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But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

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Covington fugitive found

US Marshals nab child molester in Tennessee after two-day search

By TOM SPIGOLON tspigolon@covnews.com

COVINGTON, Ga. — A Covington man wanted on charges of multiple crimes against children and considered "armed and dangerous" was apprehended in

Tennessee over the weekend.
Ronnie Floyd Maxwell was taken into custody Saturday after a two-day manhunt, the Newton County Sheriff's Office announced.



Ronnie Floyd Maxwell

U.S. Marshals, with the assistance of the sheriff's office, took Maxwell into custody in Smyrna, Tennessee, said spokeswoman Caitlin Jett.

Maxwell was being held in a jail in Smyrna, which is a suburb of Nashville, Monday pending extradition back to Newton

of Nashville, Monday pending extradition back to Newton County, Jett said.

She said charges pending against Maxwell include Sodomy/Aggravated Sodomy; Rape

against Maxwell include Sodomy/Aggravated Sodomy; Rape; Fleeing Or Attempting To Elude; Failure To Register as Sex Offender; Child Molestation/Aggravated Child Molestation; Enticing Child For Indecent Purposes; Probation Violation; and a variety of traffic offenses.

However, she did not give other details and said an investigation was continuing.

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>> Exploring Newton County's rich history

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KING COTTON



File | The Covington News Locals host a cotton auction at the Covington Square, circa 1920s.

Looking back at how a bug brought economic turmoil 100 years ago

By TAYLOR BECK

Before the film industry boomed and the area was packed with opportunities in technology and manufacturing career fields, it was agriculture that reigned supreme in Newton County, and cotton was king.

But how did cotton lose its place among area farmers' top crops? It was upheaval that came in the form of a gray, quarter-inch insect known as the boll weevil.

COTTON ASCENDS TO THRONE

Local historians believe cotton began its rise to the throne among cash crops in Newton County in the mid 1800s, shortly after Eli Whitney invented the cotton gin in 1793.

Historical documents from the 1820s showed livestock was a major occupation of the county's earliest settlers. The estates of seven Newton County men who died during the 1820s included an estimated 463 cattle, 26 horses and 255 hogs. At the time, cotton and corn seemed to be of



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The boll weevil invaded Newton County in 1921, and wiped out more than half the county's cotton production, causing economic turmoil for many families.

little importance.

About 10 years later, the local cotton crop began to grow. Documents showed three sizable estates of men who died in the 1830s were home to a significant amount of cotton production.

After the Civil War, the local cotton crop spiked and eventually took over

as Newton County's top product. Historians say cotton gins were located all across the county, in Covington, Mansfield, Newborn and Starrsville, and there was another built a few miles north of Oxford.

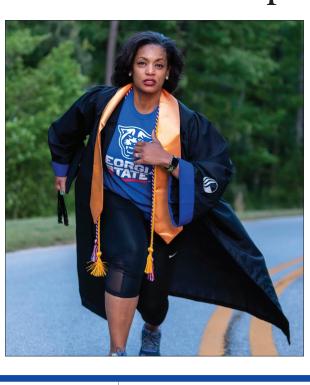
Historians suggest cotton

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Local mom, veteran completes longtime goal — earns college degree

Chasity
Holstick — a
local mom,
veteran and
marathon
runner who
returned to
college at age
42 — completed her
first degree
and fulfilled
a long-held

goal.Special to The
Covington News



By KYSA ANDERSON DANIELS
Special to The Covington News

COVINGTON, Ga. — As a marathon runner, Chasity Holstick enjoys the elation of crossing a finish line after a focused and steady race.

Her journey to complete college has required similar tenacity, and she is starting to feel the joy.

Holstick was 42 years old when she nervously registered for a single class at Georgia State University's Perimeter College in 2018. She needed just 10 courses to complete requirements for an associate degree, but work and family demands

(she's a wife, involved mother of three and community and church volunteer) required her to take a measured pace.

"I started slowly but surely, one course a semester, getting my feet back into it," she said of returning to college after more than 20 years.

Holstick's persistence will pay off when she completes her associate of arts degree as part of Perimeter's spring class of 2021.

About 2,000 degree candidates are slated to graduate from Perimeter College in spring and summer after

following pathways ranging from health science professions to engineering and business administration. Holstick followed the sport management pathway at Perimeter.

Holstick grew up as one of four children and will be the first sibling to graduate from college. She credits her mother for "praying her through."

"She always wanted to see her children go to college, and I always said, 'I'm going back,'" Holstick said.

Her own children were a

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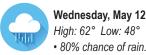


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News

The Oaks' development would change face of area

Porterdale reschedules zoning board, city council meeting dates for rezonings

By TOM SPIGOLON

PORTERDALE, Ga. — Development planned for the site of The Oaks golf course could change the face of an area of Newton County that has hosted golfers on and off for almost 90

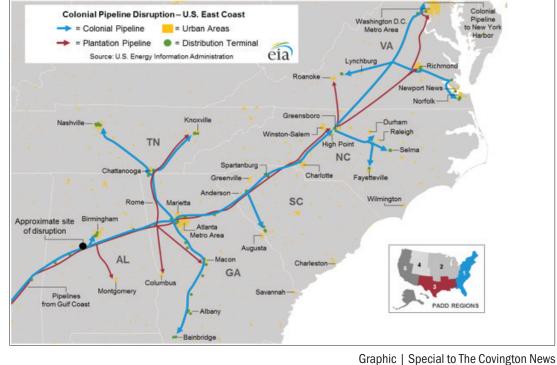
And area residents worried about increased traffic along Crowell Road outside the city already have signaled their intention to oppose the rezoning and change in the city's future land

The Porterdale Zoning Board is scheduled on June 1 to consider a rezoning of the site that would allow retail, multi- and single-family construction — a change from the originally scheduled date of Monday, May

Porterdale City Council is set to consider the zoning board's recommendation June 7 — also a change from the originally scheduled date of

The new proposal by Covington-based Infinity Homes and

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The Colonial Pipeline delivers approximately 45% of all fuel to the East Coast. This map shows the site of a disruption in 2016.

AAA forecasts pump prices up in reaction to pipeline shutdown

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS news@covnews.com

ATLANTA - AAA is forecasting gas prices to climb this week in reaction to the shutdown of the Colonial Pipeline, which delivers approximately 45% of all fuel to the East

Newton County's average gas price, meanwhile, was higher than the statewide average Monday but lower than most neighboring counties.

Last weekend, the Co-Ionial Pipeline announced they were the victim of a cybersecurity attack and, as a precaution, shut down the pipeline which runs from Texas to New York Harbor.

Some lateral lines had reopened Monday but there was no word of when the mainline, including the gasoline line, will be operational.

"This shutdown will have implications on both gasoline supply and prices, but the impact will vary regionally. Areas including Mississippi, Tennessee and

the east coast from Georgia into Delaware are most likely to experience limited fuel availability and price increases, as early as this week," said Montrae Waiters, spokeswoman AAA-The Auto Club Group. "These states may see prices increase 3 to 7 cents this week."

The longer the pipeline is offline, the larger the impact on the East Coast. However, foreign gasoline imports and other pipelines

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

 Live at Lunch concerts hosted by The Arts Association are set for Thursdays at noon on the Covington Square. The free event is set to feature: -Thursday, May 13: The

Stratocats: -May 20: Myke Johns;

-May 27: JJ Hardge. Sponsors include Newton Federal, Longleaf Hospice, and Discover Covington.

 Bicentennial Service Day Community Cleanup for Board of Commissioners District 2 is set for Saturday, May 15, at 9 a.m. at Denny Dobbs Park at 6252 Hwy. 212.

County Commissioner Demond Mason, the Newton County Bicentennial Committee and Keep Newton Beautiful will host the event.

To participate, register by May 7 at keepnewtonbeautiful.

For more information, call 770-784-2015 or email newton-

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A prize pack with "out-

door goodies" provided by Georgia DNR Keeping Georgia Wild Day partners will be offered on Saturday, May 15, in a drawing to those who snap a picture of themselves doing an outdoor activity. Post the picture on so-

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cial media with the hashtag #KeepingGeorgiaWild and tag Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center to be entered to win.

For more information, visit https://content.govdelivery.com/ accounts/GADNR/bulletins/2d-

 Masquerade Jewelry & Accessories sale hosted by the Piedmont Newton

Hospital Auxiliary is set for May 17, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., and May 18, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., in the Physicians Pavilion Auditorium.

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gifts, or get started on your holiday shopping. Cash, debit and credit cards will be accepted.

Piedmont Newton Physician's Pavilion Auditorium is at 4181 Hospital Drive NE.

· A blood drive hosted by Piedmont Newton Hospital and the American Red Cross is set for May 17 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Lions Club Clubhouse at 3120 Conyers St. in Covinton.

For more information or to register to donate, please visit www.redcrossblood.org.

· Farmers Market is set for Tuesday, May 18, and every Tuesday through Oct. 26 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Denny Dobbs Park at 6252 Hwy. 212 in Covington.

Newton County Parks and Recreation will host the weekly event that will feature fresh fruits and vegetables, baked goods and more from a variety of farms and vendors.

For more information, call 770-786-4373 or email jmeert@co.newton.ga.us.

• Ribbon cutting for new Splash Pad and Skate Park, both at Denny Dobbs Park, is set for May 20 at 2 p.m. at 6252 Hwy. 212 in Covington. For more information, call (770) 786-4373 or visit www. newtonrecreation.com.

 Community Kickball **Event** hosted by Porterdale Police Department is set for May 21 from 5 to 8 p.m. at B.C. Crowell Park.

Young attendees can learn about public safety by seeing police vehicles, fire trucks and EMS ambulances. Hot dogs will be available and live music will be featured.

For more information, call 770-786-2217.

• The county's new Splash Pad will open to the public for the season at Denny Dobbs Park Saturday, May 29, at 9 a.m. Days and hours will be Tuesdays through Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sundays, 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and closed on

Mondays for maintenance. • Back to School Golf Tournament hosted by the Newton County Sheriff's Office is set for July 15 at Ashton Hills Golf Course at 10400 Eagle Drive in Covinaton.

For more information or how to register for the event, please contact Deputy Michael Gregg at 404-550-5015 or mgregg@ newtonsheriffga.org; Deputy Timothy Smith at 770-883-0324 or tsmith@newtonsheriffga. org; or Deputy Susan Young at 678-218-2423 or smyoung@ newtonsheriffga.org.

