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SPORTS EXTRA:

Rams continue push for playoff positioning

See how Newton and other area schools fared Friday night

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Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Matthew 6:19-21, KJV

Best in business

Peach State ranked No. 1 for eighth straight year



Taylor Beck | The Covington Nev

Bridgestone Golf played host to Gov. Brian Kemp and other state officials Thursday in Covington to celebrate Georgia being ranked No. 1 for doing business for an eighth straight year by Site Selection magazine. Pictured (from left) are Bridgestone Golf President and CEO Dan Murphy, Georgia Department of Economic Development Commissioner Pat Wilson, Site Selection Editor in Chief Mark Arend, Kemp, and Georgia's First Lady Marty Kemp.

By TAYLOR BECK tbeck@covnews.com

COVINGTON, Ga. — Gov. Brian Kemp took the stage Thursday at Bridgestone Golf in Covington to announce Georgia was once again ranked the best state for business.

The announcement was record-breaking, as the Peach State was named No. 1 for business climate for an eighth

straight year by Site Selection

magazine.

"I'm so proud that the great state of Georgia has earned this top business distinction for a record-setting eight years, and it is an honor to accept this award from Site Selection magazine," Kemp said. "Our top-notch workforce development programs and pro-business environment, along with our strong logistics infrastructure, have further solidified the Peach State as the best place in the nation to live, work, and raise a family. I thank our partners in both the public and private sectors, and the hardworking Georgians who helped us shatter our own record with this unprecedented achievement."

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Newton extends mask requirement in county facilities

County manager recovering from October COVID-19 bout

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COVINGTON,

Ga. — County commissioners recently extended a mask mandate to protect those visiting county-owned parks or buildings against the spread of COVID-19 through the end of the

Commissioners at their most recent meeting also heard County Manager Lloyd Kerr describe his experience with the disease after returning in late October from a weeks-long quarantine because of the disease.

"From a personal standpoint, I wouldn't wish it on anybody," Kerr said.

The county commission on Nov. 3 voted to extend an ordinance through Dec. 31 that requires masks or face coverings in all county government buildings and parks.

The ordinance — which applies to county-owned facilities both in unincorporated areas and inside the cities — had expired Oct. 31.

Commissioners on Aug. 18 and Sept. 1



Kerr

and face coverings.

It applies to the public spaces of any facilities where county employees would inter-

to wear

masks

act with the public.

However, it does not apply to any residential properties owned or leased; private property where the owner does not consent to enforcement of the ordinance; public safety workers; medical professionals; and those who object for religious, ethical or health reasons.

It also does not apply to the Judge Horace
J. Johnson Jr. Judicial
Building that is controlled by the Alcovy
Judicial Circuit.

Kerr, who has served as county manager since August 2016, said this week he was at home battling the

See MASK, A2

General Election

Hand recount underway across Georgia

By TOM SPIGOLON tspigolon@covnews.com

COVINGTON,
Ga. — The county
elections board chairman says the staff is
ready to work through
Wednesday, Nov. 18,
to do a hand recount of
the presidential votes
cast in Newton after
the Secretary of State

And one of Newton County's two congressmen was among Republicans who had called for the hand recount of every presidential ballot cast in Georgia's Nov. 3 General Election before

approved the action last

week.

Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger authorized it Wednesday, Nov. 11.

County elections board chairman Phil Johnson said the staff — including five full-time staff members and about 15 temporary workers — began Friday and worked through the weekend to do the recount.

"It will be a challenge but we'll get it done," he said.

The elections office must have the recount done and the board certify it by Nov. 20,

See RECOUNT, A3

Governor encourages residents to 'embrace' recount process



Brian Kemp

By TAYLOR BECK theck@covnews.com

COVINGTON, Ga. —

During a visit to Bridgestone Golf in Covington to announce Georgia's top ranking for doing business, Gov. Brian Kemp was pressed with questions regarding Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger and the hand recount of ballots cast in the presidential election.

Raffensperger authorized Wednesday, Nov. 11, a hand recount of the state's Nov. 3 General

Election results days after Republican U.S. Sens. David Perdue and Kelly Loeffler called for the the secretary's resignation.

Perdue and Loeffler called Raffensperger's

See GOVERNOR, A9

Newton officials deny Trump campaign dead voter claim

By TOM SPIGOLON tspigolon@covnews.com

COVINGTON,

COVINGTON,
Ga. — Newton County elections officials
Thursday denied President Donald Trump's
campaign's claim that

"someone" used a dead Covington voter's information to cast an illegal ballot in the Nov. 3 election.

The registration of the late voter, James E. Blalock Jr., was canceled in the same year he died in 2006, county election officials said Thursday, Nov. 12.

His widow is legally registered under the name Mrs. James E. Blalock Jr. rather than

her own first name and has voted regularly using that name since 1992, according to records from the county election office.

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Kemp voices confidence despite uptick in COVID-19 cases

Virus hits local long-term care facilities with force; Newton school closes due to rise in cases

have much of an effect,

if any.

By TAYLOR BECK tbeck@covnews.com

COVINGTON, Ga. Despite an uptick in COVID-19 cases across Georgia and the U.S., Gov. Brian Kemp said the Peach State was in good shape.

At an event held in Covington on Thursday, the governor talked about the pandemic's effect on business and economic growth within the state moving forward. He said virus "flare-ups" wouldn't

"I don't think it's going to affect it at all because people like (Bridgestone Golf in Covington) have done an unbelievable job," Kemp said. "We've shown to the rest of the country and the world

that we can reopen safely in a measured way, but we've got to continue to be vigilant.

"I'm very thankful for the position that

though we've seen a small uptick in hospitalizations," he continued. "I had a call with a metro-Atlanta CEO — none of them are concerned. They've got everything under control. We're talking to them about PPE, therapeutics, vaccine distribution, so we continue to work on all of that.

we're in now even

"So, we're in a really good spot, but I want

to urge my fellow citizens — and this goes to my family as well — to continue to be vigilant. Wear your mask when you're at public events and you can't socially distance. Social distance, wash your hands and continue to follow the guidance that we have. (Georgia Department of Public Health Commissioner Dr. Kathleen

See CONFIDENCE, A9

Man found dead off Turner Lake Road

STAFF REPORTS

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COVINGTON, Ga. – A Florida man was found dead Wednesday morning off of Turner Lake Road in Covington, Covington Police Captain Ken Malcom said.

Malcom said officers located Carlos Arroda, 59, of Springhill, Florida, in the wooded area behind K-Mart/Ingles while responding to a call made about a cardiac arrest.

Arroda's body was found under a "makeshift tent," Malcom said, and it appeared the man had died "days earlier."

Malcom said Arroda was initially discovered by another person living in the same

area. The person told authorities Arroda had been terminally ill.

Upon an investigation by Deputy Coroner Steve Jones and Covington police detectives, Malcom said no evidence of trauma or foul play had been found.

The body was taken to the GBI's Crime Lab for an autopsy.

to study with local fam-

ilies. Mrs. Adams did

well enough that her

family sponsored her

attendance at Monroe

High School, where

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disease for almost three weeks in October.

He said he had been on vacation and began to feel some symptoms of the disease before an Oct. 7 county commission meeting.

Kerr decided not to attend the meeting and tested positive for the disease the following day.

He said he returned to work on Oct. 26 and is still feeling some symptoms of the disease such as fatigue — that will require a few more weeks to get past.

The county manager briefly described his experience with the disease for commissioners Nov. 3 during his first board meeting following his

"Thank you very much for all your thoughts and prayers," Kerr said.

"I had a very difficult time but I'm a lot better now," he said. "I still feel a little washed out but looking forward to getting over that real soon."

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Pursuit of Excellence

Jeanne Shropshire Adams During her nearly 64

years of parenting and volunteering, Jeanne

Shropshire Adams dispensed advice liberally. Her children would

agree that it was her favorite thing to do. One bit of wisdom she lived was:

"To have friends, you have to be a friend." She embraced that spirit throughout her life. And so on Nov. 9,

Newton County lost one of its most active and devoted volunteers when Mrs. Adams died peacefully at age 90 after a brief stay at Abbey

Hospice. Mrs. Adams was born April 10, 1930, in Rutledge, Ga., the fourth of William Henry and Lottie Mae Shropshire's seven children. Her father was a farmer and her mother ran the home and, among other things, raised chickens and sold the eggs to the old Covington Hotel. Mrs. Shropshire later went to work at Bibb Manufacturing in Porterdale to support the war effort after her oldest son, Glenn, joined the Marines and left to fight in the Pacific.

Mrs. Adams was educated at Jersey Elementary school. In junior high, a fire badly damaged the school and students were sent

OBITUARY



Adams

she graduated at the top of her class. She left home immediately after graduation and moved to Covington with a friend, Bess Rodgers, and took a position with Dietz's Department store on the Covington square. She and Mrs. Rodg-

ers traveled extensively, eventually visiting all 48 of the mainland United States. It was before their final trip that Mrs. Adams told her then-boyfriend that if he was serious about their relationship, he should greet her when the train returned to Covington. As you might have guessed, Paul Adams did, indeed, greet her and they spent nearly 55 years together.

It was during this time that Mrs. Adams became deeply involved in the community. As a member of the Covington Women's Club she served two terms as president, 20 years apart.

She served three years as president of the Pilot Club, leading an effort to obtain a grant for Palmer Stone School in Oxford and, later, leading the effort to install handicapped parking on the Covington Square.

Mrs. Adams also was a member of the Covington Service Guild, the Cotton Bowl Quilters (she was president in 1986 and 1987) and the Mansfield Garden Club (president in 1991).

She was a regular on the society pages of the Covington News as she hosted showers and special parties for her many friends and relatives.

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Through all this she held a full-time job, most notably for 25 years as the office manager of Banks

downtown Covington. At Banks Insurance, she also maintained an active life insurance practice and, for a while, even managed the life insurance program for the Covington Fire Department.

As a club member, businesswoman and 73-year member of the Covington United Methodist Church, Mrs. Adams built a wide circle of friends, most of whom she maintained long after retirement. It was not uncommon for her to fill her calendar with lunch plans and

afternoon visits. Mrs. Adams is survived by two sons, Christopher Paul (Tina-Marie) of Chicago, Ill., and Timothy Michael (Shelley) of Covington and daughter Paula Jeanne (Brian) of Cape Coral, Fla. She has seven grandchildren: Anderson (Emily) of Peachtree Corners, Ga.; Susan Scullion (Dan) of Sunshine Coast, Queensland, Australia; Creighton of Philadelphia, Pa.; Waverly and Kaline of Chicago; Taylar Gay (Marshall) of Rex, Ga.; and Chelsea Gomer (Nathan) of Cape Coral, Fla.; and two great-grandchildren: Aria and Owen of Peachtree Corners. Two sisters – Sue Freeman and Lottie Portwood, both of Newton County - also survive.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul (2011), and a son, Gregory Joseph (1959).

In lieu of flowers, Mrs. Adams asked that donations be made to the First United Methodist Church of Covington (1113 Convers St.; Covington, Ga. 30014) and/or Abbey Hospice (215 Azelea Court; Social Circle, Ga. 30025).

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

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RECOUNT:

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Johnson said. He noted that any state runoff elections such as one anticipated in a Public Service Commission race will be moved from Dec. 1 to the Jan. 5 date

Senate runoff elections. "That helps us a great deal," Johnson said.

scheduled for two U.S.

He noted staff members also would have been required to prepare and mail about 7,000 absentee ballots while performing the recount if the Dec. 1 election had been required.

The Newton County recount will be done in a "fully transparent" manner. Johnson said staff members will work in part of the elections office used for voting equipment storage.

"This one will be open to the press, observers, party monitors," Johnson said.

The Secretary of State's office reported Democratic challenger Joe Biden led Trump by 14,000 votes in Georgia Wednesday.

Newton County certified its totals Monday and showed Biden receiving 55% of the local vote.

Raffensperger said he was only authorizing the hand recount of the 5 million votes cast for president in Georgia's Nov. 3 General Election, the New York Times reported.

It will not affect other races, such as those for Georgia's two Senate seats that advanced to Jan. 5 runoff elections after none of the candidates received more than 50% of the votes

The recount will use the paper printouts voters created by using Georgia's new Dominion Voting Systems

equipment, the Times reported.

Raffensperger told reporters in Atlanta he made the decision because of the "national significance" of the outcome in a state with 16 electoral votes and not other outside influences, the newspaper reported.

U.S. Rep. Jody Hice, R-Greensboro, joined with Republican members and members-elect in the state's Congressional delegation Tuesday to ask Raffensperger to do a "manual hand recount" of the votes.

Hice, whose 10th Congressional District includes eastern Newton County, signed on to a letter to Raffensperger from six Republican congressmen and two congressmen-elect calling for the hand-counting as proposed by Georgia Republican Party Chairman David Shafer and U.S. Rep. Doug Collins.

Collins is leading the Georgia recount effort for President Donald Trump's campaign. The letter stated, "As Members and Members-Elect of the Georgia Congressional Delegation, we are deeply concerned by continued, serious allegations of voting irregularities in our state.

"The Georgia Re-

publican Party and the Donald J. Trump for President Campaign have received reports of deceased or ineligible voters casting ballots, eligible voters being denied the opportunity to vote, and Republican poll watchers and observers being denied access to activities and meetings critical to ensuring a fair, accurate, and transparent vote

tabulation," the letter

"A fair election ensures all legal ballots are counted. We are united in asking you to ensure that such is the case and look forward to your prompt response.

"We need a fully transparent and honest count of LEGAL ballots!"

Hice also wrote on his Twitter account that, "(Georgia Secretary of State) Brad Raffensperger MUST require a hand recount of every ballot in every GA county. There's been far too many reports of irregularities and fraud to trust any other method!

"Georgians will never see the outcome as legitimate without a transparent recount by hand! This isn't over until every legal vote is counted and every illegal vote is thrown out!"

Newton County's other congressman, U.S. Rep. Hank Johnson, D-Lithonia, said the call for the recount was a waste of time and money.

"I am deeply concerned that Secretary of State Raffensperger, responding to immense pressure from Donald Trump and his puppets, has ordered a hand recounting of ballots," said Johnson, who represents Georgia's 4th Congressional District.

This drastic action comes despite there being no evidence or allegation of irregularities or wrongdoing," he said.

"This expensive, time-consuming and unnecessary hand recount threatens to gum up the election certification process, thereby imperiling the workings of the Electoral College system and forcing a selection of the pres-

ident by the House of Representatives," Johnson said.

"I am confident that Trump's strategy will backfire, and the will of the people expressed in what has been a full and fair election, will be honored."

The letter followed calls for Raffensperger's resignation Monday, Nov. 9, from Georgia Republican U.S. Sens. Kelly Loeffler and David Perdue because of allegations of lack of transparency and mismanagement of the election process this

The Capitol Beat News Service reported the joint call from Perdue and Loeffler came shortly after the top elections manager in Raffensperger's office dismissed a string of theories on ballot harvesting and computer glitches that Trump's supporters floated recently to sow doubt in Georgia's election results.

State officials have until Nov. 20 to certify the election results, the news bureau reported.

On Monday, Raffensperger, Lt. Gov. Geoff Duncan and voting implementation manager Gabe Sterling said they have not seen any voting irregularities in Georgia's election process, the news bureau reported.

