



In this file photo, Covington Councilwoman Susie Keck (left) speaks during a town hall event at Baker Field in late September to discuss a proposal from John Adams of The Revivalist Guild (center) that would revitalize the historic, rundown property. Councilwoman Hawnethia Williams (right) and others look on.

'BLINDSIDED'

Covington declines Conyers Street Gym proposal after Keck reveals housing authority paid \$75K for renderings

City council members say they are 'embarrassed, disturbed' as internal investigation into situation underway

By TAYLOR BECK
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Councilwoman Fleeta Baggett said her family “was ready to run me out of town this weekend” over the recent controversy surrounding Conyers Street Gym and Baker Field.

On Friday afternoon, Councilwoman Susie Keck revealed that a “previously unknown scheme involving the city and Covington Housing Authority” had been uncovered. Apparently, the housing authority paid \$75,000 for renderings of a developer’s plan to transform the historic property into a multi-family housing and retail site. Keck confirmed the mayor, city manager and all council members had been “kept in the dark” and were decidedly angry.



Pictured is a rendering of proposed plans to bring apartments and retail to the Conyers Street facility.

“This in no way reflects the transparency to which this council has committed itself in the handling of the public’s business,” Keck said in a news release.

She also said there would be an internal investigation.

“There will be a reckoning,” Keck stated.

Shortly after Keck’s news release, City Manager Scott Andrews issued a statement Friday about the future of Conyers Street Gym and Baker Field. He said the city

decided to pass on the recent proposal from Alpharetta-based developer John Adams of The Revivalist Guild, whose \$14 million plans called for the construction of 40 apartments and retail space while preserving the history and integrity of the beloved facility.

“It is clear Conyers Street Gym and Baker Field hold a special place in the hearts of our community members,” Andrews said. “City council, the mayor and city leadership appreciate

the history of the gym and field which is why we are currently exploring options to bring them up to the standards they deserve. After holding a recent town hall meeting (Sept. 28) and receiving community input about a proposed residential development at the gym and field, the decision has been made to not pursue the proposed residential development. We will continue to explore options to make the properties aesthetically pleasing, functional and something the community supports. As we progress, we will continue to seek feedback from the community and ensure everyone is aware of potential developments.”

During the council’s Monday, Oct. 18, meeting,

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Newton County Schools



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Coordinator Chiquita Perry-Owens says Sources of Strength seeks to raise "awareness and creates resiliency in students" by encouraging students to seek out "protective factors" including family support, positive friends, mentors, healthy activities, generosity, spirituality, mental health and medical access.

Sources of Strength helps students find mental wellness

Coordinator says program 'empowers peer leaders,' promotes help-seeking behavior

By TOM SPIGOLON
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Sources of Strength is telling students it is OK to reach out for help if needed to deal with everything from bullying to suicidal thoughts.

"The goal we're trying to push is wellness," said Sources of Strength coordinator Chiquita Perry-Owens.

Sources of Strength is an

"evidence-based prevention program that empowers peer leaders and adult advisors in their schools to break codes of silence of mental health and promote help-seeking behaviors and resource connections with suicide prevention, anxiety, substance abuse, violence, bullying and peer pressure," Perry said.

It seeks to raise "awareness and creates resiliency in stu-

dents" by encouraging students to seek out "protective factors" including family support, positive friends, mentors, healthy activities, generosity, spirituality, mental health and medical access.

"(It) is a tool for promoting positive school-wide attitudes about seeking help for problems, breaking codes of

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His Word

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

2 Peter 3:9, KJV

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GBI

Area man charged with exploitation, molestation

Allegedly committed crimes in Newton Co., other parts of US while married to travel nurse

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COVINGTON, Ga. — A joint law enforcement agency investigation into online exploitation and child molestation led to the arrest of a 45-year-old man for crimes that allegedly occurred in Newton County and other parts of the country.



Derrick Crooms

Federal marshals arrested Derrick Crooms of Newton County on Friday, Oct. 15, and charged him with a series of molestation and other child sex crimes. Crooms was being held Tuesday without bond in the Newton County Detention Center.

Newton County Sheriff’s Office, GBI, and Oconee County Sheriff’s Office worked jointly on the case, the GBI stated in a news release.

GBI Assistant Special Agent in Charge Lindsay Marchant said in the release that, "In December 2020, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation’s Child Exploitation and Computer Crimes Unit received a request for assistance from the Oconee County Sheriff’s Office in the investigation of numerous sex offenses against children by Crooms.

"The investigation revealed that these crimes allegedly occurred in Newton County, Georgia, as well as several different locations throughout the United States," Marchant said.

The GBI asked the U.S. Marshals Service to assist with locating and capturing Crooms on his criminal charges. The Marshals Service arrested Crooms in Stone Mountain following a tip received by a marshal and transported him to the Newton County Jail.

Crooms was charged with 18 total counts, including five counts of Child Molestation, four counts of Aggravated Child Molestation, three counts each of Incest and Rape, two counts of Aggravated Sexual Battery, and one count of Enticing a Child for Indecent Purposes.

He had been convicted in the late 1990s on similar charges and, in 2017, was able to convince a judge to remove his name from the sex offender registry — allowing him to move freely, Fox5 News reported.

GBI officials said Crooms was married to Rachel Overton and traveled around the country with Overton when he committed some of the offenses he is charged

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Newton County Tax Commissioner's Office

Property tax bills being mailed two months later than normal

Jordan blames delay on tax digest release, tax rate approval

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COVINGTON, Ga. — Later than usual release of the county's tax digest in mid-July and comparatively late approval of the property tax rate in August produced a domino effect that resulted in a two-month delay in mailing property tax bills, the tax commissioner says.

As a result, Tax Commis-

sioner Marcus Jordan said he hoped to send tax bills by this week rather than Aug. 20, as usual.

If sent today, property taxes then will be due 60 days later, on Dec. 20, with a final installment, if needed, due Feb. 20.

Jordan said he told county commissioners and the Board of Assessors in May and July of this year “ my concern with the possibility of a delay in the delivering of tax bills.”

The letters explained



the process and timing for collecting taxes after a tax digest and property tax rates are approved.

He also said in the letter that the delays in releasing the tax digest and approving the property tax rate, also known as the millage rate, would hinder “my ability to pass tax collection revenue to the Board of Commissioners, the Board of Education, and our cities.”

Jordan said state law required the Tax Assessor's office to transmit the tax digest by June 1 if a county collects taxes in installments — which Newton County does.

“A copy of the digest was

not received until July 20 from the Tax Assessors for the current year's digest,” he said.

Jordan said the tax digest was submitted on Sept. 1 and he received an order authorizing its use for the collection of property taxes on Sept. 17.

Chief Appraiser Marti Kinard did not return a call for comment by the Tuesday morning press deadline for this publication.

Jordan added the Board of Commissioners did not approve the current property tax rate until mid-August.

The Board voted on June 15 to wait on approving a first version of the 2022

budget until revisions could be made to conform to a decrease in revenue from a lower tax rate. The board approved a decrease in the rate from 12.916 mills to 11.145 mills on Aug. 17.

In addition, the tax commissioner's office is using a third-party vendor, Diversified Companies LLC, to print and mail tax bills, Jordan said.

County Commissioner Stan Edwards reprinted on his Facebook page the wording of a letter from Diversified to Jordan about the company being close to creating final proofs of tax bills

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Baggett voiced her own frustrations about the situation, saying she was “embarrassed” and “disturbed.”

“I really don't know where to start tonight,” Baggett said during the time for council member comments. “I am extremely embarrassed and disturbed by what went on with the Conyers Street Gym project. I have a lot of questions. I don't know what forum and where I need to go to get them answered. The main thing I want to know is who knew what, when and where. I want to know how the developer was paid that amount of money. And we were told it was being done for the city, but it was

actually being backed by the housing authority. I want to know who with the city knew. I want to know what they knew and I want to know when they knew it. I want to know who gave the housing authority the OK to spend that kind of money. Is it their board? Is it HUD? Can they just do it on their own? \$75,000 is a lot of money.”

