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His Word

A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.

Ezekiel 36:26, KJV

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Newton County Schools
Newton County Theme School's Susan Ballard retires after 30 years in education.



Newton County Schools
West Newton Elementary School's Barbara Sims retires after 30 years in education.



Newton County Schools
Sharon Tagge of West Newton Elementary School retires after 22 years in education.

Chairman defends spending

Social media group alleges P-Card used for personal gain

By **TOM SPIGOLON**
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COVINGTON, Ga. — County Chairman Marcello Banes is defending more than four years of expenses he reported on his county purchasing card against allegations he repeatedly used the card for personal gain.



Marcello Banes

Banes said the reports he provided on his Facebook page contain receipts and details for every charge beginning in 2017 and running through this year.

The payments include everything from car washes to restaurant tabs and plane flights.

"I have attached the monthly P-Card report that we issue to put a rest to the false allegations that I have done something wrong," Banes said.

"I have followed the county's policies and procedures and the reports and receipts are verified by the Finance Department. My P-Card is open to the public," Banes said.

The administrator of a newly-created Facebook page titled "Newton Exposer" — which

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CLASS DISMISSED

NCSS sees 70 retire in 2021

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The Newton County School System is seeing 70 employees retire this year.

According to a list provided by the school system, they include:

NAME/LOCATION/YEARS OF SERVICE

M. Elaine Gooch, East Newton, 24
Pamela Sims, Newton County

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Educator reflects on 30 years of teaching

By **TOM SPIGOLON**
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Susan Ballard says she will not miss the long hours of paperwork and the increasingly rigid controls placed on her teaching methods during the 30 years she taught in Newton County Schools.

But she will miss the new 5- and 6-year-olds she got to meet every year at two different schools since she began fresh out

Did you know?

In the past, a brass hand bell sat on the teacher's desk and was used to signal the beginning and ending of the day's lessons. Today, it is often given as a retirement gift, as the bell has become a symbol for appreciation and honor.



of Georgia Southern University in 1991.

"I'm going to miss those connections with those children," she said, her voice breaking.

Ballard spent her last day as a full-time Newton County Schools kindergarten teacher June 4 at Newton County Theme School.

The native Newton Countian spent her entire

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ECI takes pride in helping power new Eastside High

Covington-based contractor sheds light on role in school's construction

By **TAYLOR BECK**
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COVINGTON, Ga. — When students pour into the new Eastside High School within the next year and are able to successfully use new technology, that will mean a job well done for one local company.

Electrical Contractor Inc., based in Covington, has been tasked to make sure the entire 107-acre campus is powered, which includes everything from the classrooms and cafeteria to the football stadium and parking lots.

Dean Krantz, who is ECI's

vice-president of business services, said the company was excited to be part of the area school's construction as part of the bid package headlined by RA-LIN and Associates of Carrollton.

"We're always proud to do work in our own backyard," Krantz said. "It's a pride point that we always like to shine light on whenever we can."

School officials said the new Eastside High School was expected to be finished by January 2022, and Krantz said everything ECI was in control of appeared to

remain on track.

During a report to school board members in November 2020, the total cost for the school's construction stood at \$59.48 million.

Krantz said ECI had also been part of several other local Newton County schools' construction, including the current Newton High School built in 2011. Since 2007, the company has played a role in building Liberty Middle School (2007), Newton College and Career Academy (2010), Newton High (2011)

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Special to The Covington News
Dishon Johnson (DJ) of ECI installs overhead conduit for electrical cables inside the new Eastside High School.



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• 30% chance of rain



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The Newton County Sheriff's Office now says a third teen was shot during an incident reported June 4 at Denny Dobbs Park.

Newton deputies to increase park presence after shooting

Sheriff's office confirms 3 teens shot during June 4 incident

By TOM SPIGOLON
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COVINGTON, Ga. — The Newton County Sheriff's Office says a third teen received injuries in a nighttime shooting incident Friday, June 4, at Denny Dobbs Park.

And a sheriff's office spokesperson said the agency will increase its daily "presence" at the park on Georgia Hwy. 212 after the event in which two other teens also were hit by gunfire right before the park's closing for the day.

No suspected shooters had been identified or taken into custody and no motive had been confirmed Friday.

The sheriff's office was encouraging anyone with information regarding the shooting to call its lead investigator at 678-625-1465, or contact the sheriff's office crime tip hotline at 678-

625-5007. Callers can remain anonymous, officials said.

The victims were girls, ages 16 and 17, and a 15-year-old boy. The boy left the scene to get treatment, said spokesperson Caitlin Jett.

One girl was shot in the arm and the other in the foot and were reportedly taken to a local hospital for treatment.

No details were given about the boy's injuries following the 8:15 p.m. incident. Deputies responded soon afterward to a report of a "penetrating trauma" at 9 p.m. at a location about 10 miles away on Gross Lake Parkway and found the boy with injuries related to the park incident, Jett said.

A Covington resident, who asked to remain anonymous, told The Covington News her family was inside the park's basketball

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Teens arrested after knife attack, phone threats on family members

By TOM SPIGOLON
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Two separate incidents related to cell phones reportedly helped contribute to two Newton County teens' arrests recently.

One teen was upset about a phone being taken away before he allegedly slashed an older sibling with a knife early Tuesday, June 8, a report stated.

The other reportedly told a mother by text message Monday night she planned to travel to the woman's house to fight her daughter before the suspect showed up to do so.

In the first incident, sheriff's deputy reported responding to a report of a family fight on Prince Edwards Way early Tuesday, June 8.

The deputy met a woman who said her 14-year-old son had tried to stab his 18-year-old brother at around 1:45 a.m.

"I spoke with the older brother who stated that once he picked up his little brother from his girlfriend's house on Milton Way, they had got into a verbal argument," the deputy stated in a report.

"The older brother stated he was mad because

his little brother was out past midnight without telling anyone where he was going. Also stating his little brother was mad because he had his phone taken away.

"Older brother also stated that they went to their grandmother's house and fought each other in the front yard. Stating that once back home his little brother was told to go inside and to his room.

"The older brother stated he heard doors slamming and when he went inside to investigate he walked upstairs and saw his little brother exiting their mom's bedroom with a knife.

"The older brother stated the little brother came at him with the knife and that is when he tried to get the knife away."

The deputy reported the 18-year-old had visible cuts on his body from the knife and "a mark on his neck from a bite." The older brother said he placed the 14-year-old in a "sleeper-type hold and he finally dropped the knife," according to the report.

The deputy arrested the 14-year-old, who was charged with Aggravated Assault and transported to the Rockdale Youth Dentition Center.

• In the other incident, a 17-year-old girl was arrested and booked into the Newton County Jail Monday night, June 7, after sending texts to a woman threatening harm to her daughter and then showing up at her Frankie Lane home.

The mother told a deputy that a boy and girl with whom their 16-year-old daughter was acquainted "came to their house to fight their daughter" at about 8:25 p.m.

"The complainant stated the female had sent several threatening messages to the mom's phone telling her what she is going to do to her daughter before actually showing up at the house," the deputy reported.

Hayly Marie Spence of Cambridge Way in Covington was arrested and charged with Aggravated Assault and Terroristic Threats and Acts.

The deputy seized a pink Apple iPhone with a cracked screen and clear case was seized as evidence.

The boy who reportedly accompanied her was charged with Terroristic Threats and Acts and also arrested. His name was not disclosed because he was a juvenile, the report stated.

OBITUARIES

Dr. Leon Foote
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Dr. Leon Foote, of Covington, passed away Wednesday, June 9, 2021, at the age of 87. From Footprints on the Sawdust Trail to Footprints on the Streets of Gold, Dr. Leon was a man of God, loved his Saviour, KJV Bible, and his family. He was loved and returned by his Saviour and also his family. To those that know Jesus as their Saviour we will have

a glad reunion day. Dr. Foote was an evangelist for many years and pastored The Cedar Crest-Lucy Furnace Chapel in Mount Union, Pennsylvania for 25 years (from 1958-1984). He was preceded in death by his great-grandchild, Chaney Corcoran; parents, Joseph and Jean Foote.

Survivors include his loving wife of 62 years, Brenda Foote; daughter, Nancy Musey (John); sons, David Foote (Rebekah), Barry

Foote (Lynn), Joel Foote (Candace), John Foote (Monica); grandchildren, Greg Foote (Beth), David Foote (Sharon), Nathan Foote (Marie), Stephen Foote, Jeremy Foote, Krystal Corcoran (Jeff), Justin White (Ashley), Tim Foote, Terrie Williams (Jeff), Joshua Foote (Heather), Bryan Foote (Beth), Jason Oviatt, Megan Stratton (Brad), Abigail Foote; fifteen great-grandchildren; brother, James Foote; as well as many nieces and nephews.

A Funeral Service for Dr. Foote will be held Saturday, June 12, 2021, 1 p.m., at Canaan Baptist Church, 5581 Salem Road, in Covington, with Pastor John Leatherman officiating as well as some remarks from other pastor friends. Interment will follow in Lawnwood Memorial Park. Friends are invited to visit with the family at the church, Friday, June 11, from 6-8 p.m. and Saturday, from noon to 1 p.m. prior to the service. The service

will be live streamed at www.canaanbaptist.org.

A Memorial Service will be held in the near future at the church he pastored for 25 years; now known as Cedar Crest Independent Baptist Church in Mount Union, PA. Date and time to be announced at a later date.

A recent interview by Abraham Cline can be found on YouTube. The title is The Difference: Testimony of Dr. Leon Foote.

Governor Brian Kemp's latest executive

order has eliminated restrictions on large gatherings; however, CDC guidelines recommend social distancing (6 feet apart) and wearing of masks while in public. Caldwell & Cowan Funeral Home requests that you observe these recommendations while in our funeral home attending visitations and/or services.

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Edward Needham
Caldwell & Cowan
Funeral Home

Edward Needham, of Mansfield, passed away Tuesday, June 8, 2021, at the age of 67. Edward was an adven-

turer who loved boating and the ocean. An avid reader, he would often talk about the histories he was reading as if he were there when they happened. He also loved to cook and he

always had the best pastries and ice cream on hand for dessert.

At times, it might have seemed like Edward was stubborn and argumentative—which is true—but those traits stemmed from something loving. He was stubborn because he was confident in the advice he gave to his loved ones. He was argumentative because he wanted to protect his friends and family from heartache and was often convinced he was the only one who could do

that.

Edward might have been a complicated man, but his loved ones know that he was kind, funny, and wildly intelligent. His family knows that he is at peace now exploring the oceans of heaven.

He was preceded in death by his father, Edward Radley Needham.

Edward is survived by his daughter, Rachael Needham; his son and daughter-in-law, Charles and Danielle Needham; his granddaughter, Dorothy

Needham; his mother, Lenora Needham; his sister, Kathy Rhoades; and his brother, Bryan Needham.

A Memorial Service for Edward Needham was held Saturday, June 12, 2021, 2:30 p.m., at Covington United Methodist Church, 1113 Conyers St SW, in Covington, and Rev. Dr. Douglas Gilreath and Rev. Jan McCoy officiated. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Homes for Our Troops. Donations

can be made online at https://www.hfotusa.org/get-involved/support_our_mission/ways_donate/ or sent to 6 Main St. Tauton, Massachusetts 02780.

