Junior how the vaccinations were going at the workplace. He said he had gotten his shots although he didn't think he needed to. He has inhaled

and permethrin over the years that he feels he is pretty much immune to anything from COVID-19 to calluses but Aunt Flossy Fulmer had told him to forget poking around in her drawers looking for fire ants unless he was fully vaccinated.

Junior said most of the staff had also been vaccinated and they wanted me to know how much they appreciated the discounted zither lessons. Several of them have gotten together and formed a Zither Club over in Stillmore. Nothing pleases me more than to see my employees happy as long as they remember they are expected to work weekends for the foreseeable future. No need to spoil them.

There is one small problem, Junior admitted. Thurlow Scruggs, the new hire who is responsible for crunching the numbers in our latest polls as well as maintaining our new gas-powered Tomahawk Turbo Boosted Backpack Mosquito Fogger and Leaf Blower, says he isn't getting the shots.

Junior has warned Thurlow that with that kind of attitude he

might be forgoing the opportunity to learn to master the zither and enjoy the camaraderie of the Stillmore Zither Club.

Thurlow said it doesn't matter. He says he has been told by highly-placed sources in Greater Garfield that a microchip has been inserted in the vaccine and when you get the shot, the government can track you wherever you go, including to Aunt Flossy Fulmer's

Junior said your cell phone can do that now. Thurlow says that is where Bill Gates got the idea. Hillary Clinton told him. Thurlow is sure he saw Gates loitering around the Hacienda De Gay **International Airstrip** in Garfield waiting for a shipment of microchips. Soon, the government will be able to tell who voted for Trump and will send us all to reeducation camps in Vermont. Then it will be just a

matter of time before the United Nations orders Satanic ritual worship and the harvesting of our organs by Democrats in Washington.

As for wearing a mask, Thurlow Scruggs

says he isn't doing that, either. He says his right to breathe unencumbered on his fellow citizens is protected by some amendment to the U. S. Constitution, if that document hasn't already been destroyed

by the CIA. I ask Junior if Thurlow is maintaining social distancing as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Junior said that was no problem. Even Arvel Ridley's cows won't come near the guy.

Why are we keeping him on the payroll, I asked. Junior says he is a whiz with numbers and keeps the mosquito sprayer in tip-top shape. Besides, Junior thinks it is just a matter of time before Georgia Congresswoman Marjorie Taylor Greene brings Thurlow Scruggs to Washington. I think that is a splendid idea. One nutcase deserves another and I would save a lot of money on zither lessons.

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Newton commissioners approve donation to Juneteenth organizers, debate effect of decision

Board warned groups with differing political, social views could seek donations from county in future

By TOM SPIGOLON tspigolon@covnews.com

COVINGTON, Ga. Some county commissioners recently defended a donation to a group organizing an annual Juneteenth observance after hearing they could be opening the door to requests from groups they do not agree with.

The Newton County Board of Commissioners voted to approve a \$1,500 donation to cover an organizing group's cost of parade permits as part of an annual Juneteenth celebration set for June 19 and 20 at Legion Field in Covington.

Commissioners took the action after being

warned that groups with political or social views differing from those generally held by county residents possibly could seek donations for their events, as well.

County Manager Lloyd Kerr said he personally supported the group's efforts to create activities surrounding the observance which celebrates the date in 1865 former slaves in Texas learned they had been freed.

sponsor this event, or you decide to participate by paying for the permits, then I think you would also need to be aware that this would open up the

"If you decide to

board for any organization that would want to do a similar type activity that would come to you and ask for the same type of consideration — whether this be an organization that you agree with or not," Kerr said.

Commissioners Alana Sanders of District 3 and J.C. Henderson of District 4 led efforts to donate funds to Juneteenth organizer Newton County Historical Committee.

District 2 Commissioner Demond Mason said a Covington City Council member had told him the council was considering giving Juneteenth organizers a discount on renting Legion Field rather than a direct contribution.

Sanders said she believed a discount was the equivalent of a contribution.

She said county commissioners actively participated in past Juneteenth parades an action that showed "we should be supportive of it."

"As a county, I do agree that we should support this event because it's representing a majority of the people, if we look at the makeup of Newton County.

"We support Bicentennial, we support various things. Newton County is starting to be a melting pot."

Mason said "the point that we're trying to get across" is "when we do give monies to specific organizations" it may obligate the board to give money to any group wanting to host an event.

Henderson said he believed the board

should consider any future requests "on a case by case basis" even if the organization is one to which board members object or the requesting agency believes they are entitled to receive.

Henderson said elected officials sometimes have to make tough decisions.

"That's part of this job, to make those decisions," he said.

Kerr said he did not favor District 5 Commissioner Ronnie Cowan's suggestion that Kerr enforce a county policy allowing any organization to receive a maximum of \$1,500.

He also said he preferred the board decide which organizations would receive money.

After the board voted unanimously to give Juneteenth organizers

\$1,500, two speakers during a "citizen comments" part of the meeting said they believed the board had "opened up the door" for granting future requests.

Attorney Stephanie Lindsey said she would be upset if public money was given to a group opposing removal of the Confederate statue from the Covington Square.

Archie Shepherd agreed.

"If you have the (Ku Klux Klan) come up here, they're gonna be able to do that same thing that you just did,' he said.

It was not clear if the board also could face legal challenges if they did not donate to all groups making requests.

NICHOLS:

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Joe Nichols III of Chicago, Illinois, and Josh Nichols of St. Simons Island; and six grandchildren.

Nichols had a 37-year career in law enforcement in Covington and Newton County. He served as sheriff from 1996 to 2008 after serving as chief deputy for 20 years for his predecessor, Gerald Malcom.

The Jesup native and his wife had moved to southeast Georgia upon his retirement as sheriff, said longtime friend and former county coroner Bob Wheeler.

Wheeler, who served five terms as coroner from 1988 to 2008, said he talked regularly to Nichols and last talked to him on Sunday, May 9.

He said he was shocked to hear about Nichols' sudden passing.

"He was probably my best friend," Wheeler said. "It was a tough pill to swallow."

DECADES-LONG CAREER

Nichols was a native of Wayne County and was born into a military family. After graduating from Wayne County High School, he attended Georgia Military College and earned a degree in Criminal Justice.

He moved to Covington and worked for the Covington Police Department for five years.

Nichols then joined the Newton County Sheriff's Office, served as chief deputy and won his first of three terms as sheriff by defeating fellow sheriff's office employee Ezell Brown in 1996.

He is credited with helping establish the joint Covington Police-Newton County Sheriff's SWAT Team.

Nichols also planned the current sheriff's office and detention center facility on Alcovy Road to replace an outdated building in downtown

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'GOOD FRIEND'

Clerk of Courts Linda Hays, who has served in the position since 1983, said Nichols was a "good friend" with whom she worked through his rise up the ranks of the sheriff's

Hays said Nichols worked hard to convince county residents about the need for the SPLOST funding to build the current headquarters and jail, which was completed in the early 2000s.

Hays said Nichols was among a series of good sheriffs Newton County has seen, including Malcom from 1976 to 1996 and Brown from 2008 to the present.

The Clerk of Courts often works closely with the sheriff's office, which is responsible for courthouse and courtroom security, among other tasks.

'(Nichols) did a great job as our sheriff," Hays said. "I've had some good sheriffs to work with.'

Superior Court Judge John Ott, who has served as judge since 1990, said he was an assistant district attorney in 1981 when he first met Nichols. Ott would go on to work with him for 15 years as each earned election to higher offices.

Ott said Nichols was "a consummate professional" who was a servant of the people who elected him.

"He made Newton County proud,"

the judge said.

He said Nichols had a steady demeanor and was "totally professional and competent" in his job while remaining a humble person.

"He never wanted the spotlight," Ott recalled.

Wheeler said other counties may have seen conflicts between sheriffs and coroners but not Newton County when Nichols served as sheriff and chief deputy. The coroner is responsible for investigating suspicious deaths and often works with law enforcement agencies.

"There were never any misunderstandings. I always knew the sheriff's office would have my back,"

Wheeler said.