She then pointed out that Andrews wasn't even allowed to OK that size of a purchase with city funds without council approval. Andrews's limit is \$20,000.

Though there are connections to the city, the Covington Housing Authority is not considered an entity of

the city. During a July meeting, Covington Housing Authority Executive Director Shamica Tucker said approximately 90% of its funding came from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

A representative of the Covington Housing Authority could not be reached for comment prior to this publication's deadline.

“It has been an embarrassment,” Baggett reiterated. “My own family was ready to run me out of town this weekend over this.”

Baggett went on to say she was also concerned about developments discussed during an executive session held at 5 p.m. before the council's regular meeting that began at 6:30 p.m. City Clerk Audra Gutierrez said the subject of the executive session was to “discuss land opportunities.”

“And we don't talk about things in executive sessions that go on,” she said. “The things that I heard tonight in executive session all have set alarm bells off. I don't understand what's going on.

I don't like it, and I am not going to be a part of it. And we need to get to the bottom of it, no matter who we have to get involved on it and who we need to talk to. And I want it worked out sooner than later. Thank you.”

Keck chose not to spend much time on the issue following Baggett's comments.

“I will say that I'm surprised I have not been contacted today, since I'm the one who [sent out a news release],” Keck said, “which doesn't make me a bit more comfortable than I was when I first figured everything out.

“What I will say, on a lighter note, is the polls are open. I hope people have seen how important it is to keep someone in office and keep experience, and I hope everyone will go to the polls.”

Councilman Kenneth Morgan briefly inserted his thoughts on the situation.

“There's one thing about people,” Morgan said. “People love to point fingers and blame one another for this, that and the other. But we have to take re-

sponsibility ourselves, because anything that happens in our community, it's not one person's fault. It's all of our fault. So when Conyers Street Gym — when those that say their kids played on [Baker Field], ‘it's history,’ this and that. When we had that meeting, the only thing people were saying was they were blaming the city of Covington for [the condition it was in]. Well, you rode past that gym just like everybody else, but you never said anything. And then the minute we come up with a developer or want to do something over there, then everybody want to get heartburn about it and point fingers at one another. But at the end of the day, we all need to take responsibility, and anything that happens within our community is not one person's fault. It's all of our fault. And that's something we need to realize and take responsibility for.”

Baggett then responded to Morgan's comments by saying she understood his point, but she said there were instances when the city can't, or shouldn't, take responsibility.

“I agree with Kenny that we do have to take responsibility, but we cannot take responsibility when we are completely blindsided. And we were completely blindsided by this mess on Conyers Street,” she said. “I, 100%,

take responsibility for anything that I vote on, and I want that clear. I just want to make sure that I know what all is going on, and who the players are and what's being done.”

In response to Baggett's demand for clarity, Mayor Steve Horton said he and others were actively seeking out answers to her and other council members' questions, but he stressed the importance of being patient during the investigative process.

“A lot of people are upset ... and I get it,” Horton said. “The big thing is, nobody's mind readers. I don't know everything ... You can't know everything. You don't know what's going on behind the scenes. But what's important is how you respond when you know it. And I think we're working on that and trying to do that. And the day that issues are more important than people, we've got a problem anyway. And so we've got to find a resolution that is equitable throughout the community and not just parts of it.”

Horton said he and Andrews had been working together recently to draft a questionnaire for residents that would provide city leaders a better understanding of what developments are wanted in Covington, but he did not disclose if or when residents could see that questionnaire materialize.

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Man charged after 20 dogs found without adequate food, sanitary conditions

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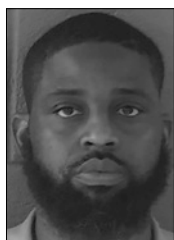
COVINGTON, Ga. — A Stockbridge man has been charged with numerous counts of animal cruelty in relation to an April incident at a residence he occupied in Newton County.

Leon Conley III, who now lives in Stockbridge, had more than 20 dogs at his residence, most of them lacking adequate food and sanitary living conditions, said spokesperson Caitlin Jett.

Newton County sheriff's depu-

ties and Newton County Animal Control officers found the dogs at an address off Fox Meadow Drive in Covington on April 24 after an inspection warrant was issued.

In Georgia, a judge can issue an "inspection warrant" authorizing a search or inspection of private property where such a search or inspection is one that is



Leon Conley III

necessary for the enforcement of any of the provisions of laws authorizing licensure, inspection, or regulation by the department, according to state law.

Animal Control officers took the dogs and relocated them to the county animal shelter, Jett said.

Conley, 41, was charged with 17 counts of Cruelty to Animals. No other information was immediately available from county or sheriff's office officials.

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with.

Overton was a traveling nurse and the investigation determined that she became aware of Crooms' criminal acts and failed to report them to law enforcement, a news release stated.

She also was charged with Cruelty to Children-3rd Degree and Failure to Report as a Mandated Reporter. Overton was taken into custody Feb. 23 with the assistance of the Racine County Sheriff's Office in Wisconsin.

She was later extradited to Oconee County and released on bail shortly afterwards.

The investigation was part of the ongoing effort by the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, housed within the GBI's Child Exploitation and Computer Crimes Unit, to identify those involved in the child pornography trade, the release stated.

Anyone with information about other cases of child exploitation is asked to contact the GBI Child Exploitation Unit at 404-270-8870. Anonymous tips can also be submitted by calling 800-597-8477, online at <https://gbi.georgia.gov/submit-tips-online>, or by downloading the See Something, Send Something mobile app.

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for Jordan to inspect.

Jordan, who is the county's former chief tax appraiser, said he was "certain since my 20-plus year tenure with Newton County government (that) tax commissioners have utilized the service of a third party vendor to print and mail bills."

He said Diversified has been in communication with Georgia Tax Collection System, which services the tax commissioner's office's new accounting software program, "to ensure the accuracy of this year's billing statements."

Edwards said he had

concerns about the effect on taxpayers' balances in escrow accounts — used by mortgage companies and banks to pay property taxes.

"Additionally, several of our municipalities will have to adjust accordingly to the delay in revenue because they

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silence, and involving supportive resources and assistance for students in emotional crisis," the school system website stated.

Perry said students of all races and income levels suffer from mental health issues and may do so for any number of reasons.



Between 20 and 50 students serve as peer leaders in each school as part of Sources of Strength.
Special Photo

"You can save someone's life," Chelsea said.

Peer leaders also organize or propose their own programs, such as participating in a flash mob event at a basketball game, to spread the word about the program.

In the past, they have organized a "Name a Trusted Adult" campaign, a community wellness resource fair, a "Stress Free Day," and a family movie night.

For National Suicide Prevention Month in September, Perry said Sources of Strength program participants took part in an "I Am Stronger" challenge to raise mental health awareness and resiliency in their schools.

Services Agency to the Georgia Department of Education.

The education department then chose Newton, Muscogee and Spalding counties' school systems "to provide training in 'Youth Mental Health First Aid' and to develop processes and procedures for connecting youth and families to community-based mental health services," according to information from the department.

After the grant ended in 2019, NCSS continued operating the programs developed under the grant, including Sources of Strength Suicide Prevention and Youth Mental Health First Aid, Perry said.

Chelsea said her involvement in Sources of Strength prompted one of her friends to call her directly about issues the friend was having.

mental health crisis.

Her department also is preparing to implement a pilot program called Teen Mental Health First Aid Training for Newton High School students (10th to 12th grades) starting next week, where 650 students will receive a similar training that is more condensed and student appropriate, she said.