 American Red Cross Blood Drive is set for Oxford City Hall, 110 W. Clark St. in Oxford Aug. 6 from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information, visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 800-733-2767.

 Covington Family YMCA registration for all sessions of summer day camp is open to

the public.

The YMCA at 2140 Newton Drive, Covington, will offer camps. Sign-up space is available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Registration can be completed online or in-person at a Y location. The Y offers traditional day

camps, which include challenging and fun activities featuring weekly themes, arts and crafts, group games, outdoor exploration and indoor learning experiences. Additionally, the Y provides

specialty camps focused on sports, art, gymnastics, STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math), teen leadership and swim.

For registration, visit spiritonline.ymcaatlanta.org. For more information, call 770-787-3908 or visit ymcaatlanta.org/160.

 Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center at 543 Elliott Trail in Mansfield is offering a variety of programs for all ages and audiences this spring and summer.

Now open for registration are the Becoming An Outdoors Woman (BOW) program; multiple summer day camps from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day; and family-oriented public programs.

For more information and deadlines, visit https://georgiawildlife.com/charlie-elliott-wildlife-center.

Submit your events to news@covnews.com or mail to 1166 Usher St., Covington, GA 30014

OBITUARY

Doris Marie Collinsworth Cotton Caldwell & Cowan

Funeral Home Doris Marie Collinsworth Cotton, aged 90, of Covington, GA died peacefully of

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1930 in

Paxton, FL to

causes on May 7,2021 **Doris** born July 19,

Cotton

Walter and Rebecca Collinsworth. She was married to O'Neal Cotton for 53 years. They have 4 daughters: Becky Bolden (husband Steve Bolden); Cindy Bailey (husband Roy Bailey); Melanie Spikes (husband Tony Spikes); Teresa Hanna (husband Terry Hanna). She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, two sisters (Melba Hart and Ruby McKinney), and granddaughter (Rachel Bailey).

Doris worked for the federal government for 25 years, primarily at the VA Medical Centers in Birmingham and Atlanta. She also enjoyed working parttime at Joann Fabrics for 20+ years.

She is survived by her sister Vassie Harrison of Paxton, FL and her brother Frank Collinsworth of Orangevale, CA; her 4 children, 12 grandchildren, and 8 great-grandchildren, with one on the way in September.

A Funeral Service for Mrs. Cotton was held Monday, May 10, 2021, 4:00 P.M., at Conyers Church of God, 1825 GA-138 NE, in Convers, under the direction of Caldwell and Cowan Funeral Home in Covington, Georgia.

A Funeral Service for Mrs. Cotton will be held Wednesday, May 12, 2021, 1 p.m., at Paxton Assembly of God, 978 County Hwy 147 E, in Paxton, Florida, with interment following in Paxton Cemetery. Friends are invited to visit with the family two hours prior to her service at the church from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., under the direction of Evans Funeral Home in Florala, Alabama.

This obituary was carefully crafted with love and affection by Mrs. Cotton's family.

Visit caldwellandcowan.com to place online condolences.

THE NEWS' FIRST RESPONDER OF THE WEEK



Trudy Henry

Henry, who serves as director of the Covington-Newton County 911 Center, was recently nominated by a reader to be recognized. Henry "works tirelessly," the reader said, and has "dedicated years of service to our community."



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production peaked around the start of World War I, which led to local farmers entering the 1920s with resounding optimism for their prized crop.

But in 1921 — exactly 100 years ago — the boll weevil changed everything in Newton County.

INSECT INVADES U.S.

A boll weevil (Antho*nomus grandis*), which is a beetle that feeds on cotton buds and flowers, is considered to be native to Central Mexico. It is believed to have migrated to the U.S. in 1892. In 1903, the chief of the U.S. Department of Agriculture testified before Congress that the insect's outbreaks were

a "wave of evil." Boll weevils eventually reached Alabama in 1909 and Georgia only a year or two later.

Today, a monument dedicated to the boll weevil sets in downtown Enterprise, Alabama. It was erected in 1919 to show their appreciation for the insect and its unlikely positive impact on the area's agriculture and economy.

According to past reports, farmers were losing whole crops of cotton by 1918, just a few years after the insect infiltrated Coffee County, Alabama. A man named H. M. Sessions saw this as an opportunity to shift the area's focus to peanut farming. After Sessions convinced another farmer to back his venture, the first crop paid off their debts and was bought by farmers seeking to change to peanut farming. Cotton was eventually grown again, but farmers learned to diversify

that brought in new money. The same appreci-

ation for the insect

their crops — a practice



File | The Covington News

Though the boll weevil took a big bite out of the local cotton industry in the early 1920s, it was eventually able to be grown again. In 1950, Eugene Hodges won a trip to the national FFA meeting after producing approximately 2,700 pounds of cotton on a single acre in Newton County.



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In 1919, residents of Enterprise, Alabama, erected a monument to the boll weevil as a "herald of prosperity." The same appreciation for the bug was not felt in Newton County.

would not be found in Newton County.

BOLL WEEVIL BITES NEWTON'S COTTON **PRODUCTION**

While some of Newton County's farmers took advice to diversify their crops rather than depend on their single cotton crop, many did not until the enormous impact of a minuscule boll weevil took its toll on the area.

Within one year, from 1920 to 1921, Newton County's cotton production decreased by 70% - 18,115 bales ginned to only 5,257 bales ginned.

The boll weevil sent many families into

economic turmoil. An example of this was seen through Aubry C. Ewing, whose family farmed in Covington. The Ewings' cotton crop was virtually destroyed as no

significant amount of cotton could be picked. Historians record that the Ewings continued farming but did not plant cotton again until 1924 when there were more effective methods to combat the boll weevil.

Many farmers lost everything. Families were displaced and people who once farmed for a living were forced to find "public work" in textile mills and other industries across the area. Some even packed their belongings, moved north and discovered opportunities surrounding the developing automobile industry in Detroit, Michigan. In fact, while many people were moving across the country from the "Dust Bowl" to California in the 1930s, there was another great migration taking place: people from the South were leaving for the North to work industrial jobs all thanks to the boll weevil.

TREATMENT, **ERADICATION OF**

BOLL MEEVIL Before Newton County's cotton crop was devastated by the boll weevil, a meeting was held for area farmers to learn how to fight the dreaded insect that would soon infiltrate their crops. A man only known as "Mr. Ward" in historical documents explained to local farmers how he had been fighting the pest for the previous three years in south Georgia.

At the time, The Covington News reported approximately 75 people attended and learned the three ways to control boll weevil infestation, which included:

- Pick up the squares (flower buds) which fell on the ground after being infested by larval boll weevil.
- Poison with a mixture of insecticide and molasses, and then dab onto the squares of the plant.
- Apply poison in dust form to the whole plant.

Unfortunately, the poison treatment wasn't feasible for most farmers within the county, which led to a dramatic decline in cotton production.

Years later, a more reasonable treatment method was introduced which allowed many Newton farmers to bring back a portion of their cotton production.

Following World War II, the development of new pesticides such as Dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane, commonly known as DDT, enabled U.S. farmers again to grow cotton as an economic crop. DDT was initially extremely effective, but U.S. weevil populations developed resistance by the mid-1950s.

After the boll weevil cost farmers billions of dollars in revenue, the National Cotton Council of Agriculture reportedly crafted a piece of legislation in 1958 that called for the expansion of cotton research and the eradication of the boll weevil.

In 1978, a large-scale test was begun in the

states of North Carolina and Virginia to determine the feasibility of eradication.

Based on the test's success, area-wide programs were reportedly started in the 1980s to eradicate the insect from whole regions, based on cooperative effort by all growers together with the assistance of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

The program proved to be successful in all cotton-growing states with the exception of Texas, but most of the state is considered free of boll weevils. Problems along the southern border with Mexico have delayed eradication in the extreme southern portions of the state.

Follow-up programs are reportedly in place in all cotton-growing states to prevent the reintroduction of the pest.

INSECT'S LOCAL IMPACT TODAY?

No one should expect Newton County to raise its own monument to the boll weevil, as the insect successfully wrecked the local economy a century ago. Nonetheless, should area residents be somewhat thankful for the boll weevil?

If not for the cotton killer, what would Newton County's economy look like today? It's nearly impossible to know, but there's a chance it would be

completely different. If not for the insect, the area could have still been centered around the agricultural industry and allow cotton to remain king. However, the area may also have never become "Hollywood of the South" or home to billion-dollar industries such as Facebook and Takeda.

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provided us with any and all information regarding his whereabouts," stated a posting on the sheriff's office's Facebook page.

"Every share, like, and call helped lead to his arrest. We appreciate and thank each and

every one of you!" Maxwell, 42, was convicted of child molestation in Newton County in 2003 and sentenced to 15 years in state prison for an incident in October

2002. He also served five years on unrelated charges in the 1990s, according to state

records. He was released in 2018 and his last known address was on Atla Street in Coving-

ton, according to GBI Sex Offender Registry records.

The sheriff's office on Thursday announced deputies were searching for Maxwell and a \$500 reward had been offered for information

on him. The Newton County Sheriff's Office had advised residents not to approach the suspect whom they believed was in Newton County.

Jett told WSB-TV Saturday the sheriff's

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office was receiving a number of tips about his whereabouts. She said they were concerned Maxwell may try to commit further crimes with children.

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OPINIONS

The Covington News

Chris Bridges columnist

Don't rush the time away, seniors

y morning drive to work Ltakes me past a local high school. During those morn-

treks, I always glance over at the student park-

ing lot and see vehicles of all shapes and sizes and descriptions. For the seniors, this part of their life is quickly drawing to a close.

With graduation ap-

proaching for another year, the majority of high school seniors are no doubt more than ready to leave their school days at this level behind. Each one seemed to be counting down the days, the hours even, until their tassels were officially turned.

It's probably that way at any high school in our country whether large or small. It's a safe bet to say 99 percent of seniors can't leave their alma mater for the last time quick enough.

Let it be known I was actually among that one percent that didn't want those days to end. I'm not going to pretend everything was perfect back then. Peer pressures and being ridiculed at times are things I certainly don't miss.

