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Rivian rolls with Stanton Springs North, officially announces plan to build EV plant

Historic \$5 billion investment to bring 7,500 jobs to Morgan, Newton, Walton

By **TAYLOR BECK** and **TOM SPIGOLON**  
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ATLANTA — One of the industrial recruiters who helped lure electric vehicle maker Rivian to the Social Circle area believes the 2,000-acre site’s “unique attributes” and “abundant” electric resources helped sell it to the company.

Rivian Inc. announced Thursday it will build its second U.S. production facility and create up to 7,500 jobs in the yet-undeveloped Stanton Springs North business park at the intersection of U.S. Hwy. 278 and I-20.

Serra Hall is one of two chief industrial recruiters for the Joint Development Authority of Jasper, Morgan, Newton and Walton Counties (JDA), which

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**Members of the JDA of Jasper, Morgan, Newton and Walton Counties stand with Gov. Brian Kemp and Marty Kemp after it was announce Thursday that Rivian would build an EV plant at Stanton Springs North.**

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## Construction begins for five new Walker’s Bend homes

EarthCraft-certified houses to be ‘affordable,’ energy efficient

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COVINGTON, Ga. — Covington Housing Authority (CHA) officials gathered Thursday, Dec. 9, at The Village at Walker’s Bend to shovel dirt and celebrate at the future site of five new homes.

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## City workers travel to Kentucky, provide aid in storm relief effort

By **TAYLOR BECK**  
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Eight utility workers from the city of Covington hit the road to Kentucky this week to aid in power restoration efforts after violent storms swept across the region.

The Bluegrass State was among many states in the Midwest and South that were rav-

aged by tornadoes on Friday. As of Wednesday, at least 88 people were reportedly killed in the storms — at least 74 deaths were reported in Kentucky alone. More than 100 individuals were still missing, Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear said.

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High: 62° Low: 44°  
• Mostly sunny

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Newton County Schools

14-year-old in custody after online threat toward Eastside

By TOM SPIGOLON  
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COVINGTON, Ga. — A 14-year-old was taken into custody Thursday in connection with terroristic threats made against students and staff at Eastside High School two days earlier, a Newton County Sheriff's Office spokesperson said.

The boy, who an Atlanta TV news station identified as a Newton County student, was charged with one count each of Disrupting Public School and Terroristic Threats and Acts, both felonies, spokesperson Caitlin Jett said.

Local law enforcement agencies increased their presence at the school Wednesday, Dec. 15, in response to the threat, said Newton County School



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An increased law enforcement presence was visible Wednesday evening at Eastside High School.

System spokesperson Sherri Partee.

School administrators were made aware Tuesday, Dec. 14, of the social media post "that was a cause for concern," Partee said.

A reader sent The Covington News an image of a social media post that included a photo of a handgun and a warning not to go to Eastside High School Wednesday.

He said he forwarded the post to Eastside Principal

Jeff Cher and told Cher students were sharing the post on phones throughout the school.

Jett said, "Sheriff Ezell Brown and the Newton County Sheriff's Office take every terroristic threat made against students and staff of the Newton County School System very seriously."

"Unfortunately, this is today's world, and the Sheriff's Office will make every effort to ensure the safety

of all students and staff."

She said Brown "urges all parents to speak to their children about the dangers of making these types of threats before a situation arises."

School officials nationwide have become more attuned to threats in recent years after shootings on school grounds increased as firearms became more prevalent in society.

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Superior Court

Six ruled guilty of crimes during November jury trials

By TOM SPIGOLON  
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COVINGTON, Ga. — District Attorney Randy McGinley said six defendants either pleaded guilty or juries found them guilty of crimes in Newton County Superior Court in November.

De'andre Smith and Ladonna Bostic both pleaded guilty to Kidnapping, two counts of Armed Robbery, Hijacking a Motor Vehicle and numerous other counts based on an incident in September 2019 at multiple locations including the Wells Fargo bank on Georgia Hwy 142.

