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His Word

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Psalms 37:4, KJV

# BOC rescinds Juneteenth contribution



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**Organizer Timothy Birt (left) speaks to a crowd during a Juneteenth celebration held in Covington in 2020.**

Commissioners vote 3-2 to change course amid fears of legal ramifications

**By TOM SPIGOLON**  
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Tem-pers flared at times Tuesday night as Newton commissioners narrowly reversed a previous vote to donate funds for the county’s annual Juneteenth celebration.

The Newton County Board of Commissioners voted 3-2 to rescind the May 4 motion that led to a vote to donate \$1,500

to the nonprofit Newton County Historical Committee on Black Heritage Preservation that is organizing the event June 19 and 20 at Legion Field.

One commissioner seeking the rescission said he was worried the board may have violated state law by voting to give public funds to a nonprofit and wanted a written policy in place.

However, District 4 Commis-sioner J.C. Henderson objected

to the rescission and accused three “Republicans” of not want-ing to support the event before they asked Chairman Marcello Banes to place the matter on Tuesday’s agenda.

“The reason why we’re re-scinding the vote is we’ve got ... three Republicans who don’t want to support \$1,500 for June-teenth day,” Henderson said.

See JUNETEENTH, A3

## Commissioners approve nonprofit funding policy

Requires entities to show ‘substantial benefit’ to county

**By TOM SPIGOLON**  
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Newton County’s governing board has ap-proved a new policy specifying that nonprofits seeking funding must prove their “substan-tial benefit” to the county before it will consider giving them funding.

County Attorney Megan Martin told the Newton County Board of Commissioners on Tuesday that she created the External Appropriations Policy to make sure the board “is not conferring a gratuity upon (nonprofits) in violation of the Georgia Constitution.”

The new policy specifies proce-dures and timing for nonprofits to apply for and receive county funding — and for the Board to review its effects afterward.

Martin said it would allow the county to treat all groups in a con-sistent manner while allowing it to defend against court challenges from groups to which it denies funding.

“I cannot say enough about how important it is that we be consistent with how these are handled,” Martin said.

However, the new policy states that

See POLICY, A3



Megan Martin

# Making a splash



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**Several children were on hand Thursday to help break in the new splash pad at Denny Dobbs Park. Newton County officials and community members gather to celebrate its impending May 29 opening with a ribbon cutting ceremony. See another photo from the ribbon cutting on A9.**

## County cuts ribbon on splash pad at Denny Dobbs Park

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Newton County government officials hosted a ribbon-cutting and demonstration of the county’s new splash pad at Denny Dobbs Park Thursday, May 20.

The water recreation facility in the west Newton County park is designed with a Holly-wood theme befitting its placement within the “Hollywood of the South.”

The project cost an estimated \$260,000 with funding from SPLOST and a \$2,000 donation from funds raised by Harrison Kirkham as part of an Eagle Scout project.

Kirkham, the son of Joshua and Amanda Kirkham, originat-ed the design for the splash pad in 2016 and it evolved into a wa-ter park designed for children of all abilities to enjoy. It opens to the public May 29.

# 1994 killer has chance for release; Monroe mayor pens letter of opposition

**By DAVID CLEMONS**  
 The Walton Tribune

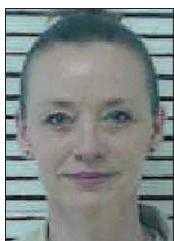
COVINGTON, Ga. — A woman who was convicted of the murder of her ex-boyfriend has a chance at getting out of prison.

Rhonda Rene Vining was found guilty of killing Rodney Spence Singleton on Dec. 14, 1994, in Covington.

She pleaded guilty to

felony murder and was sen-tenced to life in prison.

Vining is cur-rently serving a life sentence at Ar-rendale State Prison in northeast Georgia.



Rhonda Rene Vining

Vining was 21 and a student at Emory University when she chased Singleton down and shot him in the upper torso.

Covington police were called to a loca-tion in the 5110 block of Emory Street North-west, where they found Singleton on the ground with gunshot wounds.

Vining was at the

home they had shared on Hillside Drive, where their argument had begun. She bar-ricaded herself inside the home and threat-ened suicide, and at one point set fire to the home.

However, after negotiations with a Covington police sergeant, Vining gave up and exited the home

through a window and was arrested.

Singleton later died at Newton General Hos-pital, now Piedmont Newton Hospital.

Covington News archives show Vining had a record of violent behavior, including a conviction of beating a woman in the face a few years prior to shooting Singleton.

The relationship between Vining and Singleton reportedly was a rocky one, with her allegedly filing a false police report in an attempt to keep him from leaving her.

Vining initially plead-ed not guilty by rea-son of insanity. It was revealed she left the

See KILLER, A5



# Davis declares intentions to run for Covington City Council

## West Ward candidate remains undecided on post she'll pursue

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COVINGTON, Ga. — Charika Davis, a lifelong resident of Covington, recently announced her intentions to run for a city council seat, representing the West Ward.

“I am excited and proud to officially announce my candidacy for Covington City Council representing the West Ward,” she stated. “I have watched on the sidelines long enough and now is the time for me to act. I look forward to representing everyone in Covington fairly. I will

run a campaign with integrity and focus on the people. My motto is ‘Here to serve you.’ I love to serve and the community is at the heart of me running for city council.”

Davis resides in the Sterling Lakes subdivision. She currently serves on Covington’s Planning Commission Board, and she is a charter member of the



Charika Davis

Covington Area Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.

Davis earned a bachelor’s degree in political science from Georgia College & State University and later earned a master of business administration degree from Strayer University.

If elected, Davis said her primary areas of focus would include infrastructure; specifically, the streets, roads and sidewalks. She would also like to see more parks and recreation for our children, as well as more amenities in

the community; such as a movie theater or a bowling alley. Davis said she would focus on supporting local businesses and encouraging others to spend their dollars locally. She also wants to make sure transitional housing for all is available.

Davis would also focus on promoting safety in the city and “really just making sure that Covington continues to be a great place to live, work and play!”

The Newton High School graduate remains undecided on which post she’ll be running for in the West

Ward but intends to announce her decision closer to qualifying, which is slated for Aug. 16-20 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day at city hall.

Two posts in the West Ward are up for election in Covington, including Post 2 and Post 3. Post 2 is currently held by longtime councilwoman Hawthethia Williams. Scotty Scoggins announced in March his intentions to run for Post 2. Williams has yet to publicly announce her decision to run for another term in office.

Post 3 is currently held by Anthony Henderson, who has

also yet to publicly announce his reelection bid. In February, Henderson was reportedly accused of violating election laws during the 2017 election cycle and bound over to the state Attorney General’s Office for prosecution. No other candidates have come forward to run for Post 3.

East Ward Post 1 is also up for election, which is currently held by Susie Keck.

Covington’s municipal election will be held Nov. 2 at city hall within the courtroom chambers located at 2116 Stallings Street.

# Covington council OKs water, sewer territory swap with county

## City would add new Eastside High School property, gain \$868,400 in assets if both parties agree

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COVINGTON, Ga. — A proposal to swap a handful of water and sewer territories with the Newton County Water and Sewer Authority would be “favorable” for the city, if approved by the county.

During its regular meeting Monday, May 17, the Covington City Council voted unanimously to approve the territory proposal presented by Planning & Development Director Tres Thomas. He said the proposed deal would help optimize both the city and coun-

ty’s water and sewer systems.

“We wanted to make the system more efficient,” Thomas said. “We wanted to eliminate the pass-throughs, which means maybe we have the water and somebody else has the sewer, or vice versa. We like to have the water and sewer together. So, we wanted to make sure that we could try to do that in all areas possible.”

The proposed swap included the following areas:

- Old Atlanta Highway — with the city picking up the area spanning the interstate from Old Atlanta Highway/Cook Road to Dinah Pace Road and the land south to the Yellow River.
- Cinelease Studios – Three Ring — with the city picking up Flint Hill Elementary; Cinelease Studios – Three Ring; Merryvale Assisted Living; and a neighborhood around Stewart Drive, just off Georgia Hwy. 142.
- Hazelbrand — with the city picking up territory east of SKC and west of Alcovy Road.
- Deerfield — with the city relinquishing the water tank, water mains and other water infrastructure in Melody Farms Subdivision but, in return, picking up the Morgan property and the new Eastside High School. “[There is] already a lot of [city]

water [supplied] in the area but the sewer is in ‘no-man’s land,’” Thomas said. Covington would need confirmation from the county to allow the school to be served with city sewer.

- Georgia Highway 36 — with the city picking up the area from Bypass Road to East End Road.

If the proposal were to be approved, Thomas told the council that the city would lose 28 customers and assets valued at \$868,400 from the Deerfield area to the NCWSA. But, Covington would gain a total of 431 customers across the remaining areas and assets with a cumulative value of \$927,306. The city picked up 256 customers in the Hwy 36 swap, which was approved prior to the Monday meeting. The city will pick up an additional 203 customers with this swap.

Thomas said the NCWSA officially relinquished the territory along Hwy. 36 (listed above) in April 2019, and the authority and city had been working on the other proposed swaps for the last two years.

Six master meters within the current system would be removed and two relocated, Thomas said, but the NCWSA would split the \$506,000 cost.

Thomas recommended the city approve

the proposal with one stipulation.

If approved, the new Eastside High School located in the Deerfield area would become a city customer. Thomas said within the next two years, the city would need to extend gravity sewer to the school property, which is an estimated \$1 million project. In order to do so, Thomas said the county would have to allow city sewer service within the Deerfield area.

Covington won a bid in October to provide electrical services to the school.

Thomas said if Covington were not able to get the county to agree to the stipulation, it may not be as “favorable” of a deal for the city as it could be.

If approved, the official swap date is tentatively scheduled for early August. It was unclear when the county would hear the proposal and put it to a vote.

In other business related to city infrastructure, the council approved the purchase of a brush chipper in the amount of \$72,000 for the electric department. The current chipper was 15 years old and staff said \$12,000 had been spent over the last six months for repairs.

New transformers totaling \$207,684 were also approved for the electric department.

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"If there was a rebuttal to this you should have never put it on the (May 4) agenda."

Henderson said he wanted the three commissioners to make public their reasons for rescinding the May 4 vote as a matter of "transparency."

"Are we hiding behind something?" he asked. "I'll tell you right now. I will not rescind the motion that we done — what's hard about that?"

Cowan said he asked for reconsideration of the motion because he feared the board may have violated the Gratuities Clause in the Georgia Constitution.

Elected officials in Georgia have been convicted of violating state law contained in the Gratuities Clause that prohibits a direct payment of cash or services with public funds to a private organization without receiving something in return.

Cowan said he believed board members were doing something from the "heart" May 4

but “we did it wrong.”