He said he considered retiring from the coroner position in 2004 but Nichols talked him into serving one more term so they could leave office at the same time in 2008. "I didn't know anybody who said

anything bad about him," Wheeler said. "At least they never said it to

Brown worked alongside Nichols for more than three decades and succeeded him after Nichols decided not to seek a fourth consecutive term

"What do you say about an individual who is no longer here but who shared your law enforcement space for so many years?" Brown asked.

Brown said he and Nichols shared the common experience of being south Georgia natives who began their careers with the Covington Police Department and "made Newton County our home."

"He was my first opponent in the race for the position of sheriff (in 1996) to whom I pledged my support for as long as he served the citizens of Newton County," Brown said. "He was the last sheriff under

whom I served who came to me, told me he was retiring, and personally told me that it was my turn to lead," "He was the former chief depu-

ty whom I reported to and worked alongside in the office, as well as in the field."

Nichols also was one of six original members of the Covington-Newton County SWAT Team in 1979 "with whom a lifetime bond was formed — a bond that could never be broken," Brown said.

Brown said Nichols "congratulated me on election night and for every achievement, thereafter."

Nichols also was "thrilled" when the Newton County Sheriff's Office was recognized as a Triple Crown Agency — a designation given by the National Sheriffs' Association for an agency's accreditation by three different law enforcement and correctional organizations.

"He was one of our greatest cheer-

leaders," Brown said. He said he and Nichols shared a joke recently about their graying

hair. "He once told me my hair was graying. I told him, 'Your hair is turning gray, too. My hair is staying with me, though, and yours is leav-

ing you." "I extend my heartfelt condolences to his family and friends. A loss of this type is never easy. The Newton County Sheriff's Office and the Georgia Sheriffs' Association will sincerely miss him. In fact, I was planning to stop by for a visit soon."

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NEELY:

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estimation for Neely Farms, located at 9135 Martin Luther King Ave. (Covington Bypass Road).

According to plans, the development will consist of 1,162 residential units including 330 houses located within two single-family detached neighborhoods; 227 townhomes; 39 up-scale estate homes; several condos and apartments; and a variety of retailers and restaurants. Johnson said developers intend to locate a brewery to the property and also construct an amphithe-

The Covington project has already drawn comparisons to Avalon in Alpharetta, but when factoring in size alone, Neely Farms stands on

While Avalon is listed as an 86-acre site that includes approximately 500,000 square feet of retail space, Neely Farms is a 200-acre site with roughly 60 acres of commercial space

for retail opportunities. However, Neely Farms will be different from recent developments within Newton County. Rather than

molding a community around a single retailer, or a "big box store," Johnson said the goal was to establish a community and find retailers and restaurants to compliment the area.

"The goal is to make this more of a destination," Johnson said. "It will be more focused on a live, work, play community — an overworked phrase, but that's what we're after.

"We didn't lay this out and create any big spaces for retail to go in because we're not looking for the big box," he said. "We're looking for a community flare — a neighborhood."

An approximate 11-

acre quarry is located on the property. Johnson said it was originally put in during the 1950s to supply gravel for the construction of Johnson said the

quarry would be instrumental for the development.

"It's a beautiful pond," he said. "If you haven't been over there in the last few days, we've cleaned out around the quarry so that you can see it from the street. We're still

working with the DOT to get a line of trees removed."

Surrounding the quarry will be 39 "up-scale" estate lots, two six-story condos, a brewery, dog park, 60-room hotel, wedding venue and three restaurants. Johnson said the hotel would be likened to a bed-and-breakfast

At the time of publication, developers were negotiating with several companies looking to locate to Neely Farms, Johnson said.

Blue River Development LLC has the two single-family detached neighborhoods located east and south of the quarry under contract, according to Johnson. One neighborhood is planned to be located north of Scenic Parkway; the other is located south of Scenic Parkway below the quarry. The northern neighborhood will consist of 180 lots, and the southern neighborhood will consist of 150 lots.

All 227 townhomes to be located on a tract directly east of the quarry are under contract with Taylor Weaver, of Weaver Grading & Hauling, Johnson said.

Plans for property north of the townhomes and quarry include designated areas for retail, a grocery store, apartment buildings and an amphitheater/ event center surrounded by more condos.

Johnson said the amphitheater space, which was inspired in part by Suwanee's event park located in front of city hall, would serve as the development's "town

"We think that will give a community flare to all of this," he said.

To better serve the area, Johnson said developers were working with the DOT to install a roundabout near the property, in front of Nitro 2 Go.

"It will slow traffic down and it will give a means for their left hand traffic to get out there," Johnson said. A second roundabout

to be located in front of

the amphitheater space is also being planned. Johnson said Neely Farms remains in the early development stages. As of Tuesday, a preliminary plat had been approved for the neighborhood north of Scenic Parkway and construction drawings were under review.

Preliminary plats for the neighborhood south of Scenic Parkway and the townhomes had also been presented but would not go before the city's Planning Commission until June, Johnson said. He anticipated preliminary plats for the remainder of the property would be presented and go before planning commissioners in June or July. No rezoning is required, he said.

In the meantime, Johnson said, developers have submitted a land disturbance application for interior road construction with hopes to receive a permit and begin work in June. The goal is to build the interior roads and roundabouts at the same time, he said.

Barr announces run for Georgia's 10th District congressional seat

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

State Rep. Timothy Barr officially launched his campaign for Congress in Georgia's

10th District. Barr, who serves in the Georgia Legislature,

Timothy Barr

currently represents parts of Gwinnett and Hall County. In a news release,

Barr said of his campaign:

"... In Washington, I won't cave to the **Biden Administration** or the radical left and I will actively take on the 'cancel culture'

that seeks to silence conservatives. Ronald Reagan once said, 'If we lose freedom here, there is no place to escape to. This is the last stand on Earth.' This statement rings true now more than ever and I am ready and willing to stand up for America. Let's fight to expand freedom and limit government so that our country can continue to be a beacon of liberty in the world for generations to come."

Georgia's 10th Congressional District includes parts of Newton County. Current congressman, Jody Hice, R-Greensboro, is giving up the seat to run for Georgia's Secretary of State.

Johnson said the goal is to have everything in place and ready to start building houses in both single-family detached neighborhoods by the end of the year. The anticipated com-

pletion date for every

is Dec. 31, 2023, if all

aspect of the project

goes according to plan, Johnson said. "We're really excited," Johnson said.

Ted Neely, who was a lifelong resident of Newton County and decorated World War II veteran, purchased the property around 1981 from the state, Johnson said, before the bypass road was constructed a decade later. Neely died working on the piece of property since the 1990s, "getting ready

Johnson said he

and Neely had been

in 2008.

for an opportunity like this to come," beginning with infrastructure. rezoning and annexing all of the property into the city. Johnson said they were "preparing proper-

plan eventually came together over time. "We knew we wanted something that was community oriented," Johnson said. "[Neely]

ty to have a plan." That

had a vision, always, that this would be a residential community at its core."

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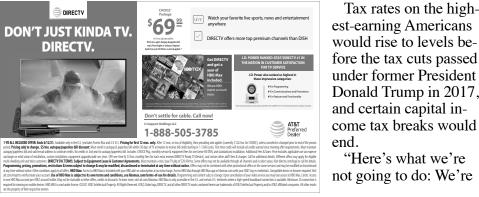
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"Here's what we're

of its income on child not going to raise the taxes on Americans The bill also would that make less than \$400,000 a year," extend various tax credits for families. Warnock said. "But I Tax rates on the highdo think that billionest-earning Americans aires and billion-dollar would rise to levels becorporations need to stand up." fore the tax cuts passed

LOOKING BACK Warnock recently

wrapped up his first 100 days in office, a whirlwind time that began Jan. 20, hours after

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School Food

Biden's inauguration. A 51-year-old Savannah native and senior

pastor of Ebenezer

Baptist Church in

Atlanta, Warnock said

he's still in awe. "Representing the people of the state of Georgia in the U.S. Senate is, for a kid who grew up in public housing, an honor beyond my wildest dreams," he said. "I spend every day here in the Senate

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After School

thinking about how ordinary families like my own family are trying to figure out how to help their kids finish college or vocational school, how to try to take care of Grandma in the evening of her years, and how to keep the promises that all of us make to our children."