Smith received a sentence of 40 years with the first 14 years in prison while Bostic was sen-

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OBITUARIES

**Eugene Kenner Miller II**  
*Peachtree Cremation Services*

Eugene Kenner Miller II (Kenny/Ken) passed away on Wednesday, December 8, 2021, at the age of 76. After several months of declining health Ken passed peacefully with his beloved daughters Victoria and Kathleen by his side. Eugene was preceded in



Eugene Kenner Miller II

death by his parents Eugene Kenner Miller and Mabel Binegar Miller and his son Jason Kenner Miller. He is survived by daughter Victoria Roberts and husband Ronnie of Knoxville, Tennessee; daughter Kathleen Tipton and husband Anthony of Sevierville,

Tennessee; Grandson Chaz Simms and wife Chasity of Sevierville Tennessee; Granddaughter Montana Tipton, and fiancée Dakota Phipps of Sevierville, Tennessee; Grandson Kristopher Tipton of Dandridge, Tennessee; and Grandson Alex Tipton of Sevierville Ten-

nessee; and members of his Covington, Georgia family Wade Sockwell, Denise Bailey, and all those he spent many wonderful years with at Moseley Electric.

A special thank you to Sacred Journey Hospice, their volunteers, staff and especially Allynson, Jessica, Brooke,

Erin, Dawn and several friends and neighbors that assisted him during his illness.

At his request, no funeral service will be held. Anyone wishing to express condolences may do so by making a donation, in his memory, to their local fire department.

**Harold Cooper**  
*Lester Lackey & Sons Funeral Home*

Harold Cooper was born on April 23, 1951, to Maggie Mae Clarke and Robert Lee Harris.

Harold was a trade laborer and life-long resident of Covington. He is preceded in death by his mother, Maggie Mae Clarke; father, Robert Lee Harris;

sisters, Louise White and JoAnne White; brothers, Walter James Cooper and Joe Cooper.

He is survived by his wife of thirty-five years, Sandra Cooper; his children, Saniesha (Brandon) Malcom, Brittney Hurst, Desti-

ny (Edward) Moore, Michael (Shea) White, Demetris (Amber) Bailey, Marie (Tracy) White, Sonya (Daniel) Willis, Viri ginia (James) Blocker, Patricia White; his siblings, Johnny (Nadine) Cooper, Bill (Anne)

Cooper, Terrell Cooper, Jerry (Linnette) Cooper, Maxine (Sammie) Driskell and a host of grandchildren and great grandchildren that he loved dearly.

Harold Impacted the lives of many, with his smile and infectious

laugh.

A celebration of life was held Thursday, December 9, 2021, at Lawnwood Memorial Park.

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**Herbert Allen Clark**  
*Caldwell & Cowan Funeral Home*

Herbert Allen Clark, of Oxford, passed away Monday, December 13, 2021, at the age of 81 at his residence. Mr. Clark was a proud patriot and served in the United States Navy. He led a successful career in the construction industry,

aiding in the construction of many major buildings and high-rises in the Atlanta area, including Hartsfield Jackson International Airport. In his younger years, Mr. Clark liked to spend time outdoors hunting and fishing. He and his wife, Betty, loved traveling for his career and making

memories along the way. Additionally, Mr. Clark enjoyed the company of his dogs and cats throughout the years. He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Betty Clark; and brother, Vernon Clark.

Mr. Clark is survived by his son, Jack Clark; and numerous friends.

A Graveside Service

for Mr. Clark was held Thursday, December 16, 2021, 2:00 P.M., at Floral Hills Memory Gardens, 3150 Lawrenceville Highway, in Tucker.

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**Geraldine "Jerry" McGaffney**  
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Geraldine "Jerry" McGaffney was born in Marietta, Ohio in 1920. Her adoptive parents were Judge Verner Metcalf and Emma Fisher Metcalf. She attended Marietta College and Ohio University. In 1941 she married William McGaffney and moved to Youngstown, Ohio. During World War II she worked as a telephone operator for the Bell Telephone Company. In the 1960's she and her husband moved to Circleville, Ohio where she

was employed by the Circleville Herald Newspaper as an office manager. In 1995 she moved to Oxford, Ga where she spent the remainder of her life. She was preceded in death by her husband William, and her daughter Michele. She is survived by her son Tim McGaffney and several grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Jerry was greatly loved, will be dearly missed.

Friends may wish to donate in her memory to the First Presbyterian Church of Covington, Georgia. Burial will be private.

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# REGIONAL REPORT

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## State Senate panel takes up nonpartisan school board elections

Making school board elections in Georgia nonpartisan would help reduce the divisiveness that has roiled school districts in the pandemic era, a series of speakers primarily from Gwinnett County told state lawmakers Friday.

A Georgia Senate study committee is considering whether to support legislation to require school districts statewide to make school board elections nonpartisan.

More than 100 of Georgia's 180 elected school boards are already nonpartisan, and a bill introduced in the Senate during the recent special session would switch the Gwinnett County Board of Education from a partisan to a nonpartisan board.

