

SPORTS:

GOWAN TO CARDINALS

Another Newton County product selected in the NFL Draft.

See A8



Follow us for breaking updates



and stay informed on local issues at CovNews.com



His Word

As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you; and ye shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

Isaiah 66:13, KJV

Crime: Newton County

Mansfield man connected to Gilmer County murder

GBI says suspect had victim's car — previously reported stolen

By TOM SPIGOLON

tspigolon@covnews.com

COVINGTON, Ga. — A Mansfield resident is in the Newton County jail on charges related to the murder of a taxi driver in north Georgia on April 20. Calvin Harvard, 28, was being held Monday without bond after his Thursday,

April 29, arrest on charges of Tampering with Evidence and Theft by Receiving Stolen Property. The charges are related to the murder of Rossana Delgado, 37, whose body was found in Gilmer County. The Bethlehem resident worked part-time for a taxi company and was last seen

more than 80 miles from where her body was found. Investigators said Harvard had Delgado's red Ford Focus, which had been reported stolen, and a white Ford F150 and white Buick Regal that both belonged to one of the five suspects in her murder, according to a GBI spokesperson.



Calvin Harvard

against Harvard, and additional arrests are anticipated

All three vehicles were being processed for evidence in the investigation, the GBI reported. Additional charges were expected

in the case, a news release stated. Harvard, whose last employer was listed as a metals company, had a series of previous arrests dating to 2018, according to jail records. The GBI discovered the victim after the Gilmer County Sheriff's Office conducted a welfare check at See CONNECTED, A3

Crime: Covington

High speed pursuit

Local robbery suspects arrested after chase in central Georgia

By TOM SPIGOLON

tspigolon@covnews.com

COVINGTON, Ga. — An 18-year-old was in the Newton County jail Monday after allegedly helping a Virginia man rob a Covington store and leading state officers on a high speed chase in middle Georgia Saturday. Jahshenique Celia Letang, 18, whose address was listed as Austell, and Da'Von Nigel Cumberbatch, 22, of Fredericksburg, Virginia, were arrested in Houston County after wrecking the SUV they were traveling in as they tried to elude State Patrol officers during a chase on I-75 that reached 125 mph, a spokesman said. Covington Police reported being called Saturday, May 1, at about 9:30 a.m. to a report of an armed robbery at the AT&T Store at 11172 Georgia Hwy. 142, said spokesman Capt. Ken Malcom. The suspects reportedly were wearing face masks and hoodies and were armed with Taser devices. They took a "large number" of phones and left the store walking in the direction of Lochridge Boulevard in the rear of the store, Malcom said. Georgia State Patrol officers later saw a white Honda SUV — which they had been told may have been involved in the robbery — traveling southbound on I-75 near Perry in Houston County at a high rate of speed, Malcom said. The State Patrol attempted to stop the vehicle but it fled on I-75 southbound reaching speeds up to 125 mph, Malcom said. The vehicle wrecked near exit 127 on I-75 south of Perry in Houston County and the two occupants were taken into custody, Malcom said. Covington Police Detective Lt. Brent Fuesting recovered 46

See PURSUIT, A3

Newton County National Action Network



From left, Tax Commissioner Marcus Jordan, County Commissioner J.C. Henderson, School Board member Anderson Bailey, Sheriff Ezell Brown and School Board member Eddie Johnson were among local elected officials congratulating the Newton County National Action Network (NAN) chapter on its efforts to provide scholarships.

Jordan backs Newton NAN

STAFF REPORTS

news@covnews.com

COVINGTON, Ga. — Newton County Tax Commissioner Marcus Jordan recently joined other elected officials in supporting the Newton County National Action Network (NAN) chapter's scholarship pro-

gram. Jordan congratulated chapter President Archie Shepherd and the membership for their efforts to provide scholarships to high school and college students for college tuition, fees, books, and supplies. NAN's local mission is to provide

value to the community by helping vulnerable families and children access the resources and opportunities they need to build a better future, a news release stated. Nationally, NAN works within the See JOINS, A3

Education

Bar associations award scholarships to area students

STAFF REPORTS

news@covnews.com

Students from Newton, Rockdale and Walton counties have been named recipients of some area bar associations' Horace J. Johnson Jr. Beyond the Bar Scholarship. The Beyond the Bar Foundation awarded the \$1,000 scholarships. Recipients from or near Newton County include: • Chad Helton, who is graduating with honors from Social Circle High School and will be attending Georgia College and State University in the fall. • Zoe Mayo, a top 10



Chad Helton

graduate of Newton High School, plans on attending Spelman College. • Natalia Sanchez, who is Alcovy High School's 2021 Salutatorian and will further her education at the University of Georgia. Others include Terrell Wright of Walnut Grove High School in Walton



Zoe Mayo

County who will continue his education at Mercer University; Gabrielle Wood, the 2021 Valedictorian of the Rockdale Magnet School for Science and Technology who will attend Howard University; and James Rhee, an honor graduate of Heritage High School in Rockdale who



Natalia Sanchez

will attend Boston University. The Beyond the Bar Foundation is a collaborative effort between the New Rock Legal Society, Newton County Bar Association, Rockdale County Bar Association and Walton County Bar Association to help students further their education at an accredited college or technical school. "We had an increased number of stellar applications this year and we were impressed with the level of excellence in the students competing for the See AWARD, A3



Inside

Piedmont acquires Eastside in Snellville, 3 other HCA hospitals

See A2

Weather Forecast



Wednesday, May 5  
High: 78° Low: 53°  
• 30% chance of rain.



Thursday, May 6  
High: 76° Low: 51°  
• Sunny and clear.

Index

Local news, A2  
Opinions, A4  
Classifieds, A5  
Legals, A5  
Business, A7  
Sports, A8  
Food, B1  
Mothers, C1



## Health Care

# Piedmont acquires 4 HCA hospitals

By DAVE WILLIAMS  
Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA — Piedmont Healthcare has signed an agreement to buy hospitals in Snellville, Cartersville and Macon from HCA Healthcare Inc. for about \$950 million, the two companies announced Monday, May 3.

Pending regulatory approval, Piedmont will acquire Eastside Medical Center in Snellville; Cartersville Medical Center in Cartersville; and Coliseum Medical Centers and Coliseum Northside, both in Macon. The companies are targeting July 31 for a closing date.

"This is an exciting opportunity for Piedmont," said Kevin Brown, president and CEO of Piedmont Healthcare. "HCA Healthcare has instilled a high standard of care into these facilities, and we are proud that they



Special to The Covington News  
**Eastside Medical Center is a 310-bed hospital in Snellville.**

have trusted Piedmont to continue this legacy."

The four HCA Healthcare hospitals were not able to fully benefit from a broader HCA presence in their communities, Nashville-based HCA stated in a news release.

"Given Piedmont Healthcare's history of serving the region's health care needs, the affiliation will better position the hospitals

to continue providing excellent care to their patients," the release stated.

"At the same time, the transaction provides strategic value to HCA Healthcare by increasing financial flexibility in investments in ongoing and future initiatives in core markets."

Eastside Medical Center is a 310-bed two-campus system of

care. The North Campus has 229 beds supporting acute care services, including a 46-bed emergency department.

The South Campus offers a 61-bed inpatient psychiatric center, 20-bed inpatient rehabilitation facility, and an 11-bed emergency department.

Coliseum Health System includes two acute care hospitals: Coliseum Medical Centers with 310 beds and Coliseum Northside with 103 beds. In addition, Coliseum operates an ambulatory surgery center in Macon with three operating rooms.

Cartersville Medical Center is a 119-bed acute care hospital that includes a 43-bed emergency department with a level III trauma center.

Piedmont has operated Piedmont Newton Hospital in Covington since 2015.

## City of Covington

## Tucker firm to replace Frontage Road bridge

STAFF REPORTS  
news@covnews.com

COVINGTON, Ga. — Tucker-based Georgia Bridge and Concrete will reconstruct the 84-year-old bridge and approaches on Frontage Road over the Yellow River by September 2022.

Drivers will be detoured along I-20 during construction, GDOT announced Tuesday. No start date was given.

The existing bridge, built in 1937, is structurally deficient and must be replaced, a GDOT news release stated.

Raising the roadway profile to meet design standards mandated a closure, since an on-site option would impact the I-20 alignment, the river, a pump station and trailer park.

The proposed project will begin approximately 550 feet west of the existing bridge and extends east 550 feet for 0.27 miles, the release stated. As proposed, the 320-foot long by 43.25-foot wide bridge will include two walls along the approaches south of the road to minimize impacts to a pump station and trailer park.

The \$3.065 million I-20 Exit 88 interchange area project requires an interstate detour once underway. Frontage Road is a major east-west route to and from downtown Covington, carrying more than 9,000 vehicles per day.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

For more information, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) or call 800-733-2767.

• **Farmers Market opening day** is set for May 11 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Denny Dobbs Park at 6252 Hwy. 212 in Covington. Newton County Parks and Recreations will host the weekly event which will feature fresh fruits and vegetables, baked goods and more every Tuesday from a variety of farms and vendors.

For more information, call 770-786-4373 or email [jmeert@co.newton.ga.us](mailto:jmeert@co.newton.ga.us).

• **Bicentennial Service Day Community Cleanup** for Board of Commissioners District 2 is set for 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.org](http://keepnewtonbeautiful.org).

For more information, call 770-784-2015 or email [newton-clean@co.newton.ga.us](mailto:newton-clean@co.newton.ga.us).

[clean@co.newton.ga.us](mailto:clean@co.newton.ga.us).

• **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.

The sale is open to the public. Come shop teacher appreciation gifts, graduation 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 Covington.

For more information or to register to donate, please visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

• **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.

• **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](http://spiritonline.ymcaatlanta.org). For more information, call 770-787-3908 or visit <https://www.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.

Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center is managed by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources.

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

Submit your events to [news@covnews.com](mailto:news@covnews.com) or mail to 1166 Usher St., Covington, GA 30014

## Education

## Public, private schools' students compete in regional, state science fairs



Special to The Covington News

**Peachtree Academy students Brandon Burda, Jack Gambino and Maya Hammond recently competed in the 2021 Georgia Association of Private and Parochial Schools (GAPPS) Virtual Region Science Fair. Hammond, a sixth grader, won first place.**



Special to The Covington News

**From left, Newton County Theme School (NCTS) students Alexander Ehret earned honorable mention and Kathryn Wilber second place for their projects in the recent 2021 Georgia Science and Engineering Fair.**

**COLDWELL BANKER**  
GMR

10205 Industrial Blvd.  
Suite D  
Covington, GA  
770-787-8400

Buying or Selling -  
Tami Moody,  
Broker  
404-732-8228  
Your Vision is  
Our Mission.

## THE NEWS' FIRST RESPONDER OF THE WEEK



**Kei'Ana Sims**

Sims is a 911 Communications Technician for the Covington-Newton County 911 Center. She has worked at the center since October 2018. She is a Georgia POST certified communications officer and was awarded Rookie of the Year by the local 911 center.



Stan Edwards  
Agent and Branch Manager  
[sedwards@jedtinsurance.com](mailto:sedwards@jedtinsurance.com)

**JEDT**  
JONES, EWING, DOBBS, & TAMPLIN, INC.

JEDT is proud of and thankful for all of our first responders.  
To you we say, "Thank You."

We have been in Covington and Newton County since 1954 so you can trust us with your commercial or personal insurance needs.

Call today at 770-786-6691 or email us at [sedwards@jedtinsurance.com](mailto:sedwards@jedtinsurance.com).

Know someone who deserves this honor? Send your nominations for First Responder of the Week to us at [news@covnews.com](mailto:news@covnews.com).



## Newton County Schools

# Area students selected for 2021 All-State Band

## Alcovy musician first in school history to receive the honor

### STAFF REPORTS

news@covnews.com

Alcovy High School's Taylor Stevens and Newton High School's Ja'Briel Anderson recently received statewide honors when they were selected for the 2021 Georgia All State Band.

Stevens, a senior at Alcovy, plays the euphonium and has also served as drum major of the school's marching band. Anderson is a sophomore and plays the tuba for the Newton Sound Factory.

According to Alcovy High School band director Brian Coates, this marks the first time in the school's 14-year history that a student from Alcovy has earned All-State Band accolades.

"Taylor was not only chosen but also ranked as the No. 3 baritone in the state among 11th- and 12th-grade

students," said Coates. "This was an extremely rigorous process including two separate rounds of auditions and only a handful of students were selected for each category."

Newton High School band director Jason Smith praised his student for also earning All-State recognition.

"Ja'Briel is an exceptional musician who works hard to gain the success he enjoys," said Smith. "He puts in the time to perfect his craft and I'm excited to see his diligence and work ethic is paying off."

Stevens, who has been in band for seven years, since her middle school days at Indian Creek, said she knew from a young age that she wanted to learn to play a musical instrument.

"Since I was little I've al-



Special to The Covington News

**From left are 2021 Georgia All State Band honorees Taylor Stevens of Alcovy High School and Ja'Briel Anderson of Newton High School.**

ways had a passion for music and I just felt that band was an amazing way to express myself and find out more about myself as I developed over the years," she said.

Anderson joined band in middle school as well. He said his interest was actually sparked in elementary school though.

"When I got to fifth grade music class, we were given recorders to play and that's when I started liking music a lot more," he said. "I knew I

wanted to try out for middle school band at Liberty."

Both said they were extremely excited and honored to learn they had been chosen for All-State Band.

