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SPORTS EXTRA: PLAYOFF FOOTBALL

Round 1 of the GHSA
state playoffs kicked off
Friday night, while some
schools play Saturday

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His Word

I will praise thee, O Lord,
with my whole heart; I will
shew forth all thy marvel-
ous works. I will be glad
and rejoice in thee: I will
sing praise to thy name, O
thou most High.

Psalms 9:1-2, KJV



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Leah Barnett, of Covington, samples different oils and vinegars at locally owned and operated Town Square Olive Oil.

Start holidays by shopping local

Small Business Saturday
biggest day of year
for local merchants

By **TAYLOR BECK**
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COVINGTON, Ga. — One year ago, an estimated 110 million consumers spent a record \$19.6 billion across the U.S. on Small Business Saturday, according to the U.S. Small Business Administration. Since, the nation has faced the brute force of a pandemic that has strangled the economy through shutdowns and various restrictions in response to COVID-19. Because of the pandemic, the future of many local small businesses hinge on a successful Small Business Saturday. In Covington, Town Square Olive Oil is one of several



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Town Square Olive Oil, as other local small businesses specialize in customer service. Owner Cindy Mask said it's her goal to make sure the gift buying process at her store is a breeze.

businesses hoping for a great turnout this weekend. Owner Cindy Webb Mask said sales over the holiday season account for about one-third of her annual revenue — some businesses rely on holiday sales for 50% of

their annual revenue. “Local small businesses are the lifeblood of this country,” Mask said. “We put sweat, hard work and our heart into everything we do ... We’re not like big box stores who could care less if you come shop at their store.” Mask said her store had been “incredibly fortunate” throughout the pandemic. Because it sells food, Town Square Olive Oil was deemed an essential business, so it has remained open for business the entire time. However, Mask said there came a point when she had to furlough employees and run the store on her own. After a while, she started providing a curbside pickup option, as well as delivery options for their products.

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Prep Hoops

Season of moderate change



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Jimmy Hughes, head baseball coach at Alcovy High School, also works with the Northeast Georgia Official Association as a referee for football and basketball.

Elimination of jump ball, handshakes among state guidelines for 2020-21 basketball season

By **MASON WITTNER**
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COVINGTON, Ga. — The 2020-2021 GHSA basketball season tipped off last Friday, ushering in a new era of high school hoops. Seniors will aim to close out their prep careers on a high note. Underclassmen will strive to make their marks at the varsity level. Coaches will analyze and strategize in an effort to set their foot-kids up for execution. But one of the biggest storylines followed on the court this year won’t have anything to do with the score. Players, coaches and spectators will be glued to the continued search for answers to the

question that has been echoed in the months leading up to the season — how will this work? While league officials are constantly adapting to the challenges presented by playing in the midst of a pandemic, fall sports have had moderate success. Last weekend also marked the end of the GHSA football regular season. According to Robin Hines, the GHSA’s executive director, hundreds of prep football teams were able to play their respective campaigns with only a moderate amount of cancellations sprinkled in. He attributed this success to the numerous COVID-19

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FiberVisions invests \$48 million for Covington expansion

By **TOM SPIGOLON**
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COVINGTON, Ga. — A sharp increase in demand for hygiene products is prompting FiberVisions to invest \$48 million to expand its manufacturing operations in Newton County, Gov. Brian Kemp announced Tuesday. The expansion of the Covington plant’s polyolefin fiber operations will add 21 jobs and comes in response to a sharp increase in demand for hygiene products such as face masks and baby wipes. Installation of the bicomponent fiber line

is expected to be complete by the first half of 2021. Once renovations are complete, FiberVisions will be hiring for positions in advanced manufacturing, a news release stated. “We are very appreciative of the support we have received from Newton County and the state of Georgia for this third phase of our capacity expansion plans in Covington,” said FiberVisions CEO Tom Zaiser. “As a pillar of the Covington community for many decades, we are pleased to welcome 21 new employees

into the FiberVisions and Indorama Ventures family, and we are making plans for additional capacity expansions in the near future.” Polyolefin fibers are synthetic fibers in which the fiber forming substance is a synthetic polymer which is at least 85% by weight of polyethylene, polypropylene or any other polyolefin, according to the website polymerdatabase.com. The company, which is a subsidiary of

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FiberVisions' Covington plant on Alcovy Road has operated since 1967.

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Covington, Porterdale Christmas parades planned around COVID-19 concerns

By **TOM SPIGOLON**
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Annual Christmas parades in two Newton County cities will look much different this year amid safety concerns around the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Covington Lions Club is hosting its annual daytime Christmas parade at night and in “reverse” this year, while Porterdale is sending its parade through city neighborhoods rather than its traditional route.

LIONS CLUB PARADE

Covington Lions

Club’s “reverse” Christmas parade scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 5, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. also will be much smaller than previous years, organizers said.

The Covington Lions Club Christmas Parade will feature about 35 entries such as high school bands and floats. All will remain stationary and can be seen by passing vehicles along Newton Drive in Covington, said organizer and club member Missy Braden.

Organizers also will be waiving the usual parade entry fee but will accept donations

to the Lions Club for its community projects, according to information from the club.

The event — hosted by the Lions Club since 2005 — was set up this year in response to safety concerns around the COVID-19 pandemic, Braden said.

The quarter-mile route will run on Newton Drive from Mill Street to Anderson Avenue. Entries will line up along the south side of Newton Drive adjacent to the YMCA and Legion Field.

Those interested in seeing it from their vehicles will be directed to drive west on Newton Drive, said Braden, who has helped organize the parade with her husband, John, since 2012.

Organizers are advising those groups building floats they will need to light them up through the use of a generator, and those passing in vehicles will only see the floats’ right sides.

All three county high school marching bands will join floats, performing groups, Jeep enthusiasts, Santa Claus and more, Missy Braden said.

John Braden said organizers typically begin work on the event

in June. Discussions about the club hosting a parade and accompanying crowds this year went “back and forth” because of the potential for the disease spreading during such a popular event, Missy Braden said.

“We thought we could make it work,” she said.

The club wanted to “do something positive” and host the parade after “so many things were canceled” in Newton County because of the need for social distancing, Missy Braden said.

“We wondered, ‘How could we do it safely?’” she said. “If people can watch it safely without people stacked up on the sidewalk, we could feel better about it.”

John Braden said this year’s parade will be much different from previous years when up to 140 entries wound their way from Legion Field to the Covington Square.

Last year’s event featured about 100 entries and included a total of 60 horses, he said.

“It looked like the cavalry coming over the hill,” he said.

Horses will not be part of this year’s event because their inclusion

would “not work well” in a stationary event, Missy Braden said.

However, one entry will feature displays of other types of live animals that likely could not be done in a moving parade, she said.

NEIGHBORHOOD PARADE

The Porterdale Christmas Parade is set for Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. and will move through city neighborhoods “where residents can safely view the parade from their front porches,” according to the city website.

Instead of the regular route along Main Street, the parade will begin at the Old Mill parking lot and work its way through Porterdale neighborhoods.

“While this year has been challenging for cities to host their regularly scheduled events, with a little bit of creativity and adaptation, the spirit of Christmas is very much present in Porterdale,” a news release stated.

“This year Porterdale residents will be able to

watch the parade from the comfort and safety of their front porches and invite friends and family to join in the fun,” a release stated.

The route includes parts of Ivy, Hemlock, Main, Poplar, Elm and Crowell roads and Austin Terrace before returning to the Old Mill, according to a parade route.

Only lighted floats and entries on wheels will be featured.

Cars, trucks, golf carts and ATV units can be part of the parade but walking entries are not planned, said Downtown Development Director Josephine Kelly.

“Sadly, for 2020, there wouldn’t be the visits with Santa which normally take place at the conclusion of the parade,” the release stated.

It added that, “Ugly Christmas sweaters, along with Christmas-themed suits have become the dress code for the Porterdale Christmas parade.”

Parade applications are due Dec. 9 and can be obtained by emailing info@cityofporterdale.com.

For more information, visit cityofporterdale.com or call 770-786-2217, ext. 3250.



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Roger Ansley Wallace

Roger Ansley Wallace, 94, of Oxford, formerly of Lithonia, passed away on Friday, November 13, 2020. Roger was born in Akron, Ohio, to the late Henry Franklin Wallace and Lillian Mize Wallace. In addition to his parents he is preceded in death by his wife Kathryn Wright, sisters Rachel Mitchell, Charlotte Wilson, and

brother Robert Wallace.

Roger was a loving husband, brother, uncle, and friend. A US Navy veteran, Roger was a successful businessman and savvy investor. He enjoyed watching sports, traveling, and spending time at their home in Hilton Head. Roger attended the First Presbyterian Church of Covington, and was a former member of

Lithonia Presbyterian Church and Lithonia Methodist Church. He is survived by his brother Gene Wallace, sister-in-law Jo Thach, and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service is not scheduled at this time. Donations may be made in Roger’s memory to the First Presbyterian Church of Covington, Ga.