I was never the

most popular student. I never received the attention of the most female schoolmates and I certainly was not the best athlete in the school. I wasn't the smartest, either.

Still, I was smart enough to be able to see the bigger picture in all of it. For the majority of my first 18 years, going to school with many of the same people became my routine. It wasn't always perfect but I knew the routine and knew what to expect day to day. Some days were better than others and at times I probably did wish I could leave it all behind.

However, I also knew (even at an age when I was still learning) that things were about to change in a big way. While my education would continue through four years of college, the classes would be harder. I would also be going away to college so my comfort zone of my home and my hometown were not going to be there they had always been before.

I remember the night before my small high school class graduated my classmates and our parents held a cookout in honor of the event. With the exception of a couple of my fellow Class of 1989 members most were eager

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Tom Spigolon news editor

Time to work around Colonial Pipeline

t seems to me it's about time the federal government begins finding ways

to go around the ongoing mess that is Colonial Pipeline



The company based in north Fulton County near Atlanta apparently never saw a cyberattack coming to its operations that provide about 45% of all fuel to the East Coast.

The FBI has identified a foreign group which tapped into Colonial's online system it uses to operate its pipeline that transports a very valuable commodity.

It is keeping our economy moving as it slowly recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic. The line provides

45% of the fuel that keeps small businesses operating in states from Texas to New York, including Georgia.

It moves 45% of the fuel that allows people to visit their relatives in-person this Memorial Day for the first time in more than a year because of safety concerns around the COVID-19 pandemic. It's almost half of

the fuel people need to drive to the supermarket — or for those who transport groceries to people's homes.

If you haven't heard, over the weekend Colonial Pipeline announced they were the victim of a cybersecurity attack and, as a precaution, shut down its pipeline which runs from Texas to New York Harbor.

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had reopened Monday but there was no word of when the mainline, including the gasoline line, would reopen. AAA predicted 3- to

7-cent increases but, obviously, gas station owners being capitalists means those prices could jump even higher. This is the latest

debacle for the company and should come as a warning for federal regulators and others in power to make changes in how gasoline is distributed.

Before this, Colonial was best known for its regular pipeline breaks that have spilled millions of gallons of precious fuel into our equally precious waterways — many of which are used as drinking water sources.

Colonial Pipeline carries 2.5 million barrels per day along 5,500 miles of pipeline and consistently runs at or near full capacity, according to the U.S. **Energy Information** Administration.

It connects 29 refineries and 267 distribution terminals, carrying refined petroleum products such as gasoline, diesel, heating oil, and jet fuel from as far west as Houston, Texas, to as far north as New York Harbor.

Georgia has eight segments of a 27-inch line running 266 miles through the state.

Colonial has accumulated 23 civil enforcement actions and more than \$500,000 in civil penalties issued by the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration since 2007, according to North Carolina Policy Watch.

My introduction to Colonial came when one of its pipelines ruptured in rural Middle Tennessee and caused significant pollution of the waterways around it after it was discovered days after it began.

The company sent in teams of public relations people to assure the public there was no problem with hundreds of thousands of gallons of refined gasoline being mixed with water people used to feed their livestock and use for drinking water.

Colonial was the source of South Carolina's largest pipeline spill in 1996 near Fork Shoals, South Carolina, after it spilled nearly 1 million gallons of fuel into the Reedy River.

According to North Carolina Policy Watch. the company knew that part of the pipeline was weak. Colonial pleaded guilty to criminal negligence and was fined \$41 million under the Clean Water Act. The company also paid \$13 million in settlements in one of the largest environmental disasters in South Carolina history.

In 2003, the Department of Justice and the Environmental Protection Agency settled with Colonial on charges the company violated the Clean Water Act on seven occasions by spilling 1.45 million gallons of oil from its 5,500-mile pipeline in five states. It paid a record \$34 million civil penalty.

In recent years, a partial shutdown of the Colonial Pipeline system disrupted gasoline supplies and caused higher prices and product shortages after a leak was discovered about 35 miles south of

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David Carroll columnist

Columnist dons 'Braves GM' hat to trade cars

recently spent two months trading cars. I was in no hurry, because my old car was still in good shape. Now the ordeal is over, and I have learned a lesson:

there's much information out there. Re-



member the old days of horse trading? A prospective trader would look for any sign of injury, examine the horse's teeth, and the deal was done. It took about five minutes.

Now you go online and learn a car's history, compare the price with similar cars, and read hundreds of reviews. I would take notes, take a test drive, and make more notes. Soon my pockets were filled with scribbled factoids like, "good price but needs tires," or "so-so car but great salesman," or "best car for the money, but hate the color." About the time I'd make up my

car I liked, starting all over again. It made me think

mind, I'd go back on-

line and see yet another

of my favorite baseball team, the Atlanta Braves, and the deals they have to make. When general manager Alex Anthopoulous was hired, he inherited a mess. In an effort to obtain good young players for the future, he traded away some of the older players. The hope, of course, was that in a couple of years, those young players would excel at the major league level.

So when trading cars, I would put my "Braves GM" hat on, and pretend I was making a big trade for the future. Just like Alex, I had many choices in the automotive "free agent" market.

Would I go for a flashy, expensive import like Marcell Ozuna? The Dominican outfielder appears to be well-built on the outside, but a prospective buyer has to look closely under the hood. Many ballplayers look rock-solid, but when you put them on the field, their flaws are exposed.

The Braves have made that mistake before. That's like spending a fortune on a new ride, and then seeing a huge puddle of oil on the floor of the garage.

So I considered a less showy car, one that's a little older, but with a good track record. A car that's been tested, and has endured some wear and tear. It won't win any races, but it will get me to work every day, and save me some money. Perhaps it's a car I'm familiar with, similar to ones I've driven before.

In terms a Braves fans would understand, something like a Charlie Morton, a Tyler Flowers, or a Pablo Sandoval. On second thought, maybe Pablo isn't the best example. No doubt, that car would be a high performer, but probably a gas guzzler.

Or I could take a chance on a newer, unproven model. A salesman may try to talk me into a "rookie" car, right off the assembly line. "Oh this one has barely been driven, but it has great potential. I'm hearing a lot of buzz about it. Buy it, and you'll have no worries for 15-20 years!" It's like the 2021 Cristian Pache, or a brand new, untested William Contreras.

Sometimes that gamble pays off. In years past, the Braves plugged Hank Aaron, Dale Murphy, and Chipper Jones into their lineup and never looked back. They got a lot of miles out of those guys, with very low maintenance. They won a lot of races too. It's nice when that happens, but far more often you end

up with a lemon. Of course, the worst that could happen is buying one with too many miles on it. Sure, it's been a solid performer for many years, and you've been green with envy seeing it in the neighbors' driveway. Boy, that Cole Hamels looks like a winner, I wish I had one of those. I'll fork over some serious cash for that one. Wait, what? What do you mean it won't even start?

Ultimately the deadline arrives and you have to make a decision. If you don't get it, someone else will. You go with your gut feeling. You hope and pray that the car salesman (or in baseball terms, the opposing general

manager) is being

honest with you about your new vehicle's past, and its potential. If all goes well, you don't overpay, and your new purchase will drive like a dream for years to

Of course, I could stick to my older, still reliable vehicle. Much like Freddie Freeman. it's a proven road warrior. Sure, it seems a little sluggish now and then, but if I put a little more money into it, that should perk it up.

There is always risk. If you agree to a long-term deal, and the transmission fails, the belts break, or the fluids leak, you'll be out doing test drives again soon. Here's hoping that won't happen to me...or the Braves!

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appear by using the numeric clues

already provided in the boxes. The

it gets to solve the puzzle!

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more numbers you name, the easier

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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CLASSIFIEDS

Yard Sales

Yard & Estate Sales

THE RESERVE at Bear Creek Neighborhood Yard Sale SATURDAY, MAY 15 8:00 am until LOCATED ON Hwy 213 between

Hwvs 36 & 11 LOOK FOR the signs

YARD SALE Saturday 15th May 8am to 12 pm. Address: 2103 CHURCH ST SE. COVINGTON GA 30014

Jobs

Help Wanted

WANTED "POOL Monitors" \$9-\$10 PER hour. The Ellington Community in Covington, Georgia has 6-8 Pool Monitors positions available. www.ellingtoncommunity.com, download an employment application, and email the completed application ellingtonclubhouse345@gmail.



Model

VEHICLE ID #

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INFINITI 2005

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21-1562AV

21-1563AV

21-1565AV

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21-1570AV

21-1571AV

Impala

FORD

5/5,12

21-1573AV

INTRUSION

CHEVROLET

HYUNDAI 2006

TOYOTA 2001

NISSAN 2005

DODGE 2011

SATURN 2004

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OPENING

ISONOVA IN SOCIAL CIRCLE IS LOOKING FOR A SELF-MOTIVATED DEPENDABLE ASSOCAITE TO JOIN OUR TEAM. Hours 7 A 3 P M-F with some weekends required.