"I was asleep and got an email from my band director stating in all caps, 'Taylor you made All-State,'" Stevens said. "I just immediately started tearing up because it's something I've just worked so hard for and being that it's my last year, this was my last shot and I finally

succeeded in what I pursued for a long time."

Anderson said he was in a Zoom class when he got the news.

"My band director said one person made it and I was so nervous," he said. "Then he said it was me and I was so excited and so proud of myself."

Although due to COVID-19, there will be no live performances for All-State Band this year, both students said they were very proud to have been selected and each will continue to pursue their musical paths.

Anderson will continue to perform in the Newton Sound Factory while Taylor is headed to the University of Alabama's School of Music.

"Congratulations to both Taylor and Ja'Briel," said Samantha Fuhrey, superintendent of the Newton County School System.

"I am so very proud of both of them for this fantastic accomplishment..."

## CONNECTED:

Continued from A1

a residence in Cherry Log and contacted the state agency.

Delgado was reported as a missing person in Barrow County on April 16 after being last seen at a DeKalb County mall the same day.

The mother of two told her husband she

was dropping off a passenger and would be home soon. When Delgado did not return home that night, she was reported missing, according to People.com.

According to 11Alive.com, Delgado's husband traced

his wife's last moves through her phone. A bloody face mask was found at one of the locations where she had been.

Five suspects were still at large in the case, and the GBI was seeking the public's assistance in identify-

ing a woman in a photo taken from a video, the release stated.

The suspects wanted in connection with the murder are Megan Alyssa Colone, 30, of Stone Mountain, Juan Ayala-Rodriguez, 35, of Gainesville, Oscar Manuel Garcia, 26, of

Austell, and Mario Alberto Barbosa-Juarez, 29, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

GBI investigators believe the four suspects plus a fifth suspect, that has yet to be identified, may no longer be in Georgia, the release stated.

Colone may be traveling under the alias, Grace Beda, and is believed to be traveling with her minor children. Authorities nationwide have been alerted about the suspects, the release stated.

## PURSUIT:

Continued from A1

iPhones, one iPad, a trash bag the employee stated the assailants took from the store cabinet, boxes with the store's mailing address, and a white hoodie.

Cumberbatch and Letang

were each charged with Armed Robbery in relation to the Saturday incident in Covington. Cumberbatch already was facing an active warrant for his arrest on a traffic violation in Newton

County, Malcom said.

"The two arrests so far are the result of the excellent work by our partners with the Georgia State Patrol and members of our 911 Center, Patrol Team, and C.I.D.,"

Malcom said.

In addition to his Covington charges, Cumberbatch was being held in the Houston County Jail in Perry today without bond on a series of charges apparently related

to fleeing from a law enforcement officer Saturday.

Malcom said the case was still under investigation.

## AWARD:

Continued from A1

scholarship," said Newton County Superior Court Judge Cheveda McCamy, the foundation's president.

The four bar associations formed the foundation in 2019 as a way for local attorneys to give back to youth in Rockdale, Newton and Walton counties. The scholarship was renamed in honor of Judge

Horace J. Johnson Jr. who died in July 2020.

Johnson served as Superior Court judge in the Alcovy Judicial Circuit from 2002 until his death. He was a champion of community service, specifically helping local youth.

"These students have outstanding academics and extracurricular

activities," McCamy said. "We had a committee of five veteran lawyers who reviewed the applications and we were blown away by these students' essays and commitment to public service."

To learn more information about the scholarship or receive an application for next year, contact BTBScholarship@gmail.com.

## JOINS:

Continued from A1

spirit and tradition of Martin Luther King Jr. to promote a modern civil rights agenda that includes the fight for one standard of justice, decency and equal opportunities for all people regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, citizenship, criminal record, economic status, gender, gender expression or sexuality, according to its website.

# BUSINESS DIRECTORY

## AQUATICS

**Aquatic Wonders** AQUARIUM MAINTENANCE & FISH SALES  
FRESHWATER | SALTWATER | AQUARIUM TRANSPORT  
PLEASE CALL OR TEXT US TO INQUIRE  
**404-916-2644**  
~ JAMES SCOTT JR., OWNER  
CATCH US ONLINE  
@AQUATICWONDERSLLC  
WWW.AQUATICWONDERS.NET

## HEALTH CARE

**ADVIR HEALTH CARE SYSTEMS**  
Immediate Opening for CNA or PCA in Covington.  
Shifts available: Sun, Mon, Tues & Wed 8:00am to 2:30pm & PRN.  
Shifts also available in Atlanta, College Park, Decatur & Ellenwood.  
If interested in positions go to [www.advirhealthcare.com](http://www.advirhealthcare.com) and click on careers to apply for interview or call 404-348-2643 ext 702.

## RETAIL

**A & A's Outlet**  
aandasoutlet@gmail.com  
10152 WASHINGTON ST SW | COVINGTON, GA 30014  
470-444-1010  
M,T,T,F,S 9-5 | W 9-12  
Diapers, Medical Supplies, Lysol, Toys, Masks, Laundry Detergent, Health & Beauty, Vanities, Essentials (Toothpaste, Tissue, Mouthwash, Deodorant), Snacks, Beverages & Much More.

## HEALTH

**Georgia Heart Specialists**  
Busy cardiology office is hiring for a full time Certified Medical Assistant/LPN. Knowledge of EPIC is a plus.  
Hours are M-F 8-5pm.  
Please email or fax resumes to [britmorgan2014@gmail.com](mailto:britmorgan2014@gmail.com) or fax it to 678-729-0122.

## AUTOMOTIVE

**JUST AUTO CAR CARE**  
NEW LOCATION!  
Less than 10 miles from previous location.  
5723 Hwy 138 SW  
Oxford GA 30054  
770-679-0227  
MONDAY-FRIDAY 8:30AM-6PM  
SATURDAY 9AM-2PM  
ALIGNMENT SPECIAL  
2 Wheel - \$39.99  
4 Wheel - \$49.99  
Most new and used vehicles.  
With coupon.  
Expires 4/1/21. CN  
Service You Can Trust • Prices You Can Afford

## FINANCES

**Quick Loans of Newton County**  
9140 Highway 278 • Covington, GA 30014  
770-787-4211  
Build & Establish Your Credit!  
• Starter Loans • 30 Day Loans  
• Loans from \$100 to \$2000  
Call or Stop by the Office and Apply Today!  
\*ALL LOANS SUBJECT TO OUR LIBERAL CREDIT POLICY\*



Our View on the Issue



Metro Creative Services

Be sure to make Mother's Day special this year, as we never know what tomorrow may bring.

# Make Mother's Day memorable

“When you look into your mother’s eyes, you know that is the purest love you can find on this earth.”

These words once produced by best-selling author and journalist Mitch Albom could not be more true.

There’s nothing quite like a mother’s love.

Inside today’s edition of *The Covington News*, you’ll notice there’s a few extra pages. Those pages are dedicated to moms across the area as we get ready to celebrate Mother’s Day this Sunday.

Mothers are special; there’s no doubt about that. In fact, we’d say they make the world go round. But let us never forget our grandmothers, mothers-in-law, sisters and other endearing mother figures — women who are regarded as a source of nurture and support.

In 2018, more than \$23 billion was reportedly spent on Mother’s Day. A nationwide total of \$4.6 billion was spent on jewelry and

another \$4.4 billion on dinners or brunches.

We’re not demanding you go out and spend an arm and a leg to celebrate your special person this weekend, because most mothers don’t care for all the fanfare, though much deserved. Sometimes it’s the little things that mean most; like a simple phone call, flowers and/or a card that signifies your special bond with Mom.

We encourage you to honor the mothers who have passed on. Though difficult, it’s often healthy and fun to reminisce all the fond memories made.

As the pandemic has reminded us, tomorrow is never promised, and we’ll never know what trials it may bring. So, however you plan to celebrate Mother’s Day, be sure to make it memorable.

*Our View on the Issue is an opinion of The Covington News editorial board, which includes Publisher Taylor Beck and News Editor Tom Spigolon.*

Tom Spigolon news editor

# Hard to place value on a mother’s sacrifice

As Mother’s Day approaches on Sunday, it’s difficult to think of all the ways a mother’s sacrifice and contributions helps any person develop.



Just think of what she has to go through to give life to a child, raise it and make sure it is ready to take on the world in this day and age.

God created the process by which women, not men, give birth.

But he seems to give most moms enough patience to teach their children how to deal with the world at all stages of their lives.

I was considering what a woman must deal with to make sure she delivers a healthy baby. Safe childbirth is a modern medical miracle but it also is not a surefire thing.

By some reasoning only God could explain, some women can have as many children as they want while some find it difficult to give birth to one.

If they get past childbirth, Mom now is responsible for a life.

Mom becomes the

child’s caregiver and, as he or she grows, their cook, maid and chauffeur.

Sometimes, Mom is a nurse, too, if we get sick.

She’s the person who reads us bedtime stories before we’re old enough to read them for ourselves.

Lately, she often served as the teacher’s aide — but that’s another story altogether.

As her children grow, the best moms become their children’s confidant, their guide through the uncertainties of young adulthood — the one who teaches them right from wrong in a highly sexually charged world. She tries to keep her kids on the straight and narrow as they go through school and, maybe, on to college.

Some famous people have told about their mother’s value to them.

From a website called thoughtcatalog.com, NBA Hall of Famer Michael Jordan said, “My mother is my root, my foundation. She planted the seed that I base my life on, and that is the belief that the ability to achieve starts in your mind.”

Former President Barack Obama said, “My mother was the one constant in my life.

When I think about my mom raising me alone when she was 20, and working and paying the bills, and, you know, trying to pursue your own dreams, I think is a feat that is unmatched.”

President Donald Trump in an interview with “Fox and Friends,” said, “She was so good to me. I couldn’t do any wrong, which is a big problem.

“Maybe that’s why I ended up the way I ended up. I don’t know. I couldn’t do any wrong in her eyes.”

Microsoft founder and philanthropist Bill Gates on Twitter in 2019 said, “My mom was one of the most generous people I’ve ever known. If I grew up #WithoutMom, I wouldn’t be the man I am today. Join the fight against preventable maternal deaths so that no child grows up without a mother.”

Georgia native, country music star and TV cooking show hostess Trisha Yearwood said, “When you’re sick, nobody takes care of you like your mom.”

The void Mom leaves when she departs this life is not something anyone should have to experience. But, when they do, Mom sometimes leaves while her children are far away, in

another state or another continent, and having not seen or spoken with her for years.

Yes, in recent decades children have not left the nest as quickly as they formerly did.

Maybe that’s a good thing in some instances, to have someone present to look after Mom if needed as she ages.

My mother has been gone for a number of years now.

Speaking as one who will never see my Mom again: If you haven’t seen your mother for awhile because of the pandemic, or talked to her for awhile for any number of personal reasons, put those reasons aside and visit with her before it’s no longer possible.

I like this quote from author Rachel Wolchin: “Call your mother. Tell her you love her.

“Remember, you’re the only person who knows what her heart sounds like from the inside.”

*Tom Spigolon is news editor of The Covington News. He may be reached at tspigolon@covnews.com.*

David Carroll columnist

# Hugs, handshakes, elbows and fist bumps

Someone outside of my family hugged me last week. It was like a sneak attack, I didn’t see it coming.

A lovely lady in my workplace, who works an opposite shift from me, caught me by surprise. We had not seen each other in a year or so because we had both been working limited hours, often from home.

So when I saw her, I walked over to her desk for an in-person greeting, and she sprung to her feet and embraced me. It almost took my breath away, for two reasons. One, she’s a serious hugger. She hugs like she means it. And two, of course, is the fear factor. During the past year, my brain has been programmed to avoid human contact, pausing the practice of a lifetime of hugs and handshakes. At what point do I revert to normal? Is that for me to decide?

Just a few weeks into the pandemic, Dr. Anthony Fauci said that we should end



handshakes forever. He stated that our long-cherished hand-to-hand greeting was the world’s No. 1 germ spreader. When he said that, many of us had no idea what we were getting into. I read his statement, rolled my eyes, and said, “Yeah, right.” The handshake would never go away, not if I had any say so.

Well, maybe he has a point. It takes two to tango, and we now know that hand to hand contact is a bit dicey.

I’ve shaken a few thousand hands in my day, from the bone crushers to the dead fish. I’ve exchanged high fives, low fives, and responded to requests to “Gimme some skin!”

Thankfully, I have avoided any major illnesses that could be attributed to handshakes and hugs. I imagine most folks could say the same.

But like everything else we see, say, and do, the world has changed. Who wants me to shake their hand, or go in for a hug? And how will I know who’s open for business? It’s too awkward to wear a sign around your neck, right?

Even so, if I’m open for a handshake, and you’re willing to join in, how do I know you’ve sanitized within the past few minutes? How can you be sure about me? Must we be like dogs, and sniff each other (I’m talking about hands, folks) before we formalize our greeting?

Some “experts” are already promoting alternatives to handshakes. (I put that word in quotation marks because I’ve always believed an expert is someone from out of town, which makes us think they are superior in some way. This is why I often make speeches outside my hometown, because people who don’t know me think I’m smart.)

Anyway, these out-of-town know-it-alls have convinced most of the free world to bump fists or connect elbows in lieu of the feared handshake. Certainly, a case can be made that these are relatively germ-free alternatives, but I wouldn’t necessarily call them safe, and they’re definitely not graceful.