This obituary was crafted with love and care by Edward's family.

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Newton commissioner affirms millage rate not set yet; budget approval Tuesday

By TOM SPIGOLON
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Residents complained about higher property assessments and the need for more efficiency in government operations during the first public hearing on the 2022 county budget June 8.

Five property owners told the Newton County Board of Commissioners they were concerned about property assessment increases — doubling in some cases — without new services being planned in the proposed county spending plan.

District 1 Commissioner Stan Edwards said he knew assessments were much higher than previous years but the board “in all likelihood” would not need the increased revenue that higher values would produce. He said the board had neither approved the 2022 budget nor set a property tax rate, also known as the millage rate.

“No one’s taxes have gone up yet,” Edwards said.

The proposed 2022 county government budget is slightly larger than the current year and includes 32 new full-time positions — half of which will not be hired until Jan. 1 to staff a new east Newton fire station.

The total budget, including all funds, is \$119.1 million that is 1.6% higher than the current budgeted amount of \$117.3 million for 2021.

The General Fund totals \$78.1 million for 2022 and is a 2.5% increase from the 2021 total of \$76.2 million.

Jay Lowery of Mansfield told commissioners Tuesday he believed any extra income that exceeded expenditures in past years should have been used to lower property taxes. He said the county needed to undertake efficiency studies to determine if the amount of work required by the county justified the number of employees being added in such areas as public works.

Douglas P. Johnson of south Newton County and Kim Pecylek of Oxford said notices they recently received showed higher assessments meant increases in their tax bills were coming.

Pecylek said she wanted to see more spending planned on health care or other county services to justify any tax increases.

Edwards said the “anxiety over the assessed increases is real (and) it’s real for me.”

“(It is) all market-driven,” he said.

Commissioners annually set a millage rate to fund most of the budget after receiving the 2021 county tax digest from the tax commissioner’s office. Taxpayers see it in addition to a separate property tax rate to help fund the county school district annually.

Edwards said any estimates taxpayers saw on their assessment notices were not based on a tax rate for the 2022 budget.

“When property values are here like they are now for whatever reason,” he said, gesturing with his hand above his head, “Then we have to set a millage rate for a budget that is down here.”

“The only control we have is the budget and the millage rate,” Edwards said.

Veteran Commissioner J.C. Henderson said sales taxes also are imposed on property taxpayers and they have asked him what the board can do about keeping property taxes low.

“I care,” Henderson said. “I’m not supporting no tax increases. I’m sick of it.”

He said \$2.6 million the county recently received from the sale of land in the Stanton Springs technology park should have been used for direct tax relief for property owners.

County Manager Lloyd Kerr has said the money is being used to reduce the money needed from taxpayers for capital purchases that would have been included in the 2022 budget if the sale proceeds had not been given to the county.

Adoption of the budget is tentatively set for June 15.

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work career as a teacher in the school system after almost all of her years as a student in NCSS.

Ballard grew up in Oxford with her five siblings as the daughter of the late attorney and state legislator Don Ballard, who represented Newton County in the Georgia General Assembly for a quarter of a century.

Susan attended Palmer-Stone Elementary and Cousins and Newton high schools before earning her teaching degree from Georgia Southern.

“I always knew I wanted to be a teacher,” she said.

After returning home, she got her “foot in the door” with NCSS by working as a substitute teacher. The school system eventually hired her to teach autistic children at what was then the “alternative school,” she said.

However, she recalled her “passion” was not in the area of special education.

“I always dreamed of being a kindergarten teacher,” she said.

However, she spent about five years teaching second, third and early intervention students being hired at Palmer-Stone as a kindergarten teacher, Ballard said.

Then, after about a decade, former school board member C.C. Bates asked her to consider moving to teach at the then-new Newton County Theme School in 2009.

In 2003, she also was forced to adjust to being a working, single mother raising two children after her divorce.

Neither of her children, now 21 and 27, followed their mom into the teaching profession. She quipped that “they spent so many days at school” waiting for her to her work days that they did not want to be educators.

Ballard said she has taught long enough to see one of her former third-grade students, Mary Alexander, become a colleague at the Theme School.

She also recalled the school system and county being small enough that she knew the parents or family members of at least half her students in the early 1990s.

“Now, I’m lucky to get just a few,” she said.

Ballard said the major change that affected her teaching over parts of four decades was the integration of electronic technology into the classroom.

Ballard said kindergarten was the last grade to receive electronic white boards, which allow the teacher to write on the screen as well as import online images.

She said she was unsure at first if it could work with her teaching methods. However, she said she eventually knew it would be an effective tool for her young students.

“Now, I don’t know how I could teach without technology,” she said.

Another change since she began has been state education leaders’ emphasis on a more standardized approach requiring specific time frames for teaching parts of the curriculum to kindergarten students. She said she formerly was able to adjust her teaching to meet each student’s individual learning speed.

“There’s not as much personal input,” Ballard said.

Now, Ballard is considering going overseas to teach English.

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CITY OF OXFORD PUBLIC HEARING

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Oxford, Georgia, will conduct a public hearing on Monday, June 21, 2021 at 6:30 PM at City Hall at 110 West Clark Street. A link will be posted on the city’s website for those interested in joining the public hearing via the internet. To join via telephone, please call 646-558-8656. The access code is 935 6760 6829. The passcode is 998399.

The purpose of the public hearing is to consider the following recommendations from the Planning Commission of the City of Oxford to amend the city’s official zoning map:

Amend the official zoning map to change the zoning district from Town Center District to the Single-Family Residential District R-20 for the following parcels: X004 004, X004 005, X004 006, X005 007, X004 008, and X004 009.

Amend the official zoning map to change the zoning district from Single-Family Residential District R-7.5 to the Single-Family Residential District R-20 for the following parcels: X004 001, X004 010, X004 011, X004 012, X004 013, X004 013A, X004 013B, X004 013C, X004 013D, X004 014, X004 015, X005 001, X005 001A, X005 002, X005 003, X005 004, X005 009, and X005 010.

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OPINIONS

The Covington News

Taylor Beck editor and publisher

A ‘walk in the park’ is no longer that

If you haven’t heard, a pregnant woman this week was reportedly stabbed in the back by a man while walking along a trail in Brookhaven, near Atlanta. She had her 3-year-old son with her — can you imagine the terror this child witnessed?



Unfortunately, the woman was forced to undergo an emergency cesarean section to not only save the baby’s life, but her own. She was only five months into her pregnancy.

Reports out of the ATL say both will be fine, but the road to recovery will be a long one to traverse.

The truly cringeworthy part of this story was that the suspect had tried to strike up a conversation the woman and her son while walking, but as they walked away, the man ran up behind them and stabbed her. Reportedly

nothing was said or done to provoke the suspect, who was finally located and arrested Thursday. In other words, the attack was completely unexpected. Apparently mental illness “played a role” in the incident.

Before the stabbing, the park had no history as a site of crime, much less something as significant as this.

This incident has rattled many, including myself, despite living here in Newton. Walking around my own neighborhood, I can’t help but find myself looking over my shoulder every few minutes, senses heightened. It’s not that I don’t feel safe, per se. Maybe I’m just more timid considering recent events. After all, I have two toddlers to look after.

The Brookhaven incident highlights two major problems that not only the city of Atlanta is facing, but our entire state and country faces.

The first problem is the obvious, ever-rising crime rates. According to online

crime data tracker NeighborhoodScout, a person’s odds of being the victim of a crime anywhere in the state of Georgia are currently 1 in 294. The odds of becoming the victim of a crime right now in Atlanta is currently 1 in 121 — more than doubled. The same data projected Atlanta as safer than only 3% of all other cities within the U.S. That is not good.

I’ve also read statistics showing crime rates have increased by 60% within the last year alone.

I listen to Atlanta-based radio shows, watch Atlanta-based news stations and read Atlanta-based newspapers. Nearly everyone has something to say about it, whether it be the alleged reason — or reasons — for the increase of violence or how they need to handle the situation. But the bottom line is that I’ve seen no real, legitimate action taken. And I’m not sure when we’ll see action. The issue is expected to be a major political talking

point for Atlanta’s mayoral race this year, so does that mean we’ll just keep hearing a bunch of talk til then?

When talking about the root cause of the crime spike, I’ve heard a lot of different theories. Early on it was because of civil unrest due to pandemic restrictions brought on by the federal government. Another was no kids having to go to school in person. Then there was more unrest related to instances of racial injustices and police brutality. I’ve heard now that it’s due to a shortage of police officers and lack of law enforcement presence. In relation to that, I’ve read where a lack of support and respect for law enforcement from not only civilians, but government leaders, could be damaging, too.

All of those reasons are plausible, but here’s one I haven’t read much about — parenting; or these assailants’ home-life. Do they have a support system? A

job? How can we help them?

And a question that brings us to our second fleeting problem: what is their mental health status?

Now, I’m not a big fan of people playing the “crazy card” or claiming “the devil made me do it,” but I also understand and realize mental illness is real, and, just like in the Brookhaven incident, it has proven to play a major role in violent crimes nationwide.

I can’t tell you what the solution is to the raging war on crime and mental health. What I can tell you is that it’s time for our leaders — not only here in Georgia, but nationwide — to put their money where their mouth is. It’s time they start taking action to address these issues.

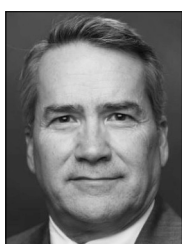
Until then, well, it’s sad to see a “walk in the park” is no longer that.

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U.S. Rep. Jody Hice guest columnist

It’s still Biden’s border crisis

Even as the situation on the southern border continues to deteriorate, the Biden Administration is still down-playing or often-times ignoring the crisis.



Neither President Joe Biden nor Vice President Kamala Harris — who was tapped 78 days ago to lead the crisis response — have even visited the border!

Instead, President Biden is traveling abroad in the United Kingdom and Europe. Meanwhile, the vice president has just returned from a trip through Central America, where she claims to have been “dealing with root causes” of the border crisis. If she truly wanted to uncover the “root causes,” she never had to leave Washington... The #BidenBorderCrisis was caused entirely by the reckless “open border” policy decisions made in the White House. President Trump left his successor a safe and secure southern border — an inheritance that Biden has trashed in just a few months.

It’s shocking that the vice president refuses to see firsthand the crisis that she is supposedly managing for the Biden Administration. I toured the border last month to see for myself the humanitarian catastrophe and national security nightmare there, which I documented in a

recent newsletter.

Since President Biden took office in January, the number of illegal border crossers encountered by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agents has skyrocketed. 180,034 individuals were apprehended by CBP in May alone — an eye-popping increase of 674% from May 2020. Furthermore, last month was the third straight month with over 170,000 apprehensions.

The border has not seen so much illegal traffic in over 20 years.

These statistics are alarming, but what’s even more disturbing is that there’s no sign that this is slowing down.

While Vice President Harris pays the crisis lip-service by telling Central Americans, “do not come,” the administration still refuses to make the obvious policy changes desperately needed to reverse this crisis.