“I felt like we overstepped our bounds,” Cowan said. “Like I said before, ‘There’s never a right way to do the wrong thing.’”

“Usually procedures are the way you get in trouble with the courts.”

Mason said he believed all commissioners wanted to assist the Juneteenth organizers but an approved policy with specific procedures for doing so needed to be in place before it was approved.

The board approved a new policy on appropriations for nonprofit groups earlier in the same meeting.

“We just want to make sure we’re following the proper protocol, that we’re following the proper policy,” Mason said. “We just want to make sure that we’re being consistent across the board and we’re not doing something for one (nonprofit) and doing something different for another (nonprofit).”

The Newton County Historical Committee

apparently now will be required to provide documentation about its nonprofit status and other information before applying for the funding. Cowan assured its leaders during a break the contribution was still forthcoming.

Banes briefly struggled to gain control of the meeting as some commissioners openly complained about the rescission vote. Banes said he would not stand for them being disorderly during an open meeting.

"Do you want to go home?" Banes asked at one point.

At the end of the meeting, Sanders said she apologized for an "outburst" during discussions about the rescission but said she was dealing with a "touchy" subject like African-American heritage.

"Sometimes you have to stand your ground on issues," she said. "If you don't stand for something, you'll fall for anything."

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that is operating and conferring a substantial benefit upon the citizens?" Martin said.

It gives a Feb. 1 deadline for applications for funding and a timeline for the board to hear presentations, review them and vote on their funding at a special called meeting, she said.

The board would vote on individual resolutions for each nonprofit and allow access to the resolutions on the county website to give "maximum transparency" to "who got funding and who did not get funding."

"A lot of times we hear rumors of, 'Oh, this entity is getting this,' or, 'This entity is getting that,'" Martin said. "We need to put it out there. You'll be able to see the resolution, signed, executed, on our website."

It requires the county to include the name of each organization and the amount given to

each one individually on the annual county government budget document posted on the county website.

The policy also requires each nonprofit to file an annual report and an audit with the county, and give live reports to the board twice annually.

County Manager Lloyd Kerr said his review of the policy showed some differences between the new policy and "standard operating procedure" the government already uses for reviewing nonprofits before they are recommended for inclusion in the annual budget.

Martin admitted Kerr was already doing reviews of nonprofits but she told commissioners a written policy would standardize the process for receiving applications.

Cowan, an attorney and former human resources director, said he wanted a written policy

in place that specified the steps a nonprofit must take to receive county funding.

He said his experience showed that judges typically look to see if governments had procedures in place in cases in which claims are made against them.

Kerr said he wanted time to look more closely at the policy to see where it differs from the government's procedure.

"This is not a new thing because we've been doing this for a very long time," he said. "I just wanted to point that out to the board."

However, some commissioners agreed a written policy was needed immediately because the county had not operated with one previously and it could be more easily defended in court.

Martin said the board could make changes after its approval if they discovered major

differences between the policy and current procedures.

The reconsideration angered some community members and other commissioners because the Board voted unanimously for the \$1,500 donation to the Newton County Historical Committee.

Verna Bargie of

Juneteenth organizer said a set policy may have prevented the county from having to reconsider its action after already approving funding.

“It probably could have eliminated all this hostility and whatever,” she said.

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| TENTATIVE BUDGET<br>NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION<br>JULY 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022<br>ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES |                |                    |                       |                        |                    |                          |                           |                      |
|---|----------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
|   | General Fund   | Other State Grants | Special Revenue Funds | Capital Projects Funds | Debt Service Funds | School Food Service Fund | School Principal Accounts | After School Program |
| ANTICIPATED RECEIPTS:   |                |                    |                       |                        |                    |                          |                           |                      |
| Beginning Balance   | \$ 44,687,432  | \$ 0               | \$ 0                  | \$ 1,598,960           | \$ 13,682,701      | \$ 600,000               | \$ 900,000                | \$ 0                 |
| Local Revenue - Ad Valorem Taxes  | 67,945,095     |                    |                       |                        |                    |                          |                           |                      |
| Local Revenue - All Others  | 845,000        |                    |                       | 16,198,000             | 12,000             | 552,000                  | 2,000,000                 | 500,000              |
| Other Sources - Transfer from Other Funds   |                |                    |                       |                        | 7,793,438          | 1,500,000                | 150,000                   |                      |
| State and Federal Revenues  | 120,359,156    | 4,728,976          | 61,473,627            |                        | 1,174,730          | 11,550,685               |                           |                      |
| Total Receipts  | \$ 233,836,683 | \$ 4,728,976       | \$ 61,473,627         | \$ 17,796,960          | \$ 22,662,869      | \$ 14,202,685            | \$ 3,050,000              | \$ 500,000           |
| ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES:   |                |                    |                       |                        |                    |                          |                           |                      |
| Instruction   | \$ 128,528,655 | \$ 4,226,978       | \$ 19,500,599         | \$ 365,000             |                    |                          | \$ 1,170,370              |                      |
| Pupil Services  | 10,654,683     | 25,000             | 3,740,882             |                        |                    |                          |                           |                      |
| Improvement of Instructional Services   | 8,411,162      | 10,000             | 2,200,495             |                        |                    |                          |                           |                      |
| Instructional Staff Training  | 194,876        | 443,548            | 5,510,059             |                        |                    |                          |                           |                      |
| Educational Media Services  | 2,880,154      |                    | 100,000               |                        |                    |                          |                           |                      |
| General Administration  | 1,527,609      |                    | 665,061               |                        |                    |                          |                           |                      |
| School Administration   | 14,086,926     |                    | 420,500               |                        |                    |                          |                           |                      |
| Business Services   | 1,518,226      |                    | 0                     | 120,000                |                    |                          |                           |                      |
| M&O of Plant Services   | 17,007,833     |                    | 25,311,487            | 750,000                |                    |                          |                           |                      |
| Student Transportation  | 11,665,423     | 23,450             | 241,212               | 250,000                |                    |                          |                           |                      |
| Central Support Services  | 3,092,527      |                    | 739,000               | 747,000                |                    |                          |                           |                      |
| Other Support Services  | 158,612        |                    | 3,044,332             |                        |                    |                          |                           | \$ 500,000           |
| Facilities Acquisition & Improvements   |                |                    |                       | 6,172,562              |                    |                          |                           |                      |
| Other Uses (transfers to other funds)   | 1,500,000      |                    |                       | 7,793,438              |                    |                          | 150,000                   |                      |
| School & Community Nutrition  |                |                    |                       |                        |                    | \$ 13,534,827            |                           |                      |
| Enterprise Operations   |                |                    |                       |                        |                    |                          | 829,630                   |                      |
| Debt Service  |                |                    |                       |                        | \$ 6,508,135       |                          |                           |                      |
| Ending Balance  | 32,609,997     | 0                  | 0                     | 1,598,960              | 16,154,734         | 667,858                  | 900,000                   | 0                    |
| Total Expenditures & Reserve  | \$ 233,836,683 | \$ 4,728,976       | \$ 61,473,627         | \$ 17,796,960          | \$ 22,662,869      | \$ 14,202,685            | \$ 3,050,000              | \$ 500,000           |

Your Letters to the Editor

## Reader wants transparent redistricting process

**Dear Editor:**  
Now that the Census over, the redistricting season, which occurs every 10 years, has begun.

In Georgia new maps are drawn by whichever party is in charge of the state legislature. The work is done under a veil of secrecy sanctioned by law. Lacking an open, fair, and public process, everyone — no matter what party — has used this opportunity to protect their incumbents, to the detriment of Georgia voters. The upcoming redistricting will affect our state for the next decade, and voters need to have a say in developing these districts. Communities can have their influence diluted or overly concentrated by map line-drawers interested in partisan gain or pleasing powerful interests.

At a minimum, the House and Senate apportionment committees should:

- Do all the work in public, share all data used, and release proposed maps well in advance of their adoption for public comment.
- Draw maps based on community input given at open public hearings across the state.
- Commit to using independent, non-partisan guidelines to prevent partisan bias.

The non-partisan Fair Districts GA has resources on their website, fairdistrictsga.org to educate citizens about redistricting, and opportunities for involvement to encourage legislators to ensure that the process is fair and transparent.

It is important to contact Sen. Tonya Anderson [tonya.anderson@senate.ga.gov](mailto:tonya.anderson@senate.ga.gov) and ask her to guarantee a transparent, fair, and open process as Georgia’s maps are redrawn.

*Jerelyn Jordan  
Atlanta*

Taylor Beck editor and publisher

# Pondering parallels between gardening and area growth

During my childhood, my parents and grandmother would often team up to raise a garden.

For years it normally ranged about half an acre. As Mawmaw Beck got older, the garden got smaller. Mawmaw would always want plenty of tomatoes, squash and peas to be planted. (Yes, I was one of those kids who grew up watching soap operas with my grandmother while shelling peas.) There’d always be an assortment of other vegetables, too, like peppers and okra. And, of course, it wouldn’t be a garden without planting a few rows of corn.

We spent many springs and summers on that plot of land. As my brothers and I would complain about our backs hurting from staying bent over too long, we’d often hear how Mawmaw grew up picking cotton and living off the land. She’d reminisce about how many pounds of cotton she’d have to tote. She’d also tell us about our dad’s time picking cotton. It was kind of hard to imagine.

I didn’t care too much for the anecdotes at the time — I guess because it didn’t do anything for my back — but, now, there’s nothing I wouldn’t give to hear Maw-

maw tell those stories again and spend one more season in that garden with her.

We were taught many lessons while working in the garden. Possibly the first and simplest proverb learned was, “you reap what you sow,” but I didn’t realize until I was older how much this could be used in all aspects of life.

When it comes to gardening, you can’t just throw out a few seeds and expect a bushel of the world’s best tasting vegetables to sprout from the earth. There’s a lot of planning and work involved. Seeds have to be watered regularly, kept free of weeds and you might even spray pesticides, depending on what type of critters you might have nearby.

If you don’t do those things, what happens? If you don’t remove weeds, your plants’ will starve because the weeds are taking all the water. No pesticides means your crop is subject to being ruined by bugs and other critters. And without water, well, congratulations, you’ve grown a desert.

The bottom line is our actions determine how well the garden grows.

I can’t help but draw many parallels to the growth we’re seeing across Newton County, and local attorney Phil Johnson put it all into perspective when I spoke to him about the Neely Farms development in

Covington a few weeks ago.

For a place like Newton County, which is growing and changing, whether we like it or not, Johnson said what the county and cities need to do is embrace it and plan for it so the area may continue to prosper and remain a beacon for new incoming industries.

