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## Georgia Politics

# Hice confirms run for SOS

Republican Newton County congressman to challenge Raffensperger with former president's support

By **TAYLOR BECK**  
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U.S. Rep. Jody Hice confirmed the rumors of his political future Monday by declaring his intentions to run for Georgia Secretary of State in 2022.

Hice, R-Greensboro, who currently represents portions of Newton and Walton counties in Georgia's 10th District, will

challenge incumbent Brad Raffensperger to become the state's top elections official.

"Free and fair elections are the foundation of our country," Hice said in a statement. "What Brad Raffensperger did was create cracks in the integrity of our elections, which I wholeheartedly believe individuals took advantage of in

2020. Though I am encouraged to see the General Assembly taking it upon themselves to address some of the glaring issues in our elections, Georgia deserves a Secretary of State who will own the responsibilities of the office. If elected, I will instill confidence in our election process by

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**U.S. Rep. Jody Hice, R-Greensboro, announced Monday he would give up his congressional seat to become Georgia's next Secretary of State.**

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## City of Porterdale



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City leaders and developers officially broke ground recently on a mixed-use development in Porterdale.

# Officials break ground on Cedar Shoals

Work begins on mixed-use development on Porterdale's south side

By **TOM SPIGOLON**  
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PORTERDALE, Ga. — Business leaders and Porterdale community and government officials recently broke ground for the Cedar Shoals mixed-use project on the city's south side.

Brad Mitchell of developer Infinity Homes and Development of Covington had chrome-plated shovels made especially for the long-awaited

event.

Infinity and Safe Future Real Estate Investment are building the 270-acre project at Covington Bypass Road and Ga. Highway 81.

Estimated value of the project is \$140 million when completely built out, according to a Development of Regional Impact filed with the state government.

Mitchell said plans call for 1,225 residential units, includ-

ing 341 detached single-family homes, 164 townhomes and 720 apartments.

He said he chose to move forward with development after hearing about the industrial development and job growth planned for the area from Dave Bernd of the Newton County Industrial Development Authority.

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## Newton County

# Commissioners oppose bill expanding weapon permit sales

Judge foresees big cost if bill allowing non-residents to buy in county passes

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COVINGTON, Ga. — Probate Judge Melanie Bell says she will need to increase her budget significantly if the Georgia General Assembly approves legislation allowing those outside Newton to obtain gun permits here without appointments.

The Board of Commissioners voted Tuesday, March 16, to ask legislators representing Newton to oppose House Bill 218 after Bell said she would need more staff and



**Melanie Bell**

space to handle the anticipated demand from residents from larger metro counties traveling to Covington for weapons carry licenses.

State Rep. Mandi Ballinger, R-Canton, is sponsoring the bill. It would expand WCL reciprocity to allow anyone already licensed to carry a weapon in another state to legally carry one in Georgia.

It also would allow applicants to travel to any county for a WCL through Dec. 31, 2022 — just as already allowed for marriage licenses and such vital records as birth and death certificates, Bell said.

"Outlier counties like ours have people travel

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# Covington-Newton 911 Center annual report shows call volume down in 2020

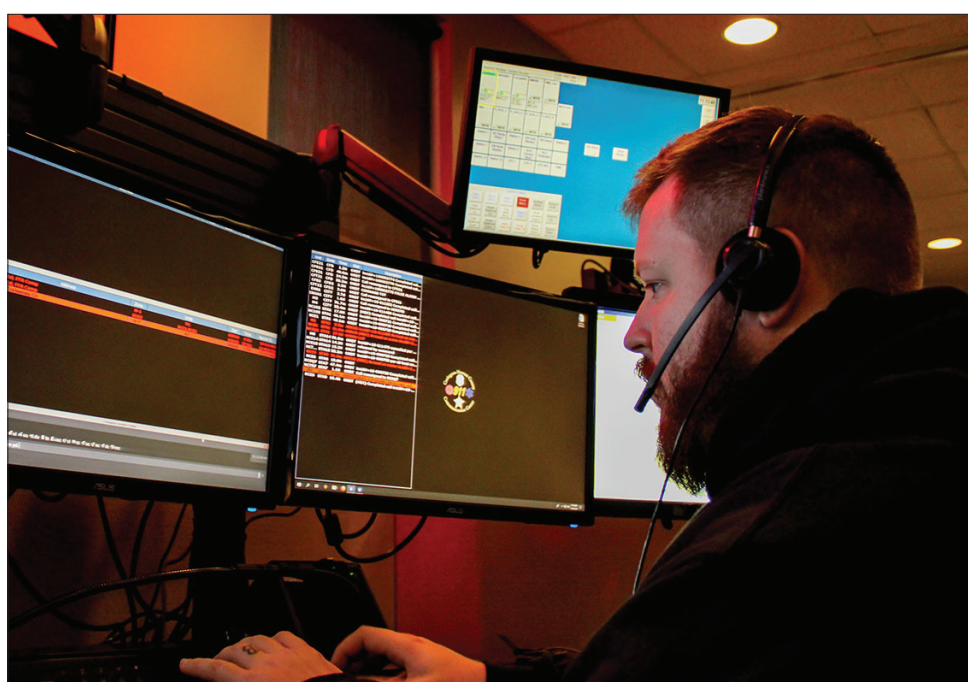
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Covington-Newton 911 Center received approximately 15% less emergency calls in 2020 than the year before.

In the agency's recently released 2020 annual report, the center said it received a total of 92,063 CAD (computer-aided dispatch) calls on the year. In 2019, the total call amount was 108,613.

From the calls received, the center reportedly generated 104,529 calls to local agencies, which was down 14.9% from 2019. More than three-quarters of those calls were law-related, meanwhile only approximately 13% were EMS-related and roughly 9% were fire-related.

More than 50,000 of the calls were put out to the Newton County Sheriff's Office, which accounted for 48.33%



A dispatcher for the Covington-Newton 911 Center works to help address the needs of a caller and notifying first responders of the caller's issue.

of total agency calls. Covington Police Department followed with 25,452 calls (24.35%).

Other agencies the Newton County 911 Center regularly call on, including Covington Marshal's Office, Newton County Animal Control, Oxford Police, Porterdale Police, Covington Fire,

Newton County Fire and Piedmont/Newton EMS, accounted for the remaining 27.32% of total agency calls.

Within the report, the Covington-Newton County 911 Center also reportedly handled 530 open record requests.

The center stated there were 15 total complaints and libelous

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incidents over the year.

In a statement, 911 Director Trudy Henry said of the 11 complaints, "four were not sustained or unfounded and seven complaints were sustained." Henry said investigations into each complaint resulted in remedial training and/or disciplinary actions for individuals

involved; however, policy revision or a change in training practices was not needed.

Of the complaints, six were related to unprofessional demeanor," four were related to "neglect of duty" and one concerned "improper call handling."

Agency workers spent 1,008 hours in training for 2020, according to the report.

The agency led 10 community outreach programs over the course of the year, including adopting two children for the Department of Family and Children Services' Christmas project.

A handful of employees were recognized within the report for their outstanding efforts.

Sarah Herbert was awarded the 2020 Dispatcher of the Year. Caroline Almond was awarded 2020 Employee of the Year.

Carlisha Robinson, Hillary Wilder and

Amanda Cummings were recognized for having the top-three highest percentages of processed calls throughout the department. Percentages include 911 emergency calls and administrative calls.

Despite a series of ups and downs that has accompanied the COVID-19 pandemic, Henry said she's proud of her team's efforts. "They do a phenomenal job in there," she said. "We have a great team. I can't say enough good things about them, especially during this pandemic."

Henry said only one dispatcher had contracted the novel coronavirus since the pandemic began. The person had minimal symptoms, she said, and returned to work without issue.

The center is currently understaffed but has been able to employ a minimum of five dispatchers per 12-hour shift, Henry said.

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upholding the Georgia Constitution, enforcing meaningful reform and

aggressively pursuing those who commit voter fraud.

"Every Georgian, in fact every American, has the right to be outraged by the actions and, simultaneously, the inaction of our Secretary of State," he continued. "Our state deserves a leader who steers clear of scandals and focuses on the incredibly important duties of the office. If elected, my top priority will be ensuring ev-

ery Georgian's legally cast ballot is counted in future elections. I am excited about our campaign and I know together we can renew integrity!"

Raffensperger has been heavily criticized by many, including Hice and former President Donald Trump, for his job in the 2020 General Election. President Joe Biden carried Georgia to narrowly defeated Trump in the 2020 presidential race. A Democrat presidential candidate had not won the state since Bill Clinton in 1992.

Despite no evidence of widespread fraud, Trump believed the election was stolen in

the Peach State. Hice also believed there was fraud — he was one of few Republicans to challenge Georgia's electoral votes in Congress on Jan. 6.

Trump issued his support of Hice on Monday morning through the former president's Save America PAC. Trump called Hice's announcement "good news" and said he had "100% confidence" in the congressman.

"Jody has been a steadfast fighter for conservative Georgia values and is a staunch ally of the America First agenda," part of Trump's endorsement states. "Unlike the current Georgia Secretary

of State, Jody leads out front with integrity."

Hice is a pastor and conservative talk show host originally from Bold Springs. He was first elected to office in 2014, becoming the first Walton County resident to serve in Congress. He later moved to Greensboro to be at the center of the district.

Raffensperger has said he'll run for reelection.

David Belle Isle announced his candidacy Sunday and officially kicked off his campaign Monday with an event in Alpharetta. Other challengers could come forward in the coming weeks.

