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His Word

The grass withereth, the
flower fadeth: because the
spirit of the Lord bloweth
upon it: surely the people
is grass.

The grass withereth, the
flower fadeth: but the word
of our God shall stand for
ever.

Isaiah 40:7-8, KJV

NEWTON CASHES IN

County receives \$2.6 million from latest data center land sale at Stanton Springs

By **TOM SPIGOLON**
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COVINGTON, Ga. — It took almost 25 years but Newton County has been made “whole” on its investment in Stanton Springs technology park.

The park that began literally as a dream of a former Newton commission chairman has paid off after an industrial recruiter gave a \$2.6 million check to county commissioners Tuesday

night.

Serra Hall, representing the Joint Development Authority (JDA) of Jasper, Morgan, Newton and Walton counties, said the funds are intended to “make the county whole” for its original investment in Stanton Springs in 1998.

Hall delivered the funds totaling \$2,606,250 that represents the 37% share Newton County agreed to fund in the original 1998 agreement that established the park.



Courtesy of Newton County

From left, Joint Development Authority industrial recruiter Serra Hall and Newton County member Jerry Silvio show a representation of a check for \$2.6 million to the Newton County Board of Commissioners from the sale of land in the Stanton Springs industrial park near Social Circle.

She said the check was part of the proceeds from the sale of the technology park's final 620 acres to a company whose identity has not been publicly disclosed.

The JDA gave the four counties a total of \$6,950,000 and the \$2.6 million was Newton County's 37% share.

Hall, who is also vice president of project development for the Newton County Industrial Authority, was part of the group that recruited the company only identified

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Suspect charged in shooting of 70-year-old

By **TOM SPIGOLON**
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COVINGTON, Ga. — A Covington man has been charged in the shooting of a 70-year-old woman Monday, May 3, southwest of Porterdale.

Isaiah McKester Gilbert, 20, of Covington, turned himself in and was arrested Wednesday night, said spokeswoman Caitlin Jett.

The victim in the Monday incident, Irene Clay-Daniels of Covington, was recovering from gunshot wounds at an area hospital, a Newton County Sheriff's Office spokeswoman said.

Gilbert was charged with three counts of Aggravated Assault and one count each of Criminal Damage to Property and Possession of a Firearm during a crime in connection with the incident.

He was being held without bond in the Newton County Detention Center.

Deputies were called to a report of a penetrating trauma incident Monday at a residence on Heaton Place Trail in Covington.

They found the victim who had sustained “major injuries” from a discharged gun and gave her medical assistance before EMS transported her to a local hospital.

The suspect, identified as

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Isaiah
Gilbert



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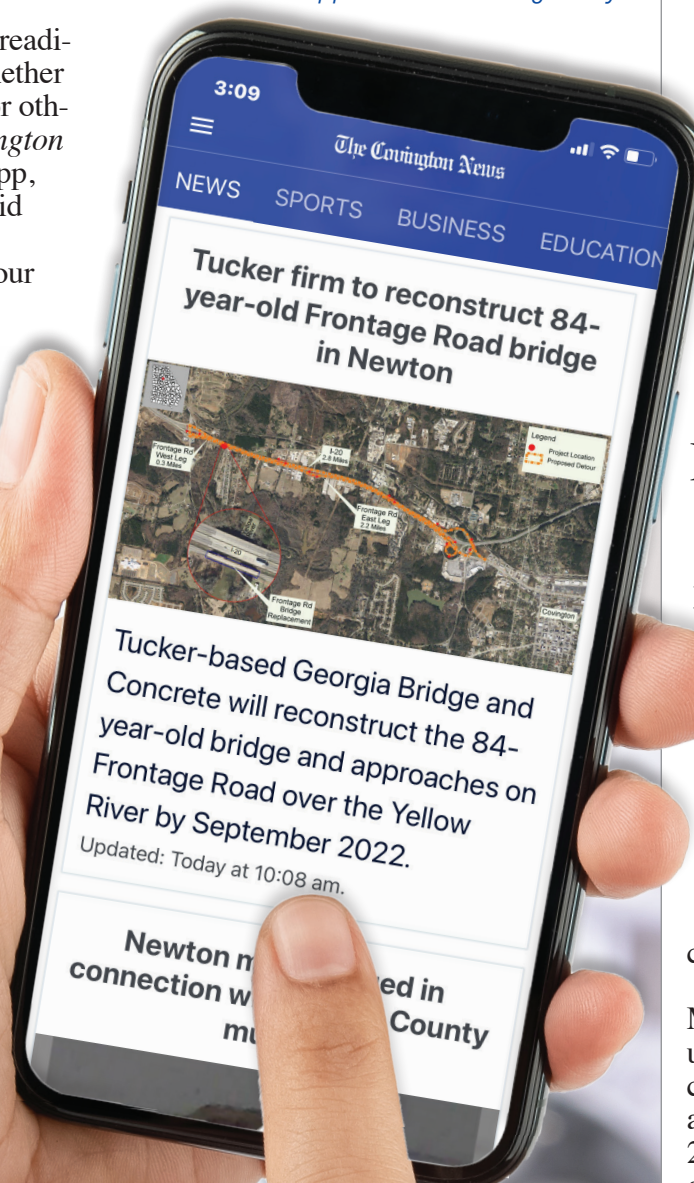
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— Publisher Taylor Beck



The Oaks

Plans to develop housing could make for big changes at The Oaks golf course.

Game changing plans for Oaks?

Rezoning proposed for multi-family, retail at golf course

By **TOM SPIGOLON**
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PORTERDALE, Ga. — The developer of a large-scale, multi-use development in Porterdale is seeking to create a similar development covering much of the site of a longtime golf course in the city.

Covington developer Brad Mitchell is planning a multi-use development that includes commercial, single-family and multi-family uses on the 243-acre site of The Oaks golf course on Brown Bridge Road on the northwest side of Porterdale, the city manager said.

City Councilwoman Kay Piper said she supports the plan.

“It is going to be a wonderful development and will be a great asset,” she said.

Mitchell's company already is developing a multi-use

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• Sunny and clear.



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High: 84° Low: 63°
• Mostly sunny.

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Liberty Middle student saves classmate's life

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COVINGTON, Ga. — It was just a typical day at Liberty Middle School. Sixth-grader, Christian Swope, was eating his lunch in his class Wednesday when he sensed a classmate was in danger. He instantly recognized the signs that his friend was choking and couldn't breathe.

Christian ran to his aid, performed the Heimlich maneuver and successfully dislodged the food from his friend's throat before a tragedy could occur. Christian is only 12 years old.

"My friend was choking and couldn't breathe," Christian said. "My auntie is a nurse and she taught us how to do CPR and the Heimlich so I wasn't scared because I knew what to do."

"I have a skeleton that I bought during nursing school so last year I taught my boys how to do different safety moves," said Christian's very proud aunt, Mercy Aguilar. "I was just so ecstatic and



From left, Superintendent Samantha Fuhrey presents a Coin of Distinction to Christian Swope, a sixth grader at Liberty Middle School. Pictured far right is Liberty Middle School Principal Keisa Vincent.

shocked when I found out. When you get a call from the school during the day you don't expect it to be good news. I was just speechless and absolutely proud when they told me what he did. He actually saved a life.

"When I was teaching both of them the safety moves, I never in my wildest dreams thought they would ever put them to use," she added. "But he did. I'm absolutely proud of him. He actually got it

and was effective using the maneuver."

When they determined his friend would be OK and the frightening experience was over, Christian said his classmates "called me a lifesaver, and they clapped for me."

When asked how he felt, Christian said, "I feel good. And I feel proud of myself. When I got home my auntie called me a hero."

Liberty Middle School Principal Keisa Vincent thinks Chris-

tian is a hero, too.

"Christian stepped in and took charge of the situation and saved his friend's life," Vincent said. "In a situation where many adults may have panicked, Christian was calm and knew what to do. To know how to do the Heimlich maneuver at 12 years old is amazing. He's definitely a hero in my book."

When Newton County Schools Superintendent Samantha Fuhrey learned of Christian's actions, she made it a point to meet him. Thursday morning she paid a surprise visit to Liberty Middle School to meet Christian and present him with her Superintendent's Coin of Distinction.