Ultimately, this Central America trip was a pathetic attempt by the vice president to pretend she cares, but her disingenuous effort isn’t fooling anyone. Until she visits the border to see the crisis firsthand, we all know that she isn’t serious about solving it.

Ignorance isn’t bliss, Madam Vice President.

Rep. Jody Hice represents Georgia’s 10th Congressional District, including Newton and portions of 24 other counties, in the U.S. House.

U.S. Rep. Hank Johnson guest columnist

Local, nationwide benefits would come with Transit Act

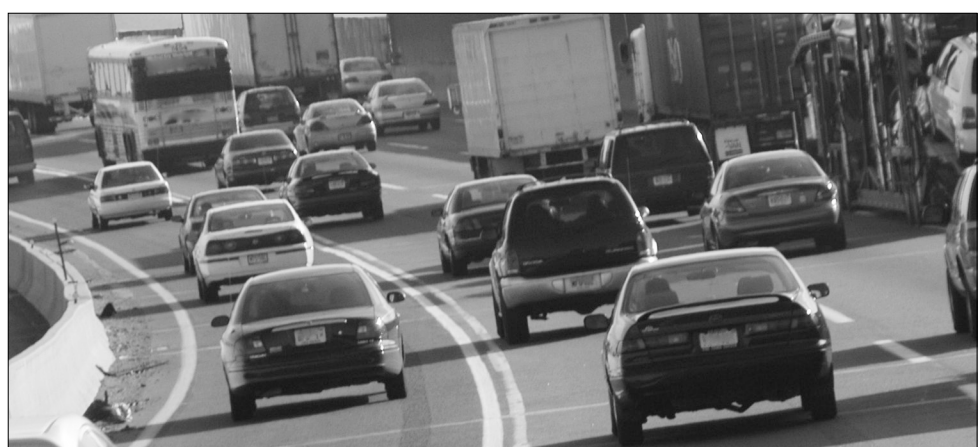
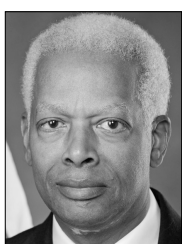
It’s been busy couple of weeks here in Georgia and in Washington since I last wrote.

Not only did I attend the centennial recognition of the Tulsa Massacre with President Biden last week, but I introduced H.R. 3466, The Tulsa-Greenwood Massacre Claims Accountability Act, which would allow survivors and their descendants access to the federal courts. The survivors and descendants of this atrocity have been denied justice for far too long.

Closer to home, I’m proud to announce that five transportation projects I green-lighted worth \$20 million will be included in the “Investing in a New Vision for the Environment and Surface Transportation (INVEST) in America Act.” The projects will improve safety, equity and help respond to the climate crisis by investing in transit.

With the safety of the traveling public in mind, I reintroduced the “Safe Roads Act of 2021,” on May 28 that would direct the Department of Transportation to require that all new tractor trailers be equipped with and use an automatic emergency braking system. I’m pleased to report this bill is also part of the INVEST in America Act.

One of the most important things we can do in Congress is invest in our most valuable resources — people.



Metro Creative Service

U.S. Rep. Hank Johnson’s legislation would help Americans still recovering from the pandemic by making public transportation more accessible and affordable.

That’s why I’ve introduced the “Stronger Communities Through Better Transit Act,” to provide federal funds to improve bus and train service here in Atlanta and around the country. As many Georgians and Americans struggle to recover financially from the economic challenges of the past year, everyone deserves to be able to get to work in a timely and affordable way. People need to pick their kids up from school, shop for groceries and visit the doctor whether they can afford or are able to drive.

As chairman of the Judiciary Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property and the Internet, I’ve been working to hold the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) accountable; I sent a letter to Spotify requesting information on the platform’s pilot testing of “Discovery Mode”; and I held a hearing on “Civil Enforcement of Congressional Authorities” to explore the methods by which Congress can compel enforcement of its

subpoenas.

As always, I appreciate your time and feedback. Please remember you can reach me and get good information on my Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages by clicking the icons at the top of this e-letter. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to represent you in Congress. Please continue following CDC guidelines and please get a vaccine if you haven’t already received one. If

you have any questions about the American Rescue Plan and what it means for you and your family, please don’t hesitate to call my district office at 770-987-2291. Thank you!

Rep. Hank Johnson represents Georgia’s 4th Congressional District, including DeKalb, Gwinnett, Newton and Rockdale counties, in the U.S. House.

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SHOOTING:

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court at the time of the incident when she saw three men shooting guns. She said teens were there celebrating the last day of the school year for graduation and “going around squirting each other with squirt guns and throwing water balloons at each other, having a good time.” She said she was unable to see a suspect’s face but saw three men shooting, including one standing out of the sunroof of a car and another standing outside of the same car. A third stood on the back of a truck shooting from behind the car, she

said. The witness said the shooting happened around 8:15 p.m. and several people were still at the park. According to the Newton County government website, Denny Dobbs Park is open to the public from “daylight until dusk, seven days a week,” meaning it had not yet closed before sunset at 8:42 p.m. when the shooting reportedly occurred. The park has seen increased daytime use in recent weeks with the opening of a weekly farmers market and the county’s new SPLOST-funded

ed Splash Pad. A skateboard park also is nearing completion on the park’s east side. Jett said the sheriff’s office would increase its daily presence at the park. In addition, Sheriff Ezell Brown plans to discuss with the Newton County Board of Commissioners ways “to enhance public safety” at the park, Jett said. “As always, our top priority is ensuring the safety of our community, and we want the Denny Dobbs Park to be a safe spot for families this

summer and every summer thereafter,” Jett said. Since Jan. 1, 2019, the sheriff’s office has responded to a total of seven violent or drug-related incidents at the park, she said. Deputies responded in the two-and-a-half-year period to the Friday night “penetrating trauma” and to one sexual assault, one fight, one discharged gun, and three drug-related incidents, Jett said. *Publisher and Editor Taylor Beck contributed to this report.*

SPENDING:

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The City of Covington will conduct a Public Hearing on July 1, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. at Legion Field, 3173 Mill Street NE, Covington GA 30014.

Comprehensive Plan Update for the City of Covington

The purpose of the public hearing is to brief the community on the process in developing the comprehensive plan, and to obtain input on the proposed planning process. Citizens, business owners, and all stakeholders are invited to attend the Public Hearing to provide comments, ideas, and suggestions. If you are unable to attend and wish to receive information regarding the hearing, please contact Covington City Hall at (770) 385-2000 or questions@cityofcovington.org.

CITY OF MANSFIELD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING ON PROPOSED ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET

PUBLIC HEARING ON FY2021-2022 BUDGET: A Public Hearing on the FY2021-2022 Budget is scheduled for Monday, June 14, 2021 at 6:00 PM in the Mansfield Community House located at 3158 Hwy 11, Mansfield GA 30055. At this meeting, the Mayor and Council will receive both written and oral comments about the Annual Operating and Capital Budget for the City of Mansfield, Georgia. A copy of the budget is also available for public inspection at Mansfield City Hall.

but that could not be immediately verified. Since its creation on June 6, the page’s administrator has made a series of claims and allegations against Banes and other county officials, Covington city officials, and a local attorney tied to Banes. In a series of posts, the administrator questions numerous P-Card payments Banes listed on his reports. The questions provide little context but speculate if they are related to such issues as Banes’ 2020 lawsuit against the county government seeking back wages. They also refer to numerous charges listed at area car washes for his county vehicle, and at area restaurants for meals with constituents, current and former county officials, and employees. Among the meals listed were at least three with his personal attorney, Stephanie Lindsey, who is representing him in the back wages lawsuit against the county that is under appeal to the state Court of Appeals. Banes said in a posting on his Facebook page that he uses his P-Card “for the entire Board of Commissioners’ training, travel, meals and hotels.” “It is also used to pay for staff training, continuing education classes and for some supplies for the chairman’s office,” he wrote. The report lists payments for lodging and related costs with attending Association County Commissioners of Georgia meetings, which typically are held in the Savannah area. Banes admitted he used his P-Card to buy plane tickets for his wife to travel with him but he repaid the county each time. “Whenever my wife traveled with me my office purchased her ticket on the P-Card so that we could sit together on the flight and I immediately reimbursed the county the funds for her ticket,” Banes said in a post. He also provided a list of about \$1,400 in reimbursements he made to the county for personal purchases using the card between 2017 and 2020. “Anytime, I incurred expenses above the county amount, I paid the difference,” he said. The reports published on “Newton Exposer” have “been redrafted to mislead the public,” Banes said. Documents posted on the week-old Facebook page that lists his P-Card expenses had been altered, he said. “As you look and compare the original reports to the reports presented to the public you will see the person providing the fake reports removed important information about the items,” Banes said. “They also added items that are not in the original reports and not on my P-Card.” A total of 51 county officials from 14 county departments; the tax commissioner, district attorney and public defender’s offices; and juvenile and superior courts have P-Cards they use to make needed purchases. The cards are linked to the county computer system and effectively pull funds from the cardholder’s part of the county budget — not allowing them to use the cards if their limits are exceeded, finance officials have said. Limits range from \$500 to \$20,000, which is the amount of Banes’ card limit. The county government has some history in recent years of employee abuse of the purchasing system. Banes said he had “suggested” to Board of Commissioners members that they make “all” of their P-Card reports public by publishing them online monthly. Kevin O’Brien, a former county fire chief, was indicted in January 2016 after an investigation by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation into his use of a county P-Card for personal purchases. O’Brien pleaded guilty to four counts of Theft by Taking later that year and was fined and sentenced to one year in prison and 20 years on probation.

PRIDE:

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and Porter Auditorium (2016). Krantz said ECI’s footprint had stretched across many other school systems within the metro-Atlanta area. Though the company completes its fair share of commercial and residential projects, the majority of ECI’s business comes through working on schools, Krantz said, and it’s a place that the company has grown to enjoy over the years. “It’s a niche that ECI got into not only for the numerous work opportunities, but also because it’s so rewarding to know that we’re, really, helping improve our county — providing a great school for our area students,” Krantz said. Krantz said there have been many workers visit a school to follow up on a job, and in doing so, teachers would have their students thank the worker for their role in the construction. “It’s just awesome,” he said. ECI was started by a husband and wife from Lithonia — Ken and Beth Williams, Krantz said. In 1984, the Williams’ took their electrical expertise and began working out of a single van for about three years before able to move into an office space and, eventually, moving its headquarters to Covington. Today, ECI employs more than 100 workers, both full-time and temporary, but the company’s most significant growth has come within the last 10 years, Krantz said. Despite the company’s growth, ECI tries to stay involved and hold a local presence within the Newton County community by hosting networking events and offering apprenticeship programs to help residents prepare for the workforce and find employment.