Stanley Randall Luna

Stanley Randall Luna went to be with Jesus on Saturday, November 14, 2020, at the age of 69, in his home surrounded by his loving and devoted family. A joyous heavenly reunion with his father Posey E. Luna, sons Michael Eugene Luna and Timothy Alan Luna, his mother and father in love Julie and CL Mullenix.

Randall was born in Huntsville, Alabama.

He graduated from Hazel Green High School and went on to receive his B.S. in Business from his beloved University of Alabama. He also held a Realtor and Associate Broker’s License in addition to a Medical Laboratory Technical Degree from the Atlanta Technical School.

Randall loved his Lord and Savior, his wife and family, his Country and its flag, and the Alabama Crimson Tide. He proudly served in the US Navy as a Medical Corpsman and continued his service in the Reserves for six years. He was also a proud member of the American Legion. Randall retired from the American Red Cross as Director of Hospital Services after 25 years of service, and later he retired from Newton County School System as Assistant Director of Transportation. He also helped families find their homes while working as an Associated Broker at American Realty.

Randall enjoyed life to the fullest, his faith in God sustained him. He loved spending time with his family, camping, target practice, coin collecting, reading, and studying history. In his

earlier years he was a scout master with the Boy Scouts of America, his three sons received their Eagle Scout award. Later, he also served as scout master for Royal Rangers and Kingdom Voyagers. He spent many years involved in youth athletics serving as coach and referee. Randall and his wife served God as youth directors, mentoring many young people through puppet, bus ministry, and other church related activities. Randall touched many lives throughout his life.

Randall is survived by his loving wife, best friend and soulmate Betty Jo “BJ” Luna, son Christopher Luna of Los Angeles, CA., daughter in love Teresa Luna, grandson Taylor Luna, of Social Circle, granddaughter and son in love Melissa and Christopher Zand of Mableton, Kailey and Sarah Luna of Covington and his loyal German shepherd, Zoe, and Kitty the cat. He was an avid ALABAMA CRIMSON TIDE FAN “ROLL TIDE ROLL”!!!!

A Celebration of life will be held at a later date.

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On Thursday, December 3rd, at 6:00 p.m. the Griffin Regional Educational Service Agency will conduct the South Metro Atlanta GaTAPP (*Georgia Teacher Academy for Preparation and Pedagogy*) Information Session hosted by Griffin RESA virtually via Zoom. The GaTAPP program is designed to attract highly motivated professionals outside the teaching profession who hold a Bachelor’s degree or higher from a regionally accredited college/university and are interested in pursuing a teaching career. Human Resources Directors from Butts, Fayette, Henry, Lamar, Newton, Pike, Griffin-Spalding, and Thomaston-Upson School Systems will be in attendance at this event to virtually provide information on prospective employment opportunities for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year and for the 2021-2022 school year. Space will be limited and only those with reservations will be admitted.

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Newton, surrounding health departments encourage residents' response to COVID-19 vaccine survey

By **TAYLOR BECK**
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COVINGTON, Ga. — As potential vaccines for COVID-19 have shown promising results in recent weeks, the Gwinnett, Newton and Rockdale County Health Departments has unveiled a survey to get insight from the community, specifically how many would be willing to receive the vaccine.

Found here, the survey asks 21 total questions regarding COVID-19 and the perspective of residents concerning a potential vaccine.

"While no vaccine is yet available outside of clinical trials, this survey intends to understand how will-

ing individuals are to receive the vaccine as well as gather demographic data to help understand those attitudes," Gwinnett, Newton and Rockdale County Health Departments officials stated within the survey.

The first question asked in the survey is "When a COVID-19 vaccine becomes available, how likely would you be to get it?" Participants are prompted to choose, "Definitely would get it," "Probably would get it," "Not sure," "Probably would not get it," or "Definitely would not get it."

If the participants choose to get it, the next questions asks participants to indicate how different scenarios

would affect their decision to get the vaccine.

If participants choose to not get it or not sure, participants are asked to indicate why they would choose not to get the vaccine.

Participants are then asked if they have children and the likelihood of their children being vaccinated.

The next question asks to share how much confidence the participant has in the safety and effectiveness of a potential vaccine, and then asks how participants believe officials could improve their chosen confidence level.

The survey also asks if the participant approves or disapproves of how various local,

state and federal entities have handled the pandemic response.

Officials state there are no right or wrong answers and all survey answers are anonymous.

The survey has been translated into Spanish, Korean, Vietnamese and Chinese (Mandarin).

"Our communities are diverse, and we need as many voices to weigh in, so we can develop the information needed to help our communities make the decision to vaccinate," an official with the city of Covington stated.

Questions about the survey or its content should be directed to info@gnrhealth.com.

Covington council partners with CPL, RKG Associates to update urban redevelopment plan

City approves funding for sidewalk installation project design work

By **TAYLOR BECK**
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COVINGTON, Ga. — In 2009, an urban redevelopment plan was created in Covington, which paved the way to forming a nine-member Redevelopment Authority. More than a decade later, the city's plan has been deemed "outdated" and obsolete.

During a regular-scheduled meeting Nov. 16, the Covington City Council unanimously approved an agreement to have CPL and RKG Associates lead consultation of the new plan in the amount of \$36,025.

Covington Economic Development Manager William Smith said it was necessary to update the city's urban development plan for several reasons. The plan serves as a guide for how the Redevelopment Authority operates, he said. Also, there are lots of areas around the city that need attention, Smith said. Updating the plan will provide the city with a new plan for action.

It will also help the city better identify and address different needs within the community — specifically, different amenities, Smith said. Also, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs considers an urban redevelopment plan more than five years old to be outdated unless renewed or readopted by the local government.

The Georgia Conservancy, in conjunction with Georgia Tech, also bid to take on the project at a much lower rate of approximately \$9,000. However, Smith said based on a proven track record, the proposal from CPL and RKG Associates was the city's best option.

"The problems we're trying to solve are not small," Smith said. CPL has been part of several similar projects across the state. It led the urban redevelopment and Comprehensive Plan update in the city of Chamblee, as well as other redevelopment projects in the



Pictured is a map featuring the plan for a sidewalk installation project in Covington that includes areas along Flat Shoals, Turner Lake and Brown Bridge roads.

cities of Centerville, Dunwoody and in Douglas County.

Partner group RKG Associates helped the city of Roswell update its urban redevelopment plan and also aided East Point with a Livable Communities Initiative Market Update.

Smith said Covington's new urban redevelopment plan would take approximately six months to create and start implementation.

The plan's main purpose is to revitalize areas within the city that were designated in 2009 as "slum areas," as required by state law.

Councilwoman Hawneitha Williams felt developing a plan for the city's "blighted areas" was among Covington's biggest needs.

Councilman Kenneth Morgan asked if the group would be helping with the Town Center project. Smith said part of the consultants' process was to first assess

the city's current assets, and then any changes or adjustments needed would be proposed later.

Councilman Don Floyd asked how the consultants' fees would be paid for. Mayor Steve Horton said the amount would not require any budget amendments as there were enough funds to cover the cost.

A master plan for Covington's Central Park would also be developed as part of the agreement for an additional \$52,500. The city recently purchased 57 acres of land to expand Central Park and connect residents from the southwest corner of the city to Central Park and to the trail system, which leads to the downtown area and northern end of the park.

In other business, the council also unanimously approved a bid from GWES in the

amount of \$108,032 for design work of a sidewalk installation project.

The city's Public Works Department recently solicited proposals to supply three full sets of working drawings, documents and construction administration for the installation of approximately 11,000 total linear feet of 5-foot-wide sidewalks along portions of Brown Bridge, Turner Lake and Flat Shoals roads.

Williams asked what would determine having sidewalks on each side of the road. Public Works Director Kevin Sorrow said engineers would evaluate the streets, but funding was among the determining factors.

"It gets expensive to put it on both sides, but we can do crosswalks and things of that nature to get you where you need to go," Sorrow said. "Hopefully we can put in as much as we can, but budgeting will dictate how much we can do."

Sorrow said he did not know how soon the project would get started.

As part of its proposal, GWES expected construction would be completed by December 2021, according to documents provided by the city.

The only other bid received by the city was from Keck & Wood in the amount of \$155,000 (about \$47,000 more than GWES's bid). Keck & Wood's projected date of completion was May 2022.

Community Calendar

SUNDAY, NOV. 29

• Artists' Sunday at Southern Heartland Arts, located at 1132 Monticello St SW, Covington, GA 30014, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Artists Sunday is like Black Friday or Small Business Saturday but for art! Shop with your favorite artists and give the gift of art this holiday season.