I have gone in for the fist bump, while my friend has offered

an elbow. He or she quickly switches to the fist, at the same time I have countered with an elbow. This is followed by quizzical looks and awkward silence. Not exactly the ideal greeting.

I have also encountered those who think the fist bump should be offered with the same power as a Mike Tyson knockout punch. Same with the elbow greeting, which should be more of a graze, and not a collision. A shot to the funny bone is no laughing matter. Plus, now that we’ve been trained to sneeze into the fold of our arm, I’ll bet a few of those sneezy germs have taken up residence at the Elbow Inn.

As for hugs, it becomes even more complicated. There’s the full-bodied, affectionate hug. For a more casual acquaintance, there’s the neck-hug. For someone you don’t know that well, there’s the side-hug. Our “guy” friends get the bro-hug. The most embarrassing hug is the head-knock. Neither side is sure what to do, so in the midst

of all the clumsiness, while trying to decide between the full-body, the neck-hug, or the side-hug, your head crashes into the other person’s noggin, creating a massive headache for both parties. Those are the hugs I do not miss.

Now, some are suggesting a nod, a salute, a “head dip,” a bow, or even a little dance. Who knew a simple greeting could be so

complicated?

The next few weeks will tell the tale. I am now fully vaccinated, and yearn to be social again. I have a new book coming out, and will soon be speaking to clubs and churches. Fair warning: unless you’re wearing a “CLOSED” sign, I may be coming in for a hug.

*David Carroll is a Chattanooga TV news anchor and radio host.*

## The Covington News

Newton Newspapers Inc.

**OWNER**  
Patrick Graham  
pgraham@covnews.com

<b>PUBLISHER and EDITOR</b> Taylor Beck tbeck@covnews.com	<b>NEWS EDITOR</b> Tom Spigolon tspigolon@covnews.com
<b>ADVERTISING DIRECTOR</b> Cynthia Warren cbwarren@covnews.com	<b>SPORTS EDITOR</b> Mason Wittner mwittner@covnews.com
<b>CIRCULATION DIRECTOR</b> Amanda Ellington aellington@covnews.com	<b>LEGALS CLERK</b> Alicia Goolsby agoolsby@covnews.com

Phone 770.787.6397 (NEWS) | Fax 770.786.6451  
Online at covnews.com | email news@covnews.com

The Covington News (USPS 136140) is published bi-weekly on Sunday and Wednesday for \$60 a year for home delivery or \$80 a year for mail delivery by Newton Newspapers Inc., 1166 Usher St. NW, Covington, GA 30014. This newspaper is printed at the Jackson County Sentinel in Scottsboro, Alabama. Periodicals postage paid at Covington, Georgia. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to The Covington News, P.O. Box 1249, Covington, GA 30015. Contents Copyright © 2021 Newton Newspapers Inc.



# CLASSIFIEDS & LEGALS

The Covington News

## CLASSIFIEDS

### Jobs

### Help Wanted

**DEPENDABLE HELP** Wanted  
**GOOD PAY**  
**BLIMPIE SUB** Shop Conyers  
**CALL 678-806-5950**

**WANTED "POOL Monitors"**  
**\$9-\$10 PER** hour. The Ellington Community in Covington, Georgia has 6-8 Pool Monitors positions available. Visit [www.ellingtoncommunity.com](http://www.ellingtoncommunity.com), download an employment application, and email the completed application to [ellingtonclubhouse345@gmail.com](mailto:ellingtonclubhouse345@gmail.com)

## LEGALS

### Public Notices

### Abandoned Vehicles

### 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.com](http://www.georgiamagistratecouncil.com).

MAKE VEHICLE	Year
Model	
VEHICLE ID #	License#
State	Magistrate Court Case

<b>PONTIAC 2001</b>	Grand Prix
1G2WK52J61F264799	
21-1561AV	

<b>INFINITI 2005</b>	G 3 5
JUNKCV54E85M425921	
21-1562AV	

<b>CHEVROLET 2 0 1 5</b>	
Impala 2G1115SL0F9248147	
21-1563AV	

<b>CHEVROLET 2 0 0 4</b>	
Alavanche 3GNEC12T44G252062	
21-1564AV	

<b>FORD 2003</b>	Expedition
1FMFU18L43LC30691	
21-1565AV	

<b>HYUNDAI 2006</b>	Santa Fe
KM8SC73DX6U035780	
21-1566AV	

<b>TOYOTA 2001</b>	Camry
4T1BG22K51U787953	
21-1567AV	

<b>FORD 1995</b>	F-150
1FTFX14N7SKA03787	
21-1568AV	

<b>NISSAN 2005</b>	Altima
1N4BL11D65C283121	
21-1569AV	

<b>DODGE 2011</b>	Avenger
1B3BD4FB4BN620726	
21-1570AV	

<b>SATURN 2004</b>	VUE
5GZCZ5343AS890727	
21-1571AV	

<b>CHEVROLET 2 0 1 1</b>	
Impala 2G1WC5EM9B1198958	
21-1572AV	

<b>FORD 2005</b>	Mustang
1ZVFT80N055132811	
21-1573AV	

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200277**  
**5/5,12**

### Bids

**THE CITY** of Covington is accepting bids for ten (10) GDOT approved Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB) as specified in exhibit 'A' of the bid packet

**SEALED BIDS** must be delivered to City Hall, 2194 Emory Street NW, Covington, GA 30014, Attn: Scott Cromer no later than 10:00am on Thursday, May 13, 2021.

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

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200255**  
**4/28-5/5**

### Debtors Creditors

### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

**IN RE: ESTATE OF JEFF H. HIOTT, JR**

**ALL CREDITORS** of the estate of **JEFF H. HIOTT, JR**, late of Newton County, Georgia, deceased, are hereby 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 deceased  
**971 JUNE** Drive SW Conyers, GA

## 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,

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

Level: Intermediate

column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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



## CITY OF COVINGTON JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

The City of Covington is currently accepting applications for a **Water & Sewer Equipment Operator** in the **Water & Sewer Maintenance Department** with a starting hourly rate of \$14.65 to a maximum hourly rate of \$23.50 depending upon qualifications. This position performs a variety of semi-skilled maintenance work, and operates a variety of equipment in the complex construction, specialized operation, repair, maintenance and replacement of City water and sewer systems. Minimal education and experience qualifications include graduation from high school or GED equivalent, experience involving the use and service of medium and heavy equipment, and a valid Driver's License. Applicants must have the ability to obtain their Class A CDL within one year of employment. Qualified applicants may apply on our website by downloading an application packet at [cityofcovington.org](http://cityofcovington.org), or may apply in person at Covington City Hall, 2194 Emory Street, Covington, Georgia 30014. This position will remain open until 4:00 PM on Wednesday, May 12, 2021. The City of Covington is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

30094

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

### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

**IN RE: ESTATE OF LORENE R. HIOTT**

**ALL CREDITORS** of the estate of **Lorene R. Hiott**, late of Newton County, Georgia, deceased, are hereby 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 deceased  
**971 JUNE** Drive SW Conyers, GA 30094

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200288**  
**5/5,12,19,26**

### 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**  
**5/5,12**

### Divorces

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

**ANTHONY E. FRANCIS**  
**PLAINTIFF**  
**V.**  
**SANDRA J. FRANCIS**  
**DEFENDANT**

**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 GEORGIA**

**JOYANN ROSS**  
**PLAINTIFF**  
**V.**  
**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 represented).

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

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

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

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

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

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

**THIS, THE 26TH** day of APRIL 2021.  
**LINDA D. Hays**  
**CLERK OF** Superior

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200295**  
**5/5,12,19,26**

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF**

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 assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first 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 distributed as provided by law.

**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.

**THE PROPERTY** is or may be in the possession of Robert Fagan, a/k/a Robert A Fagan Jr. a/k/a Robert Anthony Fagan, successor in interest or tenant(s).

**NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC** d/b/a Mr. Cooper as Attorney-in-Fact for Robert A Fagan, Jr.

**FILE NO. 19-073509**

**LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP\*** Attorneys and Counselors at Law

**211 Perimeter Center Parkway, N.E., Suite 300**

**Atlanta, GA 30346**

**(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.**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200226**  
**5/5,12,19,26**

**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 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.

**THEENCE SOUTH 21° 48' 48"** West for a distance of 842.46 feet to an iron pin found; **THEENCE South 84° 57' 33"** West for a distance of 117.17 feet to a 3/4" rod found; **THEENCE South 85° 07' 35"** West for a distance of 117.99 feet to an iron pin set; **THEENCE North 01° 21' 11"** West for a distance of 294.87 feet to an iron pin set; **THEENCE 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; **THEENCE 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; **THEENCE 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).

**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 foreclosure.

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

**TO THE** best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Stanley B. Cooper or tenant(s); and said property is more commonly known as **40 Oak Terr Dr, Covington, GA 30016.**

**THE SALE** will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed and (3) any right of redemption or other lien not extinguished by foreclosure.

**WILMINGTON SAVINGS** Fund Society, FSB, 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**

**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

Clark  
**MCMICHAEL TAYLOR** Gray, LLC  
**3550 ENGINEERING** Drive, Suite 260  
**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, Georgia Records, subsequently modified by a Loan Modification Agreement recorded June 16, 2015 in Book 3335, Page 273 in the amount of Two Hundred Seventy-Four 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 after-described 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



Newton College and Career Academy



Special | Newton College and Career Academy

**Lt. Gov. Geoff Duncan recently recognized Newton College and Career Academy and Newton County School System for the academy's "hard work and dedication to our associates," with its certification as a Georgia College and Career Academy at the State Capitol, school officials said in a post on Facebook.**

LEGALS:

Continued from A5

**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 30016.**

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

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

**TO** the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owner and party in possession of the property is **MONIQUE THOMAS, ACE HOMES LLC**, or tenants(s).

**THE SALE** will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed.

**PLEASE NOTE** that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, you are not entitled by law to an amendment or modification of the terms of your loan. The entity having full authority to negotiate, amend or modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is: Select 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 COMPANY** 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**

**Juvenile Court**

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

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

**SUMMONS**

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

**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 alleging dependency.

**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 Usher Street, Covington, GA 30014.

**READ CAREFULLY**

**THIS SUMMONS** requires you to be present at a formal hearing in the

Juvenile Court.

**THE CHILD** or 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 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.

**IF YOU** want a lawyer appointed to 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, 2021.

**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.**

**SEX: Female**  
**DOB: 06/15/2010**  
**CASE #107-21J-0090**  
**A CHILD** Under 18 Years of Age

**SUMMONS AND PROCESS**

**TO: QUATERRIUS 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 Department of Human Services, 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 Court.

**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 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 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, NEWTON COUNTY** Juvenile Court

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

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

**IN THE INTEREST OF:**  
**A.J.P. SEX: MALE**  
**DOB: 10/15/2005** Case #107-21J-0118  
**A CHILD** Under 18 Years of Age

**SUMMONS AND PROCESS**

**TO: APRIL BEAL, Mother**

**YOU ARE** hereby notified that a

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 of Human Services, 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 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 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 Court.

**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 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 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 21st day of April, 2021.

**JANELL GAINES**

**CLERK, NEWTON COUNTY** Juvenile Court

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200237**  
**4/28-5/5,12,19**

**Name Changes**

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

**IN RE:**

**WILLOW BROOKE WHISENHUNT A MINOR**

**ALEXANDRIA D. TURCOTTE PETITIONER**

**CIVIL ACTION FILE NO. 2021-CV-803-3**

**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 to WILLOW BROOKE TURCOTTE. Any interested or affected party has the right to appear and file objections. At the expiration of thirty (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

**RAISED BY** said Petition. **THIS 8TH** day of April 2021

**THE BARKSDALE LAW FIRM**  
P.O. Box 81084  
CONYERS, GA 30013  
**PHONE: (770)760-9383** email: slbatty@bellsouth.net  
**SHARON L. Barksdale** Attorney for Petitioner Georgia Bar No. 037981

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

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

**IN RE** the Name Change of

Child(ren):  
**ROMAN PATTERSON**

**TIFFANY ALLEN PETITIONER, VS.**

**STEPHEN MCCULLOUGH RESPONDENT.**  
**CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 2021-CV-761-2**

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF CHILD**

**TIFFANY ALLEN** filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on APRIL 2, 2021, to change the name of the following minor child **FROM: ROMAN MARK PATTERSON to ROMAN MARK MCCULLOUGH** **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).

**TIFFANY ALLEN**  
**260 HEATON PLACE TRAIL COVINGTON, GA 30016**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200186**  
**4/14,21,28-5/5**

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

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

**CIVIL ACTION No. SUCV2021001023**

**ANTONIO MARQUIS Heard,**

**PETITIONER**

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF ADULT**

**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 Whitlock. **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 HARGER W. Hoyt**  
**ATTORNEY FOR** Petitioner  
**STATE BAR No. 373125**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200297**  
**5/5,12,19,26**

**Public Notice**

**CITY OF COVINGTON**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING – PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**MAY 25, 2021 @ 6PM**  
**RESCHEDULED DATE**

**NOTICE IS** hereby given, per the City of Covington's Code of Ordinances Chapter 16.12 that the below applications were submitted for consideration by the Covington Planning Commission on the following properties:

**A. REZONING:** PR21-0002-  
**REQUEST** – Rezone notated parcels from CR (Corridor Residential), & NR2 (Neighborhood Residential -2), and NM (Neighborhood Mixed-Use) to TCR (Town Center Residential) for a proposed upscale, multi-family development:  
**LOCATION:** WASHINGTON St., Walnut St., & 4155 Washington St.  
**TAX MAP** Parcel Number: C035 0005 018 (CR); C035 0005 020B & C035 0005 022 (NR2) & C035 0005 023 (NM).