“When I was a young man, Newton County had 26 dairy farms and had about 30,000 people,” Johnson said. “Now, we have no dairy farms — nobody’s milking — and about 115,000 people in Newton County. We are changing dramatically, and you see some tension in the community about, ‘Do you want to grow or not grow?’ And I think that when you’re this big and you’re near a metropolitan area like Atlanta that is expanding dramatically and just about pushed as far north as you can reasonably support, they’re going to have to come east and south. So we’re going to grow. It’s a question whether we can do thought-out, planned community kind of growth, or we’re going to grow like in 2005.”

In 2005, he said, the area was booming, but not in a well thought-out manner. When the recession took hold three years later, Johnson said things changed.

“Our primary industry, I think, was starter homes because that’s what we were doing,” he said. “We were

building them all over Newton County, and I did a lot of them ... but there was no connection between them. They were just isolated islands out there. Then the recession came and all that ground to a halt. A lot of people in the development business, they got personally hurt by the recession. But I will tell you, in my opinion, the recession was one of the best things that could have happened in Newton County because it made us stop and take a breath, you know. It let us kind of freeze in place while things like Stanton Springs could mature and become real. And when they did, we began to have a job base that we could support people, and everybody wasn’t dependent on driving in to Atlanta for employment. We could generate jobs. That’s what has made the difference, and we’re seeing a much more thought out, connected growth. This is exactly where the growth ought to be.”

Johnson is right. Regardless if we approve, growth is happening in Newton County. I’m just thankful to see our leaders putting in the work to make the most of it, and, soon enough, we’ll benefit from the fruits of their labor.

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Rev. Lyn Pace religious columnist

## Do we take sides or pray for peace?

I can still feel the sun beating down on my face and hear the cacophony of voices like

it was yesterday. The playground at my elementary school in the small town of Pacolet, South Carolina was where I first learned to choose sides. In this instance, it was in the context of games or sports at recess — flag football,

basketball, tag, and more. Even as I think about it, my stomach starts to twist. “Will I be picked last? What if I’m first, does that mean they think I’m really good at this?” Spoiler alert: I was hardly ever picked first or last.

We learn how to take sides early in life. It seems that all I have been reading lately is about taking sides: Israel or Palestine, to mask or not to mask, Donald Trump or Liz Cheney. My social media feeds are full of passionate and sometimes mean-spirited posts about being on the correct side.

On the one hand, I want to say that this is part of human nature. We want to be on a side, to make things easy and fit into a normal system. To be somewhere in the middle, often known as a grey area, is not often comfortable.

My colleague in religious life at Emory University, Rabbi Jordan Braunig, did some free-writing a few days ago in the wake of all that’s happening in Israel and Gaza. What he ended up with from this contemplative practice (my words, not his) has been shared at least 30 times on Facebook.

He starts with,

*It is possible to pray for peace.*

*Our prayer life need not know our boundaries. No green lines, no dashes, no subtle demarcations.*

I am sharing this with you with his permission even though we have yet to sit down with one another to learn where we stand on this issue. I do not know what side he is on. That conversation will be important to have in person, but it is not always readily accessible, especially in COVID times. Instead, we get to see whatever one or the other posts on social media while we attend to the everyday needs around us with our families, friends, work, communities and more.

He continues:

*We have the capacity to pray for the old couple crouched in their stairwell in Ashkelon and the terrified child in his pajamas in Gaza.*

On the other hand, maybe there is a way to nurture our human nature. Is choosing a side the only option? In some instances, I will admit that it is the way forward. Rabbi Jordan, though, says that “We

have the capacity to pray.” In his poem/prayer, he seems to be pointing us to pray for peace. Or at least urging us to “spread our prayer like a tattered shawl...over the tired shoulders of these and across the narrow frames of those.”

I am not naïve to think that prayer is all there is to this. But, as Rabbi Jordan also says, “We are not naïve, not cowards, nor traitors to pray for peace.” When we pray, we extend the possibilities of our moral imaginations, and the hope is that we see what we did not once see and hear what we did not once hear. That could be for the situation at hand or perhaps about the person (or their Facebook post) directly in front of us.

We are about to celebrate Pentecost in the Christian tradition, 50 days beyond Easter when the Holy Spirit rushed over those early followers and birthed the church. In many of the churches where I have worshipped on Pentecost in the last decade, they have decorated the sanctuary with red balloons, streamers, and banners. Red is the liturgical color that represents the Holy Spirit. The other festive

decorations are meant to celebrate the birth of the church while also representing the tongues of fire that rested on the followers that first Pentecost.

I like to use the image of “the wave” when talking about Pentecost. You know, when you are at a baseball game and someone encourages their section of the stadium to stand up and throw their hands in the air and move their body like an ocean wave. If it catches on, the sight and experience can be overwhelming. From this one small section, one person or small group’s vision, emerges an entire stadium moving a collective wave across 60,000 people.

To get something like that going takes vision, coordination, the ability to see and listen, and results in action. We have the capacity for all these things, and when we tap into our capacity, learn to pray, and use our gifts, we extend the possibilities of our moral imaginations and create new hope.

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

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# Pre-trial program expands eligibility for low-level crimes

**By TOM SPIGOLON**  
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COVINGTON, Ga. — A Newton County judicial system program giving some low-level offenders chances to eventually have clean records has been updated.

District Attorney Randy McGinley said the program now is a more streamlined and effective process while also being open to a wider array of low-level offenses.

“It accomplishes everything that I think is important in such a program,” McGinley said.

“It holds those that committed crimes accountable, it protects victims and our communities, and it gives those that have made a mistake a second chance that won’t follow them around for life, all while building trust in our criminal justice process,” he said.

“One important thing that has not changed is that victims will always be consulted prior to a participants’ entry into the program.”

The Alcovy Judicial Circuit’s Pre-Trial Intervention Program (PTIP) began in 2017 and has helped hundreds of individuals get a second chance at having a clean record, McGinley said.

Georgia law allows for the District Attorney’s Office to create and administer such a program — with entry into the program at the discretion of the District Attorney based upon written guidelines.

However, by law any crime that requires a mandatory minimum sentence of incarceration or imprisonment that cannot be probated is ineligible for participation in the program.



File | The Covington News  
**District Attorney Randy McGinley said the Alcovy Judicial Circuit’s Pre-Trial Intervention Program (PTIP) began in 2017 and has helped hundreds of individuals get a second chance at having a clean record.**

McGinley said the prosecutor assigned to the case screens those who apply for the program — or whom the DA’s office gives an offer to participate — to determine whether the case qualifies, he said in a news release.

However, the assigned prosecutor now will decide which of two tracks the participant’s case fits in: Track I is the “drug track” and Track II is the non-drug track, the release stated.

Track I will cover both drug possession crimes and crimes that arose from substance abuse issues, he said.

It is a longer program than the non-drug track and includes intensive drug screening and treatment designed to address the participant’s underlying problems with addiction, McGinley said.

In addition to shifting to the two-track system, McGinley said other major changes to the program include:

- More drug possession crimes will qualify for participation, including all Schedule III, IV, and V substances as well as marijuana.
- More serious drugs that are listed in Schedules I and II are not eligible because of the nature of those substances,” McGinley said.

- “Exceptions are made for THC oil and cocaine,” he said.
- “Additionally, cases involving a small number of marijuana plants that are clearly for personal use only will be eligible for entry into the program.
- Crimes involving sale, trafficking and possession with intent to distribute will continue to be ineligible for the Alcovy PTIP.
- Track I can be supervised from six to 12 months, while Track II, the non-drug track cases, can be supervised for between three to six months.
- The District Attorney’s Office will hand off responsibility for supervising participants to Georgia Probation Management.
- “This puts supervision in the hands of those who do that regularly while freeing time for DA’s investigators to focus on serious and violent crimes,” McGinley said.
- Any restitution due to victims will now be paid in full at the initial supervision meeting.
- “Therefore, victims will more quickly be made whole,” McGinley said.
- There will be a monthly supervision fee but the initial fee to enter the program has been lowered, he said.

- Payments will now be made to Georgia Probation Management instead of the Clerk’s Office of each county, which expands the methods by which payments can be made, such as online methods.
- He said the Alcovy PTIP serves as an alternative to the traditional prosecution of first-time and lower level offenders by diverting them from the criminal justice system “while also keeping the community safe and ensuring justice for victims,” McGinley said.
- Those who successfully complete the program will have their charges dismissed and the arrest automatically expunged from their record.
- McGinley said the program supervises participants to protect the community.
- It is designed to deter future criminal conduct; reduce the number of less serious cases in the courts; and provide restitution to the victim, McGinley said.
- The program seeks to provide an offender an opportunity to accept responsibility for their actions without having a criminal conviction on the offender’s record;
- It also seeks to provide rehabilitative services, life skills training

and other opportunities to correct the underlying issues that led to criminal activity instead of incarceration, McGinley said.

“As both offices continue to diligently and successfully work towards resolving any backlog of ready for trial cases, we recognize that non-violent and less serious crimes committed by those with no criminal history

can often be resolved through intervention rather than prosecution,” he said.

More information is available in the PTIP Handbook, including details as to what cases may or may not be eligible.

A copy of the handbook is available by visiting [alcovydaoffice.org/pretrial-diversion-program](http://alcovydaoffice.org/pretrial-diversion-program).

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## KILLER:

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home she and Singleton shared and went to her parents’ home in Wray, Georgia, to get a gun and returned to Newton County to confront Singleton.

Testimony at trial indicated bullets recovered at the scene matched those from the gun.

Vining agreed to plead guilty to felony murder in Newton County Superior Court.

In a letter to people with a stake in the case, the Georgia Office of Victim Services gave notice that Vining has been recommended for work release through the state Department of Corrections. That program is a transitional environment prior to release from prison.

Should Vining do well in work release, she could be released to community supervision.

Monroe Mayor John Howard, who was friends with Singelton when both were students at George Walton Academy, has written a letter opposing Vining’s release.

Howard wrote that

he opposes release for Vining because the Singleton family and his friends “have been sentenced to life” without him, and the mayor argued their sentence shouldn’t be more than hers.

Howard also said he thinks incarceration isn’t a good gauge of how Vining would act

in open society, and that Monroe is close to where Vining lived before the crime.

“I have major concerns about the safety and well-being of our community and its people,” he wrote. “We are moving at light-speed building a successful, safe community, and there is absolutely no

way she would ever be welcome in our town.”

