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His Word

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

— 2 Timothy 3:16-17, KJV

Woman charged in infant daughter's death

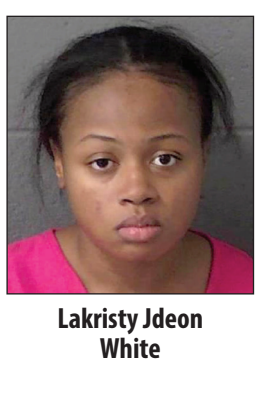
By **TAYLOR BECK**
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COVINGTON, Ga. — A Covington woman has been charged in the death of her 4-month-old daughter. According to a spokesper-

son from the Newton County Sheriff's Office, deputies responded to a call Sunday, Sept. 13, about an infant that went into cardiac arrest at a home on Edgefield Lane. The child was later pronounced dead at the

scene. After the Georgia Bureau of Investigation performed an autopsy, the infant's mother, Lakristy Jdeon White, 22, of Covington, was charged with murder and first-degree cruelty

to children. White was arrested and booked into the Newton County Jail on Monday, Sept. 21, according to a report from the sheriff's office. She was being held without bond.



Lakristy Jdeon White

Ott issues warning to Newton chairman

Judge says Banes was going against his ruling, trying to remove statue

By **TOM SPIGOLON**
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Judge John Ott said he wanted an order he issued last week "personally served" on county Chairman Marcello Banes after he said Banes planned to defy a previous order not to remove a historic statue from the Covington Square while a case seeking to save it was going through the appeals process.



John Ott



Marcello Banes

Ott said in the order Tuesday, Sept. 22, in Newton County Superior Court that he was issuing a stay against further action by both parties in the case "and absolutely forbids any further action on the removal of the Confederate Monument."

"It has come to the Court's attention that despite the

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Bailey joins Newton BOE



Special to The Covington News

Anderson Bailey is sworn in Thursday, Sept. 24, by Probate Judge Melanie Bell as the District 4 representative for the Newton County Board of Education. Bailey is surrounded by friends and family.

Covington native to finish term of late board member

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COVINGTON, Ga. — Anderson Bailey was sworn in by Newton County Probate Judge Melanie Bell on Thursday, Sept. 24, to fulfill the unexpired term of the late Almond Turner, representing District 4 on the Newton County Board of Education. Turner was tragically killed in November 2019.

Bailey, a Covington native, was surrounded by friends and family as he took the oath of office.

Bailey graduated from Newton County Comprehensive High School in 1979. After

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Chairman, judge say county owes them \$180K each

County attorney disputes 40% increase in differing interpretations of state law

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COVINGTON, Ga. — The county attorney is disputing claims by the government's top elected official and Probate Court judge that miscalculation of their pay over four years meant the county owes them each more than \$180,000 in back pay.

County Attorney Megan Martin said the government "stands behind its interpretation" of a state law written for Newton County in calculating the salaries of County Commission Chairman Marcello Banes and Probate Judge Melanie Bell since each took office in 2017.

Banes and Bell hired Covington attorney Stephanie Lindsey, who said

she interpreted the law differently.

She said the chairman and judge should have received salary increases based on the highest minimum annual salary for any "county officer," defined as the tax commissioner, sheriff, clerk of courts and Probate Court judge.

The county used the sheriff's salary to determine the pay but should have used the salary of Clerk of Courts Linda Hays, including any longevity pay, cost of living adjustments, local supplements and any tax appeal supplements she receives. Hays has been in office 38 years, Lindsey said.

She said Banes' salary for 2020 should have been \$145,000 but the county's calculations meant he is receiving \$101,000 this year. Bell is

receiving \$103,000 but should be receiving \$148,000, the attorney said.

"On behalf of Chairman Banes and Judge Bell, we request that a Special (called) Meeting be set, as soon as practicably possible, to handle this matter and review all the applicable laws, documentation and calculations," Lindsey wrote in a letter to Martin.

Martin, whose law firm represents the county government, said the county has historically interpreted the law as calculating the officials' pay based on a formula that did not include cost of living allowances and longevity for other county officials.

"This historic interpretation remains

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Community Calendar

FRIDAY, OCT. 2

• The Arts Association in Newton County will host its annual “Pink Out” drive-in concert at 7 p.m. featuring Wren and the Ravens at Legion Field in Covington. The band plays an eclectic blend of retro soul, pop and R&B. Tickets are \$5 per vehicle and will go on sale Sept. 28. The best decorated vehicle with the “Pink Out” theme will win a special prize. Pink is the color that is commonly used to observe October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Sponsors of the concert are Covington Women’s Health, Piedmont Newton Women’s Health Center and Atlanta Cancer Care. Legion Field is at 3173 Mill St. NE in Covington. For more information, visit newtoncountytarts.org.

SATURDAY, OCT. 24

• Covington Christian Church on the Round, located at 141 Highway 142 in Covington, will host its Fall Festival from 5 to 9 p.m. Enjoy the season in backyard family style! Everyone is invited to attend for an evening of hay rides, photo stations, food trucks and a bonfire. Break out your best recipes, because there will be an Apple Pie Contest, complete with blue ribbon and a gift card to Applebee’s for the winner! Come enjoy s’mores and guitars around the fire, then finish the festivities with a small fireworks display. Admission is free. Visit covingtonchristian.org to learn more.

NOW THROUGH OCT. 30

New Beginnings art show is an art exhibit of original art by members of Southern Heartland Art Guild. The public is invited to view this new show at Southern Heartland Visual Art Center and Gallery, Monday through Saturday.

ONGOING

• The food pantry at the Covington First United Methodist Church is in dire need of more volunteers now that students and teachers are back in school and unavailable to help with this ongoing and much-needed project. If available to help, email Megan Hulan at foodpantry@covingtonfirst.org to sign up.

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

• Paint Party at Southern Heartland Visual Art Center has resumed! Hosted by professional gallery artists, this weekly get-together for those in our community interested in painting with others is free and open to the public each Friday from 10-2. Both classrooms will be utilized to insure participants have enough space to social distance from other participants.

OBITUARIES

Edward Lamar Jenkins

Edward Jenkins, 82, passed away on Sept. 9, 2020.

Mr. Jenkins was born in Decatur to Hoyt and Izora Jenkins. He became a pharmacist and owned a drugstore in Pendley Hills for many years prior to moving to Covington. He retired as Director of Pharmacy from Newton Medical Center after almost 30 years of service. His energetic nature and love of others led him to create and direct Newton County’s only non-profit medical clinic, Willing Helpers.

He attended Solid Rock Baptist Church and was preceded in death by his wife, Joanne Seckinger Jenkins and his second wife, Betty Henderson Jenkins. Ed leaves behind four adult children, Douglas Jenkins, David Jenkins, Deborah Ferreiro and Denise Osburn; and multiple grandchildren who mourn this loss.

A service honoring his life will be held on Sept. 27, 2020 at 3 p.m. at Solid Rock Baptist Church.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Willing Helpers Medical Clinic by mail P.O. Box 2508 Covington GA 30015. Donations may also be made online at willinghelpersclinic.com.



Charlene Melba Smith

Charlene Melba Smith of Eatonton, passed away Sunday, September 20, 2020, at the age of 74. Mrs. Smith delighted in cooking, fishing and hosting get-togethers at home where she could spend time with her beloved family. She loved tending to her flowers; and seeing the birds visit the feeders and bird bath brought her immense joy. Mrs. Smith, a devoted wife, loving mother, adoring grandmother, and sister, will certainly be missed by all who knew her. She was preceded in death by her grandchildren, Teddy Moon, Jr., Thomas Charlie Canup; parents, Charlie and Doris Oglesby; sister and brother-in-law, Beverly and Harold James.

Survivors include her husband of 34 years, Ronnie Smith; daughters and sons-in-law, Denise and Jesse Cromer, Darlene Smith and Jario Alberto; sons and daughters-in-law, Terry and Jeannie Moon, Teddy and Denise Moon, Sinclair and Kristina Smith; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; sister and brother-in-law, LuJuan and Tommy Allgood; brothers and sisters-in-law, Tim and June Oglesby, Russell and Judy Oglesby, Dewey and Margaret Oglesby; numerous extended family members; as well as her fur babies, Amos and Rusty, whom she loved dearly.

A funeral service for Mrs. Smith was held Tuesday, Sep-

tember 22, 2020, 2:00 PM, at the Chapel of Caldwell & Cowan Funeral Home, 1215 Access Road, in Covington, with Pastor Hulon Knight officiating and interment followed in Lawnwood Memorial.

CDC guidelines recommend social distancing (6 feet apart) and wearing of masks while in public. Caldwell & Cowan Funeral Home requests that you observe these recommendations while in our funeral home attending visitations and/or services. In addition, gatherings are limited to 50 persons or less in our facility at one time. Please honor these restrictions for the safety of the family, yourself, and our staff.

Visit caldwellandcowan.com to place online condolences.

Betty Neal Cason

Mrs. Betty Neal House Cason, age 90, of Oxford passed away Tuesday, September 22, 2020. She was born in Winder on August 30, 1930 to Bob and Harryette Segars House who have preceded her in death. Mrs. Cason moved to Covington at an early age and was a graduate of Covington High School. She worked as a bookkeeper

for Piper Hardware, Medical Arts Pharmacy, and Cowan and Cowan Appliance. Mrs. Cason was a wonderful cook and a great caregiver. She was world renowned for her biscuits. She would often provide meals to those who were hungry or grieving or in her words “cooked enough to feed an army.”

Mrs. Cason loved to dance, she enjoyed

going to Jackson Lake with her family and riding on the pontoon boat. Her favorite pastime was truly her time spent with her family. She was a longtime member of Gum Creek Presbyterian Church and very active throughout the years. Along with her parents, she was preceded by her husband Dewey Cason, and her stepmother Belle House.

Mrs. Cason is survived by her daughter Kim Dylong (Dale), and Kathy Christopherson (Keith) all of Oxford, her grandchildren Kasey Dylong, of Oxford, Kyle Christopherson of Grand Junction, Colorado, and Kari Dylong of Loveland, Colorado. Her brother Robert Sams House (Ola Mae), her stepbrother Ronnie Jones (Julie) of Athens and her stepsister Peggy Hulsey of Colbert along with numerous nieces, nephews, other family and close friends also survive her.

Graveside services for Mrs. Cason will

be held at 11 o’clock Monday, September 28, 2020 at Oxford Historical Cemetery with Rev. Bobbie Wren Banks and Rev. Kerry Duncan officiating. In lieu of flowers those desiring may make donations to Gum Creek Presbyterian Church, 2700 Gum Creek Road, Oxford, GA 30054. J.C. Harwell and Son Funeral Home, TE Davis Funeral Services, 2157 East Street, SE, Covington, GA 30014.

Due to the COVID 19/ Coronavirus Pandemic all Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) requirements will be followed. There is a limit of 50 people at any large gathering, social distancing must be recognized, the use of mask is encouraged, and most importantly if you feel sick or have any symptoms of COVID 19 you will not be allowed to attend the service. Please be respectful of the family during this difficult time and follow the requirements of the CDC.



On Sept. 22, 1989, Lt. Rick Miller of the Covington police Department instructs members of a firearms class in how to hold the weapon.

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State agency OKs \$3M loan to extend life of Newton County landfill

By TOM SPIGOLON
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Newton County will use a \$3 million loan from a state infrastructure financing program to extend the life of the county landfill after a state agency gave its approval recently.

Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) approved the loan for a project planned to add about 740,000 cubic yards of volume and almost seven years of additional life to the Lower River Road landfill south of Porterdale, a news release stated.

Additional space was needed after county officials predicted it would reach its capacity by December 2021, said Curtis Reynolds of Harbin Engineering Co.

A “cell” refers to an area of a landfill designed with extra features such as a rubber lining to stop water runoff from polluting the surrounding environment.

The Newton County Solid Waste Management Authority — which operates the landfill — will pay back the loan from user fees, officials said in June.

It is a 20-year loan with an interest rate of 1.44% — which is reduced because Newton County participates in a program focusing on water conservation,

according to information from the state agency.