MONDAY, NOV. 30

• The Newton County NAACP will hold an election from 4-8 p.m. All members of Newton County branch who are in good standing as of Oct. 30 are encouraged to vote for 2020-2021 officers. Details for voting will be sent via email or call the office at 770-378-1146.

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. 3

• Late Night Christmas Shopping on the Covington Square begins.
• Santa on the Square, from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, DEC. 5

• Lions Club "Reverse" parade begins at 6 p.m. Floats will be lined up along Newton Drive in front of the YMCA where spectators can drive or walk through the area. Three high school marching bands will also perform.

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NOTICE
The City of Mansfield announces a Public Hearing for the draft comprehensive plan at 6PM on December 14, 2020 at the Mansfield Community House 3158 Hwy 11 Mansfield GA 30055. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to brief the community on the contents of the plan, provide an opportunity for final suggestions, and notify the public of the submittal and adoption schedule.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Porterdale will conduct a Public Hearing on **December 14, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.** at Grace Baptist Church, 474 Crowell Rd, Porterdale GA 30016.

Comprehensive Plan Update for the City of Porterdale

The purpose of the public hearing is to brief the community on the contents of the plan, provide an opportunity for final suggestions, and notify the public of the submittal and adoption schedule. All interested parties are encouraged to attend.

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OPINIONS

The Covington News

Terri Denison guest editorial

Support of our small businesses needed now more than ever

Celebrated annually on the Saturday after Thanksgiving, between Black Friday and Cyber Monday, Small Business Saturday is a way for consumers to make an impact in their community by supporting local businesses during the holiday season. The day is designed to support local businesses that create jobs, boost the economy, and preserve neighborhoods across the nation.



Small Business Saturday began during the midst of the Great Recession in 2010. Ten years later, small businesses are experiencing another economic downturn due to the coronavirus pandemic. As our nation reacted to the pandemic, the economy transformed in a period of 15 days as much as it had in the previous 15 years. Many small business owners were forced to close and eventually re-opened to a world of social distancing and mask mandates.

According to the Small Business Majority, the first month after the pandemic was declared a national emergency, 75% of U.S. small business owners reported a decrease in revenue.



Diana Witherspoon and Nelle Hall, of Social Circle, scour over a variety of oils and vinegars at Town Square Olive Oil in Covington.

By August, 70% of small business owners reported a revenue decline of at least 25% or more, with five in 10 businesses experiencing losses of 50 percent or more. Additionally, nearly one-in-five small business owners surveyed believe they will have to close their doors if current economic conditions do not improve by early 2021.

This year, we know that our more than 1 million small businesses in Georgia

need our support now more than ever as they navigate, retool, and pivot from the effects of a global pandemic. When our small businesses do well, our communities do too. Small businesses create two out of three new private-sector jobs in America, helping spur economic growth in our hometowns. According to the 2018 Business Economic Impact Study from American Express, for every \$1 spent with a local small business, \$.67 re-

mains in the local economy.

As the voice for our nation's entrepreneurs, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) celebrates small businesses daily. Therefore, as part of our annual tradition, I encourage you to join millions of Americans and "shop small" on Small Business Saturday, Nov. 28 to take care of your holiday shopping needs. Last year, an estimated 110 million shoppers nationwide spent a record high of \$19.6 bil-

lion during Small Business Saturday. My hope is we set another record high this year as more shoppers realize how small businesses are the engine of our economy.

Here are a few ways to celebrate Small Business Saturday this year:

Support your local businesses online or in accordance with the guidelines in your local community.

Check to see if small businesses offer curbside pickup to minimize contact with other shoppers.

Encourage friends and family to shop small. Promote your small business purchases on social media and tag the small businesses.

You can also find participating small businesses here.

The holiday might look a little different this year; however, we can still share joy by shopping small and supporting our favorite small businesses and their employees all holiday season long. They're depending on us now more than ever.

Terri Denison is the district director for the U.S. Small Business Administration Georgia District. The SBA empowers entrepreneurs and small businesses with resources to start, grow, expand or recover.

Andy Offutt Irwin columnist

Formal glassware and kid entrapment

Ideally, this is for grandparents to read to grandchildren — in person or on the Skype or the Zoom, or your preferred video-talking-to-people app. There are some vocabulary words you will have to define. That's half the fun. So gather in and let's go.

As Thanksgiving approaches, maybe a positive outcome of the reduced numbers at our gatherings this year is the preservation of a bit of the "good dinnerware." Fewer people = fewer incidents.

When I was young, our holiday gatherings were always at my uncle and aunt's house. There, we experienced all the trappings of a formal dining table with all the various plates and bowls and cutlery for all the different courses and condiments. Even the salt was served in a minuscule vessel with a teeny-tiny spoon. I had to learn which plate did what, which fork was



for what dish, and — for goodness' sake — not to call flatware "silverware" unless it was silver.

Most importantly, I was always warned of the delicate nature of the crystal stemware.

A crystal goblet is more fragile than, say, an everyday tumbler, but it is also more expensive. Now, to a kid, this is illogical and silly. Expensive things should not be more breakable than cheap things!

Take, for example, a tool... let's say a pair of locking pliers. If your dad buys some off-brand locking pliers from the Value-NoName-Mart, and he puts them to work, and they break under the strain of normal use, your dad will say something like, "Dagnabbit, these fake vice-grips are useless and cheap!" And you might bat your eyes, turn on the charm, and ask, "Then Father, why don't you get the good Vice-grips that won't break as easily? Perhaps you have not made the most sound home-economy choice."

And he might see the truth of your youthful wisdom and say something like, "You're right kiddo! Out of the mouths

of babes. I have been penny wise and pound foolish."

But the opposite is true for glassware. The more expensive it is, the easier it is to break.

Kid, there was a time when there was nothing more common than a returnable Coke bottle. Back in the days before people were constantly adjured to "recycle, reuse, and repurpose," individual Coke bottles — made of thick Georgia green glass — were returned and reused for years and years. Yet these bottles were cheap. When I was a kid, the return value of a Coke bottle was 3¢. THREE CENTS, I tell ya!

At this point, your grandparent may be lowering this newspaper to tell you a story from their bicycling feral childhood, a story of collecting discarded Coke bottles from around the high school gymnasium or some such place, and returning them to the grocery store for picture-show money — but not before looking at the bottoms of each bottle to read the embossed names of the cities from whence they came. These bottles survived the rigors of being jostled around in wooden crates and dropped down the chutes of

countless vending machines.

But crystal... crystal will crack at the slightest tap of a brass button from the sleeve of an eight-year-old's blue blazer. Trust me, I know.

And the sure-fail design of stemware... well, the liquid is contained in a vessel suspended on a skinny glass stick. So now, we've established that the glassware is expensive. And fragile. And top-heavy! And adults serve wine to each other in these things. C'MON!

So now you're a child being served water in a crystal goblet. The kid-entrapment begins because you and the universe know the only practical reason for stemware is its properties to create the oscillation of fluid in response to friction: the thin glass is resonant and the stem reduces the surface area. A finger circling the rim produces a pleasing, clear tone and — voilà! — happy music and a science lesson in acoustical physics, to boot. But is the kid allowed to make the glass "sing" by rubbing a wet finger around the edge? Of course not!

Grownups scold, "We don't do that at the table!"

But where else are

you going to do that?

P.S. — I remember being told that my aunt's plates were made of "bone china." At first as a child, I thought the plates were made from actual bones. Then I got older and realized how ridiculous that was, that it probably had another meaning, like the "tooth" of a saw blade or the outer "skin" of an old airplane. But then I became an adult, and a potter friend of mine informed me that I was right the first time! Bone China is made from a mix of kaolin, china stone, and bone ash. It makes me think of Jack who trespassed upon that giant. Quoth the giant: "Fee, fi, fo, fum, I smell the blood of an Englishman! Be he alive, or be he dead, I'll grind his bones to make ... fine and translucent porcelain on which to serve... my bread!"

So, children, sit up straight, put your napkin in your lap, say please and thank you, and remember: a little lemon in the water gives your finger better surface friction on the rim of your glass.

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

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LEGALS

Public Notices

Alcoholic Beverage

NOTICE – APPLICATION ALCOHOL LICENSE

NOTICE IS hereby given that an application has been made to the he Mayor and Council of the City of Covington to obtain a license for alcoholic beverages for Beer and/ or Wine Retail Amenity only for:

WOVEN LLC
1137 CHURCH Street

APPLICANT'S NAME: Lisa Baker

THE APPLICATION will be heard on December 7, 2020 at 6:30 PM, at City of Covington Council Room located at 2116 Stallings Street, NW, Covington, GA. This notice is published pursuant to the provisions of Section 5.12.080(C), Covington Municipal Code.