People who wish to make a statement on the proposed change in Vining’s status may contact Director Rita Rocker at 800-593-9474 or 404-651-6668, or write [victimservices@pap.ga.gov](mailto:victimservices@pap.ga.gov).

| NOTICE  |  |             |             |             |             |             |             |
|---|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| The City of Social Circle Mayor and Council does hereby announce that the millage rate will be set at a meeting to be held at the Social Circle City Schools Activity Center (MS Gym) 154 Alcova Dr. on June 15, 2021 at 6:30 PM and pursuant to the requirements of O.C.G.A. Section 48-5-32 does hereby publish the following presentation of the current year's tax digest and levy, along with the history of the tax digest and levy for the past five years. In addition there will be public hearings held at the Social Circle City Schools Activity Center (MS Gym) located at 154 Alcova Dr on May 18, 2021 at 6:30 PM, the Social Circle Theater located at 650 Ashley Dr on June 3, 2021 at 6:30 PM and the Social Circle City Schools Activity Center (MS Gym) located at 154 Alcova Dr on June 15, 2021 at 6:30 PM. |  |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| CURRENT 2021 TAX DIGEST AND 5 YEAR HISTORY OF LEVY  |  |             |             |             |             |             |             |
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|   |  |             |             |             |             |             | PROPOSED    |
| V<br>A<br>L<br>U<br>E   | Real & Personal                          | 204,969,871 | 221,470,036 | 232,532,874 | 232,897,131 | 262,635,651 | 266,249,839 |
|   | Motor Vehicles                           | 4,200,770   | 3,393,170   | 2,740,690   | 2,463,390   | 1,915,960   | 1,754,210   |
|   | Mobile Homes                             | 89,730      | 89,050      | 78,188      | 74,830      | 74,660      | 62,282      |
|   | Timber - 100%                            | 46,350      |             |             |             |             | 0           |
|   | Heavy Duty Equipment                     |             |             |             |             |             | 0           |
|   | State Forest Land Assistance Grant Value | 424,491     | 226,877     | 591,417     |             |             |             |
|   | Gross Digest                             | 209,731,212 | 225,179,133 | 235,943,169 | 235,435,351 | 264,626,271 | 268,066,331 |
|   | Less Exemptions                          | 48,780,740  | 46,606,127  | 49,131,694  | 43,867,116  | 53,480,698  | 44,609,569  |
|   | Net Digest Value                         | 160,950,472 | 178,573,006 | 186,811,475 | 191,568,235 | 211,145,573 | 223,456,762 |
| R<br>A<br>T<br>E  | Gross M&O Millage                        | 11.260      | 10.939      | 11.040      | 11.240      | 11.450      | 11.796      |
|   | Less Rollback (LOST)                     | 3.360       | 3.039       | 3.140       | 3.340       | 3.550       | 3.896       |
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**APPLICANT'S NAME:** Christopher Blocker  
**THE APPLICATION** will be heard on June 7, 2021 at 6:30 PM at City of Covington Council Room, 2116 Stallings Street, NW, Covington, GA. This notice is published pursuant to the provisions of Section 5.12.080(C), Covington Municipal Code.

### PUBLIC NOTICE #200365 5/23

### Bids

**SEALED PROPOSALS** will be received by the CITY OF COVINGTON, at CITY HALL, 2194 Emory Street NW, Covington, GA, 30014 until:

Thursday, June 10th at 11:00 A.M., Local Time  
for the: CITY OF COVINGTON, GEORGIA BLANKET CONTRACT FOR MAIN EXTENSIONS – NATURAL GAS SYSTEM  
at which time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Proposals received after the designated time will not be considered. The City seeks to enter into an on-demand service contract for providing all labor, tools, skills, equipment and all incidental materials not supplied by the city for the construction of 2" and 4-inch steel and polyethylene gas main and services within the natural gas service territory of the City of Covington Georgia.  
Bidders shall inform themselves concerning Georgia Laws, and comply with same.

**A MANDATORY** Pre-Bid meeting will be held on Friday, June 4th at 11:00 A.M. at the Covington City Hall complex located at 2194 Emory Street NW, Covington, GA, 30014. Plans, specifications and contract documents are open to public inspection at the Covington City Hall complex located at 2194 Emory Street NW, Covington, GA, 30014. One contract shall be awarded covering all the work, and maximum time for completion shall not exceed the time frame outlined by the City of Covington. Each proposal or bid must be accompanied by a cashier's check or certified check on a duly organized bank made payable to the City of Covington or a bidding bond executed by the bidder, and surety company authorized to transact business in the State of Georgia, in the sum of not less than five percent (5%) of the total amount of the bid. Said check or bond will be returned to the unsuccessful bidder as soon as the contract or contracts have been awarded and to the successful bidder as soon as he has executed the contract or contracts and furnished the necessary bonds, same having been approved by the City's attorney. All bids must be made out on the proposal form furnished in the contract documents, in accordance with the instructions in the Information for Bidders. No interlineations, additions or deletions shall be made in the proposal form by the bidder.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE #200367 5/23,30

### Citations

### CITATION

**ADRIENNE KIZITO** has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **ned** 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.

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

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**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.

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

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

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

### CITATION

**DARLENE J. DUKE** has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **OLLIE J. DUKE**, 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.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE #200271 5/9,16,23,30**

### CITATION

**ELLA MAE COLE** has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **REGINALD E. ESSEX**, 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.

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

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200231 5/9,16,23,30**

### CITATION

**GREGORY HAYDEN YATES** has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **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 o'clock a.m.

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

**NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE**

**COURT 1132 USHER STREET-148 COVINGTON, GA 30014**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200312 5/9,16,23,30**

### CITATION

**JULIA ANN JAMES** has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **DONOVAN S. GLOVER, JR.**, deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A 53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objection must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before JUNE 7, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

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

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE #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 o'clock a.m.

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

**NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE**

**COURT 1132 USHER STREET-148 COVINGTON, GA 30014**

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

### CITATION

**MONICA M. LAWRENCE** has petitioned to 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.

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

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE #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.

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

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200313 5/9,16,23,30**

### CITATION

**RE: ESTATE of CAROLYN SUE SULLIVAN**, Deceased

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

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

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200234 5/23**

### CITATION

**RE: ESTATE of JANE KENT HOOPER**, Deceased

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

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

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200274 5/23**

### CITATION

**RE: ESTATE of MORRIS LEE HAMILTON**, Deceased

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

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

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200314 5/23,30-6/6,13**

### CITATION

**RE: ESTATE of ROBERT FLOYD SUTHARD**, Deceased

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

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

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200235 5/23**

### CITATION

**RE: ESTATE of RUTH BYRD**

**BURDETTE**, Deceased

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

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

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200233 5/23**

### CITATION

**RE: ESTATE of STEPHANIE YVONNE FULLER**, Deceased

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

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

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200228 5/23**

### CITATION

**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 o'clock a.m.

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

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

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

### CITATION

**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.

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

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE #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.

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

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

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

**THE PETITION of BETTY 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 By: Marcia Wynne, Clerk PROBATE COURT NEWTON COUNTY, Georgia**

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

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

**THE PETITION of Teresa Batson Hardv widow of 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

See LEGALS, A7



LEGALS:

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

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200202**  
5/9,16,23,30

Debtors Creditors

**ALL CREDITORS** of the estate of **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 to make immediate payment to:  
**NAME OF** Executor: **JESSICA ELIZABETH SCOTT**

**JESSICA ELIZABETH SCOTT**  
70 MICHAEL RYAN DRIVE  
**PORTERDALE, GA** 30014

**THIS 22ND** day of April, 2021

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200251**  
5/2,9,16,23

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS

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

**THIS 10TH** day of May, 2021  
**JAMES GARRETT Shipp**  
**EXECUTOR** of the Estate  
**OF JAMES Linton Shipp, III**  
**C/O ROBERT Stansfield, Esq.**  
**GREER, STANSFIELD & Turner, LLP**  
**P.O. BOX 1617**  
**COVINGTON, GEORGIA** 30015-1617  
**(770) 786-4390**

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.

**THIS 10TH** day of May, 2021

**FRANK F. Thach, Jr.,**  
**EXECUTOR OF** the Estate  
**OF ROGER Ansley Wallace**  
**C/O ROBERT Stansfield, Esq.**  
**GREER, STANSFIELD & Turner, LLP**  
**P.O. BOX 1617**  
**COVINGTON, GEORGIA** 30015-1617  
**(770) 786-4390**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200336**  
5/16,23,30-6/6

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

**ALL CREDITORS** of the estate of **Jerry Leroy Robinson** late of Newton County, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.  
**THIS 4TH** day of May, 2021  
**NAME:** **ARLENE W. Robinson**  
**TITLE:** **EXECUTOR**  
**ADDRESS:** **320 East Clayton Street, Suite 418**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200310**  
5/23,30-6/6,13

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

**THIS APRIL** day 27TH of 2021  
**(FILE OF** completing this form or first publication dote if left blank)

**MICHAEL T. Byrne** Attorney of the Estate of Michael R. Ford, deceased  
2138 EAST Main Street  
**SNELLVILLE, GEORGIA** 30078  
770-979-4300

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

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

**ALL CREDITORS** of the estate of **DANIEL RAY CONLEY**, deceased, a resident of Newton County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.

**THIS 18** day of May, 2021.

**ELLEN RUTH** Conley Executrix of the Estate of Daniel Ray Conley  
**C/O MICHELLE Chaudhuri**, Esq. Talley & Associates, P.C.  
1892 GA Hwy 138, SE Conyers, GA 30013  
770-483-1431

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200366**  
5/23,30-6/6,13

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

according to law.  
**THIS THE 12TH** day of MAY, 2021.

**JAMES WATTS**  
12661 FRANK DR. S  
**SEMINOLE, FL** 33776

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200354**  
5/23,30-6/6,13

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, 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.