Perry said a student may begin to deal with mental health issues as early as elementary school. However, many students often believe they should not disclose any mental health issues they are suffering because of the "negative connotations" of doing so.

Many parents also do not know how accessible mental health care can be in the school system, she said.

The mental health program uses student peer leaders and adult advisors to help students in six schools, including Newton, Alcovy and Eastside high schools and Veterans, Liberty and Cousins middle schools.

"Peer leaders leverage their social influence, talents, networking and skills to promote positive changes in their school climate through activities, trainings, group discussions, awareness campaigns, social media and art," Perry said.

"We equip students with different tools," she said.

Between 20 and 50 students serve as peer leaders in each school, Perry said.

One of those peer leaders, Newton High School student Chelsea Williams, 14, said she believes students take such matters as suicide "very seriously" and need someone to talk with.

Perry, who is also a Newton County Schools' school climate specialist, said students from Newton and Alcovy high schools took part in the event in which they shared stories of "strength" by identifying any of the "protective factors" they found helpful for getting them through tough times.

Newton High School adult advisors Tommie Gregory and Demetrice Perry-Stokes and Alcovy High adult advisors Chris Williams and Justin Hunter built wall display platforms for peer leaders and students "to share personal stories of hope, help and strength." Newton High won the challenge by collecting a total of 453 entries, Perry said.

Sources of Strength originated in 2014 with a five-year grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Substance Abuse and Mental Health

She said she was glad to be someone students know they can talk with who is around their own age, she said.

Perry is the coordinator of Sources of Strength, and coordinator and trainer for two other programs called the Teen Mental Health and Youth Mental Health First Aid programs, all of which operate within the NCSS Department of Students & Family Support.

She said Youth Mental Health First Aid is a separate component in its student service department because it focuses on training adults — parents, administrators, relatives, mentors, community outreach and others — on what signs and symptoms to look for when a child may be experiencing a



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OPINIONS

The Covington News

Tom Spigolon news editor

Consequences of stupid behavior at football game should be warning

It was not a good Saturday night for the University of Tennessee from a public relations standpoint.

And after a year in which nothing was normal anywhere, much less with the fall obsession of college football in the South, it told us that not even sports is immune from the sometimes chaotic year we were slowly emerging from.

A nationally televised game between two of the top teams this season from the best college football conference in America featured possibly the best known college football coach in the University of Mississippi's Lane Kiffin.

Neyland Stadium was adorned in orange and white and being featured with 100,000-plus fans under the lights in Knoxville, Tennessee. It was a competitive game and the home team, Tennessee, was rallying to tie or win the game as it was winding down.

Then, a controversial call by a game official goes against the home team and all hades breaks loose.

And, suddenly, college football fans in the South show they can be the same type of fools as others who seem to be showing up more and more at sporting events in this country.

One only needs to be on Twitter for a few days during the NBA basketball season or during the MLB season to see viral videos of

fighters breaking out in the stands between fans who seem to have had a little too much to drink.

Campus police were working to identify fans who threw trash on the field during Saturday night's game so they could face disciplinary action, with the possibility students could be banned from attending future Tennessee games.

The visiting team and their cheerleaders were among the targets — making for a dangerous situation during a game between two old Southeastern Conference rivals.

Event officials had to evacuate the visiting side of the field as some of the 102,455 in attendance rained down bottles and more on to the Ole Miss football team and its coaches — most notably, Kiffin.

The debris came mostly from the Tennessee student section and included water and soda bottles, beer cans, pizza boxes, vape pens, liquor bottles, hot dogs and a mustard bottle, according to *The Knoxville News-Sentinel*.

There was a back story. Kiffin, who spent most of his life in California, was an assistant coach at the University of Southern California during its national championship years of the early 2000s. After a disastrous two seasons coaching the NFL's Oakland Raiders, Tennessee's then-athletic director Mike Hamilton fired Phillip Fulmer — after 16 seasons and the 1996 national championship — and hired Kiffin.

Kiffin had never been shy about boasting about his time at USC



Calvin Mattheis | Knoxville News-Sentinel

Trash litters the sidelines after it was ruled that Jacob Warren was a yard short of the first down marker on a 4th and 24 play during an SEC football game between Tennessee and Ole Miss at Neyland Stadium in Knoxville, Tennessee, on Saturday, Oct. 16. Tennessee fans littered the Neyland Stadium field with debris for several minutes following Ole Miss' game-clinching defensive stop with 54 seconds to play.

and must have certainly told Hamilton about his desire to move back if the USC job came open. Nevertheless, Hamilton hired Kiffin and he coached Tennessee for one year in 2008 before going to USC to succeed his former boss, Pete Carroll.

Tennessee fans apparently never forgot or forgave Kiffin for leaving Tennessee so abruptly. The game Saturday night was Kiffin's first back in Knoxville as a head coach, which, of course, added fuel to the fire.

But after a year in

which the pandemic had sports teams playing in front of empty or mostly empty stadiums and rioting broke out nationwide over police shootings, Saturday night's action was not a welcome sight,

According to the Associated Press, administrators from both the SEC and the University of Tennessee issued strongly worded statements condemning the bottle-throwing scene at the end of the game.

SEC commissioner Greg Sankey, in a statement after the game, said the "actions

of fans at Saturday night's game were unacceptable under any circumstances," the AP reported.

"We are accustomed to intense competition every week, but under no circumstance is it acceptable to endanger the contest participants and disrupt a game."

Sankey said the league would review existing conference policies and the commissioner's authority to impose penalties and "communicate with the leadership at the University of Tennessee — and all of the SEC's

member universities — to make certain this situation is not repeated."

Monday afternoon, SEC officials announced Tennessee would be fined \$250,000 for fans' unruly actions.

Tennessee Chancellor Donde Plowman said she was "astonished and sickened by the behavior of some Vol fans at the end of tonight's game."

"Behavior that puts student-athletes, visitors and other fans at risk is not something we will tolerate. Neyland Stadium has always been a place for families, and we'll keep it that way."

Booing is one thing. Stopping a game for 20 minutes by throwing potentially dangerous objects at a visiting team and their coach is quite another. And Tennessee fans showed their backside on national TV, giving the university yet another black eye for its athletics department.

The university that produced such class acts as women's basketball legend Pat Summitt and Tennessee and NFL legend Peyton Manning got an undeserved black eye Saturday night from a few idiots who felt privileged enough after buying a ticket to endanger visitors from another university.

It also should be a lesson to other universities' students that they face the same penalties if they do the same thing.

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Your Letters to the Editor

Reader urges Newton County commissioners to rethink action on statue

Dear Editor,
After reading an editorial piece in *The*

Covington News on September 25-26, 2021, by a local busi-

nessman, Bill Nash, it reminds me of other articles voicing similar opinions in the same newspaper, concerning the removal of the status of the Confederate dead. Earlier in 2020, Mr. George S. Ellington, a Newton County native, whose ancestry included numerous relatives who fought and died during that tragic war, advocated creating monuments that would tell the "other side" of the story. A few weeks later, I also had published in the "News" the story of my great-grandfather Vause along with his three brothers, as young men, found the need to volunteer to fight for their newfound homeland in the wilderness of north Florida.

Mr. Nash reminds us that monuments and immovable art are to inspire us, recollect, educate, debate and remind us that each generation has its own heroes and flaws.

Reading an article in the *Epoch Times* of September 22-28, 2021, written by Ian Gentles, a professor of history and global studies at Tyndale University in Toronto, he quotes from T.S. Eliot's poem "(Four) Quartets": "Society is indeed a contract ... it is a partnership in all science, a partnership in all art, a partnership in every virtue, and in all perfection. As the ends of such a partnership cannot be obtained in many generations, it becomes a partnership not only between those who are living, those who are dead and those

who are to be born. Each contract of each particular state is but a 'clause' in the great primeval contract of eternal society, linking the lower with the higher natures, connecting the visible with the invisible world, according to a fixed compact sanctioned by the invisible oath which holds all physical and all moral natures, each in their appointed place."