Warnock won the seat in a special election to succeed Johnny Isakson, a Republican who stepped down at the end of 2019 midway through his third term due to health issues.

Gov. Brian Kemp appointed Kelly Loeffler, an Atlanta business executive, who served pending an election in November 2020. Warnock led a 22-person field with all candidates running on a single ballot despite party affiliations and won a runoff against Loeffler in January.

The victories by Ossoff over incumbent David Perdue and Warnock over Loeffler gave Georgia two Dem ocratic senators for the first time since the Max Cleland and Zell Miller between 2000-03.

Warnock will run for a full term next year. Trump has pushed Herschel Walker to run for the Republicans, though the 1982 Heisman Trophy winner hasn't declared his candidacy.

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SPORTS

– The Covington News

Youth Gymnastics

Stonecrest tumbles to state title

Lithonia squad first all-Black team to win championship

By MASON WITTNER

COVINGTON, Ga.

— One year ago, the
Stonecrest Gymnastics team didn't have a
place to practice.

Now they're trailblazing state champions.
Displaced from their

home gym due to COVID-19, the youth gymnastics squad from Lithonia was desperately searching for a temporary home. Coach Socoya Tokumori scoured the web and put out phone calls to handfuls of gyms in her area, but to no avail.

Eventually, her quest led her to stumble across Full Throttle Athletics LLC in Covington.

"I was on Instagram and I just searched the hashtag 'Gymnastics,' which puts it for the surrounding area, and Full Throttle came up," Tokumori recalled. "I clicked on it and I was like, 'Oh, gosh. Covington's an hour from us.' But, you know, let's just go on and see."

She reached out and inquired about renting



Mason Wittner | The Covington News

The Stonecrest Gymnastics silver level competition team became the first all-Black team to win a state title in the history of Georgia AAU Gymnastics with their first-place finish on May 1. They did so after being relocated from their home gym in Lithonia, which they lost access to due to COVID-19, to Full Throttle Athletics in Covington.

out the gym. The result was a perfect fit.

"They were the only people who just kind of welcomed us with open arms and said, 'Yeah, come on!" Tokumori said. "The price was right. They love our kids, we love them and

it works perfectly."

There was, however, an additional price to

Tokumori lives in McDonough. Most of the kids on her team reside in either Decatur or Stone Mountain. While the girls had

been accustomed to training anywhere from 12 to 20 hours per week for competitions, the combination of distance and limited availability led to practice being trimmed down to seven hours a week.

As the season pro-

gressed, parents agreed to carpool kids, resulting in just two parents driving each week. According to Tokumori, the kids handled the extra travel with grace

But that's not to say the transition was without its difficulties early on.

"I think the kids kind of fell apart a little bit when we lost our gym

See STONECREST, A8

because they thought

Prep Wrestling



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Eastside wrestlers Cameron Flemming (left) and Hunter Fuqua (right) signed National Letters of Intent to compete at Kentucky Wesleyan College on Thursday afternoon.

Eastside teammates sign with Kentucky Wesleyan

By MASON WITTNER
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COVINGTON, Ga.

— Eastside seniors
Cameron Fleming and
Hunter Fuqua are going
to remain teammates on

the mat next year.

The wrestlers signed their National Letters of Intent on Thursday to wrestle at Kentucky Wesleyan College. Located in Owensboro, Ky., the Panthers compete in the Great Midwest Athletic Con-

ference.

"First and foremost,
I want to highlight that
hunter and Cameron are
good people. It's been a
privilege to coach them,
to watch them grow

into good young men," Eastside head coach Earl Larimer said.

Fleming and Fuqua were both team captains for the Eagles their senior year.

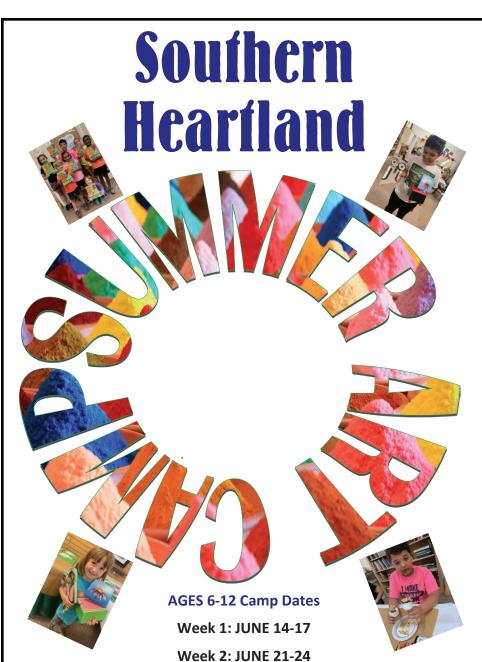
During his prep career, Fleming was a two-time state qualifier, region champion, three-time county champion, south metro finalist, and freshman state placer. Fuqua was a two-time state qualifier, region finalist, three-time county champion, south metro finalist, Warrior Rumble champion and freshman state champion

pion.
The duo also helped lead Eastside to three

state dual tournament

appearances.
"They had many individual accomplishments," Larimer said, "but a lot of what we've done as a team has been because of guys like these two gentlemen that have helped us get to places team-wise through their individual and team leadership.

"We are so grateful for all they've done here, but we're also excited to see them soar onward and continue their path of life after high school. We look forward to seeing great things they're going to do in the future."



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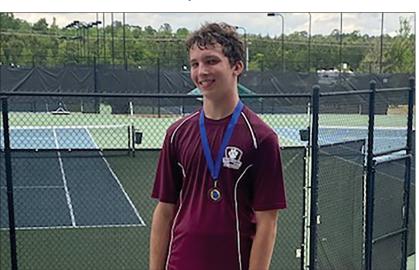
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Prep Tennis



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Peacthree Academy's Wesley Morgan recently won the GAPPS Boys State Individual Singles title. Morgan defeated Zach Holden from The Kings Academy, 6-1 and 6-3, to win the school's first State individual Singles Chanpionship.



blos state title. The Clack

Esther and Lydia Clack win the GAPPS Girls Doubles state title. The Clack sisters were dominate during their title run only dropping 2 games during the tournament.

Prep Athletics

Piedmont Academy taps coaches for upcoming school year

By CHRIS BRIDGES
Correspondent

MONTICELLO, Ga. — Piedmont Academy will have some new faces in its athletic department for the 2021-22 school year.

School officials announced earlier this week the hiring of Clint Satterfield as athletic director and head football coach, Ron Link as varsity boys basketball coach and Nick Meadows as the new varsity wrestling coach.

All three bring years of experience in their respective sports.

Satterfield was previously the head coach at Locust Grove High School and coached the program since its inaugural season in 2009. Prior to joining the Wildcats, he was a coach at Henry County High School as well as Jonesboro High School.

Satterfield took over a Jonesboro team that was coming off a winless season. He increased their win total every year, eventually leading them to a playoff victory in just his third season at the helm.

Coach Satterfield adopted the same approach when taking over the Locust Grove program. In 2013, the Wildcats made their first trip to the playoffs, the first of three consecutive playoff appearances. Locust Grove has finished with four consecutive winning seasons under Satterfield including a 9-1 record in 2015.

His family has already become very involved at Piedmont Academy. His wife, Brianne Satterfield, has been working at Piedmont for the past year, and Coach Satterfield has volunteered with the middle school basketball and varsity track programs during the 2020-2021 school year.

Satterfield replaces Will Johnson as football coach.

Jimmy Link will be the new varsity boys basketball coach for the Cougars. He has been coaching collegiately since 2004. He has coached all three levels of the NCAA as well as in the NAIA. He became the head coach at Paine College in 2010. While there he coached a pair of BoxtoRow All-Americans, a National Player of the Year and was named National Coach of the Year.

In 2015, Link became the head coach at Clayton State. At Clayton State, he coached a Peach Belt Conference Defensive Player of the Year.

Link is replacing Johnson, who was also the boys basketball coach.

Nick Meadows has been hired to help with the wrestling program. Nick has been coaching wrestling for 22 years. He has served as assistant coach at Eagles Landing, Stockbridge, Union Grove and Ola.

In that time, he has helped lead teams to two state championships and more than 400 dual meet wins, produced 20 individual state championships and coached more than 70 individual state placers.