"This coin is reserved for the individuals who go above and beyond because it's the right thing to do; they are selfless and demonstrate their commitment to others through their actions and words," Fuhrey said to Christian as she presented him the coin. "Very few people receive the Superintendent's Coin of Distinction, but you get it because you're a hero. You saved someone's life when you performed the Heimlich maneuver in the classroom and that is most definitely worthy of the Superintendent's Coin of Distinction."

"He's a remarkable young man," Fuhrey added. "I am beyond proud of him. I reserve the Coin of Distinction for only the best of the best, and Christian definitely meets the criteria."

Fuhrey has only awarded the Coin of Distinction to those who exceed expectations and relatively few coins have been presented during her tenure as school superintendent as it is saved as her highest honor. Students in a class at South Salem Elementary School received coins when they worked together to rescue their teacher, who had a medical emergency on the playground. In another instance, she traveled to Henry County Schools to reward a student who stopped a high school baseball game in the midst of an at-bat to comfort an Eastside High School pitcher whose father had passed away unexpectedly after a medical emergency at a prior game. Most notably, Fuhrey awarded her Coin of Distinction to American civil rights hero, the late Dr. Frederick Douglas Reese who was a member of Selma's "Courageous Eight."

PUBLIC NOTICE

Farmers Market opens Tuesday at Denny Dobbs Park

OBITUARY

By TOM SPIGOLON
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Products from locally grown vegetables and meat to home-made pet accessories are set to be available on opening day of the inaugural county Farmer's Market Tuesday.

The weekly event is set to begin with 13 vendors Tuesday from 4 to 7 p.m. at Denny Dobbs Park at 6252 Georgia Hwy. 212 North and run weekly on Tuesdays through Oct. 26.

Newton County Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring the weekly market to help showcase the area's wide array of home businesses and locally produced products, said organizer Jillian Meert.

Opening day vendors are scheduled to include Little Springs Cattle, Double B Farm, Little Jimmy's Italian Ice, Betsy's Preserves, The Krafty Ladies, Meadowood Gift Boutique, MaddLulu Cafe, Issa Funnel, House of Glam Couture, Newton County Parks and Recreation, Bj's Bob B Que, Southern Vet Sweets and Furberly's, she said.

Meert, an administrative tech for the department, said more vendors will join the market's lineup when their product is available later in the summer.

"I'm hoping to add more vendors each week," she said.

Meert originated the idea after seeing Newton County had no organized weekly markets similar to those operating nearby in towns like Monroe and Conyers.

"After the pandemic, there are small local businesses trying to stay alive," she said. "We want to bring the community back together."

The county department will need to pay for staffing and utilities but vendor fees will allow it to become a self-sustaining event, Meert said.

She said she designed it to be a single-commodity market so that vendors will not be competing against others at the same market. For example, only one vegetable vendor will be present, she said.

Tamara Greene of Little Springs Cattle Co. will offer products from the company's farm store she operates on her family's ranch on Moore's Farm Road in Covington.

Greene said she believes the market can be a success.

"This is an extremely

William Ross "Bill" Stillwell, Jr.

Williams Funeral Home and Crematory

William Ross "Bill" Stillwell, Jr., age 91, passed away Monday, May 3, 2021. Funeral services for Mr. William R. "Bill" Stillwell will be conducted Thursday, May 6, 2021, at 11 a.m. in the Chapel of Williams Funeral Home and Crematory of Milledgeville, with Rev. Mac Enfinger officiating.

Mr. Stillwell was a native of Newton County and had made his home in Milledgeville for most of his life. He was retired from Social Security Administration and worked at Williams Funeral Home for many years as a greeter.

Bill was a member of the First United Methodist Church. He was predeceased by his parents, William Ross Stillwell and Eva Fulton Stillwell; and by his son, Dr. Ross Hampton Stillwell.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley Reeves Stillwell; his sister, Jean Reid of Marietta; and a number of nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers the family request contributions to the First United Methodist Church of Milledgeville, 366 Log Cabin Road, Milledgeville, GA 31061.

Condolences may be expressed online at: www.williamsfuneral.net.

Williams Funeral Home and Crematory of Milledgeville is in charge of arrangements.

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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 Alcova 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 Alcova 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.

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as Baymare LLC.

Newton commission Chairman Marcello Banes said the payment showed the “only way you relieve the taxpayers’ burden” is by recruiting industry that helps take some of the responsibility for funding public services off property owners.

“This is going to be a huge help to the people of Newton County,” he said.

Hall said the county would need to collect property taxes from 968 homes valued at \$200,000 apiece to equal the single \$2.6 million payment from the sale of the land to a potential employer.

Banes also is a member of the JDA that approved a

\$42 billion bond issue and a purchase and sale agreement Feb. 23 for Baymare.

As part of the deal, the JDA agreed to sell the land in the park that covers parts of northeast Newton and the three other counties near Social Circle.

Kathy Morgan, the widow of former Newton County Commission chairman Davis Morgan, said her husband came up with the idea for an industrial park shared by four counties in 1996 literally in a “dream” while sleeping.

She said Davis Morgan realized some job-producing industry was needed so Newton County’s young residents

could find jobs locally rather than having to move away. He also knew participation from all four counties, including Newton, was needed to develop and maintain the park, Mrs. Morgan said.

Mrs. Morgan served as county chairman from 2008 to 2012 when what is now Takeda Pharmaceuticals was recruited to the park.

She said the JDA almost “gave it up” before the company located there after more than a decade.

The agency then hired professionals like Hall and Shane Short of Walton County to recruit industries like Facebook, she said.

Facebook is nearing com-

pletion of one data center and is building a second one that will bring its total investment in Stanton Springs to about \$1 billion.

Morgan credited Banes and Hall with making the park a success — illustrated by companies located in the park that have invested billions in Newton County, she said.

County Manager Lloyd Kerr said the money would be placed in the county’s reserves fund until finance officials know how much tax revenue is available for the 2022 budget.

They then will determine how much of the new money they plan to move to the

General Fund to fill gaps in the budget, he said.

Banes said he was “so grateful to the JDA and Serra Hall and Shane Short for working so hard to bring such great industries, community partners and jobs to our communities.

He credited Davis Morgan and previous boards in the four counties for having the “foresight” to establish Stanton Springs.

“The seeds sown by our past leaders is now bearing fruit to continue to make Newton County and our region prosper,” Banes said.

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project called Cedar Shoals containing single- and multi-family homes and some retail on the city’s southwest side.

City Manager Frank Etheridge noted the plan is only a concept at this point and the placement of specific parts likely will change as it goes through the development review process.

The plan can only go forward if Porter-dale City Council first rezones the site from its current mix of single-family residential and light retail zoning. The request is for a zoning mix allowing single-family and multi-family residential uses and Commercial-General (CG), which allows heavier commercial uses such as appliance and building supply stores.

The site is at the corner of Brown Bridge and Crowell roads that already is developed on other corners with light retail uses.

Its redevelopment proposal calls for about 140,000 square feet of retail space near the intersection of Crowell and Brown Bridge roads.

About 142 single-family lots for homes ranging in size from 5,000 to 3,200 square feet are planned at the rear of the site adjoining the Newton Woods subdivision. Townhomes and a 360-unit apartment complex will fill the remainder of the developable part of the site, according to plans filed with the city.

Three to four entrances are planned on Crowell Road but none on Brown Bridge Road because of its proximity to a wetlands area. Almost half of the site



The Oaks is an 18-hole, par 71 course in Porter-dale that features a driving range and putting green. The course’s history can be traced back to the 1930s.

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is in a floodplain, the plans state.

Plans also call for reserving part of the site for a nine-hole golf course.

The Oaks is an 18-hole, par-71 course that also features a driving range and putting green.

Course manager Richard Schulz is part of a partnership that developed and owns the golf course — which has been zoned for residential uses since at least the 1980s.

He said he has heard numerous offers for buying and developing the course as a residential area in the 30 years he has been involved with The Oaks.