Gentles also quotes from the book "Orthodoxy" by G.K. Chesterton: "The dead and the unborn are as much members of society as the living. To dishonor the dead is to reject the relation on which society is built — the relationship of the obligation between generations. Those who have lost respect for the dead have ceased to be trustees of their inheri-

ance. Inevitably, therefore, they lose the sense of obligation to future generations. The web of obligations shrinks to the present."

I am certain that there are many in this community that have similar opinions as Mr. Ellington, Mr. Nash and myself act would prefer to build bridges in the present to connect the past, present and future. Tearing down monuments of the dead will not erase history. I am asking the Newton County commissioners to rethink their actions and start building bridges that link all of us together rather than building walls that divide us.

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SPORTS

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Prep Softball

Eyes on the title

Lady Cougars play for GISA Class AA championship Thursday



Special to The Covington News

The Piedmont Academy Lady Cougars softball team travels to Dublin on Thursday to play for the GISA Class AA state championship.

By CHRIS BRIDGES
Correspondent

MONTICELLO, Ga. — It was another successful playoff series for the Piedmont Academy fast-pitch softball team on Saturday.

The Lady Cougars swept visiting Brentwood 4-3 and 3-2 to advance to the GISA Class AA state championship series later this week. Piedmont (16-4) overall will face Southwest Georgia in a best-of-three series beginning Thursday in Dublin.

“We are excited to get a chance to play for a state championship,” coach Joe Johnson said. “Our cardiac kids find a way to win. They have a lot of heart.”

After narrowly winning game one Saturday, the Lady Cougars took an early 2-0 lead in the first inning of game two and added a run in the fourth and one more in the sixth.

Brentwood got on the board with two runs in the bottom of the sixth inning (the Lady Eagles were the designated home team in game two) and one more in the seventh. In the end, Piedmont held on despite several defensive miscues in the contest.

Marissa Holder and Fleming Sealy both had hits to help clinch the series while Teagan Hinson drove in two runs. Maddie Waddleton and Holder both had an RBI and Emily McEwen drew a walk.

McEwen went the distance and recorded two strikeouts.

In game one Saturday morn-

ing, the Lady Cougars once again took a one-run win despite five errors. Piedmont led 1-0 until Brentwood tied the game in the top of the third.

The Lady Eagles moved in front 2-1 in the top of the fifth before the Lady Cougars tied the game in the bottom half of the inning. Piedmont scored the game-winning run in the bottom of the fifth.

Hinson had two hits and drove in two runs while Teagan Satterfield had an RBI.

Averi Camp pitched all seven innings and recorded five strikeouts.

Piedmont will now face Southwest Georgia for the championship beginning Thursday at 5 p.m. The series continues Saturday at 1 p.m. with a third game, if necessary, also Saturday afternoon.

The Lady Warriors of Damascus and the Lady Cougars are the top two seeds in the tournament. Southwest Georgia’s lone loss this season was to Piedmont on Sept. 28 by a 6-3 score. The Lady Warriors are 20-1 overall and on a 13-game winning streak.

Southwest Georgia swept Briarwood in the other GISA Class AA semifinal series 3-1 and 5-2.

“We hope we can give them two more losses,” Johnson said.

The Lady Cougars will prepare this week for what they hope is another state championship for the program.

Junior shortstop Abby Arnold

said she is eager to compete for the championship.

“It feels amazing to know that our hard work as a team has paid off and we have earned a repeat appearance in the championship,” Arnold said. “This is especially true after we lost so much talent to our senior class last year. We really came together as a group and I wouldn’t want to play these last few games with any other group of girls.”

Arnold said the Lady Cougars simply need to play their game and stay focused.

“We have practiced and put in the work,” she said. “The only thing I think we need to do differently in this series is to adjust faster in the batter’s box. We have such a talented and hard-working group of girls and we work really well together.”

Senior first baseman Maddie Waddleton said it is a great feeling to once again advance this far during the season.

“I think we just need to keep playing as a team to win the series,” Waddleton said.

Junior Emily McEwen, who pitches and plays in the outfield, said it’s rewarding to see the team’s hard work pay off.

“I am so proud of my teammates for working together and making it this far,” McEwen said. “I think the team just needs to give all of their effort this week at practice and really focus in on playing well.”



Phillip B. Hubbard | The Covington News

Playing in the first round recently ended a 5-year absence from the postseason for Alcovy’s softball team. It was the first playoff appearance of head coach Miranda Lamb’s tenure leading the Tigers.

Lady Tigers enjoy postseason berth, look toward future

By PHILLIP B. HUBBARD
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COVINGTON, Ga. - Four years ago, Alcovy High School made a change at the helm of its softball program.

Miranda Lamb was hired to lead the Lady Tigers into a brighter future.

Joining her as newcomers to the team were four freshmen: Lexie McDonald, Kayla Lovelace, Danyel Vandiver and Emma Mercer.

Since these five individuals came on the scene, Alcovy didn’t have a single playoff appearance. That all changed on Tuesday, Oct. 12 when the Lady Tigers traveled to Lee County High School for round 1 of the Class 6A playoffs.

Playing in the first round ended a 5-year absence from the postseason.

Aiming for a playoff berth was something Lamb and the Lady Tigers had at the top of their priority list on day one of their time together.

“We started off with a goal when [the seniors] were freshmen to make it to the playoffs,” Lamb said. “That finally came to fruition and the hard work those four seniors have put in has not gone unnoticed.”

McDonald is one of the four seniors. She, along with her three fellow seniors, dedicated her entire effort and determination to the softball program at Alcovy.

Whether it’s been hitting or pitching, McDonald has made tremendous contributions to help lead the Lady Tigers back to the postseason.

Even after hearing the news and playing in the games, McDonald could hardly describe the feeling that overcame her on Oct. 12.

“It was like a rush went through my body,” McDonald said.

“Everyone was so pumped up from the ride down there to the end of the last game.”

Each senior’s determination to reach this destination has been an inspiration to the underclassmen who’ll now follow in their footsteps.

As a freshman on this year’s squad, Kaitlyn Williams feels energized to continue the work each senior has started.

There were many moments Williams will never forget from playing in the postseason. But, she stressed that it was the entire experience that she’ll remember.

“It was a great bonding experience on the bus ride down there before we even got to play,” Williams said. “Even though the score may not look like it, we gave Lee County our best. We didn’t even play an easy team. They were No. 1 in their region.”

Additionally, another underclassmen recalled what it was like experiencing postseason softball for the first time.

Makinzie Johnson, a sophomore, noticed a certain shift in herself and teammates once game 1 commenced.

She admitted there were extra nerves heading into the matchup, but something changed when the Lady Tigers trotted onto the field for the first time.

“Once we started playing the game we love, it all started clicking,” Johnson said. “It felt like a family and it was all fun.”

Now that the 2021 season has ended, the Lady Tigers shift their focus to what’s next.

With postseason experience now under most of the players’ belt, they now plan to use it to improve in the future.

Williams, specifically stressed that, even
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MLB – Road to the World Series



John Bazemore | Associated Press

Atlanta Braves’ Eddie Rosario is congratulated by teammates after hitting the game winning RBI single during the ninth inning against the Los Angeles Dodgers in Game 2 of baseball’s National League Championship Series Sunday, Oct. 17, 2021, in Atlanta. The Braves defeated the Dodgers 5-4 to lead the series 2-0. At the time of publication for The Covington News, the Braves held a 2-0 lead over the Dodgers in the NLCS. Atlanta then traveled to Los Angeles to continue the series Tuesday and Wednesday. Games were to be televised on TBS at 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., respectively.