The Associated Press reported that all disputes over the counts in each state must be complete by Dec. 8.

Members of the Electoral College vote on Dec. 14. The U.S. House and Senate hold a joint session on Jan. 6 to count the electoral votes in each state, the AP reported.

Community Calendar

Tuesday, Nov. 17

 Newton County Democratic Committee will hold elections for county committee post seat holders at 7 p.m. via Zoom. Interested parties should visit rebrand. ly/NewtonDemsVOTE for specific details on how to register to vote and for details on how to register to be a candidate.

Thursday, Nov. 19

 Lighting of the Covington Square begins at 7 p.m. Recognized as one of the "Top 10 Tree Lighting Events in Georgia" by Trips to Discover, the event will be scaled back due to COVID-19. Unlike years past, the Square will not be shut down completely. There will also be no fireworks. However, Santa will still be on hand to help turn on the lights. There will be a brief performance by the Newton County Arts Association prior to the lighting.

SATURDAY, NOV. 21

• Deadline to order your Holiday Poinsettia from the Newton County Schools Horticultural Programs. Log onto my.cheddarup.com/c/poinsettia-sale-42931 to order and refer any questions to Dr. Catrina Pollard at pollard.catrina@newton.k12.ga.us.

Thursday, Nov. 26

• Thanksgiving! The Covington News, like other businesses and government offices, will be closed on Turkey Day and the following Friday, Nov. 27.

THROUGH NOV. 30

 Virtual Vampire Run from Oct. 1 through Nov. 30. All net proceeds from the race will go toward the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Prospective racers can register for the virtual run at runsignup.com/Race/ GA/MysticFallsCovington/VirtualVampireRun and help "take a bite out of blood cancers."

Thursday, Dec. 10

• The Newton County Democratic Committee will hold its Bi-Annual Executive Committee/Officer Elections via Zoom at 7 p.m. Interested parties should visit rebrand.ly/NewtonDemsVOTE for specific details on how to register to vote and for details on how to register to be a candidate.

ONGOING

 Everyone is invited to join Covington Christian Church on the Round on Sunday mornings at 11 a.m. for worship. The church is located at 141 Highway 142 in Covington.

CORRECTION

In an atricle on page C6 of the Wednesday, Nov. 11, edition of The Covington News, incorrect information was given.

Participants in Veterans Court in Newton County enter guilty pleas to charges before coming into the pro-

gram and are convicted unless given First Offender treatment,

Judge Layla Zon said. The program also takes participants other than low-level offend-

ers, Zon said. The Covington News regrets the errors.

CLAIM:

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Trump's reelection campaign alleged on Wednesday, Nov. 11, that Blalock was among four dead Georgians whose names were illegally used by "someone" to cast ballots in

the General Election. The news release identified Mr. Blalock as a Covington resident and included an obituary for the retired postal worker and World War II veteran, who died at age 81 in January 2006.

The release was part of the campaign's effort to show that voter fraud was present in Georgia before the Nov. 3 election in which Trump lost to Joe Biden by 14,000 votes out of 5 million cast in Georgia, campaign officials said.

"These victims of voter fraud deserve justice, and legal voters should be able to have

confidence that their votes are not rendered meaningless due to illegally cast votes," the release stated.

But Newton County elections director Angela Mantle said Blalock's widow has regularly voted legally under the name Mrs. James E. Blalock Jr. since 1992 most recently using an absentee ballot in the Nov. 3 election.

Mantle said her office's records show Mr. Blalock's name was removed from the voter database three months

after he died in 2006. Elections board Chairman Phil Johnson said Mrs. Blalock was not voting in her late husband's place "but in her own place."

"In times past widows often continued to refer to themselves as 'Mrs.' instead of using their

first name," Johnson

He said the Secretary of State uses a number of databases to update and maintain their own information on registered voters, such as driver's license records, post office records, death records and others.

However, it does not include titles with the names in the database, he said.

Johnson said the Secretary of State's office accepts Mrs. Blalock's ballot with the signature of "Mrs. James E. Blalock Jr." The signature is in the system and is unique and totally distinct from her late husband's signature, he

She also is required to produce other identifying information, such as her driver's license

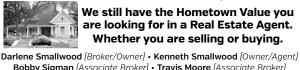
number, when she casts

a ballot, Johnson said. "I would think that any person using this as an example of voter fraud or any media publishing it as such would bear some responsibility to check those records before making accusations which call into question the validity of our electoral process," Johnson said.

"Such false accusations linger long after the facts are discovered and the story debunked," he said.

The Secretary of State's office said it was investigating the claims. The Trump campaign did not immediately return a request for comment on the Newton County allegation.





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OPINIONS

The Covington News

Andy Offutt Irwin columnist

Two hours well spent

wo hours well spent in the line under a large open-sided shade tent. Good

conversation with my son Liam and his dear



waiting for the TSA at the Airport, or creeping in line for a rollercoaster at Six Flags, faces in the serpentine cue become familiar. A cheerful family in

the switchback row beside us surrounding a toddler leisurely enjoying fries in a fold-away Radio Flyer wagon. I looked at the child and said, "Good livin'."

They smiled, "I know, right?"

At one point, Liam and Alex were discussing a video-game-flight-joystick-interface thingy, which led to talking about real airplanes. Which led to Liam talking about his grandpop who had been in the Air Force. Which led to Alex telling us of family members who were in World War II, one of whom landed in Normandy. A lady beside

us chimed in, "Oh, was he part of the 101st Airborne?" She told us of her father who was in the Marines in the South Pacific. Her brother who was in Vietnam. Her son who was wounded in Afghanistan.

A citizen standing at the door-stoop and wearing a yellow high-viability vest was charged with telling us to have our phones off and our licenses out. She, who let us into the building one at a time, performed stand-up. She had us do some stretching. She led us in a raucous game of

"Simon Says." She was exuberant and hilarious. I have come to learn that she is affectionately known as Ms. Larry. As we participated in

the game, Liam said, "I love our town."

Right before entering the building, I glanced back. The toddler in the wagon was asleep. The child's family, cheerfully chatting

It was a good day in America.

Andy Irwin is a native of Covington and a natural storyteller. He can be reached at andy@andyirwin.com. **Chris Bridges** columnist

2020 spawned election like few experienced before

t turns out the higher-ups in the Georgia ■ Democratic Party were worried too much about

Matt Lieberman. The son of longtime U.S. Senator



of course. As the campaign progressed, Matt was encouraged (actually demanded) to end his quest. It seems the state party insiders wanted a clear path for Raphael Warnock who was their preferred candidate.

of fanfare. His name

alone did that for him,

In the end Matt had little impact on the race polling just 2.77%. He didn't even finish second among Democrats as that honor went to former Lithonia mayor Deborah Jackson who polled a surprising and respectable 6.58% (more than 320,000 votes.) She did so with very little media cover-

The poor impact Matt Lieberman had in the race is somewhat surprising. His name alone should have given him more traction. It should be noted that once the COVID-19 health crisis arrived, it didn't seem that Lieberman did much campaigning.

I don't recall seeing one television advertisement for him or hearing one radio spot. I also did not see the first Lieberman for Senate

yard sign. Warnock finished first overall among the 20 candidates on the ballot but his 32.89 percent total actually forecasts trouble in the runoff when he faces non-elected incumbent Kelly Loeffler. Republicans in Georgia typically have the edge in runoffs.

It will be a major chore for Warnock to win in January. In fact, his best chance for victory was to win the jungle primary outright.

And after the outcome of the presidential election (both in Georgia and national), sentiment in the state could become so anti-Democrat that it would not be surprising to see Loeffler win by a 60-40 margin or more.

As for third-place finisher Doug Collins, the long-time Northeast Georgia politician is running out of time in office. He bypassed running for reelection in Congress and has now lost in his quest for the U.S. Senate.

Some reports indicated that Collin's tasteless comments on the late Ruth Bader Ginsburg hurt him, even in a conservative-leaning state like Georgia,

The statewide media focused most of its attention in the race on Warnock, Loeffler and Collins with a little attention going to Lieberman and Ed Tarver. The other 15 candidates were given very little media exposure and many let it be known during an Atlanta Press Club forum they were not happy with the unequal treatment.

For the record, Deborah Jackson was actually fourth overall in the race followed by Lieberman and Democrat Tamara Johnson-Shealey. Tarver actually was last among the Democrats in the race as he earned less votes than Jamesia James, Joy Felecia Slade and Richard Winfield.

Among the other Republicans in the race, Derrick Grayson was third with just over 1% of the vote followed by Kandiss Taylor with a little under 1%. Taylor deserves recognition as probably the only candidate to visit all 159 counties during her

grass-roots campaign. Libertarian Brian Slowinski received 0.72% of the vote and Green Party candidate John Fortuin polled 0.31%.

Among the independent candidates, Allen Buckley received the most votes with 0.31% of the total.

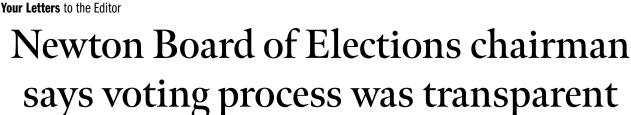
In the other U.S. Senate race, Democrat John Ossoff made it into a runoff against Republican incumbent David Perdue. Similar to Warnock, Ossoff faces a major obstacle

in winning the runoff. As of this writing it appears there will also be a runoff in the Public Service Commission District 4 race between Republican Lauren "McDonald" and Democrat Daniel Blackman.

In the Public Service **Commission District** 1 race, Republican incumbent Jason Shaw appears to have just enough to avoid a runoff. Shaw was at 50.16% although it is possible if he could dip below the magic 50% number. A recount is on tap due to the closeness in the vote count.

I'll comment more on the presidential election next week.

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Dear Editor:

As I stated in a letter to the editor before the Nov. 3 General Election voting began, "the most crucial pillar of our democracy is fair and free elections." On Monday, the

Newton County Board of Elections certified results to the Georgia Secretary of State reflecting nearly 55,000 ballots were cast by Newton County voters across all channels, including absentee mail-in ballots, early in-person ballots, and election day ballots. In total, just shy of 60% of Newton County registered voters cast a ballot. This is a level of voter participation Newton County should be proud of. I witnessed first-hand

the diligence of citizens who waited in line to exercise their civic responsibility, and I observed every day the professionalism of our Newton County Board of Elections staff and volunteers. This is why I am so disturbed by the continued barrage of unsubstantiated accusations of voter fraud and corrupt vote tabulations in media reports, social media posts, and conversa-



Tom Spigolon | The Covington News

The hand recount is underway in Newton and every other county across Georgia, but Board of Elections Chairman Philip Johnson said accusations of voter fraud are "unsubstantiated."

tions. Baselessly attacking election results we dislike chips away at the foundation of our democracy and weakens our republic.

As Chairman of the Newton County Board of Elections, I am compelled to speak on behalf of everyone who worked so hard to deliver a trustworthy, fair, reliable voting process under the most difficult circumstances our country has ever faced. Our election system worked. Voters stood in line or mailed in their ballots, and a conscientious group of civilian volunteers managed the electoral process and counted the votes. The election workers were

your neighbors, your friends, and people you go to church with. Their singular, unwavering goal was to ensure every registered voter had the opportunity to cast their ballot and that every ballot was counted accurately.

The entire process was transparent. Republican and Democratic monitors worked with staff and Board members to process mail-in ballots and tabulate the results. The local press representatives were given periodic reports on progress and permitted to witness the process.

If there was a question as to the intent of

a voter, a panel consisting of a Democratic appointee, a Republican appointee, and a Board member or appointee reviewed the ballot. I saw no instance where all three panel members did not unanimously agree with the adju-

dication of a ballot. Every absentee ballot must have an oath signed by the voter. If an envelope is not signed, that ballot cannot be processed. Every voter who votes in person must present identification which matches the Secretary of State database of registered voters.

The number of absentee mail-in ballots must balance with the number of

envelopes opened. The number of voters who checked in to vote in person is balanced with the number of ballots cast and counted.

The entire counting and tabulation process is completed in a room monitored by staff, volunteers, and representatives of both local political parties.

As citizens, we have an obligation to support and abide by election results produced from a process managed by the people we have entrusted to fulfill that duty for us. Before you perpetuate accusations of voter fraud or corruption in the counting process, talk to the representatives of the Republican and Democratic parties who were in the room. Ask the Democratic and Republican representatives on the Newton County Board of Elections what their experience was.

The electoral process only works if the voters have confidence in process and outcome. Trust in the system is a higher objective than any particular electoral result you may have sought. We must not sacrifice the sacred institution of our electoral system because it produced an outcome some voters did not want.

> Philip A. Johnson Chairman of the Newton County Board of Elections and Registration

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PUBLIC NOTICE #117594

Adoptions

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

IN RE: PETITION OF TASHA TENILLE CARPENTER FOR THE Adoption of O'MARI DESTIN

CHAMPION A MINOR child. **CIVIL ACTION** FILE NO. 2020-AD-24-3

THIRD PARTY Adoption

NOTICE **ADOPTION**

TO: **ELMER** LAWRENCE, Purported biological father of O'MARI DESTIN CHAMPION LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: Unknown

DYMOND MONA'E CHAMPION, Natural mother of O'MARI DESTIN CHAMPION

KNOWN ADDRESS: Unknown

ORDER

for

GREETINGS:

BY

Service by Publication, are hereby notified that TASHA CARPENTER filed a petition to adopt O'MARI DESTIN CHAMPION, and when adopted to be known as DESTYN CARPENTER, **FREDERICK** Adoption No. 2020-AD-24-3, in the Superior Court of Newton County. Georgia and you may make known any objections you may have to the prayers in said petition at the hearing on the Motion for Termination of Parental Rights and show cause why your rights in the above-named child should not be terminated.

THE DATE scheduled for Final hearing is December 8, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.., before Judge Layla H. Zon at the Court House in Newton County, Georgia.

THIS 19TH day of October, 2020

SHANNON D. Sneed

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MITCHELL. deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver 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 objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before DECEMBER 7, 2020, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

MELANIE M. Bell, Judge BY: MARCIA Wynne **CLERK, PROBATE** Court **NEWTON COUNTY, GA**

PUBLIC NOTICE #117568

11/8,15,22,29 CITATION

ANGELA SIMS-DAVIS has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of JACQUELYN B. SIMS, 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 objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before DECEMBER 7, 2020, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

MELANIE M. Bell, Judge BY: MARCIA Wynne **CLERK. PROBATE** Court **NEWTON COUNTY, GA**

PUBLIC NOTICE #117569 11/8,15,22,29

CITATION

BRANDON LAMONT **FPPS** has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of** CHARLIE EPPS, JR., deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before DECEMBER 7, 2020, next, at ten o'clock. a.m.