The Gwinnett parents who testified at the state Capitol Friday complained that the local board has become more partisan since the last election, when the board shifted from entirely Republican to majority Democrat.

Quarrels over mask mandates and curriculum have taken attention away from quality education, said Michael Rudnick, a North Gwinnett parent.

"Our school system has been hijacked by politics. It's very divisive," he said. "If we can take partisanship out of it, we could be more focused on success for our children."

Two of those who testified Friday were arrested at a Gwinnett school board meeting last month at a security screening area outside the board chambers.

Brenda Stewart of Suwanee described herself as a fully vaccinated moderate who opposes mask mandates based on her research as a nurse.

"I think the pandemic is part of it," she said. "The partisanship is not helping. ... We are not coming together."

Angela Palm, director of policy and legislative services for the Georgia Schools Boards Association, said her organization has long supported making school board

elections nonpartisan.

"Children are not Democrats or Republicans," she said. "They're children there to get an education."

But Cecily Harsch-Kinnane, policy and outreach director for the group Public Education Matters and a former Atlanta Board of Education member, questioned imposing nonpartisan elections statewide. She said local school boards already have the legal right to switch from partisan to nonpartisan if they choose.

The study committee will hold a second meeting next Thursday at Gwinnett Technical College in Lawrenceville.

— Capitol Beat News

## State unemployment rate hits new low

Georgia's unemployment rate dropped to another record low last month, while the state's all-time high workforce is larger than it was before the coronavirus pandemic.

The state's unemployment rate fell to 2.8% in November, well below the national jobless rate of 4.2%, the Georgia Department of Labor reported Thursday. At the same time, more than 5 million Georgians held jobs.

"We have fully recovered from this pandemic when it comes to employed Georgians," Georgia Commissioner of Labor Mark Butler said. "The hard work is still in front of us as job creation is outpacing new workers in the labor force."

Jobs in Georgia were up 13,500 over the month and are up 4.4% over the year to more than 4.6 million. During the last six months, the number of jobs has increased by 130,600.

"We have regained almost all of the jobs we lost during the pandemic," Butler said. "However, the number of job seekers is still below pre-pandemic numbers."

"Creating more jobs becomes very difficult if we can't fill vacancies in the 300,000 jobs that are currently open. It's a good problem to

have and shows how strong Georgia's recovery has been, especially compared to other states our size."

Job sectors with the most over-the-month job gains included transportation and warehousing, which gained 4,300 jobs; non-durable goods manufacturing, which was up 2,300 jobs; and accommodation and food services, which gained 2,200 jobs in November after being decimated during the pandemic.

First-time unemployment claims declined last month by 10,116 to 17,194, a 37% decrease and the first time since November 2019 that initial claims fell below the 20,000 plateau.

More than 190,000 job openings are posted at EmployGeorgia.com, the labor department's website.

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## Water Coalition issues annual Dirty Dozen report

From a proposed titanium mine near the Okefenokee Swamp to carpet mills in Northwest Georgia, the Georgia Water Coalition's annual Dirty Dozen report highlights threats to waterways across the state.

Rather than identifying the most polluted places in Georgia, the 2021 report released Tuesday points to projects and policies that threaten the future health of Georgia's waters and the Georgians who depend on them for their wellbeing.

Five of this year's Dirty Dozen are making return appearances on the list, including the problem of coal ash disposal.

Georgia Power is in the process of closing all 29 of its ash ponds

at 11 coal-burning power plants across the state. While the Atlanta-based utility will remove the ash from 19 of those ponds, ash is being left in place in the other 10 ponds, prompting complaints from environmental groups.

Alabama-based Twin Pines Mineral is seeking permits to mine titanium dioxide at a site three miles from the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge, the largest black water swamp in North America. Opponents fear the mine could damage adjacent wetlands and permanently affect the hydrology of the entire 438,000-acre swamp.

In Coastal Georgia, the 30-year-old Hercules Landfill Superfund site in Brunswick still leaches toxins into groundwater. The 2019 Golden Ray shipwreck has finally been cleared from St. Simons Sound, but the extent of damage to the coast still must be evaluated.

In Middle Georgia, a proposed plastics rendering plant near Macon touted as a solution to plastics pollution is really part of the problem, the report says. Critics say the project would generate more greenhouse gases through the production, transformation and ultimate burning of fossil-fuel-based plastics.