ATTEST:
JENNIFER HISE, PERMITTING AND LICENSE SPECIALIST
CITY OF Covington, Georgia

PUBLIC NOTICE #117652 11/29

NOTICE – APPLICATION ALCOHOL LICENSE

NOTICE IS hereby given that an application has been made to the Mayor and Council of the City of Covington to obtain a license to sell alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption only for:

8109 WASHINGTON Inc.
DBA SHELL Food Mart
8109 WASHINGTON Street

APPLICANT: SAHIL Lala

THE APPLICATION will be heard on December 7, 2020 at 6:30 PM at City of Covington Council Room, 2116 Stallings Street, NW, Covington, GA. This notice is published pursuant to the provisions of Section 5.12.080(C), Covington Municipal Code.

ATTEST:
JENNIFER HISE, PERMITTING AND LICENSE SPECIALIST
CITY OF Covington, Georgia

PUBLIC NOTICE #117651 11/29

NOTICE IS hereby given that an application has been made to the Newton County Board of Commissioners to obtain a license to sell alcoholic beverages (beer & wine) for off premises consumption by:

CIRCLE K STORE #2745127
DAVID RADER
4175 SALEM ROAD
COVINGTON, GA 30016

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TINA WATERS
BUSINESS LICENSE Clerk
TWATERS@CO.NEWTON. GA.US

PUBLIC NOTICE #117644 12/29, 1/6

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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

CITATION

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

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

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

CITATION

HEATHER C. 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. (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 #117564 11/8,15,22,29

CITATION

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

CITATION

ROBERT L. KITCHENS has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of 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, at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #117558 11/8,15,22,29

CITATION

ROSE MARIE CONYERS 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 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 #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, PROBATE 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 a.m.

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, JR. has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of**

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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 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 #117566 11/8,15,22,29

CITATION

WILLIE LEE MILLIGAN has petitioned to be 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 ten o'clock, a.m.

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #117555 11/8,15,22,29

Debtors Creditors

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE INTEREST OF: RANDY LOWELL SIMMONS, DECEASED.

ESTATE NO. 2018-P-472

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

ALL CREDITORS of the estate of **RANDY LOWELL SIMMONS** 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.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 10th day of November, 2020.

DERWIN BRYAN Davis
973 GREEN Street, SE
CONYERS, GA 30012

PUBLIC NOTICE #117603 11/22,29,12/6,13

NOTICE TO CREDITOR/DEBTORS

ALL CREDITORS of the Estate of Wayne Elbert Bolton late of Newton County, deceased, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law and all persons indebted to the said estate are required to make payment to: **NAME OF Executor or Administrator:**

BARBARA JANE Bolton
EXECUTOR/ADMINISTRATOR'S ADDRESS:
C/O DANIEL S. Digby
ATTORNEY AT Law
LAW OFFICE of Daniel S. Digby, LLC
P.O. Box 263
CONYERS, GEORGIA 30012

PUBLIC NOTICE #117611 11/22,29,12/6,13

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 of BETTY HIGHT DEVOE**, 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** 10th day of November, 2020.

MICHAEL A. HIGHT
45 WEST KEEL ST
OXFORD, GA 30054

PUBLIC NOTICE #117632 11/22,29,12/6,13

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

See LEGALS, A6

LEGALS:

Continued from A5

ARE REQUIRED to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. **THIS THE 4TH** day of November, 2020.

DALE L. DAHMAN
6901 HIGHWAY 212
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 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 law.

THIS THE 2nd day of 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 CHARLES RONALD AVRET**, deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. **THIS THE 13th** day of November, 2020.

KATHY A. WATTS-AVRET
50 MATTIE COURT
MANSFIELD, GA 30055

PUBLIC NOTICE #117627
11/22,29,12/6,13

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, 2020.

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 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 of 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 HARVEY JAMES DINGLER**, 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 10th** day of November, 2020.

DAVID A. DINGLER
1919 ELKS CLUB ROAD
COIVNGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #117630
11/22,29,12/6,13

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 of November, 2020.

GARY SATTERFIELD
96 LOVERS LANE RD
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #117579
11/8,15,22,29

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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 representative according to law. **THIS THE 3rd** day of November, 2020.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #117577
11/8,15,22,29

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of HENRY SMILEY, JR.**, deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. **THIS THE 12th** day of November, 2020.

2020.

KIMBERLY SMILEY-DENSLEY
P.O. BOX 722
GORDON, GA 31031

PUBLIC NOTICE #117629
11/22,29,12/6,13

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of JANET MASSEY DOBBS**, 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 16th** day of November, 2020.

JEREMY MICHAEL DOBBS, SR.
115 ASHTON DRIVE
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #117634
11/22,29,12/6,13

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of JIMMY MONROE DRAKOS**, deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. **THIS THE 13th** day of November, 2020.

LINDA HAMMOND
295 OLD POST ROAD
MANSFIELD, GA 30055

PUBLIC NOTICE #117626
11/22,29,12/6,13

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 of 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, 2020.

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 debtors and creditors of the **Estate of MELVIN AUTHER HENRY LESTER**, 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 10th** day of November, 2020.

JACQUELINE RAINEY
6205 HEARN ROAD
ELLENWOOD, GA 30294

PUBLIC NOTICE #117631
11/22,29,12/6,13

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of MILDRED ARIE HEARD**, deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. **THIS THE 13th** day of November, 2020.

SONYA L. POWERS
30 HUNTINGTON ST
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #117628
11/22,29,12/6,13

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 of October, 2020.

MARTHA J. ELLIS
303 ELLIS RD.
OXFORD, GA 30054

PUBLIC NOTICE #117574
11/8,15,22,29

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 of 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 CREDITORS

CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of ZELMA JANYNE CLARY**, deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. **THIS THE 12th** day of November, 2020.

NANCY GAIL BLALOCK
120 BARBER ROAD
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #117633
11/22,29,12/6,13

Foreclosures

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 § 44-14-162.2.

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 **AS ATTORNEY** in Fact for **MONIQUE THOMAS MCCALLA RAYMER** Leibert Pierce, LLC

1544 OLD Alabama Road ROSWELL, GA 30076
WWW.FORECLOSUREHOTLINE.NET

EXHIBIT "A"
ALL THAT tract or parcel of land lying and being 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

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- London soccer team
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- 8th month (abbr.)
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- Corpuscle count (abbr.)
- Comedienne Gasteyer
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- Female cattle mammary gland
- Down time
- Spiritual leader
- Small brown and gray American rail
- Trimmed by cutting
- NY Giants owner
- A long narrative poem
- Old World lizard
- Product for sale
- Shut Your Pie Hole (abbr.)
- Pacific Island country
- Whale ship captain

CLUES DOWN

the legal hours of sale, on December 01, 2020, the property in said Security Deed and described as follows:

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, 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 due and payable because of, among other possible events of default, failure 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 to the following: (1) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, whether or not yet 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.

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SAID SALE will be conducted subject to the following: (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final 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 has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage 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, amend, or modify the terms of the mortgage.

THIS LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC 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

A 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:

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- Golf score
- Hill or rocky peak
- Witch
- Adjusted
- Succulent plant
- Forearm bones
- Hot fluid in the earth's crust
- Subatomic particle
- Part of an organism
- Shut Your Pie Hole (abbr.)
- 007's creator
- Burned material residue
- Brain layer: ___ mater
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- Untamed
- Moth genus
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- Metrical foot
- Semiliquid food
- Small crow

LAST WEEK’S SOLUTION:

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measures the league put in place to preserve the health and safety of everyone involved. But fall sports like football and softball have had the advantage of being played outdoors in open space. For winter sports, such as basketball, playing in closed gyms presents a new obstacle. “We feel good about where things have gone so far, but as it gets colder and we move indoors, that’s certainly cause for concern and we’ll take a close look at things,” Hines said. “Everyone’s going to have to measure the risk-reward factor as they go.” The GHSA has already taken measures to promote a successful basketball season. Earlier this fall, the league announced a series of

rule modifications in response to the pandemic. Most notably, the opening tip has been eliminated as all jump balls were scratched. Instead, the visiting team will start the game with the first alternating possession for the throw-in. In overtime, initial possession will now be determined by a coin toss. This alteration will undoubtedly offer a different feel to the start of games. However, officials believe there’s no reason the integrity of the game can’t remain in tact while also promoting safety. Jimmy Hughes, head baseball coach at Alcovy High School, works with the Northeast Georgia Official Association out of Athens. He recently spoke with *The Covington News*

to offer his perspective on the rule changes as a basketball referee. “For the most part, basketball is still basketball,” Hughes said. “You’ve still got 10 players on the floor. You’ve still got five people on offense and five people on defense at any given moment.” Hughes, who had officiated two games under the new protocol at the time of his interview, pointed out other minor tweaks the GHSA set in place in direct response to COVID-19. A few of the most notable modifications are as follows:

- Suspension of pre- and post-game handshakes
- Limiting of bench personnel to observe physical distancing of at least six feet
- Limited seating at

the official table

- Continuous sanitation and swapping of balls throughout the game
- Electronic whistles are permissible for officials.