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

**CURTIS MICHAEL 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 CREDITORS

**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 according to law.  
**THIS THE 28th** day of APRIL , 2021.

**WILLIE A. SMITH**  
349 SPRING RD  
**COVINGTON, GA** 30016

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200316**  
5/9,16,23,30

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

**CLUES ACROSS**

1. Holds candles  
7. In possession of  
10. Rodents  
12. Type of cofactor (Brit. sp.)  
13. Hard candy on a stick  
14. Animal of the weasel family  
15. Things that should not be overlooked  
16. "Silence" author  
17. Dried, split lentils  
18. People native to Ghana  
19. Barros and Gasteyer are two  
21. British thermal unit  
22. Large oblong hall  
27. Ethnic group in Asia  
28. Holiday decoration  
33. Milliliter  
34. Open  
36. Health physics concept (abbr.)  
37. Tantric meditation  
38. Where golf games begin  
39. Birth swine  
40. Rip  
41. Remove  
44. Puts together in time  
45. Rotary engines  
48. Skeletal structure  
49. Member of a labor organization  
50. Japanese classical theater  
51. Undergarments

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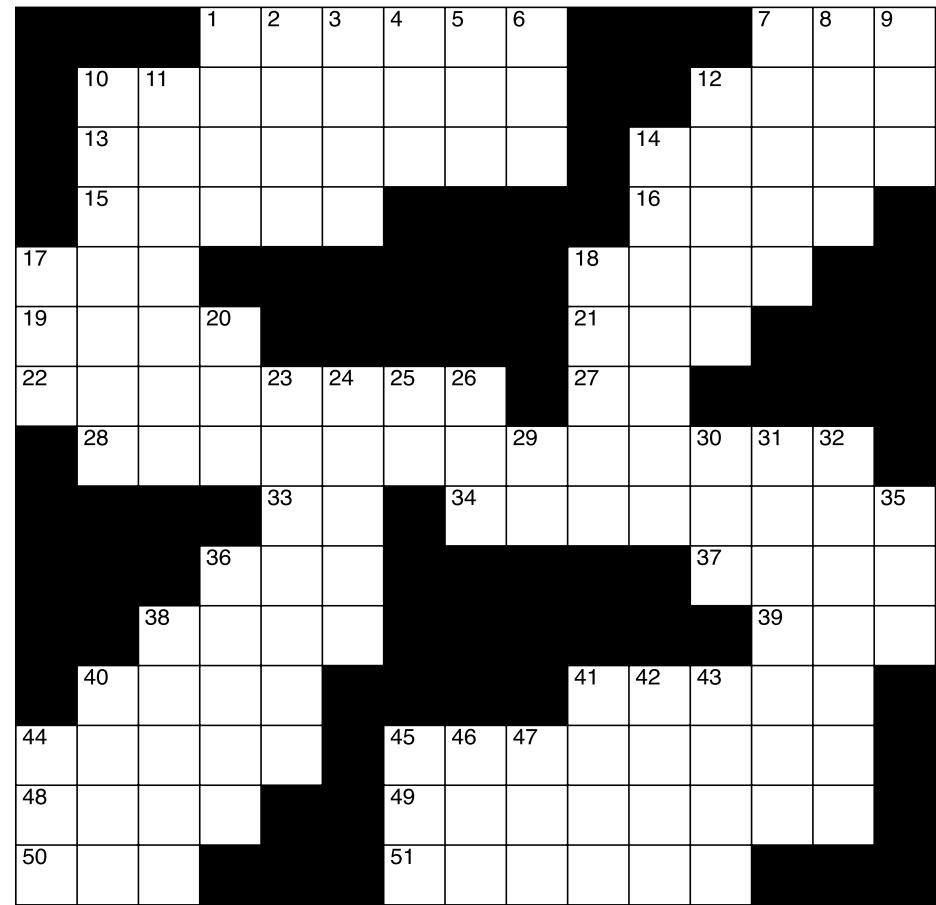
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8. About aviation  
9. Senior officer  
10. Forecasts weather  
11. Seasoned Hungarian soup  
12. Town in Hesse, Germany  
14. Thought to derive from meteorites  
17. Hit lightly  
18. Seemingly bottomless chasm  
20. Title of respect  
23. Warms up  
24. Man and Wight are two

**CLUES ACROSS**

25. Type of scan  
26. Atomic mass unit  
29. Article  
30. Incriminate  
31. Passes by  
32. Most nerve-inducing  
35. David Alan Grier sitcom  
36. Achieve  
38. Freshwater fish  
40. Beginner  
41. Dark brown or black  
42. A newlywed wears one  
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45. Ancient Egyptian King  
46. Old name (abbr.)  
47. Brazilian city (slang)

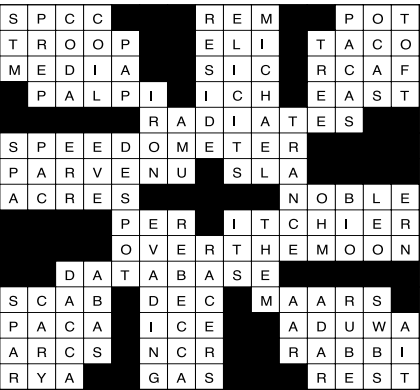
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LAST WEEK’S SOLUTION:



according to law.  
**THIS THE 3RD** day of MAY , 2021.

**CECIL ROZIER, SR**  
2106 GINGER ESTATE DR.  
**CONYERS, GA** 30013

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200326**  
5/9,16,23,30

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **MATTIE LOU JOHNSON** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.  
**THIS THE 12TH** day of MAY, 2021.

**REGIAN PROSSER**  
890 NEWTON FACTORY BRIDGE RD  
**COVINGTON, GA** 30014

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200356**  
5/23,30-6/6,13

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **MOLLY GAYNELLE BURDICK SHAPPELL** 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 21ST** day of APRIL , 2021.

**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  
**MONTECELLO, 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 **PATRICIA SCHOENFELD** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate

representative according to law.

**THIS THE 13th** day of MAY 2021.

**MARIO S. Ninfo**, Attorney for  
**PAIGE STODDARD**, Administrator  
1198 CLARK St., NW  
**COVINGTON, GA** 30014  
770 784 8000  
**ESTATE NO.202-P-133**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200360**  
5/23,30-6/6,13

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **SHARON ELAINE COLEMAN** 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 14TH** day of MAY, 2021.

**JAMES COLEMAN**  
97 GROSS LAKE PARKWAY  
**COVINGTON, GA** 30016

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200355**  
5/23,30-6/6,13

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

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

**TELLY BROWN**  
150 PIEDMONT CIRCLE  
**COVINGTON, GA** 30016

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200246**  
5/2,9,16,23

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **TERRANCE LEE GEALY** 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.

**GARY M. GEALY**  
24170 TROWBRIDGE CT  
**DAPHNE, AL** 36256

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

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the 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 CREDITORS**

**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



# LEGALS:

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**REPRESENTATIVE ACCORDING** to law.  
**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**

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **WILHELMINA STEWART** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.  
**THIS THE** 26th day of APRIL , 2021.

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

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

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

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

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200240**  
**5/2,9,16,23**

**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**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200324**  
**5/9,16,23,30**

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

**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 payment to the undersigned.

**THIS 22ND** day of April, 2021.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200253**  
**5/2,9,16,23**

**Divorces**

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

**JAMES STEPHENS, PLAINTIFF,**  
**V.**  
**LISA HERNANDEZ STEPHENS, DEFENDANT.**

**CIVIL ACTION FILE NO.**2017-CV-2456-2

**ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION**

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

**SO ORDERED**, this 28th day of April, 2021

**JUDGE JOHN M. OTT**  
**SUPERIOR COURT** of Newton County

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

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

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

**ROMAINE ANTHONY HINDS PLAINTIFF**  
**VS.**  
**JADA MONAE WILLIAMS**  
Defendant

**TO: JADA MONAE WILLIAMS**  
**35 CHEROHALA COURT**

COVINGTON, GEORGIA 30016

**CIVIL ACTION FILE NO** 2021-CV-406-1

**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 O. Laguda, Esq., The Laguda Law Group, LLC, **2400 HERODIAN** Way, Suite 145, Smyrna, GA 30080.

**THIS, THE** 5th day of MAY, 2021.

**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 GEORGIA**

**ALLYSON BEHLING PLAINTIFF,**  
**V.**  
**LANCE BEHLING DEFENDANT,**

**CIVIL ACTION NUMBER**  
**2021-CV-720-1**

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

**TO: LANCE BEHLING**  
**5153 FLOYD STREET**  
**COVINGTON, GA 30014**

**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 of the answer upon the plaintiff (if pro se) or upon the plaintiff's attorney (if represented).

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

**THIS, THE** 5TH day of MAY 2021  
**LINDA D. Hays**  
**CLERK OF** Superior

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

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

**CHERYL MATTHEW PLAINTIFF,**  
**V.**  
**ROGER MATTHEW DEFENDANT,**

**CIVIL ACTION NUMBER**  
**2021-CV-719-5**

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

**TO: ROGER MATTHEW**  
**12607 NW 27 HWY**  
**MIAMI FL 33169**

**BY ORDER** of the court for service by publication dated APRIL 14, 2021 you are hereby notified that on 3-30-211 (date of filing) CHERYL MATTHEW (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 W KENDALL WYNNE JR, Judge Superior Court of Newton County.

**THIS, THE** 3RD day of MAY 2021  
**LINDA D. Hays**  
**CLERK OF** Superior

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200299**  
**5/9,16,23,30**

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

**LISA GUY PLAINTIFF**  
**V.**  
**JEFFREY GUY DEFENDANT**

**CIVIL ACTION NUMBER**  
**2020-CV-1138-3**

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

**TO: JEFFREY GUY**  
**888 CROWNELL AVE**  
**UNIONDALE, NY 11553**

**BY ORDER** of the court for service by publication dated APRIL 20 2021 you are hereby notified that on 6/9/2020(date of filing) **LISA A. GUY** (plaintiff) filed suit against you for Divorce . **YOU ARE** required to file an answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for publication with

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

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

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200252**  
**5/2,9,16,23**

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

**MARQUELL BANKS PLAINTIFF**  
**V.**  
**HEATHER EDWARDS-BANKS DEFENDANT**

**CIVIL ACTION NUMBER**  
**2021-CV-972-4**

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

**TO:HEATHER EDWARDS-BANKS**  
**2011 COUNTY RDAPT 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**  
**5/16,23,30-6/6**

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

**MATTHEW WALDO PLAINTIFF**  
**V.**  
**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 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 JEFFREY L. FOSTER, Judge Superior Court of Newton County.

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

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

**Foreclosures**

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF RIGHT TO REDEEM PROPERTY**

**TAKE NOTICE** that: **THE RIGHT** to redeem the following described property, to wit: **20 SHADOWBROOK Trace, 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 56-59, public 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**  
**5/16,23,30-6/6**

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

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

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

**SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED** HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF

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

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

**HSBC BANK USA**, National Association, as Trustee, in trust for the registered holders of ACE Securities Corp. Home Equity Loan Trust, Series 2006-NC3, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates is the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-162.2.

**THE ENTITY** that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: Select Portfolio Servicing, 3217 S. Decker Lake Dr., Salt Lake City, UT 84119, 888-818-6032.

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

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

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

**MCCALLA RAYMER** Leibert Pierce, LLC  
**1544 OLD Alabama Road**  
**ROSWELL, GA 30076**  
**WWW.FORECLOSUREHOTLINE.NET**  
**EXHIBIT "A"**

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

**M A P / P A R C E L # :**

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**MR/MEH 6/1/21**  
**OUR FILE** no. 5841207 - FT 1

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

**NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER IN SECURITY DEED**  
**GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY**

**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 1994, Pages 109-116, Newton 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.** 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. **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 Law, P.C.**  
**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**  
**5/9,16,23,30**

**Juvenile Court**

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

**IN THE INTEREST OF:**  
**K.N. SEX:**  
Male DOB: 10/03/2015  
Case #107-21J-0204  
**A CHILD** Under 18 Years of Age

**SUMMONS**

**TO: ANGELICA NOLLEY, DONALD MANNING,** Mother; Putative Father; **JOHN DOE,** and any other unknown, unnamed biological father or other person(s) claiming to have a parental interest in the minor child named above born to Angelica Nolley on the date above listed.