Phil's Pregame Points – Week 10

Rams should feed off homecoming energy

By PHILLIP B. HUBBARD
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[Editor's Note: To preview this week's football games, Sports Editor, Phillip B. Hubbard introduces a brand new series called "Phil's Pregame Points." For each game, he briefly breaks down what he believes each team needs to do to better their chances at a win.]

Alcovy @ Lakeside (Evans)
533 Blue Ridge Dr.,
Evans, GA 30809
Kickoff at 7:30 p.m.
Last matchup:
2020 Alcovy won 35-0

- Maintain offensive rhythm
- Alcovy came out of the gate against Grovetown firing on all cylinders. After just the first quarter, the Tigers held a 20-0 advantage. However, they didn't score another point until 50 seconds before halftime. If Alcovy wants to pick up its third win of the season, it'll need to clean up those lapses on offense. Those could have a huge impact on the outcome of the game.
- Defense struggle in third quarter
- On Friday night, the Tigers defense allowed all of Grove-town's 20 points in the third quarter. This was totally opposite to how Alcovy came out in the first quarter. The Tigers need to keep their intensity coming out of halftime as they do starting the game.

Newton vs. Mill Creek
Sharp Stadium
Kickoff at 7:30 p.m.
Last matchup:
2020 Mill Creek won 31-0

- Go with what got you here
- Going into last Friday, the Rams had only lost one game and were undefeated in region play. It's largely been due to the running committee led by Rontravious Perry, Zion Johnson and Jevarra Martin Jr. However, Newton seemed to have an identity crisis at Brookwood with a bunch of different formations. If the Rams want to get back in the win column, they need to get back with what has worked.



Anthony Banks | The Covington News

Rontravious Perry (15) and the Newton Rams need to feed off the homecoming festivities this week to pick up another region win against Mill Creek this week. Kickoff is Friday at 7:30 p.m. inside Sharp Stadium.

- Feed off homecoming energy
- Every local team has lost its homecoming game this season. Newton, I'm sure, will want to break that streak. The Rams need to feed off the energy that Sharp Stadium will be filled with to help improve to 5-2.

Social Circle @ Commerce
272 Lakeview Dr.,
Commerce, GA 30529
Kickoff at 7:30 p.m.
Last matchup:
2020 Commerce won 48-22

- Forget 1-point loss
- The bye week helps with this, but it is still worth noting. The last time Social Circle was on the football field, they suffered a last second, 1-point loss to Lincoln County. If the Redskins want to bounce back, they'll have to flush that and move from the loss.
- Learn from Washington-Wilkes
- This will be like a deja vu for the Redskins. Following their first bye week of the season, the Redskins went and played a high powered Washington-Wilkes team on the road. Now, this time, Social Circle will go on the road to face a dominating Commerce team. I know each opponent is different, but the circumstances are similar. Maybe learning from their mistakes against Washington-Wilkes will help the Redskins put up a better fight against Commerce.

Eastside @ Jackson County
152 Jaxco Jct,
Hoschton, GA 30548
Kickoff at 7:30 p.m.
Last matchup:
2020 Eastside won 27-0

- Take advantage of BYE week
- The two weeks prior to Eastside's bye week were brutal for the Eagles, to say the least. They lost 13-6 against Clarke Central in a closely contested matchup and grinded out a 10-9 victory over Loganville. So, the bye week couldn't have come at a better time for Eastside. Now, going on the road to face Jackson County, the Eagles will need their star players like Dallas Johnson and Kenai Grier to make huge contributions. The positive is all of the players should be rested up now having a week off.
- Panthers playing for something more
- It's not homecoming or senior night for Jackson County, but the Eagles should still expect the Panthers to play more passionately. Why? Because Jackson County head coach, Rich McWhorter is just one win away from 300 career victories. I expect that to have the players approaching this Friday's game with a different type of determination. Therefore, Eastside needs to prepare for a more intense battle than a normal matchup with the Panthers would be.

Prep Softball - State Playoffs

Eastside, Social Circle remain in hunt for state championship

By PHILLIP B. HUBBARD
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COVINGTON, Ga.
— Two of the four local teams advanced to the second rounds of their respective playoffs. Eastside swept Lithia Springs to advance in the Class 5A playoffs while Social Circle swept Bowdon to continue its journey through the Class A-Public playoffs.

This week, the Lady Eagles and the Lady Redskins will compete in hopes of advancing to the Elite Eight. As the No. 1 seed, Social Circle will remain at home to face the No. 2 seed from Region 2A-Public, Charlton County. On the other hand, the No. 2 seed Eastside will hit the road to Columbus. It'll take on

Northside High School in Columbus to face the No. 1 seed from Region 2-5A. Follow The Covington News on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram for continuous coverage. Check out our website, too, for full game coverage. Below are the schedules:
Eastside @ Northside (in Columbus)

Tuesday, Oct. 19
Game 1 at 5 p.m.
Game 2 at 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 20
Game 3 at 7 p.m. — *if necessary*

Social Circle vs. Charlton County
Wednesday, Oct. 20
Game 1 at 4:30 p.m.
Game 2 at 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 21
Game 3 at 6:30 p.m. — *if necessary*

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though the final results weren't in Alcovy's favor, doesn't miss they missed their target. "The whole season, we talked about changing the culture at Alcovy," Williams said. "We wanted to go down there and make a statement. It was a great challenge and I'm excited to build for the future." During the playoff matchup, Johnson said she learned a very important lesson to never give up in spite of the odds that are against her. Johnson noticed that her teammates seemed to adopt that same mantra of never giving up. "I think we, as a

team, had the mind-set to just leave it all out there [against Lee County]," Johnson said. "We planned to give it all we got. I know that we did our best and left it all out there." And that they did. Despite entering the bracket as a No. 4 seed facing a No. 1 seed, the Lady Tigers strived to remain competitive. Particularly in the first game, the Lady Tigers scored two runs in the final inning while trailing 5-0. Then, through the first four innings of game two, Alcovy found itself tied with Lee County 1-1. It was noticeable that the Lady Tigers didn't just go down to Lee

County to participate. McDonald expressed deep appreciation for her time as a Lady Tigers when everything was said and done. She's proud to be a part of the class to lead Alcovy back to a high profile stage. "It's very special to play in the playoffs," McDonald said. "We spent four years in this program and we did it in our senior year making it to state." Be that as it may, Lamb and the Lady Tigers aspire to not let another five years pass by before they're in the playoffs again. That preparation to return and set up a deeper run in the

2022 playoffs will begin shortly. The Lady Tigers don't plan on going anywhere soon. According to Lamb, it'll be the players' "competitive spirit" that'll make Alcovy softball a force to be reckoned with in the near future. "My freshmen and sophomores know what those seniors have gone through over the past four years to get them where we were," Lamb said. "And I think that's why they wanted to compete. My kids brought their A game on Tuesday. With that, I think Alcovy will be competitive for the next few years."

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK



Alcovy Tigers

#5 Tristan Mayweather

Mayweather carried the freight for the Tigers offense Friday night. The senior tailback rushed for three touchdowns and caused numerous problems for the Grovetown defense in the 43-20 win.



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Newton Rams

#24 Tahjae Mullix

On defense, Mullix provided the only score for the Rams on Friday. Toward the middle of the third quarter, Mullix forced and recovered a fumble that he returned 16 yards for a scoop and score.



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Eastside Eagles



Eastside did not play in Week Nine, as it was their regularly scheduled BYE week. The Eagles are back in action this week as they travel to Jackson County.



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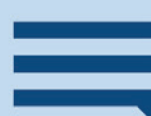


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Rising crude oil prices pushes Newton gas costs up

STAFF REPORTS
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Newton County and Georgia gas prices have increased alongside rising crude oil costs in the past week because of increasing demand and OPEC holding back production, according to two analysts.