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Adoptions

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF HENRY COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE INTEREST OF
AIDEN DRU NIXON,
DOB: 08/29/2018 **SEX:** Male
Minor Child
CALEN ALEXANDER FARMER

Petitioner: Step-Parent Adoption

CIVIL ACTION FILE
NO.: 21 AD 16 HV

NOTICE TO BIOLOGICAL FATHER

TO: **CHRISTIAN** Alexander
Nixon

AIDEN DRU Nixon was born to Aliza Jane James in Rockdale County, Georgia, on August 29, 2018. A Petition for her stepparent adoption has been filed and is pending in the Superior Court of Henry County, Georgia, Case No. 21-AD- 16-HV. The final hearing has been set for 8:30 a.m., in Chambers, on August 31, 2021, before Judge Holly W. Veal. Be advised that your parental rights to the child will be terminated upon the finalization of the adoption. The Petitioner has alleged that you have: without justifiable cause, failed

to exercise proper parental care or control due to misconduct or inability, as set out in paragraph (3), (4) of subsection (a) of Code Section 15-11-310; without justifiable cause, significantly failed to communicate or to make a bona fide attempt to communicate with the child in a meaningful, supportive, parental manner as set out in paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of Code Section 19-8-10; and without justifiable cause, significantly failed to provide for the care and support of the child as required by law or judicial decree as set out in paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of Code Section 19-8-10. You have no obligation to file an answer, but you do have the right to appear at the hearing and to show cause why your parental rights should not be terminated by his adoption. If you wish to receive a copy of the Petition for Adoption you may receive one by contacting the attorney for the Petitioner, Emmett J. Arnold, 30 Woodruff Street, McDonough, GA 30253.

PUBLIC NOTICE #200438
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF

NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA,

THE PETITION OF J.D.D.AND A.K.D. FOR THE ADOPTION OF A.D.H., CHILD;
CIVIL ACTION FILE
2021-AD-17-2

TO: JESSICA LYNN HERRIN, concerning your female child A.D.H. born on June 1, 2017 in Covington, GA. Notice is given pursuant to O.C.G.A.§ 19-8-10 that this adoption was filed in Newton County Superior Court Clerk's Office on May 6, 2021. A final hearing in this case is scheduled for August 2, 2021, at 9:15 a.m. before Judge John Ott at the Newton County Courthouse. Attorney: Julie Wilkes Wisotsky, 706-207-5201. A parent who receives notification pursuant to this paragraph shall not be a party to the adoption and shall have no obligation to file an answer, but shall have the right to appear at the hearing and show cause why their parental rights should not be terminated by this adoption. If you fail to appear at this hearing, your rights may be terminated.

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Alcoholic Beverage

NOTICE

PURSUANT TO City Ordinance 24-203(C) the following Business has applied for a **ON PREMISES CONSUMPTION** Alcohol License with the City of Mansfield: Ms Sally's 3139 Hwy 11 Mansfield GA 30055. The owner/ individual is Mr. Chris Nichols, 105 Garden Cove, Stockbridge GA 30281. Mayor and Council will consider this application July 12, 2021 @ 7:00PM in the Mansfield Community House, 3158 Hwy 11, Mansfield GA 30055.

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Bids

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NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RFP #21-19

SEPARATE SEALED PROPOSALS for Design-Build services related to renovations and expansions at the Washington Street Community Center and R. L. Cousins Alumni Center, on behalf of the Newton County Board of Commissioners will be received by Newton County via **BONFIRE'S ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION PORTAL** until 11:30 A.M, Local Time on Monday, July 12, 2021. Refer to RFP Exhibits A & B for specific scope of work.
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The City of Covington is currently accepting applications for a **Safety/Risk Management Coordinator** in the **Human Resources Department** with a starting annual salary of \$50,356.80 to a maximum annual salary of \$76,985.60 depending upon qualifications. This position is responsible for overseeing the following major work functions within the Safety/Risk Management Department: drug and alcohol testing programs, workers compensation administration, Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA), vehicle/property and general liability insurance programs, and City-wide training under the direct supervision of the Human Resources Director. Minimum education and experience requirements include an Associate's degree from an accredited college or university with a focus in Public or Business Administration, Safety/ Risk Management, Human Resources Management, or closely related field (*Bachelor's degree preferred*), minimum of four years of work experience in risk management, human resources, workers compensation or a closely related field, must possess or be able to obtain a Certified Workers' Compensation Professional (CWCP) Certification, and Associates in Risk Management for Public Entities (ARM-P) within established time, and must possess or be able to obtain course completion of the National Incident Management Systems (NIMS) – courses 100, 200, 300, 400, 700, and 800 within 12 months of hire, or any combination of equivalent education and experience. Qualified applicants can download an application packet at www.cityofcovington.org or may apply in person at the Covington City Hall, 2194 Emory Street, Covington, Georgia 30014. This position will remain open until 4:00 p.m. on Monday, June 21, 2021. The City of Covington is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



CITY OF COVINGTON JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

The City of Covington is currently accepting applications for a **Human Resources Office Coordinator** in the **Human Resources Department** with a starting annual salary of \$50,356.80 to a maximum annual salary of \$76,985.60 depending upon qualifications. This position is responsible for overseeing the day-to-day functions within the Human Resources Department to include, but are not limited to: recruitment of new employees, training, policy administration, benefit/compensation administration, and health/wellness programs under the direct supervision of the Human Resources Director. Minimum education and experience requirements include an Associate's degree from an accredited college or university with a focus in Public or Business Administration, Human Resources Management, or closely related field (*Bachelor's degree preferred*), minimum of four years of work experience in human resources, employee benefits, or a closely related field, and must possess or be able to obtain a Certified Advance Human Resources Certification (e.g. PHR, SHRM) within established time frame, or any combination of equivalent education and experience. Qualified applicants can download an application packet at www.cityofcovington.org or may apply in person at the Covington City Hall, 2194 Emory Street, Covington, Georgia 30014. This position will remain open until 4:00 p.m. on Monday, June 21, 2021. The City of Covington is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



Position Opening: ASSOCIATE CLERK

The City of Oxford is accepting applications for the position of Associate Clerk. This position is responsible for receiving and processing utility bill payments and performing clerical and administrative duties in support of needs and demands. In addition, this position is responsible for managing the city's web content, collecting building permit applications and fees, and planning and carrying out events. Minimum qualifications include ability to read, write and perform basic mathematical calculations and at least two years of previous experience in a similar position. Other requirements and salary information are listed in the job description available at www.oxfordgeorgia.org. A background investigation including criminal history check and drug screening will be conducted on selected candidate. Applications will be accepted through Monday, June 21, 2021 at Oxford City Hall, 110 W. Clark St., Oxford, Georgia 30054. The City of Oxford is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



CITY OF OXFORD POSITION AVAILABLE: Public Works and Utilities Maintenance Worker I

The City of Oxford is accepting applications for the position of Public Works and Utilities Maintenance Worker I.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Lineman certification preferred. If no Lineman certification upon employment, employee may be expected to earn the certification within a reasonable period of time.
- Possession of a valid driver's license issued by the State of Georgia, with a 3-year clean record. CDL preferred; if no CDL upon employment, employee may be expected to qualify for CDL within a reasonable period of time.
- Must have a valid driver's license issued by the State of Georgia, with a 3-year clean record.

Top candidates will possess the following knowledge, skills, and abilities at a minimum:

- Knowledge of the methods and practices involved in the design, operation, construction, maintenance, and repair of electrical utilities and water distribution systems.

- Knowledge of water distribution operations.
- Knowledge of municipal electrical distribution system operations and practices.
- Knowledge of safety regulations related to utilities systems.
- Skill in using a variety of hand and power tools and heavy equipment.

The city requires a pre-employment drug screen, background investigation, and a 3-year Motor Vehicle Report. Entry salary for this position is \$28,727.92. Actual salary will be determined based on qualifications and experience.

For a complete list of job responsibilities and application, visit our website at <https://www.oxfordgeorgia.org/> or contact Jody Reid at jreid@oxfordgeorgia.org.

Completed job applications may be dropped off in person or mailed to:

Oxford City Hall
Attn: Jody Reid
110 West Clark Street
Oxford, GA 30054

Resumes submitted without completed applications will not be considered. Applications will be accepted through Wednesday, June 30, 2021. The City of Oxford is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

LEGALS:

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BOND. **THE SUCCESSFUL** Proposer shall secure and pay for all permits, assessments, charges, or fees required in connection with the proposed construction.

ANY INQUIRIES regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing no later than Noon-Local Time, Wednesday, June 23, 2021 to: Newton County Purchasing Office, Attn: Randi Fincher, 1113 Usher Street, Suite 204 Covington, GA 30014 or email: rfincher@co.newton.ga.us. Questions will be answered at the mandatory pre-submission conference and/or in writing by addendum. Questions received after this time will not receive a response.

EACH PROPOSAL will be considered by the OWNER, taking into consideration specific evaluation factors, listed in their order of relative importance, as set forth in the Request for Proposals.

NEWTON COUNTY reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals, including without limitation, the right to reject any Proposal that the OWNER believes would not be in the best interest of the Project.

DIGITAL COPIES of the PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS may be obtained at the Purchasing office at no charge by visiting www.co.newton.ga.us or contacting Randi Fincher at 678-625-1237 or rfincher@co.newton.ga.us. Hard copies of the PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS may be obtained upon a non-refundable payment of \$25.00 for each set. The County is not obligated to consider the contractor's proposal if they are not on record with the issuing office as having received complete Proposal Documents.

JUNE 10, 2021
LLOYD KERR, County Manager
NEWTON COUNTY Board of Commissioners

PUBLIC NOTICE #200431 6/13

Citations

CITATION

ARVIN F. SPELL, IV has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **JUDITH ANN MONROE** , deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A 53-12-232). All interested **PARTIES ARE** hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objection must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before JULY 12, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

MELANIE M. BELL, JUDGE
MARCIA WYNNE, CLERK
PROBATE COURT NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT
1132 USHER STREET-148 COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200444 6/13,20,27-7/4

CITATION

CLOYCE E. WREN, JR has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **MAXINE WREN**, deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A 53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objection must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before JULY 12, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

MELANIE M. BELL, JUDGE
MARCIA WYNNE, CLERK
PROBATE COURT NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT
1132 USHER STREET-148 COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200393 6/13,20,27-7/4

CITATION

CRYSTLE GILES has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **FREDERICK L. GILES** , deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A 53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objection must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before JULY 12, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

MELANIE M. BELL, JUDGE
MARCIA WYNNE, CLERK
PROBATE COURT NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT
1132 USHER STREET-148 COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200392 6/13,20,27-7/4

CITATION

EARNEST SHEPHERD has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **CLARA SHEPHERD**, deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A 53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objection must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before JULY 12, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

MELANIE M. BELL, JUDGE
MARCIA WYNNE, CLERK
PROBATE COURT NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT
1132 USHER STREET-148 COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200443 6/13,20,27-7/4

CITATION

FRIEDA MAE DAVIS has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **NAKOSHA M. DAVIS**, deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in

O.C.G.A 53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objection must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before JULY 12, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

MELANIE M. BELL, JUDGE
MARCIA WYNNE, CLERK
PROBATE COURT NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT
1132 USHER STREET-148 COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200391 6/13,20,27-7/4

CITATION

JAMES COATS has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **DELORES H. COATS** , deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A 53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objection must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before JULY 12, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