MELANIE M. Bell, Judge BY: MARCIA Wynne CLERK, PROBATE Court **NEWTON COUNTY, GA**

PUBLIC NOTICE #117562 11/8,15,22,29

CITATION

BRUCE WAYNE NEELY AND NEELY BRUCE has Administrator of the Estate of BETTY ELIZABETH NEELY, deceased (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before DECEMBER 7, 2020, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

MELANIE M. Bell, Judge BY: MARCIA Wynne **CLERK, PROBATE** Court **NEWTON COUNTY**, GA

PUBLIC NOTICE #117557 11/8,15,22,29

CARL ANTHONY CRANE, JR. has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of JENNIFER LYNN CRANE,**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 objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before DECEMBER 7, 2020, next,

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at ten o'clock, a.m. MELANIE M. Bell, Judge BY: MARCIA Wynne **CLERK, PROBATE** Court

NEWTON COUNTY, GA PUBLIC NOTICE #117567

11/8,15,22,29

CITATION

DIANE SALE has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of MICHAEL HENRY AUTRY, JR., deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before DECEMBER 7, 2020, next,

MELANIE M. Bell. Judge BY: MARCIA Wynne **CLERK, PROBATE** Court **NEWTON COUNTY, GA**

PUBLIC NOTICE #117559 11/8,15,22,29

CITATION

HEATHER STEPHENSON has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of ANTRON L. LEWIS**, 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 objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before DECEMBER 7, 2020, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

MELANIE M. Bell, Judge BY: MARCIA Wynne **CLERK. PROBATE** Court NEWTON COUNTY, GA

PUBLIC NOTICE #117561 11/8,15,22,29

CITATION

KERRY LAU WRIGHT has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of JOSEPH BRADFORD WRIGHT, III, deceased. 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 objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before DECEMBER 7, 2020, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

MELANIE M. Bell, Judge BY: MARCIA Wynne CLERK, PROBATE Court NEWTON COUNTY, GA

PUBLIC NOTICE #117564 11/8,15,22,29

ROBERT DAVID CASE has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of TERRY CLYDE KING, 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 objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before DECEMBER 7, 2020, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

MELANIE M. Bell, Judge BY: MARCIA Wynne CLERK, PROBATE Court **NEWTON COUNTY, GA**

PUBLIC NOTICE #117565 11/8,15,22,29

ROBERT KITCHENS L.

petitioned to be Administrator at ten o'clock, a.m.

BY: MARCIA Wynne **CLERK, PROBATE** Court **NEWTON COUNTY, GA**

MELANIE M. Bell, Judge

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has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of PHILLIP CONYERS, JR., deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause

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appointed HARRIETT EUGENIA KITCHENS, 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 objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before DECEMBER 7, 2020, next,

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MELANIE M. Bell. Judge BY: MARCIA Wynne CLERK, PROBATE Court **NEWTON COUNTY, GA**

ten o'clock, a.m.

PUBLIC NOTICE #117560 11/8,15,22,29

CITATION

TATYANA YALOVEGA has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of OLGA NIKITOVNA BOBIK 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 objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before DECEMBER 7, 2020, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

MELANIE M. Bell, Judge BY: MARCIA Wynne **CLERK, PROBÁTE** Court **NEWTON COUNTY, GA**

PUBLIC NOTICE #117563 11/8,15,22,29

CITATION

THE PETITION of JOHN LARRY DEAN, widow/widower of FRANCES JOAN DEAN, 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 December 7, 2020, next at ten o'clock

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #117580 11/8,15,22,29 CITATION

WALTER LEE KINES. has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of WALTER LEE KINES, SR., 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 cause why said application should not be granted. All objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before DECEMBER 7, 2020, next,

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& FISH SALES

BY: MARCIA Wynne CLERK, PROBATE Court **NEWTON COUNTY, GA PUBLIC NOTICE #117566**

MELANIE M. Bell, Judge

at ten o'clock, a.m.

11/8,15,22,29 CITATION

WILLIE LEE MILLIGAN has petitioned appointed Administrator of the Estate of GARY EDWARD MILLIGAN, 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 objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before DECEMBER 7, 2020, next, at

MELANIE M. Bell, Judge BY: MARCIA Wynne **CLERK, PROBATE** Court **NEWTON COUNTY, GA**

ten o'clock, a.m.

PUBLIC NOTICE #117556 11/8,15,22,29

CITATION

WILLIE LEE MILLIGAN has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of REBA RUNEA MILLIGAN, 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 objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before DECEMBER 7, 2020, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

MELANIE M. Bell, Judge BY: MARCIA Wynne CLERK, PROBATE Court NEWTON COUNTY, GA

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NOTICE IS given that articles of incorporation that will incorporate

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BEEN DELIVERED to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code. The initial registered office of the corporation is located at 25 Brunswick Court, Covington, GA, 30016 and its initial registered agent at such address is Karidja Meite.

PUBLIC NOTICE #117595 11/15,22

NOTICE IS given that articles of incorporation that will incorporate Strong Trucking Inc have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Business Corporation Code. The initial registered office of the corporation is located at 134 Jack Neely Road, Covington, GA, 30016 and its initial registered agent at such address is Rodney Strong.

PUBLIC NOTICE #117554 11/8,15

NOTICE OF Intent to Incorporate

NOTICE IS given that Articles of Incorporation, which will incorporate THOMAS SERVICES SOLUTIONS CO, have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Business Corporation Code. The initial registered office of the corporation will be located at 85 Vireo PI Covington, GA 30014, and its initial registered agent at such address is Troy Thomas.

PUBLIC NOTICE #117521

Debtors Creditors

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND **CREDITORS**

ALL CREDITORS of the Estate

of KARSTEN COTTON, Late of Newton County, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment.

THIS 5TH day of November, 2020. DARNELL MICHAEL Livingston, Executor of the Estate of KARSTEN COTTON, Deceased. Shannon M. Pawley, Esq.

ATTORNEY FOR Executor, Darnell Michael Livingston

THE ESTATE and Asset Protection Law Firm

315 W Ponce De Leon Avenue, Suite 600

DECATUR, GA 30030

PUBLIC NOTICE #117593 11/15,22,29,12/6

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND **CREDITORS**

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate ALLESANDRA ANN-MARIE PORTEOUS, 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

DERWIN BRYAN Davis, Esquire,

P.O. BOX 82870 CONYERS, GEORGIA 30013

PUBLIC NOTICE #117446 10/25,11/1,8,15

SEPTEMBER, 2020.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND

CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of BETTY JEWEL POWELL, 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

DALE L. DAHMAN 6901 HIGHWAY 212

November, 2020

COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #117575

11/8,15,22,29

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND **CREDITORS**

NOTICE IS hereby given to the

debtors and creditors of the Estate of BOBBY GENE QUINTON, 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

THIS THE 14th

October, 2020.

SARAH L. QUINTON 35 PAPAS TALK SOCIAL CIRCLE, GA 30025

PUBLIC NOTICE #117475 10/25,11/1,8,15

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of BONNIE RUTH BRUBAKER DAVIS, deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to

THIS THE 2nd November, 2020.

TAMMY DENSON 2181 DAVIS ACADEMY ROAD RUTLEDGE, GA 30063

PUBLIC NOTICE #117570 11/8,15,22,29

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND

CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of DENA MARIE MOOTZ WELCH. deceased, late of Newton County, render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. THIS THE 6th

October, 2020.

RICHARD WELCH 100 RIVER COVE ROAD SOCIAL CIRCLE, GA 30025

PUBLIC NOTICE #117480 10/25,11/1,8,15

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND **CREDITORS**

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate** of DIANNE ELOISE HUGHES, deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. THIS THE 19th October, 2020.

WAYNE HUGHES 130 BELMONT CIRCLE **COVINGTON, GA** 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #117478 10/25,11/1,8,15

> NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of ELIZABETH MCCLENDON OZBURN, 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 November,

KELVIN G. OZBURN, JR. 916 CHAMPIONS WAY MCDONOUGH, GA 30252 PUBLIC NOTICE #117573

11/8,15,22,29

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND **CREDITORS**

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate** of ERIK M. MORITZ, deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments undersigned estate representative according to law. THIS THE 14th day of October, 2020.

EDWIN MORITZ 1509 SOUTH PROCTOR COURT SUPERIOR, CO 80027

PUBLIC NOTICE #117477 10/25,11/1,8,15

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate** of FELICIA YVONNE CHANCEY, 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 OCTOBER, 2020.

TED CHANCEY, JR. 349 JUDY DR

MCDONOUGH, GA 30253

PUBLIC NOTICE #117571

11/8,15,22,29 NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of HAZEL LEE BOWEN, deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. THIS THE 2nd day November, 2020.

GARY SATTERFIELD 96 LOVERS LANE RD **COVINGTON, GA** 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #117579

11/8,15,22,29 NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND

NOTICE IS hereby given to the

debtors and creditors of the **Estate** of HELEN SANDRA HICKS, deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate presentative according to law. THIS THE 3rd day of November,

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #117577

11/8,15,22,29 NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND

debtors and creditors of the Estate of JAMES E. PASCHALL 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 20th day October, 2020.

CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the

ROBBIN M. PASCHALL 35 IVY WAY COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #117483

10/25,11/1,8,15

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of JEROME 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 20th day October, 2020.

JACQUELINE DUPONT 408 AFTER GLOW SUMMIT **CANTON, GA** 30114 PUBLIC NOTICE #117481

10/25,11/1,8,15

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND

CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of JOHN LEE SORROW, deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. THIS THE 2nd day OCTOBER, 2020.

LYNNE SWANEY **4433 HWY** 212 COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #117572 11/8,15,22,29

> NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND **CREDITORS**

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of MARIAN PATRICIA DOYLE a/k/a PATRICIA LUCAS DOYLE, 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 November,

CLYDE H. DOYLE

737 OAK HILL RD **COVINGTON, GA** 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #117576 11/8,15,22,29 NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND

CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the of MARY KATHRYN HONAKER COX, deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to THIS THE 21st

October, 2020.

MARY KATHERINE HOOD C/O WATSON SPENCE, LLP P.O. BOX 2008 **ALBANY. GA** 31702-2008

PUBLIC NOTICE #117479 10/25,11/1,8,15

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND **CREDITORS**

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate** of MARY LILLIAN THOMAS, deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. THIS THE 14th day October, 2020.

GERALDINE THOMAS 1007 HULL ST. OXFORD, GA 30054

PUBLIC NOTICE #117476 10/25,11/1,8,15

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND **CREDITORS**

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of ROBERT WAYNE ELLIS, 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 30th day

303 ELLIS RD.

OXFORD, GA 30054 **PUBLIC NOTICE #117574**

11/8,15,22,29 NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of TONYA L. ALLEN, deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments undersianed. estate to the representative according to law. THIS THE 20th October, 2020.

CREDITORS

TERESA G. ALLEN 8136 CLAIRE ANN DRIVE

ORLANDO, FL 32825 **PUBLIC NOTICE #117482**

10/25,11/1,8,15

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND **CREDITORS**

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of VERONICA LARMAN, 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 30th day October, 2020.

CAH'VONNIE LARMAN 4350 JIMMY CARTER BLVD **APT 2009** NORCROSS, GA 30093

PUBLIC NOTICE #117578 11/8,15,22,29

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND NOTICE IS hereby given to the

debtors and creditors of the Estate
of WILMA JEAN JOHNSON, deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate epresentative according to law. THIS THE 14th day October, 2020.

130 DIANNE TRAIL COVINGTON, GA 30016 PUBLIC NOTICE #117484 10/25,11/1,8,15

CAROLYN SMITH

Foreclosures

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

BY VIRTUE of a Power

of Sale contained in that certain

CLUES ACROSS

13. Brew

- 1. Dutch word for "language"
- 5. Popular music style
- 8. Body part 11. Largely dry valleys
- 14. Ancient Greek sophist
- 15. Where rockers play 16. Human gene
- 17. One point east of northeast
- 18. Adversary 20. Small cask or barrel
- 21. About ear 22. Benign tumors
- C 25. In a different way 30. One charged with a crime R 31. Chinese principle underlying
- O the universe S
- 32. Long, narrow straps
- S 33. Passover 38. Ottoman military commander
- 41. One who does not succeed 0 43. Data R 45. 3D image
 - 47. Whale ship captain
 - 49. Japanese title 50. Made of wood
 - 55. Yokel
- U 56. Exercise system __-bo
- 57. Supreme being Z 59. Playing card with three spots 60. Hostelry
 - 61. Spiritual leader 62. Single lens reflex 63. Time of the 90th meridian,
 - used in the central U.S. 64. Thomas ___, American cartoonist

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Shuttered airline 2. Swiss river
- 3. Port city in Yemen 4. It can be straight
- 5. Tennis player's tool 6. Estranged
- 7. Garden archway 8. Assists
- 9. Grain crop

Security Deed from BARBARA M

SAMPLES, ROBERT E SAMPLES

COMPANY, dated August 24, 2009, recorded September 4, 2009, in

Deed Book 2753, Page 359-378 ,

Newton County, Georgia Records,

said Security Deed having been given

to secure a Note of even date in the

original principal amount of Four

Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty and 00/100 dollars

(\$453,750.00), with interest thereon

as provided for therein, said Security

Deed having been last sold, assigned

and transferred to Kondaur Capital

Corporation, not in its individual

capacity but solely in its capacity as

Separate Trustee of Matawin Ventures Trust Series 2020-1, there will be

sold at public outcry to the highest

bidder for cash at the Newton County

Courthouse, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in December,

2020, all property described in said

Security Deed including but not limited

to the following described property: **ALL THAT** TRACT OR

PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND

BEING IN LAND LOT 247 OF THE

1ST LAND DISTRICT , NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND BEING DESIGNATED AS 2.555 ACRE

TRACT ACCORDING TO THE PLAT OF SURVEY PREPARED FOR ROBERT E. SAMPLES AND

BARBAR M. SAMPLES BY JOHN

ELWIN KNIGHT, GA RLS #1945,

DATED SEPTEMBER 28, 2001 AND

RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 36, PAGE

252. CLERKS OFFICE, NEWTON

COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT,

WHICH PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN AND MADE PART HEREOF

BY THE REFERENCE THERETO

FOR A MORE COMPLETE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

KNOWN AS 2178 ELKS CLUB

ROAD. COVINGTON GEORGIA ACCORDING TO THE CURRENT

SYSTEM OF NUMBERING HOUSES

being controlling, however the property is more commonly known as 2178 ELKS CLUB ROAD,

THE INDEBTEDNESS secured by said Security Deed has

been and is hereby declared due

because of default under the terms of

said Security Deed. The indebtedness

remaining in default, this sale will

be made for the purpose of paying

the same, all expenses of the sale,

including attorneys' fees (notice to

collect same having been given) and

all other payments provided for under

sold on an "as-is" basis without any

representation, warranty or recourse

against the above-named or the

undersigned. The sale will also be

subject to the following items which

may affect the title: any outstanding ad

valorem taxes (including taxes which

are a lien, whether or not now due

and payable); the right of redemption

of any taxing authority; matters

which would be disclosed by an

accurate survey or by an inspection

of the property; all zoning ordinances:

assessments; liens; encumbrances;

restrictions; covenants, and any other

matters of record superior to said

undersigned, the owner and party

in possession of the property is BARBARA M SAMPLES, ROBERT E

SAMPLES, ESTATE AND/OR HEIRS

AT LAW OF BARBARA M SAMPLES.

ESTATE AND/OR HEIRS AT LAW OF

ROBERT E SAMPLES, or tenants(s).