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## OBITUARY

**Richard Allen Burr**  
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Richard Allen Burr, 79, of Covington, passed away Saturday, February 13, 2021 at Augusta University Medical Center.

Richard was born on May 28, 1941 in Meriden, CT to the late Allan LeRoy and Edith Evelyn (Pender) Burr. He graduated from the Georgia Institute of Technology in 1968 with a Bachelor of Science degree, and from there enrolled in the Officer Candidate School in Pensacola, FL. Mr. Burr served as a Navy intelligence officer supporting an A-6 fighter/bomber squadron while deployed on the USS Ranger (CV-196), an aircraft carrier deployed to Vietnam between November 1969 to May 70. Mr. Burr's service in that capacity would earn him a Navy Commendation Medal with

valor.

Mr. Burr resigned from active-duty military service after the end of the war, but later joined the Navy Reserve. After living again in his home city of Meriden for several years and working with his father at Burr Electric, he moved with his family to Covington, GA, next door to his in-laws Aubrey and Lillie Simms. Mr. Burr made a career in commercial insurance as a Loss Control specialist, working for Wausau, Allstate, Northbrook, and finally Royal Insurance before retiring in 1996.

In 1994, after having attained the rank of Commander in the United States Navy Reserve, Mr. Burr retired having complet-



ed 7 years active-duty service and 20 years in the reserves.

It was during his retirement that Mr. Burr was able to indulge in his passion for woodworking and gardening. For the past two decades, he has been known locally as Mr. Blueberry, for his blueberry farm with over 300 bushes that he opened to the public each year.

Mr. Burr is survived by his wife, Alma Jo (Simms) Burr of Covington; son and daughter-in-law, Stephen and Anna (Baucom) Burr of Monroe, NC; siblings, Randall Burr of Rochester, NY, Marla Burr of Nashville TN, and Gary Burr with his wife Georgia Middleman Burr of Nashville, TN, and also nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A private viewing will be held on March 27, 2021, in the chapel of Wheeler Funeral and Cremation Services. Internment will follow at Prospect United Methodist Church at 2:00 pm with Pastor Ron Compton officiating a graveside service.

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# Upset residents unload frustrations on townhome plans

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**COVINGTON, Ga.** — Area residents’ withering opposition to separate townhome development plans last week apparently prompted one developer to withdraw but another to move ahead with future plans despite the complaints to Newton County commissioners.

Christopher Harrell representing Alpharetta-based Summit Engineering Consultants withdrew his plan for a 120-unit townhome project on Fairview Road after neighboring residents strongly objected to his request for rezoning from single-family to multi-family on the 25-acre site.

However, developer Jim Chapman was able to convince the Newton County Board of Commissioners March 16 to approve a change in the future land use map for residential development on a site planned for industrial uses on Ga. Highway 142 at City Pond Road.

Harrell withdrew the



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**Broderick L. Johnson Sr. discusses his opposition to a rezoning request for townhomes on Fairview Road that was later withdrawn March 16 amid heavy opposition from neighboring residents.**

townhome plan and county officials said he planned to develop the site as a single-family subdivision — for which it is already zoned.

The site is adjacent to the 318-unit Cobblestone apartment complex that county planning commissioners approved in October on Fairview Road on land already zoned for multi-family development.

Speaker after speaker at the March 16 Board of Commissioners meeting talked about the need for upgrading the two-lane Fairview Road, as well as the potential for overcrowdedness in area schools.

Susan Jackson said

the county had not invested in the infrastructure needed to support such developments.

Other residents said developers were from outside Newton County and not invested in increasing the county’s quality of life.

Sandra Hines said she wanted commissioners to support what local residents wanted rather than outside developers.

“It’s time for y’all to stand up for us,” she said.

Speakers also complained that the area lacked such amenities as parks and playgrounds for young people. Some said traffic tended to back up on Fairview Road from

its intersection with Access Road — while others complained that vehicles often sped on the narrow road.

County commissioners’ approval March 16 of a change in the land use map will allow Chapman, owner of Atlanta-based Jim Chapman Communities, to request a rezoning for construction of a planned 227-unit townhome development on 35 acres just outside the Covington city limits near the new Three Ring Studios.

He told the commissioners he was targeting his Cottages at Studio Village to seniors willing to pay up to \$1,600 a month.

But the Fairview

Road homeowners complained that such developments typically opened with developers intending to maintain high standards and eventually becoming typical rental complexes that were not properly maintained and bred crime.

One also alluded to trash proliferating on the side of some county roads that prospective high-income renters would find undesirable.

Chapman replied that he had not found any such problems with crime developing in a similar complex he developed in Athens.

“This will not be low-income. This will not be Section 8,” he said.

Commissioner J.C. Henderson said he understood how residents feel after seeing the performance of past projects but believed this complex would be of better quality.

“I personally think for District 4 this is a good project,” he said.

Also on March 16, commissioners narrowly voted to reappoint Chairman Marcello

Banes to the Joint Development Authority of Jasper, Morgan, Newton & Walton Counties.

The board voted 3-2 to reappoint Banes rather than appointing Henderson — who was nominated by Commissioner Alana Sanders.

Sanders has said she wanted other commissioners considered for agencies like the Joint Development Authority and Solid Waste Management Authority — both of which Banes is a member — because of such issues as what she said was a lack of transparency.

However, Banes had promised to veto any attempt to replace him and fellow member Jerry Silvio.

District 1 Commissioner Stan Edwards said he nominated Banes for another term on the JDA to keep a team in place that had successfully recruited such projects as the Facebook Data Center and a second major project to Stanton Springs business park.

“I don’t want to upset that apple cart,” Edwards said.

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The site is located in an area between the Covington Bypass, Ga. Highway 81 and the Yellow River.

Mitchell said the site offered numerous advantages because of its location near a major thoroughfare that makes it easily accessible for potential residents.

In addition, the adjacent Yellow River and area trails offer recreational opportunities, he said.

A kayak launch and a new 10-foot trail are planned on the site, Mitchell said.

Kay Piper, who recently returned to Porterdales City Council after serving on it in the 2000s, said she anticipated the project would do well in the historic city.



Pictured is a rendering of the master plan for Cedar Shoals in Porterdales.

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final completion set for 2025.

The first phase set for completion includes 90 single-family lots, as well as a main street to the development from Covington Bypass and emergency access from

Ga. Highway 81, according to a review by the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission.

Buffers are planned along the Yellow River and creeks on the site; and green spaces and 20 retention ponds are

planned to mitigate the project’s impact on stormwater management, according to the Development of Regional Impact.

“Currently, the site is partially wooded with wetland conservation

areas next to the Yellow River at the southern edge of the lot. Significant portions of the site were cleared for a previous project that was never constructed,” the regional commission’s report stated.

Cedar Shoals is being developed on the former site of a residential development known as White Horse that was left unfinished during the Great Recession of the late 2000s and early 2010s.

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# Through the roof

## Will residents remain united against multi-family developments?

A vocal group of Newton County homeowners took their grievances to the Newton County Commission recently after taking them to the county planning commission a few weeks before.



And if this group remains united, they could do some serious damage to the hopes of any developer wanting to build multi-family housing or large single-family subdivisions anywhere outside the cities in Newton County — if it's not already zoned for such a thing. The group lives in residential neighborhoods around Fairview Road, which is a two-lane thoroughfare just like most of the roads in Newton County. They convinced county planning commissioners to unanimously recommend the county's governing body deny a rezoning for a townhome development. They then raised the same complaints about a project in a part of the county eight miles from their homes, which almost prompted the planning commission to deny a change in the future land use map that could lead to townhome development near the



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**It will be interesting to see if the residents' action portends the kind of opposition other new mixed-family developments will face, or if it's a one-time event that will fade with time.**

Covington Airport. Newton County is positioned on a part of I-20 that practically begs for it to become part of Atlanta's sprawl. Despite years of development that has produced plenty of additional traffic, Newton County appears to have done little preparation for what's coming from a roads standpoint. Yes, there are plenty of plans on the books but little in the way of wider roads. It doesn't help that Newton County voters turned down a SPLOST in 2020 that would have been dedicated solely to road construction. Newton residents, especially on the west side of the county, saw lots of cheap housing erected in the 1990s and early 2000s — so

much so that special zoning was put in place to require houses be built with materials that was of higher quality and appearance than their predecessors. In fact, residents of the county's east side used west Newton's experience to convince county commissioners to put their own special zoning into place that sought to forestall such development. In October, Fairview Road residents had little recourse before the county planning commission approved a plan for a 300-unit apartment complex on land zoned for multi-family development that had sat undeveloped for decades. In February, when a rezoning for a much smaller townhome development was

proposed adjacent to the apartment site, residents of the area let public officials know they were unhappy. Surprisingly, more emphasis was placed on improving the quality of life in the area rather than the impact on future home values. Speaker after speaker talked about the need for upgraded infrastructure, the potential for overcrowdedness in area schools, or that developers were from outside Newton County and not invested in increasing the county's quality of life. They talked about needing amenities for young people to give them alternatives to doing something harmful to the community or themselves. Developers withdrew the townhome plan

and said they would develop the site as a single-family subdivision — for which it is already zoned. The same residents then stuck around and unloaded their ire against a second plan in a different part of the county that asked to change the county's land use map and make some land zoned for industrial uses near Covington's airport a future residential area. Approval of a change in the county's land use map typically has been routine and faced little opposition. If approved, developers could seek a rezoning in the future for construction of a 227-unit townhome development on 35 acres just outside the Covington city limits on Ga. Highway 142.