MELANIE M. BELL, JUDGE
MARCIA WYNNE, CLERK
PROBATE COURT NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT
1132 USHER STREET-148 COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200395 6/13,20,27-7/4

CITATION

JANET S. CLARK has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **THOMAS MALETIC** , deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A 53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objection must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before JULY 12, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

MELANIE M. BELL, JUDGE
MARCIA WYNNE, CLERK
PROBATE COURT NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT
1132 USHER STREET-148 COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200369 6/13,20,27-7/4

CITATION

MANUEL REID has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **MYCELLA MCPHERSON**, deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A 53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objection must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before JULY 12, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

MELANIE M. BELL, JUDGE
MARCIA WYNNE, CLERK
PROBATE COURT NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT
1132 USHER STREET-148 COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200445 6/13,20,27-7/4

CITATION

MARION DRISKELL has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **CARLIE BELCHER** , deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A 53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objection must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before JULY 12, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

MELANIE M. BELL, JUDGE
MARCIA WYNNE, CLERK
PROBATE COURT NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT
1132 USHER STREET-148 COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200368 6/13,20,27-7/4

CITATION

MELISSA CHERI NELSON has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **MARY JO REYNOLDS** , deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A 53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objection must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before JULY 12, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

MELANIE M. BELL, JUDGE
MARCIA WYNNE, CLERK
PROBATE COURT NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT
1132 USHER STREET-148 COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200442 6/13,20,27-7/4

CITATION

RASHONDA SHONDELL JACKSON has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **BETTYE GRIER**, deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A 53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objection must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before JULY 12, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

MELANIE M. BELL, JUDGE
MARCIA WYNNE, CLERK
PROBATE COURT NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT
1132 USHER STREET-148 COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200443 6/13,20,27-7/4

CITATION

CLUES ACROSS

1. Most courageous

8. Insurance giant

13. Small trace left behind

14. In a way, signals

15. The same letter or sound at the beginning

19. The Great Lakes State

20. Engage in a contest

21. Drinks served to celebrate a birth (Spanish)

22. Manpower

23. Undivided

24. Strong, magnetic metal

25. People of Tanzania

26. Sorts

30. Cop car accessory

31. Trade

32. Sullen and ill-tempered

33. Distinctive practices

34. Motor vehicles

35. Electrodes

38. Polish river

39. Human feet

40. Make very hot

44. Toppin and Kenobi are two

45. Blackbird

46. One point west of due south

47. Large beer

48. Third stomachs

49. Rare Korean family name

50. Hectoliter

51. Aquatic invertebrate

55. Where we live

57. Poked holes in

58. Partner to ways

59. __ Ann

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

17. County in New Mexico

18. An electrically charged atom

22. New Zealand conifer

25. Type of brandy

27. Comments to the audience

28. Tears down

29. Gifts for the poor

30. More painful

32. Good friend

34. Lying in the same plane

35. Line in a polygon

36. Clouds of gas and dust

37. Norse god

38. Health care pro

40. Close tightly

41. One's holdings

42. Became less intense

43. Wilco frontman

CLUES DOWN

1. Expressions of approval

2. Replace the interior of

3. Not awake

4. Roman numeral 7

5. Sun up in New York

6. Institute legal proceedings against

7. Bugs homeowners don't want

8. Maltese-Italian composer

9. Very long period of time

10. Touchdown

11. Agents of downfall

12. Complacently or inanely foolish

16. Argentina capital Buenos __

2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

MELANIE M. BELL, JUDGE
MARCIA WYNNE, CLERK
PROBATE COURT NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT
1132 USHER STREET-148 COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200423 6/13,20,27-7/4

CITATION

RE: ESTATE OF MORRIS LEE HAMILTON, Deceased

KEVIN LEE HAMILTON, Executor has petitioned to be discharged from Office and all Liability. All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause as to why said petition should not be granted. All objections must be in writing and filed with this Court on or before June 7, 2021, at ten o'clock am.

MELANIE M. Bell, Judge By: Marcia Wynne, Clerk Probate Court
NEWTON COUNTY, GA

NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT
1132 USHER STREET COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200314 5/23,30-6/6,13

CITATION

SHARA LYNN GREER has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **HARVEY LEE MCCULLERS, JR** , deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A 53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objection must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before JULY 12, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

MELANIE M. BELL, JUDGE
MARCIA WYNNE, CLERK
PROBATE COURT NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT
1132 USHER STREET-148 COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200424 6/13,20,27-7/4

CITATION

SUSAN ELAINE OLEXA AND SANDRA LEE EVANS has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **SHIRLEY ELAINE OLEXA** , deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A 53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objection must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before JULY 12, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

MELANIE M. BELL, JUDGE
MARCIA WYNNE, CLERK
PROBATE COURT NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

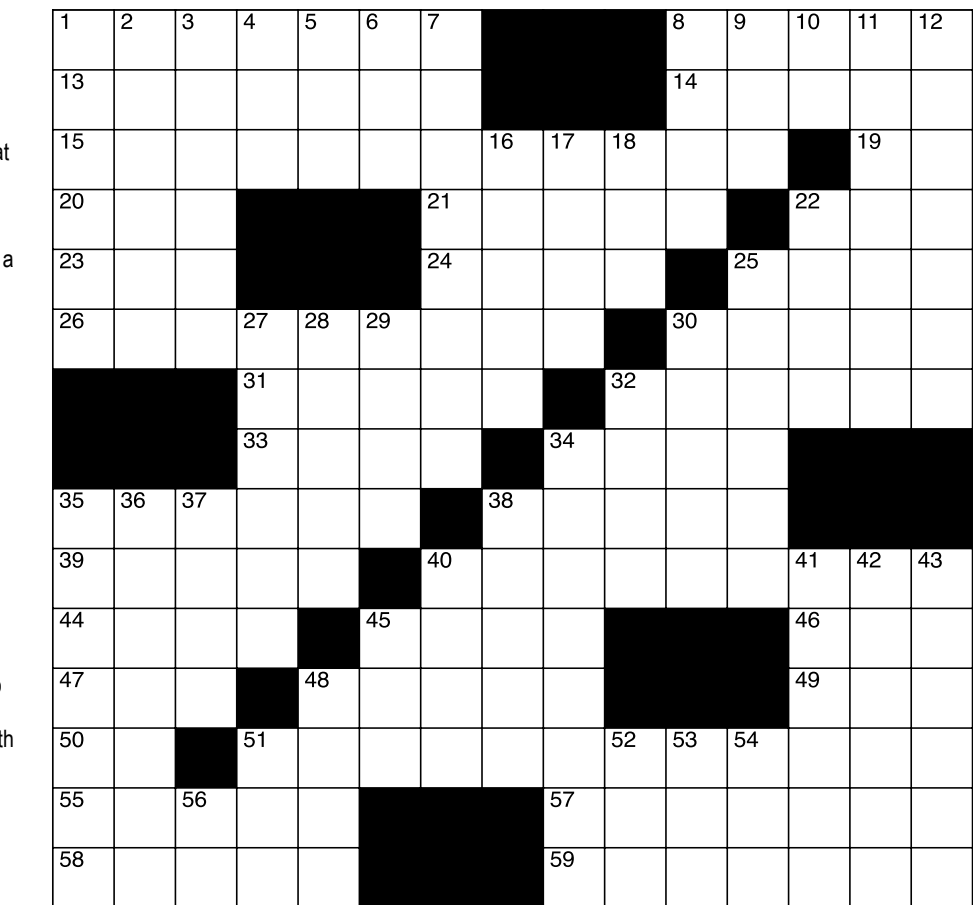
NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT
1132 USHER STREET-148 COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200441 6/13,20,27-7/4

CITATION

TO: NICHOLAS R. RUCKER

CRYSTAL FRIESON has filed for Temporary Letters of Guardianship of the Person(s) **CRISTIAN N. RUCKER** minor(s). All objection must be in writing and filed with this Court on or before June 23rd, 2021



17. County in New Mexico
18. An electrically charged atom
22. New Zealand conifer
25. Type of brandy
27. Comments to the audience
28. Tears down
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41. One's holdings
42. Became less intense
43. Wilco frontman

at ten o'clock, a.m.

MELANIE M. Bell, Judge
BY: DANYELL Thomas
CLERK, PROBATE Court
NEWTON COUNTY, Georgia

NEWTON COUNTY Probate Court
1132 USHER Street Rm 148 COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200417 6/6,13

CITATION

VASHOFANA BAHT-EL has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **COTIS D. WEAVER** , deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A 53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objection must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before JULY 12, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

MELANIE M. BELL, JUDGE
MARCIA WYNNE, CLERK
PROBATE COURT NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT
1132 USHER STREET-148 COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200389 6/6.13.20.27

CITATION

VICKI MADDOX has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **JAMES MADDOX** , deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A 53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objection must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before JULY 12, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

MELANIE M. BELL, JUDGE
MARCIA WYNNE, CLERK
PROBATE COURT NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT
1132 USHER STREET-148 COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200394 6/13,20,27-7/4

CITATION

ZACHARY VANCE MATHEWS has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **DONALD EDWARD MATHEWS** , deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A 53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objection must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before JULY 12, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

MELANIE M. BELL, JUDGE
MARCIA WYNNE, CLERK
PROBATE COURT NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT
1132 USHER STREET-148 COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200353 6/13,20,27-7/4

THE PETITION of **SARAH SUE BURNETT** widow of **JOHN BURNETT** deceased, for Twelve Month's Support for having been duly filed, all interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections must be in writing and filed with this Court on or before July 12, 2021, at ten o'clock a.m.

MELANIE M. BELL, JUDGE By:

MARCIA WYNNE, CLERK
PROBATE COURT
NEWTON COUNTY, Georgia

NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT
1132 USHER STREET- RM 148 COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200447 6/13,20,27-7/4

THE PETITION of **SUZANNE M. CUMMINS** widow of **PETER R. CUMMINS** deceased, for Twelve Month's Support for having been duly filed, all interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections must be in writing and filed with this Court on or before July 12, 2021, at ten o'clock a.m.

MELANIE M. BELL, JUDGE By: Marcia Wynne, Clerk
PROBATE COURT
NEWTON COUNTY, Georgia

NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT
1132 USHER STREET- RM 148 COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200446 6/13,20,27-7/4

CITATION

NOTICE OF INTENT TO INCORPORATE

NOTICE IS given that articles of incorporation which will incorporate Friends of Troop 222, Inc. have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Non Profit Corporation Code. The initial registered office of the corporation will be located at 9106 Willow Pointe, Covington, Georgia 30014 and its initial registered agent at such address is Christian Jacob Goerner.

PUBLIC NOTICE #200425 6/6,13

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF CORPORATE NAME

NOTICE IS given that articles of amendment which will change the name of Newton County Trail-Path Foundation, Inc. to Newton Trails, Inc. have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code. The registered office of the corporation is located at P.O. Box 2010, Covington, GA 30015.