Newton County Board of Commissioners applied for the loan and is backing it because the relatively new solid waste authority has not had time to build up enough “debt service ratio” to qualify for the loan, Reynolds said during a June 3 board meeting.

GEFA approved the loan from its Georgia Fund, which is a state-funded financing program for water, wastewater and solid waste infrastructure.

Newton County also is in the midst of a project it began in January 2019 to move garbage from an older part of the landfill that does not have a lining installed.

The garbage is being moved to a lined area of the Lower River Road landfill so a lining can be installed in its former location by 2022, officials said.

Newton County’s landfill loan follows GEFA loans in recent years totaling more than \$50 million to three local government entities for expansion and upgrade of water and sewer systems serving areas countywide.

GEFA approved a \$25 million loan from its federally-funded Clean Water State Revolving Fund in 2019 to Newton County

Water & Sewerage Authority.

The loan was to be used to build the Little River Water Reclamation Facility and an access road, convert an existing force main system to a gravity sewer main system, and install a new sewer main to help encourage commercial development in east and northeast Newton County, records showed.

The county agency will pay 1.93% interest on the 30-year loan for the project to provide sewer service to parts of eastern Newton County including the Stanton Springs Business Park, according to state records.

GEFA also approved a \$2.5 million loan from the same fund to the city of Porterdale in 2018 for replacement and rehabilitation of sewer lines and manholes.

In October 2018, GEFA approved a \$23.2 million loan from another federally-funded program to Newton County government for improvements to the county’s water system.

The project includes modifications and improvements to a pump station on the Alcovy River, an intake on Lake Varner, and the Cornish Creek and Williams Street water treatment plants.

Newton Data Center part of Facebook grants program for first time

Applications open through Oct. 16 for projects in Development Authority’s four-county region

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Facebook has announced a new cycle of its Community Action Grants and, for the first time, the Newton Data Center will participate in the program.

The program benefits area nonprofits and schools, a news release stated.

Grants are available for projects delivered in the region of the Joint Development Authority of Jasper, Morgan, Newton and Walton counties, the release said.

Applications may be submitted via the CyberGrants LLC platform from Monday, Sept. 14, through Oct. 16.

The Facebook Newton Data Center will be working with Charities Aid Foundation of America to award grants to successful applicants.

The release stated applicants must do one or more of the following:

- Address critical community needs by putting the power of technology to use for community benefit;
- Connect people online or off;
- Improve local Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education.

Organizations are permitted to submit one application per grant cycle, with the exception of schools that may apply for multiple grants.

According to a release on the Newton Data Center’s Facebook page, the following types of organizations or requests are not eligible for Facebook Community Action Grants:

- Organizations whose mission or

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his graduation, Bailey entered the U.S. Army, where he served three years of active duty. In 1982, Bailey then enlisted in the Georgia Army National Guard and served for 20 years.

During his time in the military, Bailey served as Cavalry Scout, Administration Clerk, and Communication Chief/Platoon Sergeant before retiring at the rank of a Staff Sergeant.

He has been employed by the City of Covington for 14 years.

He currently serves as a city meter reader. Bailey attended the University of Georgia Carl Vinson Institute of Government and completed his certificate. He has served as the Minister of Music for Murray CME Church for the past six years. In addition, he has been actively involved with the Newton County Recreation Department as a coach, referee, and umpire; he has also served 20- plus years as a high school official.

Bailey is married to Angela Bailey; they will celebrate 38 years of marriage this November. The Baileys have three children — Courtney, Yasmine, and Anderico — and two grandchildren — Jaylin Gunn and Parker Bailey.

Bailey stated he was excited to join the Newton County Board of Education to work “to provide the very best quality of education for all children throughout Newton County.”

Bailey is currently running unopposed as a Democrat for the District 4 seat in the General Election on Nov. 3. No Republican candidate qualified.

District 4 stretches from Alcovy Road near I-20 in the north to South Salem Elementary School in the south and includes north central Covington and much of the city of Oxford.

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agreement of the parties in open court that the losing party would appeal the Court’s decision, and the county would not remove the Confederate Monument until the appropriate Court had rendered a final decision, that the Commission Chairman is now seeking to remove the Confederate Monument while the case is on appeal,” Ott wrote.

The judge issued his new order after his Sept. 14 ruling in which he dismissed complaints from Newton County resident Tiffany Humphries and local and state Sons of Confederate Veterans groups that sought damages and injunctive relief from the statue’s removal.

The Sons of Confederate Veterans then appealed the ruling the same day to the state Court of Appeals.

The complaints were filed in reaction to the Newton County Board of Commissioners’ July 14 vote to remove the 114-year-old statue.

Ott wrote that the county government agreed not to take action during a Superior Court

hearing on the complaints in late July.

“The Court has earlier, based upon the open court agreement by the County, made the agreement an Order that mandated the statue not be removed until further order of the Court,” Ott wrote.

He said Tuesday’s order was issued “to cement what the Court has already ordered.”

“The sheriff of Newton County, who enforces the orders of the court, is obviously empowered to arrest anyone now attempting to remove the statue,” Ott wrote.

However, Ott stopped short of issuing any other action against Banes.

Humphries sought the injunction the day before the Newton County Board of Commissioners narrowly approved the statue removal on a 3-2 vote July 14.

Local and state Sons of Confederate Veterans groups joined Humphries in seeking an injunction soon after the board’s decision to remove the 114-year-old memorial from the center of

the Square.

Kyle King, attorney for the Sons of Confederate Veterans, said Ott “made it clear at the hearing and in his orders that he appreciates the gravity of the legal issues involved and is committed to ensuring that all interested parties get the full benefit of a fair process.”

“We appreciate — as we believe all citizens should — Judge Ott’s conscientious insistence upon making certain that all sides will be heard and that the rule of law will determine the ultimate outcome,” King said.

Humphries’ attorney, Walker Chandler, said the order was “great” and he appreciated that Ott “acted promptly” upon hearing about the possible removal.

He said the county would incur “tremendous expense” if the government removed it, lost the case on appeal and was ordered to erect the statue again.

“There’s no rush to take it down,” Chandler said.

Banes declined comment.

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the county’s interpretation today and has been the method of computation for many years,” Martin said.

She said the county is using Bell’s salary as the highest minimum annual salary to calculate pay because it factored in supplements she received.

Martin also said the method of calculation is open to interpretation.

She said she had asked Georgia General Assembly members representing Newton County for legislation clarifying the law in recent years but had not received it.

However, she also said it did not appear pay increases of 40% each were justified.

“This is particularly concerning where neither the chairman

nor the Probate judge have currently completed a term,” Martin said.

She added she had sought an opinion from the state Attorney General’s office on interpretation of the local law governing the salaries.

Banes and Bell declined comment.

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OPINIONS

The Covington News

Our View on the Issue

For the love of Georgia, take the 2020 Census

It has been preached time and time again over the last several months: everyone needs to complete the U.S. Census.

But why? Some of you may be wondering, what's so important about being counted? Why is it important enough to flood my physical and digital mail boxes with reminders about it? Why is it important enough to send strangers to my door during a pandemic to make sure we complete it?

We'll tell you why. First of all, its required by the U.S. Constitution. It mandates a count of all persons across America be conducted every 10 years.

But it is much more than a head count. Everyone in Newton County and the great state of Georgia needs to respond to the Census because the results impact us on national, state and local levels, shaping our future for the next decade.

Your response will help determine how billions of dollars in federal funding will be allotted over the next 10 years. This includes funding for hospitals and first responders.

It influences highway planning and construction, as well as grants for buses, subways and other public transit systems.

Census results influence how much money is allotted for education grants and programs that support teachers and school systems across the state.

And that only scratches the surface. Other programs to help provide housing for elders, support rural areas and even aid in the fight against child abuse are included.

The deadline to complete the census is Wednesday, Sept. 30. As of Sept. 21, Georgia was considered one of the lowest ranking

states in its progress on the count.

A report from the Capitol Beat News Service stated "nearly 91% of households in Georgia had completed the census either on their own initiative or after census takers tracked them down via door-to-door visits or phone calls."

And that's a good thing. According to the report, that's an increase from the 81% completion rate seen earlier this month. Unfortunately, we're still lagging behind every other state in the country except Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina and Montana.

It's really easy and there are multiple ways to respond: online, mail or over the phone.

To respond online, visit 2020Census.gov.

By mail, use the paid postage envelope provided by the Census Bureau. You likely received the paper questionnaire by mail in April.

To respond by phone, call 844-330-2020 and follow the instructions.

Either option you choose, it only takes about five minutes to complete the questionnaire.

Additional information can be found at 2020Census.gov.

If Georgians don't step up and respond to the census, our state and its communities could be suffer for the next 10 years.

We don't want that, and neither do you. so, for the love of Newton County — for the love our great state of Georgia — be counted. Complete the census.

Our View on the Issue is an opinion of The Covington News editorial board, which includes Owner Patrick Graham and Editor and Publisher Taylor Beck.

Taylor Beck publisher and editor

Bipartisan hypocrisy

The Honorable Ruth Bader Ginsburg died last week at the age of 87.

She had been battling meta-static pancreatic cancer.



She was a great judge — a trailblazer — though I didn't see eye-to-eye with all of her decisions.

Since the sad news of her passing, I've found unfortunate amusement from the fallout — you know, like it's so bad you can't help but look.

Almost immediately after her death, intentions to appoint Ginsburg's successor before the Nov. 3 general election were announced. Those intentions were and continue to be led by Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell.

President Donald J. Trump said he planned to announce his nominee Saturday, after The Covington News' deadline for the weekend edition.

McConnell and his Republican comrades have been adamant in saying they would do everything in their power to approve the nomination before the

presidential election. Democratic senators have been adamant in saying they would do everything in *their* power to block the nomination.

The reason I find amusement in these recent proceedings started in 2016. Barack Obama was in the White House and former Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia had died. His seat needed to be filled and, wouldn't you know, the Republican-controlled Senate's stance was totally different than it is today. Republican leaders said the Senate should wait and allow the winner of the 2016 presidential election make the nomination.

But it isn't just the Republicans. Democrats have flip-flopped, too.

In June 1992 — before I was born — then-Sen. Joe Biden suggested if a Supreme Court vacancy were to occur before election day and the president made a nomination, the Senate could wait until after the election to take action. But then he also changed his mind.

In 2016, then-Vice President Biden argued Republicans should not wait until after the election to move forward once Obama submitted

his nomination.

Now, Biden has opposed the Senate's intent to move forward with a nomination from the president before the election, calling it "an exercise in raw political power."

Before her death, even Ginsburg flip-flopped on the matter.

Several reports said her dying wish was that she not be replaced until a "new president" is installed. Does that mean the winner of the Nov. 3 election or the person that succeeds Trump? And while Ginsburg was a great justice, are we inclined to honor this wish, "just because?"

In 2016, Ginsburg took a different stance, calling on the Senate to vote on Obama's nomination.

"There's nothing in the Constitution that says the president stops being the president in his last year," she told the *New York Times* in 2016.

Ladies and gentlemen, this is bipartisan hypocrisy at its finest, and it's disgusting.

Why is it that seemingly every decision made by government leaders always points back to a reason being for political gain?

Why can't decisions be based on what our

country needs and put our political factions aside?

When it comes to instances such as Supreme Court vacancies, if a precedent is set, our leaders should be held accountable and stick to it. If there isn't a precedent, then set one and, again, stick to it.

No more flip-flopping because it benefits Democrats' or Republicans' agenda.

Our country needs to return to its namesake and be united, yet even this — a childish, Washington tussle over appointing someone to what's supposed to be a non-partisan position on the Supreme Court — has seemed to widen the chasm.

It's disheartening, but I think I've made that clear enough.

After a life of witnessing the world of politics and having more than a year of parenting under my belt, I see the old saying may be true:

"Politicians, like diapers, should be changed often. And for the same reasons."