Motorists were paying an average of \$3.13 per gallon in Newton County on Monday, Oct. 18, for regular unleaded gas, up about 7 cents per gallon since Oct. 11, according to AAA.

Prices on Sunday in Newton County ranged from lows of \$2.99 per gallon at a Marathon station on Georgia Hwy. 81; to \$3.19 at stations on Main Street in Porterdale and on Georgia Hwy. 36, according to a GasBuddy survey.

Slightly lower average prices for regular unleaded were seen in two neighboring counties, Rockdale (\$3.11) and Butts (\$3.12). Henry, Jasper and Walton counties all had the same average price as Newton, while Morgan's average price was \$3.17, according to AAA.

Metro Atlanta averages were \$3.16 for regular unleaded, \$3.48 for mid-grade,



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Fuel prices in Newton County have increased about 7 cents over the last week, according to AAA.

\$3.81 for premium, and \$3.39 for diesel.

Georgia motorists are now paying an average price of \$3.13 to \$3.15 per gallon for regular unleaded gasoline. The national average for a gallon of regular gas is \$3.19.

Today's statewide average is 9 cents more than a week ago, 18 cents more than last month and \$1.15 more than this time last year, AAA reported.

The national average price of gasoline had risen 2.9 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.31 per gallon. The national average

was up 11.1 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands \$1.15 per gallon higher than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy, historical gasoline prices in Metro Atlanta and the national average going back 10 years:

- October 18, 2020: Atlanta \$1.99/g (U.S. Average: \$2.15/g)
- October 18, 2016: Atlanta \$2.28/g (U.S. Average: \$2.23/g)
- October 18, 2011: Atlanta \$3.38/g (U.S. Average: \$3.46/g)

Montrae Waiters, spokesperson for AAA-The Auto

Club Group, said, "The key driver for the rise of gas prices is crude oil, which typically accounts for between 50% and 60% of the price at the pump.

"Unfortunately, it's still too early to tell when Georgians will see some type of relief regarding gas prices this season."

Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy, said, "The national average closed the week by climbing to yet another fresh seven-year high, as the price of oil continues to drag gas prices along for the wild ride, leaving motorists on

empty.

"With OPEC holding back oil production and strong global oil demand, the situation will no doubt pave the road with even higher gas prices in the weeks ahead.

"Until several bottlenecks ease, including supply chains and low global inventories of oil, natural gas and coal, we'll be stuck feeling the pinch of rising oil and gasoline prices," he said. "The bad news is that for now, all I see is the upward trend at the pump continuing into the weeks ahead with no sign of relief just yet."

According to data from the Energy Information Administration (EIA), total domestic gasoline stocks decreased by 2 million barrels to 223.1 million barrels last week.

Gasoline demand also fell from 9.43 million barrels a day to 9.19 million barrels a day. Typically, lower demand alongside a decline in stocks would result in downward market pressure on pump prices. But high crude prices (above \$80 per barrel) remain the main culprit for rising pump prices. As crude prices remain elevated, pump prices will likely follow suit, according to AAA.

Benefits abound for early holiday gift shoppers, research shows



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The adage of "the early bird catches the worm" could help shoppers scoop up gifts and bargains before the holiday shopping rush begins.

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Some people begin their holiday countdowns the day after the festivities have come and gone. With 365 days until the next celebration, it may seem like one has all the time in the world to complete holiday tasks. But before long, holiday crunch time arrives and some people find themselves rushing around to buy gifts and other essentials.

A 2020 Gallup poll found the average holiday shopper planned to spend \$942 on gifts in 2019. The personal finance site Mint.com from Intuit reported roughly \$729 billion was spent during the holidays in 2019 — making it the biggest holiday season to date.

Though the pandemic changed the holiday shopping landscape in 2020, a return to normalcy appears to be on the horizon for the 2021 holiday shopping season. In fact, the adage of "the early bird catches the

worm" could help shoppers scoop up gifts and bargains before the holiday shopping rush begins. Individuals who start their holiday shopping early this year may discover there are many benefits to such an approach.

SPREAD OUT SPENDING

Those who begin shopping well before the holiday season arrives can spread their spending over several months rather than a short period of time. This can make shopping more affordable for those who may have limited financial leeway. It may be easier to swallow spending an extra \$100 per month throughout the year as opposed to having a \$1,000 bill at year's end.

SHOP SALES

A Coresight Research survey found that more than 25% of shoppers expected to start holiday shopping earlier than usual in 2020, when retailers offered

their promotions earlier than normal to compensate for a decline in brick-and-mortar shopping. While it remains to be seen what retailers will do this year, shopping early means people are not beholden only to holiday sales promotions; they can take advantage of major sales throughout the year, including Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Memorial Day, Labor Day, back to school season, tax-free weekends (often offered in August), and even retailer-specific sales like Prime Day.

AVOID DELAYS

Continued pressure on shipping companies as online shopping has become so prevalent inadvertently leads to delays. Couple this with supply chain disruptions due to the pandemic, and certain items may be out of stock or on back order.

"With potential product shortages continuing, if you see something you know you want, go ahead and buy

it," said Karl Haller, retail industry expert at IBM Global Business Services.

Shopping early also assists those who have

to ship gifts domestically or internationally. Shopping early ensures those presents get to their recipients on time. Getting a head start

on holiday shopping is advantageous to shoppers who want to budget, save and ensure items are available.

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ALL CREDITORS of the estate of **JIMMY GRANT WILKERSON** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

THIS 24TH day of September, 2021

KAREN RENEE Wilkerson Morgan **EXECUTOR OF the Estate OF JIMMY** Grant Wilkerson **C/O ROBERT** Stansfield, Esq. **GREER, STANSFIELD & Turner, LLP** **P.O. BOX** 1617 **COVINGTON, GEORGIA** 30015-1617 **(770) 786-4390**

PUBLIC NOTICE #200908
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Divorces

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

GARRY FRAZIER
PLAINTIFF,

PATRICIA ANN FRAZIER

DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION FILE NO.
SUCV2021000447

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: PATRICIA ANN FRAZIER,

BY ORDER of the Court for service by publication dated June 22, 2021, you are hereby notified that on February 26, 2021, Plaintiff filed suit against you for a Petition for Divorce. You are required to file with the clerk of Superior Court, and to serve upon Plaintiff's attorney, an answer in writing within 60 days of September 23, 2021.

WITNESS, THE Honorable Judge Kendall Wynne Jr., Judge of Superior Court of Newton County.

THIS 23RD day of September 2021

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9/29-10/6,13,20

Foreclosures

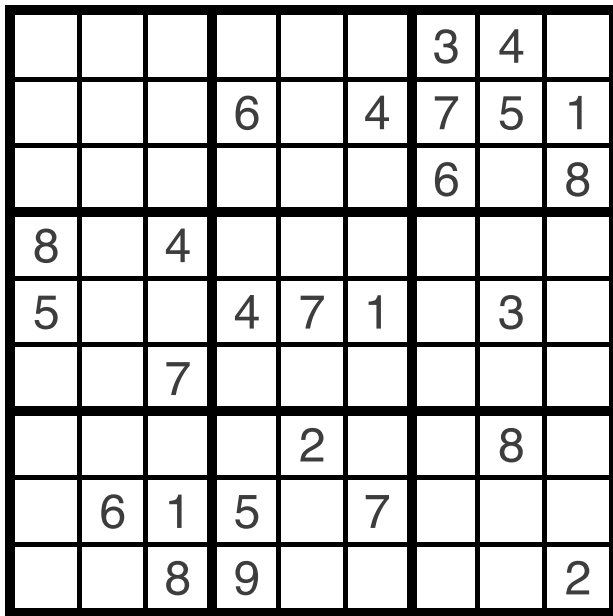
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER STATE OF GEORGIA, COUNTY OF NEWTON

BY VIRTUE of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from **Thelman L Webb** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Southeast Mortgage of Georgia, Inc., dated January 11, 2019 and recorded on January 18, 2019 in Deed Book 3794, Page 282, in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date, in the original principal amount of One Hundred Sixty-Nine Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$169,500.00) with interest thereon as provided therein, as last transferred to AmeriHome Mortgage Company, LLC, recorded in Deed Book 3954, Page 404, aforesaid records, will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia, or at such place as has or may be lawfully designated as an alternative location, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in November, 2021, all property described in said Security Deed including but not limited to the following described property:

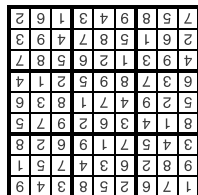
ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 168 OF THE 10TH DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 28, OVERLOOK PASS SUBDIVISION, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 30, PAGES 272 AND 273, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS, WHICH PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN AND MADE A PART HEREOF BY REFERENCE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR AND COMPLETE DESCRIPTION.