PUBLIC NOTICE #200427 6/6,13

Debtors Creditors

ALL CREDITORS of the estate of **Jefferson Lyle Richards**, 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:

NAME OF Administrator:
Lisa Cay Richards

ADMINISTRATOR'S ADDRESS:
Cheryl Bradley Kinsey
C/O SHANNON D. Sneed Attorney at Law P.O.Box 1245
COVINGTON, GA 30015

THIS 8TH day of June, 2021.

PUBLIC NOTICE #200439 6/13,20,27-7/4

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **THOMAS CHARLES NEELY** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render you demands and /or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. This

the 8th day of JUNE, 2021.

JOSEPH NEELY Jr.
2510 FAIRWEATHER CT. SE
CONYERS, GA 30013

PUBLIC NOTICE #200436 6/13,20,27-7/4

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

ALL CREDITORS of the estate of **Jerry Leroy Robinson** late of Newton County, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment. **THIS 4TH** day of May, 2021
NAME: ARLENE W. Robinson
TITLE: EXECUTOR
ADDRESS: 320 East Clayton Street, Suite 418

PUBLIC NOTICE #200310 5/23,30-6/6,13

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

ALL CREDITORS of the estate of **DANIEL RAY CONLEY**, deceased, a resident of Newton County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.

THIS 18 day of May, 2021.

ELLEN RUTH Conley Executrix of the Estate of Daniel Ray Conley
C/O MICHELLE Chaudhuri, Esq.
Talley & Associates, P.C.
1892 GA Hwy 138, SE Conyers, GA 30013
770-483-1431

PUBLIC NOTICE #200366 5/23,30-6/6,13

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **AGNES BLALOCK** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/ or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. **THIS THE 12TH** day of MAY, 2021.

JAMES WATTS
12661 FRANK DR. S
SEMINOLE, FL 33776

PUBLIC NOTICE #200354 5/23,30-6/6,13

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **BRENDA KAYWELLHAM** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. **THIS THE 11th** day of MAY , 2021.

BRENDA BAFFORD
394 NAVAHO RD
LOCUS GROVE, GA 30248

PUBLIC NOTICE #200396 6/6,13,20,27

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **DORIS C. COTTON** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/ or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. **THIS THE 24TH** day of MAY , 2021.

REBECCA F. (BECKY) BOLDEN
4510 HIDDEN MEADOW LANE
MONROE, GA 30656

PUBLIC NOTICE #200397 6/6,13,20,27

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LEGALS:

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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **DOROTHY ANN WHALEY** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. **THIS THE 20th** day of MAY , 2021.

JOAN DOLLAR
7224 LAKEVIEW DR
COVINTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200402
6/6,13,20,27

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **EDDIE BAKER** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. **THIS THE 3RD** day of JUNE , 2021.

MELVIN O. BAKER
119 OXFORD NORTH RD
OXFORD, GA 30054

PUBLIC NOTICE #200452
6/13,20,27-7/4

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **EDSON WALEA UNDERWOOD** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. **THIS THE 20TH** day of MAY, 2021.

LAURA UNDERWOOD
455 HEATON RD
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #200398
6/6,13,20,27

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **EUREY DEAN HOOPER** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. **THIS THE 9TH** day of JUNE , 2021.

NICOLE DEANNE FULLER
37 BREEDLOVE LANE
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200455
6/13,20,27-7/4

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **GRACE AARON JOHNSON** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. **THIS THE 8TH** day of JUNE , 2021.

ANTHONY D. JOHNSON
11051 HWY 36
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200450
5/13,20,27-7/4

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **HARLEN BELL** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. **THIS THE 13th** day of MAY 2021.

MARIO S. Ninfo, Attorney for
PAIGE STODDARD, Administrator
1198 CLARK ST., NW
COVINGTON, GA 30014
770 784 8000
ESTATE NO. 2020-P-484

PUBLIC NOTICE #200361
5/23,30-6/6,13

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **JAMES ALAN MORRIS** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. **THIS THE 24th** day of MAY , 2021.

BRIAN BYARS
6140 HANNAH ST
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200400
6/6,13,20,27

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **JAMES T. MARSON** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. **THIS THE 20th** day of MAY, 2021.

DIANE MARSTON
270 RIVER COVE RE
SOCIAL CIRCLE, GA 30025

PUBLIC NOTICE #200401
6/6,13,20,27

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

according to law. **THIS THE 11TH** day of MAY, 2021.

SANDRA SCHELL
95 HIDDEN FOREST RE
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200357
5/23,30-6/6,13

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **JUNIOUS MCLEAN, JR** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. **THIS THE 1ST** day of JUNE , 2021.

DOROTHY FIELDS
7010 MESSER RD
HENRICO, VA 23231

PUBLIC NOTICE #200420
6/6,13,20,27

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **MATTIE LOU JOHNSON** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. **THIS THE 12TH** day of MAY, 2021.

REGIAN PROSSER
890 NEWTON FACTORY BRIDGE RD
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200356
5/23,30-6/6,13

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **OKSANA FOLTYN** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. **THIS THE 1ST** day of JUNE , 2021.

IGOR FOLTYN
12900 ALCOVY RD
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200422
6/6,13,20,27

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **PATRICIA SCHOENFELD** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. **THIS THE 13th** day of MAY 2021.

MARIO S. Ninfo, Attorney for
PAIGE STODDARD, Administrator
1198 CLARK ST., NW
COVINGTON, GA 30014
770 784 8000
ESTATE NO.202-P-133

PUBLIC NOTICE #200360
5/23,30-6/6,13

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **ROBERT FRANKLIN STRAWN** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. **THIS THE 24TH** day of MAY , 2021.

GRACIE PAYNE
3126 HIGHWAY 81 S
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #200399
6/6,13,20,27

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **SARA M. WILLIAMS** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. **THIS THE 27th** day of MAY , 2021.

CATHY WILLIAMS ALLEN
219 E SOULE STREET
OXFORD, GA 30054

PUBLIC NOTICE #200421
6/6,13,20,27

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **SHARON ELAINE COLEMAN** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. **THIS THE 14TH** day of MAY, 2021.

JAMES COLEMAN
97 GROSS LAKE PARKWAY
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #200355
5/23,30-6/6,13

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **THOMAS CHARLES NEELY** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. **THIS THE 4TH** day of JUNE , 2021.

JOSEPH NEELY
2510 FAIRWEATHER CT
CONYERS, GA 30013

PUBLIC NOTICE #200451
6/13,20,27-7/4

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **WILLE RUTH DAVENPORT**

deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. **THIS THE 15th** day of APRIL , 2021.

CURTIS MICHAEL DAVENPORT
2700 WHITE PINE LANE
MANSFIELD GA 30055

PUBLIC NOTICE #200375
5/30-6/6,13,20

Divorces

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
NEWTON COUNTY
STATE OF GERORGIA

CHERRIE FERNANDEZ
MCQUINTER
PLAINTIFF
V.
GABRIEL FERNANDEZ
DEFENDANT

CIVIL ACTION NUMBER
2021-CV-1077-4

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO:
FLORENCIO G. FERNANDEZ
8221 GA HWY 16 LOT #8
MONTICELLO, GA 31064

BY ORDER of the court for service by publication dated MAY 20 2021 you are hereby notified that on APRIL 30, 2021 (date of filing) **CHERRIE M. FERNANDEZ** (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 **CHEVEDA D. MCCAMY**, Judge Superior Court of Newton County.

THIS, THE 20TH day of MAY 2021.
LINDA D. Hays
CLERK OF Superior

PUBLIC NOTICE #200410
6/6,13,20,27

Foreclosures

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

UNDER AND by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Sarah F Joyner** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for SouthStar Funding, LLC, its successors and assigns , dated January 7, 2005, recorded in Deed Book 1842, Page 147, Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee, on behalf of the registered holders of GSAMP Trust 2005-HE3, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-HE3 by assignment recorded in Deed Book 3214, Page 442, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of ONE HUNDRED THREE THOUSAND FIFTY AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$103,050.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in July, 2021, the following described property:

SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF

THE DEBT secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). **SAID PROPERTY** will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above. **DEUTSCHE BANK** National Trust Company, as Trustee, on behalf of the registered holders of GSAMP Trust 2005-HE3, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-HE3 is the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-162.2. **THE ENTITY** that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: Select Portfolio Servicing, 3217 S. Decker Lake Dr., Salt Lake City, UT 84119, 888-818-6032. **TO THE** best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Sarah F Joyner or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **395 Spring Lake Terrace, Covington, Georgia 30016**. **THE SALE** will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed. **DEUTSCHE BANK** National Trust Company, as Trustee, on behalf of the registered holders of GSAMP Trust 2005-HE3, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-HE3

AS ATTORNEY in Fact for **SARAH F Joyner**
MCCALLA RAYMER Leibert Pierce, LLC
1544 OLD Alabama Road
ROSWELL, GA 30076
WWW.FORECLOSUREHOTLINE.

NET EXHIBIT "A"
ALL THAT tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 119 of the 10th District, Newton County, Georgia, being Lot 319, The Villages of Ellington, as per plat recorded in Plat Book 38, Pages 98-110, Newton County, Georgia Records, said plat being incorporated herein and made reference hereto.
MR/MJW 7/6/21
OUR FILE no. 21-05251GA - FT1

PUBLIC NOTICE #200428
6/6,13,20,27

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

UNDER AND by virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain Security Deed dated December 10, 2020 from the Estate of **James Curtis Johnson** ("Debtor" or "Grantor") granting Sacor Financial, Inc. ("Sacor" or "Lender") a security interest in that those certain real properties located in Newton County described therein (the "Property"), recorded on January 5, 2021 at Deed Book 4124, Page 521, Newton County, Georgia records, (the "Security Deed") which secures, inter alia, that certain Judgment against Grantor to Lender (the "Judgment"), and Settlement Agreement between Grantor and Lender ("Settlement Agreement") in the original principal amount of \$21,875.81, with interest from the date thereof at the rate specified therein, as previously or subsequently amended, modified or replaced, there will be sold at public outcry by Lender as attorney-in-fact of Grantor to the highest bidder for cash between the legal hours for sale before the Courthouse door in Newton County, Georgia, on July 6, 2021 the following described land, improvements and appurtenances (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Premises" or "Property") to wit: **PARCEL ONE:** All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the City of Covington, Newton County, Georgia, being Lot 52 of the Nelson Heights Subdivision, as shown by plat of the same recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 47, Newton County, records, and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING ON the western line of Puckett Street (formerly Cecelia Street) at a point 546.0 feet, as measured in a southern direction along the western line of said Puckett Street, from the southeastern line of Cecelia Street (formerly Puckett Street); thence in a southern direction along the western line of said Puckett Street a distance of 75.0 feet; thence North, 78 Degrees 30 Minutes West, a distance of 150.0 feet; thence North, 11 Degrees 30 Minutes East, a distance of 75.0 feet; and thence South, 78 Degrees 30 Minutes East; a distance of 150.0 feet to the point of beginning; and being the same property as conveyed to Erwin Kelly by Otis Spillers, d/b/a Spillers Lumber Company by deed dated September 8, 1960 and recorded in Deed Book 57, Page 201, Newton County Records.