**YOU ARE** hereby notified that a

Petition (Dependency) was filed on May 11, 2021, in this Court, requesting that the minor child be placed in the care, custody and control of the Georgia Department of Human Services, acting by and through the Newton County Department of Family and Children Services. **YOU ARE** hereby commanded, personally or by attorney, to be and appear at the Newton County Juvenile Court, 1132 Usher Street, NW, Covington, Georgia 30014, for a hearing to be held on the 13th day of July, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., then and there to answer why the prayers for relief as set forth in the Department's Petition should not be granted. **A COPY** of said Petition (Dependency) can be obtained from the Clerk of the Newton County Juvenile Court, at the aforementioned address.

**READ CAREFULLY**

**THIS IS** a very serious matter. This Summons requires you to be present at a formal hearing in the Juvenile Court.

**THE CHILD** and other parties involved may be represented by a lawyer at all stages of these proceedings.

**IF YOU** want a lawyer, you may choose to hire your own lawyer. If you want to hire a lawyer, please contact your lawyer immediately.

**IF YOU** want a lawyer but are not able to hire a lawyer without undue financial hardship, you may ask for a lawyer to be appointed to represent you. The Court would inquire into your financial circumstances and if the Court finds you to be financially unable to hire a lawyer, then a lawyer will be appointed to represent you. Please contact immediately the Newton County Juvenile Court at 770-784-2060 if you wish to request a lawyer to be appointed to represent you. **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE DAY OF COURT TO REQUEST AN ATTORNEY.**

**WHETHER OR** not you decide to hire an attorney, you have the right to attend the hearing of your case, to call witnesses on your behalf, and to question those witnesses brought against you. **WITNESS THE** Hon. Candice Branche, Judge of said Court, this 17th day of May, 2021.

**/S/ JANELL** Gaines

**DEPUTY CLERK, NEWTON COUNTY** Juvenile Court

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200363**  
**5/23,30-6/6,13**

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

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

**SOMER HESTER & MALIK JENNINGS**  
**PETITIONER,**  
**VS.**

**RESPONDENT.**  
**CIVIL ACTION NUMBER** 2021-CV-961-5

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF CHILD**

**SOMER HESTER & MALIK 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 HOMEPPLACE DR**  
**COVINGTON, GA 30016**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200287**  
**5/9,16,23,30**

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

**IN RE: JOSEPH DANIEL PATRICK FORTIN**

**CIVIL ACTION FILE NO.**

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME**

**NOTICE IS** hereby given that **JOSEPH 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 Petition to **CHANGE NAME.**

**PREPARED BY:**  
**GARLAND C. MOORE** Attorney for Petitioner  
**915 CENTER** Street, N.E., Conyers, GA 30012  
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**Newton County government officials hosted a ribbon-cutting and demonstration of the county's new splash pad at Denny Dobbs Park Thursday, May 20. It will open to the public May 29.**  
Tom Spigolon | The Covington News

## Barr running for Hice seat; pledges to continue congressman's work

By **DAVID CLEMONS**  
The Walton Tribune

**MONROE, Ga.** — State Rep. Timothy Barr said he's the man who can keep up Jody Hice's work in Congress.

Barr, 40, announced his candidacy late last week for the Republican nomination for the 10th District seat in Congress. He's served in the state House since 2013.

Hice, a Republican from Greensboro, is giving up the seat he's held since 2015 to run for secretary of state next year.

Barr credits trips to Bolivia with his wife in volunteer work for putting him on the path for public service.

"Their government is extremely oppressive," he said. And along came the children.

"And then as you have a child, you start thinking long term, down the road, 20 years, what does the United States look like for them? So when our daughter came, we actually named her Liberty to remind us on a daily basis, that we need to fight for her liberty to preserve freedom for the next generation."

In his first interview since announcing his candidacy, Barr said the run for Congress is about continuing that work.

"It again goes back to

preserving freedom," he said. "And when the congressman got out, my wife (Melinda) and I started praying about what the next step looked like for us.

"And so it was a tough choice, but in the end, we feel like taking the fight to D.C. to help preserve freedom, to stand up for America, and battle against the cancel culture, was very important.

"We have a need for that conservative leadership that the congressman provided," he said. "And we want to step in and continue that conservative approach in D.C."

Although the 10th District currently stretches from Gwinnett County east to the outskirts of Augusta, and includes the eastern half of Newton County, Barr's Lawrenceville home is just outside in the 7th District, now represented by Carolyn Bourdeaux, a Democrat from Suwanee.

But Barr said he aligns with the culture of the 10th District and thinks the every-decade reapportionment later this year may well put him in the 10th anyway.

"Our values align really, really well — you know, a man of faith with a small business, protecting life and family are super important to me," he said.

During his time in Atlanta, Barr said he's proud to have worked to have supported the Living Infants Fairness Equality Act, also known as the "heartbeat bill." It would have

banned abortion in almost all cases after six weeks.

Gov. Brian Kemp signed the act in 2019, but it was struck down as unconstitutional a year later.

Barr said he and his wife have four children — in addition to Liberty, the family includes Haven, Maverick and Dixie — and two of them were born prematurely.

"Our family spent quite a bit of time in the NICU (neonatal intensive care unit)," Barr said. "We understand that life begins very, very early.

"Those little ones that are premature, just gave us a profound respect for life."

He also pointed to a bill that repeals a law that curtails a citizen's gun rights during a state of emergency, as Georgia has been in for more than a year due to COVID-19.

Otherwise, Barr said he stays vigilant on what is coming down the pike under the Gold Dome.

"I read a lot of legislation and sometimes there are a lot of unintended consequences, so stopping legislation that shouldn't have gone through" is a key accomplishment, he said.

The primary elections for the congressional race will be May 24, 2022, with the general election on Nov. 8, 2022.

Also in the race for the 10th District seat is Dr. Paul Broun of Athens, who held the seat from 2007-15, and businessman Marc McMMain.

## Monroe publisher joins race for Congress

**STAFF REPORTS**  
The Walton Tribune

**MONROE, Ga.** — Proclaiming himself an "outsider" bidding to continue the work of former President Donald Trump, local businessman Marc McMMain announced he is running for Congress.

McMMain is the owner of Town Values magazine, formerly the MTM Shopper. He and his wife, Liliana, live in Monroe.

"Our nation is at a crossroads and our political system has been hijacked by the left," McMMain said in a statement announcing his candidacy.

"We must continue what President Trump started and put America first."

McMMain is running for the 10th District seat now held by Rep. Jody Hice, a Republican from Greensboro. Hice is not seeking a fifth term next year, instead running for secretary of state with Trump's endorsement.

"Career politicians have ruined this country," McMMain said. "I am a proud Christian, husband and Republican who is the ultimate Washington outsider ready to get our

country back on track.

"I started working when I was 14 years old, saved money and paid my own way through community college.

"We need less attorneys in Congress and more people who have walked as I have in the shoes of everyday Americans."

McMMain said he is the youngest of three brothers in a family that moved to Stone Mountain when he was 10. He graduated from Rockdale County High School in 1988 then spent the next year teaching karate and washing cars to save money from college.

He went to college in DeKalb County (now Georgia Piedmont Technical College). McMMain recalled working in a tire warehouse in the mornings, then going to class and teaching in the evenings at a karate school he started.

After earning an associate degree in Spanish, McMMain turned his attention to the karate school, growing it to more than 250 active students. He eventually sold it and began the MTM Shopper in 2003 in Loganville.

McMMain joins a Republican primary that includes state Rep. Timothy Barr of Lawrenceville and former U.S. Rep. Paul Broun of Athens.

## LEGALS:

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**PUBLIC NOTICE #200335**  
5/16,23,30-6/6

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

**IN RE the name change of DONNA M. GAGNE PETITIONER**

**CIVIL ACTION** File # 2021-CV-941-3

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF ADULT**

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

**DONNA M. GAGNE**

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

### Public Hearings

**CITY OF COVINGTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING – PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**JUNE 8, 2021 @ 6PM**

**NOTICE IS** hereby given, per the City of Covington's Code of Ordinances Chapter 16.12 that the below applications were submitted for consideration by the Covington Planning Commission on the following properties:  
**A. REZONING:** PR21-0003-  
**REQUEST** – Rezone noted parcels from existing M2 (Heavy Industrial) TO proposed CR (Corridor Residential) for a proposed 210-unit residential townhome development:  
**LOCATION:** ALCOVY Road  
**TAX MAP** Parcel Number: C079

079  
**OWNERS:** JAMES P. Hayes & Joan Sutherland  
**APPLICANT:** JBW Investments, LLC (Eric Johansen)  
**B. SPECIAL USE PERMIT:** PSU21-0009-

**REQUESTED USE** – 210-unit residential town home development:  
**LOCATION:** ALCOVY Road  
**TAX MAP** Parcel Number: C079 079  
**OWNERS:** JAMES P. Hayes & Joan Sutherland  
**APPLICANT:** JBW Investments, LLC (Eric Johansen)  
**C. SPECIAL USE PERMIT:** PSU21-0007-

**REQUESTED USE** – A 227-unit, townhome development:  
**LOCATION:** DR. ML King Jr. Ave.,  
**TAX MAP** Parcel Number: C082 005B & C082 005C (CM)  
**OWNER:** NEELY Farms Family, LTD.

**APPLICANT:** TAYLOR Weaver  
**D. PRELIMINARY PLAT:** PPP21-0001-  
**REQUEST** - Subdivide +/- 23 acres for a proposed 227-unit, town home development:  
**LOCATION:** DR. ML King Jr., Ave.,  
**TAX MAP** Parcel Number: C082 005E & C082 005F (NR2)  
**OWNER:** DON Barnett  
**APPLICANT:** BLUE River Development (Steve Oexmann)  
**F. ZONING CONDITION**

**AMENDMENT - ZONING CONDITION** for second ingress requirement for Wildwood Phase II development.  
**DUE TO** circumstances necessitated by emergency conditions involving public safety and preservation of public services, public access to this meeting is limited to teleconference and video access. **THE PUBLIC MAY ACCESS THIS MEETING USING THE FOLLOWING LINK:** https://zoom.us/j/91782405503; BY CALLING 1-646-558-8656; Meeting ID: 917 8240 5503  
**ALL INTERESTED** parties are

invited to participate. For more information, contact Renee Criswell, at rcriswell@cityofcovington.org, or 770-385-2178.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200350**  
5/23

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

**JAMIE MARSHALL PLAINTIFF V. TATIANA BROWN DEFENDANT**

**CIVIL ACTION NUMBER**  
2021-CV-1006-2

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

**TO: TATIAN BROWN**  
10119 HENDERSON DR  
COVINGTON, GA 30014

**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) JAMIE MARSHALL (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 JOHN M. OTT, Judge Superior Court of Newton County.