Along the Chattahoochee River system, West Point Lake and Lake Harding are plagued by algal blooms caused by excessive nutrients.

Jet fuel and sewage spills repeatedly foul the portion of the Upper Flint River that flows beneath Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, causing fish kills.

In Gordon County a proposal to build a

24-house mega-chicken farm has prompted homeowners to plead with their county commission to protect their property values, well water and their river.

And in Northwest Georgia, water providers including the city of Rome are spending millions of dollars to remove from drinking water harmful chemicals generated by carpet mills.

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## Georgia Supreme Court upholds judicial appointment

The Georgia Supreme Court Tuesday upheld a lower court decision denying a challenge to Gov. Brian Kemp's appointment of former state Sen. Jesse Stone to a judgeship in Augusta.

Kemp appointed Stone to a Superior Court judgeship in the Augusta Judicial Circuit last February, one year after the resignation of former Judge Michael Annis.

Lawyer Maureen Floyd filed a petition last March in Burke County challenging

the validity of the appointment, and Stone submitted a motion to dismiss it.

The trial court sided with Stone, rejecting Floyd's argument that the appointment was illegal because it was not made "promptly" as required by the Georgia Constitution. The court also noted that Floyd failed to cite any authority supporting her conclusion that removal from office was a proper remedy.

Tuesday's Supreme Court opinion noted that Floyd's contention of a promptness requirement relied on a provision in the constitution that pertains to the executive branch of state government rather than the judicial branch.

The opinion also noted that removing Stone would simply have created another vacancy, further prolonging the length of time the office was vacant.

The decision also noted that Floyd did not contend that Stone was in any way personally ineligible to hold the office.

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# OPINIONS

The Covington News

Taylor Beck editor and publisher

## Rivian's potential impact immeasurable

If there was any debate that the place we call home is special, Rivian settled it. As you've likely read, state officials announced Thursday that the California-based electric vehicle startup company would invest \$5 billion in a truck manufacturing plant at Stanton Springs North at a 2,000-acre megasite located just off I-20. Gov. Brian Kemp called it the largest single economic development project in Georgia history. And it's all happening right here — at home.



The manufacturing plant will bring 7,500 jobs to the area, but think about what type of impact this development will have beyond Rivian. Think about the jobs that will be created to construct the facility. Think about the domino affect in how parts suppliers and manufacturers for these vehicles will likely locate to the surrounding area and create even more jobs. Think about the impact this will have on area utility companies and the revenue that will be generated through this. Think about the opportunities this creates for our area's youth. When it's all said and done, I don't think it's truly possible to put a dollar amount on just how large of an impact

Rivian will soon have on our community, our region and our state. To echo sentiments shared with me by Newton County Chairman Marcello Banes, what an amazing time for this area. Now, as one might expect, there has already been some pushback. But Rivian officials are planning town hall events to meet area residents and help educate residents about their mission. More details about those events will come in the new year, no doubt. Hats off to the folks who helped seal the deal and got Rivian to Stanton Springs — specifically the Joint Development Authority of Jasper, Morgan,

Newton and Walton Counties. They successfully conveyed to the company's leadership why this was the best decision they could have ever made, and we will be a better community for it. This year we celebrate Newton County's bicentennial, which has been the perfect time to reflect on the history of our great community. And now, with eyes on the future, I believe we can truly look forward to the years ahead thanks to Rivian.

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Dick Yarbrough columnist

## St. Simon's preservation important to all Georgians

When I go to my Great Reward (hoping it is not before I finish this column), if I don't qualify for the Pearly Gates, I will take St. Simons Island as my backup choice. It is, after all, heaven on earth. And, thankfully, there are people trying to keep it that way. Emily Ellison, executive director of the St. Simons Land Trust, tells me her organization is in the middle of a campaign to raise \$5.5 million to preserve the few undeveloped acres still available on the island. Called The Canopy Campaign, the group has a goal of raising \$5.5 million and is off to a good start. A small group of conservation-minded supporters have pledged another \$3 million to jumpstart the effort.



Ellison says, "We are using these gifts and pledges as a challenge. Every contribution made to the campaign will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to the \$3 million." Contributions can be mailed to PO Box 24615, St. Simons Island, GA 31522, or made online at [sslt.org](http://sslt.org). If you don't live on St. Simons, why should you care about the campaign? Well, for one thing, every inch of the Great State of Georgia is sacred soil to me and none more so than our coastline. To quote Woody Guthrie, this land is our land and we are blessed that a part of our land is the Golden Isles.