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Matt Hestad guest columnist

Resist temptation of apathy Nov. 3

So much is at stake in this political moment in our country. Yet we don't listen

to the news because we can't trust it. We don't discuss issues with our friends and family for fear of striking a nerve and losing important relationships. We don't research candidates for office because we know we are going to vote "R" or "D" based on our ideology or identity. We delete or block people on social media who we disagree with, effectively sealing ourselves in echo chambers that comfortably reaffirm our ideas. We do all of this in the name of being at peace and preserving our mental health. Meanwhile, the preservation of our Constitution and its protection of freedom hangs in the balance.



America recently marked 225 years since the founding fathers signed the Constitution and began this great experiment. This Constitutional Republic has survived wars, pandemics, economic depressions and more. Through it all, Americans have shaped our country and its values

by disagreeing, debating, marching and voting. The persistence of former generations have been centered on preserving our fundamental natural rights as humans. English philosopher John Locke described those as "life, liberty and property." Thomas Jefferson and the signers of the Declaration of Independence later refined Locke's thesis on natural rights as "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

Today, we are faced with great challenges — from a global pandemic and the devastating economic pressures in its wake to a racial awakening and mounting challenges from a changing climate. These challenges are compounded by an ever increasing political and social divide that has been exacerbated by the prevalence of social media and the evolution of national news outlets to partisan communications machines. Amidst the cacophony of partisan yelling, voters are increasingly weary.

On top of the sheer exhaustion we all feel in this environment, we're also isolated by the pandemic and by an epidemic of loneliness in the personal bubbles we create with technology. We are at risk of mass apathy — including

not taking seriously the sacred obligation to participate in the most fundamental action in a democracy: voting. When we retreat into ourselves, we are allowing the divine rights we have been given to be sacrificed. If we care about addressing the set of challenges that our country faces, we should care about how we cast our vote — and not just for president.

As a Georgian and a Newton County resident, you also have the opportunity to vote for two Senate seats, likely a U.S. House seat, two seats on the Georgia Public Service Commission, representation in the Georgia General Assembly, and a host of local seats for District Attorney, Probate Court, Sheriff, Tax Commissioner, Coroner, County Commission chairman and board of education. In addition, you will be asked to vote on two state constitutional amendments, a state-wide referendum and a 1% sales tax on transportation.

When we approach the ballot box on Nov. 3, we will etch into the official record our individual beliefs about the challenges we face. It is a critical moment in our collective lives that will define the course of our governments for years to come. So, no

matter your political affiliation, we must not take this responsibly lightly. We must search our hearts and learn more about why we believe what we believe. We must research and educate ourselves so that we can challenge the people who are asking for our votes.

Don't retreat into your shell. Register to vote or check your registration status before Oct. 5. Don't simply rely on a candidate's party affiliation. Research candidates and compare their views and policies to your own beliefs. Discuss the election with your friends and family. Make plans to vote early or mail in your ballot, or if you have to vote on Nov. 5, make plans with your employer to wait in line. The preservation of our Constitution and the protection of our natural rights is at stake. Don't take this moment lightly.

Matt Hestad has worked in Georgia's forestry and natural resource sector for more than seven years as a communications and marketing professional. He and his wife, Bianca, are proud residents of Newton County and members of Eastridge Church.

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LEGALS

Public Notices

Bids

THE CITY of Covington invites proposals to update the City's Urban Redevelopment Plan that conforms to the requirements of the Urban Redevelopment Act, OCGA 36.61. This plan shall examine areas in the City of Covington that meet the State of Georgia criteria for targeted urban redevelopment, as defined by the Urban Redevelopment Law. These areas contain conditions such as deteriorating or inadequate infrastructure, a predominance of dilapidated or vacant buildings, higher levels of poverty and unemployment, and other signs of blight and distress. The persistence of these conditions substantially impairs or arrests the sound growth of the City and constitutes an economic and social liability that is a menace to the public health, safety, and welfare.

SEALED PROPOSALS must be delivered to City Hall, 2194 Emory Street NW, Covington, GA 30014 if using FedEx or UPS and if being mailed (USPS), to P.O. Box 1527 Covington, GA 30015, Attn: William Smith, Economic Development Manager, by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 7, 2020.

REQUEST FOR Bids/Proposals and additional information may be obtained at City Hall or by accessing the request for proposals on the City's website at <https://www.cityofcovington.org/index.php?section=business-opportunities>

THE CITY of Covington reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

PUBLIC NOTICE #117324
9/27,10/4

THE CITY of Covington is soliciting sealed bids from licensed HVAC contractors to design and install an adequate heating and cooling system as specified in Exhibit "A" for the City of Covington.

SEALED BIDS must be delivered to City Hall, 2194 Emory Street NW, Covington, GA 30014, Attn: Scott Cromer no later than 10:00am on Thursday, October 29th, 2020. Bids will be opened and read aloud at that time. A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 29th, 2020 at 10:00 am at Covington City Hall located at 2194 Emory Street NW Covington, Georgia 30014.

REQUEST FOR Bids and additional information may be obtained at City Hall or by accessing the request for proposals on the City's website at <https://www.cityofcovington.org/index.php?section=business-opportunities>

THE CITY of Covington reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Citations

CITATION

CAROLYN ELAINE SMITH has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of WILMA JEAN JOHNSON**, 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 OCTOBER 5, 2020.

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #117256
9/6,13,20,27

CITATION

EDWIN C MORITZ has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of ERIK M. MORITZ**, 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 OCTOBER 5, 2020, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #117247
9/6,13,20,27

CITATION

FRANCES W. BENTON has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of JEROME BENTON**, 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 OCTOBER 5, 2020, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #117248
9/6,13,20,27

CITATION

GERALDINE THOMAS has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of MARY LILLIAN THOMAS**, 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 OCTOBER 5, 2020, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #117251
9/6,13,20,27

See LEGALS, A6

Crossword Puzzle

CLUES ACROSS

- Emaciation
- Million barrels per day (abbr.)
- Light dry-gap bridge system (abbr.)
- Anatomical term
- Tropical starchy tuberous root
- Jewish calendar month
- Round Dutch cheese
- Western Pacific republic
- List of foods
- It can strike the ground
- Drenches
- Some are cole
- __ Squad
- Expresses emotion
- One point east of due south
- Satisfaction
- Holds nothing back
- Top of the body
- Not well-liked
- Did slowly
- Greek goddess of the dawn
- Gland secretion
- Vital to existence
- Aristocratic young women
- Erik __, composer
- Not young
- Jewish term for "Sir"
- Secondary school
- __ student: learns to heal
- Regarding
- Highly excited
- Mainly
- Thin, narrow piece of wood
- Cakes
- Biomedical nonprofit
- Dried-up
- One who is symbolic of something
- Body part
- Muslim ruler

CLUES DOWN

- Not us
- Helper
- Bleat
- Type of chair
- Jr.'s father
- Necessary for certain beverages
- Hillside
- Dutch painter Gerrit __
- Gave a new look
- Ancient Greek City
- Confidence trick
- Type of fund
- From an Asian island
- Malay boat
- Western Australia indigenous people
- Cluster on underside of fern frond
- You need it to get somewhere

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JUDICIAL POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §15-11-50(f), the Superior Court Judges of the Alcovy Judicial Circuit are seeking qualified applicants for the position of full time Juvenile Court Judge for the Alcovy Judicial Circuit which includes the following counties: Newton and Walton. Two (2) applicants will be appointed as full time Juvenile Court Judges, one (1) of whom will have an office in Newton County and the other will have an office in Walton County.

These will be four year appointments by a majority vote of the Superior Court Judges in the circuit. Each full time position will become effective January 1, 2021. Qualified applicants must be at least thirty (30) years of age, must have been a citizen of the state of Georgia for three (3) years, must have practiced law for five (5) years, and must be a member of the State Bar in good standing. A Juvenile Court Judge shall be eligible for reappointment.

Travel throughout the circuit and some limited state travel will be required. It shall be unlawful for a full time judge to engage in any practice of law outside his or her role as a Juvenile Court Judge. Salary and benefits will be provided consistent with O.C.G.A. §15-11-52.

Those persons interested may apply by sending a resume with cover letter to the Hon. John M. Ott, Chief Judge, Alcovy Judicial Circuit, 303 South Hammond Drive, Suite 221, Monroe, Georgia 30655. Only applications received by December 4th, 2020, will be considered.

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25. The woman	49. Hermann __, author of "Siddhartha"
26. It may be green	50. Historic MA coastal city
27. Makes less severe	52. Shady garden alcove
29. One from Beantown	53. Small amount
30. Cavalry sword	55. Horse-drawn cart
32. Metric linear unit	56. Nocturnal rodent
34. Hawaiian dish	57. Spiritual leader
35. Yokel	58. Air mattress
37. Dissuade	59. Speaks incessantly
40. Mutual savings bank	61. Auction term
42. __ Caesar, comedian	65. Atomic #62
43. Primordial matters	
47. We all have it	

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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CITATION
JACQUELINE LORRAINE DUPONT has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of JEROME SMITH , 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 OCTOBER 5, 2020, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.
MELANIE M. Bell, Judge BY: MARCIA Wynne CLERK, PROBATE Court NEWTON COUNTY, GA
PUBLIC NOTICE #117254 9/6,13,20,27
CITATION
JOHN L. STRAUSS has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of HELEN SANDRA HICKS , 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 OCTOBER 5, 2020, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.
MELANIE M. Bell, Judge BY: MARCIA Wynne CLERK, PROBATE Court NEWTON COUNTY, GA
PUBLIC NOTICE #117253 9/6,13,20,27
CITATION
MARK BOWEN AND JORDAN BOWEN have petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of BETTY CAROL JORDAN , 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 OCTOBER 5, 2020, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.
MELANIE M. Bell, Judge BY: MARCIA Wynne CLERK, PROBATE Court NEWTON COUNTY, GA
PUBLIC NOTICE #117246 9/6,13,20,27
CITATION
MARY KATHERINE HOOD has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of MARY KATHRYN HONAKER COX , 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 OCTOBER 5, 2020, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.
MELANIE M. Bell, Judge BY: MARCIA Wynne CLERK, PROBATE Court NEWTON COUNTY, GA
PUBLIC NOTICE #117252 9/6,13,20,27
CITATION
RICHARD WELCH has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of DENA MARIE MOOTZ WELCH , 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 OCTOBER 5, 2020, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.
MELANIE M. Bell, Judge BY: MARCIA Wynne CLERK, PROBATE Court NEWTON COUNTY, GA
PUBLIC NOTICE #117250 9/6,13,20,27
CITATION
ROBBIN M. PASCHALL has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of JAMES E. PASCHALL, 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 OCTOBER 5, 2020, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.
MELANIE M. Bell, Judge BY: MARCIA Wynne CLERK, PROBATE Court NEWTON COUNTY, GA
PUBLIC NOTICE #117257 9/6,13,20,27
CITATION
SARAH L. QUINTON has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of BOBBY GENE QUINTON, 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 OCTOBER 5, 2020, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.
MELANIE M. Bell, Judge BY: MARCIA Wynne CLERK, PROBATE Court NEWTON COUNTY, GA
PUBLIC NOTICE #117255 9/6,13,20,27
CITATION
TED WRIGHT CHANCEY, JR. has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of FELICIA YVONNE CHANCEY , 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 OCTOBER 5,