**OWNER:** JEANA Hyde  
**APPLICANT:** WILLIAM Dashiell  
**B. SPECIAL USE PERMIT:** PSU21-0006-  
**REQUESTED USE** – Auto & Truck Repair Facility:  
**LOCATION:** 9126 A. Industrial Blvd.,  
**TAX MAP** Parcel Number: #C081 012 (M1)

**OWNER:** RONALD Collins Holdings, LLC  
**AUTHORIZED AGENT/ APPLICANT:** Gilmar Rodas  
**C. PRELIMINARY PLAT:** PPP21-0002-  
**REQUEST:** SUBDIVIDE +/- 1.24 acres for a proposed single-family residential lot, three (3) Townhomes, and two (2) 10-unit apt/condo buildings as a part of the Clark's Grove North Village development:  
**LOCATION:** 4002 Clark St.  
**TAX MAP** Parcel Number: C037 0007 008 (NM)

**OWNER/APPLICANT:** CLARK Street North, LLC  
**D. PRELIMINARY PLAT:** PPP21-0003-  
**REQUEST:** SUBDIVIDE +/- 43 acres for a proposed 186-lot, single-family residential development:  
**LOCATION:** 7901 Hwy 81  
**TAX MAP** Parcel Number: C063

007(NR2)  
**OWNER:** AAL Hussein  
**APPLICANT:** THE Reservoir Group, LLC

**E. PRELIMINARY PLAT:** PPP21-0005 -  
**REQUEST:** SUBDIVIDE +/- 12 acres for a proposed 59-lot, single-family residential development:  
**LOCATION:** S. Dearing St.,

**TAX MAP** Parcel Number: C082 004E(NR2)  
**OWNER:** EAST Haven, LLC  
**APPLICANT:** WILLIAM Dashiell

**F. SPECIAL Use:** PSU21-0008 –  
**REQUEST:** SPECIAL use for an Automotive parts and Accessories store  
**LOCATION:** 6166 Washington St  
**TAX MAP** Parcel Number: C040 0002 006

**OWNER:** THOMAS Hayes  
**APPLICANT:** MICHAEL Tate  
**DUE TO** circumstances necessitated by emergency conditions involving public safety and preservation of public services, public access to this meeting is limited to teleconference and video access. **THE PUBLIC MAY ACCESS THIS MEETING USING THE FOLLOWING LINK:** <https://zoom.us/j/97628143543>; BY CALLING 1-646-558-8656, Meeting ID: 976 2814 3543

**ALL INTERESTED** parties are invited to participate. For more information, contact Renee Criswell, at [rcriswell@cityofcovington.org](mailto:rcriswell@cityofcovington.org), or 770-385-2178.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200300**  
**5/5**

**GEORGIA DEPARTMENT of Transportation Requests Feedback & Comments FOR P.I. No. 0015560 NEWTON COUNTY**

**IN KEEPING** with Governor Brian Kemp's directive to keep state government agencies functioning as Georgia combats the COVID-19 pandemic, Georgia Department of Transportation (Georgia DOT) is moving forward by placing project information for review and feedback into an internet platform to comply with social distancing and avoiding crowds of 10+ people. We appreciate your participation in this process. **GEORGIA DOT** has posted information related to the proposed Bridge Replacement on State Route (SR) 81 over Yellow River at <http://www.dot.ga.gov/AboutGDOT/PublicOutreach>. **THIS PROJECT** proposes to replace the existing bridge on SR 81 over Yellow River in Newton County, Georgia. This project is needed because the existing bridge is deteriorating and does not meet current structural design standards. The existing bridge would be replaced with a new bridge using staged construction. One lane of the existing bridge will be kept in service during construction. Georgia DOT is seeking feedback about the proposed project. **THE PURPOSE** of this internet posting is to replace an in-person meeting, while allowing the public to review the proposed project, provide feedback, or write in with questions. **AMERICANS WITH Disabilities Act (ADA)** Information: To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities contact the District Planning and Programming Liaison, Ellen Wright at (478) 553-3407 or [ewright@dot.ga.gov](mailto:ewright@dot.ga.gov). **COMMENTS WILL** be accepted concerning this project until May 24, 2021. **WRITTEN STATEMENTS** may be submitted to: **MR. ERIC Duff**  
**STATE ENVIRONMENTAL** Administrator Georgia Department of Transportation  
**600 WEST** Peachtree Street, NW – 16th Floor Atlanta, Georgia 30308

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200258**  
**5/5,19**

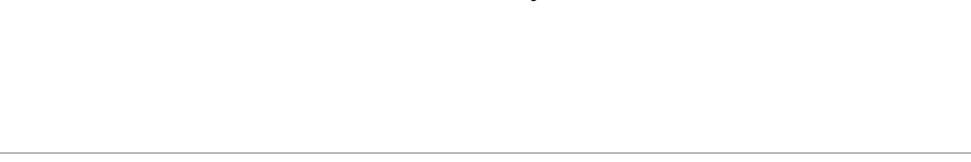
**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**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 destruction policy only applies to **SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS BORN IN 1998.** **TO OBTAIN THESE EDUCATIONAL**

Special | GFWC Service Guild of Covington

**GFWC Service Guild of Covington President Donna Sneed and Day of Service Chair Lynn Garrett met with Ansley Wetherington of Volunteer Services at Ronald McDonald House on April 28 to present a donation for the GFWC Georgia Day Of Service. Guild members donated \$430 worth of fast food gift cards and checks at its April 26 meeting. The gift cards will be given out to the parents of children awaiting surgery or treatment while in residence at the Ronald McDonald House facility.**



**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 the legal guardian. 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 both picture and signature.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200193**  
**5/5**

**Public Sales Auctions**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION**

**HILLTOP TOWING INC**  
**LOCATION:** 8360 NOLLEY DR COVINGTON, GA 30014  
**TIME:** 10:00 AM  
**DATE:** MAY 6, 2021  
**CASH ONLY: SOLD AS IS**  
**VEHICLE:**

1. 2006 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 1500-WRECKED VIN: 2GCEC13Z961358160

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200254**  
**4/28-5/5**

**PUBLIC AUCTION:** Sellars Wrecker Services, In accordance with the OCGA (40-11-2) the following 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, Covington Ga. 30016.

- 2008 BMW 328I  
WBAWB335X8P135502
- 2006 HONDA PILOT  
5FNFY28456B042677
- 1989 FORD RANGER  
1FTCR14A1KPA36091
- 2001 SUZUKI GSX  
R600 JS1GN7BA712106685
- 2000 FORD MUSTANG  
GT 1FAFP42X3YF157723
- 2017 SCOOTER  
XPLOER LEHTCB158HR000113
- 2020 MOPED  
L9NTCBAE5L1011652

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200290**  
**5/5,12**

**Trade Names**

**NOTICE IS** given that articles of incorporation that will incorporate **B4 & After ETC. Co.** have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code. The initial registered office of the corporation is located at 60 Chandler Trace, Covington, GA, 30016 and its initial registered agent at such address is Michelle L. Bozman

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200283**  
**5/5,12**

**NOTICE IS** given that articles of incorporation that will incorporate **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**  
**5/5,12**

**TRADE NAME REGISTRATION AFFIDAVIT**

**GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY**

**TO WHOM** It may Concern: **PLEASE BE** advised that **CAMILYA ROBERTSON**, whose address is 25 SAGE BRUSH TRAIL COVINGTON, GA 30014 is the owner(s) of the certain business now being carried on at 25 SAGEBRUSH TRAIL COVINGTON GA 30014 in the following trade name, to-wit: **OUTLOOK NOTARY SERVICES**; and that the nature of said business is: **NOTARY SIGNING.** **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** 23rd day of APRIL, 2021.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200256**  
**4/28-5/5**



# BUSINESS & FINANCE

The Covington News

Facebook Community Action Grants

## Liberty Middle School's Facebook grant to fund students' Chromebooks

Officials say grant helps fight battle against lack of student access to technology

### STAFF REPORTS

news@covnews.com

Liberty Middle School has received a \$31,000 Facebook Community Action Grant that will allow the school to purchase Chromebooks and storage carts for students.

Facebook's Newton Data Center announced that the Facebook Community Action Grants program was created to address needs in Newton, Walton, Jasper and Morgan counties by putting the power of technology to use for community benefit, connecting people online or off and improving STEM education.

"With this grant, Liberty Middle School teachers will be able to provide students with deliberate access to digital learning in reading and content areas," said Tiffany Merriweather, NCSS grants coordinator.

"Funds provided by Facebook will be beneficial in helping the school meet its goal to increase student achievement."

Keisa Vincent, principal of



Special to The Covington News

From left are Liberty Middle School Assistant Principal Malcolm Brown, Principal Keisa Vincent and Assistant Principal Kimberlee Sorrell.

Liberty Middle School, said, "We truly appreciate Facebook for this wonderful opportunity to provide Chromebooks for our students."

"We know that not all of

our students have access to technology in their homes so this grant provides a way to combat that issue.

"We definitely want to thank Facebook for their

support of our school. They have proven to be a fantastic partner in education, and we are lucky to have them in the Newton County community."

COVID-19

Resources available to families for virus deaths

### STAFF REPORTS

news@covnews.com

U.S. Rep. Hank Johnson announced recently that FEMA was accepting applications for funeral assistance for Georgians who lost loved ones to COVID-19.

Johnson helped pass the funeral assistance program as part of the American Rescue Plan.

"While no amount of money can heal the loss of a loved one, this grant program can help ease the financial strain on Georgians who've suffered so much from COVID-19," Johnson said in a statement.

Georgians who paid for funeral expenses after Jan. 20, 2020, for an individual whose death may have been caused by COVID-19 can apply for up to \$9,000 of assistance per funeral through FEMA's dedicated call center at 844-684-6333.

## Georgia Power shares how to 'spring' into energy savings

### SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

news@covnews.com

Georgia Power is reminding customers to spring into energy savings by focusing on energy efficiency throughout the house.

Spring is also a great time to evaluate your Georgia Power rate plan.

Finding an option that better fits your budget and lifestyle can offer savings and more control of your bill ahead of hot weather.

### Spring cleaning and other tips from Georgia Power:

- Focus on the Fridge: Proper cleaning and maintenance of the refrigerator, such as carefully dusting the coils and removing excess food or bulky bags to allow air to circulate, can reduce energy consumption.
- Watch the Windows: Cleaning windows or dusting blinds? Be sure to leave curtains and blinds open to take advantage of natural light during the day when cooler weather allows.
- Feel the flow; free your filters: Clean or change air conditioning filters each month, or pleated filters every three months. A dirty filter can make your equipment work harder, resulting in higher bills. Make sure furniture, curtains, rugs and other items do not block vents and return air registers.
- Fire up the Grill: Reduce the temperature inside your home by using an outdoor grill or smoker instead of indoor ovens and stoves.
- Tune-up the A/C: Have your air condi-

tioner professionally serviced now to ensure it's running efficiently before summer arrives. When doing yard work, trim plants around the A/C units so they can receive proper air flow.

- Think Thermostats: Set manual thermostats to 78 degrees in the summer for peak efficiency and make the most of programmable and smart thermostats, which help decrease energy use based on your lifestyle.

### Tips, Tools & Resources

Whether customers own a home or rent, tailored tips are available at [www.GeorgiaPower.com/Save](http://www.GeorgiaPower.com/Save), which also includes access to a free online energy checkup and a variety of rebates and incentives for both homes and businesses.

### Flexible rate options to fit customers' budgets and lifestyles

Georgia Power reminds customers that as the seasons change, now is a great time to review your current rate plan and ensure that you are on the best rate to fit your budget and lifestyle. Ensuring that you are on the most economical rate plan for your use is one of the most effective ways to keep your energy costs low. Customers can explore details of these Georgia Power rate plans at [GeorgiaPower.com/Pricing](http://GeorgiaPower.com/Pricing):

- FlatBill® – This plan offers a 12-month fixed contract price that does not fluctuate when your power usage does – eliminating surprises and preventing higher bills during peak seasonal use in winter and

summer.

- PrePay – This rate option allows you to pay as you go and add funds as needed. This plan requires no deposit, credit check or reconnection fees.

- Pay by Day® – Georgia Power's newest rate plan, this innovative option locks in a fixed daily price for electricity over an entire year. This prepaid service plan gives customers the ability to deposit funds into their Georgia Power account with a fixed amount deducted daily, no matter the amount of energy used.

- Smart Usage – This plan can provide savings by implementing small changes in how and when you use electricity. By using major appliances such as clothes dryers, ovens and dishwashers at different times, you could reduce your monthly energy bill.

- Plug-In Electric Vehicle (PEV) – A great option for electric vehicle (EV) drivers who can charge their EVs during nighttime hours and take advantage of lower-priced energy.

- Nights & Weekends – If you can shift when you use electricity during the summer months to the evening, the Nights & Weekends rate is for you. By changing when you wash dishes, do laundry or cool your home, savings add up annually.

- Residential Services – Georgia Power's basic rate plan is available to all residential customers. This plan has a monthly base charge and a rate that changes based on your monthly usage and the time of

year.