This person will be responsible for all basic cleaning in and around the plant and office. Medical and Dental

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ISONOVA 1022 East Hightower Trail Social Circle, GA 30025 An EOE

LEGALS

Public Notices

Abandoned Vehicles

IN ACCORDANCE WITH GEORGIA LAW 40-11-2: THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED VEHICLES HAVE

BEEN ABANDONED AT **INSURANCE AUTO** Auction 125 Old Hwy 138 Loganville, GA 30052-

AND ARE PRESENTLY STORED AT SAID LOCATION. IF NOT CLAIMED, THE VEHICLES

WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER ON 05/28/21 10:00 AM

YEAR MAKE Model

2007 ACURA TSX JH4CL96987C010104 2017 HONDA 19XFC2F73HE077515 2010 MERCURY Milan 3MEHM0HA1AR610025 2012 GMC 1GKKRRED8CJ106648 2018 HONDA Civic 19XFC2F56JE030838 2012 HONDA 19XFB2F55CE083374 2007 TOYOTA Corolla 2T1BR32E97C765541 2012 TOYOTA Camry

4T1BK1FK1CU008943 PUBLIC NOTICE #200280

ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE

PETITION ADVERTISEMENT

YOU ARE hereby notified, in accordance with O.C.G.A. Section 40-11-19.1, that petitions were filed in the Magistrate Court of Newton County to foreclose liens against the vehicles listed below for all amounts owed. If a lien is foreclosed, the Court shall order the sale of the vehicle to

satisfy the debt. The present location

of the vehicles is: **125 OLD** Hwy 138 Loganville, GA 30052-4814

ANYONE WITH an ownership interest in a vehicle listed herein may file an answer to the petition on or before: 05/26/21 ANSWER FORMS may be found in

the Magistrate Court Clerk's office located at: 1132 Usher St Room COVINGTON, GA FORMS MAY also be obtained online

at www.georgiamagistratecouncil. MAKE VEHICLE

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

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Bids

NEWTON COUNTY School System

Current Solicitations

AND

THE NEWTON County School

System is requesting proposals

from qualified contractors to provide

monitoring and repair services for

intrusion alarm, fire alarm and CCTV

are located on the School System's

e-procurement website at the

documents and participate in the solicitation. New suppliers

"Supplier Registration" at the link

above to register your company,

and obtain a username and

password. All responses must be

submitted electronically utilizing the

Newton County School System's

IF YOU have any questions, please

contact the Newton County School

System's procurement department at

Debtors Creditors

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND

CREDITORS STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF NEWTON

RE LINDA JEANNETTE SHIRLEY,

ALL CREDITORS of the estate of LINDA JEANNETTE SHIRLEY,

deceased, late of Newton County,

are hereby notified to render their

according to the law, and all persons

indebted to said estate are required to

EXECUTOR OF the Estate of LINDA

6340 SUGARLOAF Parkway, Suite

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND

IN RE: ESTATE OF JEFF H. HIOTT,

JEANNETTE SHIRLEY, deceased

make immediate payment to me.

SUSAN SHIRLEY Willingham

C/O BAKER & Summy, PC

TELEPHONE 404-566-4535

PUBLIC NOTICE #200329

DULUTH, GA 30097

FAX 404-566-4536

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PUBLIC NOTICE #200277

Services (RFP C-838-03)

supplier to obtain

e-procurement system.

PUBLIC NOTICE #200334

ESTATE#2021-P-214

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Magistrate Court Case

ALL CREDITORS of the estate of JEFF H. HIOTT, JR, late ofNewton County, Georgia, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.

THIS 26TH day of April, 2021.

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF NEWTON PATRICIA H. Carter, Executor THE ESTATE of Lorene R. Hiott 971 JUNE Drive SW Conyers, GA

PUBLIC NOTICE #200289 5/5,12,19,26

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND **CREDITORS**

IN RE: ESTATE OF LORENE R.

ALL CREDITORS of the estate of Lorene R. Hiott. late ofNewton County, Georgia, deceased, are notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.

THIS 26TH day of April, 2021.

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF **NEWTON** PATRICIA H. Carter, Executor THE ESTATE of Lorene R. Hiott 971 JUNE Drive SW Conyers, GA

PUBLIC NOTICE #200288 5/5.12.19.26

Divorces

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

MANUEL GALVAN. PETITIONER.

RUTH **AMANDA** DANIEL, Respondent.

CIVIL ACTION File No. 2020-CV-2426-4

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: RUTH AMANDA DANIEL

ALL SOLICITATION documents BY ORDER for service by publication dated the 29th day April 2021, you are hereby notified that on HTTPS://NCSSEBID.IONWAVE.NET the 1st day of December 2020, the above styled Complaint for Divorce NOTE: YOU must be a registered was filed. You are required to file solicitation with the Clerk of the Newton County Superior Court, and serve upon the the solicitation. New suppliers must first complete the online Petitioner's Attorney, whose address is 3775 Venture Drive, Suite C-202, registration process by selecting Duluth, Georgia

30096, AN answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for Publication.

WITNESS, THE Honorable Cheveda D. McCamy Newton Superior Court. , Judge of

DAY of 29th

2021. **PUBLIC NOTICE #200328**

5/12,19,26-6/2

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

ANTHONY E. FRANCIS

SANDRA J. FRANCIS

CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 2020-CV-1985-3

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: SANDRA J. FRANCIS **UNKNOWN ADDRESS**

BY ORDER of the court for service by publication dated APRIL 22 2021 you are hereby notified that on SEPT. 30, 2020 (date of filing) ANTHONY E. FRANCIS (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 28TH day of APRIL 2021. LINDA D. Hays **CLERK OF Superior**

PUBLIC NOTICE #200294 5/5,12,19,26 IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF

NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GERORGIA

JOYANN ROSS **PLAINTIFF**

TEJON STEWART **DEFENDANT**

CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 2021-CV-5-3 NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: TEJON STEWART 80 AVONLEA DRIVE COVINGTON, GA 30016

BY ORDER of the court for service by publication dated APRIL 26 2021 you are hereby notified that on 03-18-2021(date of filing) JOYANN

ROSS(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

WITNESS THE Honorable LAYLA H. ZON Judge Superior Court of Newton

THIS, THE 27TH day of APRIL 2021. LINDA D. Hays **CLERK OF Superior**

PUBLIC NOTICE #200296 5/5,12,19,26

represented)

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF **NEWTON COUNTY**

KRISTA WEATHERS **PLAINTIFF**

CHRISTOPHER WEATHERS DEFENDANT

CIVIL ACTION NUMBER

2021-CV-883-1

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: CHRISTOPHER WEATHERS 2741 PINE GROVE RD LOGANVILLE, GA

BY ORDER of the court for service by publication dated APRIL 26 2021 you are hereby notified that on APRIL 19, 2021 (date of filing) KRISTA WEATHERS(plaintiff) 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

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

THIS, THE 26TH day of APRIL 2021.

LINDA D. Hays **CLERK OF** Superior PUBLIC NOTICE #200295

5/5,12,19,26

Foreclosures

TAKE NOTICE that:

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF RIGHT TO REDEEM PROPERTY

THE RIGHT to redeem the following described property, to wit: 10 SHADOWBROOK Covington GA 30016 according to

the present system of numbering properties in Newton County Georgia, having Tax Parcel ID # 0032B 00000 022 000 and being further described as follows: ALL AND only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0032B 00000 022 000, lying and being in

Land Lot 37, 8th District, Newton County, Georgia, and being shown as Lot 42, Shadowbrook Estates, Unit One, on a plat of survey of same recorded in Plat Book 38, Pages 56-59, 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.

WILL EXPIRE and be forever

foreclosed and barred on and after the day of June 21, 2021, or thirty days after legal service of this notice, whichever is later.

THE TAX deed to which this notice relates is dated the 4th day of December, 2012, and is recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia, in Deed Book 3088 Page 50.

THE PROPERTY may be redeemed at any time before the day of June 21, 2021, or thirty days after legal service of this notice, whichever is later, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address: Fletcher Law Firm LLC 2993 Sandy Plains Rd, Ste 225B Marietta GA 30066 Please be governed accordingly.

SINCERELY, HERROL and Associates, LLC As grantee of

Herrol P. Lewis by Warranty Deed recorded in Deed Book 3346 Page 112, Newton County Georgia C/O JAMES R. Fletcher II, Esq.

(FILE: 2697.0001)

PUBLIC NOTICE #200327 5/12,19,26-6/2

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 Angela Clark to Mortgage Electronic Registration systems Inc., as nominee for IndyMac Bank FSB dated December 31, 2004 and recorded on February 4, 2005 in Deed Book 1841, Page 273, Newton County, Georgia Records, and later assigned to Aspen Properties Group, LLC as Trustee for Aspen G Revocable Trust by Assignment of Security Deed recorded on May 25, 2018 in Deed Book 3705, Page 205, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of One Hundred One Thousand Two Hundred And 00/100 Dollars (\$101,200.00), 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 June 1, 2021 the following described property:

ALL THAT TRACT AND PARCEL OF LAND, lying and being in the Land Lot 161 of the 1st District, Newton County, Georgia being more particularly described as follows:

TO FIND the true point of beginning, begin at a one inch open top pipe found where the line common to Land Lots 159 and 161 of the First District intersects the South 60 ft. right-of-way of U.S. Hwy No. 278, thence proceed Southwesterly along the aforementioned 60 ft right-of-way of U.S. Hwy No. 278 for a distance of 428.57 feet to an 3/4" re-bar found, the true point of beginning.

THENCE SOUTH 21° 48 ' 48" West for a distance of 842.46 feet to an iron pin found; THENCE South 84° 57' 33" West for a distance of 117.17 feet to a 3/4" rod found; THENCE South 85° 07' 35" West for a distance of 117.99 feet to an iron pin set; THENCE North 01° 21' 11" West for a distance of 294.87 feet to an iron pin set; THENCE North 34° 53' 07" East for a distance of 558.79 feet to an iron pin set on the southern 60 ft right-of-way of U.S. Highway No. 278; THENCE North 77° 59' 14" East along the Southern 60 ft. right-of-way for U.S. Highway No. 278 for a distance of 180.00 feet to an iron pin found 3/4 inch re-bar found; THENCE North 78° 34' 59" East along the southern 60 ft right-of-way of U.S. Highway No 278 for a distance of 59.83 feet to an iron pin found 3/4 inch re-bar found, the

true point of beginning.

TOGETHER WITH and subject to covenants, easements, and restrictions of record.