According to the GHSA, these changes are “designed to help decrease potential exposure to respiratory droplets by encouraging physical distancing,” as well as limiting participation and allowing appropriate equipment. But even to the trained eye, outside of the erasure of the jump ball, the sport isn’t expected to look too much different this winter. “Other than the little nuances,” Hughes said, “if you were to go into a gym right now in Newton, Rockdale, Oconee or any number

of Georgia counties, it still looks like basketball.” Hughes noted that the flow of the game has appeared uninterrupted in the contests he’s officiated. At every timeout and at the end of each period, GHSA officials are instructed to swap the basketball out for a ball that’s been sanitized. Additionally, they must do so if the ball touches anybody not involved in the game — meaning a player, coach or official. Consequently, one of Hughes’ main causes for concern would be that play would be interrupted to constantly keep a sanitized basketball in play. But that hasn’t been the case early on. “If the home team takes a 30-second time-

out, what were you [as an official] doing otherwise? Standing there during a timeout?” Hughes said. “So now we get to use that time to change the ball out, and it doesn’t disrupt the flow at all.” As for his day-to-day routine as an official, Hughes has begun using a whistle guard to protect against his spittle. Other officials have taken similar precautions, using whistle guards or bags or converting to an electronic device. Additionally, he noted that there’s an increased likelihood officials will come to games this season already dressed in their gear to avoid cramped changing rooms.

LOCAL:

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She said it was thanks to the loyalty of her customers and the uptick in tourism that helped keep her in business. “We definitely saw a downturn during lockdown,” Mask said. “But tourism made a huge impact and loyalty of customers kept us going.” Besides getting a quality customer experience, shoppers are encouraged to spend their money locally at small businesses like Town Square Olive Oil because it benefits the community. “For every \$100 spent in independently owned stores, \$68 returns to our community through taxes, payroll and other expenditures,” Covington/Newton County Chamber of Commerce President Debbie Harper said. “Compare that to only \$43 that would stay here if that \$100 was spent at a national chain store is

the biggest reason to ‘Shop Local’ and ‘Keep the Cheer here’ in Newton County (this) holiday season!” In an effort to help promote shopping small and spending money at locally owned businesses, the city of Covington recently passed a resolution to allow shoppers to carry alcoholic beverages as they shop around the Covington Square on Nov. 28 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mask said she is looking forward to the rush of Small Business Saturday. “Personally I just enjoy the customer interaction,” she said. “It will just be nice to share the joy and just be with people after all we’ve been through this year.” Small Business Saturday is a nationwide initiative that began in 2010 to push people toward shopping locally for the holidays.



Tina Bailey, a staff member of Town Square Olive Oil, interacts with customers. Bailey said shopping local could be a great way to avoid larger crowds. “Smaller stores mean smaller groups of people,” she said.

LEGALS:

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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.

WITNESS THE Honorable Jenny S. Carter, Jud e of said Court, this 29th day of October, 2020.

JANELL GAINES, Clerk of **JUVENILE COURT** of Newton County, Georgia

PUBLIC NOTICE #117530
11/8,15,22,29

Public Hearings

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS hereby given that the Newton County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing to consider revision of Article II of Chapter 16 of the Newton County Code pertaining to the Superior Court. The public hearing will occur at the Board of Commissioner’s meeting on Tuesday, December 1, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in the Newton County Historic Courthouse, located at 1124 Clark Street, Covington, Georgia 30014. The purpose of the public hearing shall be for public review and comment for a proposed revision of the existing ordinance concerning the retirement supplement paid to retired superior court judges of the Alcovy Judicial Circuit and to provide a supplement to the survivor benefit paid to deceased superior court judges of this Circuit. All Newton County residents and any other affected and/or interested persons are invited and encouraged to attend. A copy of the proposed revised ordinance will be on file with the Clerk in the Newton County Historic Courthouse at 1124 Clark Street, Covington, GA 30014 at least a week in advance of the public hearing for purposes of examination and inspection by the public.

NEWTON COUNTY Board of

Commissioners

PUBLIC NOTICE #117612
11/22,29

Public Sales Auctions

AFFORDABLE SELF Storage, 5272 Ga Hwy 20 S, Covington, Ga. Pursuant to the Georgia Self Storage Facility Act, shall conduct a Public Auction for the following units for non- payment.

MANCUSO C-19 household items

TORONSA BENNETT L06 household items

MCGUINESS L25 household items

AUCTION WILL be held on December 18th at 10:30am

PUBLIC NOTICE #117613
11/22,29

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

A PUBLIC Auction for the non-Payment of storage fees at Speedy Storage will take place on Saturday, December 5, 2020 AT 10am located at 2222 HWY 212, Covington, GA. 30016. The personal effects and household Goods belonging to the following Tenants, having been properly notified, Will be sold for CASH to the highest Bidder to satisfy the owner’s lien for Rent due, in accordance with the Georgia Self Storage Act-, Section 10-1-210 to 10-4-215 The personal effects and household goods belonging to the following tenants.

RICHARD BARMANN unit 10
LATOYA HESTER unit 28
EMORY JAMES unit 99
CRYSTAL CARTER unit 172
JASON THOMPSON unit 227

PUBLIC NOTICE #117640
11/22,29

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

IN ACCORDANCE with the GA Self Service Storage Facilities Act notice is hereby given that the undersigned will be sold at public sale to the highest bidder in order to satisfy lien of the owner. Bidding to take place on lockerfox.com ending Wednesday the 16th day of December, 2020 at

10:00 AM. Said property is Space Shop Self Storage, 6177 Jackson Hwy, Covington, GA, 30014

HURST, CAROLYN L02 Boxes, Washer, Dryer, Entertainment Center, Couch, Home Decor, Night Stand, Radio.

WILSON, RAMEYA D11 Couch, Chairs, Dressers, Mattress.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #117650
11/29,12/6

PUBLIC AUCTION NOTICE OF SALE

BUDGET SELF Storage of Covington, pursuant to the Georgia Self Storage Act, 10-4-213, shall conduct a public sale of the following units at 6217 Highway 278 NE, Covington, GA 30014; 770-787-0900; after 1 p.m. on 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 will be sold:

- **H20** Tonya Reddick- This unit appears contains totes and clothing.
- **G53** Tylan Bagby- This unit appears to contain Nike foamposite shoes, polo boots, boxes, bags, and a tire.

PUBLIC NOTICE #117643
11/22,29

PUBLIC SALE/AUCTION

NOTICE IS hereby given that Dixie Self Storage located at 1447 Access Road, Covington, Ga.30014. The Undersigned intent to sell household goods and personal property, to enforce imposed lien on said Property pursuant of the Georgia Self Storage Facility Act, Georgia Code Section 10-1-210 to 10-4-215. The undersigned will sell at Public

Sale to the highest Bidder on: **DECEMBER 8**, 2020 at 11 A.M. **CASH ONLY**, will be accepted at the time of purchase.

UNIT 1033, Heather love, Household Goods

UNIT 1046, Ivan Richard Smith, Household Goods, Furniture, Boxes, Toys

UNIT 5026, Raheem White, Household Goods, Furniture

SALE IS subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between Owners and the obligated party. We reserve the right to refuse any bid. **CALL 770-787-3039**

PUBLIC NOTICE #117614
11/22,29

PUBLIC SALES AUCTIONS

IN ACCORDANCE WITH GEORGIA LAW 40-11-2 THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED VEHICLES HAVE BEEN ABANDONED AT KING’S 24-HOUR TOWING 3195 HWY 81 SOUTH COVINGTON, GA. 30014 AND ARE PRESENTLY STORED AT SAID LOCATION IF NOT CLAIMED, THE VEHICLES WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER ON 12/5/20 AT 10:00 A.M.

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2007 MAZDA 6 1YVHP80C475M20925
2011 DODGE NITRO 1D4PU6GX0BW565070
2013 NISSAN ALTIMA 1N4AL3AP0DN53103
2007 BMW ALPINA WBAHL83577DT10310
2017 TOYOTA COROLLA 5YFBURHE3HP633143
2001 ACURA MDX 2HNYD18661H508633
1991 HONDA ACCORD 1HGCB9855MA019883
1989 CHRYSLER N E W YOURKER 1C3BC4637KD518356
2005 HONDA ACCORD 1HGCM56785A008160
1994 DODGE RAM 1500 1B7HC16Y3RS597059
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1999 CRUZE F150
2001 HONDA SHADOW JH2RC44601K501035
1998 MERCEDES BENZ E CLASS WDBJH82FXWX002561
1999 FORD F150 1FTZF1726XNB60108
2005 NISSAN ALTIMA 1N4AL11D55C227702
2008 HONDA ODYSSEY 5FNRL38238B10363
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2003 TOYOTA CAMRY 4T1BF32K33U566170
2000 CADILLAC ESCALADE 1GYEK63R1YR180040
2005 PONTIAC GRAND AM 1G2NE52F05M124053
1997 MERCURY VILLAGER 4M2DV113VDJ21292
2005 FORD F150 1FTVX14525NA29507

PUBLIC NOTICE #117608
11/22,29

Trade Names

NEWTON SUPERIOR COURT TRADE NAME REGISTRATION

PERSONALLY APPEARED the undersigned who on oath depose and says that: Christine Means, 7106 Jackson Street, Covington, GA 30014, is doing business in Newton County, Georgia under the name of **RRExtensions**, 7106 Jackson Street, Covington, GA 30014 and that the nature of the business to be carried on at such address is Retail Store - Direct Sales..
CHRISTINE MEANS

PUBLIC NOTICE #117615
11/22,29

STATEMENT OF TRADE NAME REGISTRATION

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF NEWTON

PLEASE BE advised that the following: The Covington Development Authority, a Georgia body corporate and politic, whose address is 2194 Emory Street, NW, Covington, Georgia 30014, operates in the City of Covington, Newton County Georgia using the following trade name to wit: **NOW COVINGTON**; and that the nature of the operations are those activities permitted under the Georgia Development Authorities Law.