THE NAMES of said streets were reversed af the plat of said subdivision was placed on record.

SITUATED ON said property and included in this conveyance is one (1) 40-gallon, gas water heater, Rheem-Glass.

PARCEL TWO:

ALL THAT tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 31 of the Tenth District of Newton County, Georgia, as shown on a plat of survey dated July 10, 1983, prepared by Robert M. Buhler, R.L.S. No. 1403, and recorded in Plat Book 18, page 140, Public records of Newton County, Georgia, and being more particularly described as follows.

BEGINNING AT an iron pin marking the Northwest corner of Tract 8 as shown on the above plat, thence North 01° 42' 34" East, 120.21 feet to an iron pin, thence North 88° 17' 27" West 49.77 feet to an iron pin, thence North 000 42' 32" East, 269.94 feet to an iron pin, thence South 88° 17' 25" East 1266.35 feet to an iron pin, thence South 07° 31' 26" West 349.98 feet to an iron pin, thence South 10° 45' 20" West 65.24 feet to an iron pin, thence North 87° 11' 10" West 1166.36 feet to the point of beginning. Said property is shown as Tract 9 on the above plat which is incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof.

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

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

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

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

THE NAME, address and telephone number of the individual or entity who has full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the

mortgage with the debtors is: **SACOR FINANCIAL** Inc.
C/O MARK Stewart
1911 DOUGLAS # 85205
ROSEVILLE CA 95661
916-773-3500 EXT 5020
NOTHING HEREIN, however, shall obligate Lender to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the mortgage or loan.

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

SACOR FINANCIAL, Inc.
AS ATTORNEY-IN-FACT for **THE ESTATE** of James Curtis Johnson
BETH E. Rogers, Esq.
ROGERS LAW OFFICES
THE EQUITABLE Building
100 PEACHTREE St., Ste. 1950
ATLANTA, GA 30303
(770) 685-6320 phone
(678) 990-9959 fax

PUBLIC NOTICE #200298
6/6,13,20,27

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

UNDER AND by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Gawayne Dawson** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Ownit Mortgage Solutions, Inc., a California Corporation, its successors and assigns , dated December 16, 2005, recorded in Deed Book 2081, Page 387, Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Star202, LLC by assignment recorded in Deed Book 4092, Page 29, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of THIRTY-EIGHT THOUSAND AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$38,000.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in July, 2021, the following described property:

SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF

THE DEBT secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).

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

STAR202, LLC is the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-162.2.

THE ENTITY that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: Statebridge Company, LLC, 4600 S. Syracuse Street, Suite 700, Denver, CO 80237, 303-962-6753.

TO THE best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Gawayne Dawson or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **35 Goshawk Walk, Covington, Georgia 30014**.

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

STAR202, LLC
AS ATTORNEY in Fact for **GAWAYNE DAWSON**
MCCALLA RAYMER Leibert Pierce, LLC

1544 OLD Alabama Road
ROSWELL, GA 30076
WWW.FORECLOSUREHOTLINE.

NET EXHIBIT "A"

ALL THAT tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 227 of the 9th District, Newton County, Georgia, being Lot 502, Unit 2, Phase 2 of River Walk Farm Subdivision, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 40, Pages 195-199, Newton County, Georgia Records, which recorded plat is incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this description.

SUBJECT TO that certain security deed from Gawayne Dawson to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Ownit Mortgage Solutions, Inc., its successors and assigns, dated December 16, 2005, and recorded in Deed Book 2081, Page 366, Newton County, Georgia Records.

MR/CA 7/6/21
OUR FILE no. 21-04861GA - FT17

PUBLIC NOTICE #200373
6/6,13,20,27

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

UNDER AND by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Toni Jones a/k/a Toni D. Jones** to Bank of America, N.A., dated October 26, 2005, recorded in Deed Book 2048, Page 266, Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to MEB Loan Trust IV by assignment recorded in Deed Book 3945, Page 337, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of EIGHTEEN THOUSAND TWO

HUNDRED AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$18,200.00), 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, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in July, 2021, the following described property:

SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF

THE DEBT secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).

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

MEB LOAN Trust IV, U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee is the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-162.2.

THE ENTITY that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify

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AND INSPECTION of the property, and (c) all matters of record superior to the Deed to Secure Debt 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; (2) O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1; and (3) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed.

PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. Section 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.

PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2, the entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is:

SELECT PORTFOLIO Servicing, Inc.

ATTENTION: **LOSS** Mitigation Department

3217 S. Decker Lake Drive
SALT LAKE CITY, Utah 84119
1-888-818-6032

THE FOREGOING notwithstanding, nothing in OC.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require the secured creditor to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the Deed to Secure Debt described herein.

THIS SALE is conducted on behalf of the secured creditor under the power of sale granted in the aforementioned security instrument, specifically being

U.S. BANK National Association, as Indenture Trustee, in trust for Holders of the HomeBanc Mortgage Trust 2005-4, Mortgage Backed Notes

AS ATTORNEY in fact for

LIA M. Bostic
RICHARD B. Maner, P.C.
180 INTERSTATE N Parkway, Suite 200
ATLANTA, GA 30339
404.252.6385

THIS LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. FC18-381

PUBLIC NOTICE #200384
6/6,13,20,27-7/4

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

UNDER AND by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **James Newsome** to New Century Mortgage Corporation (the Secured Creditor), dated January 7, 2005, and Recorded on January 27, 2005 as Book No. 1836 and Page No. 356, Newton County, Georgia records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of \$112,160.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, as last assigned to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Indenture Trustee, for New Century Home Equity Loan Trust 2005-1 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 July, 2021, the following described property:

ALL THAT tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 199 of the 10th Land District, Newton County, Georgia, being known as known as Lot 59 of Windcrest Subdivision, as per plat recorded in Plat Book 40, Pages 77-80, Newton County, Georgia records, which plat is incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof.

THE DEBT secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. 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).

SAID PROPERTY being known as: **1220 KINNETT RD, COVINGTON, GA 30016**

TO THE best of the undersigned's knowledge, the party or parties in possession of said property is/are **MOHAMMED A AL JUBOORI AND SHERNELL N AL JUBOORI** or tenant(s).

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 Deed to Secure Debt. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Deed to Secure Debt and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).

SAID PROPERTY is commonly known as **210 Meadowbrook Court, Covington, GA 30016**, together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): **Lia M. Bostic** or tenant or 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 Deed to Secure Debt 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. Section 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".

DEUTSCHE BANK National Trust Company, as Indenture Trustee, for New Century Home Equity Loan Trust 2005-1 as Attorney in Fact for James Newsome.

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: 21-45934

PUBLIC NOTICE #200371
6/6,13,20,27

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

PURSUANT TO the power of sale contained in the Security Deed executed by **MOHAMMED A AL JUBOORI** to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR HOMESTAR FINANCIAL CORP., its successors and assigns in the original principal amount of \$239,580.00 dated March 31, 2016 and recorded in Deed Book 3427, Page 81, Newton County records, said Security Deed being last transferred to FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION in Deed Book 4036, Page 556, Newton County records, the undersigned will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, before the Courthouse door in said County, or at such other place as lawfully designated, within the legal hours of sale, on July 06, 2021, the property in said Security Deed and described as follows:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 84 OF THE TENTH LAND DISTRICT OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, CONTAINING 2.73 ACRES AND SHOWN AS TRACT #2 ON THAT PLAT OF SURVEY FOR RONALD W. STANLEY PREPARED BY LOUIE D. PATRICK, R.S., DATED OCTOBER 31, 1983, AND RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 18, PAGE 307, NEWTON COUNTY CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT RECORDS, WHICH PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE THERETO FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION.

SAID PROPERTY being known as: **1220 KINNETT RD, COVINGTON, GA 30016**

TO THE best of the undersigned's knowledge, the party or parties in possession of said property is/are **MOHAMMED A AL JUBOORI AND SHERNELL N AL JUBOORI** or tenant(s).

THE DEBT secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due and payable because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as provided for in the Note and said Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of sale, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).

SAID PROPERTY will be sold subject to the following: (1) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, whether or not yet due and payable); (2) the right of redemption of any taxing authority; (3) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property; and (4) any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.

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

THE NAME, address, and telephone number of the individual or entity who has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage is as follows:

FREEDOM MORTGAGE Corporation 907 Pleasant Valley Avenue, Suite 3

MOUNT LAUREL, NJ 08054 Phone: 855-690-5900

NOTE THAT pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, the above individual or entity is not required by law to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the mortgage.

THIS LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION, as Attorney-in-Fact for

MOHAMMED A AL JUBOORI ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC 10700 Abbott's Bridge Road Suite 170 Duluth, GA 30097 Phone: 470.321.7112

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PUBLIC NOTICE #200405
6/6,13,20,27

Juvenile Court

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE INTEREST OF:

K.N. SEX:
Male DOB: 10/03/2015
Case #107-21J-0204
A CHILD Under 18 Years of Age

SUMMONS

TO: ANGELICA NOLLEY, Mother; DONALD MANNING,

Putative Father; JOHN DOE, and any other unknown, unnamed biological father or other person(s) claiming to have a parental interest in the minor child named above born to Angelica Nolley on the date above listed.

YOU ARE hereby notified that a Petition (Dependency) was filed on May 11, 2021, in this Court, 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 13th day of July, 2021, at 10:00 a.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 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 17th day of May, 2021.

/S/ JANELL Gaines

DEPUTY CLERK, NEWTON COUNTY Juvenile Court

PUBLIC NOTICE #200363
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Name Changes

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE the Name Change of Child(ren): **CONLECTRICLE BELCHER** PETITIONER, **VS. MORRIS THRASHER** RESPONDENT. **CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 2021-CV-1272-2**

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF CHILD

CONLECTRICLE BELCHER filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on MAY 28 , 2021, to change the name of the following minor child

FROM: MARTRAIL KEYONTAE GRIFFIN to MARTRAIL KEYONTAE THRASHER 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).

CONLECTRICLE BELCHER 10230 SOUTH DINAH CIRCLE COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200433
6/13,20,27-7/4

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE the Name Change of Child(ren): **ADEN PESHAWN HECTOR TOLEDO** PETITIONER, **VS. PREDRO TOLEDO** RESPONDENT. **CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 2021-CV-1245-2**

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF CHILD

TRISHAWNA BELL filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on MAY 26 , 2021, to change the name of the following minor child

FROM: ADEN PESHAWN HECTOR TOLEDO to ADEN PESHAWN RYDER TOLDEP BELL 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).

TRISHAWNA BELL 195 PEBBLE BROOKE COURT COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #200416
6/6,13,20,27

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF

NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE the Name Change of Child(ren): **CHRISTIE LEA MOBLEY** PETITIONER, **VS. ANTHONY LEVON PROCTOR** RESPONDENT. **CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 2021-CV-1269-5**

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF CHILD

CHRISTIE LEA MOBLEY filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on JUNE 1 , 2021, to change the name of the following minor child

FROM: KAREN LEVON PROCTOR to KACEN LEVON PROCTOR 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).