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

pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-

162.2, you are not entitled by law to

an amendment or modification of

the terms of your loan. The entity

having full authority to negotiate,

amend or modify all terms of the loan

(although not required by law to do

so) is: Kondaur Capital Corp., Loss

Mitigation Dept., 333 South Anita Drive, Suite 400, Orange, CA 92868,

KONDAUR CAPITAL
CORPORATION, NOT IN ITS
INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT

Telephone Number: 888-566-3287.

the Security Deed.

knowledge and belief of

TO THE best of the

THE SALE will be

PLEASE NOTE that,

Security Deed.

SAID PROPERTY will be

the terms of the Security Deed.

SAID LEGAL description

IN NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA.

HEREIN.

BEING DESCRIBED

COVINGTON, GA 30014.

GENERATION MORTGAGE

12. U.S. Founding Father Adams 14. Small, deerlike buffalo

10. Millisecond

32

- 19. Easily manageable
- 23. Male parent 24. Nearsightedness 25. Patriotic women
- 26. Decorate a cake with frosting
- _ fi (slang) 28. A joke rooted in wordplay
- 29. Attack violently 34. Keyboard key
- __ juris: independent 36. Corporate executive (abbr.) 37. Adult female bird
- 39. Pertains to knowledge 40. Pashtoes
- 41. Prefixed title for Italian monks
- 42. To be fired from a gun 44. A way to position 45. __ process: produces
- ammonia 46. Follow instructions
- SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS SEPARATE TRUSTEE OF MATAWIN VENTURES TRUST SERIES 2020-1 AS ATTORNEY in Fact for

THE BELOW LAW FIRM MAY BE HELD TO BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, UNDER FEDERAL LAW. IF SO, ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

BARBARA M SAMPLES, ROBERT E

ATTORNEY CONTACT: Rubin Lublin, LLC, 3145 Avalon Ridge Place, Suite 100, Peachtree Corners, GA 30071 TELEPHONE NUMBER: (877) 813-0992 Case No. KCP-20-03005-2 **AD RUN** Dates 11/01/2020 11/08/2020, 11/15/2020, 11/22/2020 11/01/2020,

RLSELAW.COM/PROPERTY-

PUBLIC NOTICE #117391

11/1,8,15,22 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 Monique Thomas to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for American Mortgage Exchange, Inc., its successors and assigns, dated January 20, 2004, recorded in Deed Book 1603, Page 618, Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to MEB Loan Trust II by assignment recorded in Deed Book 3965, Page 166, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of THIRTY-TWO THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FORTY AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$32,240.00), 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 December, 2020, the

following described property:
SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART

HEREOF

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

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

of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-THE ENTITY that has full authority

to negotiate, amend, and modify all

terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: Specialized Loan Servicing, 6200 S. Quebec St., Greenwood Village, CO 80111, 800-306-6059. TO THE best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Monique Thomas or a tenant or tenants and

said property is more commonly

known as 245 Queensland Lane,

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. MEB LOAN Trust II

MCCALLA RAYMER Leibert Pierce,

AS ATTORNEY in Fact for

MONIQUE THOMAS

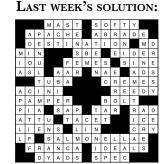
51. Swiss river

47. Humanistic discipline

48. Throw

52. American hate group 53. Actor Idris

Seizes 58. Baseball stat



1544 OLD Alabama Road ROSWELL, GA 30076 WWW.FORECLOSUREHOTLINE. **EXHIBIT "A"**

ALL THAT tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 167 of the 10th District of Newton County, Georgia being Lot 109 of Avonlea Subdivision, Unit Two, as per plat recorded in Plat Book 39, Pages 113-115, records of Newton County, Georgia, which plat is by reference incorporated herein and made a part hereof. SUBJECT TO that certain security deed from Monique Thomas to Mortgage Electronic Registration

Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for American Mortgage Exchange, Inc., its successors and assigns, dated January 20, 2004, and recorded in Deed Book 1603, Page 601, Newton County, Georgia Records. MR/CA 12/1/20

OUR FILE no. 20-03447GA - FT7 **PUBLIC NOTICE #117464**

11/1,8,15,22,29 STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF NEWTON

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER **PURSUANT TO** the power of sale contained in the Security Deed executed by ANTOINE C TUCKER to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR FIRST HORIZON HOME LOAN CORPORATION, its successors and assigns, in the original principal amount of \$209,520.00 dated February 23, 2007 and recorded in Deed Book 2393, Page 210, Newton County records, said Security Deed being last transferred to Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper, the undersigned will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, before the Courthouse door in said County, or at such other place as lawfully designated, within the legal hours of sale, on December 01, 2020,

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOTS 25 AND 40 OF THE 10TH DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 26, PHASE TWO OF GLEN ECHO SUBDIVISION, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 44, PAGES 37-39, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS, WHICH RECORDED PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY

REFERENCE AND MADE A PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION. PARCEL ID: 029B 051 SAID PROPERTY being known as:

335 GLEN ECHO DR., COVINGTON,

due and payable because of, among

other possible events of default, failure

to the following: (1) any outstanding

ad valorem taxes (including taxes

which are a lien, whether or not yet

GA 30016 TO THE best of the undersigned's knowledge, the party or parties in possession of said property is/are ANTOINE C TUCKER or tenant(s). THE DEBT secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared

to pay the indebtedness as provided for in the Note and said Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of sale, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).

SAID PROPERTY will be sold subject

due and payable); (2) the right of redemption of any taxing authority (3) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property; and (4) any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above. 20-058849 - AmE

SAID SALE will be conducted subject

confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed. THE NAME, address, and telephone number of the individual or entity who

to the following: (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final

has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage

See LEGALS, A7

the property in said Security Deed and described as follows:

IS AS follows: NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper 8950 Cypress Waters Blvd. Coppell, TX 75019 1-888-480-2432 NOTE THAT pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, the above individual or entity is not required by law to negotiate,

mortgage **THIS LAW** FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC

amend, or modify the terms of the

D/B/A MR. COOPER, as Attorney-in-Fact for ANTOINE C TUCKER ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, Schneid & Crane LLC 10700 Abbott's Bridge Road Suite 170 Duluth, GA 30097

Phone: 470.321.7112 Firm File No. 20-058849 - AmE **20-058849 -** AmE

PUBLIC NOTICE #117485 10/25,11/1,8,15,22,29

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF NEWTON NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

DEFAULT having occurred under the terms of the Promissory Note from NANCY W. WILSON to NEWTON FEDERAL BANK (in the original principal sum of \$142,000.00) dated June 15, 2005 secured by a Deed to Secure Debt of even date therewith recorded in Deed Book 1935, pages 276-280, Newton County Records; and the entire indebtedness having been declared due and payable as therein provided, under the powers contained in said deed and in accordance with the terms thereof, there will be sold on the courthouse steps in said county at public outcry, during the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in December, 2020, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property, to wit:

ALL THAT tract or parcel of land lying and being in Almon District, Newton County, Georgia, on the road leading from Almon to Salem Camp Ground, containing three-quarters (3/4) of an acre, more or less, and measured on the easterly side along said road 170 feet to an iron stake, on the southerly side 160 feet to an iron stake, on the westerly side 243 feet to an iron stake, on the northerly side 220.5 feet to an iron stake and the POINT OF BEGINNING, bounded and described as follows ON THE East by Salem

TRACT ONE:

Camp Groung Road, on the South by the lands of J.B. Flanigan, on the West by the land of S.P. Owens, on the North by Edgar Wallace, being the same property as conveyed in Deed Book 46, page 247, and Deed Book 38, page 259, Newton County, Georgia records. TRACT TWO: ALL THAT tract or parcel

of land lying and being in Land Lot 220 of the Tenth Land District of Newton County, Georgia, and being shown on plat of survey for Nancy Elaine Wallace dated May 12, 1983, prepared by Richard E. Nutt, R.S., and recorded in Plat Book 18, page 88, in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia, and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGIN AT an iron pin located on the northwestern rightof-way line of Neely-Hammond Road, which iron pin may be located by measuring in a southerly direction along said right-of-way line a distance of 125.05 feet from its intersection with the southerly line of the right-of-way of the Georgia Railroad; thence South 34 degrees s West 112 47 fe iron pin; thence North 40 degrees 35 minutes West 139 feet to an iron pin; thence North 33 degrees 16 minutes East 73 feet to an iron pin; thence South 57 degrees 04 minutes East 136.0 feet to the iron pin marking the POINT OF BEGINNING.

NOTICE OF the initiation of this proceeding has been given to NANCY W. WILSON, as required by Georgia Laws 1981, p. 834 (O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.1 et. seq.).

THIS PROPERTY is being sold as the property of NANCY W. WILSON subject to unpaid ad valorem taxes. The proceeds of said sale shall be distributed in accordance with the terms of said Deed to Secure Debt.

NEWTON FEDERAL BANK, AS ATTORNEY-IN-FACT FOR NANCY W. WILSON EDGAR LAW Firm

1132 FLOYD Street COVINGTON, GA 30014 PUBLIC NOTICE #117499

11/8,15,22,29

Juvenile Court

CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT **NEWTON COUNTY**

CIVIL ACTION# SUCV2020000931

JOHANNA ELIZABETH SALMERON AVALOS PLAINTIFF VS RAFAEL MORENO LOPEZ NOTICE OF PUBLICATION By ORDER of the Court service for service by publication dated October 2, 2020, You are hereby notified that on May 4, 2020, the above-

DECLARATION OF SOLE CUSTODY. YOU ARE required to file with the Clerk of the Superior Court, and to serve an Answer in writing with 60 days upon the Plaintiff's attorney whose name and

named Plaintiff filed suit against you for

address is: WILLIAM A. Matos ATTORNEY AT Law 797 MILLER Run

ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30349 WITNESS THE Honorable Layla H.

Zon, Judge of the Newton County Superior Court. This the 2ND DAY of October 2, 2020

LINDA D. Hays CLERK OF Newton County Superior Court

PUBLIC NOTICE #117453

10/25,11/1,8,15 IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF

MORGAN COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE INTEREST OF: AGE: 3 SEX: M DOB: 11/30/2016 CASE#: 2020-104J-071 CHILD UNDER 18 Years of Age

NOTICE OF SUMMONS & EFFECT OF TERMINATION JUDGMENT

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN and Lyndy Clark: **GEORGIA LAW** provides

that you can permanently lose your

rights as a parent. A petition to terminate parental rights has been filed requesting the court to terminate your parental rights to your child. A court hearing for your case has been scheduled for the 7th day of December, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., at the Putnam County Courthouse, Eatonton, Georgia. A copy of the petition may be obtained by the parents from the Clerk of the Juvenile Court at Morgan County Courthouse, Monroe, Georgia, during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 9:00 o'clock am until 5:00 o'clock p.m., exclusive of holidays. A free copy shall be available to the parent. Upon request, the copy will be mailed to the requester - parents or alleged parents only. The allegations concern your failure to comply with your reunification case plan, abandonment, and failure to address dependency issues affecting your child.

IF YOU fail to appear, the court can

terminate your rights in your absence. If the court at the trial finds that the facts set out in the petition to terminate parental rights are true and that termination of your rights will serve the best interest of your child, the court can enter a judgment ending the rights to your child. If the judgment terminates your parental rights, you will no longer have any rights to your child. This means that you will not have the right to visit, contact, or have custody of your child or make any decisions affecting your child or your child's earnings of property. Your child will be legally freed to be adopted by someone else. Even if your parental rights are terminated: (1) You will still be responsible for providing support (child support payments) for your child's care unless and until your child is adopted; and (2) Your child can still inherit from you unless and until your child is adopted. THIS IS a very serious matter. You should contact an attorney immediately so that you can be prepared for the

court hearing. You have the right to hire an attorney and have him or her represent you. If you cannot afford to hire and attorney, the court will appoint an attorney if the court finds that you are an indigent person. Whether or not you decide to hire an attorney, you have the right to attend the hearing in your case, to call witnesses on your behalf, and to question those witnesses brought against you. IF YOU have any questions concerning

this notice, you may call the telephone of the clerk's office which is (706) 342-WITNESS THE HONORABLE KELLI

C. RUTHERFORD, Judge of said Juvenile Court.

THIS 14TH day of October, 2020. /S/ JODY M. Higdon CLERK, JUVENILE COURT OF MORGAN CLERK COUNTY, GEORGIA PREPARED BY: LEE R. Moss SPECIAL ASSISTANT Attorney

General 288 SOUTH Main Street MADISON, GEORGIA 30650 TEL: (706) 707-8500 FAX: (706) 342-0447

PUBLIC NOTICE #117460 10/25,11/1,8,15

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

INTHE INTEREST OF: SEX: Male CHILD(REN) UNDER 18 Years of Age

DOB: 04/13/2018 CASE #107-

20J-0415

SUMMONS STEWART. **JENNY**

mother; RICK CLARK, putative-father, HENRY DRISCOLL, putative father; JOHN DOE, and any unknown. unnamed biological father or other persons claiming to have a parental interest in the minor child named above born to JENNY STEWART on the date

A PETITION to Terminate Parental Rights has been filed in this Court on October 26, 2020, by the Georgia Department of Human Services, by and through the Newton County Department of Family and Children Services, concerning the above child(ren). In accordance with O.C.G.A §15-11-281, YOU are hereby notified that this proceeding and the hearing(s) specified herein is/are for the purpose of terminating your parental rights and to place permanent custody of said child(ren) with the Georgia Department of Human Services, by and through the Newton County Department of Family and Children Services, pending adoption. The Court shall mail a copy of said Petition to the last known address of the above-named parent(s) within fifteen (15) days of filing the Order of Service by Publication. This is a summons requiring you to be in Court. If you fail to come to court as required, vou may be held in contempt of court and punished accordingly.

NOW,THEREFORE, you, the party(ies) named above, are commanded to be and appear on the date and time stated below, and to remain in attendance from hour to hour, day to day, month to month, year to year, and time to time, as said case may be continued, and until discharged from the Court, and you are commanded to lay any and all business aside and to be and appear in said Court at the time and place below stated, each of you then and there to make defense thereto and to show cause why the said child(ren) and all parties named herein should not be dealt with according to the provisions

of the law.

NOTICE OF EFFECT OF

GEORGIA LAW provides that you can permanently lose your rights as a parent. A Petition to Terminate Parental Rights has been filed requesting the Court to terminate your parental rights to your child(ren). A copy of said

TERMINATION JUDGMENT

Petition to Terminate Parental Rights can be obtained from the Clerk of the Newton County Juvenile Court. Court hearing of your case has been scheduled for the 21st day of January, 2021, at 2:00 p.m., at the Newton Juvenile Court, Newton County Judicial Center, 1132 Usher Street, NW, Covington, Georgia 30014.

IF YOU fail to appear, the Court can terminate your rights in your absence. IF THE Court at the trial finds that the facts set out in the Petition to Terminate Parental Rights are true and that termination of your rights will serve the best interests of your child(ren), the Court can enter a judgment ending your rights to your child(ren).

IF THE judgment terminates your parental rights, you will no longer have any rights to your child(ren). This means that you will not have the right to visit, contact, or have custody of your child(ren) or make any decisions affecting your child(ren) child(ren)'s earnings or property. Your child(ren) will be legally freed to be adopted by someone else.