Developer Jim Chapman said he was targeting his Cottages at Studio Village to seniors willing to pay up to \$1,600 a month. He said he planned a number of amenities, and a similar complex he developed in Athens had proven popular. But the Fairview Road homeowners complained to planning commissioners and the county's governing board that such developments typically opened with developers intending to maintain high standards but eventually became typical rental complexes which were not properly maintained and bred crime. They talked about the fact yet another developer from outside Newton wanted to drop multi-family housing in the county and walk away. County commissioners approved the change. Now, it will be interesting to see if the residents' action portends the kind of opposition other new multi-family developments will face or if it's a one-time event that will fade with time.

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Dave Belton guest columnist

## We should've passed better election laws years ago

“Our decisions, the laws we pass, carry the weight of authority; but only when it's with the consent of the governed. And that consent is only given when the people have faith that an election was fair and fairly won. Some of you may think

it is sour grapes or whining over the results of the last election. Even if you think the machines can't be hacked and the votes



were fairly counted, we still need the people of Georgia to believe in the process — and right now they are unconvinced.” State Senator Elena Parent spoke these words in the well of the Senate on March of 2019, a few months after Stacey Abrams lost the governor's race. The quote is significant because Parent is a Democrat who was calling for greater election security. Now, of course, the shoe is on the other foot. Republicans are the ones who want to tighten election security. I think Sen. Parent was right, we should have passed better election security back in 2019. If we had, more Georgians would have faith in our government. As it is, the vast majority of our citizens either distrust the election of 2018 or 2020...or both. That has to change. There are now two

large omnibus election bills at play, one by the Senate and one by the House. There are also a plethora of smaller Senate bills. During the next two weeks, some of these bills will probably be merged into one of these omnibuses. In general, the House bill calls for securing drop boxes, shortening run-offs, standardizing the hours all poll sites should be open, creating special provisions for military voting, using only special security paper for ballots, and a few other things. Most importantly, it also requires that all absentee ballot requests be accompanied with a driver's license number or other form of identification. It does not eliminate no-excuse absentee ballots, but some of the Senate measures do. This will probably be the biggest bone of contention between the two chambers. It's important to remember that Georgia was a leader in requiring a photo ID to vote. Absentee ballots should

have an equal measure of security as people voting in person. There are only two more weeks of session. So far, the House and Senate are gridlocked with each other on a large number of bills. This is mostly because of the differences in the election bills. Unfortunately, my three bills are stuck in the Senate because of this log jam. One is my Teacher Tax Credit bill for very rural schools. The other two are military bills for Speech Therapists and Counselors. All passed nearly unanimously in the House, but are now in jeopardy because of this schism. A good measure that did pass was a large portion of the Governor's Education initiative. We authorized the annual Georgia Teacher of the Year to be on the State School Board, made it easier for military veterans to get a job as a teacher, and enhanced our historically black colleges' ability to train new teachers. The retired teacher

Return to Work piece that I have been working on for five years (and is now part of the governor's package) will have to wait until next year. Finally, we authorized the construction of a statue honoring former Gov. Zell Miller to be placed on the grounds of the state Capitol. A bipartisan committee will determine the specifics of the statue. Both a Democrat and a Republican, this Georgia legend will be most remembered for his HOPE Scholarship. Still one of the most generous scholarships in the nation, it's provided billions of dollars to millions of our children...all paid for by the Lottery. It has also made our universities much stronger, as Georgia's finest minds remain here in Georgia.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE #200069**  
3/17/24

THE CITY of Covington is seeking bids from approved manufacturers, for the purchase of a Three Phase Pad Mounted 2500KVA transformer as specified in exhibit "A" of the bid packet Sealed bids must be delivered to City Hall, 2194 Emory Street NW, Covington, GA 30014, Attn: Scott Cromer no later than 10:00am on Tuesday, April 6, 2021.

**REQUEST FOR Bids** and additional information may be obtained 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.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200117**  
3/24,31

Debtors Creditors

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of CYNTHIA M. BRYAN** 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 March, 2021.

**DAN BRYAN**  
28 BRIGHTON RD  
ATLANTA, GA 30309

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200094**  
3/24,31-4/7,14

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of DOROTHY HUGHES MORRIS** 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 11TH** day of March, 2021.

**CHARLES ANTHONY MORRIS**  
706 SOUTH FLETCHER AVE  
FERNANDINA BEACH, FL 32034

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200099**  
3/24,31-4/7,14

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of EDD JUNIOR BROADNAX** 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 March, 2021.

**DAVID BROADNAX**  
50 MOUNTAIN CREEK TRAIL  
SOCIAL CIRCLE, GA 30025

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200103**  
3/24,31-4/7,14

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of EDWARD LAMAR JENKINS** 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 March, 2021.

**DAVID L. JENKINS**  
110 BENTLEY PLACE WAY  
COVINGTON, GA 30016

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200100**  
3/24,31-4/7,14

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of HERMAN ANDERSON GIBBS, JR** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to

Fun by the Numbers

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

4 6 7 8 9 1 5 2 3  
8 9 3 5 7 2 4 1 6  
2 5 1 3 4 6 8 9 7  
1 7 5 9 3 8 6 4 2  
9 4 8 6 2 7 1 3 5  
6 3 2 4 1 5 9 7 8  
7 2 6 1 5 4 3 8 9  
3 8 4 2 6 9 7 5 1  
5 1 9 7 8 3 2 6 4

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

CIVIL ACTION Number 2021-CV-214-2

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: DANIELLE LEAKS  
4311 TILLY MILL RD  
ATLANTA, GA 30360

BY ORDER of the court for service by publication dated **FEBRUARY 18, 2021** you are hereby notified that on February 3, 2021 (date of filing) **CASEY JONES** (plaintiff) filed suit against you for Divorce .

YOU ARE required to file an answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for publication with the clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County and to serve a copy of the answer upon the plaintiff (if pro se) or upon the plaintiff's attorney (if represented).

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

THIS, THE 18TH day of **FEBRUARY 2021**.

LINDA D. Hays  
CLERK OF Superior

PUBLIC NOTICE #200006  
3/3,10,17,24

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

JESSE JONES IV  
PLAINTIFF,  
V.  
KEYANA JONES  
DEFENDANT,

CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 2020-CV-2109-3

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: KEYANA JONES  
9393 HICKORY Nut Cir  
FISHERS IN 46038

BY ORDER of the court for service by publication dated **MARCH 2, 2021** you are hereby notified that on 10/14/2020 (date of filing) **JESSE JONES IV** (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 **MARCH 2021**

LINDA D. Hays  
CLERK OF Superior

PUBLIC NOTICE #200038  
3/10,17,24,31

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

LEO JOHNSON  
PLAINTIFF  
V.  
VALERIE JOHNSON  
DEFENDANT

CIVIL ACTION Number 202-CV-2231-3

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: VALERIE JOHNSON  
8287 SUSSEY  
DETROIT, MI 48228

BY ORDER of the court for service by publication dated **FEBRUARY 22, 2021** you are hereby notified that on October 28, 2020 (date of filing) **LEO JOHNSON** (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 22ND day of **FEBRUARY 2021**.

LINDA D. Hays  
CLERK OF Superior Court

PUBLIC NOTICE #200004  
3/3,10,17,24

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF

Divorces

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

MICHAEL LIVERS,  
PLAINTIFF,  
V.  
DEBORAH CELESTE LIVERS,  
Defendant.

NOTICE  
DEBORAH CELESTE

TO:

CITY OF COVINGTON JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

The City of Covington is currently accepting applications for the position of **GIS Technician** in the **Water/Sewer Maintenance Department** with a starting hourly rate of \$18.01 to a maximum hourly rate of \$26.46 depending upon qualifications. This position collects and processes geospatial data and provides basic to intermediate level geographic information system (GIS) support to the Water/Sewer Maintenance and Gas departments. Minimal education and experience qualifications include a Bachelor's degree in Geography, GIS or related field, preferred experience in operating ESRI software, GPS equipment, AutoCAD map, Microstation, Microsoft Access and Excel, or any equivalent combination of education and experience. Qualified applicants may apply via our website by downloading an application packet at [cityofcovington.org](http://cityofcovington.org) or may apply in person at the City of Covington, 2194 Emory Street, Covington, Georgia 30014. This position will remain open until 4:00 PM on Thursday, April 1, 2021. The City of Covington is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

CITY OF COVINGTON JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

The City of Covington is currently accepting applications for the position of **Water/Sewer Line Worker** in the **Water/Sewer Maintenance Department** with a starting hourly rate of \$13.41 to a maximum hourly rate of \$19.68 depending upon qualifications. This position performs a variety of semi-skilled maintenance work and operates a variety of equipment in the complex construction, specialized operation, repair, maintenance, and replacement of City water, sewer, and storm drainage facilities systems. Minimal education and experience qualifications include graduation from a high school or GED equivalent, some experience in light truck and equipment operation and laboring work, or any equivalent combination of education and experience. Qualified applicants may apply via our website by downloading an application packet at [cityofcovington.org](http://cityofcovington.org) or may apply in person at the City of Covington, 2194 Emory Street, Covington, Georgia 30014. This position will remain open until 4:00 PM on Thursday, April 1, 2021. The City of Covington is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.

