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Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Isaiah 7:14, KJV

Beyond the call

30 children gifted in CPD's annual 'Shop with a Cop'

By TAYLOR BECK
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Dozens of city police officers took 30 of Newton County's youth shopping for Christmas gifts Wednesday night for its annual "Shop with a Cop" program.

Capt. Ken Malcom said Covington's Police Department has been organizing "some semblance" of its program for about 40 years. He said former officer Frank Hilton started the initiative in the 1970s.

"It's just always great to help out these kids," he said. "The thing I enjoy most, in my 35 years on the force, I love watching the faces of our officers light up."

Children are selected to go shopping with officers after being referred by organizations such as Alcovy CASA, Newton County Juvenile Courts and Newton County DFACS. Each child gets a specific dollar amount to spend on gifts, including clothes, toys and other things they might need or want.

But it never fails, Malcom said, that officers open up their own wallets at the end of the night to make sure everything in the shopping cart can go home with that child.

"Sometimes the kids' eyes might get a little too big, but they don't want



Dozens of Covington police officers accompanied 30 area children Wednesday, Dec. 8, to pick out Christmas gifts as part of the department's "Shop with a Cop" event.

to tell them no," Malcom said. "I think this event just shows the caliber of people we have working with us."

Two days before its "Shop with a Cop," the

police department executed "Operation Candy Cane," where officers delivered treats to more than 950 students at Newton County Theme School in Covington.

Thanks to the "tremendous" amount of money raised through the annual Fuzz Run, which is organized for the Police Who

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Georgia General Assembly

Rep. Belton won't pursue reelection

By TAYLOR BECK
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Dave Belton, R-Buckhead, announced Tuesday he would not pursue another term in the Georgia House of Representatives.

Belton represents District 112, which is set to become District 114 following the next election cycle after new district lines were drawn in a special session, includes portions of Newton and Morgan counties. Belton has served the area since 2015.

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Dave Belton

Morgan man to seek Republican nomination for Belton's seat

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Small businessman and community leader Wendell McNeal announced Wednesday he would run for the District 114 seat in the Georgia House of Representatives in the 2022 Republican Primary election.

The district was created during this year's legislative redistricting process in response to population shifts in the 2020 federal census. It includes northeast, east, southeast and south Newton County; all of Morgan County; and northern Jasper County.

McNeal is a Morgan County resident and has longstanding ties to Newton

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Wendell McNeal

Newton County

Animal Control Board upholds two pitbulls' designation as 'dangerous'

Dogs attacked, killed dozens of animals over a 10-month period in west Newton County

By TOM SPIGOLON
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Two pitbulls that have attacked and killed dozens of animals over a 10-month period in west Newton County will not be returned to their owner until she complies with a list of requirements for dogs designated as being legally "dangerous."

Newton County Animal Control Board on Monday upheld the Department of Animal Services' designation

of two male pitbulls after they killed four types of animals, including some that were inside a fence.

The dogs have been held by Newton County Animal Services since it designated them as dangerous.

"They will not be returned until (the owner) has complied with the requirements of having a dangerous dog," said Cindy Wiemann, director of Animal Services.

State law classifies a "dangerous dog" as one that



"aggressively attacks in a manner that causes a person to reasonably believe that the dog posed an imminent threat of serious injury to such person or another person although no such injury occurs."

It also classifies a dog as

"dangerous" if it "kills a pet animal" while off the dog owner's property.

The law also says a "vicious dog" is a dog that "inflicts serious injury on a person or causes serious injury to a person resulting from reasonable attempts

to escape from the dog's attack."

The county ordinance requires a qualified owner to obtain a registered dog certificate from Animal Services for a dangerous or vicious

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Newton County Animal Services is located at 210 Lower River Road in Covington.
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Weekend Weather Forecast



Saturday, Dec. 11
High: 69° Low: 50°
• 100% of rain




Sunday, Dec. 12
High: 59° Low: 36°
• Mostly sunny

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2011 Special Purpose Sales Tax Projects:									
Water and Sewer Improvements	\$ 1,233,050	\$ 1,233,050	\$ -	\$ 1,233,050	\$ -	YES	Complete		
Transportation	\$ 217,855	\$ 206,814	\$ -	\$ 206,814	\$ -	YES	Complete		
2017 Special Purpose Sales Tax Projects:									
Water and Sewer Improvements	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ 500,000	\$ -	YES	Complete		
Transportation	\$ 500,000	\$ 262,518	\$ 30,336	\$ 292,854	\$ 207,146	NO	6/30/2022		
Parks and Recreation	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000	\$ -	\$ 400,000	\$ -	YES	Complete		
Public Safety	\$ 100,965	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,965	NO	6/30/2022		

* Estimated cost per the special purpose sales tax referendum

** For all years preceding July 1, 2020

*** For the year ending June 30, 2021

As of June 30, 2021, the City has \$364,964 in 2017 Special Purpose Sales Tax funds that have not been spent.

REGIONAL REPORT

Read about what's happening across the metro and beyond Newton County's border >>

Perdue to challenge Gov. Kemp in Republican primary
Former U.S. Sen. David Perdue Monday announced he will challenge Gov. Brian Kemp in next May's Republican primary.

Perdue is an ally of former President Donald Trump, who has been urging him for months to take on Kemp.

The governor angered Trump when he refused to help him overturn the results of last year's presidential election in Georgia. Democrat Joe Biden carried the Peach State by fewer than 12,000 votes, the first Democratic presidential candidate to carry the state since Bill Clinton in 1992.

The primary contest between Kemp and Perdue is sure to aggravate divisions already apparent inside Georgia's Republican Party between Trump loyalists and those who want the GOP to put last year's election behind and move forward.

Perdue's announcement came less than a week after Democrat Stacey Abrams, who lost to Kemp in 2018 by a narrow margin, formally entered the gubernatorial race again.

In a video released Monday, Perdue laid the blame for Republican divisiveness squarely on Kemp. "Think about how different it would be today if Kemp had fought Abrams first instead of fighting Trump," Perdue said. "Kemp caved before the election, and the country is paying the price today."

Perdue finished first in last year's general election but fell short of the 50%-plus-one margin needed to win reelection to a second term. He then lost a runoff to Democrat Jon Ossoff last January, which led to the Democrats capturing a 50-50 split in the Senate, effectively a majority since Democratic Vice President Kamala Harris can break tie votes.

Perdue said he likes Kemp but has become convinced the governor cannot defeat Abrams.

"I'm running for governor to make sure



John Bazemore | Associated Press

David Perdue is seen in this AP file photo at a Save The Majority rally in Augusta in December 2020.

Stacey Abrams is never governor of Georgia," Perdue said. "Make no mistake, Abrams will smile, lie and cheat to transform Georgia into her radical vision of a state that would look more like California and New York."

— *Capitol Beat News*

Senate passes Ossoff bill targeting opioid epidemic

The U.S. Senate has passed bipartisan legislation sponsored by Sen. Jon Ossoff, D-Ga., aimed at America's opioid crisis.

The Rural Opioid Abuse Prevention Act cleared the Senate Wednesday night and now moves to the U.S. House of Representatives.

More than 75,000 Americans died of opioid overdoses between April 2020 and April of last year, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The bill, cosponsored by Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, will steer federal funds toward rural communities with a high level of opioid overdoses.

The legislation would make federal funds available to local governments and organizations in rural areas to help fill gaps in prevention, treatment and recovery services for victims of opioid abuse.

— *Capitol Beat News*

State audit criticizes rural jobs, tax credits program

A rural jobs and tax credits program the state created in 2017

isn't coming close to paying for itself, a new audit has found.

The Georgia Agribusiness and Rural Jobs Act provides access to capital for small businesses located in rural areas as well as tax credits to companies that invest in rural communities.

From 2018 through last year, 33 businesses in 23 Georgia counties — most in South Georgia — received an average of \$3.1 million through the program, according to the Georgia Department of Audits & Accounts. More than half of that money went to small manufacturers.

The program's annual economic impact during those years ranged from \$42.6 million to \$60.4 million, according to the Fiscal Research Center at Georgia State University, which partnered with the audits agency on the report.

However, the program is expected to cost \$60 million in lost state tax revenue. Given the estimated \$580,000 to \$630,000 the program is expected to generate in state tax revenue each year, it would take at least 72 years for the state to see a positive payback on its

investment in terms of additional tax revenue, the audit concluded.

"This analysis confirms that the program has wholly failed to meet lofty promises," the Georgia Budget and Policy Institute, an Atlanta-based think tank and frequent critic of the state's tax credit programs, wrote in response to the audit. "The findings released today should motivate Georgians to demand greater transparency and accountability for the billions in tax credits the state of Georgia awards each year."

The audit was the first conducted under legislation the General Assembly passed this year requiring the state to conduct periodic audits of tax credit initiatives.

The audit also reported that eight other states have launched similar programs — known as certified capital company (CAPCO) investment programs — only to abandon them later. Some states reported significant portions of the funds were not going to qualified businesses, while in other cases, companies received the funds only to go out of business.

The General Assembly considered a CAPCO proposal during this year's legislative session as part of a broader tax-break package, but the CAPCO component was pulled from the final version of the bill Gov. Brian Kemp signed into law.

— *Capitol Beat News*

Report suggests increasing penalties for violence against Georgia health care workers

A state Senate study committee asked the General Assembly Monday to consider

stiffening penalties for violent attacks on Georgia health care workers.

But new legislation addressing the issue is unlikely because criminal justice experts believe existing law already covers violence in the health care workplace, said Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick, R-Marietta, the study committee's chairman and an orthopedic surgeon.

"There are already penalties in place for aggravated assault and aggravated battery," she said. "I can't promise legislation is going to happen or would pass if it's proposed."

The Senate formed the study committee amid a nationwide increase in violence against health care workers since the coronavirus pandemic struck the country early last year.

A study the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration released in April 2020 found that health-care workers account for about 50% of all victims of workplace violence.

The study committee's final report that

Kirkpatrick presented Monday encouraged hospital officials to train health care workers and other hospital staff in how to deescalate potentially violent confrontations and how to defend themselves if it becomes necessary.

But Dr. Mohak Davé, an emergency room physician with Northeast Georgia Health Systems and a member of the study committee, said the report didn't go far enough.

While current state law addresses attacks on health care workers in emergency settings, he said there is no protection on the books for workers in other areas of hospitals.

Davé proposed amending the committee's report to suggest the legislature consider increasing penalties for attacks on health care workers, and the panel approved the change unanimously.

The committee's final report will head to the full Senate in time for the 2022 General Assembly session that begins next month.

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OPINIONS

The Covington News

Taylor Beck editor and publisher



Georgia head coach Kirby Smart speaks to quarterback Stetson Bennett during the first half of the SEC Championship football game against Alabama on Saturday, Dec. 4, in Atlanta.

Blame (or thank?) me for Bulldogs’ big loss

As the great Michael Scott once said, I’m not superstitious; I’m just a little ‘stitious.

It was just seconds before the end of the first quarter, and with the Bulldogs leading 10-0, the Alabama fan in me was getting down and out.