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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

BY VIRTUE of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from **WILLIAM JEFFREY PRATT** to **MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEM, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR RESIDENTIAL ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS,** dated November 17, 2016, recorded November 22, 2016, in Deed Book 3504, Page 461, Newton County, Georgia Records, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of Ninety-Four Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Nine and 00/100 dollars (\$94,949.00), with interest thereon as provided for therein, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned and transferred to The Money Source, Inc., 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 November, 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 LOTS 200 & 201 OF THE 1ST DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 6 OF HOLLOW HILLS SUBDIVISION AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 20, PAGE 194, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS, WHICH PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN AND MADE A PART HEREOF BY REFERENCE.

SAID LEGAL description being controlling, however the property is more commonly known as 1550 HWY 142 E, COVINGTON, GA 30014.

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

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

TO THE best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owner and party in possession of the property is **WILLIAM JEFFREY PRATT, 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: The Money Source Inc., Loss Mitigation Dept., 135 Maxess Rd., Melville, NY 11747, Telephone Number: 866-867-0330. **THE MONEY SOURCE, INC.**

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

ATTORNEY CONTACT: Ruben Lublin, LLC, 3145 Avalon Ridge Place, Suite 100, Peachtree Corners, GA 30071 **TELEPHONE NUMBER:** (877) 813-0992 Case No. TMS-18-05332-10

PUBLIC NOTICE #200841
10/6,13,20,27

NOTICE OF Sale Under Power STATE OF Georgia, COUNTY OF Newton

UNDER AND by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Wesley M. Finch and Jena R. Finch** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Element Funding (the Secured Creditor), dated June 23, 2008, and Recorded on June 25, 2008 as Book No. 2620 and Page No. 5, Newton County, Georgia records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of \$78,370.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, as last assigned to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC by assignment that is or to be recorded in the Newton County, Georgia Records, there will be sold by the undersigned 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 November, 2021, the following described property:

ALL THAT tract or parcel of land lying and being in land lot 129 of the 10th District, City of Covington, Newton County, Georgia, containing 0.495 acre, and shown on plat of survey recorded at Plat Book 36, Page 189, Newton County, Georgia Records, which plat is by reference incorporated herein and made a part hereof.

TAX ID: C045 0003 004F

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. Because the debt remains in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC holds the duly endorsed Note and is the current assignee of the Security Deed to the property. Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC is the entity with the full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the loan.

PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. §44-14-162.2, Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC may be contacted at: 1-800-790-9502 or by writing to 1600 South Douglas Road, Suite 110 and 200-A, Anaheim, CA 92806-5951.

PLEASE NOTE that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. §44-14-162.2, the secured creditor is not required to amend or modify the terms of the loan.

TO THE best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party/parties in possession of the subject property known as **9190 SPILLERS DRIVE SW, COVINGTON, GA 30014** is/are: Wesley M. Finch and Jena R. Finch or tenant/tenants. Said property will be sold subject to (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), (b) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (c) all matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above, including, but not limited to, assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, easements, restrictions, covenants, etc.

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

PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. §9-13-172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and nonjudicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until

final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided in the preceding paragraph.

FUNDS USED at sale shall be in certified funds and payable to "Bell Carrington Price & Gregg, LLC".

CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC as Attorney in Fact for Wesley M. Finch and Jena R. Finch.

ANY INFORMATION obtained on this matter may be used by the debt collector to collect the debt. Bell Carrington Price & Gregg, LLC, 339 Heyward Street, 2nd Floor, Columbia, SC 29201 (803)-509-5078. File: 21-48379

PUBLIC NOTICE #200924
10/6,13,20,27

Juvenile Court

SUMMONS AND PROCESS IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

TO: JENNIFER KINNA, mother; **CLIFFORD BRADLEY GIBSON,** putative father; **KRISTOPHER MALIN KINNA,** legal father; **JOHN DOE,** and any other unknown, unnamed, biological father or other persons claiming to have a parental interest in the minor child named below, born on the date listed.

IN THE INTEREST OF: C.G. SEX: Male DOB: 07/29/2021 Case #107-21J-0377

CHILD(REN) UNDER 18 Years of Age **A PETITION (Dependency)** was filed in this Court on August 31, 2021 concerning the above child(ren). A copy of that Petition is attached to this summons.

THIS IS a summons requiring you to be in Court. If you fail to come to court as required, you may be held in contempt of court and punished accordingly.

NOW, THEREFORE, you, the parties named above, are commanded to be and appear on the date and time stated below, and to remain in attendance from hour to hour, day to day, month to month, year to year, and time to time, as said case may be continued, and until discharged from the court, and you are commanded to lay any and all business aside and to be and appear before the Juvenile Court of Newton County, Georgia, located at 1132 Usher St., Covington, Georgia 30014, on November 16, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. and you the said parent, guardian or legal custodian are likewise hereby commanded to be and appear with the aforesaid child(ren) in said court at the time and place above stated, each of you then and there to make defense thereto and to show cause why the said child(ren) and all parties named herein should not be dealt with according to the provisions of law.

WITNESS THE Honorable Candice Branche, Judge of said Court, this 10th day of September, 2021.

/S/ KATHRYN Rider

CLERK JUVENILE COURT of Newton County, Georgia

READ CAREFULLY

THIS SUMMONS requires you to be present at a formal hearing in the Juvenile Court.

THE CHILD(REN) and other parties involved may be represented by a lawyer at all stages of these proceedings.

IF YOU want a lawyer, you may choose and 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.**

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.

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‘Tis the season for gingerbread cookies

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Tradition plays a big role during the holiday season. Food is at the center of many families’ traditions, which may include big family dinners and Sunday brunches together. Holiday baking sessions also hold a sacred spot in many households. Such sessions are a great opportunity for adults and children to have some fun in the kitchen and create some tasty treats the whole family can enjoy. Baked goods devotees may find it hard to imagine the holidays without gingerbread, and this recipe for “Soft Glazed Gingerbread” from Elisabeth M. Prueitt and Chad Robertson’s “Tartine” (Chronicle Books) can ensure the whole family enjoys this holiday season staple.



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Baked goods devotees may find it hard to imagine the holidays without gingerbread, and this recipe can ensure the whole family enjoys this holiday season staple.

cloves, cinnamon, baking soda, salt, and pepper in a mixing bowl. Set aside. Using a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, beat the butter on medium-high speed until creamy. Slowly add the granulated sugar and mix on medium speed until the mixture is completely smooth and soft. Stop the mixer and scrape down the sides of the bowl with a rubber spatula as needed. Add the egg and mix well.

Add the molasses and corn syrup and beat until incorporated. Stop the mixer again and scrape down the sides of the bowl. Add the flour mixture and beat on low speed until a dough forms that pulls away from the sides of the bowl and all the ingredients are well incorporated. Remove the dough from the bowl, flatten it on a large piece of plastic wrap into a rectangle about 1 inch thick, cover the dough with the plastic wrap, and refrigerate overnight.