**THIS THE 11TH** day of March, 2021.

**HERMAN GIBBS, III**  
11134 HIGHWAY 278 E  
COVINGTON, GA 30014

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200094**  
3/24,31-4/7,14

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

**THIS THE 15TH** day of March, 2021.

**DEMARCUS SLAUGHTER**  
6954 DIAMOND DR  
REX, GA 30273

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200101**  
3/24,31-4/7,14

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of KELLY ALAN HEGWOOD** 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 March, 2021.

**CALEIGH HEGWOOD**  
5144 EMORY ST NW  
COVINGTON, GA 30014

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200105**  
3/24,31-4/7,14

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of MARION P. RESTIVO III** 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 March, 2021.

**MARION P. RESTIVO IV**  
687 STARRSVILLE RD  
COVINGTON, GA 30014

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200097**  
3/24,31-4/7,14

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

**THIS THE 12TH** day of March, 2021.

**DEBORAH WHITSITT**  
4145 DORCHESTER DR  
COVINGTON, GA 30014

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200098**  
3/24,31-4/7,14

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of ROBERT J. LANGE** 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 March, 2021.

**NEAL LANGE**  
20 LOGANS RUN  
COVINGTON, GA 30016

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200106**  
3/24,31-4/7,14

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

law.

**THIS THE 12TH** day of March, 2021.

**STEPHEN BIGGERS**  
422 POPLAR HILL R  
COVINGTON, GA 30014

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200095**  
3/24,31-4/7,14

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of TIMOTHY LEE BLANKENSHIP** 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 March, 2021.

**ELMER BLANKENSHIP**  
846 COOPER RD  
SOCIAL CIRCLE, GA 30025

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200104**  
3/24,31-4/7,14

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of WILLIE GENE THRASHER** 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 March, 2021.

**PENNY THRASHER**  
90 WYNFIELD WAY  
COVINGTON, GA 30016

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200102**  
3/24,31-4/7,14

Divorces

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

MICHAEL LIVERS,  
PLAINTIFF,  
V.  
DEBORAH CELESTE LIVERS,  
Defendant.

NOTICE  
DEBORAH CELESTE

TO:

**LIVERS**  
BY ORDER of the Court for service by publication dated March 4, 2021, you are hereby notified that on February 9, 2021, the Plaintiff, MICHAEL LIVERS, filed suit against you for divorce. You are required to file with the Clerk of the Superior Court, and to serve upon Plaintiffs attorney, Stephen L. Coxen, The Coxen Firm, LLC, P.O. Box 467, Covington, Georgia 30015-0467, an answer in writing within sixty (60) days of March 4, 2021.

**WITNESS, THE** Honorable Layla H. Zon, Judge of Newton County Superior Court.

**THIS 4TH** day of March , 2021.  
**LINDA HAYS**  
CLERK, SUPERIOR COURT  
NEWTON COUNTY, GEROGIA

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200035**  
3/10,17,24,31

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

**CASEY JONES**  
PLAINTIFF  
V.  
DANIELLE LEAKS  
DEFENDANT

**CIVIL ACTION Number**  
2021-CV-214-2

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

**TO: DANIELLE LEAKS**  
4311 TILLY MILL RD  
ATLANTA, GA 30360

BY ORDER of the court for service by publication dated **FEBRUARY 18, 2021** you are hereby notified that on February 3, 2021 (date of filing) **CASEY JONES** (plaintiff) filed suit against you for Divorce .

YOU ARE required to file an answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for publication with the clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County and to serve a copy of the answer upon the plaintiff (if pro se) or upon the plaintiff's attorney (if represented).

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

**THIS, THE 18TH** day of **FEBRUARY 2021**.

LINDA D. Hays  
CLERK OF Superior

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200006**  
3/3,10,17,24

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

**JESSE JONES IV**  
PLAINTIFF,  
V.  
KEYANA JONES  
DEFENDANT,

**CIVIL ACTION NUMBER**  
2020-CV-2109-3

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

**TO: KEYANA JONES**  
9393 HICKORY Nut Cir  
FISHERS IN 46038

BY ORDER of the court for service by publication dated **MARCH 2, 2021** you are hereby notified that on 10/14/2020 (date of filing) **JESSE JONES IV** (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 **MARCH 2021**

LINDA D. Hays  
CLERK OF Superior

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200038**  
3/10,17,24,31

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

**LEO JOHNSON**  
PLAINTIFF  
V.  
VALERIE JOHNSON  
DEFENDANT

**CIVIL ACTION Number**  
202-CV-2231-3

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

**TO: VALERIE JOHNSON**  
8287 SUSSEY  
DETROIT, MI 48228

BY ORDER of the court for service by publication dated **FEBRUARY 22, 2021** you are hereby notified that on October 28, 2020 (date of filing) **LEO JOHNSON** (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 22ND** day of **FEBRUARY 2021**.

LINDA D. Hays  
CLERK OF Superior Court

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200004**  
3/3,10,17,24

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF

GERORGIA

**MILOGRO PORTER**  
PLAINTIFF  
V.  
ANTWANNA GENT  
DEFENDANT

**CIVIL ACTION NUMBER**  
2021-CV-321-1

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

**TO: ANTWANNA GENT**  
1733 BOB White Ln  
CONYERS, GA 30013

BY ORDER of the court for service by publication dated **MARCH 2 2021** you are hereby notified that on February 12, 2021 (date of filing) **MILAGRO PORTER** (plaintiff) filed suit against you for Divorce .

YOU ARE required to file an answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for publication with the clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County and to serve a copy of the answer upon the plaintiff (if pro se) or upon the plaintiff's attorney (if represented).

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

**THIS, THE 2nd** day of **MARCH 2021**.

LINDA D. Hays  
CLERK OF Superior

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200038**  
3/10,17,24,31

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 Tyrone C Wyatt and Erica Wyatt to First Financial Funding Group dated June 24, 1999 and recorded on July 15, 1999 in Deed Book 843, Page 612, Newton County, Georgia Records, and later assigned to Premium Capital LLC, by Assignment of Security Deed recorded on March 17, 2006 in Deed Book 2141, Page 107, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of Twenty-One Thousand Nine Hundred Twelve And 00/100 Dollars (\$21,912.00), 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 April 6, 2021 the following described property: **ALL THAT** tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lots 72 and 73 of the 10th District, Newton County, Georgia, and being shown as Lot 12, Country Woods Subdivision, Phase VII on a plat of survey of same recorded in Plat Book 26, Page 308, public records of Newton County, Georgia records, which plat is reference thereto incorporated herein and made a part hereof for a more particular and complete description. **TAX ID #:** 001500000413000

**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, FCI Lender Services, Inc., as servicer for Premium Capital LLC, can be contacted at 1-800-931-2424 or by writing to P.O. Box 27370, Anaheim Hills, CA 92809, 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 parties in possession of the property are Tyrone Wyatt and Erica Smith or tenant(s); and said property is more commonly known as **150 Branchwood Dr, Covington, GA 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.

**PREMIUM CAPITAL LLC** as Attorney in Fact for Tyrone C Wyatt and Erica Wyatt

**MCMICHAEL TAYLOR** Gray, LLC  
3550 ENGINEERING Drive, Suite 260  
PEACHTREE CORNERS, GA 30092  
404-474-7149  
MTG FILE No.: GA2021-00067

**PUBLIC NOTICE #119989**  
3/10,17,24,31

Name Changes

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE the Name Change of:  
EMMA MARIE Burleson

**CIVIL ACTION Case Number**  
2021-CV-387-5

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF ADULT

**EMMA MARIE BURLESON**, filed a petition in the **NEWTON** County Superior Court on 2/17, 2021 to change name from : Emma Marie Burleson to Emmaline Jo Arter. **ANY INTERESTED** party has the

See LEGALS, A6



# PERMIT:

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to us because it’s easier than dealing with Fulton, DeKalb and their metro counterparts,” Bell said.

“We already turn people away every day from other counties that want to get their WCL here due to the ease of our operation,” she said. “If this law passes we cannot refuse that request.”

Bell said she does not oppose the bill for political reasons but for the “practicality” of it for her office.

The Probate Court staff already is stressed because it processes 130 WCLs every week compared to 70 applications per week before March 2020, Bell said.

Newton County Probate Court saw weapons carry licenses (WCLs) applications — now limited to Newton residents only — increase by 37% from an average of 3,500 to last

year’s total of 4,800, Bell said.

She said this year’s applications are on a similar pace after 1,000 were filed between Jan. 1 and March 10.

HB 218 would require her to increase her staffing and require additional space — either by using the current courtroom or find space outside the Judge Horace Johnson Jr. Judicial Building, Bell said.

“These changes will result in a need for (\$150,000 to \$200,000) more in my budget as soon as the governor signs the legislation,” Bell wrote in an email to county commissioners. “That does not include any calculations about the space that would be needed.”

Commissioner Stan Edwards said he is a firearms enthusiast but did not understand why state lawmakers would

increase Newton’s costs so larger counties’ residents could access the service more easily in a smaller county.

“I don’t see how our legislators can put this on us and increase the taxes on our citizens because other counties simply can’t handle, or don’t want to handle, their load,” Edwards said.

However, Newton resident Dana Labit told commissioners the bill also called for online and mail-in applications.

He said he opposed the commission’s action because it was a step toward limiting access to legal gun ownership.

“This is a soft step toward taking away our Second Amendment rights,” Labit said.

Ballinger did not return a call for comment.

Bell said since May 2020 probate courts

statewide have been processing WCLs by appointment only because of lack of sufficient space for applicants to observe socially distancing requirements.