Georgia Power is the largest electric subsid-

iary of Southern Company. Georgia Power has approximately 2.6

million customers in all but four of Georgia's 159 counties.



Covington  
Newton County  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

ARE YOU A NEW BUSINESS WONDERING  
WHAT YOUR NEXT STEPS ARE?  
ARE YOU AN ESTABLISHED BUSINESS  
LOOKING TO GET MORE INVOLVED AND  
MAKE NEW CONNECTIONS?

JOIN THE CHAMBER!

We are hosting a Chamber 101 event on  
May 20 @ 12:00 **FREE** for new and  
prospective members to learn more about  
the chamber of Commerce.

To RSVP please email  
[dharp@newtonchamber.com](mailto:dharp@newtonchamber.com)



# SPORTS

The Covington News

## NFL Draft Coverage

### Gowan, former Ram drafted by Cardinals



UCF Athletics

Tay Gowan (23) was selected by the Arizona Cardinals with the 223rd overall pick in the 2021 NFL Draft on Saturday. The former Ram spent the 2019 season with UCF after transferring from Butler Community College.

By MASON WITTNER  
mwittner@covnews.com

The Newton County pipeline to the NFL kept running over the weekend.

Tay Gowan, a former standout defensive back for the Newton Rams, was drafted by the Arizona Cardinals with the 223rd overall pick in the sixth round of the 2021 NFL Draft on Saturday.

He became the 46th player in the history of UCF's football program to be drafted, and the fourth Golden Knight to be selected over the weekend.

He was also the second player to be taken who spent his prep career in Covington, joining former East-side Eagle and Georgia Bulldog Eric Stokes Jr. Stokes heard his

name called late Thursday night when he was taken by the Green Bay Packers late in the first round.

Gowan opted out of the 2020 season due to the COVID-19 pandemic but spent his redshirt junior season in 2019 playing with the Golden Knights after transferring in from Butler Community College.

He blossomed in his first season in Orlando. Listed at 6-foot-1, 186 pounds, he recorded 31 tackles, two interceptions and one tackle for loss while recovering one fumble and breaking up eight passes.

According to his social media, Gowan plans to wear No. 32 for the Cardinals next season.

## Prep Baseball State Playoffs



Mason Wittner | The Covington News

Coming off a first-round sweep of Taylor County, No. 3 seed Social Circle will go back on the road this week to square off against top-seeded ACE Charter in the second round of the Class A-Public state playoffs.

### Redskins roll to Sweet 16

By MASON WITTNER  
mwittner@covnews.com

**SOCIAL CIRCLE, Ga.** — How sweet it is to be playing in the second round.

No. 3 seed Social Circle advanced to the Sweet 16 with a first-round sweep of No. 2 seed Taylor County on Thursday. Now, second-year head coach Kevin Dawkins and his crew must take on the role of underdog once again this week as they travel to Macon for a best-of-three series with top-seeded ACE

Charter.

The Redskins (17-14, 12-6 Region 8) will try to slow down a Gryphons (28-4, 11-1 Region 7) offense that has averaged more than 10 runs per game this spring. They'll do so by throwing arms Jason Ball and Ty Lemaster, the duo who clamped down on Taylor County.

"We were very fortunate on Thursday only having to throw Jason and Ty," Dawkins said. "We didn't throw anybody or waste any other

pitching. And even with those two guys, they stayed below the pitch limit because they were very effective with their pitches, were able to fill up the zone."

Dawkins has adopted a phrase from a recent Freddie Freeman documentary and relayed it to his team over the past several weeks: "You didn't come this far just to come this far."

"Using that Freddie Freeman quote, it seems to be fitting for these guys and for this

season," Dawkins said. "I tell them you can't worry about who's on the other side of the field; that's our job as coaches. As players, we just need you to go out and execute, play your game of baseball. Do the little things right and you'll be rewarded for it."

The series was scheduled to start Tuesday, but inclement weather threatened to delay it.

*For continued playoff coverage, visit CovNews.com*

## Prep Golf

### Anderson signs with GMC

By MASON WITTNER  
mwittner@covnews.com

**COVINGTON, Ga.** — Alexa Anderson made history Thursday afternoon.

The Peachtree Academy senior became the first student-athlete in program history to commit to playing golf at the next level when she signed her National Letter of Intent to further her academic and athletic career at Georgia Military College. "I am so proud of Al-

exa's hard work and dedication to her golf game," head golf coach Ken Van Ness said. "She has improved so much over her career here at Peachtree. I know she will do well at GMC."

Anderson has been enrolled at Peachtree for 14 years. During that time, she's excelled on the golf course, as well as competing on the school's swim, cross country, and cheerleading teams.



Special to The Covington News

Peachtree Academy's Alexa Anderson inked her NLI to play golf at Georgia Military College on Thursday.

**HOMETOWN REALTY CONSULTANTS, INC.™**

**We still have the Hometown Value you are looking for in a Real Estate Agent. Whether you are selling or buying.**

Darlene Smallwood [Broker/Owner] • Kenneth Smallwood [Owner/Agent]  
Bobby Sigman [Associate Broker] • Travis Moore [Associate Broker]  
Pat Swords-Smith [Associate Broker]  
Donna Carithers • Bonnie Cowan • Sherry East • Teresa Casteel • Vicky Mason

2135 Pace Street • Covington, GA 30014  
(Morgan Plaza)  
**770-786-7979**



## Riverside Healthcare Career Fair

Friday, May 7th - Saturday, May 8th  
10:00am - 2:00pm

5100 West St NW, Covington, Ga 30014

We are hiring for LPN's and CNA's with a \$3,000.00 sign on bonus.

Call Wendy Banks at 770-787-0211, or apply online at our website at [www.riversidehc.com](http://www.riversidehc.com)



# FOOD

The Covington News



Metro Creative Services

A glazed doughnut with morning coffee before or on the way to work is a morning ritual for many people.

## SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

news@covnews.com

Doughnuts are beloved breakfast staples. A glazed doughnut to go with morning coffee on the way to work is a morning ritual for many people.

Despite their popularity, many people do not know much about how doughnuts came to be.

### Oily cakes precede doughnuts

The origin of doughnuts is widely debated. Desserts made from fried dough can be found in various countries and cultures. However, historians largely believe that the Americanized doughnut arrived thanks to Dutch immigrants. According to Smithsonian magazine, when Dutch settlers came to New York, they brought along olykoeks, translated to “oily cakes.” Records show the Dutch were making these creations as early as the mid-nineteenth century. These earliest doughnuts

were balls of cake fried in pork fat until they were golden brown. Since the center of these doughnuts did not cook as fast as the outside, many also were stuffed with fillings that did not need to be cooked.

### Literally minded name

In a similar fashion, Elizabeth Gregory, a New England ship captain’s mother, used her son’s spice cargo along with lemon rind to fashion her own fried dough. Gregory made these pastries so that her son, Hanson, and his crew could store them on long voyages, and eat something that would ward off scurvy and colds. Gregory stuffed walnuts or hazelnuts in the centers of the dough. She came to call the pastries “doughnuts.” However, others attribute the name to the original olykoeks, which were sometimes shaped into knots and called “dough knots.”

### Seaworthy improvements

While the doughnuts cer-

tainly were acceptable, Captain Gregory came up with a way to improve his mother’s concoction. Rather than stuff the doughnut to make up for the uncooked center, he

**The earliest doughnuts were balls of cake fried in pork fat until they were golden brown.**

punched a hole in the middle of the dough ball before it was fried. The hole increased the surface area and exposure to the hot oil, ensuring the entire doughnut cooked evenly. Other stories about the doughnut hole attributed the modification to the fact that Captain Gregory could then hang the doughnut on the ship’s steering wheel so

he could use both hands to steer.

### Doughnuts get automated

Prior to 1920, doughnuts were made entirely by hand. Adolph Levitt, a Russian refugee and baker, began selling doughnuts from his bakery in New York City’s theater district. To keep up with the crowds, Levitt invented a gadget that could make the fried rings faster. A circle of dough shaped like a ring dropped into a vat of boiling oil, circulated, was flipped over, and emerged from the oil on a moving ramp. Many modern doughnut companies still make their doughnuts like this.

Modernization and mass production brought a shortening of the name “doughnut.” Various doughnut companies use “donut” for the cakes. Whether you call them dough knots, doughnuts or donuts, the treats are delectable.

## Dairy’s big benefits

### SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

news@covnews.com

Did you know that humans are the only adult animal species that continues to consume “milk” through dairy products?

While most animals wean off of their mother’s milk after infancy, humans across the globe have been consuming products produced by cow, sheep or goat milk for thousands of years. And the benefits can be numerous.

Although dairy doubters are quick to mention that it is not “natural” for humans to consume milk products into adulthood and that the body is not designed to digest the sugars and proteins in dairy, others are saying that centuries of farming have led to the evolution of human genes so that dairy products can be included in the diet.

According to a study published in 2013 in the journal Nature, archaeologist Peter Bogucki was excavating a Stone Age site in the fertile plains of central Poland in the 1970s when he came across various artifacts.

One seemed to be an early pottery strainer used in cheese-making. The pottery was studied, and milk proteins were found on it.

As farming replaced hunting and gathering in many areas of the world, it’s surmised that the human body slowly evolved to tolerate milk into adulthood, especially if it was fermented, such as in cheese or yogurt.

Several thousand years later, it’s believed that a genetic mutation spread through Europe that gave people the ability to produce lactase — the enzyme necessary to digest the lactose sugar in dairy — and drink milk.

Many people who retain the ability to digest milk can trace their ancestry to Europe, according to a group of scientists brought together to work on a multidisciplinary project called LeCHE (Lactase Persistence in the early Cultural History of Europe).

Today we know that dairy is an important source of nutrients at all ages and stages of growth. Southeast United Dairy Industry Association, Inc. says that dairy is a great source of protein, calcium, carbohydrates, phosphorus, potassium, and vitamins A, D, B12, riboflavin, and niacin.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture says that the calcium in dairy products is used for building bones and teeth and in maintaining bone mass. Diets with sufficient potassium may help to maintain healthy blood pressure. Additionally, vitamin D functions in the body to maintain ideal levels of calcium and phosphorous so that bones are built and maintained.

The Dietary Guidelines for Americans encourage children and adults to enjoy three servings of low-fat or fat-free milk, cheese or yogurt each day.

Dairy can be a nutritious part of a healthy diet, and history shows it has been for quite some time.

# Make sweet treat for mom

## Celebrate Mother’s Day with delicious soufflé surprise

### SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

news@covnews.com

Mothers selflessly devote themselves to their children from infancy into adulthood. A mother’s love never wanes, and she’s always ready and willing to step in and put her children first.

Mother’s Day is a great chance for men, women and children to honor the special women in their lives. Delicious homemade treats can show mothers just how much they’re appreciated and adored. Try this tasty recipe for “Cold Mango Soufflés Topped with Toasted Coconut” from “The Complete Mexican, South American & Caribbean Cookbook” (Metro Books) by Jane Milton, Jenni Fleetwood and Marina Filippelli.

### Cold Mango Soufflés topped with Toasted Coconut

Makes 4

Ingredients:  
4 small mangoes, peeled, pitted and chopped  
2 tablespoons water  
1 tablespoon powdered gelatine  
2 egg yolks  
1/2 cup superfine sugar  
1/2 cup milk  
1 1/4 cups heavy cream



Metro Creative Services

**Delicious homemade treats can show mothers just how much they're appreciated and adored.**

Grated rind of one orange  
Toasted flaked or coarsely shredded coconut, to decorate  
Directions:  
Place a few pieces of mango in the base of each of four 2/3-cup ramekins. Wrap a creased collar of nonstick parchment paper around the outside of each dish, extending well above the

rim. Secure with adhesive tape, then tie tightly with string.

Pour the water into a small heatproof bowl and sprinkle the gelatine over the surface. Leave for 5 minutes or until spongy. Place the bowl in a pan of hot water, stirring occasionally, until the gelatine has dissolved.

Meanwhile, whisk the egg yolks with the superfine sugar and milk in another heatproof bowl. Place the bowl over a pan of simmering water and continue to whisk until the mixture is thick and frothy. Remove from the heat and continue whisking until the mixture cools. Whisk in the liquid gelatine.

Puree the remaining mango pieces in a food processor or blender, then fold the puree into the egg yolk mixture with the orange rind. Set the mixture aside until starting to thicken.

Whip the heavy cream to soft peaks. Reserve 4 tablespoons and fold the rest into the mango mixture. Spoon into the ramekins until the mixture is 1 inch above the rim of each dish. Chill for 3 to 4 hours, or until set.

Carefully remove the paper collars from the soufflés. Spoon a little of the reserved cream on top of each soufflé and decorate with some toasted flaked or coarsely shredded coconut.



# Food Depot

OUR COST INCLUDES FREIGHT, STOCKING FEES AND ASSOCIATED EXPENSES

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

Please visit our website at [www.fooddepot.com](http://www.fooddepot.com)  
Download the Food Depot App for digital  
coupons and in-store promotions!

COVINGTON: 6169 Highway 278  
Covington Crossing Shopping Center  
CONVERS: 2300 Salem Road  
CONYERS: 3530 GA 20  
Honey Creek Village Shopping Center  
OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK! MONDAY-SUNDAY 7am-10pm



Fresh,  
Any Size Package  
**Ground  
Beef**  
**\$1.98**  
LB.