2020, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.
MELANIE M. Bell, Judge BY: MARCIA Wynne CLERK, PROBATE Court NEWTON COUNTY, GA
PUBLIC NOTICE #117249 9/6,13,20,27
CITATION
THE PETITION of ALONZO BAILEY, JR., widow/widower of JANICE EILEEN BAILEY , 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 October 5, 2020, next at ten o'clock a.m.
MELANIE M. Bell, Judge BY: MARCIA Wynne, Clerk PROBATE COURT NEWTON COUNTY, Georgia
PUBLIC NOTICE #117263 9/6,13,20,27
CITATION
THE PETITION of DONNA F. GREGG widow/widower of JAMES P. GREGG , 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 October 5, 2020, next at ten o'clock a.m.
MELANIE M. Bell, Judge BY: MARCIA Wynne, Clerk PROBATE COURT NEWTON COUNTY, Georgia
PUBLIC NOTICE #117262 9/6,13,20,27
CITATION
THE PETITION of LAURA J. APPLEWHITE, widow/widower of EDWARD R. APPLEWHITE , 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 October 5, 2020, next at ten o'clock a.m.
MELANIE M. Bell, Judge BY: MARCIA Wynne, Clerk PROBATE COURT NEWTON COUNTY, Georgia
PUBLIC NOTICE #117264 9/6,13,20,27
CITATION
THE PETITION of LINDA CHERYL ELUMBAUGH, widow/widower of CHAD W. ELUMBAUGH , 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 October 5, 2020, next at ten o'clock a.m.
MELANIE M. Bell, Judge BY: MARCIA Wynne, Clerk PROBATE COURT NEWTON COUNTY, Georgia
PUBLIC NOTICE #117265 9/6,13,20,27
CITATION
THE PETITION of TIMOTHY L. MAYO, widow/widower of TAMMIE R. MAYO , 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 October 5, 2020, next at ten o'clock a.m.
MELANIE M. Bell, Judge BY: MARCIA Wynne, Clerk PROBATE COURT NEWTON COUNTY, Georgia
PUBLIC NOTICE #117266 9/6,13,20,27
CITATION
TO: UNKNOWN FATHER & ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
DEMETRIUS SMITH & SUZANNE MILLS have filed Temporary Letters of Guardianship of the Person(s) MADISON SMITH minor(s). All objections must be in writing and filed with this Court on or before October 12th, 2020 at ten o'clock, a.m.
MELANIE M. Bell, Judge BY: DANYELL Thomas CLERK, PROBATE Court NEWTON COUNTY, Georgia
PUBLIC NOTICE #117337 9/27,10/4
NOTICE
TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
BE NOTIFIED THAT: George Graham has filed a Petition for the Court to determine the right of disposition of the remains of the Wallace Michael Moore , Deceased. A hearing has been set by the Court on October 12, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in Probate Courtroom, Newton County courthouse. All heirs or interested persons may be and appear before the Court at such hearing and be heard concerning the right of disposition of the remains of the Decedent.
MELANIE M. BELL JUDGE OF the Probate Court BY: LAURA Niko CLERK OF the Probate Court 1132 USHER Street COVINGTON, GA 30014 770-784-2045
PUBLIC NOTICE #117338 9/27,10/4
Debtors Creditors
NOTICE TO Debtors and Creditors
ALL CREDITORS of the estate of Kristopher M. Clarke 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 13TH day of September, 2020
NAME: BETTY Clarke TITLE: ADMINISTRATRIX ADDRESS: 310 Homestead Way,

Covington, Georgia 30014
PUBLIC NOTICE #117222 8/30,9/6,13,20
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of ALEJANDRO EMILIO TORO , deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. THIS THE 28th day of AUGUST, 2020.
JUSTIN E. TORO 101 LEONELLE CIRCLE SLIDELL, LA 70458
PUBLIC NOTICE #117258 9/6,13,20,27
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of BETTY ZANE EDWARDS , deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. THIS THE 22nd day of September, 2020.
WALLACE E. EDWARDS, JR. 2780 BROUGHTON RD NEWBORN, GA 30056
PUBLIC NOTICE #117327 9/27,10/4,11,18
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of CLAUDE MCKENZIE CAMPBELL , 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 September, 2020.
DEANNA TAMARA CAMPBELL 371 SUMMIT VIEW DRIVE MCDONOUGH, GA 30253
PUBLIC NOTICE #117334 9/27,10/4,11,18
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of CLYDE MARVIN 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 22nd day of September, 2020.
ELIZABETH POPE 2173 CONYERS ST. COVINGTON, GA 30014
PUBLIC NOTICE #117331 9/27,10/4,11,18
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of DARYL JOHANNESON , deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. THIS THE 22nd day of September, 2020.
WARD DALE WEIBE 6 NORWOOD BAY MITCHELL, MANITOBA R5G 0Y7
PUBLIC NOTICE #117336 9/27,10/4,11,18
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of ELLA FAY PATTERSON, 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 September, 2020.
MARIO S. Ninfo, Attorney for PAIGE STODDARD, Administrator 1198 CLARK ST., NW COVINGTON, GA 30014 770 784 8000
PUBLIC NOTICE #117320 9/27,10/4,11,18
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of ERNESTINE T. SILVERMAN , deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. THIS THE 15th day of SEPTEMBER, 2020.
DERWIN BRYAN Davis, Esquire, CFP P.O. BOX 82870 CONYERS, GEORGIA 30013
PUBLIC NOTICE #117311 9/27,10/4,11,18
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of GARY JOSEPH SPRINGSTON , 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 17th day of September, 2020.
SHAWN SPRINGSTON 205 EWING DRIVE SOCIAL CIRCLE, GA 30025
PUBLIC NOTICE #117329 9/27,10/4,11,18
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of HERCHEL HOOVER SHEETS , 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 31ST day of

AUGUST, 2020.
RODNEY SHEETS 695 SKYLINE DR COVINGTON, GA 30014
PUBLIC NOTICE #117259 9/6,13,20,27
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of JACKIE TARRH , deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. THIS THE 27th day of AUGUST, 2020.
RICHMOND TARRH 80 CROSSFIRE DR COVINGTON, GA 30014
PUBLIC NOTICE #117260 9/6,13,20,27
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of JAMES BOYCE HOWARD , 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 SEPTEMBER, 2020.
RITA F. FRIIX 3109 WOODCHUCK WAY CONYERS, GA 30094
PUBLIC NOTICE #117304 9/20,27,10/4,11
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of LESTER RAY CROY , 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 17th day of September, 2020.
ZACHERY S. CROY 290 BETHANY ROAD COVINGTON, GA 30016
PUBLIC NOTICE #117333 9/27,10/4,11,18
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of PATRICIA A. WHITE , 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 17th day of September, 2020.
HAROLD C. WHITE 145 AVONLEA DRIVE COVINGTON, GA 30016
PUBLIC NOTICE #117328 9/27,10/4,11,18
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of ROBERT CHARLES WARD , 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 25th day of AUGUST, 2020.
ROBERT D. WARD 2100 WATERS FERRY DR LAWRENCEVILLE, GA 30043
PUBLIC NOTICE #117261 9/6,13,20,27
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of TOMMY RAY THOMPSON , deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. THIS THE 14th day of SEPTEMBER, 2020.
PATRICIA ANN THOMPSON 86 PARKER ROAD COVINGTON, GA 30014
PUBLIC NOTICE #117303 9/20,27,10/4,11
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of VERONICA WEEKFALL , 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 17th day of September, 2020.
CYNTHIA WEEKFALL 75 SERENA COURT COVINGTON, GA 30016
PUBLIC NOTICE #117335 9/27,10/4,11,18
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of WESLEY DANIEL BURROUGHS , 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 18th day of September, 2020.
DEBORAH F. BURROUGHS 2782 HIGHWAY 81 OXFORD, GA 30054
PUBLIC NOTICE #117330 9/27,10/4,11,18
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of WILLIA DEAN WILLIAMS POPHAM , 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 17th day of

September, 2020.
SARAH E. POPHAM 90 FINCHER ROAD COVINGTON, GA 30016
PUBLIC NOTICE #117332 9/27,10/4,11,18
Divorces
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
KOLBE KEYAUNA JEFFERY PLAINTIFF,
-VS- DECANO DENARD JEFFERY DEFENDANT.
CIVIL ACTION No.: 2020-CV-1756-4
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
TO: DECANO JEFFERY 353 EASTWYCK CIRCLE DECATUR, GA 30032
BY ORDER of the court for service by publication dated SEPTEMBER 10, 2020 you are hereby notified that on 9/04/20 (date of filing) KOLBE JEFFERY (plaintiff) filed suit against you for Divorce . YOU ARE required to file an answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for publication with the clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County and to serve a copy of the answer upon the plaintiff (if pro se) or upon the plaintiff's attorney (if represented).
WITNESS THE Honorable LAYLA H. ZON , Judge Superior Court of Newton County.
THIS, THE 11th day of SEPTEMBER, 2020. LINDA D. Hays CLERK OF Superior Court
PUBLIC NOTICE #117297 9/20,27,10/4,11
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
SHANNA-KAY CAMPBELL PLAINTIFF,
-VS- ROMAINE CAMPBELL DEFENDANT.
CIVIL ACTION No.: 2020-CV-1671-4
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
TO: ROMAINE CAMPBELL
BY ORDER of the court for service by publication dated SEPTEMBER 10, 2020 you are hereby notified that on 8/27/20 (date of filing) SHANNA-KAY CAMPBELL (plaintiff) filed suit against you for Divorce . YOU ARE required to file an answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for publication with the clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County and to serve a copy of the answer upon the plaintiff (if pro se) or upon the plaintiff's attorney (if represented).
WITNESS THE Honorable LAYLA H. ZON , Judge Superior Court of Newton County.
THIS, THE 11th day of SEPTEMBER, 2020. LINDA D. Hays CLERK OF Superior Court
PUBLIC NOTICE #117298 9/20,27,10/4,11
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
ERIC LAUREE BROWN Plaintiff,
-VS- YOLANDA M. BROWN DEFENDANT.
CIVIL ACTION No.: 2020-CV-1582-4
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
TO: YOLANDA M. BROWN 431 KIRKLAND RD. COVINGTON, GA 30014
BY ORDER of the court for service by publication dated SEPTEMBER 1, 2020 you are hereby notified that on 8/27/20 (date of filing) ERIC L. BROWN (plaintiff) filed suit against you for Divorce . YOU ARE required to file an answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for publication with the clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County and to serve a copy of the answer upon the plaintiff (if pro se) or upon the plaintiff's attorney (if represented).
WITNESS THE Honorable LAYLA H. ZON , Judge Superior Court of Newton County.
THIS, THE 2nd day of SEPTEMBER, 2020. LINDA D. Hays CLERK OF Superior Court
PUBLIC NOTICE #117277 9/13,20,27,10/4
Foreclosures
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE UNDER POWER NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA
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 Brad T. Williams and Seder E. Williams to Main Street Bank D/B/A Main Street Mortgage, dated May 9, 2002, and recorded in Deed Book 1219, Page 512, Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee of the PRP II PALS Investments Trust by assignment to be recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of one hundred eighteen thousand nine hundred and 00/100 (\$118,900.00), 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, within the legal hours of sale on October 6, 2020, the following described property:
ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 35 OF THE 10TH LAND DISTRICT OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA BEING LOT 4 OF MOTE