“Here we go,” I said. “Just what we thought. Kirby and the Bulldogs will finally take out the Tide.”

All week long, we heard how the Crimson Tide — ranked No. 3 in the College Football Playoff and No. 4 in the AP Poll at the time — was no match for the top-ranked Bulldogs. Georgia was favored by all the oddsmakers and “experts”



out in the desert.

Despite being a fan and University of Alabama alumnus, I, too, was among the doubters. After a poor performance against Auburn in the Iron Bowl, it was tough to see a legitimate path to victory over Georgia.

Up 10-0, things were looking nice for Georgia. So in that moment, I pulled out my laptop and began drafting up a celebratory front page for the beloved Georgia Bulldogs — your 2021 SEC Champions.

Or so we thought.

Just as I placed an emotional photo of George Pickens onto the page underneath a catchy headline, assumed Heisman Trophy winner quarterback Bryce Young connected with Alabama receiver Jameson Williams for a 67-yard touchdown — the beginning of the end for the Bulldogs’

perfect season.

Alabama cruised to score 17 straight points and took a 24-17 lead into halftime.

But at that point, I didn’t put the laptop away. I figured either I had captured the lightning of Lady Luck in a bottle, or Georgia was primed to make adjustments and breakthrough on defense.

Alabama’s offensive line hadn’t played an entire game at such a high level all year, so why would they now?

Well, if any adjustments were made by Georgia’s defense, they weren’t noticeable, and Alabama seemingly cruised to a 41-24 victory to capture their record 29th SEC crown.

So what happened? I mean, who’s to blame for yet another loss to Alabama by Georgia?

We could spend all day as armchair coach-

es breaking down film to figure it out, but in the meantime, my laptop and I are willing to take the fall.

But as you Dawg fans lodge the blame my way, you might want to thank me, too.

While Georgia’s weaknesses were greatly exposed, I think this kind of loss was needed for the Bulldogs. It will renew their focus as they prepare to make a run at a national title in the College Football Playoff.

And if, or when, Georgia meets Alabama in a rematch for all the marbles, I’ll try to keep the laptop away — maybe.

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Your Letters to the Editor

Reader opposes new ‘flawed’ Congressional District map

Dear Editor:

This letter is written to emphatically object to the newly designated Congressional District map for Georgia. Instead of creating boundaries that result in an equitable and fair distribution of voters, the intent of the legislators was obviously to maintain power, and to choose their voters. Instead of utilizing advanced technologies for fair map-making, such as the Princeton Gerrymandering Project or Representable, Republican legislators drew maps that will not allow many of their constituents to vote for someone who represents their interests and concerns. It is not lost on Georgia women that there will be fewer women elected to office as a result of these new maps, contrary to the national trend of women’s increasing political visibility and representation. The process of redistricting has been flawed in Georgia, and the flawed results are clearly visible to voters.

Vergena M. Clark
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Dick Yarbrough columnist



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Georgia Republican gubernatorial candidate Brian Kemp, center, walks with President Donald Trump, right, and Sen. David Perdue (R-Ga) as Trump arrives for a rally Sunday, Nov. 4, 2018, in Macon, Ga.

Could Republican internal warfare help Stacey Abrams become governor?

Donald Trump is on record as having stated that having Democrat Stacey Abrams as governor of the Peach State would be better than our current Gov. Brian Kemp. At a rally in Perry, Trump said, “Stacey, would you like to take his place? It’s OK with me.” She almost did in 2018, losing to Kemp by 1.4% out of 3.9 million votes cast. She just might succeed this time.

Abrams has announced that she will be running for governor in 2022. (No surprise.) Now Trump is saying, “I beat her (Abrams) single-handedly without much of a candidate in 2018. I’ll beat her again, but it will be hard to do with Brian Kemp, because the MAGA [Make America Great Again] base will just not vote for him what he did with respect to election integrity and two horribly run elections for President and then two Senate seats.”

Trump goes on to say, “But some good Republican will run, and some good Republican will get my endorsement, and some good Republican will WIN!”

Before you get out your partisan poison pens to jab me, let me pause and state my bona fides. I am one of the few columnists you will read that doesn’t drink the Kool-Aid of either party. I call ‘em like I see ‘em. And what I see right now is a highly organized Democratic Party in Georgia and a fractured and fractious Republican Party still obsessed over presidential election results that are not going to be overturned or changed. That train has left the station.

The late American pundit and philosopher Will Rogers once said, “I am not a member of any organized political party. I am a Democrat.” Were he around today, ol’ Will would be a Republican, for sure.

Republicans seem to have this innate inability to figure out who the enemy is. Hint: It is not each other. As I have

mentioned in the past, I keep hearing the epitaph RINO (Republican in Name Only) hurled at Republicans by other Republicans but I never hear DINO uttered by Democrats.

So, here we are with a candidate who came within a hair’s breadth of winning in 2018 pitted against an incumbent Republican governor under siege by the “Fergit, Hell!” crowd.

Abrams, the darling of the national Democratic Party, will get boatloads of money from deep-pocketed out-of-state donors and fawning coverage from the national media and some local big city media.

Anybody with the sense of a sand gnat will see that keeping the governor’s office in Republican hands is going to be a challenge if Republicans don’t get past their internecine warfare.

So far, the GOP has four announced candidates for the office:

Jonathan Garcia, a crew leader in a Cartersville carpet mill; Dr. Kandiss Taylor, a Baxley public school educator and former U.S. Senate candidate; one-time DeKalb County CEO Vernon Jones and the incumbent Gov. Brian Kemp.

And former U.S. Sen. David Perdue just announced he will run. (Cue the denim jacket.)

For the Democrats, there’s just one candidate: Stacey Abrams.

Donald Trump and his supporters seemed hellbent on bringing down Brian Kemp at the risk of rending asunder the Republican Party in Georgia by focusing on the past rather than the future. Speaking of the past, it might be helpful to remember that both of Georgia’s Republican incumbents in the U.S. Senate lost their reelection bids to political novice Democrats last year despite Trump’s backing. That seems to have been forgotten.

Trump wants to put the kibosh on Brian Kemp’s reelection chances even though our state’s revenue has grown by 13.5% this year, we have a rainy day surplus of almost \$4.3 billion,

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Newton County Board of Commissioners

BOC approves one-time payments for county employees from COVID relief fund

By TOM SPIGOLON

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COVINGTON, Ga. — County public safety workers could receive \$2,500 and other employees \$2,000 each by Christmas from Newton's share of federal COVID-19 relief funds after county commissioners voted for the expenditure Tuesday.

The Newton County Board of Commissioners also heard requests from a medical clinic for uninsured patients and most of the county's constitutional officers for part of a \$10.8 million first installment of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) money the county received.

The Board is making the federal money available to compensate a range of agencies and individuals for economic losses from the COVID-19 pandemic and for infrastructure needed to support government and public agencies and those forced to work from home during the pandemic.

Commissioners voted to give the first distri-

bution of the funding to county workers and public safety workers who were at greater risk of infection because of their interaction with the public.

Sheriff Ezell Brown told commissioners that "many essential workers continued working day in and day out" and some sheriff's deputies contracted COVID.

"They couldn't say no, couldn't stay at home," he said.

The Board's ARPA subcommittee gave a report Tuesday on its progress in devising a final plan for distribution of the remaining funds.

Committee members said they had devised a rough draft of a spending plan divided into spending categories required in federal law.

The categories include money for those directly suffering economic impacts from COVID or for response to the public health emergency; pay for essential workers; water, sewer and broadband improvements; and extra money to cover

any staffing needed to manage the money or for any unforeseen overages.

The committee — created by the Board Nov. 1 — includes two commissioners, the county manager and county attorney.

They told the other commissioners they had researched use of the Salvation Army to assist in the effort and the nonprofit agreed to help.

County Attorney Patrick Jaugstetter said he needed to "work out details" with Salvation Army officials for an agreement on distribution. He told commissioners there were no federal guidelines on what areas the funding is given out but warned against specifying amounts of money for different areas of the county because such needs as mortgage assistance "don't care about geography."

OFFICIALS SEEK FUNDS

The action to approve the premium payments to county employees

followed appeals from District Attorney Randy McGinley, Superior Court Clerk Linda Hays, Sheriff Ezell Brown, Probate Judge Melanie Bell and Jennifer Phillips of Willing Helpers Medical Clinic.

• Willing Helpers, which treats uninsured patients who could otherwise not afford medical care, requested \$750,000 to provide two years of funding for costs of treating those who contracted COVID-19 and suffered more severely from it due to other underlying medical conditions like diabetes.

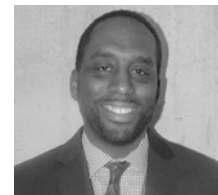
• Bell requested a total of \$340,000 to expand a courtroom, lobby and space for firearms registrations.

She said her staff already was working with Probate Court space designed with less space than needed.

The pandemic forced public agencies to require social distancing — which cut in half the number of people who could safely be in the

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Newton reveals bicentennial award winners

By TOM SPIGOLON

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COVINGTON, Ga. — A local pastor, a longtime community activist and a nonprofit that honors fallen police dogs were among winners of the county government's 2021 Bicentennial Awards.

Chairman Marcello Banes, the Newton County Board of Commissioners and its Bicentennial committees announced the winners Monday as part of the Bicentennial Celebration of the 200th anniversary of the county's founding.

Winners will receive their awards during the Bicentennial Birthday Bash scheduled for Dec. 18 between 5 and

8 p.m. The award presentation is slated to begin at 6 p.m., officials said.

The awards were designed to "commemorate and recognize the work and legacy of local residents and Newton County businesses who reflect a high level of integrity, character, ethics, longevity in service and community



Laklieshia Izzard



James Walden

commitment," a news release stated.

Award winners included:

• Bicentennial Award: Archie Shepherd

A description of the awards on the county's website stated the Bicentennial Award is a "citizenship award presented to an individual for acts of service to the community, kindness and good deeds. All Newton County citizens were eligible to be nominated."

Shepherd is president of the local chapter of National Action Network, which awards scholarships and school supply giveaways, among other events. It is a civil rights organization with almost 100

chapters nationwide.

• #OneNewton Award (tie): Dr. Laklieshia Izzard, Jackie Smith

The #OneNewton Award "acknowledges the significant positive impact of citizens who take positive steps to create a culture and climate of respect and inclusion, who value differences and find innovative ways to improve opportunities for the diverse communities we serve in six different municipalities.

"This person would exemplify promoting Newton County's mantra of a 'Work, Live and Play' community. They epitomize our #OneNewton 'daisy'"

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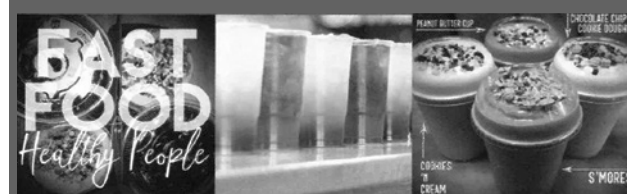
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unemployment is at an all-time low and for the eighth year in a row, Georgia has been named the Top State for Doing Business by Area Development magazine. For conservatives, he engineered a new voting rights bill and a bill banning early abortions. That

deserves Republican punishment?