However, he said he had not seen plans of the same high quality as this new proposal and he “might consider” being involved with the development.

“It’s just so early,” Schulz said.

He said he also would need to consider his partners’ feelings about the plan, and such factors as its overall effect on the city of Porter-dale.

“If it’s not good for Porter-dale, it’s not going to happen,” he said.

At least one opponent of the plan, Gladstone Nicholson, told the Newton County Board of Commissioners Tuesday night he doubted the city of Por-

terdale could adequately provide services to the area if developed as planned.

He also said the development would negatively affect homeowners and residents living in neighborhoods along Crowell Road north of Porter-dale because of increased traffic.

District 3 County Commissioner Alana Sanders said she had heard concerns from area residents and discussed the matter with county officials.

Sanders issued the following statement to *The Covington News*:

“I have received numerous calls from my neighbors in regards to this sign that they did not see until last week. I have answered after hours calls of concerns about [a] development of this magnitude affecting the roads, adding additional traffic, and inconveniencing the current neighbors. There are two schools within the area, not including the new subdivisions being built on Brown Bridge that are already congested. The legibility of reading this notice is unbearable unless you are directly in front of the sign; which is what many citizens in District 3 had to do to find out what was occurring. The sign states the meeting is being held at city hall to find out from the city it will

be hosted inside of Porter-dale gym which is misleading. Many of the concerns did not only come from the neighbors of District 3 but those within the county. The residents that reside on Crowell Road expressed their concerns of living in this area for over 30 years and was not contacted about this proposed rezoning. I have spoken to Mr. Kerr our county manager on Monday who stated he would send a letter to Porter-dale expressing the concerns that can affect the county and taxpayers which I mentioned in the commissioners meeting after Mr. Gladstone spoke.

“I also have been questioned how the golf course was able to be annexed in Porter-dale when the address is in Covington. In order to seek additional information to answer the citizens’ questions, I had to consult with the county manager to find out the legalities that were put in place before I was in office and he stated he decided not to send a letter expressing the county concerns.

“Per the County Manager Lloyd Kerr: ‘This property was annexed using a legal method that, in the past, allowed cities to reach out along and follow a state water, (Yellow River) and then use

Public property (what was Newton High and Porter-dale Elementary) to gain contiguity in order to annex. I don’t think this would be possible today as the annexation laws have changed. As I recall, this was done many years ago when alcohol by the drink was not permitted in the county but Porter-dale began allowing alcohol sales by the drink. I am sure there are additional reasons but this is the only way the golf course could sell beer to their customers. I have decided not to send a letter to Porter-dale. We will have project review and can require improvements to mitigate the project impact since they will be accessing the property across our right of

way.’”

Etheridge said Porter-dale was able to offer services including law enforcement and solid waste disposal for residents if the area was developed.

According to a history on The Oaks’ website, Porter-dale Mills began operating a golf course on the same site in the 1930s as an amenity for its workers.

It operated under various names into the 1980s but it apparently stopped being used as a golf course and former owners allowed vegetation on the site to grow wild for years.

An Atlanta group later redeveloped the site and opened The Oaks golf course under Schulz’s guidance in 1990. Porter-dale annexed the site in 2005.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING ON PROPOSED ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET

The Newton County Board of Education will hold a public meeting on the proposed annual operating budget on May 18, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. During this meeting, the board will receive both written and oral comments about the proposed annual operating budget. The proposed annual operating budget is available online at www.newtoncountyschools.org. A copy of the budget is also available for public inspection in the business office of the Newton County Board of Education. The meeting will be held in the Board Room at the Newton County Board of Education Administrative Offices located at 2109 Newton Drive, Covington, Georgia.

CITY OF OXFORD PUBLIC HEARING FY2022 BUDGET REVIEW AND ADOPTION

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

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

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

Marcia Brooks
City Clerk

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Gilbert, left the scene of the incident in a blue Dodge Charger, she said.

Jett said the sheriff’s office’s original posting about the suspect on social media reached more than 27,000 people.

“We thank all those who helped with this case, including those who shared the original post about the incident and those who contacted us with information. We couldn’t have done it without the help from our com-

munity,” Jett wrote.

Those with additional information about the case were asked to contact Investigator Andrinne Roop at aroop@newtonsheriff-ga.org or 678-625-1465.



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OPINIONS

The Covington News

Taylor Beck editor and publisher

Hats off to JDA for job well done

Years ago, my father had the chance to invest in a few little companies called Yahoo!, Microsoft and Apple, among others, but he took a pass. It's easy to see, now, how big of a mistake it was to not take the risk, because he would likely be a millionaire if he chose differently. Those businesses are worth billions of dollars today.



To this day, he'll tell you he regrets not taking the chance, but as they say, "Hindsight is 20-20." Fortunately, our family never suffered from the decision, as my father was, and still is, a hard worker and was able to provide our family with enough to get by and then some.

On the other hand, imagine what would have happened if those companies failed? My dad would have a whole different line of thinking, right?

The truth is, there's a lot of uncertainty that comes with investing. It takes a lot of guts, faith and hard work, too.

In the late 1990s, Newton County partnered with Jasper, Morgan and Walton counties to make a multi-million dollar investment of its own — an investment that actually put the counties in a significant amount of debt — in an effort



Courtesy of Newton County

From left, Joint Development Authority industrial recruiter Serra Hall and members Marcello Banes and Jerry Silvio hold a representation of a check for \$2.6 million to the Newton County Board of Commissioners from the sale of land in the Stanton Springs technology park near Social Circle.

to bring the world's top industries and best available jobs to the area.

Despite a series of roadblocks and challenges that many believed would be impossible to overcome, the investment has finally paid off.

Tuesday night, Serra P. Hall, who is an industrial recruiter for the Joint Development Authority of Jasper, Morgan, Newton and Walton Counties, presented a check to Newton commissioners in the amount of \$2.6 million — an example of the return on investment — from the latest data center property sale. The significance of this amount is tied to the afore-

mentioned debt. The \$2.6 million lifted Newton County out of the hole, meaning every penny received from the billion-dollar companies rooted in Stanton Springs from this point forward will be profit.

As with my father, Newton County could have passed on the opportunity to invest in the business venture. Our leaders could have simply said, "No, let's figure out a financially safer play."

It took a lot of work from our local leaders, including Hall and others aligned with the JDA, to make Stanton Springs and the multi-county investment a success. In fact, nearly a decade went by

before a significant company chose to locate to the area.

Think about that. A decade! Most people would have folded and said, "We tried and failed. Let's do something different." But the JDA never wavered and never lost sight of its mission.

For that, on behalf of our newspaper staff, I want to congratulate the JDA on a job well done and commend our local leaders for their efforts in bringing world-class industries and job opportunities to our home.

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

Dick Yarbrough columnist

When it comes to politics, Newton is one smart cookie

I have a feeling that few of our intrepid public servants under the Gold Dome are familiar with the English scientist Sir Isaac Newton, except that he was the guy that got conked on the head with an apple or maybe the one that invented the cookie with figs in it.



Chances are none have read Newton's Philosophiæ Naturalis Principia Mathematica published way back in 1687 and better known as Newton's laws of motion. In it, his third law of motion states,

"For every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction."

That brings me to the brouhaha that has occurred with the passage of S.B. 202 in the last legislative session, changing the rules on how we will vote in Georgia going forward. Republicans say it was to make the election process more secure. That was the action. I assume they had considered the equal and opposite reaction that was to come. At this point, it has been more than equal.

Opponents of the measure have cowed a host of Georgia-based organizations — Delta Air Lines and the Coca-Cola Company specifically — with

all sorts of threats of boycotts if they don't speak out against the new law, which they claim discourages minorities (read: Democratic supporters) from going to the polls. So far, it seems to be working.

Major League Baseball has moved its All-Star game from Atlanta to Denver. Moviemaker/actor Will Smith announced he would not be filming his latest movie in Georgia, prompting an unimpressed State Sen. Lindsey Tippins, R-Cobb, to observe, "That will be one less film tax credit we have to pay. I'd say we'll be money ahead when he leaves." Zing!