"The Georgia coast has become the most popular vacation destination not only for people living in the state but also in the region," Ellison says. "Surveys show that one of the top reasons people visit St. Simons is because of its natural beauty, the live oaks, the moss-shrouded maritime forests, the marshes, the streams and beaches" Amen to that. Ellison adds, "The properties that the Land Trust has conserved over the past 20 years, and the ones that we are continuing to acquire, provide the greenspaces, the hiking trails, the environmental features that mean so much to people throughout the state." In 2018, the Land Trust launched Phase I of The Canopy Campaign. With a \$4 million challenge grant from The Anschutz Foundation, more than \$8 million was raised in less than three months. That successful campaign resulted in the protection of nearly 200 acres of environmentally and culturally significant undeveloped

land and two important mid-island properties. This time, the campaign is focused on three properties on the north end of St. Simons, contiguous with 608-acre Cannon's Point Preserve, creating nearly 730 acres that will be protected in perpetuity. Another nearly 40-acre tract is between Cannon's Point and the 258-acre Guale Preserve that the Land Trust completed purchasing in 2018. The three parcels closest to Cannon's Point have been in the same family for a number of years and were once part of the Oatland Plantation. Most recently the nearly 120 acres were privately owned. "It is from the heirs that we are buying the properties," Ellison says. "Another nearly 38-acre tract has been owned by a Texas company. Their intent was to sell to a developer. More than 100 homes could have been built on this tract." Just what we need. More traffic. Ellison says, "One of our goals in this campaign is to provide funds for the long-term management of the more than 1,100 acres in our trust. This is one of our most important strategic priorities." As for the future, Ellison says there is still some undeveloped land left on St. Simons Island, "but there isn't much of it." The only other large parcels of undeveloped land on the north end of the island are owned by a family whose members reside on the property. They have a 10-year conservation easement on their land, which provides at least temporary assurance it will not be developed. Georgia is one of the fastest-growing states in the country. The current population stands at some 10 million and people keep coming. According to the state's own projections, that number could rise to almost 15 million by the end of this decade. I guess that's because it doesn't snow 10 months a year here and all our buildings aren't rusted. Whatever the reason, it is important that while we deal with matters of quantity, we not forget the quality of life that makes our state so special. That includes preserving the natural beauty and the fragile ecosystem of St. Simons Island. My thanks to the St. Simons Land Trust for their unstinting efforts to protect and to keep holy my heaven on earth.

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Rev. Lyn Pace religious columnist

## A new year is coming: what should we do?

[Columnist Note: Spoiler alert — I talk about the plot of the new Christmas special, "Snoopy Presents: For Auld Lang Syne."] We love watching Christmas shows and movies in our home.



Naturally, we were excited to learn about the new Christmas special: "Snoopy Presents: For Auld Lang Syne." The other night, my 9-year-old and I sat down to watch the original Peanuts Christmas special, followed by the new one. While it is a Christmas special, the focus shifts to New Year's after their grandmother cancels her trip to see Lucy and Linus for Christmas. Bummed out and feeling unloved because of this news, Lucy creates a New

Year's Eve party to celebrate with friends. It turns out to be the distraction she needs in the absence of her grandmother. Earlier in the episode and in typical fashion, Charlie Brown is worried. Doing what he often does when worried, he visits Lucy at her advice booth. Turns out, he's running out of time to accomplish any of his New Year's resolutions. In stark irony given her own sense of feeling unloved, Lucy helps him see that his list could be much less ambitious and more reasonable. Like so many of us as we approach a new year, Charlie Brown wants to know what he should do. Lucy is contemplating this question too when she dreams up her New Year's Eve party. This same question shows up for Christians as we prepare for Christmas. Christians are currently in the season

of Advent when we wait and prepare for the coming of Christ. One of the prominent figures in Advent scripture texts is John the Baptist who is often mistaken for the messiah. Instead, John was sent to prepare the way and the crowds for Jesus and his ministry. In the third chapter of the gospel of Luke, crowds were coming to be baptized by John. But he rebuked them and told them they should bear fruit worthy of repentance. To get clarity on this, they asked him, "What should we do?" The crowds, tax collectors, soldiers — all asked him this question, and he told them, respectively: Share your clothing and food; collect no more than you are authorized; and don't cheat or harass anyone (author's paraphrase). 'Tis the season for switching over the calendar to a new year. Many of us will make resolutions for 2022. At the very least, most of us will spend a moment thinking back to all that was done and left undone in 2021 — and to the promise that 2022 holds. The question before us is: What should we do? Lucy's obsession with being loved at her party gets in the way with too many rules and guidelines for her guests, and it all falls apart. When Charlie Brown finds out this was all about her feeling unloved, he organizes a post-midnight celebration with her friends who had abandoned the party. She's overwhelmed by his generosity but mostly by his friend-