There is no question this is up-close-and-personal and not a little vindictive for Donald Trump and his followers and it could very well get us a liberal Democrat governor and the prospects of an expansion of social

programs much as is happening these days in Washington under the Biden Administration. Not to mention an energized Woke crowd constantly taking us on a guilt trip for sins committed by past generations.

If that happens, Republicans will have

reaped the whirlwind they have sown. And they will have deserved it.

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Newton County Schools

Two arrested after one brings BB gun air pistol on to NHS campus

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COVINGTON, Ga. — Two men were arrested Monday, Dec. 6, after they walked onto the Newton High School campus with one carrying a BB gun air pistol.

Damontay Marchico Hampton, 19, and

Jamel Rayshan Weaver, 19, both of Covington, were arrested on a series of charges after a school resource officer found Hampton with a Glock replica BB air pistol around 8 a.m. in the school’s Student Service Center.

The incident prompted officials to place

Newton High School on preventative lockdown Monday morning “due to two individuals who were not students and who were not authorized to be on campus,” said spokesperson Sherri Partee of the Newton County School System.

“The two individuals

were apprehended prior to entering the building. School resource officers and school administrators handled the situation quickly and criminal charges are pending,” Partee said.

A report stated the pair told a school administrator they were students and “they

are new here to the school.” The administrator then called for a school resource officer after having trouble identifying them in school system records.

Both were taken to the Newton County Detention Center where they were being held Tuesday.

Hampton was charged with Carrying a Weapon in a School Safety Zone. Both were charged with Criminal Trespass and Giving a False Name to a Law Enforcement Officer, according to jail records.

Why the two were on campus was unknown.

BELTON:

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In a statement to *The Covington News*, Belton said he was proud to be “leaving on a good note” and grateful to the community for allowing him to serve.

“Thank you for allowing me to serve you,” Belton said in

part of his statement. “Over the last 36 years, I have served 23 years in the military, flying in combat zones during five different wars. I have also served as a PTO treasurer, and then Band Booster president for 10 years. I have also served as a School Board member for eight years, and State Legislator for another eight years.

“I can honestly say that being a legislator is the most rewarding and yet odious job I have ever had. The current level of political vitriol – from both the left and the right – makes me wonder why anyone of good conscience would ever seek public office.”

During his time in office, Belton has seen 27

bills passed, including nine locally.

Belton is an international pilot and captain. He is a veteran and a graduate of the University of Oklahoma. He is married to Theresa Johnson Belton and father to three children.

Belton’s full statement:

“It has been the honor of my life to serve you these passed eight years as your State Representative. However, as a person who believes in term-limits, and our Founding Father’s vision of a citizen-legislator who serves for a short time and then returns to his former life, I will not be seeking another term of office.

“I feel that I am leaving on a good note. Georgia is currently on a record-setting pace of economic development, much of which has come to Newton and Morgan counties.

“During the last eight years, we’ve been blessed by the opening of Takeda, a \$2B project that brings in 1300 jobs. We have also welcomed Facebook, a \$84B investment that provides 700 jobs. SK Semiconductor Plant just announced they will invest another \$473M and 400 Jobs. Three Rings Studios (which is now Cinelease) is operating at full capacity. And of course, we expect another huge announcement in the coming weeks.

“I’m proud to have been a part of a fiscally-conservative state government that has the 2nd lowest per capita tax-payer burden, and the 2nd best Bond Rating in the nation. Because of these sound policies, Georgia is blessed with a record low

unemployment rate of 3.1%. Last year alone, Georgia won \$11B in new investments and 200,000 new jobs, 74% of which are outside of ATL. And we’re finally committing \$70M to Rural Development and Broadband.

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“Most importantly, for a record 9 years in a row, Georgia is the Best State in the Nation to do Business In.

“We have passed many important bills during the last eight years. One of the most necessary was the repeal of the Citizens Arrest Law, necessitated by the horrible tragedy of Ahmad Aubrey. Other important bills include the Hate Crime Bill, Anti-Human Trafficking Bill, and Maternal Mortality measures. We’ve also increasing standards for Nursing Homes, and made it easier to vote and harder to cheat with the Election Reform Bill last year.

“I’m especially proud of laws that help children. These include the Vaping Bill, Marcy’s Law for victim’s rights, an improved Adoption Bill, and the medical cannabis Bill. I was also honored to pass ‘Kelsey’s Law’ that helps protect young girls from internet porn abuse.

“As a School Board member who led the passage of Georgia’s first texting-while-driving bill (‘Caleb’s Law’), I was very pleased that we updated that measure to a hands-free

law. 300 Georgian lives are saved every year because of these efforts. I am also grateful that we passed the Pro-Life ‘Heart Beat’ bill.

“I’m very glad that Georgia invests 53% of our state budget into our 2.1 million students. I’m pleased that we’ve halved the number of standardized tests, an initiative I championed. I’ve personally passed many education bills, including a fiscal Transparency bill, a Teacher Tax Credit bill, and three military children laws. I also worked with State Superintendent Richard Woods to create the Military Flagship Award that celebrates military-friendly schools. Most important, I have fought to return control of the classroom back to teachers by ensuring that we don’t add more mandates, and don’t continually change their curriculum.

“The result is the best ever Education scores that Georgia has ever had. Twenty years ago, we were dead last on the SAT. Now we are better than the national average on the SAT, and the ACT four years in a row. Our graduation rates are up by a third to a record 82%, and our K12 scores are now 13th best in the nation. We are also 13th best in college Advanced Placement scores, Dual Enrollment has been a smashing success, and we have protected the HOPE Scholarship... one of the strongest scholarship programs in the country. Letting teachers teach has created much better results than the previous decades of meddling by the State and the Feds.

“I am most proud, however, of the 13 military friendly bills that I have personally passed – as well as the 54 pro-military laws that the committee I chaired passed – to make Georgia the most military-friendly state in the nation. These include several laws that allow military spouses

to practice physical therapy, psychiatry, counseling, occupational therapy, speech therapy, and nursing in Georgia. They also allow greater rural access to these fields, as well as telemedicine. I also sponsored the creation of the Georgia Defense Commission, which works with the Pentagon to improve the lives of our military families.

“In total, I have passed 27 bills in seven years, 9 of which were local measures; as well as 57 Resolutions, mostly to honor local leaders.

“During my tenure, we’ve widened many roads in the district, including Highway 441 and 278. Significant state investment has also greatly improved the FFA Camp in Newton County, as well as the Middle and High schools in Morgan County. Overall, some \$80M of state and federal dollars have come to Newton and Morgan counties during the past eight years.

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“I can honestly say that being a legislator is the most rewarding and yet odious job I have ever had. The current level of political vitriol – from both the left and the right – makes me wonder why anyone of good conscience would ever seek public office.

“I hope I’ll be remembered as a happy warrior, a Reagan Republican who always championed Unity, Prosperity, and Liberty. And like Reagan, I still firmly believe that America is the last, best hope for freedom throughout the world.”



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Probate courtroom, she said.

In addition, demand has increased this year compared to 2020 for such services as issuance of weapons permits, Bell said.

“This is a long term investment,” she said.

• Hays requested \$294,000 for expansion of the clerk’s office’s Historical Deeds and Plats program that will preserve property transaction records back to 1971 by making images of them and making them available online.

The program provides 24-hour access to the Clerk’s Office by having as many documents imaged as possible on the office’s website and the Georgia Superior Court Clerk’s Cooperative Authority website, Hays said.

It reduces potential exposure to COVID-19 by providing online access to records rather

than physical contact, she said.

She said it will generate revenue for the Newton County government’s budget; reduce wear and tear on permanent records; and preserve the historical books to reduce damage that costs about \$800 each to repair, she said

It also will ensure the records remain secure in the event of natural or manmade disasters, she said.

• Brown appealed for the extra payments to public safety employees. He said one neighboring government was giving police officers up to \$5,000 from its ARPA funds despite being given less money than Newton County.

• McGinley asked for \$493,000 to fund new Investigator and Investigative Assistant positions for three years. The new

positions would focus solely on cases involving violence and gangs, he said.

“Shootings, especially drive-bys, murders and gang crimes have many challenges and having positions focused on that would go a long way in combating these types of crimes, which continue to increase,” McGinley said after the meeting.

“Further, having staff that understands, studies, and deals with gangs would allow us to work with the school system in the county to help teach young kids about the dangers of these violent street gangs,” he said.

“I believe these positions are needed and having the first three years funded by federal grant money makes fiscal sense for the county.”

The district attorney said he was “be-

yond grateful for the commissioners’ vote (Tuesday) night to give money to all county employees, especially those in law enforcement and fire safety.”

“But, I am hopeful that my request, even if not approved for this first round of ARPA funds, will be granted during the second phase in early 2022,” McGinley said.

Newton County is slated to receive a \$10.8 million final installment of ARPA funds around April 2022, officials said.

The county received the money in May but Kerr said he did not want to distribute the money until receiving final federal guidelines on its distribution.

Its delay prompted calls from some Newton residents and helped convince the Board’s majority not to renew Kerr’s contract.

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County.

The area’s current representative, Rep. Dave Belton, R-Buckhead, has announced he will not run for the District 114 seat.

McNeal said “In Georgia, we are at a crossroads and need bold leadership at the State Capitol to protect our children, safeguard our liberties and values, secure our elections, and block Biden’s big government overreach. We need brave conservatives who understand the battle and will do whatever it takes to win the war.

“That’s why I’m running for State House. It is time for a fresh perspective from a conservative businessman that is willing to win the future for our conservative values – against all odds.

“I’m no stranger to struggle. After a tragic car accident early in life in which I sustained a severe head injury leaving me unconscious for five days, requiring multiple surgeries and my wearing a helmet for protection to school, I overcame adversity and achieved success through a lot of tenacity and hard work. That tenacity and hard work made me rock-solid

— unwilling to bend under pressure — and it has served me well in business. I am ready to bring the same to the State House.

“Whether it’s protecting human life, cutting taxes, banning CRT, backing law enforcement, cracking down on the left’s election fraud schemes, or stopping cancel culture dead in its’ tracks, I am ready to fight and win against all odds. As your representative, I will not owe anyone anything – except the people of this district. I will fully devote my passion, time, and energy into being a voice for you and win the future. I ask for your prayers and support and look forward to earning your votes,” concluded McNeal.

McNeal is a successful small businessman and owner of the McNeal Group, a real estate investment company that manages over 45 properties across the region.

Prior to that, McNeal built a rent-to-own business with several locations, including a store in Covington, that he later sold.

No stranger to struggle, McNeal was in the car wreck and, two

years later, lost his dad in a tragic train traffic accident.

“Wendell was told by teachers and friends that he would not amount to much. Rather than being discouraged, this drove Wendell to work hard to achieve success,” a press release stated.