While the actions of opponents of the measure have been long and loud, what about an equal and opposite reaction from supporters of the bill? All I have heard so far is a lot of mumbling and grumbling. Mumbling and grumbling have no impact on a company's bottom line. It takes action.

Democrats, including the President, are referring to the voting rights bill as "Jim Crow 2.0," inferring it is racist. That very term scares the dickens out of companies who envision picket lines and bullhorns at their doorstep. Republicans badly need to refute the Democrats accu-

sations with an equal and opposite message to these companies but I'm not hearing it.

Is there any effort on the part of supporters to call for a boycott of Coca-Cola to make the point that voting bill proponents also have clout? Anybody going out to Delta's headquarters and picket? Anybody going to resolve to fly Southwestern instead? If so, nobody has told me.

I don't think Sir Isaac covered this in his Principia, so let me. (We scientific geniuses must stick together.) There are only two ways to make a political decision — the application of pressure or the absence thereof. In this case, it is the opponents who are applying the pressure and the result is that companies are speaking openly against the new law.

And please don't tell me Coke and Delta and others are doing this out of some altruistic motive. Remember, Delta even bragged about having helped write the bill before they got blowtorched by the bill's opponents. It is all about protecting the bottom line.

These are publicly-owned companies with shareholders looking for a satisfactory rate of return on their investment. They are going to sway in whichever direction the strongest political wind is blowing. Right now, Democrats and

their allies are applying gale force winds. The companies are guessing that there will be no equal and opposite reaction from supporters of S.B. 202.

In truth, Republicans in Georgia are so busy fighting among themselves and threatening to retaliate against each other over who is responsible for the lost presidential election that they seem to have lost sight of who the real enemy is.

American humorist Will Rogers once said he didn't belong to an organized party, he was a Democrat. There is no question that given what is going on today, ol' Will would be a card-carrying Republican.

It will be interesting to see what kind of action, if any, Republicans will take to counteract the Democrats regarding the voting rights bill. They had better do something equal and opposite and do it soon. Right now, they are losing the battle. And don't say they haven't been warned. When it comes to politics and physics, Sir Isaac Newton knows what he is talking about. And his fig cookies aren't too bad, either. —

Dick Yarbrough is an award-winning columnist. He can be reached at dick@dick-yarbrough.com; at P.O. Box 725373, Atlanta, Georgia 31139 or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/dick-yarbrough.

Your Letters to the Editor

City should better enforce its noise rules

Dear Editor:

For the first time in a year, properly vaccinated, we gathered Sunday on the deck of a downtown restaurant with long-time friends. The temperature was perfect, the humidity missing, the vibe good, the menu engaging and the conversation therapeutic and joyous.

But alas, our peace was interrupted repeatedly by what can only be described as needy egos on wheels: boys (grown) driving muscle cars and jacked up trucks with noisy, souped up engines, mufflers that rumbled and shook the air, and occasional blasts of dark, nasty diesel fumes from enhanced exhaust systems. In the relative peace between the rumbling muscle cars and pickups, several times we suffered as packs of motorcycle riders cruised by, similarly intent on destroying a good mood. The noise was deafening, and conversation halted.

Regrettably, we rewarded those immature drivers with long stares, which gave them the attention they wanted, but our stares came with a roll of the eyes and a sad shake of the head. Really, guys?

The city of Covington is conducting its first traffic study in 10 years. Its results will be used to substantiate the placement of new stop signs or pedestrian crosswalks, add or alter stop signs or traffic lights, set speed limits and define parking restrictions or enhancements. Traffic and parking around the Square could hardly be worse these days, but all over the wide area being surveyed, there are impediments to safe travel, whether you are driving, walking or riding a bike. Corrective actions are a must.

I understand that there exists an ordinance meant to hold down unnecessary noise around the Square, but it is not being enforced and that is the key. Make all the laws in the world, write all the ordinances you can dream up, but if there is no enforcement, those laws, those ordinances are meaningless.

While the Downtown Square demands new answers to crowding, let's not forget that noise pollution or lack thereof also contributes to a good or bad outdoor experience. If maybe one or two noise offenders were cited, word might spread to avoid the downtown if you intend to disrupt the peace.

*Barbara M. Morgan
Covington*

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ADRIENNE KIZITO has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of JOHN WESLEY FREEMAN, deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A 53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objection must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before JUNE 7., 2021, next, at ten 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 #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.

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1132 USHER STREET-148
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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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MARCIA WYNNE, CLERK PROBATE COURT NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

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

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.

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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 Hardy 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 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 #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 DONALD LEACH 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 DAY of April, 2021

LINDA C. Leach Executor of the Estate of Donald Leach
C/O ROBERT Stansfield, Esq. Greer, Stansfield & Turner, LLP
P.O. BOX 1617
COVINGTON, GEORGIA 30015-1617 (770) 786-4390

PUBLIC NOTICE #200194
4/18,25-5/2,9

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS

ALL CREDITORS of the estate of HELEN LOUISE DAWKINS 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 30TH day of April, 2021
JENNIFER LYNN Allen
GREGORY LEE Dawkins
CO -EXECUTORS of the Estate
OF HELEN Louise Dawkins
C/O ROBERT Stansfield, Esq. Greer, Stansfield & Turner, LLP
P.O. BOX 1617
COVINGTON, GEORGIA 30015-1617 (770) 786-4390

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

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 13TH day of April, 2021

JAMES GARRETT Shipp
EXECUTOR OF the Estate
OF JAMES Linton Shipp, III
C/O ROBERT Stansfield, Esq. GREER, STANSFIELD & Turner, LLP
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PUBLIC NOTICE #200195
4/18,25-5/2,9

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 date 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

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 BETTY JEAN BELL MANUEL deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.

THIS THE 12th day of APRIL 2021.

EDDIE G. MANUEL
3107 WEST STREET
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200208
4/18,25-5/2,9

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 CAROLYN JEAN HARDEMAN deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.

THIS THE 13th day of APRIL, 2021.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #200204
4/18,25/5/2,9

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 20th 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

See LEGALS, A6

LEGALS:

Continued from A5

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 according to law.
THIS THE 22ND day of APRIL , 2021.

AARON SCHLOSSENBERG
11216 PINWOOD CT
RICHMOND, VA 23238

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

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

SHELLEY LOYD
4687 HWY 162 SOUTH
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #200250
5/2,9,16,23

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

ROBERT BURNETT
171 VIDAL BLVD
DECATUR GA 30030

PUBLIC NOTICE #200244
5/2,9,16,23

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

DANNY KNIGHT
1441 BRADFORD LANE
MONROE, GA 30656

PUBLIC NOTICE #200249
5/2,9,16,23

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **JEANETTE D. HAWKINS-BRITT** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.
THIS THE 27th day of APRIL , 2021.

JOHN HAWKINS
154 PHOENIX DR
EATONTON, GA 31024

PUBLIC NOTICE #200266
5/2,9,16,23

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **JONATHAN MURRAY, SR** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.
THIS THE 12th day of APRIL , 2021.

SHANETHA MURRAY
255 WILLOW SHOALS DR
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #200205
4/18,25-5/2,9

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

MARGARET W. MCDONALD
140 BIRCHWOOD COURT
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200243
5/2,9,16,23

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.
THIS THE 20th day of APRIL , 2021.