STONECREST:

Continued from A7

it was over," Tokumori said. "But I told them if they're fighting, I'm fighting with them. I think that gave them the push and the drive to go even harder because they knew they had to go through so much

more to get to where they wanted to be."

And fight they did.

The majority of teams competing at the Georgia AAU Gymnastics State Championships in the XCEL Silver Experienced Division had approximately 20 girls on their roster.

Conversely, Stonecrest Gymnastics Team Silver was comprised of just nine girls: Gabrielle Bigsby, Erin Evans, Elanah Evans, Destiny Jackson, Kaylee James, Faith Winfrey, Triniti Coffey, Ekua Ubaka-Blackmoore, Channing Wynn.

But despite the odds, Team Silver earned a first-place finish on May 1 to become the first all-Black team to win a state title in the history of Georgia AAU Gymnastics.

"I am extremely proud of this team. This little group of kids came together and they knocked it out," Tokumori said. "They really stole the show, honestly. Judges and other coaches were standing up and giving them applause. It was just really arm to see everyone love on them as well."



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Mariah Clay of Covington was selected as the 2021 Outstanding Graduate Student in School Counseling at Augusta University recently. Clay worked as an elementary school counseling intern while at Augusta University and is currently employed as a school counselor at Clearwater Elementary School in Beech Island, South Carolina. She is the daughter of Yvonne Lynch and Albert Clay.

Newton County Schools

Loaned electronic devices to be collected at 3 locations

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

COVINGTON, Ga. — The end of the school year is quickly approaching and the Newton County School System (NCSS) Department of Technology is making plans to collect electronic devices loaned to students and families during the past

According to Adam Phyall, NCSS Director of Technology and Media Services, the district will offer a centralized device collection during the first week of June.

"We will collect devices on June 2 through June 5 at our three high schools," Phyall said in a news release. "Each school in the district will be assigned a high school where they should return their borrowed devices."

Phyall said students and any family members must wear facemasks when returning devices.

In addition, all devices should be fully charged before return-



Metro Creative Service

As the school year is coming to a close, Newton County Schools will start collecting loaned devices soon.

ing them to the district, as technicians will run a

check on each device. "We want to remind students and parents to bring all charging cables and hotspots along with Chromebooks to the collection site," said Phyall.

School assignments to return devices are listed below:

- Alcovy High **School**: Heard-Mixon Elementary, Oak Hill Elementary, Rocky Plains, West Newton Elementary, Veterans Memorial Middle.
- Eastside High **School**: Livingston Elementary, East Newton

Elementary Newton County Theme School, Flint Hill Elementary Middle Ridge Elementary, Indian Creek Middle, Cousins Middle, Mansfield Elementary.

 Newton High **School**: Live Oak Elementary, Liberty Middle, Clements Middle, Fairview Elementary, Newton College & Career Academy, South Salem Elementary, Porterdale Elementary.

For more information, email the NCSS Technology Department at techsupport@newton. k12.ga.us for assistance.

Stockton University

Newton County woman joins New Jersey university's board

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

Stockton University in New Jersey added a Newton County woman to its board of trustees at its May 5 meeting.

Sonia Gonsalves of Oxford is a professor emerita of psychology at Stockton University, where she was a faculty member from 1990-2018.

During her time at Stockton, she served as director of the Institute

for the Study of College Teaching, the director of the Institute for Faculty Development and the director of academic assessment.

She has been a selected or invited presenter for meetings of many national organizations including the American Association of State Colleges and Universities and the Middle States Commission on

Higher Education. Gonsalves has served

as an on-site faculty development and assessment consultant to the Azim Premji University in Bangalore, India.

She earned a doctorate in educational psychology; a master's degree in educational psychology from Temple University; and a bachelor's degree in chemistry and applied chemistry from the University of the West Indies in Mona, Jamai**Newton County Schools**

Alcovy senior earns Better Business Bureau scholarship

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS news@covnews.com

COVINGTON, Ga. Newton County student Natalia Sanchez was among five winners

Students of Integrity scholarship from the

of a

Natalia Sanchez

Better Business Bureau of Metro Atlanta, Athens and Northeast Georgia.

Sanchez, a student at Alcovy High School and Newton College & Career Academy, received \$3,000 for future academic needs.

She is Alcovy's 2021 co-valedictorian and plans to attend the University of Georgia.

The scholarship, which required video submissions from the students, prompted discussions about what it means to exemplify ethics and integrity.

Students recorded a short video describing how they build character in themselves and others and how they will build character in the future.

"The submissions from all the student applicants were moving and genuine," said Better Business Bureau CEO Brian Catania.

"All of us at BBB are inspired by these students who overcame challenges given the new post-pandemic world we've emerged into. Yet, through it all, these students continued to demonstrate their commitment to honesty and integrity inside and outside of the (virtual) classroom - embodying BBB's Standards for Trust."

Three judges representing the academic and business communities in Atlanta, Athens and Northeast Georgia selected the winners.

Other than Sanchez, recipients of the scholarship who received between \$5,000 and \$3,000 included Ricardo Ramos of Mountain View High School and Jamal Sayid of Grayson High School, both in Gwinnett County; and Caleb Buchanan of Heritage High School and Nazarene Campodonico of Salem High School, both in Rockdale County.

"Congratulations to this year's Students of Integrity recipients. I am always impressed

and inspired by the determination and perseverance of these young men and women. Their demonstration and drive for ethical leadership at a young age is outstanding," said Ani ta Harris, community engagement executive

for BBB. "BBB is pleased to support their educational journey and their commitment to improving their communities.'

Each scholarship supports a high school senior who plans to attend a trade school, two-year or fouryear college in 2021. Students may use the scholarship to manage the costs associated with pursuing their education, including tuition, class fees, books, and other related expenses.

"BBB believes identifying and honoring young people for solid integrity and character is vital to its mission of promoting ethics in the marketplace," a news release stated.

Since 2006, BBB's Center for Character Ethics has awarded \$151,500 in scholarships to Georgia high school seniors.

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1. The act of process of imparting or acquiring general knowledge, developing the powers of reasoning and judgment, and generally of preparing oneself or others intellectually for mature life.

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PUBLIC NOTICE #200279 5/9,16,23

Bids

NEWTON COUNTY School System Current Solicitations

PAPER AND Cleaning Products for School Nutrition Program (IFB C-640-THE NEWTON County School

System is soliciting sealed bids to obtain a qualified vendor to provide paper and cleaning products for the School Nutrition Program. INSTRUCTIONS

ALL SOLICITATION documents are located on the School System's e-procurement website at the following link:

HTTPS://NCSSEBID.IONWAVE.NET NOTE: YOU must be a registered supplier to obtain solicitation documents and participate the solicitation. New suppliers must first complete the online registration process by selecting "Supplier Registration" at the link above to register your company, and obtain a username and password. All responses must be submitted electronically utilizing the e-procurement system.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #200344

Citations

CITATION

ADRIENNE KIZITO has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of JOHN WESLEY FREEMAN 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

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 #200270 5/9,16,23,30

CITATION

BRENDA G. HARPER has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of GARY TIMOTHY HARPER, 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 COUNTY, COURT NEWTON **GEORGIA**

COUNTY PROBATE NEWTON COURT

1132 USHER STREET-148 COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200273 5/9,16,23,30

CITATION

to be appointed Administrator of the

Estate of OLLIE J. DUKE, deceased.

DARLENE J. DUKE has petitioned

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administration of all phases of the City's operation as assigned by the City

Manager. The Assistant City Manager makes recommendations to the City

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include a Bachelor's Degree in accounting, finance, public administration,

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Degree preferred), five (5) years of increasingly responsible experience at a

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City offers a generous benefits package with 401A with employer match and

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at www.cityofcovington.org or may apply in person at Covington City Hall,

2194 Emory Street, Covington, Georgia 30014. Please include a cover letter

and resume with your completed application. This position will remain open

until 4:00 p.m. on Monday, June 7, 2021. All applicants selected as finalists

will be subject to a complete background check and a drug test. The City

PUBLIC WORKS GENERAL

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not be granted. All objection must be

in writing, and filed with this Court on

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CITATION

has petitioned to be appointed

BARBARA ANN COLLINS YATES

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

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MELAINIE M. BELL. JUDGE

1132 USHER STREET-148

PUBLIC NOTICE #200231

COVINGTON, GA 30014

MELAINIE M. BELL, JUDGE

1132 USHER STREET-148

PUBLIC NOTICE #200312

COVINGTON, GA 30014

GEORGIA

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5/9,16,23,30

o'clock a.m.