McNeal graduated high school from Georgia Military College and attended Georgia Southwestern and South Georgia Technical School.

After completing his education, he went from repairing radios to purchasing his first piece of real estate that soon led him on a long road to a successful self-made business career.

An active community leader, Wendell has worked to give back to the communities across the district.

He serves as a reserve deputy for the Mor-


gan County Sheriff’s Office and as a board member of the Boys & Girls Club of North Central Georgia and the Georgia Youth Challenge Academy Foundation which supports the Georgia National Guard Youth Challenge Program. He is active in the local community and supports dozens of charities and events.

A committed conservative, McNeal has worked hard to elect strong conservatives and served as the vice chair of the Morgan County Republican Party.

He was proud to nominate President Trump as a delegate at the National Republican Convention in 2020 and to serve as a greeter at President Trump’s White House Christmas Party in 2020, the release stated.

McNeal is engaged to Karen McCoy.

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Care, Inc. Fund, and the community’s continued kindness to financially “back the blue,” the holiday program, as well as other initiatives, has been able to grow, Malcom said.

“In tragic situations, our officers have the ability to fund the needs of families or individuals involved because of [the Police Who Care Fund],” he said. “And that means a lot to our officers to not just go out and do their job, but being able to go beyond the call.

“It’s a unique and special thing we have here,” Malcom added, “and it’s something I’m proud of.”



Dozens of Covington police officers accompany local children Wednesday, Dec. 8, to pick out Christmas gifts as part of the department’s “Shop with a Cop” event. Capt. Ken Malcom said it means a lot to officers to be able to participate in such events to give back to the community.

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logo: growing together in unity where each petal and blade of grass matters,” the website stated.

Izzard is a Newton County-based licensed professional counselor who is active in the National Alliance on Mental Illness, among other organizations. Smith has served as county clerk since 1997.

• **Chairman’s Award:** the Rev. James T. Walden Sr.

The Chairman’s Award honors Newton County citizens or Newton County government employees who have performed services in the furtherance of the county’s goals and objectives, and for the recognition of exemplary actions and deeds by members of this county. It serves to honor those individuals with specific achievement.

“Awarded at the discretion of the chairman of the Board of Commissioners, the award is a non-monetary prize designed to recognize the individual whose

philanthropy, integrity, sacrifice and/or character is distinguished by a pattern of and/or a singular accomplishment and achievement. It is recognition of an exemplary actions and deeds by a citizen of Newton County,” the county website stated.

Walden is pastor of Calvary Community Church and serves as a chaplain for the Newton County Sheriff’s Office, among other duties.

He also is set to receive an “Unsung Hero” award from U.S. Rep. Hank Johnson, D-Lithonia.

• **Non-Profit Award:** We Ride to Provide The Non-Profit

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dog after evidence is given of it being kept in a secured enclosure, signs being posted that warn of a dangerous or vicious dog, and the dog has been surgically sterilized and micro-chipped.

Wiemann said the only requirement the department allows time for compliance is the dog’s sterilization because a veterinarian must do it.

The ordinance also states the owner could keep both “dangerous”

dogs but no more than one certificate “shall be issued per domicile” which means she could keep both animals but not at the same residence, Wiemann said.

No owner can keep a dangerous or vicious dog within 200 yards of any aquatic center, church, convenience store and a number of other businesses and locations “due in part to these being frequented by children and senior citizens, and in some cases, food present,” the county ordinance states.

The pitbulls’ owner, Cheyenne Bexley, had appealed the dangerous dog designations to the Animal Control Board.

Board members Monday heard that the pitbulls’ killings of animals occurred between December 2020 and Oct. 7.

They killed at least one domestic cat and a wild raccoon at a home on Russell Braden Road and a total of nine goats and 40 chickens at a home on Salem Road.

The goats and chickens were killed while they were in a fenced

enclosure on two separate occasions. Three goats were killed in December 2020, and six goats and the chickens were killed on Oct. 7.

The Russell Braden Road resident said the dogs jumped a four-foot fence to attack his cat and he had to use a pipe to convince them to retreat.

The goats’ owner told the board the dogs should be euthanized because Bexley had been an irresponsible owner and had put neighboring residents at risk of harm.

Animal Services officers had given Bexley six citations for allowing the dogs to run at large since December 2020 and four citations for not having the dogs vaccinated against rabies.

Bexley said she thought the dogs had been vaccinated for rabies in 2020 when they were picked up by Rockdale County Animal Care and Control but found they had not been.

The owner can appeal the dangerous dog designations to Probate Court.

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Alcovy quarterback Ashton Evans was named 2021 Region 3-AAAAAA Offensive Player of the Year.

Top Tigers flood All-Region team

Dukes named Coach of the Year, Evans earns Offensive POTY

By PHILLIP B. HUBBARD
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COVINGTON, Ga.— To win a region championship, it takes contributions from players on both sides of the ball. Alcovy, who is the reigning Region 3-AAAAAA champions, is no exception.

All of the region coaches took notice of the Tigers’ run this year when voting for All-Region team. After all votes were cast, 29 Tigers earned All-Region honors.

Three of the players earned special honors. Ashton Evans, Alcovy’s quarterback,

was voted as Offensive Player of the Year. Evans, completing 56% of his passes, threw 1,781 yards as well as 13 touchdowns and five interceptions. On the ground, Evans added four rushing touchdowns.

Region Athlete of the Year went to Jamel Johnson who seemed to be everywhere on the field.

As a wideout, Johnson averaged 32.9 yards per reception and collected three touchdowns. He also had 42 tackles, one sack, two interceptions and five

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Prep Basketball

K.J. BUCKETS

Social Circle standout eclipses 1,000 career points

By PHILLIP B. HUBBARD
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SOCIAL CIRCLE, Ga. — It was 997... then 999... then finally, 1,001.

That’s what was going through K.J. Reid’s mind when playing against Lamar County on Dec. 3 at home.

Heading into the matchup, Reid knew exactly how close he was to scoring 1,000 points. So much so that, when asked about the basket to eclipse the mark, he was quick to correct exactly how many points he scored in the moment.

“I actually scored 1,001 points,” Reid said. “I was in my head counting how many points I had. I was ready to hit the mark.”

The significant event came when Reid got the ball and drove through the lane. He shot a floater right down the middle and converted the 2-pointer.

When the ball went through the net, Reid said it was a long time coming to accomplish this goal.

“Since my freshman year, I’ve been counting and counting,” Reid said. “It was a fun moment and everybody was happy for me.”

The Redskins ended up defeating Lamar County that night 74-59. Reid contributed 18 points, but none more special than the historic two points to get him 1,001 career points.

Head coach Taylor Jackson stressed that Reid contributes more than just points to the program, though. Jackson said Reid gives 100% day in and day out for his team.



Brett Fowler | The Walton Tribune
Social Circle basketball star K.J. Reid netted the 1,000th point of his career Friday, Dec. 3, against Lamar County.

“He’s a consummate leader and team guy,” Jackson said. “He just does everything well. There are not enough attributes to appropriately describe how good he is. He’s just super special.”

Currently, the Redskins stand at 5-0 on the young 2021 campaign. In those five games, Reid is averaging nearly 15 points per game.

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Prep Football

Days as ‘great leader’ in high school led to Cawthon’s rise to head coach

Eastside head coach Jay Cawthon earns a victory in the Eagles’ last regular season game against Greenbrier.
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COVINGTON, Ga. — When Eastside’s football season ended on Nov. 19, it marked the end of Jay Cawthon’s first season at the helm of the Eagles. Eastside finished third in Region 8-AAAAA. It also advanced to the second round of the Class 5A playoffs under Cawthon’s tutelage.

Once the season was over, Cawthon highlighted the most challenging part of being a head coach for the

first time.

“The off the field stuff was the biggest adjustment,” Cawthon said. “Being on the sidelines has always been fun and our kids make the job easy. They go out there and compete their butts off everyday for this team.”

Long before Cawthon was roaming the sidelines for Eastside, though, he was leading the offense for one of its in-county rival schools.

It all started back in 1987 when Cawthon was a student at then-Newton County High

School.

The Rams won the region championship that year when Cawthon was the starting quarterback of the junior varsity team. A year later, Cawthon was named the varsity starter by head coach Sam Marra.

Marra coached the Rams for five seasons from 1985-89 as well as two seasons prior at Villa Rica. When asked about the decision to name Cawthon starting

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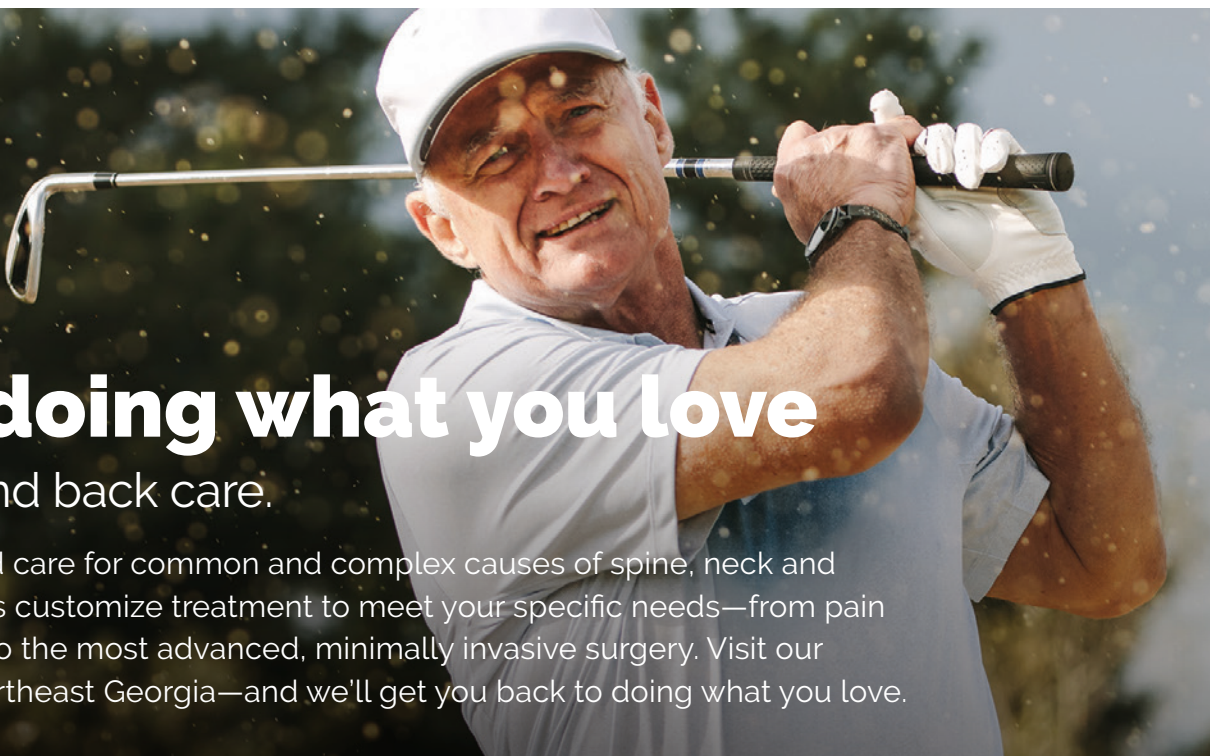


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YOU ARE hereby notified, in accordance with O.C.G.A. Section 40-11-19.1, that petitions were filed in the Magistrate Court of Newton County to foreclose liens against the vehicles listed below for all amounts owed. If a lien is foreclosed, the Court shall order the sale of the vehicle to satisfy the debt. The present location of the vehicles is: **4199 Old Atlanta Hwy Covington, Ga 30014**

ANYONE WITH an ownership interest in a vehicle listed herein may file an answer to the petition on or before: **1132 USHER ST ROOM 149 COVINGTON, GA 30014**

ANSWER FORMS may be found in the Magistrate Court Clerk's office located at: **12/15/2021**

FORMS MAY also be obtained online at www.georgiamagistratecouncil.com.