SAID PROPERTY contains 5.00 acre. **TAX ID** #: 0124019

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 Aspen Properties Group, LLC as Trustee for Aspen G Revocable Trust, 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 Angela Clark or tenant(s); and said property is more commonly known as 13064 Highway 278 SE, Social Circle, GA 30025. 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. ASPEN PROPERTIES Group, LLC as Trustee for Aspen G Revocable

Trust as Attorney in Fact for Angela

MCMICHAEL TAYLOR Gray, LLC 3550 ENGINEERING Drive, Suite

PEACHTREE CORNERS, GA 30092 404-474-7149 MTG FILE No.: GA2021-00501

PUBLIC NOTICE #200236 5/5,12,19,26

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 Stanley B. Cooper to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for SunTrust Mortgage, Inc, D/B/A Sun America Mortgage, dated

April 26, 2006, and recorded in Deed Book 2180, Page 8, Newton County, Records, subsequently modified by a Loan Modification Agreement recorded June 16, 2015 in Book 3335, Page 273 in the amount Hundred Seventy-Four Two Thousand Seven Hundred Twelve and 35/100 (\$274,712.35) Newton County, Georgia Records, subsequently modified by a Loan Modification Agreement recorded November 8, 2018 in Book 3769, Page 56 in the amount of Two Hundred Seventy Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-One and 53/100 (\$270,431.53) Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust by assignment recorded on January 20, 2015 in Book 3294 Page 81 in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the afterdescribed property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of One Hundred Seventy-Two Thousand Six Hundred and 0/100 dollars (\$172,600.00), 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 June 1, 2021, the following described property:

LOT 156, 10TH DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 74 OAKWOOD MANOR SUBDIVISION. UNIT I, AS PER PLAT RECORDED AT PLAT BOOK 43, PAGE 154-160, SAID PLAT BEING INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE. THE DEBT secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default,

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF

LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND

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: Selene Finance they can be contacted at (877) 735-3637 for Loss Mitigation Dept, or by writing to 9990 Richmond Avenue, Suite 400 South, Houston, Texas 77042, to discuss possible alternatives to avoid 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 Stanley B. Cooper or tenant(s); and said property is more commonly known as 40 Oak Terr Dr, Covington, GA

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, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust as Attorney in Fact for Stanley B. Cooper.

BROCK & Scott, PLLC 4360 CHAMBLEE Dunwoody Road SUITE 310 ATLANTA, GA 30341 404-789-2661 **B&S FILE** no.: 21-02900

PUBLIC NOTICE #200259 5/5,12,19,26

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER **GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY**

BY VIRTUE of a Power of Sale

contained in that certain Security Deed from MONIQUE THOMAS to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for American Mortgage Exchange, Inc., dated January 20, 2004, recorded January 26, 2004, in Deed Book 1603, Page 601, Newton County, Georgia Records, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of One Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty and 00/100 dollars (\$128,960.00), with interest thereon as provided for therein, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned and transferred to Athene Annuity and Life Company, 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 June, 2021, 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 167 OF THE 10TH DISTRICT OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA BEING LOT 109 OF AVONLEA SUBDIVISION, UNIT TWO, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 39, PAGES 113-115, RECORDS OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, WHICH PLAT IS BY REFERENCE INCORPORATED HEREIN AND MADE A PART HEREOF. SAID LEGAL description being

controlling, however the property is more commonly known as 245 Queensland Lane, Covington, GA 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

See LEGALS, A6

PUMP:

Continued from A2

can supplement Northeastern supply. Other areas of the country will see little impact.

Newton County's average price for a gallon of regular gas was \$2.88 on Monday, higher than the state average but lower than some neighboring counties, AAA reported.

Georgia gas prices increased at the pump compared to a week ago. Georgia motorists were paying an average price of \$2.76 per gallon for regular unleaded gasoline Monday.

Monday's state average is 6 cents more than a week ago, 6 cents more than last month, and \$1.13 more than this time last year.

It now costs motorists \$41.40 to fill a 15-gallon tank of gasoline; that is \$4.50 more than what motorists paid in January of 2020, when pump prices hit their peak of \$2.46 per

REGIONAL PRICES

- Atlanta (\$2.75)
- Most expensive Georgia metro markets – Brunswick

(\$2.83), Hinesville-Fort Stewart (\$2.82), and Valdosta (\$2.77).

• Least expensive Georgia metro markets - Catoosa-Dade-Walker (\$2.67), Rome (\$2.70), and Gainesville (\$2.71).

While there is sufficient gasoline supply in the U.S. (235.8 million barrels), other pipelines and the Department of Transportation's temporary hours-of-service exemption for tanker trucks transporting gasoline and other fuels, will be able to ease the strain, but not resolve the issues caused by the pipeline interruption.

Once the pipeline is up and running, there could still be residual delays as it takes about 15 to 18 days for fuel to flow from Texas to New York.

AAA will continue to monitor the latest news concerning the Colonial Pipeline. In the meantime, we urge against panic-buying of gasoline. Keep these tips in mind to conserve fuel:

 Plan ahead to accomplish multiple errands in one trip, and whenever possible

restrictions,

avoid high-traffic times of

• If you own more than one car, use the most fuel-efficient model that meets the needs of any given journey.

• Remove unnecessary and bulky items from your car. Minimize your use of roof racks and remove special carriers when not in use. It takes more fuel to accelerate a heavier car, and the reduction in fuel economy is greater for small cars than for larger models.

• Minimize your use of air conditioning. Even at highway speeds, open windows have less effect on fuel economy than the engine power required to operate the air conditioning compressor.

• In hot weather, park in the shade or use a windshield sunscreen to lessen heat buildup inside the car. This reduces the need for air conditioning (and thus fuel) to cool down the car.

Read more on the pipeline shutdown at CovNews.com or on our new app.

Petition (Dependency) was filed in

the Juvenile Court of Newton County

on March 29, 2021, requesting

that the minor child named above

be placed in the care, custody and

control of the Georgia Department

and through the Newton County

Department of Family and Children

YOU ARE hereby commanded,

personally or by attorney, to be and appear at the Newton County

Juvenile Court, 1132 Usher Street,

NW, Covington, Georgia 30014, for

a hearing to be held on the 3rd day

of June, 2021, at 3:00 p.m., then and

there to answer why the prayers for

relief as set forth in the Department's

READ CAREFULLY

THIS IS a very serious matter. This

Summons requires you to be present

at a formal hearing in the Juvenile

THE CHILD or children and other

parties involved may be represented

by a lawyer at all stages of these

IF YOU want a lawyer, you may

you want to hire a lawyer, please

IF YOU want a lawyer but are not

able to hire a lawyer without undue

financial hardship, you may ask for a

lawyer to be appointed to represent

you. The Court would inquire into

your financial circumstances and if

the Court finds you to be financially

unable to hire a lawyer, then a lawyer

will be appointed to represent you.

Please contact immediately the

Newton County Juvenile Court at

770-784-2060 if you wish to request

a lawyer to be appointed to represent you. DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE

DAY OF COURT TO REQUEST AN

WHETHER OR not you decide to

hire an attorney, you have the right to attend the hearing of your case,

to call witnesses on your behalf, and

to question those witnesses brought

WITNESS THE Hon. Candice

Branche, Judge of said Court, this

NEWTON COUNTY Juvenile Court

Name Changes

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF

NEWTON COUNTY

STATE OF GEORGIA

NOTICE OF PETITION TO

CHANGE NAME OF ADULT

LILLIAN JOANN Case filed a petition

in the Newton County Superior Court

IN RE the Name Change of:

CIVIL ACTION Case Number

LILLIAN JOANN Case,

PUBLIC NOTICE #200237

to hire your own

contact your lawyer immediately.

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Court,

Petition

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at

Petition should not be granted.

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(Dependency)

proceedings.

ATTORNEY.

against you.

CLERK.

21st day of April, 2021.

JANELL GAINES

4/28-5/5,12,19

PETITIONER.

SUCV2021001025

County Juvenile

aforementioned address

of Human Services,

DEGREE:

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big influence, too. Holstick remembers feeling like a hypocrite as she constantly stressed the importance of school to them.

"I was always beating them over the head with 'education, education, education, and here, I am not finished with my degree, and it always haunted me," she said.

Holstick tried college just after graduating from high school in South Carolina. She accumulated a year's worth of credits, but ran out of money, so she left and joined the Army National Guard before getting married and becoming a stay-at-home mom. Three years ago, with her

oldest child graduating from college and her youngest in pre-kindergarten, Holstick finally made it back to the college classroom. Being a "seasoned student" was sometimes nerve-rack-

ing — and humorous — she said, recalling the time a professor called on her to help him explain what cast iron skillets were to the class of mostly younger students.

"I guess because I was the oldest in the class, he

A MINOR

would always reference me, "Oh, Chasity, you remember that," she said, laughing. Holstick coupled her stud-

ies at Perimeter with a parttime position as recreation services supervisor for Georgia State's Newton Campus, where she still works to help develop student recreation programs.

Her interest in marathons emerged when she turned her routine neighborhood walks into short jogs. She started running 5K races and ran her first full marathon of 26.2 miles in Savannah four years ago. She'll run her fourth marathon in November.

Following graduation, Holstick will transition to Georgia State's Atlanta Campus, where she will pursue her bachelor's degree, with plans to major in exercise science. One of her interests is working as a health and wellness coach so she can inspire others to reach their goals.

Perimeter College will host its spring commencement May 11 as a limited-ticket event at Georgia State's Center Parc Stadium.

the legal quardian. We will notify

the individual by phone when the

requested records are prepared.

The records should be picked up

at the Board of Education. Anyone

obtaining records will be required to

produce identification that contains

Public Sales Auctions

PUBLIC AUCTION: Sellars Wrecke

Services, In accordance with the

vehicle will be sold to the highest

bidder at public auction that will

be held on MAY 22, 2021. Sealed

bids will be accepted from 10:00

am to 2:00 pm at Sellars Wrecker

Services, 295 Hwy 162, Covingtor

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PUBLIC NOTICE #200290

2020 MOPED

2008 BMW 328I

2006 HONDA PILOT

2001 SUZUKI GSX

2017 SCOOTER

Trade Names

NOTICE IS given that articles of

incorporation that will incorporate

delivered to the Secretary of State

B4 & After ETC. Co. have been

for filing in accordance with the

Georgia Nonprofit Corporation

Code. The initial registered office

of the corporation is located at 60

agent at such address is Michelle L

Chandler Trace, Covington, GA,

30016 and its initial registered

PUBLIC NOTICE #200283

NOTICE IS given that articles of

incorporation that will incorporated

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5/5,12

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OCGA (40-11-2) the following

both picture and signature.