CARLOS RHODES
4460 HWY 142
NEWBORN, GA 30056

PUBLIC NOTICE #200247
5/2,9,16,23

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

CAROLA GARVER
18659 KEY DEER CT
PERRY, FL 32348

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

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

FANNIE ALSTON
420 TRELAWNEY CIRCLE
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #200207
4/18,25-5/2,9

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #200248
5/2,9,16,23

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

CECIL ROZIER, SR
2106 GINGER ESTATE DR.
CONVERS, 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 **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
MONTICELLO, GA 31064

PUBLIC NOTICE #200325
5/9,16,23,30

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

CYNTHIA BARTON
11 CORNISH MOUNTAIN RD
OXFORD, GA 30054

PUBLIC NOTICE #200269
5/9,16,23,30

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

DAISY LEACH
180 SUMMERWALK DR
COVINGTON, GA 30016

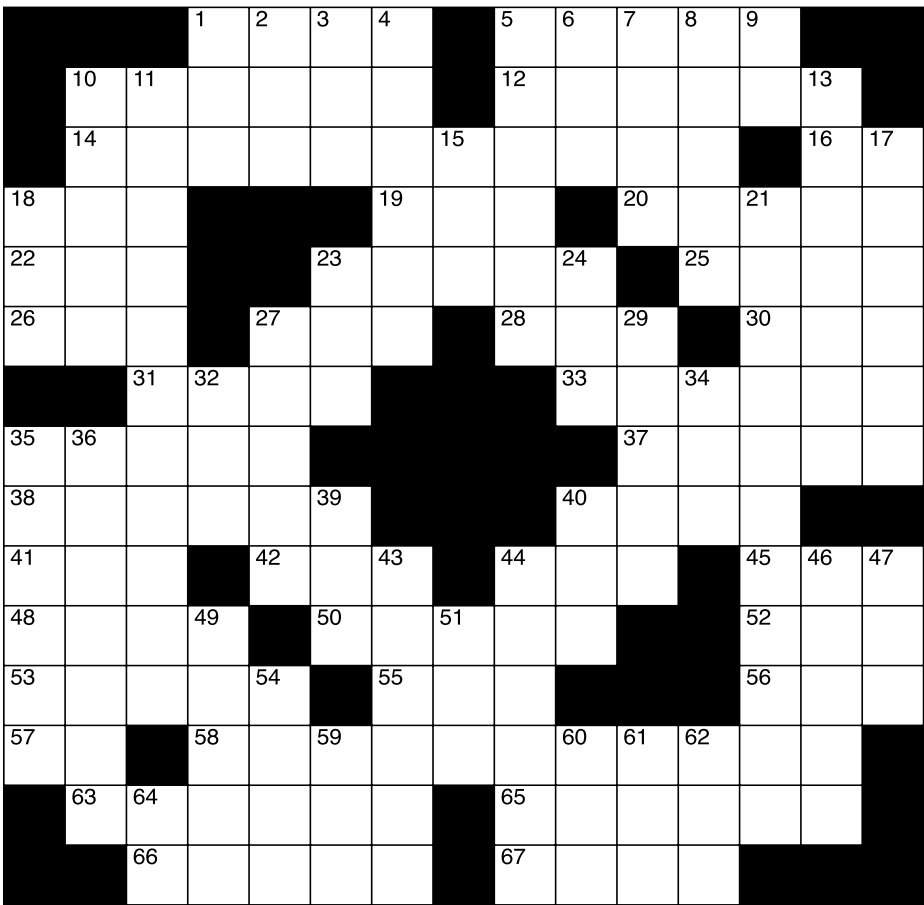
PUBLIC NOTICE #200206
4/18,25-5/2,9

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **TAVIUS SHUNEIL BROWN**

- CLUES ACROSS**
1. Large, flightless birds
 5. Lifts and moves heavy objects
 10. Hyundai sedan
 12. Wear away by erosion
 14. Arranged alphabetically
 16. Top prosecutor
 18. ___-de-sac: Short dead-end street
 19. Digital audiotape
 20. Linguistics pioneer
 22. Singer DiFranco
 23. Arms of the sea
 25. Near-reach weapon (abbr.)
 26. Ballplayer's accessory
 27. You get one at the beach
 28. U.S. founding father
 30. W. Australia indigenous people
 31. Amounts of time
 33. Put on the shelf
 35. Russian dynasty member
 37. City along the Elbe River
 38. A peninsula between the Red Sea and the Persian Gulf
 40. Actor Damon
 41. ___ King Cole, musician
 42. Company that rings receipts
 44. Scatter
 45. Basics
 48. Part of a door
 50. Indicates silence
 52. Moved quickly on foot
 53. Monetary units
 55. A place to crash
 56. Many subconsciousses
 57. Group of countries
 58. About line of latitude
 63. Female follower of Bacchus
 65. A dentist can treat it
 66. Dull brown fabrics
 67. Int'l nonprofit
- CLUES DOWN**
1. Midway between northeast and east
 2. Partner to cheese
 3. One from Utah
 4. A way to move
 5. Playing cards
 6. Baseball stat
 7. Long river in western Asia
 8. Grandmothers

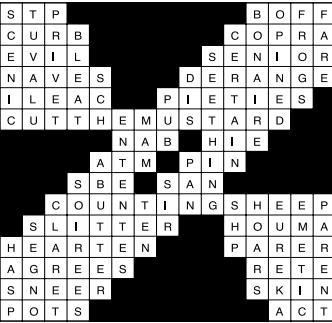
CROSSWORD



9. Entertainment legend Sullivan
10. Steam bath room
11. One who kills
13. Food
15. Swiss river
17. Fleet
18. Taxi
21. Working class
23. More (Spanish)
24. High schoolers' test
27. Large heavily built goat antelope
29. Murdered in his bathtub
32. Tease good-naturedly
34. Morsel
35. Cause persistent resentment
36. A radioactive element

39. Perform in a play
40. Witty remark: Bon ___
43. A great place to kayak
44. Conclude by reasoning
46. In an unfavorable way
47. Complex of nerve tissues (abbr.)
49. Machine for making paper
51. Feline
54. Yugo's hatchback
59. Check
60. Press against lightly
61. Wind-pollinated plants
62. ___compoop
64. Commercial

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:



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 **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' 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

COURTNEY WILLIS PLAINTIFF, -VS- REGINA GLANTON DEFENDANT.

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

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: REGINA GLANTON
85 FIELDVIEW LANE
COVINGTON, GA 30016

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

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #200189
4/18,25-5/2,9

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GERORGIA

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 3-30-21 (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 GERORGIA

LISA GUY PLAINTIFF V. JEFFREY GUY DEFENDANT

CIVIL ACTION NUMBER
2020-CV-1138-3

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: JEFFREY GUY
888 CROWWELL 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 GERORGIA

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) **MATTHEW 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

The News launches app; now available in App Store, Google Play

STAFF REPORTS

news@covnews.com

COVINGTON, Ga. — *The Covington News*, the longtime legal organ for Newton County and the area's oldest newspaper, has launched a new mobile app, Editor and Published Taylor Beck recently announced.

The app, compatible with iPhone and Android smartphones, is

available to download in the App Store and on Google Play.

"This is an exciting time for *The Covington News*," Beck said. "Nearly one year after successfully bringing



Taylor Beck

back a Wednesday edition of the newspaper, we're thrilled to unveil our new app, where we'll be delivering you the news like never before. The app will allow our current and future subscribers the ability to get their daily dose of *The News* wherever they might be.

"Since 1865, it has been *The Covington News*' mission to keep

its readers informed and up to date on the issues of Newton County. We believe this app will only help us in that mission and allow us to thrive in what has become a digital world."

The app can be downloaded for free by any user, but users must have a subscription to fully utilize the app.

A subscription is only \$5 per month.

Once the free app is downloaded to a user's preferred device, Beck said current subscribers only need to log in with their subscription information to access all content.

An additional subscription is not required to use the app.

Users without a subscription will be limited to viewing only free content.

More Info

Downloading our app is simple; just ask yourself:

• Do I have an Apple device?

Visit the App Store and simply search for *The Covington News* and download our app for free!

• Do I have an Android?

Go to the Google Play store and find our app there — again, at no cost to you!

LEGALS:

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**N.E., Suite 300
Atlanta, GA 30346
(770) 220-2535/jw
https://www.lgcs.com/**
***THE LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.**

PUBLIC NOTICE #200226 5/5,12,19,26

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 SIXTYEEN 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 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).

SOLD 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 McPearson 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 6/121
OUR FILE** no. 5841207 - FT1

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

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF

NEWTON NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER IN SECURITY DEED

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**

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 HOMEPLACE DR
COVINGTON, GA 30016**

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

**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

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
GEORGIA, NEWTON County**

THIS IS TO NOTIFY THE PUBLIC OF A PUBLIC HEARING FOR: TRANSMITTAL RESOLUTION FOR THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ELEMENTS & SHORT TERM WORK PROGRAM

A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON THE: 18TH DAY OF MAY, 2021 AT 7:00 PM

MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE NEWTON COUNTY HISTORIC COURTHOUSE, 2ND FLOOR BOARDROOM. THOSE HAVING CONCERNS ABOUT THIS PETITION SHOULD ATTEND THE MEETINGS.