VEHICLE MAKE: Mitsubishi Year: 2017 Model: Mirage Vehicle ID #: ML32A3HJ3H000501 Vehicle License #: RVG4062 State: Ga Magistrate Court Case No.: 21-4682AV

VEHICLE MAKE: Honda Year: 2006 Model: Accord Vehicle ID #: 1HGCM66576A030818 Vehicle License #: STMPNK 1 State: Ga Magistrate Court Case No.: 21-4683AV

VEHICLE MAKE: BMW Year: 1998 Model: 3SERIES Vehicle ID #: WBABF8323WEH62236 Vehicle License #: WXXW61 State: Ga Magistrate Court Case No.: 21-4690AV

VEHICLE MAKE: Honda Year: 1993 Model: Civic Vehicle ID #: 2HGEJ2144PH501769 Vehicle License #: RMJ7284 State: Ga Magistrate Court Case No.: 21-4691AV

PUBLIC NOTICE #300267 12/5,12

ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE PETITION ADVERTISEMENT

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

9179 AARON Dr. Covington, GA 30014. **ANYONE WITH** an ownership interest in a vehicle listed herein may file an answer to the petition on or before: **9-20-2021**

ANSWER FORMS may be found in the Magistrate Court Clerks office located at: **Newton County Court House**

FORMS MAY also be obtained online at www.georgiamagistratecouncil.com

- 1998 TOYOTA CAMRY 4T1BF28K1WU048225 21-4479AV

- 2006 HYUNDAI ACCENT KMHCM46C16U026983 21-4483AV

- 2000 PLYMOUTH VOYAGER 1P4GP45G2YB546267 21-4480AV

- 2005 CHEVROLET COBALT 1G1AZ52F857555147 21-4494AV

- 2006 NISSAN SENTRA 3N1CB51DX6L625090 21-4493AV

- 2001 TOYOTA SOLARA 2T1CF22P21C508754 21-4492AV

- 2003 KIA SORENTO KNDJD733035063789 21-4491AV

- 2003 NISSAN XTERRA 5N1ED28T73C687271 21-4496AV

- 2009 HONDA CIVIC 19XFA16509E009589 21-4490AV

- 2007 CHEVROLET TAHOE 1GNFC13JX7R118873 21-4488AV

- 2003 FORD EXPLORER 1FMZU73K43Z91626 21-4489AV

- 1998 NISSAN ALTIMA 1N4DL01D5WC227613 21-4486AV

- 2009 LINCOLN MKZ 3LNHM26T69R601653 21-4485AV

- 2016 BMW X6 5UXKU2C53G0N79736 21-4481AV

PUBLIC NOTICE #300280 12/5,12

SELLARS WRECKER SERVICE NOTICE OF ABANDONED VEHICLES:

• **1987 CHEVROLET S10** BLAZER 1GNCS18E7H8210872

• **2008 INFINITI G35** JNKBV61E08M222239

• **2004 CHEVROLET MALIBU** 1G1ZU64844F151420

• **2 0 0 4** CHEVROLET TRAILBLAZER 1GNDS13S942350288

• **2016 HOMEMADE** TRAILER T966520

• **2003 TOYOTA CAMRY** 4T1BE32K83U176541

• **2008 DODGE AVENGER** 1B3LC56K98N292127

• **1996 FORD RANGER** 1FTCR10A3TUB94649

• **2005 HYUNDAI SONATA** KMHWF35H95A203863

• **2003 FORD EXPLORER** 1FMZU67EX3UC71169

• **2012 KIA OPTIMA**

5XXGR4A64CG008135
• **2007 VOLKSWAGEN** JETTA 3VWEG71K67M192085

PUBLIC NOTICE #300265 12/5,12

Alcoholic Beverage

NOTICE APPLICATION FOR ALCOHOL LICENSE

NOTICE IS hereby given that applications have been made to the Mayor and Council of the City of Covington for licenses for wholesalers only:

LEON FARMER & Company – Leon Farmer, III
100 Rail Ridge Road, Athens, GA
NORTHEAST SALES Dist. Inc.
840 Ronald

Wood Road, Winder, GA
THE SAID applications will come before the Mayor and Council, City of Covington, Georgia, for consideration on December 13, 2021 6:30 PM, Council Room, 2116 Stallings Street, NW, Covington, Georgia. This notice is published pursuant to the provisions of Section 5.12.080(C), Covington Municipal Code.

ATTEST:
JENNIFER HISE, PERMITTING AND LICENSE SPECIALIST
CITY OF Covington, Georgia

PUBLIC NOTICE #300307 12/12

Bids

SERVICE TRUCK (IFB C-072-03) THE NEWTON County School System is soliciting sealed bids for the purchase of a service truck for the facilities department. Instructions **ALL SOLICITATION** documents are located on the School System's e-procurement website at the following link: <https://ncsebid.ionwave.net>

NOTE: YOU must be a registered supplier to obtain solicitation documents and participate in the solicitation. New suppliers must first complete the online registration process by selecting "Supplier Registration" at the link above to register your company, and obtain a username and password. All responses must be submitted electronically utilizing the Newton County School System's e-procurement system. **IF YOU** have any questions, please contact the Newton County School System's procurement department at 770-385-6874.

PUBLIC NOTICE #300296 12/12

Citations

CITATION

TO: UNKONWN FATHER AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

KATRINA CHILDS has filed for Temporary Letters of Guardianship of the Person(s) **BRYSON CHILDS** minor(s). All objection must be in writing and filed with this Court on or before **DECEMBER 22nd, 2021** 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 St, Rm 148 COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #300266 12/5,12

CITATION

ALISA NELSON has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **MARY RUTH LAVERTY** 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 JANUARY 10, 2022, 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 #300221 12/12,19,26-1/2

CITATION

ANDREA JONES has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **LOWREEN JONES** 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 JANUARY 10, 2022, 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 #300219 12/12,19,26-1/2

CITATION

BENJAMIN MAPLES has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **PEGGY ANN PILGRAM MAPLES** 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 JANUARY 10, 2022, 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 #300255 12/12,19,26-1/2

CITATION

CHRISTOPHER BAKER has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **KERRY ANN MADURO** 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 JANUARY 10, 2022, 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 #300297 12/12,19,26-1/2

CITATION

CRAIG SCOTT PEARCE II has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **ROGER ALAN CREWS** 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 JANUARY 10, 2022, 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 #300256 12/19,26-1/2

CITATION

CYNTHIA CLAY has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **GARY CHRISTIAN SHANNON** 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 JANUARY 10, 2022, 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 #300297 12/12,19,26-1/2

CITATION

JACQUELINE E. RAINEY has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **ETHELENE BROWN LESTER** 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 JANUARY 10, 2022, 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 #300257 12/12,19,26-1/2

CITATION

KIMBERLY NICOLE HILL has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **EMMA WILBORN FREEMAN** 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 JANUARY 10, 2022, 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 #300195 12/12,19,26-1/2

CITATION

MICHAEL TERRELL has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **HELEN ANN TERRELL** 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 JANUARY 10, 2022, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

cause why said application should not be granted. All objection must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before JANUARY 10, 2022, 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 #300253 12/12,19,26-1/2

CITATION

ROGER CLARK has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **JUDY C. VENABLE** 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 JANUARY 10, 2022, 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 #300258 12/12,19,26-1/2

CITATION

SHONTAYNE BIGGS WRIGHT AND VINCENT L. BIGGS has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **LEWISTINE A BIGGS** 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 JANUARY 10, 2022, 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 #300254 12/12,19,26-1/2

CITATION

TERESA Z. DENT JEMISON has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **LESTER TYRONE JEMISON** 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 JANUARY 10, 2022, 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 #300252 12/12,19,26-1/2

CITATION

THOMAS LEE HOLMES has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **TRENETTE MARIE HOLMES** 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 JANUARY 10, 2022, 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 #300220 12/12,19,26-1/2

CITATION

CHERYL LYNN CHAMBERLAIN has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **BARRY SCOTT BIGGERS** 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 JANUARY 10, 2022, 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 #300276 12/12,19,26-1/2

CITATION

THE PETITION of **DEBRA TOLLIVER MCDUGAL** widow of **RAYMOND MCDUGAL** 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

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LEGALS:

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OBJECTIONS MUST be in writing and filed with this Court on or before January 10, 2022 at ten o'clock a.m.

MELANIE M. BELL, JUDGE

BY: MARCIA Wynne, Clerk Probate Court Newton County

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #300275
12/12,19,26-1/2

CITATON

THE PETITION of **HARRY JOE WOOD** widow of **LINDA L. WOOD**, 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 January 10, 2022 at ten o'clock a.m.

MELANIE M. BELL, JUDGE

BY: MARCIA Wynne, Clerk Probate Court Newton County

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #300277
12/12,19,26-1/2

CITATON

THE PETITION of **MARGARET HEAD** widow of **THOMAS EUGENE HEAD**, 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 January 10, 2022 at ten o'clock a.m.

MELANIE M. BELL, JUDGE

BY: MARCIA Wynne, Clerk Probate Court Newton County

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #300222
12,12,19,26-1/2

NOTICE

RE: PETITION of DARYL LEE SILLS, to Petition for Letters of Administration, Estate of WINSTON DERRILL SILLS, UPON WHICH AN ORDER FOR SERVICE WAS GRANTED BY THIS COURT ON November 19, 2021

TO: CHRISTOPHER SCOTT SILLS

THIS IS to notify you to file objection, if there is any, to the Petition of DARYL LEE SILLS to Petition for Letters of Administration Estate of DARYL LEE SILLS

BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All pleadings/objections must be signed before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings/objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel at the following address/telephone number for the required amount of filing fees. All objections must be filed by January 10, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

MELANIE M. BELL PROBATE JUDGE BY: MARCIA Wynne CLERK OF PROBATE COURT 1132 USHER STREET COVINGTON, GA 30014 770 784 2045

PUBLIC NOTICE #300251 1 2 / 1 2 , 1 9 , 2 6 - 1 / 2

Corporations

NOTICE IS given that articles of incorporation that will incorporate **VETERANS BY VETERANS**, have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code. The initial registered office of the corporation is located at 304 Landon Dr, Conyers, Georgia 30094, and its initial registered agent at such address is Larry Manning

PUBLIC NOTICE #300292
12/12,19

NOTICE IS given that articles of incorporation which will incorporate **THE CHURCH AT HAYNES CREEK, INC.** have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code (O.C.G.A. Section 14-2-202.1). The initial registered office of the corporation will be located at 9108 Golfview Circle, Covington, Newton County, Georgia 30014, and its initial registered agent at such address is Taylor Stewart.