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

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

### Public Sales Auctions

**NOTICE IS** Hereby Given that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property pursuant to the Georgia Self-Storage Facility Act, Georgia Code Section 10-4-210 to 10-4-215. The undersigned will sell by competitive online bidding beginning Monday, May 30, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

at www.storageauctions.com. Online bidding will end on Thursday, June 3, 2021 at 3:30PM.

**UNIT 124,** Luisa Fuentes: Totes Shelving, trash can, Christmas décor, ladders, blower, toolboxes, wheelchair, walker, bedframe, trunks, boxes, file cabinet, multipurpose sprayer, coolers, gas cans, curtain rods, inflatable mattress.  
**UNIT 160,** Ridley Ingram: televisions, couch, t.v. stand, tables, chairs, ladder, gas can, wheelchair, walker, art works, furniture set  
**UNIT 232,** Tasheena Cabell: Day bed, totes, dining table, couch, mattress, plants, dresser, boxes, tables.

**UNIT 407,** Jennifer Christian: Clothing, hand vacuum, totes, luggage, tires, toys, iron board, speaker, shoes, pogo stick, bags  
**UNIT 461,** Jennifer Clark: Grill, headboard, clothing, saw cutter, foreman grill

**PURCHASE MUST** be paid for on the day of the auction with cash and valid ID at the location of the unit. All items are sold as is and must be removed from the property within 72 hours, unless otherwise approved by the Manager, after the time of the sale. Sale is subject to cancellation in the event of a settlement between the owner and the obligated party.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200362**  
5/23-5/26

**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. 2001CHEV SUBURBAN,** VIN # 3GNEC16T61G26857S(WRECKED)

**8. 2002-CHEV TAHOE,** VIN # 1GNEK13Z2H285182(WRECKED)

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

**10. 2002 BMW 3-SERIES,** VIN # WBABN53462JU39669(WRECKED)

**11. 2002 FORD EXPLORER,** VIN # 1FMZU63E72UA42498(WRECKED)

**12. 1991CHEV 510,** VIN # 1GCCS14Z8M8271367(WRECKED)

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

**14.2001DODG DAKOTA,** VIN # 1B7GL22N1S171452(WRECKED)

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

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

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

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

**19.1999 HOND ACCORD,** VIN # 1HGCG3146XA024269(WRECKED)

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

**21. 1996 HOND ACCORD,** VIN # 1HGCG563STA10148S(WRECKED)

**22. 2006 TOYT HIGHLANDER,** VIN # JTEGD21AS60134707(WRECKED)

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200335**  
5/16,23

**PUBLIC AUCTION NOTICE OF SALE**

**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, mattress, books, bags, baskets, purses, & end tables.
- **A126** Duane Johnson: tables, 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 Savoy Park Phase II Owners Association, Inc. have or will be delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia 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 Frank B. Turner, Jr.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200343**  
5/16,23

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

**TO WHOM** It may Concern:  
**PLEASE BE** advised that **THOMAS J. WILLIAMS** whose address is 181 RICHARDS CHAPEL ROAD COVINGTON, GA 30016 and the owner(s) of the certain business now being carried on at 270 VEAL ROAD COVINGTON, GA 30016 in the following trade name, to-wit: BNB FARMS; and that the nature of said business is: FARM 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** 12TH day of MAY , 2021.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200359**  
5/23,30



# Reasons to shop local farmers' markets

**SPECIAL TO THE NEWS**  
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A farmers' market is likely coming to a field or open parking lot near you — if there isn't already one operating nearby. The United States Department of Agriculture says that, between the years of 2008 and 2013, the number of farmers' markets doubled across the country.

Farmers' markets will continue to thrive and expand as people increasingly realize the benefits of supporting local food providers. Buyers who are not yet familiar with farmers' markets can examine the following seven reasons to break the ice.

**Enjoy fresh, seasonal foods**

Foods at farmers' markets tend to be limited to in-season offerings. Some nutritionists suggest eating seasonally available foods is better for your body, because humans ate seasonal produce for thousands of years before shipping and refrigeration changed how people received the majority of their foods. In addition, many people feel that



**Farmers' markets will continue to thrive and expand as people increasingly realize the benefits of supporting local food providers.**

fresh, seasonal foods taste better than the alternatives.

**Discover new foods**

There's always something new at a farmers' market, and this can entice shoppers to expand their flavor palates. Explore interesting, locally grown items. Even children may fall in love with colorful

fruits or vegetables and their refreshing tastes.

**Embrace organic and non-GMO offerings**

Many farmers' markets offer foods that are organically grown and are produced without GMOs. Farmers' market retailers also tend to give firsthand accounts of where their foods come from and how they are grown or raised.

**Indulge in nutritious foods**

The vivid colors and smells emanating from farmers' markets indicate just how fresh and nutritious the offerings tend to be. Farmers who peddle their wares at farmers' markets adhere to careful farming methods to ensure their foods are as nutritious as possible.

**Learn secrets and recipes**

In addition to fresh produce, farmers' markets may offer baked and other prepared goods. Shopkeepers often mingle with their customers, offering trade secrets and recipe ideas. Additionally, local farm families supported by farmers'

markets generally offer supreme customer service to keep shoppers coming back week after week.

**Turn the trip into a social excursion**

A farmers' market can be an exciting and flavorful social gathering place for families and groups of friends, as well as a great place to meet other members of the community. Sometimes farmers also mingle with local artisans, so the market can be a one-stop-shopping locale for locally produced food and art.

**Save money**

Farmers' markets may sell organic produce at a cost comparable or even lower than other retailers. That's because local farmers don't have to transport their items as far as retailers whose foods were shipped from far away places.

Any time of the year is perfect for grabbing a tote bag and browsing the wares at a nearby farmers' market, where shoppers are bound to find something fresh, unique and delicious.

## State budget to fund UGA poultry science, horticulture projects

**By MARIA M. LAMEIRAS**  
UGA CAES News

Gov. Brian Kemp signed the fiscal year 2022 budget for the state of Georgia on May 10 securing \$21.7 million for the construction of phase one of a new Poultry Science Complex on the University of Georgia's Athens campus.

The project will increase the size of the Department of Poultry Science's existing facilities in UGA's College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences (CAES) to 75,000 square feet, expanding instructional and lab space; providing modern, student-centered facilities; and helping

to attract and retain world-class researchers.

"The new building will feature facilities and equipment to provide for advanced research to keep Georgia at the forefront of forward-thinking, relevant poultry research, advancing its UGA Cooperative Extension and outreach programs," said Todd Applegate, head of the Department of Poultry Science. "This will keep staff on the cutting-edge to ensure that industry and government entities increasingly seek them out to address research questions. It will also strategically provide UGA with a competitive advantage in terms of attracting extramural funding to lead innovation to solve grand challenges facing the poultry sector."

State-of-the-art learning labs will bolster the traditional classroom experience with production courses, demonstrations and relevant field-learning exercises and contribute to the department's expanding FFA, 4-H and other youth programs, as well as assist with student recruitment efforts.

"The demand for poultry continues to grow with each new generation and the University of Georgia is committed to attracting the best and the brightest, and developing them into future leaders," Applegate added.

The Poultry Science Complex building campaign is a public-private partnership, and the recent commitment from the Georgia legislature and Gov. Kemp marks their second and largest phase of public support of the project, which has an estimated total project budget of \$54.1 million. Construction is scheduled to begin in spring 2022 with completion in fall 2023.

Ranked the No. 1 poultry science program in the nation, the CAES Department of Poultry Science has been a major contributor of research and university-trained experts that have led to the exponential growth of the state's industry for many decades. The department and its faculty are well-known for their industry-focused innovation.

The first phase of funding for the project came during the current fiscal year, with \$2.2 million allocated from the state for the design of the new Poultry Science Complex. A final capital budget request of \$3.2 million to equip the building is slated to be included in the University System of Georgia's fiscal year 2023 capital budget request.

Private fundraising is underway for the project, said Mary Ann Parsons, senior director of development for CAES.

"Private gifts are critical to complete funding for the Poultry Science Complex and will enable us to grow the industry workforce, improve the learning environment for our students and solve some of the greatest challenges we face as a state, nation and global community into the future," Parsons said. "I join our college leadership and the building steering committee in celebrating the industry leaders, alumni and friends who have given financial support to this

building in our initial efforts and welcome the interest of those who want to be a part of this important advancement at UGA."

To make a gift to the Poultry Science Building Fund, contact Parsons at (706) 542-3390 or visit the CAES giving page.

The fiscal year 2022 budget, which was passed by the Georgia General Assembly on March 31, also includes \$5 million for the design, construction and equipment for a new Multidisciplinary Greenhouse Complex on the UGA Athens campus. This greenhouse project will help bridge the gap between laboratory and field experiments, supporting research within CAES.

"We are so thankful for the support of our governor and state legislature for these critical projects. These funds will ensure that our facilities are capable of producing high-quality results in both horticulture and poultry research, along with providing increased opportunities for hands-on learning for our students in labs and greenhouses," said CAES Dean and Director Nick Place. "Increasing our capacity for innovative research in agricultural and environmental sciences allows CAES to continue serving these industries, our state, and ultimately the world as we develop cutting-edge technologies and practical solutions."



## Agriculture in Georgia

*Firsts*

- Georgia was the first state to charter a state university – The University of Georgia – founded in 1785. It is also the state's land grant university.
- Georgia was the first state to create a state department of agriculture.
- The first agricultural experiment farm and state were established in Savannah in 1735.

**To learn more about Georgia agriculture and how to become a Farm Bureau member, go to [www.gfb.org](http://www.gfb.org)**

### Newton County Farm Bureau

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**Coach of the Year**  
**Brandon Crumbley - Eastside**



**Newcomer of the Year**  
**Reece Payne - Alcovy**



**Pitcher of the Year**  
**Cade Mitchell - Eastside**

## ALL-AREA:

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fielder batted at a .325 clip with a .495 on-base percentage for the Tigers this spring. He notched eight doubles, drew 20 walks, stole eight bases and scored 28 runs en route to being named First Team All-Region 3-AAAAAA.

What did Hughes see in Payne before the start of his varsity career that led him to believe he could produce a special year?