PUBLIC NOTICE #200193

LEGALS:

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ON AN "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse 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; covenants, and any other matters of record superior to said Security

TO THE best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owner and party in possession of ACE HOMES LLC, or tenants(s). THE SALE will be conducted subject

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 require Portfolio Servicing, Inc., Loss Mitigation Dept., 3217 S. Decker Lake Dr., Salt Lake City, UT 84119, Telephone Number: 888-818-6032. ATHENE ANNUITY AND LIFE OMPANY

AS ATTORNEY in Fact for MONIQUE THOMAS

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: Rubin Lublin, LLC, 3145 Avalon Ridge Place, Suite 100, Peachtree Corners, GA 30071

TELEPHONE NUMBER: (877) 813-0992 Case No. SPS-09-36501-9 AD RUN Dates 05/02/2021, 05/10/2021, 05/17/2021, 05/24/2021

PUBLIC NOTICE #200285 5/5,12,19,26

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE UNDER POWER **NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA**

Because of a default under the terms of the Security Deed executed by ROBERT A FAGAN, JR. to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Pacific Union Financial, LLC dated October 30, 2018, and recorded in Deed Book 3765, Page 565, as last modified in Deed Book 4162. Page 27, Newton County Records, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed to Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper, securing a Note in the original principal amount of \$220,000.00, the holder thereof pursuant to said Deed and Note thereby secured has declared the entire amount of said indebtedness due and payable and, pursuant to the power of sale contained in said Deed, will on the first Tuesday, June 1, 2021, during the legal hours of sale, before the Courthouse door in said County, sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, the property described in said Deed,

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 231, 9TH DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 9, THE SOUTH LINKS AT COVINGTON, PHASE

ONE, PER PLAT AT PLAT BOOK 37, PAGES 248-256, NEWTON COUNTY RECORDS, WHICH PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE. THIS PROPERTY IS KNOWN AS 105 S LINKS DRIVE, COVINGTON, GA 30014. Said property is known as 105 S Links Drive, Covington, GA 30014,

together with all fixtures and personal

property attached to and constituting

Said property will be sold subject to

any outstanding ad valorem taxes

a part of said property, if any.

or tenant(s)

LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP* Attorneys and Counselors at Law Suite 300 (770) 220-2535/jw

https://www.logs.com/ *THE LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Juvenile Court

IN THE INTEREST OF: SEX: MALE DOB: 03/25/2009 CASE#: 107-21J-0046 MINOR CHILD Under 18 Years of

SUMMONS

TO: TAMEKA Freeman and John Does, parent(s) of said minor child born to Tameka Freeman on the above-listed date.

alleging dependency.

Usher Street, Covington, GA

READ CAREFULLY THIS SUMMONS requires you to be

Juvenile Court.

THE CHILD or other parties involved

IF YOU want a lawyer, you may choose to hire your own lawyer. If

you want to hire a lawyer, PLEASE CONTACT your lawyer immediately.

IF YOU want a lawyer but are not

able to hire a lawyer without undue financial hardship, you

MAY ASK for a lawyer to be appointed to represent you. The Court would inquire into your financial circumstances and if the Court finds you to be financially

will be appointed to represent you.

IF YOU want a lawyer appointed to

(including taxes which are a lien, whether or not now due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any

set out above The proceeds of said sale will be applied to the payment of said indebtedness and all expenses of said sale as provided in said Deed, and the balance, if any, will be

assessments, liens, encumbrances,

covenants, and matters of record

superior to the Security Deed first

ordinances,

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 secured creditor

distributed as provided by law.

The property is or may be in the possession of Robert Fagan, a/k/a Robert A Fagan Jr. a/k/a Robert

Mortgage LLC d/b/a Nationstar Mr. Cooper as Attorney-in-Fact for Robert A Fagan, Jr. File no. 19-073509

211 Perimeter Center Parkway, N.E.,

PUBLIC NOTICE #200226

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

YOU ARE hereby notified that on January 29,2021, a Petition for Private Dependency was filed in this Court requesting that the minor child be placed in the care, custody and control of the Maternal Aunt. The petition alleges dependency based as defined in O.C.G.A. 15-11-2 (22). A Petition for Appointment of Permanent Guardian was filed with this court on January 29, 2021. You are hereby commanded and required to appear before the court on the 3rd day of June, 2021 at 2:00pm, to answer the allegations of the petition

A COPY of said Petition for Dependency can be obtained from the Clerk of the Newton County Juvenile Court, at the Judge Horace J. Johnson Jr. Judicial Center, 1132

present at a formal hearing in the

may be represented by a lawyer at all stages of these proceedings.

TO: unable to hire a lawyer, then a lawyer

represent you, you must let the Court or the officer of the COURT HANDLING this case know

that you want a lawyer immediately. WITNESS THE Honorable Hillary

W. Edgar, Associate Judge of said Court. This the 16th day of April,

PUBLIC NOTICE #200213 4/21,28-5/5,12

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

IN THE INTEREST OF: N.J. DOB: 06/15/2010 CASE #107-21J-0090 A CHILD Under 18 Years of Age

SUMMONS AND PROCESS

TO: QUATERRIOUS JEFFERSON, Mother

YOU ARE hereby notified that a Petition (Dependency) was filed in the Juvenile Court of Newton County on March 15, 2021, requesting that the minor child be placed in the care, custody and control of the Georgia acting by and through the Newton County Department of Family and Children Services.

YOU ARE hereby commanded, personally or by attorney, to be and appear at the Newton County Juvenile Court, 1132 Usher Street, NW, Covington, Georgia 30014, for a hearing to be held on the 10th day of June, 2021, at 1:00 p.m., then and there to answer why the prayers for relief as set forth in the Department's Petition should not be granted.

A COPY of said Petition (Dependency) can be obtained from the Clerk of the Newton County Juvenile Court, at the aforementioned address.

READ CAREFULLY

THIS IS a very serious matter. This Summons requires you to be present at a formal hearing in the Juvenile

THE CHILD or children and other parties involved may be represented by a lawyer at all stages of these proceedings.

IF YOU want a lawyer, you may choose to hire your own lawyer. If you want to hire a lawyer, please contact your lawyer immediately. If you want a lawyer but are not able to hire a lawyer without undue financial hardship, you may ask for a lawyer to be appointed to represent The Court would inquire into vour financial circumstances and if the Court finds you to be financially unable to hire a lawyer, then a lawyer will be appointed to represent you. Please contact immediately the Newton County Juvenile Court at 770-784-2060 if you wish to request a lawyer to be appointed to represent you. DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE DAY OF COURT TO REQUEST AN ATTORNEY.

WHETHER OR not you decide to hire an attorney, you have the right to attend the hearing of your case, to call witnesses on your behalf, and to question those witnesses brought against you. WITNESS THE Hon. Candice

Branche, Judge of said Court, this 19th day of April, 2021. JANELL GAINES

CLERK.

PUBLIC NOTICE #200225 4/28-5/5,12,19

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY

IN THE INTEREST OF: SEX: MALE

DOB: 10/15/2005 Case #107-21J-0118 A CHILD Under 18 Years of Age

STATE OF GEORGIA

SUMMONS AND PROCESS APRIL BEAL, Mother

YOU ARE hereby notified that a

on April 30, 2021, to change the name from: LILLIAN JOANN CASE to JOANN H. CASE ANY INTERESTED party has the **NEWTON COUNTY** Juvenile Court

right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after the Petition was filed.

4/30/2021

EUGENE M. Benton BENTON & Benton, LLC 218 ALCOVY Street **MONROE. GA** 30655 **BAR NO.** 053425

PUBLIC NOTICE #200330

THE COUNTY OF NEWTON,

5/12,19,26-6/2 IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR WILLOW BROOKE WHISENHUNT

STATE OF GEORGIA

ALEXANDRIA D. TURCOTTE, PETITIONER

CIVIL ACTION FILE NO. 2021-CV-

NOTICE OF NAME CHANGE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on the 8th day of April, 2021, ALEXANDRIA D. TURCOTTE filed a Petition in the Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia, seeking to change the name of her minor child from WILLOW BROOKE WIDSENHUNT TURCOTIE to WILLOW BROOKE Any interested or affected has the right to appear and file objections. At the expiration ofthIrty (30) days from the filing of the Petition, upon proof of publication, and if no objection is filed, the Court shall proceed to hear and determine all matters

THE BARKSDALE LAW FIRM **P. 0.** Box 81084 CONYERS, GA 30013 slbatty@bellsouth.net SHARON L. Barksdale Attorney for

Petitioner Georgia Bar No. 037981

8TH day of April 2021

PUBLIC NOTICE #200227 4/28-5/5,12,19

RAISED BY said Petition.

THIS

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

IN RE: the Name Change of **Antonio Marquis Heard**

ACTION SUCV2021001023

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF ADULT

PETITIONER

ANTONIO MARQUIS HEARD,

ANTONIO MARQUIS Heard filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on April 30, 2021, to change the name of Antonio Marquis Heard to Antonio Marquis ANY INTERESTED party has the

right to appear in this case and file objections within the time prescribed in O.C.G.A. §19-12-1(f)(2) and (3). THIS 30TH day of April, 2021. S/HARGER W. Hoyt

ATTORNEY FOR Petitioner **STATE BAR** No. 373125 **PUBLIC NOTICE #200297**

HARGER W. Hoyt

5/5,12,19,26 **Public Notice**

PUBLIC NOTICE

ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTENT TO DESTROY SPECIAL EDUCATION

RECORDS The Special Education Department of Newton County School System will destroy records that have been collected, maintained, and/or used in providing special education services. This activity is in compliance with federal, state and local policy. The destruction of data policy provides that records may be destroyed when they are no longer needed for educational planning purposes. STUDENTS WHO WILL BE

AFFECTED This policy only applies to SPECIAL **EDUCATION STUDENTS BORN IN** TO OBTAIN THESE EDUCATIONAL **RECORDS** REQUEST FOR RECORDS MUST

BE MADE PRIOR TO MAY 21, 2021

CONTACT THE Office of Special

Education at: Newton County Public

Schools - Board of Education,

2109 Newton Dr. N.E. Covington,

GA 30014 or by phone: (770)787-1330, Ext. 1221. Records will be

provided only to a former student

who is 18 years of age or older or

destruction

Half-Time Promises have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Business Corporation Code. The initial registered office of the corporation is located at 300 Bridges Way, Covington, GA, 30016, and its initial registered agent at such address is Neibert David.

PUBLIC NOTICE #200284 TRADE NAME

REGISTRATION AFFIDAVIT GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY TO WHOM It may Concern:

PLEASE BE advised that MONICA **GIBSON** , whose address is 45 GENTLE SPRING LANE COVINGTON GA 30016 and the owner(s) of the certain business now being carried on at 4165 CARROLL ST COVINGTON GA 30014 in the following trade name, to-wit: G & P FAMILY FLEA MARKET; and that the nature of said business is: RESELL FURNITURE/ FLEA MARKET This statement is made in conformity with O.C.G.A. §10-1-490 et seq. requiring the filing of such statement with the Clerk of Superior Court of this county. THIS THE 28th day of APRIL, 2021. PUBLIC NOTICE #200290

OAKS:

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Development calls for about 140,000 square feet of retail space; 142 single-family homes; townhomes and a 360-unit apartment complex, according to plans filed with the city.