EDGAR LAW FIRM, LLC
HILLARY W. EDGAR
P.O. BOX 566
COVINGTON, GEORGIA 30015
TELEPHONE (770) 786-1353

PUBLIC NOTICE #300204
11/21,28-12/5,12

NOTICE OF INCORPORATION

NOTICE IS given that articles of incorporation that will incorporate **CJK Carriers Inc** have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Business Corporation Code. The initial registered office of the corporation is located at 210 Barbara Trail, Social Circle, GA 30025, and its initial registered agent at such address is AJK Accounting & Tax

Services Inc.

PUBLIC NOTICE #300262
12/5,12

Debtors Creditors

NOTICE TO Creditors or Debtors. Notifacation of Death, Jo Ann Smith Colston. Newton County, Georgia

PUBLIC NOTICE #300286 12/12,19,26-1/2

ALL CREDITORS of the Estate of ELIZABETH ANN HUNTER, late of Newton County, deceased, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law and all persons indebted to the said estate are required to make payment to:

NAME OF EXECUTOR OR ADMINISTRATOR: BEVERLY JANE ROBINSON

EXECUTOR/ADMINISTRATOR ADDRESS c/o DANIEL S. DIGBY ATTORNEY AT LAW LAW OFFICE OF DANIEL S DIGBY, LLC PO BOX 263 CONYERS, GA 30012

PUBLIC NOTICE #300200 11/21,28-12/5,12

ALL CREDITORS of the Estate of WILLIAM DONALDSON BALLARD, Estate No. 2019-P-514 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 7TH day of December, 2021.

EXECUTORS: REBECCA BALLARD Mask, Melissa Tice and William Drayton Ballard, PO Box 29 Covington, Georgia 30015 (678)982-2657

PUBLIC NOTICE #300295 12/12,19,26-1/2

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of ALBERT W SMITH 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 30TH day of NOVEMBER, 2021.

MARK SMITH 1261 SAXONY DR CONYERS, GA 30013

PUBLIC NOTICE #300270 12/5,12,19,26

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of ANN NEWMAN 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 18TH day of NOVEMBER, 2021.

CHRISTOPHER NEWMAN 354 GRANT STREET ATLANTA, GA 30312

PUBLIC NOTICE #300239 11/28-12/5,12,19

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of BENJAMIN THOMAS HAWKINS 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 23RD day of NOVEMBER, 2021.

BENJAMIN H. HAWKINS 300 MEADOWS RD COVINGTON GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #300240 11/28-12/5,12,19

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of BETTY CHANDLER 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 5TH day of NOVEMBER, 2021.

SHARON B. BEAMON 170 STEWART HOLLOW LANE COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #300192 11/21,28-12/5,12

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of CHRISTINE ELLERBEE 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 10TH day of NOVEMBER, 2021.

REPONZEL HARRIS 415 SYLVIA DR FOREST PARK, GA 30297

PUBLIC NOTICE #300217 11/21,28-12/5,12

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of DONALD P. KAHLE 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 17TH day of NOVEMBER, 2021.

CHERYL KAHLE 232 BOOGERS HILL RD OXFORD, GA 30054

PUBLIC NOTICE #300242 11/28-12/5,12,19

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of DOUGLAS W. KLASSEN deceased,

CLUES ACROSS

1. Polish city

6. Very eager

10. Identifies a specific person or thing

14. Tennis great Naomi

15. One concerned by professional advancement

17. PGA Championship reward

19. A fashionable hotel

20. Norse mythology afterlife location

21. Stood up

22. Car mechanics group

23. Weather forecasters use it (abbr.)

24. Broken branch

26. Astronomy unit

29. East Asian nursemaid

31. "Airplane!" actor

32. Exclamation that denotes disgust

34. "Batman" villain

35. Downfalls

37. Philippine province

38. Once-vital TV part

39. Valley

40. Tax

41. Classic Scorsece film

43. Subway dwellers

45. Book part

46. Taxi

47. Pancakes made from buckwheat flour

49. Swiss river

50. Founder of Babism

53. Have surgery

57. Withdrawal from a larger entity

58. Lot's father

59. Greek war god

60. 2,000 lbs.

61. Lemur

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

CLUES DOWN

1. Quarrels

2. Right away

3. Comedian Carvey

4. Egyptian unit of weight

5. A Brit's mother

6. Tropical tree

7. One who speaks Gaelic

8. NHL legend Bobby

9. Vacation spots

10. Military personnel

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 10TH day of NOVEMBER, 2021.

GINA RODGERS
135 KING RICHARD DR
GRIFFIN, GA 30223

PUBLIC NOTICE #300209
11/28-12/5,12,19

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **EDWARD M, SIGMAN** 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 NOVEMBER, 2021.

FRANK SIGMAN
3 HAYS PLACE SE
SILVER CREEK, GA 30173

PUBLIC NOTICE #300190
11/21,28-12/5,12

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **ELMER USHER** 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 17TH day of NOVEMBER, 2021.

CONNIE USHER
2604 A COUNTRY TRACE
CONYERS, GA 30013

PUBLIC NOTICE #300211
11/21,28-12/5,12

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **ESSIE MAE SAXTON** 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 19TH day of NOVEMBER, 2021.

KUINTA PARKER
10301 MAGNOLIA HEIGHTS CIRCLE
COVINGTON GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #300241
11/28-12/5,12,19

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **FRANCES LOUISE SHEPHERD** 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 30H day of NOVEMBER, 2021.

MORRIS SHEPHERD
100 LONGCREEK DR
COVINGTON GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #300271
12/5,12,19,26

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **GLEND A QUILLEN ABBOT** 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 22ND day of NOVEMBER, 2021.

LOGAN PRICE
195 BAREKSHIRE PASS
COVINGTON GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #300238
11/28-12/5,12,19

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND

- 11. Shakira's don't lie
- 12. Wimbledon champ
- 13. Teletypewriter
- 16. Mistakes
- 18. Whale ship captain
- 22. Thus
- 23. From end to end
- 24. Kids love him
- 25. One and only
- 27. Fencing swords
- 28. Taxis
- 29. Basics
- 30. Refuse of grapes
- 31. Go quickly
- 33. French ballet dynasty
- 35. Most open
- 36. Popular soap ingredient
- 37. US time zone (abbr.)

- 39. Items of food
- 42. Backbones
- 43. Infrequent
- 44. Blood type
- 46. "Let It Snow!" songwriter
- 47. Dutch colonist
- 48. Pike
- 49. Egyptian sun god
- 50. A cardinal is one
- 51. From a distance
- 52. Bolivian river
- 53. N. American student organization (abbr.)
- 54. River (Spanish)
- 55. Chinese life force
- 56. Chinese surname

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

BEASLEY
10288 OLD ATLANTA HIGHWAY
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #300215
11/21,28-12/5,12

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **NELLE JO NASH** 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 29TH day of NOVEMBER, 2021.

GIDGET GUE
35 FAIR FOREST TERRACE
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #300274
12/5,12,19,26

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **RALPH LEWIS WINTHROW** 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 NOVEMBER, 2021.

EUGENE RENNO
3535 LAKESTONE COURT
AUGUSTA, GA 30907

PUBLIC NOTICE #300189
11/21,28-12/5,12

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **REGINALD E. ESSEX** 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 NOVEMBER, 2021.

ELLA MAE COLES
15 HUNTINGTON ST
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #300191
11/21,28-12/5,12

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **RHONDA HULL ARNOLD** 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 NOVEMBER, 2021.

JASMINE USHER
6147 AVERY STREET
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #300210
11/28-12/5,12,19

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **ROSEMARY LOUISE SPRAUVE** 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 NOVEMBER, 2021.

REGINA CONEY
40 CHAPARRAL COURT
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #300213
11/21,28-12/5,12

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **VICKIE LYNN BINNS** 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 17TH day of NOVEMBER, 2021.

JASON BINNS
112 BAYSIDE DR
PALM COAST, FL 32137

PUBLIC NOTICE #300214
11/21,28-12/5,12

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **WERNER KURT GRUENHUT** 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 NOVEMBER, 2021.

BENJAMIN MILLER
200 SCHOOL HOUSE
PEEKSKILL, NY 10566

PUBLIC NOTICE #300272
12,5,12,19,26

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **WILLIAM G. PHILLIPS** 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 NOVEMBER, 2021.

KAREN ADAMS
2081 SEWELL RD
MANSFIELD, GA 30055

PUBLIC NOTICE #300273
12/5,12,19,26

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **WILLIAM HAYES** 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 30TH day of NOVEMBER, 2021.

TERESA HARLAN-THOMPSON
9119 FLAT SHOALS RD SW
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #300268
12/12,19,26-1/2

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **WILLIAM RICHARDSON BERRY, 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 9TH day of NOVEMBER, 2021.

JACQUELYN NEAL-BERRY
110 BROOKVIEW PLACE
OXFORD, GA 30054

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **WILLIAM RICHARDSON BERRY, 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 9TH day of NOVEMBER, 2021.