House Bill 218 would require probate courts in Georgia to process WCLs on a first-come, first-serve basis on the same day, Bell said.

“We cannot require an appointment and could face as many as 100 applicants in a day,” the judge said.

“If we do not process all 100 of those, the legislation says they can sue the judge (or) county for that reason alone,” she said.

“There is not even protection for the courts (or) counties if there is a pandemic, natural disaster, or any other emergency.”

The Newton County Probate Court hears cases involving such

issues as disputes over estates, in addition to issuing WCLs. It also serves as the county’s Magistrate Court.

Bell said the legislation will force “my staff and I, who should be focusing on the hundreds of probate cases and thousands of traffic cases we handle a year (to) drop everything at all times to process a WCL for someone who doesn’t even live in our county.”

Bell said it would require her to add between two and five additional clerks and more fingerprinting equipment.

And though the bill eases the requirements for online applications, the applicant still must go to the office to be fingerprinted, Bell said.

She said applicants formerly could show up anytime during the business day to obtain a WCL before Newton

County Probate Court shut down temporarily in March 2020 because of COVID-19.

The licensing process includes staff members taking license holders’ photos and fingerprinting them — which is a task the Newton County Probate Court does rather than requiring the applicant to travel to the Sheriff’s Office, Bell said.

However, probate courts in Georgia did not issue the licenses from March 15 to May 13 in 2020, she said.

Despite the delay, she said her office saw WCL applications from Newton Countians increase by 37%.

She said she had planned no significant funding increases or additional personnel in her office’s 2022 budget based on current conditions.

# LEGALS:

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**RIGHT TO** appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after the Petition was filed.

**EMMA MARIE** Burleson  
810 WHATCOAST St  
OXFORD, GA 30054

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200005**  
3/3,10,17,24,31

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME(S) OF CHILD(REN) IN RE the Name Change of**

**Child(ren):**  
**LUKE AVERE** Carson Lewis

**SHANIQUE FFRENCH** PETITIONER, V. **CHARLES LEWIS** REPENDENT  
**CIVIL ACTON** Number 2021-CV-444-3

**SHANIQUE FFRENCH** filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on January 21, 2021 to change the name(s) of the following minor child(ren) from: **LUKE AVERE CARSON LEWIS** to: **EVERY LUKE LEWIS**  
**ANY INTERESTED** party has the right to appear in this case and file objection within the time prescribed

19-12-1(f)(2) and (3)

**SHANIQUE FFRENCH**  
35 VALLEY Brook Drive  
COVINGTON, GA 30016

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200033**  
3/10,17,24,31

**Public Notice**

**CITY OF COVINGTON**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING – HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
**APRIL 7, 2021 @ 6PM**  
**NOTICE IS** hereby given, per the City of Covington’s Code of Ordinances Chapter 16.52.270, that the below application was submitted

for consideration of a Certificate of Appropriateness by the Covington Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) on the following property: **COA# - PCA21-0004**  
**REQUEST: ADDITION** of an attached, 2-car garage  
**LOCATION: 2193 CONYERS ST.**  
**TAX PARCEL** Number: C019 0002 9000  
**PROPERTY OWNER/APPLICANT:** Michael & Adriana Zimmerman  
**DUE TO** circumstances necessitated by emergency conditions involving public safety and preservation of public services, public access to this meeting is limited to teleconference and video access. **THE PUBLIC MAY ACCESS THIS MEETING** BY CALLING 1-646-558-8656, use the following Meeting ID #: 958-2252-1041: To view online use the following link: **HTTPS://ZOOM.US/J/95822521041**  
**THE APPLICANT** and ALL INTERESTED shall be given an opportunity to be heard before the HPC. For more information, contact Renee Criswell, at rcriswell@cityofcovington.org, or 770-385-2178.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200116**  
3/24

**CITY OF COVINGTON**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING – PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**APRIL 13, 2021 @ 6PM**  
**NOTICE IS** hereby given, per the City of Covington’s Code of Ordinances Chapter 16.12 that the below applications were submitted for consideration by the Covington Planning Commission on the following properties:

**A. SPECIAL USE PERMIT:**  
PSU21-0004-  
**REQUESTED USE – PERSONAL CARE HOME:**  
**LOCATION: 7125** Puckett St.,  
**TAX MAP** Parcel Number: #C015 0005 006  
**OWNER/APPLICANT: RAVOY** Wright

**B. SPECIAL USE PERMIT:**  
PSU21-0005-  
**REQUESTED USE -: QUICK OIL CHANGE FACILITY (TAKE-5)**  
**LOCATION: 3216** Hwy 278  
**TAX MAP** Parcel Number: C024 0004 001C  
**OWNER: QUIKTRIP**  
**APPLICANT/AUTHORIZED AGENT:** Toxaway Automotive (Preston Willard)

**C. PRELIMINARY PLAT:**  
PPP21-0001  
**REQUEST: PRELIM. PLAT APPROVAL – NEELY FARMS PHIII:**  
**LOCATION: 9135** Dr. MLK Jr. Ave  
**TAX MAP** Parcel Number: C082 005C  
**OWNER: NEELY** Farms Family LTD Partnership LLLP  
**AUTHORIZED AGENT/ APPLICANT:** Taylor Weaver  
**DUE TO** circumstances necessitated by emergency conditions involving public safety and preservation of public services, public access to this meeting is limited to teleconference and video access. **THE PUBLIC MAY ACCESS THIS MEETING USING THE FOLLOWING LINK:** https://zoom.us/j/93632956870; BY CALLING 1-646-558-8656, Meeting ID: 936-3295-6870  
**ALL INTERESTED** parties are invited to participate. For more information, contact Renee Criswell, at rcriswell@cityofcovington.org, or 770-385-2178.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200115**  
3/24

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF Newton County**  
**STATE OF GEORGIA**

**COOPERS LAKE** Community Association, Inc.,  
**PLAINTIFF,** )  
**V.** )  
**NICHOLAS A.** Tate  
**DEFENDANT.** )  
**CIVIL ACTION** NUMBER  
**SUCV2020001318**

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

**TO: NICHOLAS A. Tate**  
**235 WINNSTEAD** Place  
**COVINGTON, GEORGIA** 30016

**BY ORDER** of the Court for service

by publication dated February 16, 2021, you are hereby notified that on July 7, 2020 (date of filing), Coopers Lake COA, Inc. **(PLAINTIFF) FILED** suit against you for money damages. 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 Judge of the Superior Court of **LAYLA H. Zon**

**NEWTON COUNTY.**

**THIS, THE** 16th day of February, 2021

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200114**  
3/24,31-4/7,14

**NOTICE OF LOCATION AND DESIGN APPROVAL**  
**P. I. 0015672**  
**NEWTON COUNTY**

**NOTICE IS** hereby given in compliance with Georgia Code 22-2-109 and 32-3-5 that the Georgia Department of Transportation has approved the Location and Design of this project. The date of location and design approval is: March 3, 2021  
**THE PROPOSED** project will construct a roundabout at the intersection of County Road 1840 (Brown Bridge Road) and County Road 13 (Magnet Road) in Newton County, Georgia. This project is located between the intersection of SR 20/212, 0.73 miles SW and SR 162, 3.24 miles NE of the intersection. The proposed length of the project is 0.4 mile (0.2 mile on SR 20 and 0.2 mile on SR 162). There are no major structures within the project area. The project is located in land lot 1821 of land district 10 in Georgia Militia District 461.  
**DRAWINGS OR** maps or plats of the proposed project, as approved, are on file and are available for public inspection at the Georgia Department of Transportation:

**ROBERT ROWLAND,** Area Engineer  
**DISTRICT 2, Area 5**  
**RROWLAND@DOT.GA.GOV**  
**1570 BETHANY** Road  
**MADISON, GA** 30650  
**(706) 343-5837**  
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**ATTN: PREMAH** Gwinn  
**PGWINN@DOT.GA.GOV**  
**600 WEST** Peachtree St. NW  
**ATLANTA, GA** 30308  
**(678) 802-1106**

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JNKP11A9XT012130  
• 2015 APOLLO DIRTBIKE  
L08YGJGA1F1000184  
• 2016 VOLKSWAGEN PASSAT  
1VWB77A3XGC025527  
• 2020 MOPED L9NTCBA1011852  
• 2004 HYUNDAI ELANTRA  
KMHDN56D04U127321  
• 2004 HONDA ACCORD  
1HGCM56314A165458  
• 2003 HONDA ACCORD  
1HGCM66583A047929  
• 2008 HONDA ACCORD

1HGCP26848A125480  
• 2011 GMC YUKON  
1GKS2HE37BR193867  
• 2005 FORD FOCUS  
1FAFP34N65W19149  
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2C3JA43R25H122272  
• 2009 CHRYSLER 300  
2C3KA33V29H640044  
• 2004 CADILLAC DEVILLE  
1G6KD54Y04U112731  
• 2002 FORD F150 LGT  
1FTRW08L22KE29264  
• 2011 NISSAN ALTIMA  
1N4AL2AP8BN417140  
• 2019 NISSAN VERSA  
3N1CN7AP4KL809321  
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2G2FS22K622133785  
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JTKDE177960100322  
• 1999 TOYOTA COROLLA  
1NXBR12E4XZ162385  
• 2003 SATURN VUE  
5GZCZ23D43S805830  
• 2015 NISSAN ALTIMA  
1N4AL3AP1FC444106  
• 2005 NISSAN ALTIMA  
1N4AL11D55C956489

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3/24,31

**Trade Names**

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

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**THIS THE** 22nd day of February 2021

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3/10,17,24,31

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**THIS THE** 5th day of February 2021

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# BUSINESS

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Piedmont Newton

## Hospital deploys UVC light energy robot to fight infections, destroy harmful germs

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COVINGTON, Ga. — Piedmont Newton Hospital recently added the Tru-D system, a pathogen-reducing UVC robot, to its already stringent list of disinfection protocols aimed at providing the cleanest health care environment possible.