CROSSING SUBDIVISION, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 35, PAGES 256-257, RECORDS OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, WHICH PLAT IS BY REFERENCE INCORPORATED HEREIN 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 Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).
YOUR MORTGAGE servicer can be contacted at 800-603-0836 - Loss Mitigation Dept., or by writing to SNI Servicing Corporation (Servicer), 323 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA 95501, to discuss possible alternatives to avoid foreclosure.
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.
TO THE best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Brad T. Williams and Seder E. Williams or tenant(s); and said property is more commonly known as 45 Mote Crossing, Covington, GA 30016.
THE SALE will be conducted subject to (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.
U.S. BANK Trust National Association, as Trustee of the PRP II PALS Investments Trust as Attorney in Fact for Brad T. Williams and Seder E. Williams.
BOWEN QUINN, P.A. 25400 US Hwy 19 N, Suite 150 CLEARWATER, FL 33763 PHONE: (727) 474-9603 ESERVICE@BOWENQUINN.COM BY: /S/ Erin M. Rose Quinn ERIN M. Rose Quinn, Esq. GEORGIA BAR Number 547833
PUBLIC NOTICE #117223 8/30,9/6,13,20
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE UNDER POWER NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA
UNDER AND by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Carol P. Prendergast to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., As Grantee, As Nominee For Market Street Mortgage Corporation, dated September 29, 2006, and recorded in Deed Book 2299, Page 141, Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS CERTIFICATE TRUSTEE OF BOSCO CREDIT VI TRUST SERIES 2012-1 by assignment recorded on July 30, 2020 in Book 4044 Page 251 in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of Twenty-Five Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Nine and 0/100 dollars (\$25,999.00), 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, within the legal hours of sale on October 6, 2020, the following described property:
ALL THAT tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 185 of the 10th District, Newton County, Georgia, being Lot 140, Phase II of Fairview Estates Subdivision, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 40, page 26-35, Newton County, Georgia Records, which recorded plat is incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this description.
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 Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).
THE ENTITY having full authority to negotiate, amend or modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is: Franklin Credit Management Corporation they can be contacted at 800-650-7162 for Loss Mitigation Dept, or by writing to 101 Hudson Street, 24th Floor, Jersey City, New Jersey 07302, to discuss possible alternatives to avoid foreclosure.
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.
TO THE best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Carol P. Prendergast, Alicia Gooden and Marques Prendergast or tenant(s); and said property is more commonly known as 150 CHANDLER FIELDS DR, Covington, GA 30016.
THE SALE will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed and (3) any right of redemption or other lien not extinguished by foreclosure.
WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS CERTIFICATE TRUSTEE OF BOSCO CREDIT VI TRUST SERIES 2012-1 as Attorney in Fact for Carol P. Prendergast.
BROCK & Scott, PLLC 4360 CHAMBLEE Dunwoody Road SUITE 310 ATLANTA, GA 30341 404-789-2661 B&S FILE no.: 20-05028
PUBLIC NOTICE #117155 9/13,20,27,10/4

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
COUNTY OF NEWTON
STATE OF GEORGIA

UNDER AND by virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain Security Deed dated September 18, 2018 from **IDO Home Solutions, LLC** ("Debtor" or "Grantor") granting Dominion Financial ("Services LLC ("Original Lender") a security interest in that certain real property known as 50 Chandler Trace, 160 Chandler Trace, 70 Chandler Trace, 80 Chandler Trace, 120 Chandler Trace, 130 Chandler Trace, 140 Chandler Trace, 150 Chandler Trace, 160 Chandler Trace, 170 Chandler Trace, Covington, GA 30016, as more particularly described therein (the "Properties") recorded on September 27, 2018, in Deed Book 3754, Page 136-150 in the Newton County, Georgia Records (the "Security Deed")as subsequently assigned from Dominion Financial Services, LLC to Dominion Financial Services 4, LLC ("Lender") recorded on September 27, 2018, at Deed Book 3754, Page 151-152, Newton County, Georgia Records ("Assignment of Deed") which secures that certain promissory note dated September 18, 2018 from Grantor to Original Lender, as subsequently assigned to Lender, in the original principal amount of \$756,000.00, with interest from the date thereof at the rate specified therein, as previously or subsequently amended, modified or replaced ("Note"), there will be sold at public outcry by Lender as attorney-in-fact of Grantor to the highest bidder for cash between the legal hours for sale before the Courthouse door in Newton County, Georgia, on October 6, 2020 the following described land, improvements and appurtenances (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Premises") to wit:

ALL THOSE TRACTS OR PARCELS OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 185 OF THE 10TH DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOTS 223, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 276, 277, 278, AND 279, FAIRVIEW ESTATES SUBDIVISION, PHASE III, ACCORDING TO PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 42, PAGES 31-41, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS, WHICH PLAT IS HEREBY REFERRED TO AND MADE A PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION

120 CHANDLER TRACE – LOT 238 – TAX PARCEL NO.: 0012D00000222000
130 CHANDLER TRACE – LOT 237 – TAX PARCEL NO.: 0012D00000223000
140 CHANDLER TRACE – LOT 236 – TAX PARCEL NO.: 0012D00000224000
150 CHANDLER TRACE – LOT 235 – TAX PARCEL NO.: 0012D00000225000
160 CHANDLER TRACE – LOT 234 – TAX PARCEL NO.: 0012D00000226000
170 CHANDLER TRACE – LOT 233 – TAX PARCEL NO.: 0012D00000227000
180 CHANDLER CIRCLE – LOT 279 – TAX PARCEL NO.: 0012D00000181000
190 CHANDLER CIRCLE – LOT 278 – TAX PARCEL NO.: 0012D00000182000
200 CHANDLER CIRCLE – LOT 277 – TAX PARCEL NO.: 0012D00000183000
210 CHANDLER CIRCLE – LOT 276 – TAX PARCEL NO.: 0012D00000185000

THE INDEBTEDNESS evidenced by the Note is due and payable and remains unpaid. The Security Deed therefore has become and is now foreclosable according to its terms. Accordingly, the Premises will be sold at public outcry pursuant to the terms of the power of sale provided in the Security Deed. The Debtor has been notified of the same, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2.

THE PREMISES will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis without recourse against Linear or its auctioneer or other agents and without representation or warranty of any kind or nature whatsoever by Lender or its auctioneer or other agents with respect thereto. All persons attending the sale will be given an opportunity to bid on a competitive basis. Lender may offer the Property for sale, may adjourn and withdraw the sale and recommence the sale in its discretion. Lender reserves the right, in its discretion, to reject any and all bids that do not meet its minimum reserve price.

THE PROCEEDS of the sale are to be applied first to the expenses of the sale and all proceedings in connection therewith, including attorneys' fees (notice of intention to collect attorneys' fees having been given), then to the payment of all sums secured by the Security Deed, and the remainder, if any, will be paid to the person or persons legally entitled thereto, all as provided in the Note and Security Deed.

THE PREMISES shall be sold as the property of Grantor, subject to all restrictions, easements and other matters of record that are prior to the Security Deed and to which the Security Deed is subject and to any unpaid city, county and state ad valorem taxes or assessments relating to the Premises.

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 with the debtors is: **DOMINION FINANCIAL** Services 4, LLC
C/O JOSEPH Linnenkamp

1029 N Calvert St.
BALTIMORE, MD 21202
(667)-600-4582

NOTHING HEREIN, however, shall obligate Lender to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the mortgage or loan.

TO THE best of the undersigned's knowledge and belief, the owner of the Premises is the Grantor and the party or parties in possession of the Premises are the Grantor or tenants of the Grantor.

DOMINION FINANCIAL Services 4, LLC
AS ATTORNEY-IN-FACT for **IDO HOME** Solutions, LLC
BETH E. Rogers, Esq.
ROGERS LAW OFFICES
100 PEACHTREE St., Ste. 1950
ATLANTA, GA 30303
(770) 685-6320 phone
(678) 990-9959 fax

PUBLIC NOTICE #117267
9/6,13,20,27

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

BY VIRTUE of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from **TERRENCE D. BAILEY** to **HOMBANC MORTGAGE CORPORATION**, dated December 19, 2003, recorded March 10, 2004, in Deed Book 1631, Page 426 , Newton County, Georgia Records, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of Ninety-Six Thousand Three Hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$96,300.00), with interest thereon as provided for therein, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned and transferred to Wilmington Trust, National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as trustee of MFRA Trust 2015-1, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the Newton County Courthouse, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in October, 2020, all property described in said Security Deed including but not limited to the following described property:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 322 OF THE 9TH DISTRICT OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 24, RIVER MIST SUBDIVISION, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 29, PAGE 186, NEWTON COUNTY RECORDS. REFERENCE TO SAID PLAT IS HEREBY MADE FOR A COMPLETE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED. SAID PROPERTY IS IMPROVED PROPERTY KNOWN AS 90 RIVER MIST DRIVE, ACCORDING TO THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF NUMBERING PROPERTY IN NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA.

SAID LEGAL description being controlling, however the property is more commonly known as **90 RIVERMIST DR, COVINGTON, GA 30014.**

THE INDEBTEDNESS secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of default under the terms of said Security Deed. The indebtedness remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same, all expenses of the sale, including attorneys' fees (notice to collect same having been given) and all other payments provided for under the terms of the Security Deed.

SAID PROPERTY will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The sale will also be subject to the following items which may affect the title: any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, whether or not now due and payable); the right of redemption of any taxing authority; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; all zoning ordinances; assessments; liens; encumbrances; restrictions; covenants; and any other matters of record superior to said Security Deed.

TO THE best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owner and party in possession of the property is **TERRENCE D. BAILEY**, or tenants(s).

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.

PLEASE NOTE that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, you are not entitled by law to an amendment or modification of the terms of your loan. The entity having full authority to negotiate, amend or modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is: Planet Home Lending, LLC, Loss Mitigation Dept., 321 Research Parkway, Suite 303, Meriden, CT 06450, Telephone Number: 855-884-2250.

WILMINGTON TRUST, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE OF MFRA TRUST 2015-1

AS ATTORNEY in Fact for **TERRENCE D. BAILEY**
THE BELOW LAW FIRM MAY BE HELD TO BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, UNDER FEDERAL LAW. IF SO, ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

ATTORNEY CONTACT: Ruben Lublin, LLC, 3145 Avalon Ridge Place, Suite 100, Peachtree Corners, GA 30071
TELEPHONE NUMBER: (877) 813-0992 Case No. PHL-20-02910-1
AD RUN Dates 09/06/2020, 09/13/2020, 09/20/2020, 09/27/2020
RLSELAW.COM/PROPERTY-LISTING

PUBLIC NOTICE #117202
9/6,13,20,27

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

BY VIRTUE of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Deed to Secure Debt, Assignment of Rents and Security Agreement from **DH Lot Investor Fund Number Three, LLC** to Firstcity Bank dated September 5, 2008, recorded September 17, 2008 in Deed Book 2646, Page 388, Newton County, Georgia Records, and last assigned to NBC II, LLC in Deed Book 4044, Page 162, Newton County, Georgia Records. Said Deed to Secure Debt, Assignment of Rents and Security Agreement having been given to secure a Promissory Note of even date in the original principal amount of Seven Hundred Fifty Six Thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$756,000.00), with interest thereon as provided for therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in October, 2020, all property described in said Deed to Secure Debt, Assignment of Rents and Security Agreement including but not limited to the following described property:

ALL THAT tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lots 100 and 125 of the 10th District of Newton County, Georgia, being **Lots 63, 75 and 76 of HOLLY HILLS, PHASE I F/K/A HEATON PLACE, as shown on Final Plat of HOLLY HILLS, PHASE I F/K/A HEATON PLACE**, recorded in Plat Book 43, Pages 131-135, Newton County, Georgia Records. The description of said property as contained on said plat is hereby incorporated herein and by reference made a part hereof.

SAID LEGAL description being controlling, however the property is more commonly known as **340 Mincy Way, Covington, GA 30016, 140 Heaton Place Trail, Covington, GA**

30016 and 150 Heaton Place Trail, Covington, GA 30016

THE INDEBTEDNESS secured by said Deed to Secure Debt, Assignment of Rents and Security Agreement 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 under the terms of said Promissory Note and Deed to Secure Debt, Assignment of Rents and Security Agreement. The indebtedness remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in Promissory Note, Deed to Secure Debt, Assignment of Rents and Security Agreement and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given) and all other payments provided for under the terms of the Promissory Note and Deed to Secure Debt, Assignment of Rents and Security Agreement.

SAID PROPERTY will be sold on an as-is basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The sale will also be subject to the following items which may affect the title: (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, whether or not now due and payable), (b) unpaid water or sewage bills that constitute a lien against the property whether due and payable or not yet due and payable and which may not be of record, (c) the right of redemption of any taxing authority, (d) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (e) any assessments, liens, rights of way, easements, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Deed to Secure Debt, Assignment of Rents and Security Agreement.

TO THE best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owner and party (or parties) in possession of the property is/are: **DH LOT INVESTOR FUND NUMBER THREE**

THE SALE will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Deed to Secure Debt, Assignment of Rents and Security Agreement and (3) any right of redemption or other lien not extinguished by foreclosure.

PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. 44-14-162.2, the name, address and telephone number of the individual or entity who shall have the full authority to negotiate, amend, or modify all terms of the above described loan is as follows: **NBC II, LLC** by and through its attorney **Smith Welch Webb & White, LLC**, 2200 Keys Ferry Court, McDonough, Georgia 30253, 770-957-3937. Please note that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. 44-14-162.2, the secured creditor is not required to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan.