THIS STATEMENT is made by Kimberly C. Carter, Chair of the Covington Development Authority.

THIS 17TH day of November 2020.

KIMBERLY C. Carter

PERSONALLY APPEARED before me the undersigned officer Kimberly C. Carter, who says on oath that she is the chairman of the Covington Development Authority, that she is authorized to make this statement and that this statement is true.

SWORN TO and subscribed before me on this 17th day of November, 2020.

ELIZABETH L. Hays
NOTARY PUBLIC

NOTICE IS hereby given that: the Covington Development Authority, whose address is 2194 Emory Street, NW, Covington, Georgia 30014 operates in the City of Covington, Newton County Georgia using the following trade name to wit:

NOW COVINGTON

AND THAT the nature of the operation are those activities permitted under the Georgia Development Authorities Law.

FILED THIS 19th day of November, 2020.
CLERK, SUPERIOR Court of Newton County.

PUBLIC NOTICE #117656
11/29,12/6

Planned Newton Federal Bank parent company offers stock as part of conversion

STAFF REPORTS
news@covnews.com

COVINGTON, Ga. — Community First Bancshares, the holding company of Newton Federal Bank, announced a new company is beginning to offer stock in connection with Community's proposed conversion from a mutual holding company to a stock holding company.

Affinity Bancshares is offering for sale up to 3.22 million shares, subject to increase to 3.703 million shares, of common stock at a purchase price of \$10 per share.

Affinity is a newly formed Maryland corporation that is the proposed successor to Community First Bancshares Inc. as the holding company of Newton Federal Bank, according to a Monday, Nov. 23, news release.

The shares will be offered to "certain depositors of the bank as well as certain depositors of the former Affinity Bank, and to Newton Federal's employee stock ownership plan," the release stated.

Shares of common stock that are not subscribed for in the offering may be offered for sale to members of the general public with preference given to residents of specified

counties in Georgia, according to the release.

Performance Trust Capital Partners LLC is managing the subscription and community offerings. For more information about the offering or requests for offering materials call 678-729-9788.

The Stock Information Center, located at 3175 Highway 278, Covington, will be open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., through Dec. 21, the scheduled expiration date of the subscription offering.

Affinity Bancshares must sell at least 2.38 million shares of its common stock in the offering. Completion of the conversion and offering is also subject to the receipt of final regulatory approvals, the approval of Community First's stockholders and the mutual holding company's members and other customary closing conditions, the release stated.

Community First Bancshares is based in Covington. Its banking subsidiary, Newton Federal Bank, opened in 1928 and currently operates two full-service offices in Covington, a full-service office in Atlanta, and loan production offices in Braselton and the Forsyth County area.

40 Newton students, teachers under two-week quarantine after COVID-19 exposure

STAFF REPORTS
news@covnews.com

Upon consultation with the Newton County School System COVID-19 Response Team and the Newton County Health Department, 40 students and their teachers at Veterans Memorial Middle School have been identified as contacts to an individual with COVID-19 and must quarantine for a period of 14 days from their date of exposure in accordance with current CDC and Health Department guidelines.

All parents and guardians of affected students were notified Nov. 20 by school

district personnel, a school system news release stated.

The school was to be deep-cleaned; there were no plans to close the school, the release stated.

In-person students not affected by the quarantine were to report to school as normal on Nov. 23. Veterans Memorial Middle School virtual students were not affected and logged in to virtual learning sessions Monday morning as they normally would.

Veterans Memorial Middle School students placed on quarantine who need to pick up medication or other

items that they must have during the next two weeks should call the school's front office to make an appointment to pick up the needed items.

Quarantined students who need to borrow a technology device may also contact the school to make arrangements.

"This quarantine is a necessary precaution as we work to ensure in-person learning can continue in our other schools," the news release stated.

"We anticipate, as we have communicated throughout this process, there will be additional quarantines and potential school

closures as we operate during this pandemic.

"We need our entire community to work together: stay home when you're sick; get tested if you're symptomatic; report your child's positive test to their school; if you are directed to quarantine, follow the instructions and limit interaction with non-family members; socially distance, wash your hands often, and wear a mask when in public."

Information about quarantine can be found at <https://dph.georgia.gov/contact>.

Rotary of Covington's Clash of the Clubs



Special to The Covington News
Rotary Club of Covington recently held its Clash of the Clubs golf tournament at Ashton Hills. Brooks Collins and Michael Shaffer won the tournament; Bryan Pulliam and Mark Gunthorpe finished second. Joey Hickok won closest to the pin; Dustin Rhoades won longest drive.



TOWN OF NEWBORN

The regularly scheduled council meeting to be held on December 7th has been rescheduled to Monday, December 14th @ 7pm. A resolution to sign and adopt the 2021 budget will be held at the rescheduled meeting.

INVESTS:

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Thailand-based Indorama Ventures Public Co. Ltd., employs about 230 at its Alcovy Road plant in Covington, according to a recent publication from the Newton County Industrial Development Authority.

David Bernd, executive director of the Authority, said the agency "is honored, and extremely excited, for the expansion of the Covington FiberVisions facility."

"Installing a \$48 million asset into a 50-year-old building just doesn't happen every day," Bernd said.

"Not only is it a historic milestone for Indorama Ventures, but also for the local Covington FiberVisions team. It reinforces our belief and trust in the fact that the IDA's economic development vision and workforce development strategies are paying off," Bernd said. "Here's to another 50 years of the FiberVisions family being a vital and close partner in the region!"

The plant opened in

Covington in 1967 as a subsidiary of Hercules Inc., famous for producing Herculon fiber found in carpeting and furniture worldwide. It reportedly had the goal of producing 25 million pounds of polypropylene fiber to support Georgia's carpet manufacturing industry.

FiberVisions is now the world's leading supplier of bicomponent fibers and an international producer of polyolefin staple fibers for nonwoven applications, as previously reported by *The Covington News*.

In addition to face masks and baby wipes, the company's products are used in diapers and many other everyday hygiene products.

Headquartered in Duluth in Gwinnett County, the company also maintains operations in Athens.

Kemp said, "Since the 1960s, FiberVisions has been creating jobs and opportunities for hardworking Georgians in Covington, Duluth, Athens and the surrounding regions."

"I congratulate FiberVisions and Indorama Ventures on their 50-year success in the Peach State, and I thank them for continuing to invest in their home state."

Senior Regional Project Manager Kristen Miller represented the Georgia Department of Economic in partnership with the Newton County Industrial Development Authority.

Georgia Department of Economic Development Commissioner Pat Wilson said, "Seeing a company with a long-term history in the state like FiberVisions continue to expand and invest in their Georgia operations is yet another example of our relationship approach to doing business, which is delivering jobs and opportunities to Georgians."

"I thank FiberVisions for their commitment to Georgia as well as our partners at the local level who have helped foster our decades-long foundational relationship with FiberVisions."

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

THE CITY OF PORTERDALE WILL HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE FISCAL YEAR 2021 BUDGET AT GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH LOCATED AT 474 CROWELL ROAD, PORTERDALE, GA 30070.

THE FIRST HEARING WILL BE ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER, 10 AT 6:30 PM.

THE SECOND HEARING WILL BE ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17 AT 6:30 PM WITH THE ADOPTION MEETING SCHEDULED FOR 7:00 PM.

A COPY OF THE BUDGET IS NOW AVAILABLE AT CITY HALL, AT 2800 MAIN STREET, PORTERDALE, GA 30070, FOR INSPECTION BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8:00 A.M. AND 4:30 P.M., MONDAY THRU THURSDAY.