Almost half of the 243acre site is in a floodplain but plans also call for reserving part of the site for a nine-hole golf course.

The redevelopment plan can only go forward if the City Council rezones the site at the corner of Brown Bridge and Crowell roads from its current mix of single-family residential and light retail zoning.

Porterdale annexed the site in 2005 by using a state law allowing it to use the Yellow River to connect its city limits north to the golf

The move allowed The Oaks to serve beer and wine in its restaurant at a time when the practice was not allowed in unincorporated Newton County.

Plenty of local business and sports history surrounds the land, including early golf legend Bobby Jones reportedly being one of the designers of the first course on the site in the 1930s.

Former Porterdale City Council member Rebecca Roseberry said in a 2005 story in The Covington News that the land had been the site of two dairies.

Bibb Manufacturing Co. developed the land along the Yellow River as a golf course for its employees in the 1930s.

It paid R.C. Crowell and others to remove rocks from the site for the course, Roseberry said.

Jones reportedly designed the first nine holes for the company. He was a friend of such prominent Newton residents as Charlie Elliott and liked to hunt and fish

in the county, according to The Oaks' history.

The famed golfer would win numerous tournaments in the early 20th century and was a founder of what would become Augusta National Golf Course and The Masters Tournament.

The mill company, however, eventually relinquished the site as part of its retreat from the Porterdale area in the mid- and late 20th century. The site continued to operate as a golf course but was eventually allowed to grow wild through the 1980s, according to a history published on The Oaks website.

An Atlanta-based group, The Oaks Associates, then bought the land in 1989 and hired Richard Schulz to design a new course and restore it.

Schulz said the land already was zoned for residential uses and one developer already had plans for a new subdivision on the site before the partnership developed the course.

The Oaks opened in August 1990 as a nine-hole course and eventually expanded to an 18-hole facility with driving range and putting green, according to a history of the course.

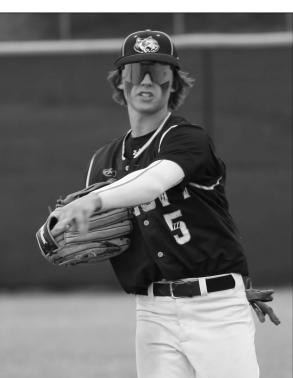
The Oaks added Putters Restaurant and the Champions Room — including a kitchen, bar, banquet room, locker room and second floor — to the clubhouse in the late 1990s.

The Oaks has hosted numerous golf tournaments as well as charity events that helped the Cure Foundation raise nearly \$1 million and a Miracle Field charity event in 2009 that raised more than \$20,000.

Recent charity events have included an August 2020 tournament to benefit the Almon J. Turner Foundation.

Prep Baseball





File | Mason Wittner | The Covington News

Senior infielder Raquis Holmes (left) and freshman outfielder Reece Payne (right) were Alcovy's representatives on the All-Region 3-AAAAA First Team this spring.

4 Tigers earn All-Region honors

By MASON WITTNER mwittner@covnews.com

A handful of Alcovy Tigers earned extra

stripes on the diamond this spring. Four Tigers landed on the 2021 All-Region

with two more earning nods as Honorable

3-AAAAA Team that was released Friday,

Mentions. Infielder Raquis Holmes and outfielder

Reece Payne were named to the First Team All-Region. Lamar Williams was named to the Second Team All-Region as an outfielder, while teammate Connor Coursey received the same recognition as a pitcher.

Jayden Bishop and Hunter Parker were Alcovy's representatives as All-Region Honorable Mentions.

The Tigers posted an 8-22 record in 2021 and just missed out on the postseason with a fifth-place finish in the region. Their season was highlighted by a three-game sweep of Rockdale County, the club's first season sweep of a region opponent since 2016.

COUGARS:

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Mask earned the win pitching five innings and striking out six batters. David Bishop worked the final two frames and had three strikeouts.

"Our pitching has carried us all year," Britt said. "Cameron wad dominant in the first game of the series and Gavin threw really well in the second game even though his fastball was not as sharp as it has been. His slider was effective though."

Piedmont will now host Brentwood in a best-of-three semifinal series on Thursday with games beginning at 1 p.m. A third game, if necessary, would be Saturday at noon, also hosted by the Cougars.

Britt said his team's pitching depth should be an advantage as Piedmont continues in the postseason. The Cougars are the number one seed overall with Brentwood entering the matchup at number four. The Eagles swept Southwest Georgia in the quarterfinals.

Brentwood and Piedmont split the regular season series.

Second-seeded Gatewood will host third-seeded Terrell in the other semifinal matchup. The winners will meet at Mercer University for the state championship series.

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Birmingham, Alabama, in September 2016. About 336,000 gallons of gas were spilled.

Federal documents showed the company reported five spills in Alabama in 2016 alone.

In 2020, the federal Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration fined Colonial \$61,000 stemming from a 2016 investigation into training inadequacies at its Alpharetta headquarters.

The company failed to evaluate the performance of several workers whose actions contributed to

several accidents. Colonial also failed to document all the details contributing to the accidents, NC Policy Watch reported.

It also listed citations and fines to the company for lack of training and following procedures between 2012 and 2019.

I think it's time this nation finds an alternative to dealing with Colonial's business operations before another foreign group disrupts our fuel supply again.

Tom Spigolon is news editor of The Covington BRIDGES:

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to dive head first into the proverbial empty pool that

awaited them. During that pre-graduation cookout I vividly recall a

conversion with a classmate. "You know things will never be like this again," he

said to me. "I know," was my response. "I know."

Following graduation several members of my class went on a senior trip to Panama City Beach. We stayed several days and soaked up the Florida sun and each other's company as a group for the last time.

Some of my classmates I have not seen since that trip. Others I have kept in touch

with even though I live an hour from my hometown. Some are even experiencing our alma mater in a different way now as their own children are students at the same place walking the hallways we used to.

I always tell high school seniors to not rush the end of this chapter of their lives. It will end soon enough as some continue their education, some enter the military and some immediately go in the work force.

A while back I asked a former classmate what he missed most about being

"Not paying bills," was his immediate answer.

As the diplomas are handed out to the Class of 2021, I think back to the Class of 1989 and its graduation night. Since graduating there have certainly been good times but there is always the stress of work, paying bills and, for

most, a family of their own. The carefree days of youth at times seem light years behind us and there still is no

Chris Bridges is a former sports editor of The Walton Tribune and The Covington News. You can email comments about this column to pchrisbridges@gmail.com.

time machine in sight.

City of Porterdale Rezoning & Future Land Use Map Amendment Request

Infinity Homes and Development, LLC of 1121 Floyd Street, Covington, GA 30014 has submitted the following rezoning requests to the City of Porterdale:

Map P044 Parcel 050, 11240 Brown Bridge Road, 263.24 acres from R-2 (Single Family Residential) and CN (Commercial Neighborhood) to R-2 (Single Family Residential), R-3 (Multi-Family Residential), and CG (Commercial General)

Map P043 Parcel 056, N. Crowell Road (Undeveloped), 5.26 acres from R-2 (Single Family Residential) to R-3 (Multi-Family Residential) and CN (Commercial Neighborhood)

Map P044 Parcel 061, 216 Crowell Road, 1.5 acres from R-2 (Single Family Residential) to R-3 (Multi-Family Residential)

Concurrently, Infinity Homes and Development, LLC of 1121 Floyd Street, Covington, Ga 30014 has submitted the following future land use map amendment requests to the City of Porterdale:

Map P044 Parcel 050, 11240 Brown Bridge Road, 263.24 acres from Commercial Corridor, Conservation, and Active Recreation to Active Recreation, Conservation, Neighborhood Residential, Mixed Use and Commercial Corridor

Map P043 Parcel 056, N. Crowell Road, 5.26 acres from Commercial Node to Commercial Node and Neighborhood Residential

Map P044 Parcel 061, 216 Crowell Road, 1.5 acres from Active Recreation to Mixed Use

The public hearings are scheduled as follows: The Zoning Board will hear and consider this request at their June 1, 2021 meeting at 6:30 pm at the Old Porterdale Gymnasium at 2201 Main Street. The City Council will consider this request at their June 7, 2021 meeting at 6:30 pm at City Hall; located at 2800 Main Street.

Anyone needing accommodation please contact City Hall at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

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SPORTS

The Covington News

2021 FOOTBALL **SCHEDULE**

The GHSA last week released its master schedule for the 2021 prep football season. The complete slate of games for the four local squads can be seen below.

Alcovy Tigers

8/13 - Stockbridge 8/20 - @ North Forsyth 8/27 - Newton 9/10 - @ Eastside 9/24 - @ Rockdale County 10/1 - @ Lowndes 10/8 - @ Colquitt County 10/15 - Grovetown 10/22 - @ Lakeside-Evans 10/29 - @ Heritage-Conyers 11/6 - Evans

Eastside Eagles

8/27 - @ Winder-Barrow 9/3 - @ Newton 9/10 - Alcovy 9/17 - Johnson-Gainesville 9/24 - @ Apalachee 10/1 - Clarke Central 10/8 - Loganville 10/22 - @ Jackson County 10/29 - @ Walnut Grove 11/5 - Greenbrier

Newton Rams

8/20 - @ Hughes 8/27 - @ Alcovy 9/3 - Eastside 9/17 - @ McEachern 9/24 - Houston County 10/1 - Parkview 10/15 - @ Brookwood 10/22 - Mill Creek 10/29 - Grayson 11/5 - @ South Gwinnett

Social Circle Redskins

8/20 - George Walton Academy 8/27 - Providence Christian 9/3 - @ Walnut Grove 9/10 - @ Putnam County 9/17 - Oglethorpe County 10/1 - @ Washington-Wilkes 10/8 - Lincoln County 10/22 @ Commerce 10/29 - Towns County 11/5 - @ Green County



Prep Baseball



Mason Wittner | The Covington News

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

Social Circle sophomore Mason Moore (pictured) was named the Region 8-A Player of the Year for his breakout campaign with the Redskins this spring. He finished the regular season batting .531 with 19 RBI and a .610 on-base percentage.