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MARCIA WYNNE, CLERK PROBATE

COUNTY

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

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(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,,

MARCIA WYNNE, CLERK PROBATE

CITATION

ELLA MAE COLE has petitioned

to be appointed Administrator of the

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

REGINALD E. ESSEX

COUNTY PROBATE

COUNTY,

NEWTON

2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m

MELAINIE M. BELL, JUDGE

1132 USHER STREET-148

PUBLIC NOTICE #200271

COVINGTON, GA 30014

GEORGIA

NEWTON

5/9,16,23,30

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5/9,16,23,30

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Administrator of

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #200264 5/2,9,16,23

CITATION

KENNETH L. FARROW has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of REGINALD LEE FARROW , 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

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #200203 5/9,26,23,30

CITATION

MONICA M. LAWRENCE has to petitioned be appointed Administrator of the Estate of SHAKELIA M. BELL , 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 #200232 5/9,16,23,30

CITATION

PADRIAC M. DORSEY has petitioned

to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of ANTHONY JEROME DORSEY, 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 NEWTON COURT COUNTY,

NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT **1132 USHER** STREET-148

COVINGTON, GA 30014 PUBLIC NOTICE #200313

5/9,16,23,30

REBECCA E. SOMMA has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of AMBROSE WILLIAM GUY , 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

MELAINIE M. BELL JUDGE MARCIA WYNNE, CLERK PROBATE **GEORGIA**

PROBATE

NEWTON COUNTY COURT 1132 USHER STRFFT-148

COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200201 5/9,16,23,30

SONYA HARRIS has petitioned to

be appointed Administrator of the Estate of TOMMY PERRY HARRIS. 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 COUNTY, COURT NEWTON **GEORGIA**

PROBATE **NEWTON** COUNTY COURT 1132 USHER STREET-148

COVINGTON, GA 30014 **PUBLIC NOTICE #200230**

5/2,9,16,23

CITATION

TRUDIE A. WADE has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of LUCILE U. MCCLLUM 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 NEWTON COUNTY,

1132 USHER STREET-148 COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200272 5/9,12,23,30

THE PETITION of DALTON widow of RONALD **DALTON** deceased, for Twelve Month's Support for having been duly filed, all interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections must be in writing and filed with this Court on or before June 7. 2021, at ten o'clock a.m.

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

1132 USHER STREET- RM 148 COVINGTON, GA 30014

NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE

PUBLIC NOTICE #200311 5/9,16,23,30

THE PETITION of Teresa **Batson Hardy** Jeffery Donald Hardy deceased, for Twelve Month's Support for having been duly filed, all interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections must be in writing and filed with this Court on or before June 7. 2021, at ten o'clock

Marcia Wynne, Clerk PROBATE COURT **NEWTON COUNTY.** Georgia

1132 USHER STREET- RM 148

5/9.16.23.30

Debtors Creditors

HUGH BARRINGTON WHYLIE, JR , late of Newton County, deceased, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required

70 MICHAEL RYAN DRIVE PORTERDALE, GA 30014

THIS 22ND day of April, 2021

BY SHANNON D. Sneed **ATTORNEY AT** Law WITH EXPRESS permission

AND DEBTORS

ALL CREDITORS of the estate to make immediate payment to the undersigned

THIS 10TH day of May, 2021 GREER, STANSFIELD & Turner, LLP COVINGTON, GEORGIA 30015-1617 (770) 786-4390

ALL CREDITORS of the estate HELEN LOUISE DAWKINS to make immediate payment to the

THIS 30TH day of April, 2021 JENNIFER LYNN Allen

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS

ALL CREDITORS of the estate of ROGER ANSLEY WALLACE, late of

Newton County, Georgia are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

FRANK F. Thach, Jr., **EXECUTOR OF the Estate** OF ROGER Ansley Wallace C/O ROBERT Stansfield, Esq. P.O. BOX 1617

PUBLIC NOTICE #200336

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

WILHELMINA STEWART County, LATE OF Newton deceased, are hereby notified rendering their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make IMMEDIATE PAYMENT.

See LEGALS, B3

THIS APRIL day 27TH of (FILE OF completing this form or first

NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE

MELANIE M. BELL, JUDGE By:

NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200202

ALL CREDITORS of the estate of

to make immediate payment to: NAME OF Executor: JESSICA **ELIZABETH SCOTT**

JESSICA ELIZABETH SCOTT

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PUBLIC NOTICE #200251

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

of JAMES LINTON SHIPP, III deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required

JAMES GARRETT Shipp **EXECUTOR OF the Estate** OF JAMES Linton Shipp, III C/O ROBERT Stansfield, Esq. P.O. BOX 1617

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND

deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia are hereby notified to render according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required undersigned.

GREGORY LEE Dawkins CO -EXECUTORS of the Estate OF HELEN Louise Dawkins C/O ROBERT Stansfield, Esq.Greer, P.O. BOX 1617 COVINGTON, GEORGIA 30015-1617 (770) 786-4390

PUBLIC NOTICE #200293 5/9,16,23,30

THIS 10TH day of May, 2021

GREER, STANSFIELD & Turner, LLP COVINGTON, GEORGIA 30015-1617 (770) 786-4390

5/16,23,30-6/6

ALL CREDITORS of the Estate of

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47. Practice boxing

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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MICHAEL T. Byrne Attorney of the Estate of Michael R. Ford, deceased 2138 EAST Main Street **SNELLVILLE, GEORGIA** 30078

PUBLIC NOTICE #200282 5/9,16,23,30

770-979-4300

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of BOBBY JACK HUGGINS, SR deceased, late of Newton County, You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. THIS THE 5th day of MAY , 2021.

JOYCE R. HUGGINS 454 COUNTY LINE ROAD COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #200318 5/9,16,23,30

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND

CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of CHARLOTTE MARIE OSLIN TUCK 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 5th day of MAY, 2021.

CYNTHIA TUCK BARKER 160 COUNTRY WALK SOCIAL CIRCLE, GA 30025

PUBLIC NOTICE #200319

5/9,16,23,30 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 15th day of APRIL, 2021.

CURTIS MICHAEL DAVENPORT 2700 WHITE PINE LANE MANSFIELD, GA 30055

PUBLIC NOTICE #200241 5/2,9,16,23

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

THIS THE 20th day of APRIL, 2021. **CURTIS MICHALE DAVENPORT**

2700 WHITE PINE LANE MANSFIELD GA 30055

PUBLIC NOTICE #200242

5/2,9,16,23 **NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND**

CREDITORS

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

according to law. THIS THE 29th day of APRIL, 2021.

BESSIE ROSBORG 1454 HWY 229

MANSFIELD, GA 30055

PUBLIC NOTICE #200321

5/9,16,23,30 NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of DONALD WAYNE PICKENS deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make

payments to the undersigned estate

representative according to law. THIS THE 4th day of MAY, 2021. DANA BRYANS

145 WILLOWSPRINGS DR COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #200315 5/9,16,23,30

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND

CREDITORS

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

THIS THE 28th day of APRIL, 2021.

WILLIE A. SMITH 349 SPRING RD COVINGTON, GA 30016

according to law.

PUBLIC NOTICE #200316

5/9,16,23,30

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND **CREDITORS**

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

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

AARON SCHLOSSENBERG 11216 PINEWOOD CT

PUBLIC NOTICE #200267 5/2,9,16,23

RICHMOND, VA 23238

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, 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

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, 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

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

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

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 entative 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 NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND

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.

CREDITORS

THIS THE 20th day of APRIL , 2021.

CARLOS RHODES 4460 HWY 142 **NEWBORN. GA** 30056

PUBLIC NOTICE #200247

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of LOLA J. PIRKEY deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. THIS THE 3RD day of MAY , 2021.