The Tru-D device, now part of PDI Healthcare's market-leading infection prevention solutions, is one way Piedmont Newton is raising the bar when it comes to the level of care it provides to all patients.

"The acquisition of this technology is simply another way that we're working to safeguard the well-being of every single patient who walks through our doors and protect the integrity of our health care environment," said Piedmont Newton Executive Director of Patient Services Bill Love.



Tru-D is placed inside a patient room at Piedmont Newton Hospital.

an infectious cell, is the only portable UVC disinfection system on the market with patented Sensor360â technology. The device's sensors calculate the precise dose of

UVC energy needed to disinfect a room while compensating for room variables such as size, shape, surface reflectivity and contents to then deliver one, measured dose from one location

in the room, effectively inactivating lingering pathogens in the space. This technology, coupled with the Tru-D device's high-efficiency germicidal lamps, kills deadly pathogens

such as SARS-CoV-2, methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus (MRSA), Clostridioides difficile (C. diff) and VRE.

"Hospitals that provide an extra level of care by disinfecting rooms with the Tru-D system are taking a proactive step in ensuring patients and staff have a clean and germ-free environment," said Chuck Dunn, president of Tru-D SmartUVC. "It takes the guesswork out of previous protocols and ensures confidence in clinicians and patients alike."

The CDC-funded Benefits of Enhanced Terminal Room Disinfection study showed that enhanced terminal room disinfection strategies using the Tru-D device decreased the relative risk of colonization and infection of target MDROs among patients admitted to the same room by a cumulative 30% in a hospital setting with 93% compliance of standard disinfection protocols. Individual hospital results may vary. It takes

the guesswork out of previous protocols and ensures confidence in clinicians and patients alike.

After a hospital staff member cleans the room using traditional cleaning protocols, the Tru-D device is rolled in to complete the disinfection process. The robot is operated by a remote control outside the room and features an application that tracks infection control data while simultaneously uploading the information to the hospital's web portal. Set up is quick and easy and does not require input of room measurements or covering of windows and vents. The robot can disinfect a room from one position, eliminating the need to move it to multiple places in the room. Once the cycle is complete, the Tru-D robot notifies the operator via audio and/or text message that the process has finished, and it can be moved to the next room.

For more information, visit Tru-D.com.

Newton County

## Authority narrowly stays course for hang tag increase \$10 increase needed to pay for convenience center operations, officials say

**By TOM SPIGOLON**  
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The agency that oversees Newton County's solid waste disposal efforts will continue moving toward a \$10 increase in the cost of using trash convenience centers after it deadlocked on a plan to eliminate it.

A motion by Solid Waste Management Authority member Ronnie Cowan to eliminate the July 1 increase failed after members deadlocked on a 3-3 vote March 18.

Cowan's motion also

would have eliminated an annual \$5 increase for convenience center use in the next four years that landfill officials have said is needed to allow the county's solid waste department to eventually break even on the service.

However, in a separate vote, authority members directed Solid Waste Manager Kevin Walter to devise a plan for use of a windshield sticker or bar code system instead of a hang tag for display in vehicles to identify those who paid the fee.

The Authority voted in February to increase the cost of access to the county's six convenience centers by \$10 to \$165 a year July 1.

"The changes in fees are necessary to keep the budget of the landfill balanced," Walter said in February.

"This will enable us to continue funding the day-to-day operations of the landfill and make improvements necessary to be good stewards of both taxpayer funds and the environment."

Hang tags for use of

the centers are scheduled to go on sale June 1.

The county has charged a fee for use of its six convenience centers since October 2016.

It offered the service free for 20 years but reportedly consistently lost money on the landfill's overall operation, which included the convenience centers, and regularly was forced to use money from the county budget's General Fund to cover the costs.

The Authority in

February also approved an increase in landfill tipping fees from its current \$40 per ton to \$48, with the minimum charge to dispose of waste at the landfill increasing to \$30.

The increase likely will primarily affect private haulers who service the county's residential areas.

In other action, the Authority voted to deny a request for a 4% increase in its contract with engineering firm Harbin Engineering for monitoring of ongoing work at the Lower Riv-

er Road facility.

A motion to increase the contract amount was defeated after Authority members deadlocked 3-3 on a motion to increase the amount it paid Harbin.

Weather and safety precautions for COVID-19 had slowed its monitoring of the work — which includes removal of garbage from the oldest part of the facility for installation of a lining; covering existing solid waste; and creating a new area for the landfill's expansion.



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# CHAMBER ANNUAL MEETING

**Join us for a virtual Annual Meeting and Awards Celebration as we celebrate all of our accomplishments in 2020.**

**Date:** March 25, 2021 • **Time:** 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM EDT

**Location:** Virtual • [www.youtube.com/newtonchamber](https://www.youtube.com/newtonchamber)



Prep Baseball

# Newton opens region with South Gwinnett sweep

Rams off to 3-0 start in Region 4-AAAAAAA

By MASON WITTNER  
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COVINGTON, GA. — Newton took care of business last week. Squaring off against South Gwinnett in the first week of Region 4-AAAAAAA play, the Rams went on the road March 15 and collected an 8-3 victory. The clubs were originally scheduled to meet again two days later, but inclement weather postponed the contest, resulting in a doubleheader in Covington on Friday evening.

The Rams didn't flinch. They breezed their way to a 3-0 victory in the front leg before pulling out a thrilling, 10-9 victory at the end of a back-and-forth battle in the night cap.

The importance of the sweep can't be overstated. While region play is just getting ramped up, holding a three-game cushion over the Comets in a five-team region with four playoff spots up for grabs is a comfortable place for a team to be in at any point in the year.

"It's a huge series win. With only five teams in the region, when you sweep one of them you don't want to say you're guaranteed a playoff spot, but you're pretty much there as long as you handle your business," New-

ton head coach Darrell Helm said. "It was a hard-fought series. We got to see a lot of good stuff from the kids in all three [games,] especially the way they fought back in this last one."

In Friday's opening game, the Rams squandered scoring opportunities in the first and second innings before setting themselves up once again in the third. After a pair of walks and a hit-by-pitch loaded with bases with no outs, a South Gwinnett fielding error allowed Jordan Nolley to trot home for the first run. In the ensuing at-bat, Lucas Ballard lifted a sacrifice fly to left, plating Justin Brown to make it 2-0.

Zion Ross led off the fourth inning by wearing a pitch to earn a free trip down to first base. He proceeded to steal second and third base before scoring on a Nolley groundout, pushing Newton's advantage out to 3-0.

Will Standard kept the Comets at bay from the bump. He tossed seven scoreless innings, allowing just three hits and issuing one walk while striking out four in the win.

Newton outscored South Gwinnett by a cumulative total of 11-3 in the first two games of the series. However, the Comets refused to roll over and allow the Rams to break out the brooms with ease.

Newton partook in Senior Night festivities between games,



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**Justin Brown (12) and the Newton Rams began Region 4-AAAAAAA play on a strong note by sweeping a three-game series with South Gwinnett. Following an 8-3 victory on Monday, the Rams took both legs of Friday's doubleheader to move to 3-0 in the league.**

then, once again, a strong third inning put the Rams out in front. Brown lined a two-run double to center field, following by a two-run single from Nolan McCamy to put Newton up 4-0.

The Comets quickly had an answer.

With one out recorded in the fourth inning, South Gwinnett's Patrick Drummond roped a two-run double to left field to give his club

its first runs of the day. Minutes later, Drummond and teammate Christian Miller came rounded the bases on a fielding error and tied the game. The score then flipped the other way as Jeramie Favors raced home on a wild pitch to put the Comets ahead, 5-4.

The Rams also capitalized on a wild pitch in the fourth inning as one allowed Tyler Bell to cross the plate and

tie the game at 5.

With a pair of runners on base and nobody out in the fifth inning, Newton's Jevarra Martin Jr. smoked a two-run double to deep left field. The hit pumped electricity into the home dugout and crowd, and initially seemed to be the final dagger in the Comets.

But South Gwinnett countered. The Comets produced a seventh-inning rally, pushing four

runs across to storm back in front a 9-7 and put themselves three outs away from spoiling Senior Night.

In the home half of the seventh, the first pitch resulted in the first out, further dwindling Newton's chances of a comeback. Then Martin settled into the left-handed batter's box. He played the role of hero yet again, this time blasting a ball to the warning track in center field and racing his way to third base for a triple.

Martin's hit started a rally that was followed up with a Kaleel King RBI single, and came to a head with a pair of wild pitches scoring the game-tying and game-winning runs, courtesy of King and Bell.

"Jevarra's been one of the leaders we've had all year, from pitching to playing first base," Helm said. "And his bat has really come around this year. He's been a huge part of our success."

Martin helped deliver another victory Monday, March 22, with a walk-off home run to give the Rams (9-5, 3-0) a 9-7 victory over non-region adversary Madison County. The Rams will be back in action later this week against Putnam County (Wednesday, March 24) and Madison County (Thursday, March 25) before resuming their region slate against Grayson next week.