16 Ounce  
**Butterball  
85% Ground  
Turkey**  
**\$2.28**  
LB.



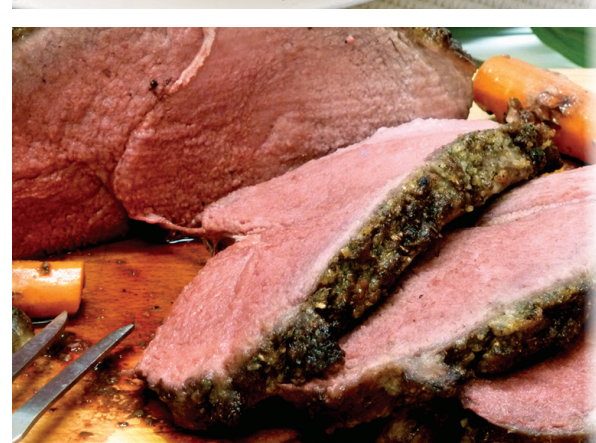
Fully Cooked  
**Sugardale  
Spiral Sliced  
Half Ham**  
**\$1.58**  
LB.



Fresh, Bone-In  
**Claxton  
Split Fryer  
Breast**  
**98¢**  
LB.



USDA Inspected,  
Fresh, Boneless  
**Center Cut  
Pork Chops**  
**\$2.98**  
LB.

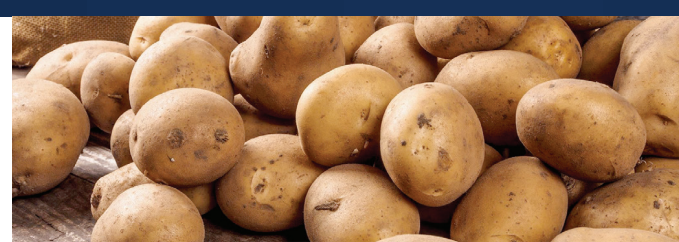


USDA Select Beef,  
Boneless  
**Sirloin Tip  
Beef Roast**  
**\$3.98**  
LB.

## Farm Fresh Produce



5 Ounce Bag  
**Fresh Express  
Baby Spinach  
or Spring Mix  
Salad**  
**\$2.79**  
BG.



8 Pound Bag  
**Food Depot Russet Potatoes**  
**\$3.99**  
BG.



2 Pack  
**Large Slicing Tomatoes**  
**89¢**  
LB.



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



**Red Mangos**  
**79¢**  
EA.



**Bi-Color, Yellow or White Corn**  
**5/\$2.59**  
EA.



**Fresh Okra**  
**\$1.69**  
LB.



3 Pound Bag  
**Pink Lady Apples**  
**\$2.69**  
BG.



**Roma Tomatoes**  
**\$1.19**  
LB.

## From Our Dairy Case!



7-8 Ounce  
**Kraft Shredded or  
Chunk Cheese**  
**\$1.90**



52 Ounce  
**Simply  
100% Juice**  
**\$2.73**



6 Count,  
Plain, Cinnamon or Blueberry  
**Lender's Bagels**  
**\$1.64**



32 Ounce  
**International Delight  
Creamer**  
**\$2.68**



48 Ounce, Assorted  
**Mayfield  
Ice Cream**  
**\$2.75**



12-18 Count  
**Budget Saver  
Pops**  
**\$2.25**



17.82-23.45 Ounce, Assorted  
**Red Baron  
Pizza**  
**\$3.17**



16 Ounce  
**Savannah  
Hush Puppies**  
**\$1.38**

# Food Depot

Watch Your Savings Grow!

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

OUR COST INCLUDES FREIGHT, STOCKING FEES AND ASSOCIATED EXPENSES

OFFERS GOOD MAY 3RD-MAY 9TH, 2021

QUANTITY RIGHTS RESERVED. NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR TYPOGRAPHICAL OR PICTORIAL ERRORS.

## Great Quality Brands!



1.5 LT, Assorted  
**Chi-Chi's  
Margarita Mixers**  
**\$6.99**



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



6 Pack,  
.5 Liter or 7.5 Ounce Cans  
**Coca-Cola  
Products**  
**5/\$10.00**



16 Ounce, Assorted  
**Body Armour**  
**\$1.00**



18 Count  
**Frito-Lay's  
Multipack**  
**\$6.60**



15 Ounce, Original  
**Hunt's  
Manwich**  
**86¢**



7.5-8 Ounce, Assorted  
**Golden Flake  
Chips**  
**2/\$3.00**



14.5 Ounce,  
Select Varieties  
**Chef Boyardee**  
**85¢**



13-20 Ounce,  
Family Size  
**Nabisco Oreo  
& Oreo Thinks**  
**\$3.00**



15 Ounce,  
Italian or Ranch  
**Wishbone  
Dressing**  
**\$1.56**



9 Ounce, Assorted  
**Zapp's  
Kettle Chips**  
**2/\$4.00**



20 Ounce  
**Hunt's  
Ketchup**  
**86¢**



10 Pack  
**Kool-Aid  
Jammers**  
**\$1.37**



8.27-9.75 Ounce,  
Select Varieties  
**Little Debbie  
Snacks**  
**\$1.60**

## Low Prices — Name Brand Meats



16 Ounce,  
Hot or Mild  
**Jamestown  
Roll  
Sausage**  
**98¢**  
EA.



9.1 Ounce,  
Ham or Turkey w/  
American Cheese  
**Oscar Mayer  
Lunchables**  
**\$1.22**  
EA.



15 Ounce,  
Jumbo or  
Bun Length  
**Ball Park  
All Meat  
Franks**  
**\$2.18**  
EA.



48 Ounce,  
Hot or Mild  
**Four Star  
Smoked  
Sausage**  
**\$7.37**  
EA.



12 Ounce,  
Regular or Thick  
**Oscar Mayer  
Sliced  
Bologna**  
**74¢**  
EA.



28 Ounce  
**Georgia  
Reds  
Red Hots**  
**\$2.98**  
EA.

## Stock Up On Freezer Favorites!



# Freshway Market

1261 North Cherokee Road • Social Circle, GA • 770-464-0040

Visit Our Ad Online @ [www.covnews.com](http://www.covnews.com)

Online Grocery Shopping Available at [www.freshwaymarketsocialcirclega.com](http://www.freshwaymarketsocialcirclega.com)

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

**Over \$111,981  
Raised to Date!**

\*Ask Cashier for  
Details



Family Pack  
**Chicken  
Leg  
Quarters**  
**59¢ LB.**



Vacuum Pack, Boneless  
**Whole  
Pork Loin**  
**\$1.69 LB.**



6 Pack, 1/2 Liters, Assorted  
**Coca-Cola  
Products**  
**4/\$10.00**



20 Ounce  
**Hunt's  
Ketchup**  
**5/\$5.00**



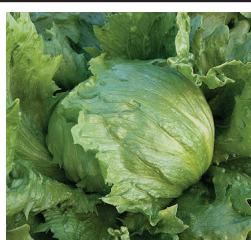
48 Ounce  
**Mayfield  
Select  
Ice Cream**  
**3/\$10.00**



CAB Choice, Boneless  
**Chuck  
Roast**  
**\$4.99 LB.**



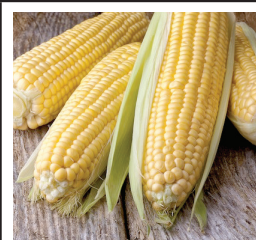
Family Pack, Boneless  
**Center Cut  
Pork Chops**  
**\$2.49 LB.**



**Iceberg  
Lettuce**  
**99¢ EA.**



Fresh  
**Collard  
Greens**  
**2/\$5.00**



Yellow, White or Bi-Color  
**Florida  
Corn**  
**4/\$2.00**



3 Pound Bag  
**Vidalia  
Onions**  
**2/\$4.00**



8 Ounce,  
Shredded or Bar  
**Borden  
Cheese**  
**2/\$4.00**



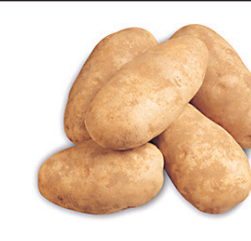
CAB, Family Pack  
**Premium  
Ground  
Chuck**  
**\$4.99 LB.**



Family Pack, Boneless  
**Wafer Thin  
Pork Chops**  
**\$2.69 LB.**



Family Pack, Boneless  
**Cubed  
Pork Chops**  
**\$2.99 LB.**



10 Pound Bag  
**Idaho  
Potatoes**  
**\$3.99**



**Yellow Squash  
or Fancy  
Zucchini**  
**\$1.29 LB.**



30 Ounce  
**Blue Plate  
Mayonnaise**  
**2/\$6.00**



15 Ounce  
**Luck's  
Beans or  
Peas**  
**4/\$3.00**



8 Count  
**Kellogg's  
Pop Tarts**  
**2/\$4.00**



USDA Select,  
Family Pack  
**T-Bone  
Steak**  
**\$10.99 LB.**



CAB Choice,  
Family Pack  
**T-Bone  
Steak**  
**\$11.99 LB.**



Family Pack, Boneless  
**Country  
Style  
Pork Ribs**  
**\$2.19 LB.**



Boneless  
**Pork  
Stir Fry**  
**\$2.69 LB.**



CAB  
**Stew,  
Diet Lean or  
Stir Fry Meat**  
**\$4.99 LB.**



CAB, Family Pack  
**Cubed  
Steak**  
**\$4.99 LB.**



15.25-16.25 Ounce,  
Excluding Angel Food  
**Betty Crocker  
Cake Mixes**  
**4/\$5.00**



16 Ounce,  
Selected Flavors  
**Kraft  
Salad Dressing**  
**2/\$5.00**



15-16 Ounce  
**Betty Crocker  
Frosting**  
**2/\$3.00**



8-12 Ounce  
**Farmland  
Roll Sausage  
or Links**  
**99¢**



27 Ounce  
**Smoky Farms  
Sausage  
Patties**  
**\$3.99**



5 Pound Bag  
**Sliced  
Smoked  
Sausage**  
**\$4.99**



Boneless  
**Pork Loin  
Roast**  
**\$1.89 LB.**



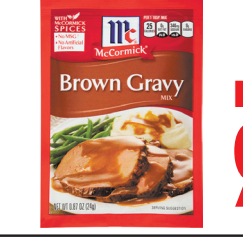
24 Ounce  
**Hunt's  
Pasta Sauce**  
**5/\$5.00**



5.7-8.3 Ounce, Assorted  
**Betty Crocker  
Suddenly  
Salad**  
**4/\$5.00**



1 Ounce  
**McCormick  
Taco  
Seasoning**  
**69¢**



.87 Ounce  
**McCormick  
Brown Gravy**  
**2/\$1.00**



4 Pack  
**Hunt's  
Snack Packs**  
**5/\$5.00**



4 Ounce  
**Idahoan  
Instant  
Potatoes**  
**5/\$5.00**



CAB Choice,  
Family Pack  
**Chuck  
Steak**  
**\$5.99 LB.**



CAB Choice  
**Chuck Eye  
Steak**  
**\$6.99 LB.**



12 Ounce  
**Butterball  
Turkey  
Bacon**  
**2/\$6.00**



20 Ounce, All Varieties  
**Land O Frost  
Sub Kits**  
**\$4.99**



18.4 Ounce  
**Smithfield  
Marinated  
Tenders**  
**\$5.99**



1 Pound, Mild or Hot  
**Tennessee  
Pride  
Roll Sausage**  
**2/\$6.00**



Gallon, Selected Flavors  
**Hawaiian  
Punch**  
**2/\$4.00**



12 Inch  
**Message  
Cookie**  
**\$7.99**



**Sara Lee  
BBQ Chicken  
Breast**  
**\$6.99 LB.**



Oven Roasted or Buffalo  
**Kretschmar  
Chicken Breast**  
**\$6.99 LB.**



**Kretschmar  
Pepper Jack  
Cheese**  
**\$6.99 LB.**

Sara Lee Mesquite Smoked Turkey Breast.....\$6.99/Lb

Kretschmar Oven Roasted or Cajun Turkey Breast.....\$6.99/Lb

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

**This Ad Good Wednesday, May 5th thru Tuesday, May 11th, 2021**

**Wed  
5**

**Thur  
6**

**Fri  
7**

**Sat  
8**

**Sun  
9**

**Mon  
10**

**Tues  
11**

**We Accept EBT Cards, Debit Cards and Credit Cards (Visa, MasterCard, American Express & Discover).**

WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO CORRECT ANY TYPOGRAPHICAL OR PICTORIAL ERRORS. WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO LIMIT QUANTITIES. NONE SOLD TO DEALERS.



Celebrating Mother's Day

What it  
means  
to be ...

Mom



Newton natives Patrick and Nicki Daniecki have fostered nine children in seven years.

Special to The Covington News

# SPACE AND LOVE

Newton foster mom  
says children can be  
given up for adoption  
if “best” for child

By TOM SPIGOLON  
tspigolon@covnews.com

Nicki Daniecki says foster mothers often are asked how they could give up children for adoption after they bonded with them.

“The answer to that is, ‘Yes you can,’” she said.

“It would hurt, and it does hurt,” Daniecki said. “If it was best for him, you could do it ... that’s what matters most.”

Daniecki and her husband, Patrick, have served as foster parents since 2014.

She is a Covington native and former teacher who has served as chairwoman of an area foster care group.