CAROLA GARVER 18659 KEY DEER CT

PERRY, FL 32348

PUBLIC NOTICE #200317 5/9,16,23,30

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of MARTHA FRANCES HALCOME deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND

CREDITORS

payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. **THIS THE** 20th day of APRIL, 2021. MICHAEL E. PICKENS

ADAIRSVILLE, GA 30103 PUBLIC NOTICE #200248 5/2,9,16,23

96 LINWOOD RD, NW

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Prevents harm to young
- 5. "Losing My Religion" rockers
- 8. Partner to pan 11. Cavalry unit
- 13. Peyton's little brother
- 14. Mexican dish
- 15. Disseminates info to the public
- 16. Set an animal on 17. Canadian flyers
- 18. Elongated mouths of anthropods
- 20. I (German)
- 21. Opposite of west
- 22. Glows
- 25. Measures how quickly a car
- 30. One who has gained wealth 31. Patti Hearst's captors
- 32. Extensive landed property 33. Male aristocrat
- C R 38. For each
- 0 41. More fidgety S 43. Very happy S 45. A place to store info
- 47. Helps to heal W 49. 12th month (abbr.) 0 50. Broad, shallow craters
- R 55. Nocturnal S. American rodent D
- 56. Frost 57. Ethiopian town P 59. Curved shapes
 - 60. Company that rings receipts 61. Spiritual leader

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- 62. Sheep native to Sweden
- 63. Cars need it
- 64. Partner to relaxation
- **CLUES DOWN** 1. Scientist's high-resolution tool (abbr.)
- 2. Type of school 3. Formal close (music)
- 4. Transmits high voltage 5. A way to occupy a certain
- 6. Draws out 7. His Airness
- 8. Nocturnal rodents 9. South American plants
- 10. Homestead
- 12. Bland or semiliquid food
- 14. Forest resident

2106 GINGER ESTATE DR. **CONYERS, GA** 30013 PUBLIC NOTICE #200326

CECIL ROZIER, SR

5/9,16,23,30

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of MOLLY GAYNELLE BURDICK SHAPPELL deceased, Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.

THIS THE 21ST day of APRIL, 2021.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND

CREDITORS

BRODY LANE SHAPPELL 1925 MELANIE LANE, CABIN D FAIRBANKS, AK 99707

PUBLIC NOTICE #200322

5/9,16,23,30 NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND **CREDITORS**

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of NADA JANE SCOGGINS deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. **THIS THE** 3RD day of MAY , 2021.

KATTIE CANNON 2300 ROCK EAGLE DR MONTICELLO, GA 31064

PUBLIC NOTICE #200325

5/9,16,23,30 NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND **CREDITORS**

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of NELLIE RUTH HOOD 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.

CYNTHIA BARTON 11 CORNISH MOUNTAIN RD

OXFORD, GA 30054 PUBLIC NOTICE #200269 5/9,16,23,30

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

COVIINGTON, GA 30016 PUBLIC NOTICE #200246 5/2,9,16,23

CREDITORS NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of TERRANCE LEE GEALY deceased,

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND

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. GARY M. GEALY 24170 TROWBRIDGE CT

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND

PUBLIC NOTICE #200323 5/9,16,23,30

DAPHNE, AL 36256

45. Capital of Bangladesh 46. Ancient Greek sophist

NOTICE IS hereby given to the

19. The body needs it

25. Relaxing place

27. Make a mistake

28. Partner to Adam

36. Actor DiCaprio 37. Sea eagle

23. Atomic mass unit (abbr.)

26. Political fundraising tool

34. Unit of electrical resistance

35. A history of one's life

39. Avoiding being caught

41. Belonging to a thing

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debtors and creditors of the Estate of TIMOTHY NEAL FRANKLIN deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. THIS THE 29th day of APRIL, 2021.

OLA M. FRANKLIN 45 DEAVERDAM CT COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #200320 5/9,16,23,30 NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of WAYNE ANDREW SHELNUTT 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.

CREDITORS

THIS THE 16th day of March, 2021. TERESA E. GAEHLE 150 ELLIS TRAIL COVINGTON, GA. 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #200342 5/16.23.30.6/6

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

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND

representative according to law. THIS THE 26th day of APRIL, 2021. ALTON STEWART, JR 8214 NORTH STERLING LAKES DRIVE

PUBLIC NOTICE #200268 5/2,9,16,23

COVINGTON. GA 30014

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.

90 ALCOVY TRESTLE ROAD **COVINGTON, GA** 30014 PUBLIC NOTICE #200240

BARBARA J. VEAL

5/2,9,16,23

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND **CREDITORS**

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of WILLIE HENRY DYER 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 5TH day of MAY, 2021. TERRY DYER 155 HIGH POINT FOREST DR COVINGTON, GA 30016

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND **CREDITORS**

PUBLIC NOTICE #200324

5/9,16,23,30

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: ALL CREDITORS of the Estate of 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

CREDITORS payment to the undersigned.

5/2,9,16,23

PLAINTIFF,

CV-2456-2

Divorces IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF **NEWFON COUNTY**

JAMES STEPHENS,

THIS 22ND day of April, 2021.

PUBLIC NOTICE #200253

LISA HERNANDEZ STEPHENS, DEFENDANT. CIVIL ACTION FILE NO.2017-

STATE OF GEORGIA

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY **PUBLICATION**

THE ABOVE-STYLED Plaintiff James Stephenes Complaint for Divorce, having been read and considered and it appearing that the Defendant may not be residing in the State of Georgia; and that her actual, physical address cannot be determined after due diligence; IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Defendant shall be served by publication

SO ORDERED, this 28th day of April,

SUMMONS AS provided by law

JUDGE JOHN M. OTT SUPERIOR COURT of Newton PREPARED BY-MARIO S. Ninfo LAW OFFICES of Mario S. Ninfo

1198 CLARK Street, NW COVINGTON GEORGIA 30014 770-

PUBLIC NOTICE #2003001 5/9,16,23,30

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PLAINTIFF

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

ROMAINE ANTHONY HINDS

JADA MONAE WILLIAMS Defendant MONAE JADA WILLIAMS

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COVINGTON, GEORGIA 30016 CIVIL ACTION FILE NO 2021-CV-

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

BY ORDER of the Court for Service

by Publication dated 5 t h day of May 2021. You are hereby notified that on the 22nd day of February 2021, the Petitioner 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 serve upon Plaintiff's attorney: Sam 0. Laguda, Esq.. The Laguda Law Group, LLC, 2400 HERODIAN Way, Suite 145, Smyrna, GA 30080. THIS, THE 5th day of MAY,

WITNESS, THE Honorable Jeffrey L. Foster Judge of the SUPERIOR COURT, Newton County.

PUBLIC NOTICE #200340 5/16,23,30-6/6 IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF

NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GERORGIA

PLAINTIFF, LANCE BEHLING DEFENDANT,

ALLYSON BEHLING

CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 2021-CV-720-1 NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

BY ORDER of the court for service by publication dated MAY 5, 2021 you are hereby notified that on MARCH 30, 2021 (date of filing) ALLYSON BEHLING (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

WITNESS THE Honorable W L. FOSTER, Judge JEFFERY Superior Court of Newton County.

LINDA D. Hays

PUBLIC NOTICE #200333 5/16,23,30-6/6

CHERYL MATTHEW PLAINTIFF,

ROGER MATTHEW DEFENDANT,

2021-CV-719-5

BY ORDER of the court for service by publication dated APRL 14, 2021 you are hereby notified that on 3-30-211

date of the order for publication with COURT represented).

> THIS, THE 3RD day of MAY 2021 LINDA D. Hays

5/9,16,23,30

TATIANA BROWN

2021-CV-1006-2 NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

BY ORDER of the court for service by publication dated MAY 6 2021 you are hereby notified that on APRIL 28, 2021 1(date of filing)

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

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

(date of filing) CHERYL MATTHEW (plaintiff) filed suit against you for YOU ARE required to file an answer

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 WITNESS THE Honorable W

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF

JAMIE MARSHALL **PLAINTIFF**

CIVIL ACTION NUMBER

10119 HENDERSON DR COVINGTON, GA 30014

JAMIE MARSHALL (plaintiff) filed suit against you for Divorce .