JACQUELYN NEAL-BERRY
110 BROOKVIEW PLACE
OXFORD, GA 30054

See LEGALS, B4

LEGALS:

Continued from B4

NAME OF ADULT
AN ACTION was filed in the Superior court of Newton county to change the Petitioner's name as follows:
PETITIONER'S NAME: JOVAN ALEXANDRIA MONFORT
DESIRED NAME: JOVAN ALEXANDRIA HARRIS
ANY INTERESTED party has the right to appear in this case and file objection within 30 days after the Petition was filed.
NOVEMBER 2, 2021
JOVAN ALEXANDRIA MONFORT
35 ROCK WOOD COURT
COVINGTON, GA 30016
PUBLIC NOTICE #300199
11/21,28-12/5,12
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
NEWTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE the Name Change of:
MAURICE MAXEY
PETITIONER,
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER
2021-CV-2275-3
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE
NAME OF ADULT
AN ACTION was filed in the Superior court of Newton county on 10/6/21 to change the Petitioner's name as follows:
PETITIONER'S NAME: MORRIS MAXEY
DESIRED NAME: MAURICE MAXEY
ANY INTERESTED party has the right to appear in this case and file objection within 30 days after the Petition was filed.
NOVEMBER 11, 2021
PUBLIC NOTICE #300230
11/28-12/5,12,19
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
NEWTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE the Name Change of:
MICHAEL SYKES
PETITIONER,
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER
2021-CV-2587-5
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE
NAME OF ADULT
MICHAEL ANTHONY Sykes, filed a
Child Support.
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's attorney.
WITNESS, THE Honorable
W. KENDALL Wynne, Jr., Judge of the Superior Court of Newton
COUNTY.
THIS 3RD day of December, 2021
PUBLIC NOTICE #300287
12/12,19
IN THE MAGISTRATE COURT OF
NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF
GEORGIA
STACEY BARNES,
PLAINTIFF,
V.
ADMAN RHONE,
DEFENDANT
CIVIL ACTION FILE NO 21-834CS
ORDER OF PUBLICATION
IT APPEARING by Complaint, that the above-named Defendant on whom service is to be made in this case resides out of the State, or has departed from the State, or cannot after due diligence, be found within the State, or conceals himself to avoid service of the Summons, and it further appear ing, by verified Complaint on file, that a claim exists against the Defendant in respect to whom service is to be made, and that he is a necessary or proper party to the action.
IT IS HEREBY CONSIDERED,
ORDERED AND DECREED THAT, service be made by publication as provided by law.
SO ORDERED this 2ND day of NOVEMBER, 2021.
PUBLIC NOTICE #300205
11/21,28-12/5,12
IN THE MAGISTRATE COURT OF
NEWTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
DIETRICH DOUMA-MOFFETT,
Plaintiff
V.
ADMAN RHONE,
DEFENDANT.
CIVIL ACTION FILE NO 21-835CS

Public Hearings

NORTHEAST GEORGIA REGIONAL COMMISSION'S AREA AGENCY ON AGING PUBLIC HEARING

THE NORTHEAST Georgia Regional Commission's (NEGRC) Area Agency on Aging (AAA) will hold a telephonic Public Hearing via the GoToMeeting™ platform on Friday, January 7, 2022 from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. Due to COVID, the public hearing will be virtual via The GoToMeeting™. The purpose of this meeting is to gain input into actions needed for our

provided by law.
SO ORDERED this 2nd day of November, 2021

PUBLIC NOTICE #300207
11/21,28-12/5,12

IN THE MAGISTRATE COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

JAMILLA DOUMA,

ing population within the 12-county
NEGRC planning and service area.
Counties included are: Barrow, Clarke,
Elbert, Greene, Jackson, Jasper,
Madison, Morgan, Newton, Oconee,
Oglethorpe and Walton Counties.
Information received from the public
hearing will assist in planning and
developing future AAA services.

THE GOTOMEETING™ can be
accessed via computer, tablet or
smart phone at the link: [https://global.
GoToMeeting.com/join/213534477](https://global.GoToMeeting.com/join/213534477).
You can also dial-in using your
phone at 1(408) 650-3123. Access
Code: 213-534-477. If you are new to
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be ready when your first meeting starts
at the link: [https://global.gotomeeting.
com/install/213534477](https://global.gotomeeting.com/install/213534477).

ANYONE UNABLE to join the
GoToMeeting™ Public Hearing can
provide their input on Aging Services
in Northeast Georgia by completing
a survey. Please go online to [www.
negrcc.org](http://www.negrcc.org) to access and complete the
Needs Assessment survey.

WRITTEN COMMENTS may be
submitted no later than one week prior
to the meeting and mailed to:

PEGGY JENKINS, AAA Director
NORTHEAST GEORGIA Regional
Commission
305 RESEARCH Drive
ATHENS, GA 30605

OR VIA email: pjenkins@negrcc.org
FOR QUESTIONS or further
information, contact Peggy Jenkins,
NEGRCC's AAA Director, at 706.693.2

2546 or 1(800) 474-7540 extension
101.

PUBLIC NOTICE #300292
12/12

Public Notice

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

**MARCEL VALENTINE,
PLAINTIFF,
VS.**

**KYONNA FANNIN,
DEFENDANT.**
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER
2021CV-1582-5

**NORTHEAST GEORGIA REGIONAL
COMMISSION
AREA AGENCY ON AGING
NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY
AND QUESTIONNAIRE
SFY 2023**

PLEASE INSERT your county name
here: Please review all services
listed below and check the five (5)
services that you, your family or your
community needs. REMEMBER TO
ONLY CHECK FIVE (5) SERVICES
or your survey will be disqualified. It
is not necessary to sign your name
to the survey; only write in the county
name. THESE SURVEYS WILL BE
INSTRUMENTAL IN DETERMINING
THE SERVICES YOU FEEL ARE
NEEDED IN YOUR COUNTY. Please

TO: KYONNA Fannin
7161 HARMONY Place SW
COVINGTON, GEORGIA 30014

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

BY ORDER of the Court for service by publication dated December 2, 2021, you are hereby notified that on July 8, 2021, Marcel Valentine filed suit against you for Modification of Custody

return the completed survey to Peggy Jenkins, 305 Research Drive, Athens, GA 30605-2795. Thanks for your participation.

- **TRANSPORTATION** (someone to drive you)
- **CONGREGATE** Meals (meals served at Senior Center)
- **SENIOR** Employment (training and placement for senior jobs)
- **HOME** Repair/Modifications (devices to assist you with daily living such as

ramps, etc.)

- **HOMEMAKER** (someone to clean your home)
- **PERSONAL Care** (someone to help with bathing, etc.)
- **GEORGIA CARES** (someone to help you understand Medicaid/Medicare and get help with medications)
- **TELEPHONE Reassurance** (someone to check on you by phone)
- **LEGAL Assistance** (help with legal issues, wills, benefits, etc.)
- **MONEY** Follows the Person / Nursing Home Transition (Transitioning persons that reside in nursing homes back into the community)
- **MENTAL Health Services** (Help / information / access related to mental illness, developmental disabilities)
- **LONG Term Care Ombudsman** (someone to visit nursing homes/ personal care homes to be an advocate for the residents)
- **RESPITE Care** (aide to sit with your family member while the caregiver rest)
- **HOUSING Assistance** (help locating housing resources)
- **HOME Delivered Meals** (meals delivered to your home)
- **ENERGY Assistance** (help paying for heating and cooling bills)
- **ELDER Abuse Counseling** (education on preventing abuse of the elderly)
- **CAREGIVER Programs** (support groups, education and training for those who are caring for someone)
- **INFORMATION & Assistance** (information on services that are available to you)
- **ADULT Day Care** (a day care center for adults)
- **WELLNESS Program** (education on becoming healthier)
- **KINSHIP Care** (information on help in raising grandchildren)
- **ASSISTIVE Technology** (devices that enable seniors and individuals with disabilities to accomplish daily living tasks, achieve greater independence and enhance quality of life)

ARE THERE other services needed that we have not mentioned?

WHAT ARE the most pressing problems for people in your community who are older or disabled?

WHERE OR who would you call if you needed help obtaining services?

HAVE YOU or a member of your household had a problem for which you were unable to find appropriate services? If so, please describe the issues briefly and tell us what type of service might have helped to solve the problem.

FOR CURRENT CLIENTS ONLY

WHAT DO you like about the services you're receiving?

HOW CAN the Area Agency on Aging improve the services you are receiving?

DESCRIPTION: FCHA, Inc., will rehabilitate up to seven (7) single family, owner occupied homes in Newton County, Georgia. Tier 2 site specific reviews will be completed for those laws and authorities not addressed in the Tier 1 broad review for each address under this program when addresses become known.

LEVEL Of Environmental Review: Citation: Categorically Excluded per 24 CFR Part 58.5(a)(3)(i), and subject to laws and authorities at 58.5(i)(i). Rehabilitations of buildings and improvements when the following conditions are met: In the case of a building for residential use (with one to four units), the density is not increased beyond four units, and the land use is not changed.

TIER 2 Site Specific Review: The site specific reviews will cover the following laws and authorities not addressed in the Tier 1 broad review: 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart C (Explosive and Flammable Hazards) and Subpart D (Airport Hazards); Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 and National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994 [42 USC 4001-4128 and 42 USC 5154a]; Clean Air Act, as amended, and 40 CFR Parts 6, 51, 93; 24 CFR Part 50.3(i) & 58.5(i)(2) (Contaminants and Toxic Substances); Endangered Species Act of 1973 and 50 CFR Part 402; Farmland Protection Policy Act of 1981 and 7 CFR Part 658; Floodplain Management Executive Order 11988 and 24 CFR Part 55; National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and 36 CFR Part 800; Noise Control Act of 1972, as amended by the Quiet Communities Act of 1978 and 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart B; Wetlands Protection Executive Order 11990; Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968; and Environmental Justice Executive Order 12898

MITIGATION MEASURES:

CONDITIONS/PERMITS (if any) Compliance with various laws, authorities and written strategies will be documented and listed in the Tier 2 Site Specific Review project file and if required mitigation measures, conditions must be incorporated into project contracts and/or permits, development agreements, and other relevant documents will be obtained from the issuing governmental agency. The staff responsible for implementing and monitoring mitigation measures should be clearly identified in the mitigation plan.

ESTIMATED PROJECT COST: Total HUD funding: \$400,000. Total anticipated project cost: \$480,000.

THE ACTIVITY/ACTIVITIES proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements per 24 CFR

PUBLIC NOTICE #300294
12/12

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST
RELEASE OF FUNDS FOR TIERED
PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS**

GEORGIA HOUSING and Finance Authority
60 EXECUTIVE Park South, NE
ATLANTA, GA 30329-2231
(404) 679-4840

ON OR after December 21, 2021, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of HOME Investment Program funds under the HOME Investment Partnerships Program Title II of Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 as amended, to undertake the following project:

TIER 1 Broad Review Project/Program Title: Family and Community Housing Association, Inc. (FCHA) CHIP 2021-

PURPOSE: To provide single family, owner-occupied housing rehabilitation.

LOCATION: SCATTERED sites in Newton County, Georgia

PROJECT/PROGRAM

Get Free

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

Updated: Today at 10:46 am

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Only**

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The Court

FUNDS
THE U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will accept objections to its release of fund and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs' (DCA) certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are one on the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the name of Grantee; (b) the Grantee has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA); or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted via email in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the Atlanta CPD Field Office at CPD_COVID-19OEE-ATL@HUD.gov. Potential objectors should contact the Atlanta CPD Field Office via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period.
RYAN FLEMING, Director, Office of Housing Finance, Certifying Officer

PUBLIC NOTICE #300288
12/12

SNAPPING SHOALS Electric Membership Corporation is attempting to notify its past members whose capital credit checks for electric service received in 2002 and 2020, issued in June 2021, but were returned by the post office as undeliverable. A list of those members and their last known address is posted at SSEMC's main office, located at 14750 Brown Bridge Road, Covington, GA 30016, and on our website at www.ssemc.com. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays

PUBLIC NOTICE #300289
12/12

Public Sales Auctions

NOTICE Of Public Sale of Personal Property: Notice is hereby given that Covington Stor-it, located at 8165 Washington St SW, Covington, GA 30014; intends to sell the personal property according to the Georgia Self Storage Act, 10-4-210 through 10-4-

trophies, crutches, washing machine, wheel barrel.
BRYANT REESE, Unit 443, appears to contain; boxes, luggage, storage bins, gas can, fishing pole and net, 5-gal water bottle.
PURCHASE MUST be paid for on the day of the auction with cash and valid ID at the location of the unit. All items are sold as is and must be removed from the property within 72 hours, unless otherwise approved by the Manager, after the time of the sale. Sale is subject to cancellation in the event of a settlement between the owner and the obligated party.