The Danieckis have hosted nine young children in the seven years they have served as conduits between the Georgia Department of Family and Children Services (DFACS) and future adopted homes.

DFACS often removes children from their homes and places them in the foster care system to separate them from abuse or neglect resulting from the parent’s criminal activity.

Daniecki and her husband, Patrick, saw “a lot of need” to host children who needed “love and a place to feel safe” before they decided to become foster parents.

“We have that space and we have that love and we felt like it was the right time in our life,” said Daniecki, who does not have biological children.



Special to The Covington News  
Nicki Daniecki said her “skill set” led her to only adopt very young children.

However, she said they weren’t quite prepared for the practical part of the work, which included such occurrences as receiving children on short notice into their home in the middle of the night.

“It’s been so much harder and so much better than we ever imagined,” she said.

She said she has only taken in children under 5 years old, which matched her “skill set.”

However, foster parents often differ in the ages of children they prefer hosting.

Some may choose teens because they “resonate” with them better than younger children, she said.

Daniecki said the best adoptions are with the children’s biological parents because of the bond that’s already been created.

She said some children she has fostered were reunited with an aunt — which was best for them because of the family re-

lationship that had already been forged.

“We have had reunifications that have been beautiful,” she said.

However, the Danieckis have adopted four of their foster children and are working to adopt a fifth after the children’s family conditions meant they would be placed in foster homes, she said.

She said some might wonder if it was a risk to their own families to welcome children they do not know into their homes on an often temporary basis.

However, Daniecki said having them in her home has never been a concern because their parents are the ones responsible for their own actions, not the children.

“These children are innocent,” she said. “They’re not accountable for any of the mistakes their parents may have made. They’ve had a lot more character training than others their age.”

The young children Daniecki receives often are in “survival mode” — meaning they have grown up looking for their next meal, she said.

They must get beyond that mindset before they can experience what other, more fortunate children may have already received — such as early education.

Daniecki said she is inspired by how such children are able to overcome “things that would crush an adult.”

“Kids are so resilient,” she said. “They are so gracious about it.”

“It’s not always pretty and perfect, but they’re so loving and so forgiving to other people, especially their family,” she said.



Special to The Covington News

Allison Haralson, Kim Walden, Keli Rebholz. Haralson works in the Newton County school system alongside her two daughters as special education teachers.

## Coming full circle

Family trio works  
together in education

By MASON WITTNER  
mwittner@covnews.com

COVINGTON, Ga. — Allison Haralson was the first to work in the classroom, but the family affair really started with Elsie Blair.

Blair, Haralson’s mother, worked in lunchrooms for the Newton County school system for 25 years. While Haralson initially had no plans for working in a school herself, she and her daughters now point to Blair, or “Granny,” as being the catalyst for their careers in education.

Twenty-seven years ago, while employed by the Bank of Covington, Haralson visited a local elementary school to read to the children. They immediately captured her affection. By the time she walked back out the front doors, she knew she’d had a change of heart.

“I don’t know what happened,” Haralson recalls, “but it was like, ‘I’ve got to quit my job and I’ve got to find a job like this.’ And I did, so it just went from there.”

Haralson stepped away from the bank and has now been an employee of the Newton County School system for nearly three decades. During that time she’s worked in the media center, taught kindergarten and taught special education, which she continues to do now for South Salem Elementary.

The sudden, drastic shift in Haralson’s career path was rare. Even rarer still is the fact she now shares the education field — and school district — with her two daughters, both of whom under-

went career path alterations of their own.

Kim Walden went to Emory University for sociology. Keli Rebholz studied criminal justice at Western Governors University. Today, however, they can both be found instructing special education classes in Newton County.

Walden works at South Salem alongside her mother as an MOID (Moderate Intellectual Disability) special education teacher, while Rebholz teaches Pre-K special education at nearby Flint Hill Elementary.

Sure, not everyone gets the privilege of working with their family members. The trio understand how uncommon it can be. But when they’re asked about it, they can’t help but point out how fitting it is.

“The school system itself really is a big family,” Walden said. “Everyone just kind of moves to different schools within the system, and everybody knows each other. We’re all from Covington.”

One would likely assume that a family who works together would be close, and more often than not they’d be inclined to be correct. But Haralson, Walden and Rebholz aren’t your typical mother/daughters combination.

They share eerily personalities. They also share the same education history, each having gone from Palmer Stone Elementary to Cousins Middle and Newton County High during their preparatory years.

Asked about their relationship, smiles

See CIRCLE, C3



**COVID-19 put a strain on many working parents, especially mothers. Labor statistics show 34,000 Georgia women left the workforce from March 2020 to March 2021.**  
Metro Creative Services



# Pandemic forced many moms out of work

## Economist believes female workers may want employers to be more flexible

By **TOM SPIGOLON**  
tspigolon@covnews.com

Georgia mothers saw two forces affecting their willingness to remain employed or return to jobs they may have lost in industries hard-hit by the pandemic.

The Georgia Department of Labor said the Bureau of Labor Statistics estimated 34,000 Georgia women left the labor force between March 2020 and March 2021.

The pandemic-fueled recession since last year disproportionately affected jobs in service industries primarily staffed by women, such as restaurants or hotels, economists have reported.

Meanwhile, more women than men saw the need to stay home with children forced to attend school online or because their daycares closed.

"They've kind of gotten the double whammy," said Teresa Romano, an assistant professor of economics at Emory University's Oxford College.

And as school systems transitioned to virtual learning and daycare centers closed their doors because of fears about the pandemic, a parent had to stay home to care for their children and make sure they attend classes.

"I think part of it is cultural and social norms," Romano said.

They also may have considered other factors, such as economics.

Women are likely than men to quit their jobs to stay home with

their children because they are more likely to be in jobs that pay less, Romano said.

Health insurance may be more affordable through the husband's employer because men earn more on average than women, she said.

The Georgia Budget and Policy Institute (GBPI) reported from February 2020 to March 2021, employment for Georgia men had a net growth of 5% but a net decline of 2% for Georgia women.

"These gaps between Georgia women and men in employment data speak to the trend of large exits of women from the workforce during this pandemic," stated an April 20, 2021, GBPI report titled "State of Working Georgia: Pandemic Job Numbers Are Improving, But Inequitably."

CBS News reported in February that nearly 3 million American women had left the labor force since early 2020.

It reported that, before the pandemic, women comprised more than half of the country's workers.

"But that number has dropped sharply as many women, particularly mothers of young children, have been furloughed or laid off.

"Many others have had to choose between showing up at front-line jobs or caring for their children who, with daycare centers closed and school underway remotely, would otherwise be left without supervision," CBS reported.

The Center for American Progress found

that a greater share of women than men made up the 700,000 Americans the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported had left the workforce between November 2019 and November 2020.

"It's important to note that most of the decline in labor force participation is among mothers, as the nation experiences the worst recession for women in decades," Rasheed Malik wrote for the CAP. He reported that, "Even mothers who have kept their jobs are paying a price because they are more likely than fathers to reduce their working hours or pass up new opportunities because of child care considerations."

"Between the disproportionate level of home child care responsibilities that women shoulder and the heavy job losses among employment sectors dominated by women, some are now calling this the first 'she-cession,'" Malik wrote.

Romano said the "big question" being asked is if women who have left the labor force will feel "comfortable" going back to work if their jobs return amid easing of social distancing rules and increased vaccinations.

Some workers with children may only want to return if employers are flexible with such requirements as work hours or ability to work remotely, she said.

"Reentry may come down to the appropriate flexibility," Romano said.



Special to The Covington News

**Sasha Stone, owner of City Pharmacy in Covington, stands with her family of five. She says Piedmont Newton Hospital's staff provided her comfort during a difficult time.**

# Business owner shares delivery experience at Piedmont Newton

**SPECIAL TO THE NEWS**  
news@covnews.com

COVINGTON, Ga. — Mother of three and local restaurant owner Sasha Stone understands the impact of creating a balance between the allure of a big city with the comforts of community. At her family's restaurant, City Pharmacy, Stone and her husband strive to create a place "Where Friends Meet" through a unique setting that honors the history of Covington while highlighting a unique, fresh dining experience.

For Stone, balance is something she works to attain in all aspects of her life, and when her third child, daughter Birdie, was born, Stone experienced the way Piedmont Newton Hospital creates a balanced and personal atmosphere for laboring mothers and new families.

When Stone first married, she and her husband lived close to downtown Atlanta. She became pregnant with

her first baby, Moody, shortly after they had relocated back to Covington to be closer to family.

"I had been living in the city so I went to a hospital in the city to deliver my son. I thought I needed to deliver at a big, city hospital in order to be comfortable and safe," said Stone. "It wasn't a bad experience, but it was definitely not a personalized or unique experience."

As Stone neared her due date, her doctor encouraged her to consider inducing labor. While this was not necessarily the birth plan she had in mind, she admits that she hadn't thought too much about a birth plan so she deferred to her obstetrician.

"About an hour after they induced labor, my heart rate and my baby's heart rate dropped," remembers Stone. "They changed the medication they were giving me and I went on to labor for another seven hours

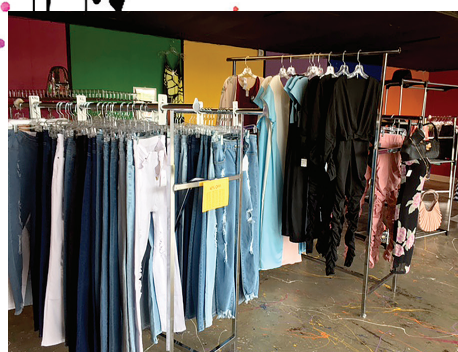
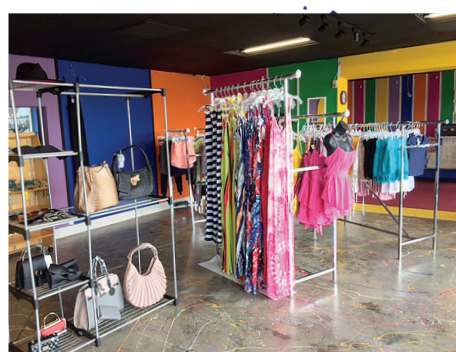
before my labor stalled. After 10 hours, the doctor came in to talk to me about doing a c-section."

Before moving to a c-section, Stone asked if she could try to deliver naturally. Her doctor agreed to let her try, but the baby's heart rate dropped, again, and she was immediately taken into surgery.

"It moved so fast, within 15 minutes I was in the operating room and they were delivering Moody," said Stone. "I was so happy that he was safe and healthy, but still a little disappointed that I wasn't able to deliver him naturally."

Six months after her son was born, Stone discovered she was again pregnant. Since it was so soon after delivering Moody, she returned to her physician in Atlanta for pre-natal care. However, through her work at the restaurant, Stone had met local OB/GYN,

See SHARES, C3

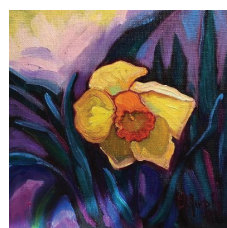


**3140 Highway 278 NE • Covington, GA 30014**  
Next to Jim Stalvey's  
Tuesday-Saturday 11am-7pm  
**678-712-6940**

## Flowers for Mom



Visit our May Show  
For Mother's Day



Our flowers will not droop or fade away,  
Our flowers will last a lifetime  
Come see our show for Mother's Day  
Art that speaks of springtime

**Southern Heartland Art Gallery & Visual Art Center**  
1132 Monticello Street SW, Covington GA



# Ways to commemorate Mother's Day when mom has passed away

## SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

news@covnews.com

Losing a loved one is never easy. Whether the loss is recent or not, many people find the void created by a loved one's passing never leaves them. Celebrating holidays or milestones can magnify feelings of loss, and such feelings may surface on Mother's Day among people whose mothers are deceased. People approach Mother's Day in unique ways when their mother has been laid to rest. Such an experience is extremely personal, and there's really no right or wrong way to mark the occasion. It can be challenging scrolling through other's social media posts about happy brunches and thought-

ful gifts. Some, particularly those for whom the wounds may be especially fresh, may opt to avoid the celebration or go through the motions for the benefit of children or spouses. Others may embrace the bonds they had with their mothers by reflecting on their memories. Those opting to stay connected to their mothers this year can recognize that, although Mom may be gone, they are not motherless. While Mother's Day may be painful for people who have lost their mothers, the following are five ways to make the most of Mother's Day. 1. What would make her happy? Take a heartfelt moment to really think about what made Mom tick and



Metro Creative Services

**Looking at family photos and sharing fond memories of one's mother can help focus Mother's Day on positive feelings.**

brought joy to her life. Was it pouring over recipes in the kitchen? Did Mom like to trek to the top of a mountain in her hiking shoes? Pay homage to her by walking in her footsteps and you may just feel a deeper connection. 2. Get together with

siblings. If you are lucky enough to have siblings, you can share the day together. This way you can remember the happy times, comfort each other and laugh together. If you don't have siblings, consider a visit with an aunt or uncle or another close relative who may be feeling the loss, too. 3. Relay fond stories to others. Celebrate Mother's Day by doing things to ensure Mom's spirit and personality live on. Bring up fond stories of Mom with your spouse, friends or your own children. Help blur out the sadness of the loss by focusing on happy memories, such as those depicted in family photos. 4. Put mom front and

center. Take out a beautiful photograph of your mother and display it in a prime location in the house. This way you may feel like she is sharing the day with you, and you can think about her fondly each time you see the photo. 5. Enjoy your favorite childhood meal. Whether Mom was a master chef or couldn't boil water, there's bound to be a meal you associate with her. If that special meal is Chinese takeout or a slow-cooked roast, enjoy it on Mother's Day in her honor. Coping with loss on Mother's Day isn't easy. By focusing on the positive, people who've lost their mothers can enjoy Mother's Day.