PLEASE NOTE THAT COPIES OF DOCUMENTS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1113 USHER STREET, COVINGTON GA 30014

PRIOR TO THE PUBLIC HEARING, COMMENTS MAY BE SUBMITTED TO JUDY T. JOHNSON, DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES, 678-625-1656 OR jtjohnson@co.newton.ga.us.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200302
5/9**

Public Notice

SALE OF TRACT OF LAND

NEWBORN, GEORGIA owns the tract of land described as follows: All that tract in Newton County, at 119 Fulton Street in Newborn, being a parcel on the southwest side of Fulton Street, across from the southwest end of Porter Street, containing 0.73 acres, more or less, Tax Assessor Parcel Number N002000000034A00, Short Parcel Number N002 034A, described in a Deed of 6/18/2018 which is of record in Deed Book and page 3722 319, Clerk's Office, Newton Superior Court.

THE ABOVE described real property is of no use to the Town because said property cannot be beneficially used by the Town for town purposes. The Town herewith advertises the aforesaid property for sale, to sell said property to the highest responsible bidder by sealed bid. The land is sold As Is.

CALL TOWN Clerk Lisa Rowe at 770-787-1660 to set up an appointment so bid form and materials connected with the proposed sale may be obtained.

SEALED BIDS will be accepted by the Town beginning May 14, 2021 and continuing until 12 p.m. noon on June 7, 2021, at Newborn Town Hall, 4224 Highway 142, Newborn, GA 30056. All bids shall be opened by the Town at 7 p.m. on June 7, 2021, at Town Hall, 4224 Highway 142, NEWBORN, GA 30056.

THE HIGHEST responsible bidder will be selected by the Mayor and Council on June 7, 2021 at 7 p.m. at the Mayor and Council meeting at Town Hall. The Town reserves the right to cancel the sale, reject any and all bids, waive any technicalities or irregularities, sell the property in whole or in part, and to take any action based on the best interests of The Town.

/S/ LISA Rowe

TOWN CLERK

ADMINISTRATIVE USE PERMIT GEORGIA, NEWTON County

AN ADMINISTRATIVE USE PERMIT (AUP21-000002) HAS BEEN FILED WITH THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON THE PROPERTY BELONGING TO:

**CHESS' MIA JAMES
WHOSE SUBJECT PROPERTY ADDRESS/LOCATION IS 13 MANOR OAK DR CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 1.14 ACRES BEING ON TAX MAP 44 PARCEL 264.**

APPLICANT IS REQUESTING AN ADMINISTRATIVE USE PERMIT TO OPERATE A CHILD DAYCARE FACILITY

A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION ON THE:

25TH DAY OF MAY, 2021 AT 7:00PM THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE NEWTON COUNTY HISTORIC COURTHOUSE, 3RD FLOOR BOARDROOM. THOSE HAVING CONCERNS ABOUT THIS PETITION SHOULD ATTEND THE MEETINGS.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200307
5/9**

**CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT
GEORGIA, NEWTON County**

A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (CUP21-000002) HAS BEEN FILED WITH THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON THE PROPERTY BELONGING TO:

**JACK P DAVIS
WHOSE SUBJECT PROPERTY ADDRESS/LOCATION IS HWY 11 CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 46.12 ACRES BEING ON TAX MAP & PARCEL 0112 017.**

APPLICANT IS REQUESTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ESTABLISH A CONVENIENCE STORE WITH UNDERGROUND FUEL TANKS IN THE LITTE RIVER WATERSHED. SEC 420-030 A. B. (2) (5).

A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION ON THE:

25TH DAY OF MAY, 2021 AT 7:00PM A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HEARD BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON THE:

15TH DAY OF JUNE, 2021 AT 7:30 PM

BOTH MEETINGS WILL BE HELD IN THE NEWTON COUNTY HISTORIC COURTHOUSE, 3RD FLOOR BOARDROOM. THOSE HAVING CONCERNS ABOUT THIS PETITION SHOULD ATTEND THE MEETINGS.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200309
5/9**

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

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

PARCELS OF LAND, BEING DESCRIBED AS TAX PARCEL NO. 004800000005600, TAX PARCEL NO. 00489000000013A00, AND TAX PARCEL NO. 0048000000012A00, EACH BEING LOCATED ON STEWART ROAD, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA,

AND THE following adjacent property owners:

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

CIVIL ACTION FILE NO. SUCV2019000480

NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

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

RESPONDENTS ARE hereby commanded to file their Answer to the Petition within 60 days of the date of the Order for Publication, or by June 15, 2021, with the Clerk of Superior Court of Newton County, 1132 Usher Street, NW, Suite 338, Covington, Georgia 30014, and serve a copy of

their Answer on Petitioner's counsel D. Andrew Folkner, at WEISSMAN PC, One Alliance Center, 4th Floor, 3500 Lenox Road, NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30326.

WITNESS, THE Judge of Newton County Superior Court.

THIS 19TH day of April 2021.

BY: CLERK of Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia

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

**REZONING PETITION
GEORGIA, NEWTON County**

A PETITION (REZ21-000003) HAS BEEN FILED WITH THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR A REZONING FOR THE PROPERTIES BELONGING TO NATHANIEL BLY II, JUNE S HILTON & JUDITH S CHESTNUT

WHOSE SUBJECT PROPERTY ADDRESS/LOCATION IS 4425, 4447, 4485 SALEM RD & SMITH STORE RD CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 6 +/- ACRES BEING ON TAX MAP & PARCELS 14-23, 23A, 46 & 46A.

THE PETITIONER HAS INITIATED A REZONE REQUEST FROM R2 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO CH (HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL).

A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION ON THE:

25TH DAY OF MAY, 2021 AT 7:00PM A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HEARD BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON THE:

15TH DAY OF JUNE, 2021 AT 7:30 PM

BOTH MEETINGS WILL BE HELD IN THE NEWTON COUNTY HISTORIC COURTHOUSE, 3RD FLOOR BOARDROOM. THOSE HAVING CONCERNS ABOUT THIS PETITION SHOULD ATTEND THE MEETINGS.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200306
5/9**

**REZONING PETITION
GEORGIA, NEWTON County**

A PETITION (REZ21-000004) HAS BEEN FILED WITH THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR A REZONING FOR THE PROPERTIES BELONGING TO: WILLIAM & GENEVA DERIFIELD, 11133 CITY POND LLC, RAOU & YVONNE KAOUA, DAVID & VALORIE PAYNE, AND MICHAEL & VELMA ANN TRAYLOR

WHOSE SUBJECT PROPERTY ADDRESS/LOCATION IS AT HWY 142 N & CITY POND RD CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 35.04+- ACRES BEING ON TAX MAP & PARCELS 79B-5, 79B-58, 79B-6A, 79B-6, 79B-7 & 79-2A.

THE OWNER HAS INITIATED A REZONE REQUEST FROM M2 (HEAVY INDUSTRIAL) TO RMF (MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL)

A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION ON THE:

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**PUBLIC NOTICE #200308
5/9**

**VARIANCE PETITION
GEORGIA, NEWTON County**

A PETITION (VAR21-000007) HAS BEEN FILED WITH THE NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS FOR A VARIANCE FOR THE PROPERTY BELONGING TO:

**RMS FARM HOLDING INC
WHOSE SUBJECT PROPERTY ADDRESS/LOCATION IS SPEARS RD CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 208.22 ACRES BEING ON TAX MAP & PARCEL 119-001H.**

APPLICANT IS REQUESTING A VARIANCE TO: EXTEND THE ACCESS PORTION OF A FLAG LOT BEYOND 300 FEET.

THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE:

27TH DAY OF MAY, 2021 AT 7:00 P.M.

THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE NEWTON COUNTY HISTORIC COURTHOUSE, 3RD FLOOR BOARDROOM. THOSE HAVING CONCERNS ABOUT THIS PETITION SHOULD ATTEND THE MEETING.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200305
5/9**

Public Sales Auctions

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

lockerfox.com ending **Wednesday the 19th day of May, 2021 at 10:00 AM.** Said property is Space Shop Self Storage, 6177 Jackson Hwy., Covington, GA, 30014

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THE AUCTION will be listed and advertised on lockerfox.com. Space Shop Self Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200226
5/2,9**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

36 STORAGE will hold public sale to enforce lien imposed on said property, as described below, pursuant to the Georgia Self Storage Facility Act. The personal effects belonging to the Tenant, will be sold to the highest bidder online at www.storageauctions.com on or thereafter, Wednesday May 12, 2021. E24 Ethel Marie Thornton.

Trade Names

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

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

THIS THE 13th day of APRIL, 2021.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200196
4/18,25-5/2,9**

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

TO WHOM It may Concern: **PLEASE BE**

Covington honors foster families, Alcovy CASA

City’s proclamation follows Kemp’s signature on bills to ‘cut red tape’ within Georgia’s foster care system

By TAYLOR BECK
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COVINGTON, Ga. — More than 93 Newton County families are certified to provide foster care.

To honor those families and the various organizations that help meet the needs of children in foster care, such as Alcovy CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), Mayor Steve Horton proclaimed May to be Foster Care, CASA, Foster Family Recognition Month.

“I think there’s nothing on this Earth that’s more important than tending to the needs and care of children,” Horton said during the city council’s May 3 meeting.

In part, the proclamation states, “... Whereas, we must come together as a community to recognize the important role foster parents play in caring for children who have experienced abuse and neglect, supporting family reunification and building strong communities; and whereas, we must come together as a community to recognize the vital role a CASA Volunteer has in the life of a child in foster care in caring for their best interest and being the voice of the child; and whereas, during National Foster Care Month



Representatives of Alcovy CASA, members of the Covington City Council and city staff members gather for a photo Monday, May 3, 2021, after Mayor Steve Horton proclaimed May as Foster Care, CASA, Foster Family Recognition Month.

we celebrate all those who have invited a child in need into their hearts and homes and express our profound appreciation for those who make foster care possible...”

Representatives of Alcovy CASA were on hand for the meeting and briefly expressed their thanks to the mayor and council for their support.

The city’s proclamation came on the heels of Gov. Brian Kemp’s signing of multiple bills Monday that essentially “cut the red tape” and make it easier for families to open their home to fostering children.

“Today, I am proud to sign legislation that will make it easier and more

affordable to adopt children in the Peach State, allow grant tuition and fee waivers for eligible foster and adopted students at Georgia’s post-secondary institutions, and remove procedural hurdles for adoptive parents,” the governor said during Monday’s signing event. “Placing our kids in safe and loving homes is not controversial, and I am thankful to the General Assembly for working closely with our office on these important reforms in a bipartisan fashion.”

Bills Kemp signed into law made the following changes:

- Lowered the age requirement for Georgia parents to adopt chil-

- dren from 25 to 21.
- Made adopting children “more affordable.”
- Created opportunity to obtain tuition waivers for foster kids to attend in-state universities.
- Allowed judges to issue arrest warrants for state foster-care workers.
- Gave courts more data on children in foster care.
- Requires a former foster child and current or former foster parents on the state Child Advocate Advisory Committee tasked with evaluating Georgia’s child-protective services.

State Sen. Brian Strickland, R-McDonough, who represents a portion of Newton County, was

one of many state leaders on hand for the Monday signing ceremony.

Last month, Kemp signed a bill into law that would boost the annual tax credit for new foster parents from \$2,000 to \$6,000 annually for the first five years after adoption. He also signed a bill one year ago that prohibits foster parents from engaging in improper sexual behavior with children in their care, closing a loophole in state law.

In other business, the Covington City Council:

- Tabled re-discussion of amendment 1 to Glover Street Drainage Amendment 1 to Glover Street Drainage Project to May 17 at

the request of the city engineer.

- Approved the final reading of an ordinance amendment concerning parks. Horton said amendments included the addition of Heirloom Park, near the Welcome Center, and making a minor to verbiage pertaining to park hours.
- Approved an application to obtain license to sell alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption only for Sean Newton Spirits LLC dba Newton Package, located at 9197 U.S. Highway 278 in Covington.
- Approved the renewal of city’s annual maintenance agreement with Harris Technologies. Annual cost will be \$221,266.92.
- Approved the purchase of a mini-excavator for the Gas Department for \$54,000 to the bole bidder, Mason Tractor. Horton said the purchase fit the budget and no adjustments would be required.
- Approve a Right of Way Deed and a Right of Way Encroachment agreement for Carroll Street, pertaining to Clark’s Grove Subdivision - Phase 2 Final Plat, which was approved a previous meeting.

Horton also proclaimed April 29 as Kidpreneur Day.

Capitol Beat Service contributed to this article.



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Social Circle seeks residents’ input on 2021 tax rate

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SOCIAL CIRCLE, Ga. — Public Hearings have been scheduled by the city council to seek residents’ input for setting the tax rate for the year 2021.

Under Georgia law, whenever property values in the city as a whole increase, or the tax rate, known as millage rate, increases, the City Council must hold at least three public hearings to explain the property tax change.

The total city budget is \$18 million for the 2021 fiscal year. A millage rate is being considered that would provide \$1.74 million from property taxes. A stable property tax income is necessary in order to continue to provide essential city services such as police, fire and street maintenance.

The balance of revenues comes from

local option sales tax, utility fees, permits and licenses.

The mayor and city council are considering a tax rate of 7.9 mills or 0.007900. This is an increase of 0% from the current rate of 7.9 mills or 0.007900.

Assessed property values in the city limits of Social Circle increased 5.83% on average this year. The roll back tax rate would be 7.756 mills, or \$0.007756, which would eliminate the effect of any increase in property value. In addition, property tax revenues will increase due to new construction and industries whose incentive property tax abatement has expired, such that they are paying property taxes on more of the value of their property.

The millage rate is applied to 40% of the assessed value of the property. For example,

the proposed tax for a home with a fair market value of \$100,000 is approximately \$316 at a rate of 7.9 mills as compared to \$310.24 at the rollback rate of 7.756 mills resulting in an increase of approximately \$5.76.

Three public hearings have been scheduled on the proposal of a 7.9 mill property tax rate. Public Hearing dates and times are:

- May 18, 2021 6:30 p.m.

Middle School Activity Center, 154 Alcova Drive

- June 3, 2021 6:30 p.m.

Social Circle Theater, 650 Ashley Drive

- June 15, 2021 6:30 p.m.

Middle School Activity Center, 154 Alcova Drive

The city’s proposed budget is available for viewing at socialcircle-ga.gov.

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community-driven county,” Greene said. “I think people would genuinely love local products. I think they will be genuinely excited about buying local.”

She said being a vendor could help publicize her farm store’s products in a better way than the roadside signs she now uses.

Greene’s farm store opened two weeks before the pandemic hit in March 2020 and many local residents may not know it is open, Greene said.

“My biggest weakness is marketing,” she said. “It’s a good way for people to learn about what we offer.”

The store sells such

items as cuts of meat from Little Springs Cattle Co., as well as locally produced honey and other products.

For more information, visit newtonrecreation.com/501/Farmers-Market. To learn how to become a vendor, call 770-786-4373 ext. 1035 or by email at jmeert@co.newton.ga.us.

Prep Basketball

Covington Academy star inks NLI with Reinhardt

By MASON WITTNER
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Andrew Jones’ dream of playing for a college basketball program was realized Thursday afternoon. The Covington Academy senior was

surrounded by family, friends and former coaches as he signed a scholarship to continue his academic and athletic career at Reinhardt University in Waleska, Ga..

“It means a lot,” Jones said. “I’ve

worked for this since I was, like, 4 years old, so just to live out my dream and be able to play college ball is a blessing.”

Jones has been a stalwart in the Bulldogs basketball program for the past seven years.