# Eagles flex muscles in region blowout of Clarke Central

By MASON WITTNER  
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COVINGTON, Ga. — On Friday afternoon, Eastside traveled to Athens looking to right the ship after starting its Region 8-AAAAA slate with back-to-back losses to Greenbrier.

The Eagles eked out a 5-4 victory over Clarke Central, but the product was far from pretty. They allowed the Gladiators to scatter six hits and were forced to plate a pair of runs in the seventh to escape with a narrow road win. The final result with a tally in the right column, but head coach Brandon Crumbley was left wanting more.

In Monday evening's rematch at the Eagle's nest, Crumbley had his

wish granted.

Eastside (12-5, 2-2) wasted no time putting away Clarke Central the second time around as the Eagles rode senior left-hander Cade Mitchell's arm and an offensive awakening to an 11-1 victory in five innings.

"It's good to bounce back and get another win," Crumbley said. "The bats are slowly but surely starting to come back to life after a little cold spell there. It's survive and advance. I know it's a March Madness pun there, but that's where it's at."

Despite nursing an ailing knee, Mitchell brought the tenacity to the mound that's come to be expected of him. He punched out 11

batters and allowed just one hit while working his way through four scoreless frames.

Mitchell was given plenty of run support, as the Eagles plated a run in the first inning before piling on six in the second and four in the third.

Senior Ethan Booth led the way at the plate with a 2-for-2 outing and 3 RBI. The Eagles also recieved one-hit contributions from sophomore Hunter Denny, juniors Slade Holloway and Kyle Shivers, and seniors Mason Pool, Sambo Button and Tanner Middlebrooks.

Eastside was slated to return to the diamond Tuesday for a doubleheader on the road against Johnson.



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**Eastside racked up 11 strikeouts while holding Region 8-AAAAA foe Clarke Central to just two hits in Monday's 11-1 victory at the Eagle's Nest.**

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## Best bets for a late night snack

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Calorie-conscious individuals may wonder if eating at night or after a certain time can derail their diets and fitness regimens. The jury is still out on whether eating at night can pack on the pounds or not, with various health recommendations contradicting one another. However, if one does choose to snack at night, there may be a smart way to do so.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Weight Control Information Network says that a calorie is a calorie no matter when it is consumed. That means it doesn't matter if calories are consumed in the morning, afternoon or evening. It is how many are consumed and the amount of physical activity individuals perform that will affect their weights. Conversely, the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics says they're not sure if a calorie is a calorie no matter when it is consumed. Their research and data from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine's Center for Weight and Eating Disorders indicates that when food is consumed late at night the body is more likely to store those calories as fat and gain weight rather than burn it off as energy. Certain animal studies show that food is processed differently depending on the time of day it was consumed.

But what is a person to do when hunger pangs hit at night and one fears that their rumbling stomach may interrupt their sleep? According to the nutrition and fitness experts at MyFitnessPal, powered by Under Armour, stick to a snack that is between 100 and 200 calories. Choose a food that is high in protein, fiber or healthy fats, which will be more likely to keep a person satiated throughout the night. Apples and peanut butter, string cheese and fruit, or whole grain crackers and Greek yogurt can be healthy, satisfying nighttime snacks. Avoid sugary, calorie-dense foods, which may be hard to digest and can compromise sleep quality.

More studies may be necessary to determine the relationship between body weight and snacking at night. In the meantime, nighttime snackers should choose healthy foods when reaching for a late night bite to eat.

# Perfect pairings

Simple pointers for wine novices to make meals more memorable

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Pairing a delicious meal with the perfect wine can be a match made in heaven. Wine novices may be intimidated by the challenge of making the perfect pairing, but they need not put themselves under such pressure. Just because a certain wine might make for a perfect pairing, that doesn't mean others cannot step in and serve an equally flavorful function.

People who appreciate a great meal accompanied by an equally great wine need not have an encyclopedic knowledge of food or wine to successfully pair the two together. In fact, some basic pairing knowledge might be all that's truly necessary to make a meal more memorable.

- **White and light:** White wine fans should know that such wines tend to pair best with light meat, such as chicken or fish. According to Backbar, a platform designed to help bars and restaurants manage their inventory more effectively, white wines pair well with fish because the acidity in these wines enhances the taste of the fish. Chicken dishes vary greatly, and the online wine resource Wine Folly ([www.winefolly.com](http://www.winefolly.com)) notes that the sauce will greatly affect the flavor of the meat. That means a wine that pairs well with a certain chicken dish may not necessarily pair as well with a different one. Representatives at local liquor stores or wineries can help people choose which wine to pair



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with chicken dishes.

- **Reds and reds:** Red meats tend to match up best with red wines. Though they can be found in white wines, tannins are predominantly found in red wines. According to Backbar, the tannins in red wines soften the proteins in the meat, thereby helping enhance the flavors of the fat. That makes for a more flavorful meal.
- **No need to spice things**

up: Spicy foods are beloved across the globe. Such foods can be among the more intimidating to pair with wine, as spicy foods have bold flavors that no one wants to detract from. In a 2016 interview with Eater.com, professional chef Sean Pharr advised against pairing high alcohol wines with spicy foods, noting that the alcohol can intensify the heat and spice of the food. That can prove disastrous

for anyone trying to impress a date or show off their skills with spice. Many people prefer a Riesling with spicy food, as the sweetness of this white wine can help offset the spice, making for a satisfying, flavorful meal.

Pairing wines may seem intimidating. But a few simple strategies can help novices find a wine that makes a homemade meal that much more delicious.

## Learn differences between two classic recipes

**SPECIAL TO THE NEWS**  
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The terms shepherd's pie and cottage pie are sometimes used interchangeably to describe layered dishes featuring a meat-and-vegetable base topped with potatoes. Shepherd's pie and cottage pie are widely enjoyed across Great Britain and Ireland. While very similar, they are not the same.

Cottage pie is the elder of the two recipes, believed to date back to 1791 in England. Shepherd's pie came about nearly a century later and can be traced to Ireland, indicates British Grub Hub. Both creations are now enjoyed around the world, as these pies are savory comfort foods. There is a distinct difference between the two recipes, and that comes down to the meat. Cottage pie uses minced beef while shepherd's pie uses minced lamb or mutton.

Another distinction between the two is that it was believed earlier incarnations of cottage pie did not use mashed potatoes on the top, while shepherd's pie has always included mashed potatoes. Sliced potatoes were originally layered on a cottage pie to make the dish look like the shingled



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**Shepherd's pie and cottage pie are the stars of Irish and British country cooking. Enjoy this recipe for "Cottage Pie," courtesy of Martha Stewart. To turn it into a "Shepherd's Pie," simply replace the ground beef with ground lamb.**

roof of a cottage. Despite the names, both pies are not even pies at all. They do not contain any form of pastry dough like a pot pie would offer. Should either of the recipes be finished with a dusting of breadcrumbs on the potatoes, shepherd's pie or cottage pie have then been transformed into Cumberland pie — another variation.

The filling of these recipes is bulked up by various vegetables one may have on hand to make them more hearty. Peas and carrots are commonly included.

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for "Cottage Pie," courtesy of Martha Stewart. To turn it into a "Shepherd's Pie," simply replace the ground beef with ground lamb.

**Cottage Pie**  
*Serves 6*  
Ingredients:  
3 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted  
1 large yellow onion, diced medium  
2 large carrots, cut into 3/4-inch pieces  
Coarse salt and ground pepper  
2 tablespoons tomato paste  
1 pound ground beef (or lamb)  
2 teaspoons fresh thyme leaves

1 cup dark (porter) beer  
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour  
3/4 cup frozen peas  
1 large russet potato (3/4 pound), very thinly sliced  
Directions:  
Preheat oven to 400 degree. In a large skillet, heat one tablespoon butter over medium-high. Add onion and carrots and cook, stirring often, until onion is soft, five minutes. Season with salt and pepper and stir in tomato paste. Add meat and cook, breaking up with a wooden spoon, until almost cooked through, three minutes. Add thyme and beer and bring to a boil. Cook, stirring frequently, until slightly reduced, two minutes. Sprinkle flour over mixture and stir to combine. Add one cup water and cook until mixture thickens, about two minutes. Stir in peas and season with salt and pepper.

Transfer mixture to a 2-quart baking dish. Top with potatoes, overlapping slices. Season potatoes with salt and pepper and drizzle with two tablespoons butter. Bake until potatoes are browned around edges and tender when pierced with a knife, 40 to 45 minutes. Let cool 10 minutes before serving.



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COVINGTON: 6169 Highway 278  
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CONYERS: 2300 Salem Road  
CONYERS: 8530 GA 20  
Honey Creek Village Shopping Center  
OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK! MONDAY-SUNDAY 7am-10pm



Fresh,  
Any Size Package  
**Ground  
Beef**  
**\$2.75**  
LB.



USDA Inspected,  
Fresh, Boneless  
**Center Cut  
Pork Loin  
Chops**  
**\$1.97**  
LB.



USDA Select Beef,  
Boneless  
**Shoulder  
Roast**  
**\$3.98**  
LB.



USDA Inspected, Fresh  
**Country  
Style  
Pork Ribs**  
**\$1.47**  
LB.



Fresh, Bonus Pack,  
Fryer  
**Claxton  
Drumsticks  
or Thighs**  
**88¢**  
LB.