EVEN IF your parental rights are terminated:

YOU will still be responsible for providing financial support (child support payments) for your child(ren)'s care unless and until your child(ren)

YOUR child(ren) can still inherit from you unless and until your child(ren) is/are adopted PURSUANT TO statute, you are put

on notice that as a biological father you may lose all rights to your child(ren) named above and will not be entitled to object to the termination of your rights to such child(ren) unless, within 30 days of receipt of notice, you file:

A petition to legitimate such child(ren); and

NOTICE of the filing of the petition to legitimate with the Court in which the termination of parental rights proceedings is pending.

THIS IS a very serious matter. A party is entitled to an attorney in the proceedings. You should contact an attorney immediately so that you can be prepared for the court hearing. You have the right to hire an attorney and to have him or her represent you. If you cannot afford to hire an attorney, the Court will appoint an attorney if the Court fmds that you are an indigent person. Whether or not you decide to hire an attorney, you have the right to attend the hearing of your case, to call witnesses on your behalf, and to question those witnesses brought against you.

IF YOU have any questions concerning this notice, you may call the telephone number of the clerk's office which is 770-784-2060.

THIS IS a summons requiring you to be in Court. If you fail to come to court as required, you may be held in contempt of court and punished accordingly.

Carter, Jud e of said Court, this 29th day of October, 2020. JANELL GAINES. Clerk

WITNESS THE Honorable Jenny S.

JUVENILE COURT of Newton County,

PUBLIC NOTICE #117530 11/8.15.22.29

Name Changes

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

IN RE the Name Change of: ALVIAN G. MANNING PETITIONER **CIVIL ACTION** File Number: 2020-CV-2144-4

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF ADULT

ALVIAN GARY MANNING filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on October 21, 2020 to change the name from ALVIAN GARY MANNING to ALBERT GARY MADDOX. Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after Petition

DATED OCTOBER 21, 2020

ALVIAN GARY MANNING 3400 SALAM ROAD 151-A COVINGTON, GA 30016

NOTICE #117498 11/1,8

Notice of Proceedings IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF

NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA MARY MOUAMMAR,

PLAINTIFF AMANDA BROOKE CLARK,

CIVIL ACTION File #

SUCV2020001315 NOTICE OF SUMMONS- SERVICE

Defendant Named Above.

BY PUBLICATION AMANDA BROOKE CLARK,

YOU ARE hereby notified that the above-styled action seeking monetary damages was filed against you in said Court on July 7, 2020, and that by reason of an Order for Service by Publication entered by the Court on October 13, 2020, you are hereby commanded and required to file with the Clerk of said Court and serve upon counsel for the Plaintiff, whose address is 1820 The Exchange SE, Suite 300, Atlanta, Georgia 30339, an

Answer to the Complaint within sixty (60) days of the date of the Order for Service by Publication. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. WITNESS THE Honorable W. Kendall

Wynne, Jr., Judge of said Court. This

the 14th day of October, 2020.

CLERK OF Superior Court **NEWTON COUNTY, Georgia**

PUBLIC NOTICE #117469 10/25,11/1,8,15

Public Hearings CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (CUP20-000005) HAS BEEN FILED WITH THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON THE PROPERTY BELONGING TO:

GEORGIA, NEWTON County

COVINGTON CHRISTIAN CHURCH

ADDRESS/LOCATION IS 141 HWY

SUBJECT PROPERTY

WHOSE

142 CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 18.37 ACRES BEING ON TAX MAP & PARCEL 99-012. APPLICANT IS REQUESTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ESTABLISH A CHILD CARE FACILITY

A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION

WITHIN A CHURCH SEC. 510-480 C

27TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2020 AT

HEARING PUBLIC WILL BE HELD BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON THE:

3RD DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2020 AT

THE PUBLIC hearing will occur in the Newton County Historic Courthouse, located at 1124 Clark Street, Covington, Georgia 30014, Second Floor. In light of the public health emergency, the meeting may be held telephonically instead of at the above-listed address in which case, public call-in information will be published in advance of the meeting. The purpose of the public hearing shall be for public review. All Newton County residents and any other affected and/or interested persons are invited and encouraged to attend. For more information on this case please contact Tracy Hernandez at 770-784-2018, Shena Applewhaite at 678-625-1231 or Judy Johnson at 678-625-1656. Updated information will also be posted at the following link as it becomes available https://www. ncboc.com/196/Development-Services

PUBLIC NOTICE #117487

Public Notice

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST **RELEASE OF FUNDS** FOR TIERED PROJECTS AND **PROGRAMS**

DATE OF Publication: **NOVEMBER 15** & 18, 2020

DEPARTMENT OF Community Affairs 60 EXECUTIVE Park South, NE ATLANTA, GA 30329-2231 (404) 679-4840

ON OR after November 30, 2020, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of HOME Investment Program funds under the HOME Investment Partnerships Program Title II of Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 as amended, to undertake the following project:

TIER 1 Broad Review Project/ Program Title: Covington Housing Authority CHIP PURPOSE: NEW construction of seven (7) single-family homes for sale to low to moderate income homebuyers in the City of Covington, GA. The homes will be constructed on scattered site locations at least 2,000 feet apart and no more than four (4) units on one

LOCATION: SCATTERED sites in the City of Covington, GA.

PROJECT/PROGRAM **DESCRIPTION:** Covington Housing Authority will construct seven (7) singlefamily homes for sale to low to moderate income homebuyers in the City of Covington on scattered site locations. Homes will be at least 2,000 feet apart and no more than four (4) units on one site. Tier 2 Site Specific reviews will be completed for those laws and authorities not addressed in the Tier 1 broad review for each address under this program when addresses become

LEVEL OF Environmental Review Citation: The activities are categorically excluded under NEPA, BUT may be subject to review

under authorities listed in Sec. 58.5 and subject to laws and authorities at 58.5(3)(i). Rehabilitations of buildings and improvements when the following conditions are met: In the case of a building for residential use (with one to four units), the density is not increased beyond four units, and the land use is not changed. TIER 2 Site Specific Review: The site

specific reviews will cover the following laws and authorities not addressed in the Tier 1 broad review: 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart C (Explosive and Flammable Hazards) and Subpart D (Airport Hazards); Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 and National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994 [42 USC 4001-4128 and 42 USC 5154a];24 CFR Part 50.3(i) & 58.5(i)(2) (Contamination and Toxic Substances); Floodplain Management Executive Order 11988; 24 CFR Part 55 (Floodplain Management); National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and 36 CFR Part 800; Noise Control Act of 1972, as amended by the Quiet Communities Act of 1978 and 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart B; and Environmental Justice Executive Order 12898. MITIGATION MEASURES/

CONDITIONS/PERMITS (if any): Compliance with various authorities and written strategies will be documented and listed in the Tier 2 Site Specific review project file and if required mitigation measures/ conditions must be incorporated into project contracts and/or permits, development agreements, and other

relevant documents will be obtained

from the issuing governmental agency. The staff responsible for implementing and monitoring mitigation measure should be clearly identified in the mitigation plan.

ESTIMATED PROJECT Total HUD funding: \$600,000. Total anticipated project cost \$977,200.

THE ACTIVITY/ACTIVITIES proposed

are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements per 24 CFR Part 58.5(a)(3)(i). An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at DCA located at 60 Executive Park South, NE, Atlanta, GA 30329 and is available for public review and maybe examined and or copied by appointment only weekdays 8:30A.M to 5 P.M **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

ANY INDIVIDUAL, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Ryan Fleming. All comments received by November 30, 2020, will be considered by DCA prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

DCA CERTIFIES to HUD that Ryan Fleming, in his capacity as Director of the Office of Housing Finance consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The approval of HUD certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Georgia Department of Community Affairs to use HUD program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

THE U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will accept objections to its release of fund and The Georgia Department of Community Affairs' (DCA) certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the name of Grantee; (b) the Grantee has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted via email in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the Atlanta CPD Field Office at CPD_COVID-19OEE-ATL@ HUD.gov . Potential objectors should contact the Atlanta CPD Field Office via

RYAN FLEMING. Director. Office of Housing Finance, Certifying Officer

email to verify the actual last day of the

PUBLIC NOTICE #117592

11/15,18

Public Sales Auctions

NOTICE OF SALE

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

IAW GEORGIA LAW ANN. AND TIME OF DATE SALE: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2020 ENDING AT 10:00 A.M. PLACE: ON

LINE AT: www.StorageAuctions.com TENANTS NAME UNIT CONTENTS

PATRICK LAHR 2810 HSEHOLD GOODS/TOOLS JEFFREY BECKEORD 225 HSEHOLD GOODS/TOOLS **CHERRY PARKS** 230 HSEHOLD GOODS/FURN/BOXES **EDWIN O'NEAL HSEHOLD** & CCB-89 & I-16

GOODS/FURN **CRYSTAL HARDEMAN** 268 HSEHOLD GOODS/FURN/BOXES MARCUS BROWN 323 HSEHOLD GOODS/FURN/BOXES STACY SIMMONS HSEHOLD GOODS/FURN/BOXES 374 CATHERINE BRINSON HSEHOLD GOODS/

FURN/BOXES **JOEY MCMILLLIAN** HSEHOLD GOODS/ & 519 BOXES/TOOLS **CLEMSON A.** GLOVER HSEHOLD GOODS/FURN/BOXES **CELTRIC BENNETT**

393

ROBBIE ALT FURNITURE FLETCHER, **ALPHONZA** HSEHOLD GOODS/

DELORIS POTTER 420 HSEHOLD GOODS/FURN/BOXES JONATHAN **JENKINS** HSEHOLD GOODS/ FURN/BOXES **PAULA POWELL**

FURN/BOXES

RODERICK SHY

LEROYAL L.

DESHAUNA

527 & 818

TIFFANY D. MITCHELL

GOODS/FURN/BOXES

NICHOLAS DAVIS

431 HSEHOLD GOODS/FURN **JACKLYNWARREN** HSEHOLD GOODS/FURN/BOXES

470 HSEHOLD GOODS/FURN/BOXES MELANIE AYCOX 501 HSEHOLD GOODS/FURN/BOXES STEVENSON HSEHOLD GOODS

HSEHOLD GOODS/FURN/BOXES WALKER-LEE **HSEHOLD**

HSEHOLD GOODS/BOXES **REGINALD L. PRICE** BOXES/TOOLS **DUSTIN DECESARE** BOXES/SPORTING GOODS/TOOLS JANIE MICHELE HSEHOLD GOODS/FURN/BOXES DONTAVIUS

KIMBERLY LOTT

HSEHOLD GOODS/FURN/BOXES

560

B-7

D-40

J-17

J-26

J-44

J-60

K-7

K-52

JOHNSON

FLETCHER

HSEHOLD GOODS/ FURN/BOXES **MONTERIO** HSEHOLD GOODS/ D-38 FURN/BOXES **GREGORY HARDY**

HSEHOLD GOODS/FURN/BOXES JANELL MCLEOD HSEHOLD GOODS/FURN/BOXES WILLIAM R. REYNOLDS D-56 HSEHOLD GOODS/ & D-57 FURN/BOXES APRIL LEWIS I-22 HSEHOLD GOODS/FURN/BOXES **GARY GOODEN** 1-42

HSEHOLD GOODS/FURN/BOXES TIM EVERETT HSEHOLD GOODS/FURN/BOXES MICHELLE STEGALL HSEHOLD GOODS/ & J-29 FURN/BOXES

BRENT DEMARK HSEHOLD GOODS/ & J-92 FURN/BOXES JACQUELINE **MITCHELL** J-56 HSEHOLD GOODS/ FURN/BOXES **EVA HAMBRIGHT FURNITURE**

KAYLA ROBINSON

TYRONE MULDROW

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

HSEHOLD GOODS/FURN/BOXES

HSEHOLD GOODS/FURN/BOXES

PUBLIC AUCTION

THESE VEHICLES will be sold at Public Auctions on the following Saturdays

DECEMBER 5, December 12, 2020 All auctions start promptly @ 1:00pm. **REGISTRATION BEGINS** @ 12 noon THE AUCTION will be held at:

CHANCEY'S WRECKER Service, Inc

539 MCDANIEL Mill Rd

CONYERS, GA 30014 TELEPHONE: 770-483-0698 FAX: 770-922-5223

YOU ARE hereby notified, in accordance with OCGA 40-11-19 (a) (2), that each of the below-referenced vehicles are subject to a lien and a petition may be filed in court to foreclose a lien for all amounts owed. If the lien is foreclosed, a court shall order the sale of the vehicle to satisfy the debt.

THE VEHICLES are currently located at 539 McDaniel Mill Rd Conyers, Ga 30012 and have been foreclosed upon through Rockdale County State & Magistrate Court. ANYONE WITH an ownership interest in any of these vehicles should contact

770-483-TELEPHONE #:

VEHICLE MAKE: COVERED Vehicle License # NA

VEHICLE MAKE: FONTAINE Year: 2007 Model: TRAILER Vehicle License # NA

1992 Model: DEVILLE VEHICLE ID #: 1FDNE24L04HB11528 Vehicle License # NA

VEHICLE MAKE: FORD Year: 2004 Model: E250

Vehicle License # NA VEHICLE MAKE:

Vehicle License # NA

Vehicle License # NA VEHICLE MAKE:

Vehicle License # NA

License # NA Model: EXPEDITION

Model: EXPLORER

Model: COROLLA Vehicle License # NA

ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE

the following business immediately: BUSINESS NAME: CHANCEY'S WRECKER SERVICE ADDRESS: MCDANIEL MILL RD SW CONYERS, GA 30012

THE VEHICLES subject to liens as tated above are identified as:

WAGON Year: 2018 Model: WAGON VEHICLE ID #: 53FBE162XJF035894

VEHICLE ID #: 13N25330771540016 VEHICLE MAKE: CADILLAC Year:

VEHICLE ID #: 1FDNE24L04HB11528

VEHICLE MAKE: KIA Year: 2002 Model: SPORTAGE VEHICLE ID #: KNDJB723825129625

BENZ Year: 2003 Model: C240

VEHICLE ID WBADM634XYGU29962

Vehicle License # NA 2005 Model: CTS

Vehicle License # NA

VEHICLEID#: 1FMZU67E02UD54916 Vehicle License # NA

HARLEY-DAVIDSON Year: 2015 Model: VEHICLEID#: 1HD1KHM15FB657422

MERCEDES-VEHICLE ID #: WDBRF81J63F377458

VEHICLE MAKE: BMW Year: 2000 Model: 528I Vehicle

VEHICLE MAKE: CADILLAC Year:

VEHICLEID#: KNAFU4A2XD5736603

VEHICLE MAKE: 385409 Year: 2009 VEHICLE ID#: 1NXBU40E29Z079107

VEHICLE ID #: 1FAFP24155G191391

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VEHICLE MAKE: FORD Year: 2008 VEHICLE ID #: 1FMFU19548LA12869

VEHICLE ID #: 1G6DP567X50118114 Vehicle License # NA VEHICLE MAKE: 3KIA Year: 2013

VEHICLE MAKE: FORD Year: 2002

VEHICLE MAKE: FORD Year: 2005 Model: FIVE HUNDRED

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CONFIDENCE:

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Toomey) and her team have done a great job of allowing us to be able to reopen but to reopen smartly. And then as Dr. Toomey says, get your flu shot. No issues with the flu right now, and I think it's because people are doing all of these things, but we've got to remain vigilant.