See LEGALS, B4

TO: LANCE BEHLING 5153 FLOYD STREET COVINGTON, GA 30014

of the answer upon the plaintiff (if prose) or upon the plaintiff's attorney (if represented).

THIS, THE 5TH day of MAY 2021 **CLERK OF** Superior

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF **GERORGIA**

CIVIL ACTION NUMBER

TO: ROGER MATTHEW 12607 NW 27 HWY MIAMI FL 33169

in writing within sixty (60) days of the

KENDALL WYNNE JR, Judge

Superior Court of Newton County.

CLERK OF Superior PUBLIC NOTICE #200299

NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GERORGIA

DEFENDANT

TO: TATIAN BROWN

LEGALS:

Continued from B3

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

ATTORNEY (IF represented).

THIS, THE 7TH day of MAY 2021. LINDA D. Hays **CLERK OF** Superior

PUBLIC NOTICE #200339 5/16,23,30-6/6

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF **NEWTON COUNTY** STATE OF GERORGIA

PLAINTIFF JEFFREY GUY

CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 2020-CV-1138-3

TO: JEFFREY GUY

888 CRONWELL AVE

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

UNIONDALE, NY 11553 BY ORDER of the court for service by publication dated APRIL 20 2021 you are hereby notified that or 6/9/2020(date of filing) LISA A. GUY

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

(plaintiff) filed suit against you for

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

represented).

5/2.9.16.23 IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF

NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GERORGIA

MARQUELL BANKS PLAINTIFF HEATHER EDWARDS-BANKS

DEFENDANT CIVIL ACTION NUMBER

2021-CV-972-4

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: HEATHER EDWARDS-BANKS 2011 COUNTY RD APT 4343A ALEXANDER, AL

BY ORDER of the court for service by publication dated MAY 6 2021 you are hereby notified that on APRIL 23, 2021 (date of filing) MARQUELL BANKS (plaintiff) filed suit against you for Divorce .

YOU ARE required to file an answer

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

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

THIS, THE 7TH day of MAY 2021. LINDA D. Hays

CLERK OF Superior

PUBLIC NOTICE #200338

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF

NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GERORGIA

MATTHEW WALDO PLAINTIFF AMANDA WALDO

DEFENDANT

CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 2021-CV-215-1

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: AMANDA WALDO 224 CEDAR VALLEY RD LOT 10 SWEETWATER, TN 37874

BY ORDER of the court for service by publication dated APRIL 26 2021 you are hereby notified that on 4/202021(date of filing) MATTHER

WALDO (plaintiff) filed suit against 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

WITNESS THE Honorable JEFFREY L. FOSTER, Judge Superior Court of Newton County.

se) or upon the plaintiff's attorney (if

THIS, THE 26TH day of APRIL 2021. LINDA D. Hays CLERK OF Superior

PUBLIC NOTICE #200292 5/9,16,23,30

DUI - Second

SECOND/SUBSEQUENT DUI

CONVICTION



NAME: ANGEL KAYONDO ADDRESS:635 GREENLEAF RD, DATE OF ARREST MAY 30, 2019

DATE OF OFFENSE: MAY 30, 2019 OF OFFENSE:7:30 PLACE OF OFFENSE: GREENWAY DRIVE **DISPOSITION: PLEA OF GUILTY-**

DEFENDANT IS SENTENCED TO TOTAL OF 3 YEARS PLUS 24 MONTHS W/THE FIRST 10 DAYS TO BE SERVED IN CONFINEMENT IN THE NEWTON COUNTY JAIL AND THE REMAINDER TO BE SERVED ON PROBATION - \$2,000.00 IN FINES PLUS ALL APPLICABLE STATUTORY FEES AND SURCHARGES- DEFENDANT SHALL PERFORM 40 HOURS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE & SHALL ATIEND AND COMPLETE A DUI RISK REDUCTION COURSE APRIL 20, 2021

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

PUBLIC NOTICE #200331

Foreclosures

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF RIGHT TO REDEEM PROPERTY

TAKE NOTICE that: THE RIGHT to redeem the following described property, to wit:

SHADOWBROOK Covington GA 30016 according to the present system of numbering properties in Newton County Georgia, having Tax Parcel ID # 032B 00000 029 000 and being further described as follows:

ALL AND only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 032B 00000 029 000, lying and being in Land Lot 37, 8th District, Newton County, Georgia, and being shown as Lot 81, Shadowbrook Estates, Unit One, on a plat of survey of same recorded in Plat Book 38, Pages 56public records of Newton County Georgia, which plat is by reference thereto incorporated herein and made a part hereof for a more particular and complete description. WILL EXPIRE and be forever foreclosed and barred on and after the day of June 22 2021, or thirty days after legal service of this notice, whichever is later.

THE TAX deed to which this notice relates is dated the 4th day of December, 2012, and is recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia, in Deed Book 3088 Page 51. THE PROPERTY may be redeemed

at any time before the day of June 22 2021, or thirty days after legal service of this notice, whichever is later, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address: Fletcher Law Firm LLC 2993 Sandy Plains Rd, Ste 225B Marietta GA 30066 Please be governed accordingly

SINCERELY, HERROL and Associates, LLC As grantee of Herrol P. Lewis by Warranty Deed recorded in Deed Book 3346 Page 114, Newton County Georgia records C/O JAMES R. Fletcher II, Esq. (FILE: 2697.0002

PUBLIC NOTICE #200332

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

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

UNDER AND by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Manuel Reid** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for New Century Mortgage Corporation, its successors and assigns, dated August 31, 2006, recorded in Deed Book 2275, Page 163, Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as Trustee for The Certificateholders of Ace Securities Corp. Home Equity Loan Series 2006-NC3, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates by assignment recorded in Deed Book 2946, Page 136, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of ONE HUNDRED SIXTEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$116,800.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in June, 2021, the following described property:
SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED

HERETO AND MADE A PART

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

SAID PROPERTY will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not vet due and payable), any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above. BANK USA, National

Association, as Trustee, in trust for the registered holders of ACE Securities Corp. Home Equity Loan 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. 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,

1544 OLD Alabama Road ROSWELL, GA 30076 WWW.FORECLOSUREHOTLINE. **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 MAP/PARCEL#:

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PUBLIC NOTICE #200239

5/2,9,16,23

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF NEWTON NOTICE OF SALE **UNDER POWER IN SECURITY**

UNDER AND by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in the Security Deed from Kevin A. McLoughlin, a Georgia resident, to Mary Ann E. McLoughlin, a Georgia resident, dated the 1st day of September 2005, and recorded in Deed Book Pages 109-116, Newton 1994, County, Georgia Records, and modified at Deed Book 4111, Pages 288-289, Newton County, Georgia (jointly, the "Deed to Secure Debt" or the "Security Deed"), conveying the after-described property to secure an indebtedness in the original principal amount of \$93,872.26, the undersigned will sell, at public outcry, to the highest bidder for cash, before the Courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia, during the legal hours of sale, on the first Tuesday in June 2021, the following described real property, to wit: SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A

PART HEREOF. THE DEBT secured by said Deed to Secure Debt has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to make the payments called for on the indebtedness secured thereby. The sale will be made for the purpose of applying the proceeds thereof to the payment of the indebtedness and interest thereon, attorney's fees and expenses of sale, and balance remaining shall be applied as provided in said Deed to Secure Debt and as provided by law. Notice has been given of intention to collect attorney's fees in accordance with the terms of the underlying note

and the Security Deed.

THE PROPERTY will be sold as the property of Kevin A. McLoughlin and is subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, whether or not now due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.

THE ENTITY and\or person with full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: Mary Ann E.

McLoughlin, c/o Richard J. Dreger, Esq., Richard J. Dreger, Attorney at Law, P.C., 295 W. Crossville Road, Suite 110, Roswell, Georgia 30075 (678) 566-6900. Please understand that the secured creditor is not required to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the mortgage instrument.