NBC II, LLC, as Attorney in Fact for **DH LOT INVESTOR FUND NUMBER THREE**

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

SMITH WELCH Webb & White, LLC
2200 KEYS Ferry Court
PO BOX 10
MCDONOUGH, GEORGIA 30253
TELEPHONE: 770-957-3937
FILE NO. 702020.0408

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9/6,13,20,27

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 Diane M Harris to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Home America Mortgage, Inc., its successors and assigns, dated October 25, 2004, recorded in Deed Book 1784, Page 13, Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as indenture trustee, for the NRPL Trust 2019-2 Mortgage-Backed Notes, Series 2019-2 by assignment recorded in Deed Book 4047, Page 53, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of ONE HUNDRED FORTY-ONE THOUSAND AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$141,000.00), 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 October, 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.

WILMINGTON SAVINGS Fund Society, FSB, as indenture trustee, for the NRPL Trust 2019-2 Mortgage-Backed Notes, Series 2019-2 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: **Fay Servicing, LLC**, 425 S. Financial Place, Suite 2000, Chicago, IL 60605, 800-495-7166.

TO THE best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is **Diane M Harris** and Estate of **Diane M Hart** or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **25 Crooked Creek Way, Covington, Georgia 30016.**

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.

WILMINGTON SAVINGS Fund Society, FSB, as indenture trustee, for the NRPL Trust 2019-2 Mortgage-Backed Notes, Series 2019-2
AS ATTORNEY in Fact for **DIANE M** Harris
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 41, 10th District, Newton County, Georgia, and being shown as Lot 12, Unit Two, Crooked Creek Subdivision, on a plat of survey of same recorded in Plat Book 37, Page 141, public records of Newton County, Georgia, which plat is by reference thereto incorporated herein and made a part hereof for a more particular and complete description.
MR/LWA 10/6/20
OUR FILE no. 5698519 - FT18

PUBLIC NOTICE #117198
9/6,13,20,27,10/4

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 **Martin R. Boyd and Kristen A. Boyd** to Newton Federal Bank, dated August 6, 2004, recorded in Deed Book 1730, Page 354, Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to McCormick 106, LLC by assignment recorded in Deed Book 3800, Page 597, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of ONE HUNDRED FORTY THOUSAND AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$140,000.00), 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 October, 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.

MCCORMICK 106, LLC 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: **BSI Financial Services**, 11350 McCormick Road, EP II, Ste 903, Hunt Valley, MD 21031, 866-581-4495.

TO THE best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is **Martin R. Boyd and Kristen A. Boyd** or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **50 McCart Circle, Covington, Georgia 30014.**

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.

MCCORMICK 106, LLC
AS ATTORNEY in Fact for **MARTIN R. Boyd and Kristen A. Boyd**
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 154 of the 9th District, Newton County, Georgia, and being shown as Tract I, containing 2.10 acres, on Survey for Randy Aiken prepared by Louie D. Patrick, Georgia R.L.S. #1757, dated July 2, 2004, and recorded in Plat Book 41, Page 221, Clerk's Office, Newton Superior Court, which plat is incorporated herein and made a part hereof by reference thereto for a more complete description.
MR/CA 10/6/20
OUR FILE no. 5657319 - FT17

PUBLIC NOTICE #117230
9/6,13,20,27,10/4

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF
Newton

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

PURSUANT TO the power of sale contained in the Security Deed executed by **JANE S. WHITE** to **MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC.** AS NOMINEE FOR HOME STAR MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC, its successors and assigns, in the original principal amount of \$72,826.00 dated February 27, 2003 and recorded in Deed Book 1387, Page 596, Newton County records, said Security Deed being last transferred to **NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING** in Deed Book 3966, Page 71, Newton County records, the undersigned will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, before the Courthouse door in said County, or at such other place as lawfully designated, within the legal hours of sale, on October 06, 2020, the property in said Security Deed and described as follows:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN THE CITY OF COVINGTON, NEWTON COUNTY, STATE OF GEORGIA, AND BEING LOT NO. 96, AS SHOWN ON A PLAT OF SURVEY MADE BY PICKELL AND PICKELL, REGISTERED ENGINEERS, ON

APRIL 27, 1956, AS RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, IN PLAT BOOK NO. 1, PAGE 192. THIS IS THE SAME PROPERTY AS CONVEYED TO **THOMAS BRODERICK BY COVINGTON MILLS, INCORPORATED BY DEED DATED AUGUST 23, 1956, AND RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 47, PAGE 155, NEWTON COUNTY RECORDS, AND THIS CONVEYANCE IS MADE SUBJECT TO THE RESTRICTIONS AND RESERVATIONS SET FORTH IN SAID DEED, TO WHICH REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE.**

SAID PROPERTY being known as: **6109 SORRELL STREET NE, COVINGTON, GA 30014**

TO THE best of the undersigned's knowledge, the party or parties in possession of said property is/are **JANE S. WHITE** 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.

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:

SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING 75 Beattie Place, Suite 300 , Greenville, SC, 29601
866-825-2174

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.

NEW REZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING, as Attorney-in-Fact for **JANE S. WHITE ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ**, Schneid & Crane LLC 10700 Abbott's Bridge Road Suite 170 Duluth, GA 30097 Phone: 470.321.7112
FIRM FILE No. 20-013755 - AmE

PUBLIC NOTICE #117226
9/6,13,20,27,10/4

Juvenile Court

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF
NEWTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE INTEREST OF:
B.B.J. SEX: Male D O B : 03/23/2020 CASE #107-20J-0356
A CHILD Under 18 Years of Age

SUMMONS

TO: **MALORIE** CAROL JOHNSON, mother; **JOHN DOE**, and any unknown, unnamed biological father or other persons claiming to have a parental interest in the minor child named above born to Malorie Carol Johnson on the date above-listed.

A PETITION to Terminate Parental Rights has been filed in this Court on September 18, 2020, by the Georgia Department of Human Services, by and through the Newton County Department of Family and Children Services, concerning the above child. In accordance with O.C.G.A. §15-11-281, you are hereby notified that this proceeding and the hearing(s) specified herein is/are for the purpose of terminating your parental rights and to place permanent custody of said child with the Georgia Department of Human Services, by and through the Newton County Department of Family and Children Services, pending adoption. The Court shall mail a copy of said Petition to the last known address of the above-named parent(s) within fifteen (15) days of filing the Order of Service by Publication. This is a summons requiring you to be in Court. If you fail to come to court as required, you may be held in contempt of court and punished accordingly.

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

NOTICE OF EFFECT OF
TERMINATION JUDGMENT

GEORGIA LAW provides that you can permanently lose your rights as a parent. A Petition to Terminate Parental Rights has been filed requesting the Court to terminate your parental rights to your child. A copy of said Petition to Terminate Parental Rights can be obtained from the Clerk of the Newton County Juvenile Court. A Court hearing of your case has been scheduled for the 17th day of December, 2020, at 1:00 p.m., at the Newton County Juvenile Court, Newton County Judicial Center, 1132 Usher Street, NW, Covington, Georgia 30014.

IF YOU fail to appear, the Court can terminate your rights in your absence.

IF THE Court at the trial finds that the facts set out in the Petition to Terminate Parental Rights are true and that termination of your rights will

serve the best interests of your child, the Court can enter a judgment ending your rights to your child.

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

EVEN IF your parental rights are terminated:

(1) **YOU** will still be responsible for providing financial support (child support payments) for your child's care unless and until your child is adopted; and

(2) **YOUR** child can still inherit from you unless and until your child is adopted.

PURSUANT TO statute, you are put on notice that as biological father you may lose all rights to your child named above and will not be entitled to object to the termination of your rights to such child unless, within 30 days of receipt of notice, you file:

(1) **A** petition to legitimate such child; and

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

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

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How to know when you should stop mowing

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Each weekend in spring, summer and fall, millions of homeowners fire up their mowers and cut the grass in their yards. A few hours spent mowing the lawn can be a great time to get some sun and some exercise in the great outdoors. As fall gradually transitions to winter, homeowners may wonder when to stop mowing their lawns. Each lawn is different, and when to stop mowing may depend on a host of factors, including local climate and the type of turf. In addition to climate and turf, homeowners can keep an eye on these conditions to determine when the time is right to put their mowers away for the winter.

- Frost: Warm-season grasses typically go dormant after a couple of significant frosts. Homeowners can jot down each frost during fall. Frosts are most noticeable in the early morning hours, so be sure to check lawn conditions each morning as the weather begins to grow cold. Frost may be noticeable without even going outside,



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but homeowners may need to go outside to check on chilly mornings or on days when the previous night was especially cold. If you must go outside, stay off the grass to protect it. Two or three frosts might be enough to

make warm-season grasses go dormant for the winter. Cool-season grasses may keep growing and require mowing even after a few frosts, so it's imperative that homeowners determine which type of grass is in their yards.

- Soil temperature: If it's hard to determine if frosts have occurred, homeowners can try checking the temperature of their soil to decide if they need to keep mowing. The lawn care experts at Pennington recommend

homeowners continue mowing warm-season grasses so long as they keep growing. Lawns may not grow as quickly in fall as they do in spring or summer, and growth may not be as visible to the naked eye during

this time of year as it is in other times. Homeowners can routinely check soil temperature to determine if their grasses have stopped growing. Warm-season grasses tend to stop growing once the soil temperature is consistently at 55 degrees or below, while cool-season grasses tend to stop when temperatures are 45 degrees or lower.

Falling leaves have long been a barometer used by homeowners to determine if they need to keep mowing their lawns. That's not necessarily a reliable metric, as grass can still keep growing even if leaves have been falling for weeks. In addition, using a mulching mower when leaves begin falling is a great way to provide the lawn with nutrients it can use throughout the winter. Some trees shed their leaves more quickly than others, but it's a good rule of thumb that lawns will need to keep being mowed if trees are still retaining more than half their leaves.

A host of factors can help homeowners determine when it's safe to put their mowers away for the winter.

Ways to prepare your garden for cold winter months

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Gardens provide an idyllic escape from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. In fact, many gardening enthusiasts typically cannot wait for the spring thaw so they can spend the next several months tending to their plants under the warm sun. But a gardener's work is never truly done, and the work to make gardens stun in the spring actually begins during the preceding fall.

Preparing gardens for winter is an important step that can help homeowners ensure their gardens return to full strength in the spring. The tasks necessary to prepare gardens for winter may depend on what homeowners are planting, but the

following are some general maintenance suggestions that can keep gardens safe this winter.

- Remove weeds and debris. Weeds and debris are unsightly and detrimental to plant life in spring, but they also can be harmful in the winter. Weeds and debris left to linger in gardens through the winter provide overwintering spots for insects and can contribute to disease. So it's imperative that weeds and debris are removed before the ground hardens in winter. Don't wait until the ground hardens, as that can make it hard to remove the roots of weeds, adversely affecting the garden as a result.

- Prepare the soil. The Farmer's Almanac

advises homeowners to gently till the soil in their gardens so they can expose any insects before they settle in for the winter. Once garden soil is exposed, add a layer of compost, leaves, aged manure, and, if necessary, lime, gently tilling it into the soil. According to the North Carolina Cooperative Extension, the only accurate way to determine if lawn or garden soil needs lime is to test it. Lime makes soil less acidic and reduces soil pH. Low soil pH makes it hard for certain plants to grow, but acidic soil is ideal when growing blueberries. Test the soil for lime and amend it depending on what you hope to grow in the spring so it's ready to thrive when winter

ends.

- Remove dead or diseased plants. Dead or diseased plants should not be left in the garden through the winter. These plants can attract insects and are vulnerable to disease, which can make it hard for the garden to thrive in the spring.

- Protect fruit trees.

If you have fruit trees, install mouse guards around the base to prevent mice and voles from killing the trees over the winter. If left to their own devices over the winter, mice and voles may eat the bark of fruit trees, killing the trees as a result. The Farmer's Almanac notes that mouse

guards made of fine mesh hardware cloth can effectively protect fruit trees from hungry mice and voles over the winter.