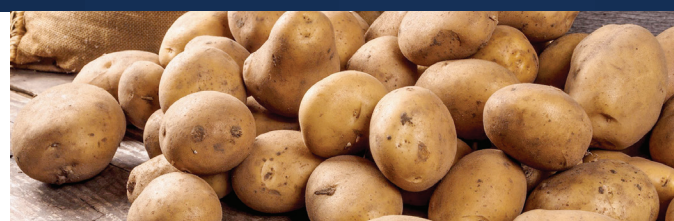


USDA Inspected  
**Cubed  
Steak**  
**\$4.45**  
LB.

## Farm Fresh Produce



10 Ounce Clamshell  
**Fresh Express  
Spring Mix & Spinach**  
**\$3.49**  
EA.



5 Pound Bag  
**Food Depot Russet Potatoes**  
**\$2.69**  
BG.



**Green Cabbage**  
**69¢**  
LB.



**Fresh Nectarines**  
**\$1.79**  
LB.



**#1 Yellow Squash**  
**\$1.29**  
LB.



**Fresh Okra**  
**\$2.29**  
LB.



**Yellow & White Corn**  
**3/\$1.89**  
EA.



2 Pack  
**Slicing Tomatoes**  
**\$1.19**  
LB.



**Habanero Peppers**  
**\$3.49**  
LB.



3 Pound Bag  
**Gala Apples**  
**\$2.79**  
BG.

## From Our Dairy Case!



7-8 Ounce  
**Dutch Farms  
Shredded Cheese**  
**\$1.85**



16 Ounce  
**Land O Lakes  
Butter Quarters**  
**\$2.35**



6 Ounce  
**Borden  
Natural Cheese Slices**  
**\$1.60**



59 Ounce, Assorted  
**Minute Maid  
Punches**  
**\$1.36**



1/2 Gallon  
**Blue Bell Ice Cream**  
**\$5.68**



30.5-36 Ounce, Select Varieties  
**Edwards Pie**  
**\$5.20**



8 Count  
**PictSweet  
Corn on the Cob**  
**\$2.15**



19-32 Ounce, Assorted  
**Ore-Ida Fries**  
**\$2.30**

# Food Depot

*Watch Your Savings Grow!*

**OUR COST PLUS 10% ADDED AT REGISTER!**

\*OUR COST INCLUDES FREIGHT, STOCKING FEES AND ASSOCIATED EXPENSES

**OFFERS GOOD MARCH 22ND-MARCH 28TH, 2021**

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## Great Quality Brands!



750 ML, Assorted  
**Chateau Elan  
Wine**  
**\$6.29**



2 Liter, All Brands  
**Coca-Cola  
Products**  
**\$1.11**



16 Ounce  
**Body  
Armor**  
**\$1.00**



18-19.5 Ounce, Family Size  
**Nabisco  
Chips Ahoy**  
**\$3.00**



8 Quart Canisters  
**Kool-Aid or  
Country Time**  
**\$1.74**



7.75-8 Ounce, Assorted  
**Frito-Lay's  
Lay's Chips**  
**\$2.50**



4 Pound  
**Dixie Crystals  
Sugar**  
**\$2.06**



45 Count  
**Hefty  
Foam Plates**  
**\$1.31**



9-9.5 Ounce, Assorted  
**UTZ  
Chips**  
**\$2.00**



5 Pound, Assorted  
**White Lily  
Flour**  
**\$2.00**



5 Pound, Assorted  
**White Lily  
Cornmeal**  
**\$2.00**



15.25 Ounce  
**Duncan Hines  
Cake Mix**  
**97¢**

## Low Prices — Name Brand Meats



16 Ounce  
**Gwaltney  
Great Dogs**  
**99¢**  
EA.



16 Ounce  
**Bar-S  
Thin Cut Ham  
or Turkey**  
**\$3.11**  
EA.



3 Pound  
**Georgia  
Special  
Smoked  
Sausage**  
**\$4.86**  
EA.



12 Ounce, Original  
**Smithfield  
Breakfast  
Links or  
Patties**  
**\$2.43**  
EA.



2.34 Pound  
**Bar-S  
Corn Dogs**  
**\$4.24**  
EA.



12 Ounce,  
Regular or Thick  
**Sunnyland  
Hotel Sliced  
Bacon**  
**\$2.55**  
EA.

## Stock Up On Freezer Favorites!



# Freshway Market

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**Social  
Circle City  
Schools  
Round-Up  
Program\***

**Over \$109,971  
Raised to Date!**

\*Ask Cashier for  
Details

		<b>Family Pack Split Chicken Breast</b> <b>99¢ LB.</b>				<b>CAB, Family Pack Premium Ground Beef</b> <b>\$2.99 LB.</b>	
		<b>Bone-In, Family Pack Sirloin End Cut Pork Chops</b> <b>\$1.39 LB.</b>				<b>CAB Choice Shoulder Roast</b> <b>\$3.99 LB.</b>	
		<b>USDA Select, Family Pack Ribeye Steak</b> <b>\$9.99 LB.</b>				<b>20 Ounce Hunt's Ketchup</b> <b>5/\$5.00</b>	
		<b>6 Pack, 1/2 Liters, Assorted Coca-Cola Products</b> <b>4/\$10.00</b>				<b>8 Pack Assorted Powerade</b> <b>\$3.99</b>	
		<b>48 Ounce, Vegetable, Canola or Best Blend Wesson Oil</b> <b>\$2.79</b>				<b>30 Ounce Blue Plate Mayonnaise</b> <b>2/\$6.00</b>	
		<b>10 Pound Bag Idaho Potatoes</b> <b>2/\$7.00</b>				<b>Yellow Squash or Fancy Zucchini</b> <b>99¢ LB.</b>	
		<b>Super Select Cucumbers</b> <b>2/\$1.00</b>				<b>CAB Choice, Family Pack Cubed Steak</b> <b>\$4.99 LB.</b>	
		<b>CAB Choice Stew, Diet Lean or Stir Fry</b> <b>\$4.99 LB.</b>				<b>Vacuum Pack, Boneless Whole Pork Loin</b> <b>\$1.99 LB.</b>	
		<b>Family Pack, Boneless Center Cut Pork Chops</b> <b>\$2.79 LB.</b>				<b>Family Pack, Boneless Wafer Thin Pork Chops</b> <b>\$2.99 LB.</b>	
		<b>Family Pack Baby Back Pork Ribs</b> <b>\$4.99 LB.</b>				<b>CAB Choice Top Sirloin Steak</b> <b>\$5.99 LB.</b>	
		<b>CAB Choice, Family Pack Shoulder Steak</b> <b>\$5.99 LB.</b>				<b>Family Pack, Boneless Cubed Pork Chops</b> <b>\$3.49 LB.</b>	
		<b>16 Ounce Sheboygan Brats or Italian Sausage</b> <b>2/\$6.00</b>				<b>5 Pound Bag Sliced Smoked Sausage</b> <b>\$5.00</b>	
		<b>12 Ounce, Regular or Thick Smithfield Bacon</b> <b>2/\$8.00</b>				<b>7-9 Ounce Hillshire Farm Ultra Sliced Lunchmeats</b> <b>3/\$10.00</b>	
		<b>3.2-4.4 Ounce Oscar Mayer Lunchables</b> <b>2/\$4.00</b>				<b>2 Pack, IQF Tyson Cornish Hens</b> <b>\$7.99</b>	
		<b>20-24 Ounce Bob Evans Mashed Potatoes or Mac &amp; Cheese</b> <b>\$3.99</b>				<b>27 Ounce Smoky Farms Sausage Patties</b> <b>\$3.99</b>	
		<b>1 Pound Sunnyland Hot Dogs</b> <b>4/\$5.00</b>				<b>7-10 Ounce Green Giant Vegetables</b> <b>5/\$5.00</b>	
		<b>5.2 Ounce Mr. P's Pizza</b> <b>4/\$3.00</b>				<b>56 Ounce Mayfield Classic Ice Cream</b> <b>2/\$5.00</b>	
		<b>6 Pack Mayfield Ice Cream Sandwiches</b> <b>2/\$5.00</b>				<b>6 Pack Mayfield Ice Cream Bars</b> <b>2/\$5.00</b>	
		<b>64 Ounce Silk Milk</b> <b>2/\$6.00</b>				<b>20 Ounce Crystal Farms Hash Browns</b> <b>2/\$5.00</b>	
		<b>32 Ounce International Delight Creamers</b> <b>2/\$6.00</b>				<b>52 Ounce Tropicana Premium Orange Juice</b> <b>2/\$7.00</b>	
		<b>Fresh Haas Avocados</b> <b>99¢ EA.</b>				<b>Florida Grown Green Beans</b> <b>99¢ LB.</b>	
		<b>Fresh Green Onions</b> <b>2/\$1.00</b>				<b>Fresh Red, Orange or Yellow Bell Peppers</b> <b>2/\$3.00</b>	
		<b>1 Pound Fresh Asparagus</b> <b>2/\$5.00</b>				<b>9 Ounce, American or Italian Fresh Express Salad Mix</b> <b>2/\$5.00</b>	
		<b>6 Ounce, Fresh Blackberries, Blueberries or Raspberries</b> <b>2/\$7.00</b>				<b>3 Pound Bag, Sweet, Blood or Cara Cara Tropic Oranges</b> <b>\$4.99</b>	
		<b>Fresh Broccoli Florets</b> <b>\$1.69 LB.</b>				<b>Deli Made Cole Slaw</b> <b>\$2.99 LB.</b>	

**Store Hours: 7 Days 8am-10pm • No Rainchecks**

**This Ad Good Wednesday, March 24th thru Tuesday, March 30th, 2021**

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