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2020 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Alcovy Tigers
Class AAAAAA
2-7 (2-1)

North Forsyth – 3-35, L
@ Newton – 0-27, L
@ Duluth – 27-42, L
Eastside – 31-34, L
South Forsyth – 7-39, L
@ Grovetown – 44-14, W
Lakeside, Evans – 35-0, W
@ Evans – 30-40, L
***Brunswick – 6-41, L**

Eastside Eagles
Class AAAAA
8-2 (6-1)

@ 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
@ Greenbrier – 44-7, W
***11/28 – SW DeKalb**

Newton Rams
Class AAAAAA
4-6 (2-2)

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
South Gwinnett – 17-10, W
***@ Lowndes – 0-42, L**

Social Circle Redskins
Class A-Public
4-7 (2-3)

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 Co. – 34-27, W
Greene Co. – 44-7, W
***@ Macon Co. – 21-41, L**

* – Denotes playoff
game results

KNOCKED OUT EARLY

Opponents oust Alcovy, Newton, Social Circle in Round 1 of playoffs

The Alcovy, Newton and Social Circle football teams struggled Friday night in Round 1 of the GHSA state playoffs, which led to early exits for each program. Eastside aims to be the lone team from Newton County to advance in the postseason when it takes on Southwest DeKalb on Saturday; see B2 for more details.

Brunswick Pirates 41, Alcovy Tigers 6

Tigers close season with crushing defeat

By MASON WITTNER
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Alcovy's 2020 postseason appearance was brief and bitter-sweet.

The Tigers were given plenty to be thankful for this year. They emerged from Region 3-AAAAAA and qualified for the state playoffs for the first time since 2013. Better yet, they earned the right to host a playoff game for just the second time in program history and first time since 2011.

But just one day after Thanksgiving, their celebration was cut short.

Hosting third-seeded Brunswick at Sharp Stadium on Friday night, No. 2 seed Alcovy was promptly bounced from the play-

offs with a 41-6 defeat. The Tigers closed out the season at 2-7.

"It's obstacle, adversity, overcome. Obstacle, adversity, overcome," Alcovy head coach Jason Dukes said of his Tigers' 2020 campaign. "It started in the spring time with not being able to get a spring in, and the summer being in limbo. The great thing is our kids never made an excuse. Every time we were turned loose to do something, we saw it as an opportunity rather than a reason why they couldn't be successful."

Dukes pointed to Brunswick's physicality as being a key difference down the stretch. The Pirates set the tone

See TIGERS, B2

Alcovy's MJ Stroud (18) turns on the burners to score on a long run after catching a screen pass from quarterback Ashton Evans.

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Lowndes Vikings 42, Newton Rams 0

Newton falters versus Vikings' offensive attack

By GARRETT PITTS
Correspondent

VALDOSTA, Ga. — The Rams' season ended Friday night in round one of the GHSA Class AAAAAA playoffs as they lost to the two-seeded Lowndes Vikings by a score of 42-0.

After beating South Gwinnett in a tight game last week, the Rams were looking to take any momentum they could get with them as they took the long drive down to Valdosta for round one as they would face the Vikings, who were 7-1 going into the playoffs.

After starting off with a quick three and out on offense, the Rams would give up a quick field goal to drop 3-0 early to the Vikings.

Lowndes' junior quarterback Jacurri Brown would prove to be a constant problem for the Rams, and it would begin on the Vikings' second drive of the night. Brown would



Newton defensive lineman Justin Benton (99) pursues the football Friday night during the Rams' contest against the Lowndes Vikings.

both run and pass multiple times in the drive as the Vikings' quarterback would eventually find Elijah Ellis in the endzone for the first touchdown of the game to extend the Lowndes lead to 10-0.

Two more Newton offensive drives would end with a punt to open the second quarter, as Lowndes would open the scoring in the quarter with a 38-yard field goal to go up 13-0 on the Rams with just over

four minutes left until halftime.

The last four minutes of the second quarter would haunt the hurt the Rams as they would allow three pass touchdowns from Brown before the quarter would

come to a close, including a deep 67-yard touchdown pass just before time expired.

The Rams would go into the locker room at half down 35-0 and looking for any spark to bring them back into the game. The Vikings' defense was the game-changer so far in the game as they were applying constant pressure to Newton's junior quarterback Jevarra Martin.

The second half would not open in favor of the Rams as the opening Lowndes drive would end in a 17-yard touchdown run by Israel Mitchell to extend the Vikings' lead to 42-0.

The Rams would get their first turnover of the game as sophomore defensive-end Justin Benton would tip the ball at the line of scrimmage and intercept Vikings' quarterback Tristan Bohler. Newton would not be able to capitalize on the

turnover as they would eventually be stopped on fourth down to give the ball right back to the Lowndes offense.

The running clock would drain majority of the final two quarters as the Rams' offense continued their struggles that they have faced all game due to a stout Lowndes defensive front.

The Vikings beat the Rams by a score of 42-0 as Newton is eliminated in round 1 of the Class AAAAAA playoffs. Lowndes advances to the next round as they plan to play the top-seeded North Cobb Warriors next Friday.

Following the tough loss in round one, Newton's season ends with the Rams going 4-6 on the year. A solid year filled with tough road matchups and a big upset on the road make the 2020 season even more of a year to remember for the Rams.

Macon County Bulldogs 41, Social Circle Redskins 21



Junior Amarion Russell (1) barrels over a Macon County defender in Friday night's first-round state playoff game.

'Skins' comeback falls short

By STEPHEN MILLIGAN
The Walton Tribune

MONTEZUMA, Ga. — Social Circle's first trip to the playoffs in over a decade was short lived but the Redskins tried to make it interesting before falling to Macon County 41-21. Social Circle scored first with a touchdown pass from Logan Cross to Mason Moore to go up 7-0.

However, Macon County evened the score late in the first quarter.

The Bulldogs scored

again quickly, but the kick was blocked for a 13-7 lead.

Macon scored again late in the half, followed by a touchdown to open the third quarter to take a big lead over the Redskins.

The Bulldogs seemingly put the nail in the coffin with another score midway through the third quarter.

However, Social Circle answered quickly with its own touchdown, the second of the contest for the Redskins.

They would then cut the lead on half with a Marion Russell touchdown with 8:31 left in the game.

Despite the late comeback attempt, Macon County tacked on one last touchdown to end the scoring at 41-21.

Macon County goes on to the second round to face the winner of the Mount Zion-Warren County game.

Social Circle finished the season at 5-6.



Social Circle's Eric Taylor picks up yardage against the Macon County Bulldogs on Friday night.

Eagles eye deep playoff run starting Saturday



Eastside (8-2) takes on Southwest DeKalb (4-3) in Round 1 of the GHSA Class AAAAA state playoffs. The Eagles (ranked second in Region 8-AAAAA) will host the Panthers (ranked third in Region 5-AAAAA) on Saturday, Nov. 28, with kickoff set for 7:30 p.m. at Sharp Stadium in Covington. Follow @CovNewsSports on Twitter for live score updates, and check out CovNews.com for in-depth coverage of the game. Also, look to the Wednesday edition of The Covington News to see how the Eagles fared. The winner advances to face No. 1 New Manchester/No. 4 Hiram in Round 2.

TIGERS:

Continued from B1

on that front from the get-go.

After fielding the opening kickoff, Brunswick gashed the the Tiger defense through a series of intermediate runs and passes. After bullying their way down the field, the Pirates capped off the 10-play drive with an 18-yard touchdown pass from senior KJ Lee to senior Tyrease Jones to make it 7-0 at the 7:28 mark.

"Football is a game of controlling the line of scrimmage. We struggled all night to hold the line of attack, and that was difficult," Alcovy head coach Jason Dukes said. "When you're having to devote more players to the box to try to control the run, that opens up more things in the secondary."

Brunswick imposed its physical will on Alcovy once again late in the second quarter. This time, the club took over possession on the 1-yard and incrementally worked downfield before finding the end zone on the ground. Junior running back Chuckobe Hill's 15-yard touchdown made it 13-0 with 10:40 left in the first half.

On the ensuing drive, things

quickly spiraled out of control.

Alcovy coughed the football on the next play from scrimmage, setting Brunswick up on the 20. The Pirates capitalized on the turnover by handing the ball off to junior Ree Simmons, who sprinted up the left side of the field a touchdown to make it 20-0.

The third quarter saw just one score as Brunswick's Hill plunged in from five yards out. The club pushed its advantage out to 41-0 before a late touchdown from Alcovy junior MJ Stroud prevented the shutout.

"I'm proud of these kids. I'm proud of these coaches," Dukes said. "We'll take this as a learning experience. We're going to watch this entire season of film and break down everything we did. We'll do a little self-scouting, a little self-evaluation, and build for next year."

Brunswick will travel to top-seeded Lee County for the second round next Friday. The Trojans took care of business against No. 4 Tucker on Friday night, rolling to a 49-17 victory.