"We don't even want to talk about going back to where we were. We can deal with small bumps, that's what we've designed our system to do. We just don't need to be flaring up like some parts of the country are right

Since the virus made its way into Georgia, more than 380,000 people have contracted COVID-19 and killed 8.403, as of Thursday afternoon. In the last two weeks, more than 24,000 cases had been reported across the state. The positivity rate of testing over the same 14-day period was 7.7%.

In Newton County, 200 new cases had been reported in the last two weeks and the positivity rate stood at 10.4%, as of Thursday afternoon. The cumulative case total for the county was 3,081 and the cumulative death total was 101.

COVID-19 hits local school, longterm care facilities

One Newton County

school was forced to

shut down this week due to COVID-19. The district announced Wednesday that Cousins Middle School would revert to remote learning only and not reopen for in-person learning again until Nov. 30 due to potentially eight cases (one confirmed positive and seven presumed positive) being reported. There were 25 staff members who were likely to be quaran-

District-wide, Newton County Schools had 7,483 students attending for in-person instruction, according the system's latest report Friday, Nov. 6, with a total of 2,626 staff members. There were 78 students and 37 staff members reportedly quarantined.

An update for the week of Nov. 9-13 was not made available prior to The Covington News' weekend edition deadline.

Long-term care facilities, as of Thursday afternoon, have also seen increases in COVID-19

- Benton House of Covington: Resident census – 49; COVID positive residents – 18; resident deaths - 5; total tested – 50; residents recovered – 13; COVID positive staff -12.
- Merryvale Assisted Living in Oxford: Resident census – 55; COVID positive residents - 17; resident deaths - 5; total tested -67; residents recovered - 12; COVID positive staff - 8.
- Oaks at Ashton Hills in Covington: Resident census -51; COVID positive residents – 32; resident deaths - 4; total tested -70; residents recovered 5; COVID positive staff - 11.
- Pruitt Health in Covington: Resident census – 57; COVID positive residents -50; resident deaths - 0; total tested – 215; residents recovered – 0; COVID positive staff -13.
- Riverside Health Care Center in Covington: Resident census – 93; COVID positive residents – 108; resident deaths - 34; total tested – 546; residents recovered – 58; COVID positive staff

(Editor's Note concerning long-term care facility statistics: Per the Georgia Department of Public Health,"Resident census" represents the number of residents under the facility's care. "COVID positive residents" represents the cumulative number of residents who have tested positive for the COVID-19 virus."Resident deaths" represents the cumulative number of COVID-19 positive residents who have died."COVID positive staff" represents the cumulative number of employees working at the facility who have tested positive for the COVID-19 virus.)

Alleged murderer waives arraignment for May motel incident

By TOM SPIGOLON

Legals/News

COVINGTON, Ga. An accused murderer waived his arraignment Tuesday, Nov. 10, on charges related to a May shooting at a Covington motel that left a man dead from a gunshot wound to the head.

Terry Yates, 30, was scheduled to be arraigned Tuesday in Newton County Superior Court on charges connected to a May 27 shooting at Super 8 motel on Alcovy Road at I-20 that left Nijee Anderson, 31, dead. Yates is charged with

malice murder, felony murder, aggravated assault, possession of a firearm, and tampering with evidence

The waiver meant he was pleading "not guilty" to the charges and will be awaiting trial.

Yates has remained

behind since his arrest. Superior Court Judge Terry

Yates

denied a motion to set bond for him during a June 25 hearing.

John

Ott

Prosecutors asked Ott to deny bond because Yates had allegedly intimidated witnesses into lying to protect him and was a risk for fleeing the area to avoid prosecution if released. They also told Ott

that Yates is a self-proclaimed gang member and had told others he was a member of a well-known area gang that could provide money to allow him to flee the area.

Police investigators determined the suspect

had been drinking and smoking marijuana with others in a room at the motel the night of May 27.

He allegedly went to his truck, retrieved a handgun, shot the victim in the temple, grabbed the gun and got in his truck, Ott was told.

Police reportedly found the weapon used in the incident in a field next to Rocky Plains Road south of Coving-

When officers interviewed witnesses, they first told them Anderson had shot himself in the head but later said they were scared of Yates — who had told them to give that false information to police.

The suspect told investigators the shooting was an accident. He said he was walking by Anderson when the victim grabbed the gun. It went off and shot

the victim in the head, prosecutors said. Ott's June 25 ruling

came over the objections of Yates' attorney. Mario Ninfo, who said his client had never been arrested before the incident. Ninfo said Yates is

a native of Covington, and needed to be granted bond because he had a wife and minor child at home.

He also suffered from bipolar disorder, among other mental illnesses, which led to him being placed on suicide watch while in jail, the attorney said.

Ninfo said he did not believe there was intent to kill Anderson because all those attending a motel room party had guns and multiple people in the room were handling the firearms without regard to safety.

55% say 'no' to sales tax for transportation needs in Newton

By TOM SPIGOLON

tspigolon@covnews.com

COVINGTON, Ga. — About 55% of Newton County voters voted against imposing a new sales tax for transportation in a Nov. 3 Special Election. Official totals showed 55%

against the proposed new 1% sales tax and 45% for it.

However, two state constitutional amendments and a statewide referendum won "yes" votes in Newton County and statewide.

TSPLOST Special Election

Newton County voters were asked if they wanted to approve a 1% Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax for transportation, and a bond issue of \$18.9 million, all for transportation projects in Newton County's unincorporated area and six

The sales tax could have only been imposed for five years and produce a maximum of \$56.1 million for transportation projects in the cities and unincorporated area. It would have increased the total sales tax in Newton County to 8%

The bond issue was to be used to more quickly begin work on projects in the county and Covington as they await the collection of tax revenues, officials have said.

However, only six precincts City Pond, Town, Beaverdam, Stansells, Fairview and Crowell — voted "yes" and the remaining 16 precincts voted "no."

Transportation SPLOST for *Newton County:*

No – 27.920 votes, or 55% **Constitutional Amendment 1** This proposal asked voters if

Yes - 23,243 votes, or 45%

they want to include in the state Constitution a requirement that the state government only use fees it collects for such purposes as cleanup of illegal tire

dumps or hazardous waste to be

used for those purposes and not

placed into the state budget for

other uses. However, it also allows the state to use the money in the event of an economic downturn and prohibits the General Assembly from dedicating money

for a specific purpose if it ex-

from the previous year.

ceeds 1% of total state revenues

It requires establishment of a special fund to include identification of its specific purpose, naming the state agency to administer the funds, providing annual reports of revenues and expenses, and ending the fee or

Constitutional Amendment

tax within 10 years.

Yes – 77% (won with 82%) statewide)

No - 23%

Constitutional Amendment 2

This will remove sovereign immunity protections from state and local governments, and allow lawsuits against them for alleged violations of state laws and state and U.S. constitutions.

Sovereign immunity is a concept Georgia carried over from British common law that states the government legally can do no wrong.

Year:

District 110 State Rep. Andy

Welch, R-McDonough, whose district included part of Newton County, sponsored the resolution for the constitutional amendment in reaction to previous vetoes of similar legislation by two governors. It will allow lawsuits against

and authorizes superior courts to order state and local officers and employees to cease violations beginning Jan. 1, 2021. It also requires that such legal actions be against the state or

governments in superior courts

local government entity and not an elected official or individual working in the government. The amendment also prohib-

its any type of monetary award unless the Georgia General Assembly approves it.

The Georgia Supreme Court ruled in 2017 that sovereign immunity protected public officials from being sued.

Constitutional Amendment No. 2:

Yes — 71% (won with 74%) statewide)

No - 29%

Statewide Referendum

This law will apply to nonprofits like Habitat for Humanity. It will exempt from property taxes land owned by a nonprofit if the property is only used for construction or repair of single-family homes financed by the nonprofit with zero interest

loans for individuals. Statewide Referendum A: *Yes* – 70% (won with 73% statewide)

No - 30%

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Vehicle License # NA

VEHICLE LICENSE # NA

VEHICLE MAKE: FORD Year: 1996 Model: EXPLORER VEHICLEID#:1FMDU32X2TUC26180 Vehicle License # NA VEHICLE MAKE: CHEVROLET Year: 2013 Model: EQUINOX VEHICLEID#:2GNALDEK0D6349158

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VEHICLE MAKE: NISSAN Year:

2006 Model: ALTIMA VEHICLE ID #: 1N4AL11E16N351173 Vehicle License # NA VEHICLE MAKE: HYUNDAI 2013 Model: ELANTRA VEHICLEID#:5NPDH4AE4DH238308

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License # NA CHEVROLET

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VEHICLE MAKE: ACURA

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Year: 2004 Model: XG350

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VEHICLE ID #: 2B3KA43R66H315253 Vehicle License # NA VEHICLE MAKE: DODGE 1999 Model: RAM

VEHICLEID#: 1B7HC16X4XS259562 Vehicle License # NA VEHICLE

MAKE: MITSUBISHI

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VEHICLE MAKE: PONTIAC Year: 2004 Model: GRAND PRIX VEHICLE ID #: 2G2WP522541315005 Vehicle License # NA

VEHICLE MAKE: NISSAN

2003 Model: ATLIMA **VEHICLE ID** #: 1N4BL11E33C329770 Vehicle License # NA VEHICLE MAKE: KIA Year: 2012

VEHICLEID#: 5XYKT3A12CG200658 Vehicle License # NA VEHICLE MAKE: CHEVROLET

Year: 1977 Model: C10 VEHICLE ID #: CCL CCL447A188783 Vehicle License # NA VEHICLE MAKE: FORD

2003 Model: EXPEDITION VEHICLE ID#: 1FMRU17L53LA14377 Vehicle License # NA VEHICLE MAKE: HYUNDAI Year:

VEHICLEID#: 5NMSG13D47H092815 Vehicle License # NA VEHICLE MAKE: PONTIAC Year: 1998 Model: GRAND PRIX

VEHICLE ID #: 1G2WJ14T8PF267044

2007 Model: SANTE FE

Vehicle License # NA VEHICLE MAKE: HONDA

2001 Model: ACCORD VEHICLE ID #: 1HGCG16531A075371 Vehicle License # NA

2007 Model: CAMRY VEHICLE ID #: JTNBE46K473076819 Vehicle License # NA VEHICLE MAKE: HONDA Year:

VEHICLE MAKE: TOYOTA

2005 Model: CAMRY

Model: ACCORD VEHICLE ID #: 1HGCG3279YA032778 Vehicle License # NA VEHICLE MAKE: TOYOTA Year:

VEHICLE ID#: 4T1BE32K15U513909 Vehicle License # NA VEHICLE MAKE: CHRYSLER Year: 2015 Model: 200 VEHICLEID#:1C3CCCABXFN662657

Vehicle License # NA VEHICLE MAKE: DODGE Year: 2000 Model: DAKOTA VEHICLE ID #: 1B7FL26X1YS5598960

Vehicle License # NA VEHICLE MAKE: CHEVROLET YEAR: 1998 Model: K1500 VEHICLEID#: 2GCEK19R7W1126067 PUBLIC NOTICE #117602

NOTICE OF SALE

BUDGET SELF Storage of Covington,

11/15,22 **PUBLIC AUCTION** 11/15,22 **Trade Names**

PUBLIC NOTICE #117596

pursuant to the Georgia Self Storage

Act, 10-4-213, shall conduct a public sale of the following units at 6217 Highway 278 NE, Covington, GA

30014; 770-787-0900; after 1 p.m. on

Tuesday, December 1st, 2020. All bids

will be accepted online through www.

storageauctions.com. Budget Self

Storage of Covington reserves the right

to withdraw units from such sale and

reject any bid. Terms of sale are cash

or money order only. The following unit

unit contains a mattress, nightstand,

rails, bed frame, dresser mirror and

G16 Enrique Banks- This

will be sold:

dresser

TRADE NAME REGISTRATION **AFFIDAVIT**

GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY TO WHOM It may Concern: PLEASE BE advised that CREDIT **CENTRAL SOUTH, LLC**, whose address is 700 EAST NORTH STREET, SUITE 15, GREENVILLE,

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In 2019, Georgia originally broke the record set previously by North Carolina with seven straight years as

Kemp announced the news on the heels of a tour of Bridgestone Golf in Covington — which the governor referred to as a "hidden gem" — as the greatest golfers world teed off at the Masters Tournament in Augusta, only a few miles down the road. The announcement also came days after renowned golfers Tiger Woods and Bryson DeChambeau announced their contract extensions to continue using Covington-made balls.

"I was talking to the team earlier this morning — there's an article today about how far Bryson's hitting the ball now on the tour," Kemp said. "And I was assured that it was because of the golf ball."

Despite "challenging times," Kemp said he was proud of the work Bridgestone and other businesses were able to do in Georgia, and he credited the state's success in wake of the pandemic to the state's "measured approach."

"On the economic side, our measured approach to the pandemic — fighting for lives and fighting for livelihoods— has put us in a really good spot ... but we cannot rest on our laurels," Kemp said. "Our unemployment rate is under that national average. We're very excited that since the start of the new fiscal year on July 1, we've announced the creation of more than 11,800 jobs and over \$4.3 billion of new investments. That's up 56% in investments and 45% in jobs over the incredible year that we had last year.

"During 2020 legislative session, we were able to avoid massive budget cuts and continue to prioritize education health care and public safety," he continued. "And thanks to (a) measured and successful reopening, we've been able to maintain our AAA bond rating, and we don't see a need for across-the-board cuts this coming year."

Site Selection magazine is an internationally circulated business publication covering corporate real estate and economic development. The publi-



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Gov. Brian Kemp (center) shakes hands with Covington Mayor Steve Horton (right) after arriving at Bridgestone Golf on Thursday, Nov. 12. First Lady Marty Kemp (left) looks on.

cation's rankings were 50% based on an index of seven criteria and 50% on the input received from a survey of independent site location experts who were asked to rank states based on their recent project experiences. This year, Georgia shared the top spot with North Carolina.

In a survey published with the rankings, workforce skills were the most important criteria to site selectors for the fifth consecutive year, with workforce development programs coming in second place. Transportation infrastructure, ease of permitting and regulatory procedures, along with state and local taxes, completed the top five issues of importance to the process.

"In the case for Georgia ... I asked (Georgia Department of Economic Development Commissioner Pat Wilson) 'What are you doing that's so successful?" said Mark Arend, editor in chief of Site Selection. "And he said, 'You know, it's not about doing anything differently. It's about doing what we do, better.' And I believe that's very true."

Wilson said "doing things the right

way" was key to the state's success.
"Whether entering or expanding in
Georgia, it's our goal to give every
company we work with the peace of
mind they need to know that they will
have a long-term partner in the state,"
Wilson said. "I want to thank Gov.
Kemp, Speaker David Ralston, Lt.
Gov. Geoff Duncan, and our General

Assembly for the consistent leadership

that gives us a competitive edge and

the support that helps our entire state

Wilson also expressed his thanks to the Newton County Industrial Development Authority and the city of

find success."

Covington for their efforts.

"You guys do a great job. And I think the support that you see around Bridgestone really is a great example of that. But there's growth going on all over this community," Wilson said. "David Bernd, Serra Hall — the team here is fantastic."

To commemorate the achievement, Bridgestone Golf President and CEO Dan Murphy presented the governor a golf bag and First Lady Marty Kemp a personalized set of balls.