CHRISTIE LEA MOBLEY 6102 NIXON CIRCLE COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200432
6/13,20,27-7/4

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE the Name Change of Child(ren): **DAMON CALVIN CALDWELL**

BRANDI NICOLE CASTLEBERRY PETITIONER, **VS. DAMON MILLER** RESPONDENT. **CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 2021-CV-1132-4**

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF CHILD

BRANDI NICOLE CASTLEBERRY filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on 14, 2021, to change the name of the following minor child

FROM: DAMON CALVIN CALDWELL to DAMON CALVIN MILLER 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).

BRANDI NICOLE CASTLEBERRY 100 WYNFIELD KEEP COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #200372
5/30-6/6,13,20

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE the name change of **DANIEL EDWARD NANCE** PETITIONER

CIVIL ACTION File # 2021-CV-1083-2

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF ADULT

DANIEL EDWARD NANCE filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on MAY 6 2021 to change the name from **DANIEL EDWARD NANCE** to **IRIKETEKANA DANIEL EDWARD ANANCE**. Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after the Petition was filed

DATE: 3-22-21

DANIEL E.NANCE 330 RIVER RIDGE SOCIAL CIRCLE, GA 30025

PUBLIC NOTICE #200454
6/13,20,27-7/4

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE the name change of **ERICA HENDERSON** PETITIONER

CIVIL ACTION File # 2021-CV-129-2

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF ADULT

ERICA HENDERSON filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on JUNE 2 2021 to change the name from **ERICA LASHAWN HENDERSON** to **ERICA LASHAWN JOHNSON**. Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after the Petition was filed

DATE: 06-2-21

ERICA HENDERSON 11545 BROWN BRIDGE RD COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #200435
6/13,20,27-7/4

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WALTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE Name Change of: **ALEXA ARLSBETH CRUZ-LOPEZ, (MINOR CHILD) AND ALYSSA ABIGAIL CRUZ-LOPEZ (MINOR CHILD)**

BY: ANGELICA LOPEZ, PETITIONER

CIVIL ACTION FILE NO. SUCV2020001268

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: URIEL Cruz, Biological Father

BY ORDER for service by publication filed February 19, 2021, you are hereby notified that on October 1, 2020, ANGELICA

LOPEZ, PETITIONER tiled a PETITION TO CHANGE NAME AND AMEND BIRTH CERTIFICATE on behalf of the minor children, **ALEXA ARISBETH CRUZ-LOPEZ** and **ALYSSA ABIGAIL CRUZ-LOPEZ**, seeking to change the name of **ALEXA ARISBETH CRUZ, LOPEZ** to **ALEXA ARISBETH CRUZ** and the name of **ALYSSA ABIGAIL CRUZ, LOPEZ** to **ALYSSA ABIGAIL LOPEZ**.

THIS NOTICE shall be published once a week for four consecutive weeks. Any interested or affected party has a right to appear and file objections .In addition, you are hereby required to file with the Clerk of the Superior Court and serve upon Gloria Smith-Grimes, plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 189 West Pike Street, suite 102, Lawrenceville, Georgia 30046, an ANSWER writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the Order granting Service by Publication.

WITNESS, THE Honorable Jeffrey L. Fosters, Judge of this Superior Court, Walton County, **THIS 17TH** day of March, 2021

PUBLIC NOTICE #200382
5/30,6/6,13,20

Public Notice

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY GEORGIA

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION VS. CERTAIN EASEMENT RIGHTS; and DAVID W. Plott; Vivian G. Plott; AgSouth Farm Credit, ACA; and United States of America acting through the Internal Revenue Service, individually

DOCKET NO. SUCV2021000490

NOTICE OF SUMMONS

TO: DAVID W. Plott and Vivian G. Plott, Defendants and Condemnees named above.

YOU ARE hereby notified that the above-styled condemnation action was filed against you in said Court on the 3rd day of March, 2021, and that by reason of an Order for service of summons by publication entered by the Court on May 26, 2021, you are hereby commanded and required to file with the clerk of said court and serve upon William C. Gottschalk, Plaintiffs and Condemnor's attorney, whose address is William C. Gottschalk, LLC, 2708 Pathview Drive, Dacula, GA 30019, an answer to the complaint within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for service by publication.

WITNESS THE Honorable W. Kendall Wynne, Jr., Judge of said court. This 28th day of May , 2021

PUBLIC NOTICE #200408
6/13,20,27-7/4

Public Sales Auctions

NOTICE of Public Sale of Personal Property Georgia Self Storage Act (210-215) Extra Storage Rental Spaces is hereby given that the under- signed self storage units will be sold at a public sale by competitive bidding, in their entirety to the highest bidder, on or after June 29, 2021 to satisfy the lien of the Lessor, Brown Bridge Storage Terrell Management LLC, for rental and other charges. The auction will be held at 11471 Brown Bridge Road Covington, GA 30016 and will begin on June 29, 2021 at 10:00 AM for the following units: unit 27 Joannes Williams, unit 22 Caswell Walker, unit 88 Tashanna Williams, unit 605 Beverly Hull, unit 101 Katherine Durden, unit 516 Trentsin Bell. The contents consist of general household goods, furniture, boxes, and miscellaneous items. The terms of the sale will be cash only and must be paid for at the time of sale. All goods are sold as is. Brown Bridge Storage Terrell Management LLC reserves the right to withdraw any or all units, partial or entire, from the sale at any time. All contents must be removed completely from the property within 48 hours or sooner of auction completion.

PUBLIC NOTICE #200437
6/13,20

Trade Names

TRADE NAME REGISTRATION AFFIDAVIT
GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

TO WHOM It may Concern: **PLEASE BE** advised that **THE FREIGHTMAN'S LLC** whose address is 250 ROBERTS RD COVINGTON, GA 30016 and the owner(s) of the certain business now being carried on at 250 ROBERTS RD COVINGTON, GA 30016 in the following trade name, to-wit: FREIGHTMAN'S TRANSPORTATION and that the nature of said business is: CONSULTIN 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 31Th** day of MAY , 2021.

PUBLIC NOTICE #200411
6/6,13

SPORTS

The Covington News

Prep Athletics

Social Circle ranks sixth in Class A athletic prowess

By MASON WITTNER
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It was a banner year for Social Circle athletics.

The Redskins finished sixth overall in the Georgia Athletic Director's Association (GADA) Director's Cup for Class A-Public with a cumulative point total of 693 points. Commerce captured the Cup with 1,239 points, followed by Armuchee (835) and Lake Oconee Academy (819).

Introduced in 2000, the GADA Director's Cup exists to recognize outstanding achievements by GHSA athletic departments across all classifications. A total of 26 sports are taking into consideration, with points being accumulated via wins, region and state championships, and individual placements in region or state events.

During the course of the 2020-21 school year, Social Circle saw several of its athletic programs produce success in their first complete seasons since the school reclassified from AA to A-Public.

"On behalf of the Social Circle administration, we would like to congratulate all of our student-athletes on a great 2020-2021 school year," Social Circle Athletic Director Craig Hargrove told screddskins.com. "Thank you to all of the coaches for putting in countless hours to promote their programs and athletes.



File | Anthony Banks | The Covington News

Social Circle football's first playoff appearance since 2009 helped the athletic program earn a sixth-place finish in this year's Georgia Athletic Director's Association Director's Cup standings.

"We also want to thank the parents for supporting your children in extracurricular activities at Social Circle. We look forward to the opportunities to compete in the upcoming 2021-2022 season."

Things got off to a hot start for Social Circle in the fall.

The Redskins' cross country program hosted its annual Redskin Invitational, as well as the Region 8 A-Public Championships. They proved a worthy host as two of their runners qualified to advance and compete at the GHSA State Cross Country Championships in Carrollton. Meanwhile, with

first-year head coach Rob Patton leading the way, Social Circle showed significant signs of improvement on the gridiron. The Redskins went 5-5 in the regular season and made their first football state playoff appearance since 2009.

The Social Circle softball team earned a runner-up finish in region play, locking up a spot in the postseason. They took down Taylor County, 8-1 and 13-5, in the opening round before getting knocked out by eventual state champion Gordon Lee in the second round.

The Redskins' competitive cheerleading also showed out in the

fall, placing eighth at sectionals to clinch a spot in the state competition, where they finished sixth.

In the winter, Social Circle made a splash in boys' and girls' basketball, wrestling, swim and bass fishing, while the GHSA-sanctioned literary team also excelled.

The Lady Redskins cracked the top four in region standings at various times during the basketball season, but ultimately came up short of a playoff berth. The Redskins, however, continued their recent run of dominance by rolling to a Sweet 16 appearance.

Social Circle's wres-

tling team won its area tournament and finished in third place as a team at the State Dual Tournament. A month later, nine individual wrestlers medalled in the GHSA State Traditional Tournament as the team earned a fourth-place finish.

Rounding out the Redskins' winter success were swimming — the Boys' 200 and 400 freestyle relay teams and a pair of individual swimmers advanced in the postseason — and the literary team, which finished third at state and won individual state titles for girls solo and girls trio.

Lastly, this spring was one of growth for

Social Circle's athletic teams.

The Redskins rifle team closed out the regular season with a 9-1 record. They placed second in the area, securing a trip to the GHSA State Finals, where finished in fifth overall.

On the diamond, Social Circle baseball exceeded expectations with a young squad that fielded just two upper-classmen. The Redskins won 11 of their first 12 games in region play and ultimately slipped into the postseason as a No. 3 seed. They pulled off a first-round upset of Taylor County and put up a valiant fight against top-seeded ACE Charter — a state semi-finalist — in a losing effort in the Sweet 16.

Social Circle's boys' and girls' soccer teams both enjoyed strong seasons that led to Sweet 16 appearances. Meanwhile, both the girls' and boys' golf teams had representation at their respective state tournaments.

In tennis, the Redskins and Lady Redskins worked their way into the state playoffs.

The Social Circle track program was spectacular as it hosted the Region 8-A meet and qualified for the GHSA State Championships in the 4x400 boys' relay, boys' high jump, 110 and 300 hurdles, girls' 800, 1600 and 3200.



Special to The Covington News

Gavin Mask (pictured) earned All-State recognition for the role he played in helping Piedmont Academy capture a GISA Class AA state title this spring.

Prep Baseball

Cougars earn postseason recognition

By CHRIS BRIDGES
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The Piedmont Academy varsity baseball team was well represented on the 2021 All-Region and All-State teams.

The Cougars, who recently won another GISA Class AA state title, had all nine of their starters selected as All-Region for 1-AA including Cameron Mobley, Jeb Satterfield, Ryan Holder, John

Reasoner, Hudson Reed, Brody Anderson, Tanner Locklear, Gavin Mask and David Bishop.

In addition, Mobley, Satterfield, Mask and Bishop were each named to the All-State team.

Piedmont defeated Gatewood in the championship series played at Mercer University in Macon. The Cougars have now won six of the last seven championships

for GISA Class AA.

Coach Matt Britt said plans are currently being finalized for the team's awards banquet.

Piedmont compiled an overall record of 19-6 in 2021 and was undefeated in region play. Mobley, Locklear and Satterfield were each named as All-Stars although the league did not have a postseason contest this year.

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