A gardener's work is never done, and the work to create beautiful spring gardens begins in the fall.



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Agriculture in Georgia

Firsts

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

To learn more about Georgia agriculture and how to become a Farm Bureau member, go to www.gfb.org

Newton County Farm Bureau

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Covington approves more funding for COVID-affected businesses

Gutierrez wins Clerk of the Year award

By TOM SPIGOLON
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Covington City Council members have approved taking more than \$31,000 from budget reserves for businesses left out of a previous round of grants to help cover losses due to COVID-19.

Council members voted Monday, Sept. 21, to transfer \$31,115 to the Covington Development Authority for the Stabilization Fund grants. The Authority’s board will consider approving a total of 50 grants for entities which applied in a first round earlier this year but were left out because all funds had been given out, said William Smith, economic development manager for the city. Businesses operating inside the Covington

city limits with 20 or fewer employees can receive up to \$2,000, and sole proprietors and one-employee businesses can receive up to \$1,000. The Authority will decide the amounts for each applicant based on factors considered in the first round.

Priority will be given to businesses employing up to 20 full- and part-time employees; and those that operate outside the central business district, provide space for independent contractors, or which have operating expenses exceeding \$2,000 per month.

Mayor Steve Horton said the grant money would be taken from surplus funds in the budget. Finance officials predicted they could make budget adjustments in October

to replace the money, he said. The Covington Development Authority gave \$121,496 in the first round after using money from the city’s Electric Fund and reimbursing it with federal CARES Act funds, Smith said.

In other action at the meeting, council members unanimously denied a special use permit for a personal care home at 5128 N. Emory St. near the I-20 overpass.

The home is adjacent to the Conyers Haitian Church of God, which owns the building.

Applicant Micheline Joseph told the council the 95-year-old building would be staffed round the clock and be home to four individuals.

However, the planning commission



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Covington City Clerk Audra Gutierrez receives the 2020 Georgia Municipal Clerk of the Year award from Georgia Municipal Clerks Association President Paula Martin of Americus and Butler City Clerk Vicky Wainwright during a city council meeting Monday, Sept. 21. From left are Wainwright, who was the 2019 award winner, Gutierrez and Martin.

recommended denial because it did not believe it was a compatible use for the area, officials said.

Councilwoman Fleeta Baggett said she did not believe the house’s location on the half-acre lot would make it accessible to ambulances.

Also at Monday’s

meeting, representatives of the Georgia Municipal Clerks Association surprised Covington City Clerk Audra Gutierrez by presenting her with the statewide group’s 2020 Georgia Municipal Clerk of the Year award.

Association President Paula Martin of

Americus and Butler City Clerk Vicky Wainwright, the 2019 recipient, gave Gutierrez the award.

Horton nominated Gutierrez, who received the honor for her “high level of professionalism, dedication and commitment to community service,” the association said.

Sheriff’s Office to hire deputies, buy equipment with two federal grants

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Newton County Sheriff’s Office will be able to hire seven new deputies and buy more equipment with two new federal grants.

A \$1.1 million COPS Hiring Program Grant will allow the sheriff’s office to hire the new deputies and meet response time goals for priority calls, a news release stated.

The Newton County Board of Commissioners recently approved the Sheriff’s Office to accept the FY20 COPS Hiring Program, a three-year grant funded by the U.S. Department of Justice.

Board members voted Aug. 4 to accept the funds in the amount of \$1,122,792.

“The Newton County Sheriff’s Office has been on the forefront of seeking out grant

opportunities to assist with the needs of our agency and the community,” said Sheriff Ezell Brown in a news release.

“The \$1.1 million will afford us the opportunity to hire seven new deputies to patrol the Newton County community. With the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic causing unemployment for many, being able to open up additional job opportunities is truly a blessing.”

Under the COPS Hiring Program, the Sheriff’s Office will be able to:

- Hire seven entry-level deputies
- Meet response time goals for priority calls;
- Maintain adequate visibility as a deterrent to crime in neighborhoods;
- Improve the office’s ability to enhance its

community policing efforts with county residents;

- Field two-officer responses to dangerous calls for services;
- Sufficiently lower the crime rate through the use of consistent and comprehensive interdiction tactics;
- Adequately enforce traffic laws, which in turn affects mobility of its units

Additionally, the FY20 COPS Hiring Program will allow the Sheriff’s Office to increase its manpower on each shift, allow for more visibility during high peak times, and allow for better execution of day-to-day work assignments.

“Through the program, the Sheriff’s Office will continue to build positive relationships with its community,” a news release stated.

Meanwhile, Newton County will receive \$27,636 in a Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) if the grant is accepted by the board of commissioners, according to a news release from U.S. Sen. Kelly Loeffler, R-Ga.

The annual grant award will be used for purchase of equipment for Newton County Sheriff’s Office deputies and detention officers “to effectively execute assigned

duties,” according to information the Sheriff’s Office gave county commissioners.

Newton County was among 33 Georgia counties and cities approved for a total of \$1.76 million in U.S. Department of Justice grants to help states and local governments prevent and control crime based on local needs and conditions.

Loeffler announced the grant awards, which

totaled \$766,000 for the counties and \$1 million for cities.

“Everywhere I go in Georgia, I hear about increases in crime and concerns about public safety,” said Loeffler. “These grants will go a long way to helping our communities prevent crime, break up gang networks, stop domestic violence and hold criminals accountable.”

The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assis-

tance Grant (JAG) Program provides funding for programs or initiatives including drug and gang task forces, crime prevention and domestic violence programs, courts, corrections, treatment or other programs aimed at reducing crime or enhancing public safety.

Neighboring counties, including Henry at \$26,532, and Rockdale at \$13,710, also were approved for grants.



Courtesy of the office of Sen. Kelly Loeffler

Sen. Kelly Loeffler recently announced the Newton County Sheriff’s Office and other law enforcement agencies across the state would receive grants for new equipment.

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- 501c4 organizations.
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For more information on eligibility guidelines and an online application link visit the Newton Data Center Facebook page or visit facebook.com/notes/newton-data-center/coming-soon-2021-facebook-community-action-grant-cy-

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Redskin stays



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After much debate, Social Circle City Schools will retain its Redskin mascot.

By **STEPHEN MILLIGAN**
The Walton Tribune

SOCIAL CIRCLE, Ga. — The Social Circle Redskin stays put.

That’s the message from Social Circle City Schools, which issued a statement explaining why the traditional Native American imagery, which has proven controversial especially in recent months, will remain for the time being.

The mascot proved a lightning rod for conflict in the weeks following the announcement of the NFL’s Washington Football Team — previously the Washington Redskins — to abandon its mascot after years of protests over the term, which many in the Native American community consider a slur.

Similar protests began to emerge in local meetings of the Social Circle Board of Education, as student, teachers and alumni banded together to demand the Redskins mascot be retired. This, in turn, inspired counter-protests from those who defended the mascot as traditional and insisted it stay right where it is.

“During the last three board meetings, several individuals addressed the board regarding our high school mascot,” city schools Superintendent Robbie Hooker said. “While some speakers have requested that we change the mascot name, others have asked that we maintain it. We have listened intently and respectfully to both sides.”

Hooker said the mascot would remain, due in part to budget constraints and pandemic conditions.

“Our governance team believes that our main focus right now should be on keeping our students, staff

and faculty healthy and safe during this pandemic,” Hooker said. “In addition, this pandemic has caused significant budget issues. The cost of changing our mascot at this time is simply cost-prohibitive.”

Hooker also said the issue did not seem to be of concern to many in the community, as the controversy had not emerged in recent discussions of future needs for the system.

“We recently completed an in-depth strategic planning process garnering input from stakeholders — parents, students, staff and community members — representing all areas of our community,” Hooker said. “During the development of the five-year strategic plan, this issue was not identified as being something that needed to be addressed. Therefore, at this time there will be no change as it relates to our mascot.”

Ultimately, Hooker said the issue was just not a significant concern in the shadow of COVID-19, which weighs heavily on school decisions at all times at the moment.

“We are proud of the high level of student and staff participation in mask-wearing and robust protocols in our school system to mitigate the spread of disease,” Hooker said.

“Please continue to wear masks when social distancing is not possible, stay home when you are sick and sanitize your hands regularly.”

“We aim to remain open for face to face instruction and need your continued support. We are thankful to serve in such a caring community and appreciate your support for our students and staff.”

Putnam County War Eagles 45, Social Circle Redskins 0

Putnam spoils ‘Skins homecoming



Anthony Banks | The Covington News

Putnam County’s stifling defense held Social Circle scoreless Friday night, handing the Redskins their third loss of the season.

By **GARRETT PITTS**
Correspondent

SOCIAL CIRCLE, Ga. — There was no time for the Redskins to catch up Friday night as the Putnam County offense ran wild for four straight quarters.

Social Circle lost to the War Eagles by a score of 45-0, dropping their third game of the year while also matching their record four games into the 2019 season.

The War Eagles had no trouble moving the ball on the opening drive of the game, using flat routes and outside runs to gash the Redskins defense early. After passing midfield, quarterback Gerald Kilgore tossed it to half-back Cedrion Brundage who took it 42 yards for a long touchdown run to put Putnam County up early.

On Social Circle’s first drive of the game, sophomore quarterback Logan Cross was not missing his targets. Cross opened the game completing seven of his first eight passes, but the Redskins eventually turned the ball over on downs inside of the 10-yard line.

After a promising opening drive on offense for Social Circle fell flat, the War Eagles took the momentum right back. After getting Putnam County back into the red-zone on a big run, Brundage took the carry at the goal line for the one-yard touchdown run to extend the lead over the Redskins 14-0.

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senior Dayton Green to junior Ramon Hernandez.

The teams later found themselves tied at 24 before Evans connected with junior Jamel Johnson, who skirted his way to the end zone before diving at the pylon for a 58-yard touchdown. Fittingly, the Eagles came right back with a score of their own as Green hit junior Cole Shannon for a 23-yard touchdown with 1:14 left in regulation.

Eastside will look to carry this momentum into its road matchup against Johnson (Gainesville) next Friday, Oct. 2. Alcovy, meanwhile, will take a week off before looking for win No. 1 at South Forsyth on Oct. 9.

After a quick three-and-out, the drive got worse for the Redskins as the long snapper sent the ball over the punter’s head and into the back of the end-zone for a safety, giving both the ball and points to the War Eagles.

After once again stopping Social Circle on offense, Putnam County capitalized on good field position by letting Kilgore take the quarterback keeper 21-yards for the touchdown, extending the War Eagle lead to 22-0.

Before the end of the half, the War Eagle’s duo converted two more rushing touchdowns as Kilgore and Brundage got in for scores and gave Put-

nam County the 36-0 lead over the Redskins going into halftime.

Trailing by 36 and having the running clock looming in the second half, it was clear that the Redskins would need a quick answer coming out of the locker room in order to stop the high-powered War Eagle offense while also breaking through their stout defense.

Things did not end up turning around for the Redskins as the third quarter got underway. On the first play of the second half, Cross was picked off on the deep ball to junior wide out KJ Reid.

The War Eagles found the end zone for the final time of the

night on the ensuing drive, as Brundage would find the touchdown on a 26-yard rush to give Putnam County the 43-0 lead.

During the fourth quarter, another punt team miscue bit Social Circle as the snap went under the punter this time and trailed out the back of the end zone for their second safety of the game, giving the War Eagles their final points of the game.

Social Circle is now 1-3 after the tough loss, and they will look to get back in the win column as they go on the road next week to take on Oglethorpe County on Friday, Oct. 2.

SOCIAL CIRCLE HOMECOMING QUEEN



Anthony Banks | The Covington News

Senior Tara Poole was crowned Social Circle’s 2020 Homecoming Queen on Friday. Tara is the daughter of Ben and Lisa Poole. She is a dual enrollment student with plans to attend Georgia College and State University after graduation. Kurtis Cates was crowned Social Circle’s 2020 Homecoming King.