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management of the election "an embarrassment" that lacked "transparency and uniformity in the counting process," but cited no evidence of fraud or improper ballot counting. The Secretary of State's office has pledged to investigate any credible allegations that may arise.

Raffensperger formally called for the recount as part of a regular audit of the election results, which were poised to be done via an electronic sampling of ballots. Instead, Raffensperger changed the process under emergency powers due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Now, every county elections boards in Georgia has until the certification deadline of Nov. 20 to count by hand every in-person, mail-in and provisional ballot cast in the election.

When asked about the situation, Kemp said he understood the concern surrounding the election results and that the fear of fraud was common in every election. The governor and former secretary of state said Raffensperger has made the recount process "clear."

"Well, look, he said he's not resigning so that's a moot point now," Kemp said. "I think he's made it clear the process we have before (us), so I think that we all as Georgia citizens — no matter which side of the aisle you're on — should embrace that. Let's let that happen and let the chips fall where they

"People just want to make sure we have integrity in our elections, and I think the steps that (Raffensperger are taking) is going to do that."

Democratic challenger Joe Biden led President Donald Trump by about 14,000 votes out of nearly 5 million cast in Georgia, according to the Secretary of State's office.



A MESSAGE FROM SHERIFF EZELL BROWN

I would like to thank the voters of Newton County for my successful re-election. You put me in the winner's circle by showing up in every category. You led in early voting, mail-in, and finished up with a resounding presence on Election Day. You chose PROVEN LEADERSHIP, and for that, I am eternally grateful! The election is over, and now we are getting back to the real work — elevating the positive and burying the negative chatter that tried to adversely impact our community! Our goal is to continue the work together and move the needle towards being the safest county in Georgia and beyond. Know that our primary job is to "serve and protect" you and your families. Be assured that we are doing our part to create "ONE NEWTON"!

Your Sheriff,



EDUCATION

Eastside, NCCA FFA deemed 3-Star chapters

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

Eastside High School and Newton College & Career Academy's (NCCA) FFA programs were recently named 3-Star chapters by the National FFA Organization.

This is the highest ranking an FFA chapter can receive in the Star program. The two FFA programs were recognized at the recent 2020 National FFA Convention and Expo.

The FFA Star program recognizes outstanding FFA chapters from throughout the country that actively implement the mission and strategies of the organization. These chapters improve chapter operations using the National Quality FFA Chapter Standards and a Program



Special to The Covington News

Meredith McCorey, NCCA FFA Student Advisor, and Tony Leonetti, Eastside FFA President, are members of their school's nationally recognized 3-Star chapter.

of Activities that emphasizes growing leaders, building communities and strengthening agriculture. Chapters are rewarded for providing educational experiences for the entire membership.

"Eastside chapter officers and committee members worked hard to create 12

activities that 171 members had the opportunity to participate in," said Eastside High School FFA Advisor, Catrina Pollard. "Activities range from the Annual Dodgeball Tournament that raises over \$500 for Relay for Life to the Real Life Luncheons where speakers teach a

brief lesson over life skills. Eastside FFA has earned the 3-star ranking for the past five years."

"We strive to create an agricultural education program where every student can find success," said Marcus Pollard, NCCA FFA Advisor. "Thankfully, we have had a lot of that lately. We are in a really awesome cycle where kids are seeing each other succeed and are becoming motivated to work hard for their own personal success."

He added, "We simply could not create the program we have here in Newton County without the support from people and organizations like Farm Bureau. Arbor Equity, Oldcastle and more. The list of supporters goes on and on, and we're

very fortunate and thankful for all of the support. We take the 'NCSSBeTheBest' to heart. Being named a 3-Star Chapter is quite literally saying we're the best. There's a lot of great things going on in agricultural education in Newton County."

"It's an honor to be named a National Gold 3-Star chapter again this year," said Cecily Gunter, NCCA FFA Advisor. "I believe that this recognition speaks volumes to the total program that we have to Newton College and Career Academy and to the hard work and dedication that our students put in. We have a great thing going on with NCCA FFA and I'm proud to play a small role in that success.

Georgia graduation rates reach record high in 2020

By TAYLOR BECK tbeck@covnews.com

COVINGTON, Ga. Georgia's students are graduating at an alltime high.

In 2020, the state's graduation rate rose to 83.8%, which is up from 82% in 2019 and is a record rate since the state began using the adjusted cohort calculation required by federal law, according to a Tuesday news release from the Georgia Department of Education. The state's rate has increased by 14.1 percentage points since 2012.

According to the news release, 105 Georgia school districts and 230 schools recorded graduation rates at or above 90% in 2020, including Newton High School and Social Circle City Schools.

Social Circle City Schools graduated 103 out of 109 students for a graduation rate of 94.5%.

Newton High School had a graduation rate of 91.1% for 2020, graduating 574 out of 630 students.

The remaining Newton County schools finished just under the 90% mark.

Eastside High School had a graduation rate

of 89.2%, graduating a total of 339 students, which was two percentage points better than in 2019.

Alcovy High School had a graduation rate of 88.6%, graduating a total of 429 students, which marked an increase of three percentage points.

Newton County Schools, as a district finished with a total graduation rate of 89.8% — an increase of more than two percentage points from 2019.

"Congratulations to our students, parents, teachers, and leaders for their hard work," Newton County Superintendent Samantha Fuhrey said. "It is exciting to reach the 90% mark for the first time since the Georgia Department of Education began collecting cohort graduation data. I am proud of the continued efforts of our high school team to ensure our students achieve this very significant milestone. I am so pleased that all three of our high schools have surpassed their respective 2019 graduation rates and continue to outpace the state. I would like to offer a special note of congratulations to the Newton

High School team as their students achieved a graduation rate of 91%, which their highest graduation rate yet. I am also thrilled that Alcovy High School's graduation rate improved by four points to its highest graduation rate in the last six years. And not to be outdone, congratulations to the Eastside High School team for posting a two point gain! Each of our schools deserves to be commended for their work in ensuring that all students graduate and are well-rounded and prepared for the future. We are dedicated to reaching our goal of 100% of Newton County School System students graduating within four years, and we will not be fully satisfied until we reach that goal.

According to the report, 29 districts and 89 schools recorded graduation rates at or above 95%

"I'm very proud today of the class of 2020," State School Superintendent Richard Woods said. "These students were faced with difficulties none of us could have imagined due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but they have shown over and

over again — in ACT and SAT results, in their personal accomplishments, and now in this graduation rate - that they were able to rise above. While these results are positive, we cannot stop here. We must provide tailored and personalized pathways to ensure every student sees the relevance in their education, stays in school, and receives

Georgia's graduation rate has increased by 14.1 percentage points

a high-school diploma

that prepares them for

their future."

since 2012, with steady increases each year.

Part of the increase in graduation rate for 2020 could be attributed to a waiver the GDOE received from the U.S. Department of Education in 2019, according to the news release, that allows the state to count students with the "most significant cognitive disabilities" in the four-year graduation rate the year they graduate, even if that is more than four years after they begin high school.

To be counted, the student's graduation

still must fall within the window for which they are guaranteed a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE). In Georgia, students are guaranteed FAPE through the age of 22.

In 2020, this change allowed for the cohort of approximately 1,000 students to be reassigned, the news release stated. This accounts for only a portion of the increase. If those students' cohort had not been reassigned, the graduation rate would have increased by 1.09 percentage points, as opposed to 1.80.

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To reserve your space, please RSVP to TAPP at TAPP@griffinresa.net.

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2020 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Alcovy Tigers

2-5 (2-0)

North Forsyth – 3-35, L @ Newton – 0-27, L @ Duluth – 27-42, L Eastside – 31-34, L South Forsyth – 7-39, L Lowndes Colquitt County @ Grovetown – 44-14, W Lakeside, Evans – 35-0, W @ Fellowship Christian 11/20 – @ Evans

Eastside Eagles

7-2 (5-1)

@ Winder-Barrow – 27-14, W Newton – 7-21, L @ Alcovy – 34-31, W @ Johnson – 47-7, W Apalachee – 35-7, W Clarke Central – 34-35, L @ Loganville – 7-3, W Jackson County – 27-0, W Walnut Grove – 31-0, W 11/20 – @ Greenbrier

Newton Rams

3-5 (1-2)

Alcovy – 27-0, W
@ Eastside – 21-7, W
@ McEachern – 7-8, L
@ Houston County – 7-21, L
Parkview – 7-35, L
Brookwood – 28-16, W
@ Mill Creek – 0-31, L
@ Grayson – 0-37, L
11/20 – South Gwinnett (at
Sharp)

Social Circle Redskins 3-6 (1-3)

3-6 (1-3)

G.W. Academy – 7-35, L @ Providence Ch. – 31-28, W Walnut Grove – 16-42, L Putnam County – 0-45, L @ Oglethorpe Co. – 27-12, W Washington-Wilkes – 0-56, L @ Lincoln County – 20-36, L Commerce – 22-48, L @ Towns County – 34-27, W 11/20 – Greene County

Note: Schedules are subject to change.



Eastside Eagles 31, Walnut Grove Warriors 0

EAGLES ALL SMILES

Eastside shuts out region foe Warriors on Senior Night



Mason Wittner | The Covington News

Eastside pitched its second straight shutout on Friday night against visiting Walnut Grove. The Eagles are now one win away from securing a first-round home game in the Class AAAAA state playoffs.

By MASON WITTNER

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COVINGTON, Ga. — It was all smiles for Eastside on Senior Night.

Coming off a slow start against Jackson County last week, the Eagles placed an emphasis on executing from the opening snap. They managed to do just that against Walnut Grove on Friday night, putting the game away by halftime before shifting into cruise control for a 31-0 victory at Sharp Stadium.

"Last week we didn't start real fast. We never felt like we were in trouble, but we knew it was important to come out this time and establish the tempo that we wanted to play at," Eastside head coach Troy Hoff said. "We came out of the gate and played fast. That was huge."

Eastside (7-2, 5-1 Region 8-AAAAA) had its first drive of the game extended with a fourth-down conversion deep in Walnut Grove (3-6, 2-4 Region 8-AAAAA) territory. A

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few plays later, junior running back Dallas Johnson burst through the middle of the field for a 17-yard touchdown to put the Eagles in front 7-0.

With three minutes remaining in the opening quarter, Eastside doubled its lead on a 4-yard rushing touchdown from sophomore Kenai Grier.

The Eagle defense never afforded Walnut Grove's offense enough time to get comfortable. On the first play of the second quarter, their pressure forced the Warriors to crack.

Walnut Grove coughed up the ball, which was promptly scooped up by junior Christian Benson and returned for a touchdown. With 11:52 remaining in the first half, Eastside had jumped out to a 21-0 advantage.

Since giving up a season-high 35 points to Clarke Central, Eastside has pitched back-to-back shutouts and surrendered just three points over their last three games. The defense looked sharp

to start the year, but they've reached another level of dominance over the final stretch of the season.

"I think they're getting more and more comfortable," Hoff said of his defensive unit. "We're able to put them in situations to make them play fast. We're communicating better and we're sound fundamentally, which is where it starts. They're locking in during the week and ready to play and it's showing on Friday night."

The Eagle defense came up with another fumble recovery at the 9:37 mark in the second quarter. They quickly capitalized on the turnover, converting it into points as Jaylen Woods hit Dayton Green in the left corner of the end zone for a 7-yard passing touchdown.

The score made it 28-0, but the connection between the two seniors was more meaningful than putting points on the board.

When Woods sustained a

leg injury one week prior to the Eagles' season opener, Green was asked to convert from receiver to quarterback and thrust into the starting job. He excelled, throwing for nearly 600 yards and six touchdowns in seven starts. But with Woods healthy and back under center, Green has been allowed to go back out wide for the last two games.

wide for the last two games. The result has been an offensive explosion.

"Both guys are at home when Jaylen's at quarterback. That's where they're happy, where they're comfortable," Hoff said. "Dayton's done a great job for us at quarterback. He played quarterback for just six days before our first game. But Jaylen's prepared really hard to play quarterback for us. And when those two are both at home, we're a different football team."

Eastside junior Jaydon Fain tacked on a 47-yard field goal

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Social Circle Redskins 34, Towns Co. Indians 27

'Skins stay alive



File | The Walton Tribune

Social Circle kept its playoff hopes alive after defeating Towns County 34-27 Friday night. Read more about the Redskins' big win in Wednesday's edition of The Covington News and on www.covnews.com.

College Hoops

Isaiah Miller named SoCon Preseason Player of the Year



UNC-Greensboro Athletics

Former Eastside and Newton standout Isaiah Miller goes up for a one-handed slam in an early season game against Mercer. Miller was named the SoCon Preseason Player of the Year Wednesday.

By MASON WITTNER mwittner@covnews.com

The accolades as continuing to pile

up for Newton High School graduate Isaiah Miller. After initially de-

claring he was going to dip his toes into the NBA Draft pool, Miller decided to return to the University of North Carolina at Greensboro for his senior season. Consequently, the defending Southern Conference Player of the Year and two-time reigning So-Con Defensive Player of the year was named the Coaches' Preseason Player of the Year for the second year in a row Wednesday.

Miller earned So-Con Player of the Year honors in 2020 after averaging 17.8 points, 5.0 rebounds and 3.1 assists while shooting 42.2% from the field in 32 games for the Spartans. The guard led the conference in steals with 89 while his scoring ranked second.

He enters his final collegiate season with a 241 career steals, a program record for the Spartans. That total has him slotted at eighth all-time in the conference.

Last season, Miller helped UNC Greensboro post a 23-9 record and go 13-5 in the SoCon, good enough for a third-place finish. Thanks in no small part to his return, the Spartans were picked as the favorite to win the conference in the 2020-21 Preseason Southern Conference Coaches Poll.

Miller and UNC Greensboro will open the season on Wednesday, Nov. 25, at the Wade Houston Tipoff Classic in Louisville.

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right before the half to make it 31-0.

The Eagles will try to lock up a firstround home game next Friday when they close out the regular season at Greenbrier. It will be a battle for the No. 2 seed in Region 8, as the Wolfpack took down Jackson County, 26-12, on Friday to improve to 4-2 in league play.

"We know we'd

rather play at home, on our field, instead of hitting the road. Our guys are aware of it," Hoff said. "We talked after the Clarke Central game, saying, 'You've got to go 4-0 to get to where we want to go, but first we've got to go 1-0 every week.' We're in that spot right now and it's up to us to take care of it."

Grayson Rams 37, Newton Rams 0

Newton no match for Grayson

By GARRETT PITTS

LOGANVILLE, Ga. - No. 4 Grayson dominated all four quarters of its contest against a tough Newton team Friday night to lock up the Region 4-AAAAAAA title with a 37-0 win and keep its undefeated season alive.

After receiving the opening kickoff, Grayson (9-0, 4-0) brought out the tricks almost immediately. Quarterback De'yon Cannon threw the wide receiver screen to Jaden Smith, who then threw an 80-yard touchdown pass to send a message early and take a 7-0 lead.

Newton's offense started slow with a quick three-and-out, allowing Grayson's Jamal Haynes to take the punt around midfield and run it back for the score to extend the lead to 14-0.

After holding Newton's offense to two more punts, Grayson struck again.

Cannon connected with Phil Mafah for a 44-yard touchdown pass to give the Rams a 21-0 lead going into the second quarter.