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper on a nonstick liner.

Unwrap the dough and place on a floured work surface. If using a plaque with a design, roll out the dough 1/3-inch thick, lightly dust the top with flour, press your cookie molds over the dough, and then cut out the shapes with a small knife and place on the prepared baking sheet, spacing them about 1 inch apart. Alternatively, using the mold as a guide, cut around it with a small knife, flip the mold over so the design is facing you, and place the dough over it, pressing it into the design. Unmold the shapes onto the prepared baking sheet, leaving about 1 inch between them.

If using a patterned rolling pin, lightly dust the lined baking sheet with flour and transfer the dough to the pan. Lightly dust the top of the dough with flour and roll it into a rectangle about 1/3-inch thick with a plain pin. Then, using the patterned pin, roll over the dough with enough pressure to ensure a clear impression of the design. Trim the sides with a small knife. It is not necessary to cut into smaller sizes before baking.

Bake the cookies until lightly golden along the sides but still soft to the touch in the centers, 7 to 15 minutes. The timing will depend on the size of the individual cookies, or if you have made a single large patterned piece that will be cut after baking.

While the cookies are baking, prepare the glaze. In a small bowl, whisk together the confectioners’ sugar and water until smooth.

When the cookies are ready, remove from the oven and let cool in the pan on a wire rack for about 10 minutes. Then, while the cookies are still warm, using even strokes, brush a light coat of glaze on the top of each cookie, evenly covering it. Let the cookies cool completely. When the glaze dries, it should leave a shiny, opaque finish. If you have used a patterned pin to make a single large plaque, cut into the desired sizes with a small, very sharp knife. The cookies will keep in an airtight container in a cool place for about 2 weeks. They do not freeze well, however, as the glaze becomes watery when they are thawed.



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Sausage and pepper dishes exist in many different cultures, and can be found everywhere from fairs to family kitchens.

Zesty meal fit for a crowd

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As the weather cools, hearty meals often take center stage. Home cooks may have plenty of go-to recipes to feed their families and guests. But expanding your culinary horizons can lead to some new family favorites.

Sausage and pepper dishes exist in many different cultures, and can be found everywhere from fairs to family kitchens. This version of “Sausages and Peppers Country Style” from “Nick Stellino’s Family Kitchen” (G.P. Putnam’s Sons) gives an Italian spin that’s perfect for family style meals.

Sausages and Peppers Country Style

Serves 8

Ingredients:
4 tablespoons olive oil
8 spicy or sweet Italian sausages (1 1/2 to 2 pounds total)
1 red bell pepper, thinly sliced
1 yellow bell pepper, thinly sliced
1 medium onion, sliced
6 cloves garlic, thickly sliced
1/4 teaspoon red pepper flakes
4 tablespoons chopped fresh Italian parsley
2 teaspoons chopped fresh rosemary
1/2 cup white wine
1 14.5-ounce can Italian-style stewed tomatoes, drained and chopped; juice reserved

1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
Directions:

In a large saute pan, heat 2 tablespoons of the olive oil over medium-high heat. When the oil is hot, brown the sausages on all sides. Remove the sausages to a big plate, slice each into thirds for easier serving, and cover to keep warm. In the same pan, in the oil left from the sausages, fry the bell peppers over high heat until just brown, about 3 to 4 minutes. Transfer to the plate with the sausages. Add the remaining 2 tablespoons olive oil to the pan, reduce heat to medium. When the oil is hot, add the onion, garlic, red pepper flakes, 2 tablespoons of the parsley, and rosemary until the onion is tender, about 6 to 8 minutes. Add the wine, stirring gently to dislodge any browned bits from the bottom of the pan. Continue cooking to reduce liquid by half, for about 3 to 4 minutes.

Add tomatoes, salt and pepper, and cook until nearly dry, about 7 to 8 minutes. Return the sausages and peppers to the pan, and add the reserved tomato juice, stirring to incorporate. Bring to a boil, then simmer, stirring often, until the sausages are cooked through and the sauce has thickened, about 15 minutes.

Serve with homemade or pre-purchased polenta.



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This recipe for “Pumpkin Seeds” from the Food Network reflects various ways to prepare this beloved snack.

Best way to roast pumpkin seeds

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Carving jack-o’-lanterns is a Halloween tradition that both adults and children enjoy. It’s hard to resist an opportunity to carve a funny or scary face into a pumpkin that will soon make its way to the front porch, but there’s another irresistible element to carving pumpkins as well.

Roasted pumpkin seeds make for a tasty, tempting treat. Seeds must be removed before carving pumpkins, so turning them into a savory snack is a great way to make use of them and cook up some fuel for family carving sessions.

Roasting pumpkin seeds is a straightforward process, though some people may have their own techniques

to make seeds more flavorful. The following recipe for “Pumpkin Seeds” from the Food Network reflects various ways to prepare this beloved snack, ensuring that people with varying tastes can no doubt find a way to incorporate their favorite flavors into this Halloween staple.

Pumpkin Seeds

1. Seed the pumpkin: Preheat the oven to 300 degrees. Using a spoon, scrape the pulp and seeds out of your pumpkin into a bowl.
2. Clean the seeds: Separate the seeds from the stringy pulp, rinse the seeds in a colander under cold water, then shake dry. Don’t blot with paper towels; the seeds will stick.
3. Dry them: Spread the

seeds in a single layer on an oiled baking sheet and roast 30 minutes to dry them out.

4. Add spices: Toss the seeds with olive oil, salt and your choice of spices (see below). Return to the oven and bake until crisp and golden, about 20 more minutes.

5. Sweet Toss with cinnamon and sugar (do not use salt in step 4).

6. Indian Toss with garam masala; mix with currants after roasting.

7. Spanish Toss with smoked paprika; mix with slivered almonds after roasting.

8. Italian Toss with grated parmesan and dried oregano.

9. Barbecue Toss with brown sugar, chipotle chile powder and ground cumin.

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8 Ounce,
Shredded or Bar
**Crystal Farms
Cheese**
\$2.29



24 Ounce, Patties,
Nuggets or Tenders
**John Soules
Chicken**
\$4.99



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



CAB, 2 Pound Box
**Holten's
Chop House
Steak Burgers**
\$11.99



14.5 Ounce
**Botticelli
Alfredo
Sauce**
2/\$6.00



12 Ounce
**Skinner
Noodles**
4/\$3.00



10 Ounce
**Pampa
Mushrooms
Pieces & Stems**
5/\$5.00



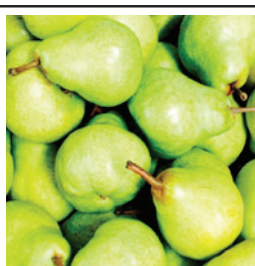
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**Charmin
Ultra Strong
Bath Tissue**
\$11.99



**Yellow or
Zucchini
Squash**
\$1.69 LB.



**#1
Mississippi
Sweet
Potatoes**
59¢ LB.



**Bosc,
Bartlett
or Danjou
Pears**
\$1.69 LB.



**Red or Black
Plums**
\$1.99 LB.



**California
Large Stalk
Celery**
\$1.49 EA.



**Broccoli
Florets**
\$2.99 LB.



**Tomatoes
On The Vine**
\$1.69 LB.



Red, Gold or Orange
**Bell
Peppers**
3/\$5.00



Fresh
**Deli Made
Cole Slaw**
\$1.99 LB.



Beef or Meat
**Bryan
Bologna**
\$3.99 LB.



Cajun or Oven Roasted
**Kretschmar
Turkey
Breast**
\$6.99 LB.



12 Count
**Kellogg's
Pop Tarts**
2/\$6.00

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

This Ad Good Wednesday, October 20th thru Tuesday, October 26th, 2021

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

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