## CIRCLE:

Continued from C1

immediately lit up on all three faces as they began to speak in unison before subsequently pausing to let each have a turn to answer. "Oh, we're definitely very close," Walden said first. "We're more like triplets than a mom and daughters," Haralson added with a laugh. "We are constantly either

texting each other or we are with each other," Rebholz chimed in. The strength of their bond is palpable. Thanks to this, the three seamlessly share lessons plans and bounce ideas off one another. Haralson will tell Walden what worked or didn't for her classroom, Walden will give

advice to Rebholz about a certain topic that gave her students issues, Rebholz will team up with Haralson for classroom decorations. The possibilities are plentiful. "It's just kind of cool to collaborate," Rebholz said. "Even though we might not be doing the same exact

thing, at some point all of it kind of comes full circle." Haralson taught in a severe and profound classroom when Walden and Rebholz were younger, and she would bring students home for her girls to help babysit. The early exposure to those with disabilities helped develop an appreciation and under-

standing that would one day pay off in the classroom. "I definitely feel like growing up with these kids in our house and normalizing their differences just really made them typical to us," Rebholz said. "It was just easy to go into that role."

## SHARES:

Continued from C1

Meridith Farrow, M.D., and they had become friends. As it got closer to Stone's due date, she and Dr. Farrow discussed Stone's scheduled c-section and her disappointment in not being able to deliver her second son, Hyde, naturally. Dr. Farrow encouraged Stone to talk to her physician about attempting a vaginal birth after cesarean (VBAC), but when she asked her doctor about it, he told her he did not perform that type of delivery. "I wasn't thrilled that I was having another c-section, but I also knew that there were risks, so I didn't push the issue," said Stone. "But, I do remember wondering why he wouldn't at least take the time to talk to me about my options and what I was thinking about like Dr. Farrow was doing, and I wasn't her patient! It was then that I finally understood what I had felt during Moody's delivery and now this baby's...

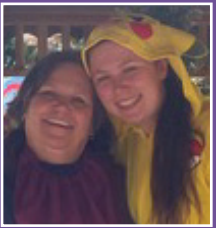
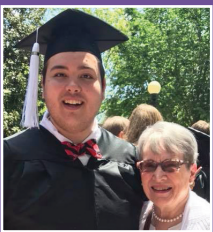
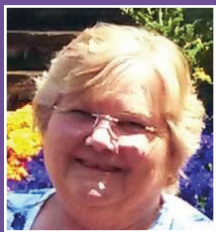
rushed. I felt like the hospital and the doctors were on a schedule and needed to move things along to make room for the next patient. They were very kind and considerate, but there was a lack of warmth due to the rate at which they were moving me through the process." **Local Comfort** A year and a half later, the Stones decided they wanted to add to their family. Sasha became pregnant, but within a few weeks began to have bleeding that caused her alarm. Although she and Dr. Farrow had a deep friendship, Stone was not her patient, so she called her Atlanta doctor's office. The doctor spoke with her over the phone and diagnosed her as having a chemical pregnancy, sometimes called an early miscarriage, which is a pregnancy where a fertilized egg does not fully implant in the uterus. "Although I wasn't very far along in the pregnancy, it made

us sad that I had miscarried," remembers Stone. "But, with two boys under the age of four at home, I knew how blessed I was and that the sadness would pass." A week later, Stone's bleeding had not subsided and was continuing to worsen. She was out of town when she began to experience terrible abdominal cramps that left her unable to walk. She was finally able to reach an on-call physician with her Atlanta doctor's office who told her to go to the closest emergency room. Scared and in tremendous pain, she called her friend, Dr. Farrow. After speaking with Stone and the ER physician, Dr. Farrow ordered Stone to be transferred and admitted to Piedmont Newton Hospital. Once at Piedmont Newton, Dr. Farrow quickly discovered that Stone had an ectopic pregnancy that had ruptured and that she needed emergency

surgery. Prior to going into surgery, Dr. Farrow spoke with Stone about the risks and possible outcomes. Knowing that Stone and her husband wanted more children, Dr. Farrow said she would do everything she could to save the ovary but that she couldn't make promises. "Even though I was in a situation that was serious enough to require emergency surgery, Dr. Farrow and other members of the staff took the time to talk to me, answer my questions, and make sure that I was comfortable with the plan of care," said Stone. "They displayed so much compassion and care for me and my husband." Stone's surgery was successful and Dr. Farrow was able to save her ovary. She recovered well and, a short time later, was able to get pregnant again. This time, there was no doubt in her mind who would be taking care of her and her baby, Dr. Farrow and the team at Piedmont Newton. The pregnancy progressed smoothly and Stone scheduled her c-section, but a week before she was scheduled to deliver, she began having contractions. When she got to Piedmont Newton, she told the nurses about her scheduled c-section, but she was admitted to a regular labor and delivery room until she could be examined by Dr. Farrow. Confirming that Stone was in active labor, Dr. Farrow asked if Stone wanted to attempt to deliver via VBAC. She knew that Stone had wanted to have her other children naturally, and wanted to give her the opportunity to do so safely. They agreed that Stone would try to deliver naturally, but that Dr. Farrow would halt everything and move her to the OR if there were any issues. Fifteen minutes later, Birdie Stone, the Stone's third child and only daughter, was born.

"I was overcome with emotion," said Stone. "Our daughter was perfect and beautiful and there were no complications. Once I had time to reflect on things, I was just so grateful that Dr. Farrow approached my pregnancy and delivery with an open mind and really took the time to understand what was important to me." Piedmont Newton's Labor and Delivery services provide the balance of high-quality clinical care with the comforts of local service. "You think you have to go into Atlanta to have a good experience, but, in fact, by doing so you are missing out on having the best, most personal experience," said Stone. "There is no better care than local care and having everything you need right next door. The doctors and staff at Piedmont Newton want for you what is important to you. They want to make you feel like family."

# Happy Mother's Day



The Covington News  
Honoring our staff's mothers

*"A mother is she who can take the place of all others but whose place no one else can take."*

*- Cardinal Meymillod*





## Gift ideas for Mom



Metro Creative Services

There are plenty of creative ways to celebrate mothers and mother figures this year.

# Don't be afraid to get creative for Mom

## SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

news@covnews.com

On Sunday, May 9, millions of people will celebrate the special women in their lives, particularly the mothers, grandmothers and stepmothers who often tirelessly care for those they love.

Created by Anna Jarvis in the early 20th century and designated an official United States holiday in 1914, Mother's Day is a special day in many families. Apart from birthdays, primary female caregivers may not always get the recognition they deserve, nor be entitled to a day to kick back and relax and let others take the helm. Mother's Day entitles them to something special.

Even though the way people have been living has changed during the COVID-19 pandemic, Mother's Day may be the first holiday on the calendar when the world can finally regain some sense of normalcy. But caution should still prevail during Mother's Day celebrations. Thankfully, there are plenty of creative

ways to celebrate mothers and mother figures this year.

- Dine truly "al fresco." Outdoor dining has become commonplace, and even before it was a safety measure, enjoying a meal on a sun-soaked patio or overlooking a body of water was popular. If you're worried about limited restaurant space or crowds, plan a picnic at a scenic location, such as a botanical garden or county park. Include Mom's favorite foods and enjoy the fresh air and delicious foods together.

- Create a photo slideshow. Digital photos have eclipsed prints in many people's hearts. But too often digital photos never get seen after they're initially taken. That can change when you compile a slideshow of favorite photos from childhood and even present-day photos that Mom is sure to appreciate. Use sentimental music or Mom's favorite songs as the soundtrack, and include some inspirational quotations or personal voiceovers. This is one

gift that can be shared in person or over group meeting apps.

- Get involved together. An especially meaningful way to honor a mother who is always giving her time and love is to become involved in a difference-making organization. Joint volunteerism is a great way to spend more time together working toward a worthy goal.

- Enjoy her hobbies and interests. Devote a day or more to trying Mom's interests and hobbies, whether they include hitting the links, knitting, singing in the church choir, or digging in her garden.

- Send an edible gift. If you can't be there to celebrate with Mom in person, have a special meal delivered to her door. Then enjoy the same foods with her via Google Meet, Facetime or Zoom. Don't forget a tasty cocktail so you can toast the special woman in your life.

Mother's Day celebrations can be unique, heartfelt and customized based on family needs.

## Expecting Moms

# Items to pack in your hospital bag

## SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

news@covnews.com

Each year, close to 4 million babies are born in the United States. Of those four million, approximately 700 are born at Piedmont Newton Hospital meaning our women's services team has a lot of experience in providing comfort to growing families. Another way moms-to-be can be comfortable during their labor and delivery admission is by having a hospital bag packed with items needed and wanted during a hospital stay.

"Thirty-six weeks is a great time to get your bag ready," says Beth Timberlake, director of Women's Services for Piedmont Newton Hospital. "Take the time to pack it yourself as your spouse or partner may not know where everything is and you don't want to be throwing things in a bag when labor starts."

Items for Mom:

- Pajamas. It is nice to have your own comfortable clothing once you can change out of the hospital gown. "If you plan on breastfeeding, bring nursing pajamas or nursing tops," advises Timberlake.

- Flip-flops. Great to have for showering in

your hospital room.

- Socks. Bring your own soft pair of non-slip socks for walking the halls.

- Lip balm. Before delivery, mothers in labor are not allowed to consume any food or beverages, so your lips are always chapped.

- Phone and charger. Make sure your phone is fully charged and you have your phone charger with you so you can call your loved ones and friends to announce baby's arrival and take photos.

- Camera. If you have a professional camera that you prefer over your cell phone camera, make sure to pack it so you can document baby's arrival and hospital stay.

- Crossword puzzles, books to read, and music. Expectant moms can be in labor for several hours. "It is great to have things to pass the time and music can be relaxing when it comes time to deliver," says Timberlake.

- Pillows. Bring your own to be more comfortable, especially if you have a particular pillow you love.

- Personal underwear and toiletry items. The hospital provides mesh underwear, so bring your own if you want

something else. Also, any makeup and personal items you would like.

Items for Baby:

- Clothes. Bring a couple outfits for the baby. "Many parents like to have a special outfit for the baby to wear when they are discharged home," explains Timberlake.

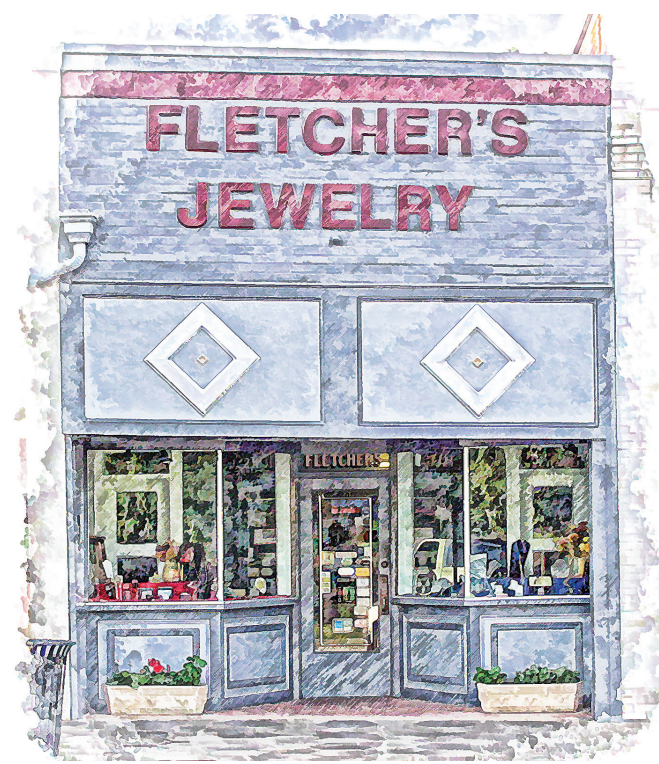
- Receiving blankets. Newborns love to be swaddled and having your own blankets can add a personal touch. The blankets can also be included in the photos.

- Car Seat. Make sure your car seat is installed and inspected before baby's arrival. Piedmont Newton has certified child passenger safety instructors who meet with parents to teach them how to properly install and use car seats. They also offer car seat inspections for other car seats or booster seats the family may use.

"It is all about having the things around you that bring you the most comfort," said Timberlake.

For more tips for preparing for baby's arrival, visit [piedmont.org/maternity-services/piedmont-newton](http://piedmont.org/maternity-services/piedmont-newton).

## FLETCHER'S JEWELRY, INC. ON THE SQUARE



Mother's Day 2021 gift guide



## 20% OFF JEWELRY

With coupon. Cannot be combined with other offers. Expires May 8th, 2021. CN

Diamonds • Colored Stones • Watches • Gold • Silver

*Your Jewelers Since 1932*

1113 Washington Street | Covington, GA 30014

**770-786-2955**

facebook@fletchersjewelry

www.fletchersonthesquare.com

## Trendy Nails



7219 TURNER LAKE ROAD COVINGTON, GA 30014

**678-658-6222**

MONDAY-SATURDAY: 9:30AM-7:00PM • SUNDAY: 11AM-5PM