										
@ Arkansas 37-10	vs. Auburn 27-6	vs. Tennessee 44-21	@ Alabama 24-41	@ Kentucky 14-3	Florida 28-44	Missouri (Canceled — COVID)	Mississippi State 31-24	Nov. 28 @ South Carolina	Dec. 5 Vanderbilt	Dec. 19 SEC Championship

Old faces, new places

Smart, Bobo usher in unique chapter of Georgia-South Carolina rivalry

By **PETE IACOBELLI**
The Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Georgia coach Kirby Smart has gone from matching up at South Carolina with one close friend in Will Muschamp to another in Mike Bobo.

The three men were teammates at Georgia in the 1990s and have remained close throughout their college coaching careers. Smart had won three of four games against Muschamp as the Gamecocks coach over the past four seasons. Now, it will be Bobo on the South Carolina sidelines Saturday night — Muschamp was fired two weeks ago — when the 13th-ranked Bulldogs (5-2, No. 9 CFP) play the Gamecocks (2-6). “I respect both of them as coaches and as friends, and they know as well as I do when you get in this profession that’s a possibility that that happens,” Smart said. Smart must gameplan for Bobo’s imaginative and effective offense for the first time. Bobo’s strength is his attitude and energy, which is appealing to players, Smart said. “He’s grown up in a coach’s family,” Smart said. “He’s got thick, tough skin and players like him.”

Bobo came to South Carolina after getting fired at Colorado State last season. Muschamp hired him as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach. Bobo has spent much of his first week, rallying players and building confidence through the team’s current four-game losing streak. South Carolina players felt hope last time out, rallying in the second half of a 17-10 loss to Missouri after trailing 17-0. A big reason was true freshman quarterback Luke Doty, who replaced starter Collin Hill in the second half and accounted for 189 of South Carolina’s 283 yards of offense. Bobo said he knows who’ll start at quarterback this week. He’s just not saying



Georgia quarterback JT Daniels (18) during a game against Mississippi State on Dooley Field at Sanford Stadium in Athens, on Saturday, Nov. 21, 2020. University of Georgia Athletics

yet. Georgia has a new quarterback that’s stirred excitement, too, in Southern Cal transfer JT Daniels. The redshirt sophomore threw for 401 yards and four touchdowns in the Bulldogs 31-24 win over Mississippi State last week. “He’s a different guy, he’s a thrower,” Bobo said of Daniels. Some other things to watch when No. 13 Georgia plays at South Carolina:

DEPLETED SECONDARY
Georgia’s JT Daniels will present a huge challenge to South Carolina’s secondary,

which is still making up for the loss of NFL-caliber defensive backs Jaycee Horn and Israel Mukuamu. Both players opted out after Muschamp was let go.

AIR GEORGIA
The Bulldogs used a strong passing attack to get by Mississippi State a week ago. JT Daniels’ 401 yards passing were the team’s first 400-plus yard game since Aaron Murray in 2013. It’s a good thing, too, for Georgia since the team’s typically relentless ground game was held to 8 yards on 23 carries last week.

GEORGIA ALUM
South Carolina interim coach Mike Bobo sounded a little like a Bulldogs alumnus (he is) when discussing his team’s game with Georgia this week. “There’s more excitement in the air,” Bobo said. “Lot of history, there’s a lot of people I’ve known on the other side of the ball.”

INJURED DAWGS
Georgia coach Kirby Smart said that injured defensive tackle Jordan Davis is hopeful about returning to play South Carolina. The word is not as good on defensive back Richard LeCounte, out since a motorcycle accident after the team’s win over

Kentucky on Oct. 31. Davis hurt his elbow that game, too. Smart said “Jordan has a chance and that is promising.”

INJURED SMITH
One of South Carolina’s top playmakers in receiver Shi Smith is unlikely to play against the Bulldogs. Smith is third in the Southeastern Conference with 54 catches and 605 yards. He was hit hard in the first quarter and needed help getting up and to the sidelines. Interim coach Mike Bobo said Smith was in the concussion protocol and doubtful for Saturday.


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The Matchup

Who: No. 13 Georgia (5-2) vs. South Carolina (2-6)

When: Saturday, Nov. 28; 7:30 p.m. ET kickoff

Where: Williams-Brice Stadium, Columbia, S.C.

Watch: SEC Network

Listen: Georgia Bulldogs Sports Network (IMG)


Jermaine Burton

Quick Facts

Bulldogs lead the series with South Carolina 51-19-2, and they have won four out of the last five in the series that dates back to 1894. Since becoming SEC Eastern Division rivals in 1992, the Bulldogs own an 18-10 lead in the series.

Georgia has won the past two meetings in Williams-Brice Stadium. Georgia is 3-1 overall against the Gamecocks in the Kirby Smart era.


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9/20
@ Dallas — 39-40, L

9/27
Chicago — 26-30, L

10/5
@ Green Bay — 16-30, L

10/11
Carolina — 16-23, L

10/18
@ Minnesota — 40-23, W

10/25
Detroit — 22-23, L

10/29
@ Carolina — 25-17, W

11/8
Denver — 34-27, W

11/22
@ New Orleans — 9-24, L

11/29
Las Vegas, 1 p.m.

12/6
New Orleans, 1 p.m.

12/13
@ LA Chargers, 4:25 p.m.

12/20
Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.

12/27
@ Kansas City, 1 p.m.

1/3/21
@ Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.

Note: Schedule is subject to change.

Atlanta aims to spoil Raiders' playoff push

By **PAUL NEWBERRY**
Associated Press

ATLANTA — The Las Vegas Raiders have positioned themselves to make a run at what would be just their second playoff appearance since reaching the Super Bowl during the 2002 season.

Of course, they've been here before.

A year ago, in their last year in Oakland, the Raiders entered the stretch run with a 6-4 records — the same mark they have heading into Sunday's game against the Atlanta Falcons. But the team that now calls Las Vegas home stumbled to the finish, managing one win in its final six games while averaging a league-low 14.7 points during that span.

"We're definitely a better team this year, but we have to — and I mean have to — finish this season better than we did last year," quarterback Derek Carr said. "I'm hopeful and I believe that we will and I think that it's different."

This year feels much the same to the Falcons (3-7), who don't have a whole lot to play for other than avoiding their third straight losing season.

Interim coach Ra-



Courtesy of Atlanta Falcons

Falcons long snapper Josh Harris (47) tackles New Orleans Saints wide receiver Deonte Harris (11) during the first quarter of the game against the Saints on Nov. 22.

heim Morris is trying to stay positive, even after an ugly 24-9 loss to the New Orleans Saints last weekend.

"We had a couple of really good physical runs early that we were not able to maintain, that we have to be able to maintain throughout the whole game in order to finish teams off the way we want to finish teams off," Morris said. "We have to figure out how to do that better."

The Raiders' hopes of contending for the AFC West title took a huge blow last week with a 35-31 loss to Super Bowl champion Kansas City Chiefs. Patrick Mahomes threw a 22-yard touchdown pass to Travis

Kelce with 28 seconds to play for the winning score.

Coach Jon Gruden was in no mood to discuss comparisons to last year's Raiders. He's only looking ahead.

"This comparing stuff is for ESPN analysts. Those days are in my past," said the former "Monday Night Football" commentator. "We have a long way to go. We're making progress."

BIG OPPORTUNITY

The Raiders have struggled getting to the quarterback, making the second fewest sacks in the league with 11. The only times they've had fewer sacks after 10 games

in the Super Bowl era came in 2014 (10) and 2018 (9).

But after watching Atlanta's Matt Ryan get sacked eight times last week by New Orleans, the Raiders are hoping to get some chances.

"You get excited about that," defensive tackle Johnathan Hankins said. "We obviously have to go out and play the game. Just because one team had nine sacks or whatever amount they had, doesn't mean we'll have the same, too."

COPING WITH THE VIRUS

The Falcons had to cancel practice and work virtually Thursday after two non-coaching members

of the staff tested positive for COVID-19.

It's the third time this season the Falcons have taken such a step, but none of their games has been affected.

The team also got a bit of good news on the virus front, activating defensive end Dante Fowler Jr. from the COVID-19 reserve list.

The Raiders are in better shape after having to practice last week without a significant number of players because they had "high-risk contacts" to a teammate who tested positive. Las Vegas, Gruden and its players have already been fined more than \$1.2 million and docked a sixth-round draft pick for violations of the COVID-19 protocols.

ODD CALLS

The empty stadiums this season have allowed TV audiences to hear much more of the talk that goes on at the line of scrimmage.

Carr is particularly vocal, with his frequent audibles with interesting names like "Purple Walrus" or "Pistol Pete" becoming popular on Twitter. He was calling out so many last week that NBC announcers joked he was like the third member of the broadcast booth

WHEN: Sunday, Nov. 29; 1 p.m. • WHERE: Mercedes-Benz Stadium, Atlanta • WATCH: CBS 46 Atlanta, WGCL-TV • LISTEN: 92.9 FM, The Game



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