TO THE best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Kevin A. McLoughlin, or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as 6186 Pinewood Drive, SE, Covington, Georgia. 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. THIS LAW FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT; ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. MARY ANN E. McLoughlin

ATTORNEY IN fact for KEVIN A. McLoughlin RICHARD J. Dreger, Esq. RICHARD J. Dreger, Attorney at 295 W. Crossville Road, Suite 110

ROSWELL, GEORGIA 30075 TELEPHONE (678) 566-6901 **EXHIBIT "A"** ALL THAT tract or parcel of land

lying and being in Land Lots 240 and 247 of the 9th Land District of in the City of Covington, Newton County, Georgia, and being Lot 7 of Block E of the Town and Country Subdivision as shown on Survey for Carl Irvin Bailey and Connie E. Bailey by Richard E. Nutt, RLS #1797, dated June 20, 1984, and recorded in Plat Book 19, Page 15, Clerk's Office, Newton Superior Court, which plat is incorporated herein by reference thereto for a more complete description thereof. MAP #C0120 00080 001 A00

PUBLIC NOTICE #200287

Name Changes IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF

NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA IN RE the Name Change of

MALIK X HESTER SOMER HESTER & MALIK

JENNINGS PETITIONER, RESPONDENT.

CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 2021-CV-

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF CHILD

SOMER HESTER & JENNINGS filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on APRIL 23, 2021, to change the name of the following minor child FROM: MALIK X HESTER to

MALIK, SE'QUAN JENNINGS JR. Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within the time prescribed in O.C.G.A. §§ 19-12-1(f)(2) and (3).

SOMER HESTER 160 HOMEPLACE DR COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #200287 IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF

NEWTON COUNTY

IN RE: JOSEPH DANIEL PATRICK

CIVIL ACTION FILE NO

NOTICE OF PETITION TO **CHANGE NAME**

NOTICE IS hereby given that DANIEL **PATRICK** FORTIN has filed a petition in the Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia, on the 26 day of APRIL, 2021, praying for a change in his name from JOSEPH DANIEL PATRICK FORTIN to DANIEL PATRICK FORTIN. Notice is hereby given pursuant to law to any interested or affected party to appear in said Court and to file objections to such name change. Objections must be filed with the Court within thirty (30) days of the filing of said CHANGE NAME.

PREPARED BY: GARLAND C. MOORE Attorney for 915 CENTER Street, N.E., Conyers,

P.O. BOX 81367, Conyers, GA 30208 (770) 929-3281 [Office] (770) 922-1322 [Facsimile]

GARLANDMOORE@BELLSOUTH.

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W. KENDALL WYNNE, JR APR 26, 2021 05:49 PM PUBLIC NOTICE #200335

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF

NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE the name change of DONNA M. GAGNE

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF COVINGTON, GEORGIA **NEWTON COUNTY**

NOTICE IS hereby given that the Covington City Council will hold a of the City of Covington's urban redevelopment plan during the Covington City Council's regularly scheduled meeting commencing at 6:30 p.m. on May 17, 2021 in the Council Chambers located at 2116 Stallings Street NW, Covington, Georgia 30014. updates modifications include required by law and are intended to incentivize redevelopment within urban redevelopment area including development of affordable housing and would establish Opportunity Zones within the urban

PUBLIC NOTICE #200346

Public Notice

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

JERMAINE HINTON, as Trustee of the **SONNIE M. HINTON** LIVING PETITIONER,

PARCELS OF LAND, BEING DESCRIBED AS TAX PARCEL NO. 00480000005600, TAX PARCEL NO. 00489000000013A00, AND TAX PARCEL NO. 004800000012A00 EACH BEING LOCATED ON ROAD, STEWART **NEWTON** COUNTY, GEORGIA,

AND THE following adjacent property owners:

FOREVER FLOWING, JEANNINE MARCHESSEAU, NAYIA ANDERSON, FREDERICK 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 LITTLEJOHN, EF JOHNS MEMORIAL PARK, BEVER BEVERLY ROME EVANS, JOHNNY ROGERS. ROGERS, THERESA ROGERS, DORIS LUCAS, AND THE ESTATE OF THELMA ROME, RESPONDENTS.

SUCV2019000480

NOTICE OF SERVICE BY

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 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

PUBLIC NOTICE #200214 4/25-5/2/9/16

Newton County, Georgia

Public Sales Auctions

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION HILLTOP TOWING INC.

LOCATION: 8360 NOLLEY DR COVINGTON, GA 30014 **DATE: MAY, 24 2021** TIME:10:00 AM CASH ONLY. SOLD AS IS.

BIDS START :AT \$1200.00 AU

SALES FINAL 1.1998 NLSS PATHfiNDER, VIN #

JN8AR05S2WW219198{WRECKED) 2.2018 HOND CBR650F, VIN #

MLHRC740XJS400134(WRECKED)

3. 2007 CHEV MALIBU, VIN # 1G1ZS58F97F108270(WRECKED)

4. 2006 PONT G6, VIN # 1G2ZG558864140169(WRECKED)

5.2004 HOND ODYSSEY, VIN # SFN-

RL18084B104977(WRECKED)

6. 2009 HOND CIVIV, VIN # 2HGF-G12689HS28943(WRECKED) 7. 2001 CHEV SUBURBAN, VIN #

3GNEC16T61G26857S(WRECKED) 8. 2002-CHEV TAHOE.VIN # 1GNEK13ZX2H285182(WRECKED)

9. 2003 NISS ALTIMA, VIN # 1N4BL11EX3C268675(WRECKED)

10. 2002 BMW 3-SERIES, VIN # WBABN53462JU39669{WRECK£D) 11. 2002 FORD EXPLORER, VIN #

1FMZU63E72UA42498(WRECKED) 12. 1991CHEV 510, VIN #

1GCCS14Z8M8271367(WRECKED) 13. 2007 NJSS ALTIMA, VIN # 1N4AL21E37C200080(WRECKED)

1B7GL22NX1S171452(WRECKED) 15. 2001 PONT GRAND AM, VIN # 1G2NF12E41C279816(WRECKED)

14.2001DODG DAKOTA, VIN #

16. 1997 HOND CBRIIOOXX BLACKBIRD, VIN # JH-2SC3510VM000378(WRECKED)

17. 2000HOND ACCORD, VIN # 1HGCG5644YA138728(WRECKED)

18.2001 HOND ACCORD, VIN # 1HG-CG16541A007421(WRECKED) 19.1999 HOND ACCORD, VIN #

20. 2002 HOND ACCORD. VIN # 1HGCG56672A025560(WRECKED)

21. 1996 HOND ACCORD, VIN #

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1HGCOS63STA10148S{WRECKEO} 22. 2006 TOYT HIGHLANDER, VIN #

JTEGD21AS60134707(WRECKED) **PUBLIC NOTICE #200335**

5/16,23

PUBLIC AUCTION BUDGET SELF Storage of Covington,

pursuant to the Georgia Self Storage Act, 10-4-213, shall conduct a public sale of the following units at 6217 Highway 278 NE, Covington, GA 30014; 770-787-0900; after 1 p.m. on or after Monday, May 31st, 2021. All bids will be accepted online through www.storageauctions.com. Budget Self Storage of Covington reserves the right to withdraw units from such sale and reject any bid. Terms of sale are cash or money order only. The following unit will be sold:

B29 Linda Norman: boxes, sofa, nightstand, bed frame, clothing and shoes, pictures, books, bags,

purses, & end tables A126 Duane Johnson: chairs, propane grill, exercise bike, bags, totes, mattress, bookshelves

PUBLIC NOTICE #200303 5/16,23

Trade Names

NOTICE OF INTENT TO INCORPORATE

NOTICE IS given that articles of incorporation which will incorporate Park Phase II Owners Association, Inc. have or will be delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Non Profit Corporation Code. The initial registered office of the corporation will be located at 1118 Conyers Street, SW, Covington, Georgia 30014 and its initial registered agent at such address is

PUBLIC NOTICE #200343 5/16,23

Frank B. Turner, Jr.

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

TO WHOM It may Concern: PLEASE BE advised that MYISHA

LADSON, whose address is 265 LAKESIDE CIR COVINGTON, GA 30016 is the owner(s) of the certain business now being carried on at 265 LAKESIDE CIR COVINGTON, GA 30016 in the following trade name, to-wit: LADSON TAX PREPARATION: and that the nature of said business SERVICE BUSINESS TAX PREPARTATION.

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 27th day of APRIL, 2021.

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