Taylor Beck | The Covington News

Alcovy’s Joseph Seay (30) races to the end zone in the second quarter to put the Tigers up 14-0 over the Eastside Eagles on Friday night.

BULLDOGS *Extra*

The Covington News

										
Sept. 26 @ Arkansas	Oct. 3 Auburn	Oct. 10 Tennessee	Oct. 17 @ Alabama	Oct. 24 @ Kentucky	Nov. 7 Florida	Nov. 14 Missouri	Nov. 21 Mississippi State	Nov. 28 @ South Carolina	Dec. 5 Vanderbilt	Dec. 19 SEC Championship

Dawgs are ready to ball

No. 4 Georgia opens season at Arkansas

By **ERIC W. BOLIN**
The Associated Press

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — A nearly month-long postponement to the start of college football in the Southeastern Conference may feel different, but it won't look much different.

Georgia, as has it has been for much of the last decade or so, is projected to finish near the top of one of the best conferences. Arkansas, as it has been for much of the last few years, is predicted to finish near the bottom. The two will open their seasons against each other Saturday.

The Bulldogs are No. 4 in the nation. The Razorbacks are not anywhere near that, having not beaten a fellow SEC member since October 2017 (Ole Miss). Georgia has hopes of a championship. Arkansas has hopes to win a game.

Their mutual commonality is Arkansas coach Sam Pittman. An offensive line coach with the Razorbacks from 2013 to 2015, Pittman left to take the same job at Georgia and was hired last December to run things at Arkansas after Chad Morris was fired.

Pittman and his old boss, Georgia coach Kirby Smart, remain close.

"Going against a very good friend of mine in coach Sam Pittman, who did just an unbelievable job while he



The Matchup

Who: No. 4 Georgia (0-0) vs. Arkansas (0-0)
When: Saturday, Sept. 16; 4 p.m. ET kickoff
Where: Razorback Stadium, Fayetteville, Arkansas
Watch: SEC Network
Listen: Georgia Bulldogs Sports Network (IMG)

Quick Facts

The Bulldogs are 96-27-3 in season openers including 20 of their past 23. Georgia is 4-0 in season openers under Kirby Smart. Last year, the Bulldogs defeated Vanderbilt 30-6 in Nashville, Tennessee, to open the 2019 season.

was here," Smart said. "I know he always had a special place in his heart for Arkansas, and he got this opportunity to go back."

As expected for a team seemingly in a never-ending rebuild, the roster is light at Arkansas. Smart doesn't have that issue and, in fact, has multiple options at quarterback.

Southern California transfer J.T. Daniels was expected to take a majority of the snaps this season, but an injury has kept him limited. D'Wan Mathis, a carryover from last year's team, has shined in the preseason and may provide Smart and the Bulldogs with a two-man look in the opener.

Arkansas is hoping its quarterback problems have subsided after 15 interceptions and two fumbles at the position a year ago. Former Florida quarterback Felipe Franks' primary directive from Pittman has been ball security.

"I think he has more confidence in his wideouts that they're going to run the proper depth, make the break at the proper time," Pittman said. "He's throwing the ball very well right now."

As for the friendship and familiarity between Pittman and Smart, it is a talking point before the game and little else.

"They're doing the best job they can to prepare their team and we're doing the best



University of Georgia Athletics

Georgia receiver George Pickens (1) stretches the football across the pylon for a touchdown against Baylor in the Sugar Bowl last season. Pickens and the Bulldogs kick off their 2020 campaign against SEC rival Arkansas on Saturday with much higher goals in mind than another Sugar Bowl victory.

job we can to prepare ours," Smart said. "It usually boils down to what the players do on the grass, not what we do as coaches."

OLD FRIEND, NEW FOE

Pittman left Georgia on positive terms. Having coached college football full-time since 1991, 2020 is the first year he has had an opportunity to have full control of a program as head coach.

Smart holds no grudges for a live-it, breath-it football guy like his former offensive line coach.

"He helped build the foundation of what we have now," Smart said.

ONE-SIDED

Georgia has dominated the series with Arkansas since the Razorbacks joined the SEC in 1992, winning eight

of 10 matchups and the last loss coming in 2010. Saturday's game will be the first meeting between the Eastern Division Bulldogs and Western Division Razorbacks since 2014.

STRENGTH vs STRENGTH

Arkansas will rely heavily on Rakeem Boyd, who ran for 1,133 yards for an offense that was ranked 13th in the 14-team SEC. The Bulldogs may not have much issue with that. Georgia led not only the SEC, but all of FBS, last year in rushing defense, allowing just 74.6 yards per game on the ground and the Bulldogs had eight players named to the various preseason All-SEC teams.

SO CLOSE, YET SO FAR

Georgia has been

ranked in the preseason Top 25 each of the last 10 years. The Bulldogs have finished a season in the top 10 five of those years. Only once, however, has Georgia made a College Football Playoff. Arkansas is by far the easiest early-season opponent this year as the Bulldogs' next five opponents are all currently ranked in the Top 25, including three in the top 10.

FOOTBALL IN A PANDEMIC

Capacity at Donald W. Reynolds Razorback Stadium, which can normally hold upwards of 76,000 spectators, will be limited to about 16,000. Pre- and post-game tailgating, a common Saturday tradition, is also not permitted on campus, per state guidelines.

SEC football opens minus big crowds, tailgating, some stars

By **JOHN ZENOR**
The Associated Press

Southeastern Conference football games won't have their normal scenes of packed stadiums and partying tailgaters.

Gone, too, are some of the league's best players, including LSU wide receiver Ja'Marr Chase and much-anticipated new Georgia quarterback Jamie Newman. In the season of COVID-19, SEC teams finally open their 10-game league only schedule on Saturday.

It mixes excitement with a healthy dose of uncertainty. How many games will be canceled or postponed? Which teams can avoid being decimated by positive tests at a certain position or losing their starting quarterback?

Even SEC Commissioner Greg Sankey said Wednesday: "I still am in the hold my breath moment a bit."

So are coaches. Players are still opting out leading up to the first games, including Vanderbilt linebacker Feleti Afemui and Texas A&M linebacker Anthony Hines III.

Sankey, meanwhile, does have a new definition of what qualifies as a successful season.

"Being in Atlanta on Dec. 19 naming a conference champion, I would define that as a success," he said.

Most SEC coaches are playing it close to the vest in identifying players who will miss the game because of COVID-19, if they have any. Their silence is as much about a competitive edge as players' privacy.

As Florida coach Dan Mullen said: "You'll find out Saturday."

The situations could be fluid, with testing continuing during the week. Alabama's coach, Nick Saban, said Monday there weren't any players for the second-ranked Crimson Tide out for the game with COVID-related issues.

"But we're testing every day so that's kind of an ongoing process as to how that goes," Saban said.

No. 8 Auburn had a half-dozen players returning from quarantine on Tuesday, coach Gus Malzahn said.

Aside from which players will be available, another adjustment will be the mostly empty stadiums.

Most teams are allowing 20-25% capacity at games, though Vanderbilt won't have fans through at least October. There's also no tailgating on campus, or band performances.

There's no way to measure the impact of COVID-19 will have on this weekend, much less for the season. But there have already been some winners and losers with players opting out, creating unexpected challenges for teams.

— Texas A&M has had at least five players opt out, including leading receiver Jhamon Ausbon, who had 66 catches for 872 yards last season. Hines, the No. 2 tackler last season, just announced his decision on Sunday. Wide receiver Camron Buckley is also out for the season with a knee injury. Also sitting out is projected starting cornerback Elijah Blades, along with backup quarterback James Foster and safety Derrick Tucker.

— Losing Chase was a big blow for an LSU team already replacing Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback Joe Burrows. Chase set SEC records with 1,780 receiving yards and 20 touchdowns en route to winning the Biletnikoff Award as the nation's top receiver. Safety Kary Vincent (47 tackles, four interceptions) and standout defensive tackle Tyler Shelvin are also opting out.

Coach Ed Orgeron is hoping his

team is largely in the clear for much of the season because "most of our players have caught it." He said those players who have recovered from COVID-19 don't have to be tested again for 90 days under SEC protocols.

— Georgia might be just fine without Newman, especially with former USC starter JT Daniels eligible for the season and joining the competition with D'wan Mathis. But it's still a blow for a team that must replace Jake Fromm. Plus, as of late Wednesday morning, coach Kirby Smart said Daniels has "not been medically cleared" to play while recovering from an injury last season.

— Fans and tailgating traditions are taking a big hit, too. With mostly empty stadiums and no pre-game walks through cheering fans. Even The Grove at Mississippi will be closed for tailgating and the Walk of Champions.

Vandy center Grant Miller said it's not altogether new, comparing losing those players to teammates suddenly going down with injuries.

"You just have to have a next man up type of mentality," Miller said.

2020 FALCONS SCHEDULE

9/13

Seattle — 25-38, L

9/20

@ Dallas — 39-40, L

9/27

Chicago, 1 p.m.

10/5

@ Green Bay, 1 p.m.

10/11

Carolina, 1 p.m.

10/18

@ Minnesota, 1 p.m.

10/25

Detroit, 1 p.m.

10/29

@ Carolina, 8:20 p.m.

11/8

Denver, 1 p.m.

11/22

@ New Orleans, 1 p.m.

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 faces Bears after nightmarish loss

Falcons still vying for first win of 2020 season

By PAUL NEWBERRY
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Let’s see if the Atlanta Falcons can put another nightmarish loss behind them.

The team that infamously squandered a 28-3 advantage in the 2017 Super Bowl suffered an improbable defeat in Week 2 of this NFL season, blowing a 20-point lead to the Dallas Cowboys and giving up an onside kick that set up a game-winning field goal on the final play.

The 40-39 stunner turned up the heat on coach Dan Quinn, especially when owner Arthur Blank said it looked as though the Falcons (0-2) didn’t know the onside kick rules.

Quinn urged his team to turn its attention to Sunday’s game against the Chicago Bears (2-0), but he conceded that it wouldn’t be easy to get over such a disappointing outcome.

“You have to recognize the emotion,” Quinn said. “Yeah, you’re (ticked). We have to put it into another space, but it’s important to acknowledge why you’re so



Associated Press

Falcons quarterback Matt Ryan (2) looks to hand off the football to running back Todd Gurley II (21) against the Dallas Cowboys on Sunday, Sept. 20. Atlanta gave up a 20-point lead and lost the game in heart-breaking fashion, 40-39. The Dirty Birds look to bounce back and pick up their first win of the season as they host the Chicago Bears (2-0) this Sunday.

(ticked). That’s the life of a competitor. It’s hard, but you have to get past mad, you have to get past frustrated if you’re going to have the season you want.”

The Bears have a shot at their first 3-0 start since 2013, though they’ve hardly dazzled in their first two games.

In Week 1, Chicago rallied from 17 points down to beat the Detroit Lions 27-23. Last weekend, the Bears nearly blew a 17-point lead of their own, hanging on for a 17-13 win over the New York Giants.

“You’re always happy about the win, but not too happy because

we haven’t played a full game together,” Bears quarterback Mitchell Trubisky said. “We know what we’re capable of if we do play four quarters, so that’s gotta be the goal.”

The Falcons would like to second that sentiment.

They appeared to

be cruising at Dallas, taking advantage of three early turnovers on the way to a 29-10 halftime lead.

Even after the Cowboys rallied, the Falcons were up 39-24 with 5 minutes to go. But the defense couldn’t hold, giving up a pair of touchdowns that gave Dallas hope. Even then, the Cowboys had to pull off an onside kick — a real longshot given rule changes that were designed to improve player safety.

The Falcons backed away from the spinning ball, simply watching until it had carried 10 yards. That allowed the Cowboys to make the recovery and win the game, turning Atlanta into the sort of national laughingstock that brought back memories of the Super Bowl meltdown.

Quinn insisted that his players understood the rules, but were simply befuddled by the strange kick.

“Arthur and I can disagree on how we talk about it, but what we 100% agree on is that it shouldn’t have happened,” the coach said. “We’ve got to work to make sure it doesn’t happen again.”

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