Throughout much of the first half, Newton's offensive struggles persisted inside Grayson territory, as they failed to score inside enemy territory multiple times early on.

Newton's biggest breakthrough came on defense when Jaylen Lucas forced two fumbles just to have both recovered by Grayson. Shortly after the second fumble, Grayson's backup quarterback Jacob Garcia was intercepted by Jordan Davis to give Newton the ball around

Just as Newton was beginning to gain momentum, Newton



Garrett Pitts | The Covington News

Newton's Nyland Green (11) tries to evade a Grayson defender during the team's Region 4-AAAAAA matchup.

coughed up the ball a few plays later. The Grayson defender returned it for a 70-yard "scoopand-score" to widen the lead 28-0 midway through the second

Grayson crossed the goal line one more time before half as running back Joseph Taylor Jr. scored on a 22-yard rush to put Grayson up 34-0 after a missed extra point attempt.

At halftime, it appeared the only hope for Newton to get back in the game was for there to be a big breakthrough on offense.

The third and fourth quarters were quiet for both teams, as the only points scored during

the half come on a field goal by Grayson to extend the lead to 37-0.

Despite Newton junior quarterback Jevarra Martin Jr. making the right throws, the Grayson defense limited the yards after catch consistently, which in turn limited much movement down the field for Newton.

Following the tough region loss, Newton drops to 3-5 overall with a 1-2 record in region play.

Newton will be at home next week as it looks to get back on track with another region matchup against the South Gwinnet Comets on Friday, Nov. 20.

Peachtree Academy Panthers 71, Fideles Christian Academy Rangers 6

Panthers cruise in 8-man playoff opener



Taylor Beck | The Covington News

Panthers quarterback Dakota Boeckman (7) dives into the end zone Friday night against Fideles for his first of nine touchdowns in the first round of the Class AA 8-Man Football Playoffs.

By MICHAEL PITTS Correspondent

COVINGTON, Ga. Dakota Boeckman, Shamari Samuels and the No. 2 seed Peachtree Academy Panthers scored early and often in the first round of the 2020 Class AA 8-Man Football playoffs on Friday night, routing the Fideles Christian Academy Rangers, 71-6. The Panthers offense

had scored 115 points over its past two games and carried that momentum into the play-

"We finally learned how to have fun with it," Panther head coach Jim Eidson said. "When

we have fun, we tend to do well."

Boeckman, Samuels,

and Anthony Owens highlighted the offensive onslaught, as the trio torched the Fideles defense for all four quarters.

Samuels had 202 receiving yards in the first half on just four receptions.

Owens had four receptions as well and turned two of those into touchdownn. He was a force to be reckoned with at all three phases of the game — he tallied a kickoff return for a touchdown to begin the second half, and got an interception on

touchdowns on 10 com-

pletions. He accounted

for nine total touch-

Eidson. Boeckman threw for 297 yards in the first half with five passing

downs for the game, four of them on the ground.

Peachtree led 50-6 at halftime and both teams agreed to a running clock for the second half. The Panther defense

accounted for five total turnovers in the game, only allowed Fideles to cross the 50-yard line twice and held the visitors to 1-for-7 on third downs. The win gets

Peachtree Academy one step closer to its thirdstraight state championship, and its first under

Peachtree Academy's next opponent is a familiar foe — the

top-seeded Unity Chris-

Panthers ousted in last

tian Lions, who the

year's playoffs.

"We played Unity several times over the years," Eidson said. "It is not a surprise that we are playing them again."

When asked what his game plan would be going into the game, Eidson said, "The best thing I know to do: play Peachtree football.'

Eidson, in his first year as head coach after spending the past few seasons as defensive coordinator, has his team one win away from playing for the state championship. Peachtree travels to

Rome for the semifinal bout next Friday, Nov. 20, with a trip to the state championship on the line.

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Georgia-Mizzou postponed

Bulldogs' game one of many wiped from Saturday slate due to continued COVID-19 complications

By RALPH D. RUSSO The Associated Press

The pandemic wrecked more plans across college football this week, with No. 12 Georgia at Missouri becoming the fourth game postponed in the Southeastern Conference alone and No. 3 Ohio State's visit to Maryland canceled because of a coronavirus outbreak among the Terrapins.

"This is certainly a week unlike any other," SEC Commissioner Greg Sankey said. "I've repeatedly said (since March) that the circumstances around the virus will guide our decisions."

While the SEC will

assess rescheduling options, there are no open dates built into the Big Ten's nine-week schedule, and teams must play at least six games to qualify to play for the league championship. The Buckeyes are now down to seven games at most and No. 13 Wisconsin, which was favored to meet the Buckeyes in the league championship game, has already had two games canceled because of its own outbreak.

"Obviously, we are disappointed at not being able to compete this week, but I am incredibly proud of our team and the way they have handled themselves throughout this entire pandemic," Ohio State coach Ryan Day said.

Among the three SEC games still on for this Saturday, Arkansas will visit No. 6 Florida without Razorbacks coach Sam Pittman after he tested positive for the virus. Pittman said he has had some body aches, but is otherwise doing OK. He is isolating in his guest house with his dog.

"I'd be lying to you if I said I wasn't somewhat depressed," Pittman said.

No. 24 Auburn at Mississippi State; No. 1 Alabama at LSU; and No. 5 Texas A&M at Tennessee were all called off earlier this week. Both the Ti-



University of Georgia Athletics

Georgia defensive back Eric Stokes (27), an Eastside High School graduate, is the only player in the nation with two pick sixes in the 2020 season after taking one to the house against Florida last weekend.

gers-Bulldogs and Aggies-Volunteers games have been rescheduled for Dec. 12.

In all, eight games across major college football have been called off so far this week including Memphis at Navy, Air Force at Wyoming and Louisiana-Monroe at Arkansas State. Overall, 55 games involving FBS teams have been canceled or postponed since major college football leagues had their revised fall schedules in place on Aug. 26.

The SEC has said it is considering using Dec. 19 as a make up date for teams that are not involved in the league championship game that day. Georgia and Missouri share no open dates the rest of the way, but could be made up on Dec. 19.

With the Crimson Tide on track to play in the SEC title game, Alabama-LSU is in danger of not being played at all without some serious juggling

of schedules. "We want to play Alabama. It's a great rivalry for us," LSU coach Ed Orgeron said, and added he no idea when it could be

arranged. Sankey said at some point the SEC might have to prioritize

making up games that could impact the championship race over those that don't, but the conference is not at that point yet.

"I'm certainly shaken, but not deterred," Sankey said.

Orgeron said he expects most of his players in quarantine due to contact tracing back next week. Between injuries and COVID-19 issues, the Tigers were using punter Zach Von Rosenberg as the second-team quarterback in practice this week, Orgeron said.

Texas A&M coach Jimbo Fisher said his team only had two positive cases as of Wednesday afternoon, but contact tracing had taken a toll. He said a couple of position groups were "greatly" impacted.

Fisher said the weekend road trip to South Carolina, using a small locker room and taking a plane trip, led to the multiple players landing in quarantine after being exposed to the

infected individuals. "We've got guys spread out all over but it's amazing on those air planes how close 6 feet is," said Fisher, who was uncertain whether the Aggies would have enough players back to be able to play Mississippi on

Nov. 21.

Sankey said the conference-wide positivity rate was under 1%.

"Candidly, the numbers around contact tracing have emerged as one of our biggest challenges to playing. We don't control those policies existing in the public-health realm,"

Sankey said. Currently, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention defines a high-risk contact in need of a 14-day quarantine as an individual who has been exposed to an infected person for a total of 15 minutes.

"The contact tracing has the potential to magnify even one positive test," Sankey said.

Crimson Tide coach Nick Saban said his team would practice Saturday to try to keep the rhythm of a normal week, despite now having consecutive Saturdays off with last week's bye. He said players were given some time off to visit home, but it came with strict rules and a warn-

ing to be careful. "Everyone trusts their family. I trust my family," Saban said. "But no one knows where Uncle Tommy has been."

Bennett's job in jeopardy regardless of health

By CHARLES ODUM The Associated Press

Quarterback Stetson Bennett's status as No. 12 Georgia's starter is uncertain even if he recovers from a shoulder injury in time to play Saturday at Missouri.

Bennett has started the last five games, including last week's 44-28 loss to No. 6 Florida that knocked the Bulldogs (4-2) out of the lead in the Southeastern Conference's Eastern Division.

Bennett suffered an AC sprain in his right shoulder in the loss to the Gators. The injury could force Bennett to miss one or more games. Passing woes also threaten his starting

Coach Kirby Smart Monday wouldn't say if the junior would keep the starting job even if Bennett is healthy.

"That is a great question, great question, only to be answered by the end of the week," Smart said.

Bennett completed only 5 of 16 passes for 78 yards with a touchdown and an interception against Florida. Smart said lack of accuracy was the biggest problem in the passing

Bennett threw three interceptions in Georgia's 41-24 loss to No. 1 Alabama on Oct. 17. Smart gave D'Wan Mathis and Southern California transfer JT Daniels snaps with the first-team offense during an open week after the loss to Alabama but stuck with Stetson as the starter.

Mathis, Daniels and freshman Carson Beck will have renewed opportunities this week.

Smart said Daniels is moving better following his recovery from knee surgery which ended his 2019 season at USC.

Daniels' knee prevented him from pushing Mathis and Bennett at the start of the season, but his potential to boost Georgia's passing game could be his path to his long-awaited 2020 debut.

"JT's got a good arm, there's no doubt about that," Smart said. "It's one of the deals that he is getting better and better every day with mobility. You feel good that he is able to move



Georgia quarterback Stetson Bennett (13) gets up after he recovered his own fumble against Georgia during the first half of a NCAA college football, **Saturday, Nov. 7, 2020, in** Jacksonville, Fla.

around and do some things down there with us. Again, he's going to get some reps with Stetson out, and we'll find out where he is."

Smart said Daniels volunteered to work on the scout-team offense so he could have more practice against Georgia's first-team defense. Cornerback Eric Stokes said he has seen Daniels gain confidence in his

"He's just starting to believe in his knee,' Stokes said. "... I'm seeing his progress as far as picking up coverages and knowledge and all that stuff.'

Mathis completed only 4 of 13 passes for 34 yards with two interceptions and one touchdown against Florida. Smart said Mathis must complete a higher percentage of passes.

"He's got to improve that," Smart said. "The number two thing is the management of the offense, in terms of playcall, communication, motion-shifts, snapcount, a lot of things in that nature, which he has improved on."

The renewed questions about who will take snaps against Missouri come as former Georgia quarterback Justin Fields is thriving as a leading Heisman Trophy candidate at No. 3 Ohio State. Fields transferred in 2019 when Smart stuck with Jake Fromm as Georgia's starter.

Fields didn't want to wait for his opportunity at Georgia. Removing Fromm, who won 35 games in three seasons, from the starting job would have been an extremely difficult decision for Smart.

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Note: Schedule is subject to change.

Atlanta enters bye riding two-game win streak By GEORGE HENRY level of the defense.

Associated Press

ATLANTA — The Atlanta Falcons have reached their bye week on a modest two-game winning streak and with three victories in their past four games.

Almost nobody saw that coming after a 0-5 start.

It's still too early to tell if interim coach Raheem Morris will last beyond the remainder of this season, but he has done a good job of communicating expectations and holding everyone accountable. The Falcons aren't giving up on 2020.

"There's a lot that can happen between now and the end of the season," quarterback Matt Ryan said. "We've got to keep our focus now."

Falcons owner Arthur Blank fired Morris' predecessor, Dan Quinn, and general manager Thomas Dimitroff after a poor start. Blank was impressed with a 6-2 finish in 2019 and believed continuity would help the team play hard for the likable Quinn.

Instead, the Falcons started so poorly that Blank couldn't wait any longer to make a move.

He promoted Morris from defensive coordinator and named CEO Rich McKay as de



Courtesy of Atlanta Falcons

Tight end Hayden Hurst (81) in action during the fourth quarter against the Denver Broncos on Nov. 8, 2020.

facto GM. Depending on how the Falcons finish the season, the team will either go in for a full rebuild with a new head coach or will keep Morris and tinker with the roster heading into 2021.

"I think we responded as good as you can," defensive tackle Grady Jarrett said. "We just control going out there and not giving up on our season and fighting every week."

There is still a lot to like about the Falcons offense. Ryan is still in his prime, and Atlanta has a formidable duo in receivers Julio Jones and Calvin Ridley. The defense still needs to pressure the quarterback more consistently and force more takeaways. Special teams has a dependable kicker in Younghoe Koo.

Firing Quinn helped the team move on from its laughingstock status that followed the botched onside kick recovery in Dallas and the meltdown the following week against Chicago.

Those two losses made Atlanta the first team to blow 15-point leads in the fourth quarter in a single season, and the Falcons somehow managed to do so in consecutive weeks. They followed those embarrassments with a loss to Detroit that wasn't much easier to stomach.

Morris will likely stay on as head coach if Atlanta gets hot and ekes out a playoff appearance, but first things first. The Falcons have to keep

finding a way to go 1-0 each week, as Morris says, and let the rest of the season play itself

WHAT'S WORKING

Ryan can still sling it. The 13th-year veteran leads the NFL in yards passing and keeps finding ways to get as many receivers involved as he can. Ryan benefited from the use of a no-huddle in the first half of Sunday's 34-27 win over Denver, so the team needs to use that approach more often. WHAT NEEDS HELP

The running game keeps getting stuffed. Coordinator Dirk Koetter keeps trying to keep Todd Gurley and Brian Hill involved to establish a threat, but neither back is able to consistently get to the second

This is the one glaring problem on offense. If the Falcons can fix this, play action will open up even better for Ryan. Gurley is averaging just 64.9 yards rushing per game.

"We didn't get too many explosive runs, but it's tough to run in this league," Gurley said. "There is definitely some stuff we can fix on the offensive side."

STOCK UP

Olamide Zaccheaus and Brandon Powell stepped up with Ridley out against Denver and caught touchdown passes. Both players showed that Ryan can still find open windows in tight coverage regardless the target.

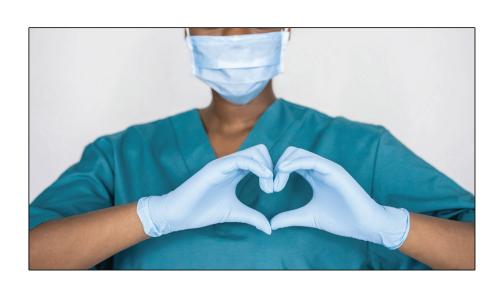
"They're all talented," Ryan said. "They're all tough. They're involved in the run game. They're not scared to go over the middle to catch footballs and play physical. It's a really good group."

STOCK DOWN The pass defense is allowing 310.3 yards per game to rank second worst in the NFL. It's a breakdown throughout the defense with the front seven not bringing consistent pressure and the secondary playing lax

in zone coverage.









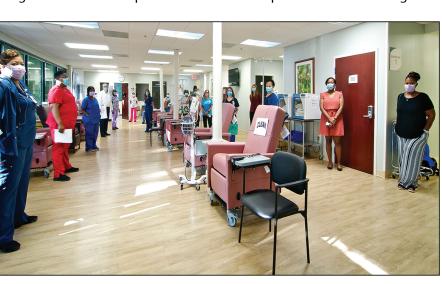
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