Redskins rack up All-Region nods

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Social Circle's first season in

Class A-Public exceed expectations. The Redskins outperformed projections in spite of a lack of experience on their roster —fielding just two upperclassmen: one junior, one senior. They reeled off 11 wins in their first 12 region games, climbing their way to the top of league standings in early April. Their efforts resulted in a state playoff berth and a first-round upset of Taylor County before seeing their season ended by top-seeded ACE Charter.

Social Circle put its entire classification on notice about what's to come in the future. And, when it came time to put together the All-Region 8-A Public Team, it became evident other coaches paid attention.

Sophomore Mason Moore was

named the Region 8-A Player of the Year for his red-hot performance at the plate. Moore finished the season batting .531 with a .610 on-base percentage. He registered 19 RBI for a Redskin squad that piled up 217 runs over 29 regular-season

Three Redskins landed themselves on the First Team All-Region list. Sophomore Mitchell McCullough was named First Team All-Region Catcher; sophomore Logan Cross earned First Team All-Region Infield honors; sophomore Brayden Mitchell was listed among First Team All-Region outfielders.

In addition to his work behind the dish, McCullough batted a .338 clip and got on base .444 percent of the time while also piling up 25 RBI. Cross batted .349 with a .455 onbase percentage and 13 RBI, while

Mitchell's glove was complimented by his .297 average, .366 OBP and 19 RBI.

Freshman Landon Davis (.273 AVG; .368 OBP; 11 RBI) was named a Second Team All-Region infielder.

Social Circle rode the arms of sophomore Ty Lemaster and junior Jason Ball all season long. Lemaster pitched 41 innings for the Redskins, recording 38 strikeouts and posted a 3.76 ERA. Ball struck out 54 over 44 innings of work to bolster his 4.45 ERA. Their impressive resumes earned them nods as Second Team All-Region pitchers.

Rounding out the list of Social Circle honorees was freshman Mason Hill, who was named an All-Region Honorable Mention after batting .302 with a .338 OBP and 11



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Cougars sweep Briarwood in quarterfinals By CHRIS BRIDGES

Correspondent MONTICELLO, Ga. — The name of

the game is win and advance when it comes to the state baseball playoffs.

The Piedmont Academy Cougars did just that on Saturday, sweeping Briarwood Academy, 10-0 and 8-2, in the GISA Class AA state quarterfinals. The Cougars (15-5 overall) will now host Brentwood this week in the semifinals.

"We came out and played really well in first game," head coach Matt Britt said. "We struggled to adjust some offensively in the second game. We

pitched really well and did enough defensively to get the win."

Britt's team took early control in Game 1 Saturday scoring five runs in the bottom of the first inning and three more in the second. Runs in the fourth and fifth innings closed the door on the first game of the home

doubleheader.

The Cougars had 12 hits in the opener while Cameron Mobley held the Buccaneers to just one hit. Mobley was dominant on the pitcher's mound recording 12 of the 15 outs by strikeout.

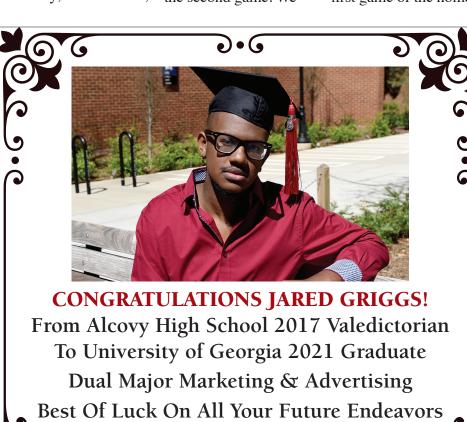
Mobley helped his own cause with two hits at the plate. Ryan Holder and Gavin Mask also added a pair of hits. Mask drove in three runs while Holder and Hudson Reed both had two RBI. Tanner Locklear drew two walks.

Piedmont led 8-0 in Game 2 going into the seventh inning when Briarwood scored its only two runs of the series. The Cougars collected 10 hits as compared to three for the Buccaneers.

Mobley, Holder and Jeb Satterfield each had two hits in Saturday's second contest while Holder had three RBI. Brody Anderson also drove in a run.

Defensively the second game was sloppy as the teams combined for 10 errors.

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Garlic makes a delicious addition to various meals. Though some people may avoid garlic because of its potential to contribute to bad breath, doing so means people may miss out on some surprising health benefits produced by this powerful, if pungent, bulb.

Garlic bolsters the immune system. A 2015 review published in the Journal of Immunology Research found that garlic appears to enhance the functioning of the immune system by stimulating certain cell types. A strong immune system helps people fight germs that can lead to colds and other illnesses.

Garlic can have a positive effect on blood pressure. According to the Cleveland Clinic, researchers believe that red blood cells turn the sulfur in garlic into hydrogen sulfide gas that expands the blood vessels. That makes it easier

to regulate blood pressure. That's no minor benefit, as the American Heart Association notes that high blood pres-

> Get past the bad breath! Garlic can provide a positive impact to a consumer's immune system.

sure can contribute to heart disease and stroke.

Garlic can benefit the skin. Allicin is a compound that is produced when garlic is crushed or chopped. According to

the online health and wellness resource MedLife, allicin benefits the body in various ways, including killing the bacteria that causes acne.

Garlic may help reduce lead levels in the body. A 2012 study published in the journal Basic & Clinical Pharmacology & Toxicology studied the potentially therapeutic effects of garlic on 117 workers in the car battery industry. The clinical signs and symptoms of lead poisoning were significantly higher among workers who were not treated with garlic compared to those who were. Authors of the study concluded that garlic can be recommended for the treatment of mild-to-moderate lead poisoning.

Garlic can make for a nutritious addition to any meal, and some of its many health benefits may surprise even the most ardent supporters of this unique

Gluten-free snickerdoodles made easy, tasty

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Gluten-free diets are a necessity for people who have Celiac's Disease, a condition that causes an immune reaction in the small intestine from eating gluten. This reaction causes damage to the small intestines that can lead to pain and other symptoms. Going gluten-free also is a choice for people who experience other reactions to eating gluten products that are not related to Celiac's, or have been instructed to do so on the advice of their nutri-

It used to be that gluten-free cooking, especially baking, was extremely limited and the results may have not tasted much like gluten-containing counterparts. However, thanks to recipe experimentation and new flour blends on the market, baking gluten-free breakfast items, breads and desserts is much easier and tastier — as is the case with "Gluten-Free Buttery Snickerdoodles," courtesy of King Arthur Baking Company.

These flavor-packed cinna-

mon cookies are sure to wow

tionists or doctors.



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friends and family at gatherings, like spring picnics or Memorial Day Celebrations, even if they don't need to follow gluten-free living.

Gluten-Free Buttery Snickerdoodles

Yields 42, approximately 2 1/2-inch cookies

Dough:

8 tablespoons unsalted butter, at room temperature*

3/4 cup sugar 1 large egg

1 teaspoon vanilla extract 1/2 teaspoon salt*

1 teaspoon baking powder

1 1/3 cups Gluten-Free Measure for Measure Flour

*If you use salted butter, decrease the salt to 1/4 teaspoon

Coating:

2 tablespoons sugar

1 to 1 1/2 teaspoons cinnamon, to taste

Directions:

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Lightly grease (or line sheets.

with parchment) two baking To make the cookies: Beat together the butter and sugar

until smooth. Add the egg,

beating until smooth. Beat in

the vanilla, salt, and baking powder. Add the flour, mixing until totally incorporated.

To make the coating: Shake together the sugar and cinnamon in a medium-sized zip-top plastic bag.

Drop small (1-inch diameter) balls of dough into the bag; a teaspoon cookie scoop works well here. Roll/toss the cookies in the cinnamon-sugar until they're completely coated.

Space the cookies at least 11/2 apart on the prepared baking sheets. Use a flat-bottom glass to flatten them to about 3/8 thick; they'll be about 11/2 in diameter.

Bake the cookies for 8 minutes (for soft cookies) to 10 minutes (for crunchier cookies). Remove them from the oven, and cool them on the pan until they're firm enough to transfer to a rack to cool completely.

Store any leftover cookies, well wrapped, at room temperature for several days;

freeze for longer storage. Tip: If you prefer chewier cookies, chill the dough before making into cookies and do not press the snickerdoodles as thin.



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Having nutritious snacking choices on hand can tame hunger in a healthy way.

Curb hunger with healthy snacking

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Who hasn't been spending more time at home lately? Many families have perfected the balance of managing a household in which kids may be engaged in virtual learning while Mom and Dad are putting in a full day's work from the home office. At several points during the day, families need to recharge. Having nutritious snacking choices on hand can tame hunger in a healthy way.

Plan and shop

Start with a plan and then head to the store with a shopping list in hand. You will be less likely to purchase unhealthy options on impulse if you stick to a shopping list.

Balance prepackaged and homemade

Homemade snacks are advantageous because you can customize ingredients to account for allergies or other needs. But commercially produced snacks are very convenient because they're ready to eat right out of the package. According to Good Housekeeping, many food manufacturers have been stepping up their games and offering tasty and healthy nonperishable foods. Just be sure to read labels, paying attention to sodium and sugar content and other pertinent nutri-

tional information. When choosing snacks, pick a few different options that appeal to savory, salty and sweet cravings. Portion out these snacks so the temptation for overindulgence is limited.

Choose among the healthiest options

Stock the pantry and refrigerator with an array of healthy snacking options.

- Nuts and their butters: Nuts are nutritional powerhouses that provide filling protein, fiber, healthy fats, and many different vitamins and minerals.
- Popcorn: Plain, airpopped popcorn is full of fiber, making it a filling snack. Without toppings like butter, popcorn can be low in calories.
- Fruit: Whether fresh, frozen, pureed or dried, fruit is a must-have.
- Sliced vegetables: Slice carrots, celery, cucumbers, and sweet peppers.
- Hummus: Hummus is a filling and tasty dip. Made from nutrient-dense chick peas, it can be enhanced with different flavors.
- Whole-grain chips: Opt for whole-grain chips that blend a variety of grains into the mix. Avoid products with hydrogenated

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