He helped lead Covington Academy’s middle school program to a region championship before taking his talents to the varsity level, where he won two more region titles and culminated his prep career with the 2020-21

GAPPS Division I-A state championship this winter.

“The biggest thing with Andrew is just his heart, his love for the game and his drive,” Covington Academy Athletic Director Travis Price said. “He’s not always the best player on the floor, but he pushes his team to be better with his love for the game. That’s what’s exciting about getting to see him do it at the next level.”

Reflecting on his time with the Bulldogs, Jones lauded the program for the developmental figures who have positively impacted his career.

“I’ve cherished a lot of memories with a bunch of friends and all my coaches,” he said. “This basketball program is really good. To be able to win a state championship my last year is pretty great too. This has just been amazing.”



Mason Wittner | The Covington News

Covington Academy senior Andrew Jones signed a basketball scholarship Thursday to play for Reinhardt University in Waleska, Ga. Jackson was a key member of the Bulldogs squad that won the 2020-21 GAPPS Division I-A state title

Prep Football

Piedmont coach leaving for Wheeler County

By CHRIS BRIDGES
Correspondent

Will Johnson had a high level of success in multiple sports while coaching at Piedmont Academy.

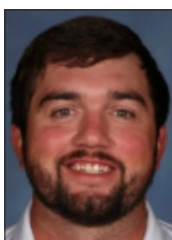
Now the coach will look to a new chapter in his professional career. Johnson recently accepted a position as varsity boys’ basketball coach as well as offensive coordinator for the football program at Wheeler County High School in Alamo.

“It was not something I expected even a few weeks ago,” the coach said.

Johnson guided the Cougars to consecutive GISA Class A state runner-up seasons on the

football field. In addition, he rebuilt the varsity boys basketball program in recent seasons. Piedmont reached the state quarterfinals in basketball for the 2020-21 season while earning 18 victories and a region championship.

In addition to football and basketball, Johnson coached the golf team at Piedmont. His team won the region championship this spring on the links and finished sixth at state.



Will Johnson

The decision to accept the new roles at a new school was not an easy one for the coach. He had five offers for the upcoming school year, including one to remain at Piedmont.

“I have loved every minute that I have been here,” Johnson said. “You never know how things will work out down the road. I could see myself coaching here again.”

Wheeler County is a Class A GHSA school that is looking to improve its offensive output on the football field. Thomas Jefferson Academy coach Terrence Hennessy, who battled Piedmont the past two seasons in the

state championship, said Johnson has an impressive mind for the offensive side of the football using numerous formations and sets.

Johnson is a 2010 graduate of Robert Toombs Academy and was a member of the Valdosta State University Division II national championship team in 2012. He worked as an assistant at Piedmont for two years before being promoted to head football coach.

Piedmont Academy officials are currently interviewing candidates for the vacant positions.

REDSKINS:

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at 3-2.

The Gryphons continued to have success at the plate in the fourth inning, pushing across three more runs to open up a 6-2 lead.

Social Circle’s Mitchell McCullough trimmed his team’s deficit with an RBI double in the fifth, but the Redskins had no answer defensively as they went on to give up a pair of runs in the fifth and sixth innings, respectively, and suffer a seven-run loss.

Riding the high of their offensive awakening late in Game 1, ACE Charter put Game 2 away before it could begin. The Gryphons struck for three runs in the first inning, four more in the second and a pair in the third to build a seemingly insurmountable 9-3 lead. They would go on to cruise to a 13-3 win and advance to the Eight Eight.

Social Circle closed

out its 2021 season 17-16 overall. Under the leadership of second-year head coach Kevin Dawkins — the club’s third head coach in four seasons — the

Redskins sped up the rebuilding process by being a force in Region 8 A-Public despite fielding a roster with just one junior and one senior.

Awaiting top-seeded ACE Charter in the third round will be No. 2 seed Claxton, which swept Seminole County (10-3, 8-1) in the Sweet 16 to extend its season.

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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

CITY OF SOCIAL CIRCLE		2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
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V A L U 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 A T 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
	Net M&O Millage Rate	7.900	7.900	7.900	7.900	7.900	7.900
T A X	Total City Taxes Levied	\$1,271,509	\$1,410,727	\$1,475,811	\$1,513,389	\$1,668,050	\$1,765,308
	Net Taxes \$ Increase	\$284,099	\$139,218	\$65,084	\$37,578	\$154,661	\$97,258
	Net Taxes % Increase	28.77%	10.95%	4.61%	2.55%	10.22%	5.83%

SPORTS

The Covington News

Prep Baseball



File | Mason Wittner | The Covington News
Social Circle's 2021 season ended with a pair of losses to ACE Charter in the second round of the Class A-Public state playoffs Wednesday.

Redskins bounced from state playoffs

By MASON WITTNER
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Social Circle's 2021 season came to an end in the Sweet 16 on Wednesday.

In Macon to face top-seeded ACE Charter in the second round of the Class A-Public state playoffs, the No. 3 seed Redskins sputtered late in a 10-3 defeat in Game 1 before falling behind early in a 13-3 loss in Game 2.

The first leg of the second-round doubleheader saw Social Circle waste little time jumping out in front. Mason Moore led the game off with a single, coming home to score three at-bats later on Logan Cross' RBI knock. Mason Hill followed Cross with a run-scoring hit of his

own — a double to center field — to push the lead out to 2-0.

Redskin ace Jason Ball took the mound with a small cushion and looked sharp early on, breezing through the first two innings and recording a pair of quick outs in the third. But that's when the Gryphons showed their first sign of life.

Following a pair of walks, ACE Charter's Chandler Mitchell laced an RBI single to left field to put his team on the board. Teammates Zane Johnson and Fisher Timms then came to the plate and kept the line moving with back-to-back RBI singles, giving ACE Charter its first advantage of the day

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College Athletics

Pay day ahead for college athletes?



Courtesy of Office of Gov. Brian Kemp

Gov. Brian Kemp signed a bill Thursday that will allow college student-athletes at Georgia colleges, universities and technical college to capitalize off the use of their name, image and likeness.

Kemp OKs bill for Georgia athletes to profit from image, likeness

By BEAU EVANS
Capitol Beat News Service

Gov. Brian Kemp signed legislation Thursday allowing student-athletes at Georgia colleges, universities and technical colleges to receive compensation for the use of their name, image and likeness.

The bill, sponsored by state Rep. Chuck Martin, R-Alpharetta, came as schools and the NCAA reckon with a growing push to permit certain kinds of financial benefits for college

athletes who are often the focus of lucrative advertising campaigns and video games.

Kemp, a University of Georgia (UGA) alumnus and advocate, said the new allowances on athlete compensation should help give the state a competitive edge in attracting talented players and students from within Georgia and beyond.

"I believe it sets Georgia on the path to accomplish something that quite honestly should have been done

a long time ago," Kemp said during a bill-signing ceremony at UGA Thursday.

"Thanks to [the bill], student athletes from across the country will have Georgia on their mind when they're looking for a campus and a university that can give them a world-class education but also the chance to compete at the highest levels of college athletics."

Under the bill, college athletes in Georgia will be required to take five hours of a financial literacy and life skills workshop to ready them for the added burdens of receiving compensation for sports performance.

Schools will also have the ability to require that student athletes pool their compensation and deposit the earnings in an escrow account, from which they cannot withdraw funds until at least one year after they graduate or leave school.

Additionally, the bill bars schools from offering cash or other incentives to high-school recruits and requires sports agents seeking to represent college ath-

letes to obtain the same type of license needed to represent professional athletes.

The new pay rules take effect on July 1 and will remain in place until either mid-2025 or until Congress passes federal legislation allowing for nationwide college-athlete compensation. Several bills have already been introduced in Congress on athlete pay.

So far, the NCAA has largely resisted moves to permit compensation for student athletes, prompting several lawsuits challenging the organization's authority to block student athletes from being paid despite also profiting from their skills.

The U.S. Supreme Court heard arguments March 31 in a landmark case from California brought by former West Virginia running back Shawne Alston, who sued the NCAA and several college leagues in 2014 for not allowing compensation to pay for costs beyond what his scholarship covered. The court has not yet issued a ruling in the case.



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