The ‘it’ factor. “Sometimes you see a guy and how he handles himself, and you realize, ‘Hey, this kid’s got it,’” Hughes said. “He’s probably one of the hardest workers we have in the program, if not the hardest worker. He takes care of his business on the field. He takes care of his business in the weight room. He takes care of the little things. “Just watching how he took care of the offseason work going in, watching how he handled practice, watching how he interacted with his teammates — there was just something there that kind of jumped out like, ‘OK, this kid’s about to do something. We just don’t know what it is yet.’”

Payne was penciled into the heart of the lineup from Day One. There were understandable growing pains as he adjusted to the speed and movement of varsity pitching, but

the freshman rose to the challenge.

“Part of putting him up [in the lineup] early in there year was you want to see how he’s going to handle it,” Hughes said. “A lot of freshmen, and even sophomores, when they see that varsity arm on the mound for the first time, you can tell a lot just from how the look. How are they handling their emotions? How are they handling the mental aspect of it?”

As time went on, it became apparent Payne was adjusting just fine.

There were games when Payne faltered at the plate. Sometimes he’d struggle to see a certain pitcher. Other times he’d make hard contact and simply couldn’t avoid fielders’ gloves. But whether he went 0-for-3 or 3-for-4, his demeanor remained unchanged.

“A lot of 14- and 15-year-olds will have that, ‘Woe is me’ attitude or ‘I can’t handle this.’ But nah, he was just a bulldog for us,” Hughes said. “He went out there and kept competing.”

**Pitcher of the Year —**  
**Cade Mitchell**  
**(Eastside)**

There’s no question who the ace of Eastside’s pitching staff was this spring.

Time and time again, senior southpaw Cade Mitchell brought electricity to the mound for the Eagles. And when

he locked in — when all of his pitches were clicking and he was attacking batters downhill — he was among the most dominant arms in the state, if not the country.

Mitchell went 6-1 as a starter in 2021. He posted a 1.33 ERA, allowing just nine earned runs over 61 innings of work. He struggled at times to find the strike zone, resulting in 37 free passes, but countered this with a filthy arsenal that resulted in 126 strikeouts — an average of 14.5 strikeouts per seven innings.

“Some days I could kind of feel it wasn’t going to be there,” Mitchell admitted. “But some times, it was like I couldn’t hear anything. It was just silence.”

Head coach Brandon Crumbley pointed to the left-handers work ethic as the impetus for his breakout season.

“We talked a lot when he was younger about taking that next step of really taking control of his body and his arm. He bought into it, and then he saw the results, and then he really bought into it,” Crumbley said. “I think if he wouldn’t have had COVID shut down his junior season, he would’ve had two really, really good years back-to-back.

But I also think, on the flip side of that, from having the shut-down last year he real-

ized how much harder he had to work to make sure he was prepared for this season. And, you know, just hat’s off to him. I couldn’t be prouder of where he’s come as a pitcher and as a player.”

Mitchell was a reliable workhorse all spring, but two of his outings stood out among the rest.

The first was a 16-strikeout gem in Eastside’s home opener against Jones County, during which he allowed just one hit and one walk over six scoreless innings. The second came in the final week of the regular season when Mitchell struck out 14 while allowing just one hit in a complete game shutout against No. 1 Loganville.

“Those two games, you look back and you go, ‘Man, he was electric those days,’” Crumbley said. “Like he said, there’s some days he didn’t have his best stuff, but even then he battled through it and he gave us a chance to win. On other days, he had really, really good stuff. It’s just a testament to his work ethic and his competitive fire that he has.”

**Coach of the Year —**  
**Brandon Crumbley**  
**(Eastside)**

In his third season since taking over full-time following a stint in an interim role, Eastside head coach Bran-

don Crumbley was the best in the area.

Bar none. Realignment forced Crumbley to navigate through one of the most brutal regions in the state in 8-AAAAA this spring. The Eagles not only brushed shoulders with state powers in three-time defending state champion Loganville, Greenbrier and Walnut Grove, but they traded blows and held their own.

Thanks to a two-game sweep of the top-ranked Red Devils in the final week of the regular season, the Eagles rolled in the Class AAAAA state playoffs as the No. 3 seed following a 21-8 campaign.

An early exit tempered the excitement, but looking back, it will be a season to remember for the Eagles for years to come.

“We played exceptionally well; a lot better than I thought we would’ve. It’s a testament to those guys buying in to my mantra of ‘Trust the Process,’” Crumbley said. “They understood that it was

every single day that we had to come to the ballpark and play hard. You couldn’t take a day off.”

Through 32 games in the regular season and playoffs, the Eagles never dropped more than two contests in a row.

Eastside opened the year with a pair of one-run losses to Ola and Northside, but responded with a nine-game winning streak. After getting swept by Greenbrier in mid-March, the team rattled off six consecutive victories. And after taking a pair of blows at the hands of Walnut Grove over spring break, the team took out its aggression on Jackson County before sweeping a two-game series with the top-ranked team in the classification.

“It’s one of those things where if you buy in to what we’re trying to do, and realize that you have to show up every single day to play hard, then you have good results and you have a fun year,” Crumbley said.



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# NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The City of Social Circle has tentatively adopted a 2021 millage rate which will require an increase in property taxes by 1.86 percent.

All concerned citizens are invited to a public hearing on this tax increase to be held at the Middle School Activity Center located at 154 Alcovia Drive, Social Circle, GA 30025 on May 18, 2021 at 6:30 PM. Times and places of additional public hearings on this tax increase are June 3, 2021 at 6:30 PM at the Social Circle Theater located at 650 Ashley Drive and June 15, 2021 at 6:30 PM at the Middle School Activity Center located at 154 Alcovia Drive, Social Circle, GA 30025.

This tentative increase will result in a millage rate of 7.90 mills, an increase of 0.144 mills. Without this tentative tax increase, the millage rate will be no more than 7.756 mills. The proposed tax increase for a home with a fair market value of \$100,000 is approximately \$5.76.



# SPORTS

The Covington News

Prep Baseball

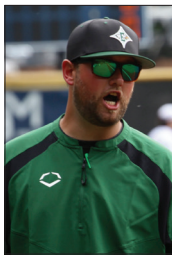
## Crumbley steps down at Eastside

By MASON WITTNER  
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Eastside head baseball coach Brandon Crumbley has stepped down after three seasons at the helm, the school announced Friday.

According to Eastside Athletic Director Phil Davidson, Crumbley has accepted a posi-

tion to coach at White-water High School in Fayetteville. The Newton County School System posted an opening for a head



Brandon Crumbley

baseball coach at Eastside on Friday morning.


“He’s done a great job here,” Davidson said of Crumbley. “Unfortunately, when you’ve got great coaches, they move on eventually. He’ll do well there.”

Crumbley spent the 2018 season in an interim role for the Eagles following the departure of former coach Bruce Evans. He led the club to a Region 4-AAAA runner-up finish and a Sweet 16 appearance, ultimately earning a promotion to full-time head coach.

He compiled a 50-22 record of the past three seasons. Eastside posted a 22-5 mark in

2019 and made a berth in the Class AAAA state playoffs. Following a shortened 2020 campaign due to the pandemic, Crumbley guided the Eagles back to the postseason as members of Class AAAAA this spring.

Whitewater resides in Region 2-AAAAA alongside the likes of Starr’s Mill, which will be playing for the Class AAAAA state title next week, Harris County, Northside and McIntosh. The Wildcats missed out on the playoffs this spring after placing fifth in the region with a 12-14 overall record and 8-10 mark against league opponents.



# Newton County's Diamond Dandies

Trio of Eagles headline Covington News 2021 All-Area Team

Kyle Shivers  
- Eastside

By MASON WITTNER  
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COVINGTON, Ga. — The 2021 prep baseball season was a sight for sore eyes.

The abrupt cancellation of the 2020 campaign gave coaches, players and fans alike a renewed apprecia-

tion for the game. That translated into a high quality of play on diamonds across the area this spring.

Eastside, Newton and Social Circle qualified for the playoffs in their respective classifications, while Alcovy made great strides and garnered experience for a team that will lose just three seniors.

As usual, our area was chock full of elite baseball talent. From the coaching staffs down to the players, each dugout was overflowing with burgeoning stars ready to rewrite history. Every week of the season, one could walk into a ballpark and find a local team engaged in a high-stakes game that feature future collegiate — and, potentially, professional — ballplayers.

It is now our honor

to proudly present the 2021 All-Covington News Baseball Team.

**MVP — Kyle Shivers (Eastside)**

You’d be hard-pressed to find a player anywhere in the state of Georgia who had a more productive season at the plate this spring than Kyle Shivers.

The junior closed out the year batting .523 with a .569 on-base percentage and .817 slugging percentage. He tallied 87 hits — 26 of which were of the extra-base variety — and hit safely in 29 of the Eagles’ 32 games.

To top it all off, his 23 doubles pushed him into third place all-time in GHSA history for two-baggers in a single season. His 2021 campaign now trails only Lanier County’s Alex Lee (1989; 28 doubles) and Oconee County’s Adam Frazier (2010; 24 doubles) for the most single-season doubles ever recorded in the Peach State.

Asked about his historic year, Shivers, a humble leader who notoriously avoids the spotlight, couldn’t help but allow a sheepish grin to steal over his face.

“It went pretty good if I say so myself,” he said.

Eastside head coach Brandon Crumbley credited Shivers’ success to the second baseman’s baseball I.Q. and ability to slow the game down.

“It’s just the type of player he is,” Crumbley said. “He’s just a pure hitter.”

Shivers shifted up and down the top-half of the lineup throughout the year, but the results remained the same. Whether he was leading off an inning or coming to the plate with two outs, he understood what was expected of him. He constantly delivered quality at-bats for the club.

“The moment was never too big for him,” Crumbley said. “No matter if he was hitting leadoff, in the 2-hole or in the 3-hole, he knew what his approach was. He knew what he wanted to do at the plate. If he got a fastball, or even a breaking ball, and it was in the zone, he’d swing at it and he’d hit it.”

As Shivers’ batting average ballooned, opponents took notice. Scouting reports became progressively advanced and pitchers altered their approaches for handling him being in the batter’s box.

And yet, at-bat after at-bat, he continued to produce.

“He did a really good job of when teams started to figure out how to pitch him, he would hit the mistakes that they made,” Crumbley said. “That’s very hard for high school hitters to do. It just shows what type of hitter he is at the elite level.”

**Newcomer of the Year — Reece Payne (Alcovy)**

In late January, Alcovy head coach Jimmy Hughes sat inside his dugout to preview the Tigers’ upcoming season.

“You’re going to want to keep an eye out for freshman Reece Payne,” Hughes told me, “because, more than likely, he’s going to be your Newcomer of the Year.”

Hughes spoke it into existence. But it was Payne’s remarkable campaign that ultimately made his prediction come true.

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