PATRICIA DANIELS
PROPERTY MANAGER
COVINGTON STOR-IT
8165 WASHINGTON ST. S.W.
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #300227
12/12,19

Trade Names

TRADE NAME
REGISTRATION
AFFIDAVIT
GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

TO WHOM It may Concern:
PLEASE BE advised that **HILTON HOMETOWN HARVEST, LLC** whose address is628 COOPER RD SOCIAL CIRCLE, GA 30025 is/are the owner(s) of the certain business now being carried on at 628 COOPER RD SOCIAL CIRCLE, GA 30025 In the following trade name, to-wit: **SOCIAL CIRCLE CANDLE COMPANY** and that the nature of said business is: **HANDMADE CANDLES, BATH, BODY PRODUCTS** 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 24TH day of **NOVEMBER 2021**

PUBLIC NOTICE #300284
12/12,19

TRADE NAME
REGISTRATION
AFFIDAVIT
GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

TO WHOM It may Concern:
PLEASE BE advised that **LEE MEADORS** whose address is 2161 EMORY ST COVINGTON GA 30014 is/are the owner(s) of the certain business now being carried on at 2161 EMORY ST COVINGTON GA 30014 In the following trade name, to-wit: **MEADORS COIN LAUNDRIES** and that the nature of said business is: **SELF SERVICE LAUNDRY** This statement is made in conformity with

2.15 to satisfy the owner's lien. All bids will be accepted online through www.storageauctions.com. The auction will end on or after 28 December 2021, 3PM. Covington Stor-it reserves the right to withdraw units from such a sale and reject any bid. Terms of sale

THE COURT MONEY ORDER ONLY.

BRENDA BLACKWELL, Unit 133 appears to contain; Refrigerator television, toys, vacuum, pictures, mirror, gas can.

LESLIE HOLLOMAN, Unit 146, appears to contain; Totes, shoe boxes, lawn mower, mattress, clothing, weed eater, blower, bedroom set, gas can, dresser

NAKITA DAVENPORT, Unit 296, appears to contain; Refrigerator, couch, television, clothing, toys, mattress, stove, bed frame.

WINSTON BYNOE, Unit 350, appears to contain; Storage bins, refrigerator, washer, dryer, appliance parts.

ROSEMARY HEMBAH, Unit 384, appears to contain; Bike, totes, luggage

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

TO WHOM It may Concern:
PLEASE BE advised that RONALD CURNUTT whose address is 180 ELLIS TRAIL COVINGTON, GA 30016 is/are the owner(s) of the certain business now being carried on at 180 ELLIS TRAIL COVINGTON, GA 30016 In the following trade name, to-wit: FANTANA FARIY & KENNEL and that the nature of said business is: DOG KENNEL 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.

CLARENCE MANLEY, Unit 434 , appears to contain; Chairs, bag, totes, dining room table.
ROBERT ADAMS, Unit 482, appears to contain; mini-fridge, microwave, tires, storage bins, car parts, box

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TIGERS:

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pass deflections on defense. On punt returns, Johnson averaged 22.3 yards per return and 20.6 yards per kickoff return.

Johnson wasn't the only player recognized for his impact on special teams.

Braxton Crawford was recognized as the region's Kicker of the Year.

Crawford went 4-for-4 on field goal attempts in 2021 with a long of 32 yards. He converted 23-of-27 extra point attempts, too. Serving as the team's punter, Crawford pinned opponents inside their own 20, 10 times and had two touchbacks on kickoffs.

Thirteen other players were also recognized from both sides of the ball.

Defensively, Raymir Brown, AJ Woods, Justin Buchanan, Armani Russ, Damani Duss and Christian Lewis earned First Team honors.

Brown, as a defensive back, recorded 48 tackles and one tackle for loss. Linebackers Woods and Buchanan tallied 25 and 47 tackles, respectively. Woods added to his resume with two tackles for loss while Buchanan had four such tackles and one interception.

Russ led the way from the linebacking core with 53 tackles, four tackles for loss and three sacks.

From the defensive line, Dumas and Lewis put together quite the season.

Dumas had 27 tackles, seven of which were tackles for loss, and added two sacks. Lewis contributed with 29 total tackles as well as an interception.

Alcovy's offense wasn't outdone, though.

Mathias Height, Bobby Smith, Tristan Mayweather, MJ Stroud, Levi Adcox, Desmond Page and Isaiah Kairy earned First Team honors as well.

Height compiled 816 receiving yards and six touchdowns. Smith, a fellow receiver, had 329 yards receiving and two touchdowns.

Alcovy's leading rusher, Mayweather, rushed for 761 yards

on the ground and scored nine touchdowns in 2021. He also had three games where he rushed for over 100 yards.

Tight end Stroud had 138 receiving yards and a touchdown.

Adcox was voted on as an H-Back while Page and Kairy were voted as offensive lineman.

Five more players made appearances on the Second Team.

Malik Kirkland, Reggie Boyd, BJ Johnson, Alex Mitchell and Duvall Hill Jr., were each recognized.

Kirkland, as a defensive back, had eight tackles and one sack while Boyd had 12 tackles.

Duvall earned Second Team recognition as an offensive lineman.

As two of the Tigers' receivers, Mitchell tallied 74 yards receiving and a touchdown while Johnson had 119 receiving yards.

But that didn't end the Tigers' recognition. Eight more players received Honorable Mention from Region 3-A-A-A-A-A-A.

Brian Cox, Parker Gassman and Yahir Coronado made it for their play as offensive lineman.

Bryson Virgil, who backed up Mayweather as a running back, compiled 206 yards and scored a touchdown.

The remaining players honored came from defense.

As a defensive lineman, Cameron Newton had 16 tackles. Jalen Pierce had seven tackles from his linebacker position while fellow linebacker Brandon Farmer recorded two tackles.

Ricky Stone was the last player listed as a defensive back. He had six tackles in 2021.

All of these honorees were led by head coach Jason Dukes who received Region Coach of the Year for 2021, too.

Dukes took over three years ago as head coach. A year before his arrival, the Tigers went 0-5 in region play. This year, they went 5-0 and won the program's first ever region championship to top it all off.

Undefeated Rams survive Eastside comeback

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COVINGTON, Ga. — On Tuesday night, two county rivals battled it out on the hardwood. It was the Newton Rams, though, who came out triumphant over the Eastside Eagles 60-50.

But it was an intense final eight minutes to finish the game.

Leading as many as 20 points at one point, the Eagles' scrappy play kept them in the game for the majority of the contest.

Eastside outscored the Rams 22-14 in the fourth quarter to shrink Newton's lead.

After the game, Newton head coach Charlemagne Gibbons was disappointed in his team's performance down the stretch.

"We just didn't play well," Gibbons said. "It's a mental thing for us. When you've got talent, your body grows and you get bigger, the next part that has to come is the mental approach



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Eastside's Brentarious Reed (1) dribbles past Newton's Daniel Pounds (3).

to the game. We didn't have that tonight."

Even so, the Rams improved to 7-0 with the win with an array of players scoring points on Tuesday.

Daniel Pounds, the team's leading scorer, had 15 points.

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quarterback, Marra said it was a no-brainer.

"He was a great leader," Marra said. "He had good control of the offense and made good decisions. [Cawthon] was the best quarterback we had."

Cawthon was 8-12 as a starting quarterback and led an offense that averaged 14 points per game across his two varsity seasons. Marra still considers Cawthon as one of the best he's ever coached.

"I would say he's right up there," Marra said. "He didn't say a whole lot, but did exactly what you asked him to do. He was one of those 'yes sir, no sir' kids. He was just a great person."

Even though Cawthon's roots are firm in Newton County, Cawthon had some accomplishments outside of the area.

For instance, after his graduation from Newton County High School in 1989, Cawthon went on to attend the University of West Georgia. There, he earned his Bachelor's of Science degree in Health and Physical

Education in 1996.

Cawthon had stints as an assistant coach before returning to Covington.

First, he served on Central Gwinnett's coaching staff in Lawrenceville followed by his time at Wheeler High School in Marietta.

Then, Cawthon returned home.

In 2005, Cawthon was named the offensive coordinator for the Eagles as part of former Eastside coach Rick Hurst's staff.

Ten years later, when Hurst stepped down in 2015, Troy Hoff, a fellow assistant of Cawthon's, was named the head coach.

Hoff retained Cawthon as his offensive coordinator when becoming the head man.

Now the head guy at Woodstock, Hoff said he and Cawthon stay in touch often discussing the joys of being head coach.

"It's more than just coaching," Hoff said. "We've had a lot of conversations about football and running programs between us. We've probably talk-

ed more about head coaching situations now that we're both head coaches."

As the offensive coordinator, Cawthon helped lead Eastside to nine playoff appearances. In those nine seasons, the Eagles captured three region championships, made it to the semi-final once, made two quarter final appearances and advanced to the second round two times.

Four of the seasons, Eastside didn't make it past the first round.

Throughout all 15 years of Cawthon leading the offense, the Eagles scored an average of 28.3 points per game. They also won 64% of their games.

Following the 2020 season, Hoff announced his departure and Eastside named Cawthon as interim head coach on Feb. 12. Less than a month later, the Eagles tabbed Cawthon as the fourth head coach in program history.

Even though Hoff is no longer at Eastside, he admitted that he's stayed up to date on Eagles football.

"I think [Cawthon]

Marquavious Brown was the only other Ram to score double digits with 10.

Stephon Castle and Marcus Whitlock accounted for nine points each while Jakai Newton scored eight.

Newton's next matchup was on Friday night against Greenforest High School.

On the other side of the court for Eastside, they kept battling until the very end.

Whether it was a 3-pointer by Jacquez Williams, or a steal from Brentarious Reed to start a fast break, the Eagles made things interesting down the stretch.

Williams led the Eagles with nine points while Reed recorded eight. Timothy Prather tallied eight as well and Saabir Berrian had three points.

But it was a case of too little too late to overcome the huge deficit.

has stepped up in that role and done a helluva job," Hoff said.

Now, after completing his first year at the helm, things have pretty much stayed the same for the Eagles.

They won 67% of their games in 2021 (8-4 overall) and averaged 27.9 points per game.

Being a leader from 1987 to the present day has seemed to prepare Cawthon to succeed in his current position. It's been a long, winding road for the Newton County native, but he's enjoyed the ride along the way.

And seeing the success from 2020 carry over to 2021 was his primary goal when first accepting the promotion earlier this year.

"My interest in the position was just because of the culture of the school here at Eastside and the culture of our program," Cawthon stated in a press release announcing his promotion. "We have an awesome administration as well as great kids that work hard and do it the Eastside Way!"

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