ship. Linus reveals Lucy's feelings to Charlie Brown in a touching scene where he unpacks the old New Year's hymn, "For Auld Lang Syne." He tells Charlie Brown the song has deep meaning, "Should auld acquaintance be forgot and never brought to mind." As one year turns into the next, he says, "Auld Lang Syne" is our reminder that we should never forget our friends. Hopefully they will remember us too. Linus inspires once again in a Christmas episode, and Charlie Brown responds to the question "What should we do?" by gathering them all together and reminding Lucy that she is enough just as she is. She is loved. After a rousing rendition of "Auld Lang Syne," the episode ends with Lucy shoving a piece of paper and pencil in front of Charlie Brown. "Here, write this down — 'Be a good friend'." Charlie Brown writes it down and Lucy demands he then cross it off. So, he does. "You may not have completed any resolutions last year," she says, "but you're already covered for this year." What should we do? Share your clothing and food. Collect no more than you are authorized. Don't cheat or harass anyone. Friends, you are enough, and you are loved. Now, spread that message. Cheers to 2022!

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## Newton County

# Don't forget: Bicentennial celebration set for Saturday

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COVINGTON, Ga. — A birthday bash to celebrate Newton County's bicentennial is slated for Saturday, Dec. 18, from 5-8 p.m. on the Covington Square.

In celebrating the 200th anniversary of the county's formation, the event will include live music, giveaways and a fireworks show.

"It's amazing to be celebrating our 200th year of existence," Chairman Marcello Baner said

in a video message encouraging residents to attend. "It's going to be a great event. Please come on out. We're looking to have lots of fun... Let's celebrate together."

Newton County was formed on Dec. 24, 1821, from parts of Henry, Jasper and Walton counties. It was named for Revolutionary War hero Sgt. John Newton.

Event organizers said the birthday bash was open to the public with no cost of admis-

sion.

Among the festivities, county government officials will present the 2021 Bicentennial Awards. 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 commitment," a news release stated. Award win-

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## STORM:

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restoration of power, four line crew members and four right-of-way members of the city of Covington were sent to Bowling Green, Kentucky.

"After seeing the devastation in Kentucky on Friday, the city of Covington Electric Department began monitoring how we could assist," City Manager Scott Andrews said.

"Saturday morning, the Electric Cities of Georgia [ECG] reached out asking how many we could send, if needed. The destruction covered such a vast area, we knew it would take at least a day for ECG to coordinate where we would be most beneficial."

Andrews said the crew left Covington for Bowling Green on Monday morning at 6 a.m. They are working with 13 other cities — about 80 workers — from Georgia. Andrews said the timeline of complete restoration was unknown.

"Our crew is currently working on sub-transmission lines now, and then will



**Pictured are Basil Ruark, Noah Thomas, Kahle Mason, Richey Cook, Josh Bennett and Kane Ellis —six of eight workers sent from Covington to help with power restoration in Kentucky.**

begin distribution work once the substations are back on," Andrews said. "They told Electric Director Joel Smith that one of the larger substations in the area where they are working is completely demolished due to a house landing in the substation."

Covington crew members included Basil Ruark, Noah Thomas, Kahle Mason, Richey Cook, Josh Bennett, Kane Ellis, Darrell Thompson and Adam McQuaig. Andrews said it was a "tough

decision" figuring out who would join the response team.

"Everyone in our department wanted to help," he said. "We have a very dedicated team who not only love working in Covington but are willing to pack up and travel to help our neighbors. Many of the line workers in Kentucky, and possibly our guys, will spend their Christmas away from family and friends in Kentucky. Please keep our guys, all other linemen and especially the residents affected

by the storm in your thoughts and prayers."

Kentucky Emergency Management Director Michael Dossett said on Tuesday there were still 18,500 power outages, according to national reports.

On Monday, President Joe Biden approved disaster declarations for Tennessee and Illinois, and had previously approved a major disaster declaration for Kentucky. The president visited Kentucky on Wednesday to meet with storm victims and make remarks.

## HOMES:

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community HOMES Investment Program grant from the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, CHA Executive Director Shamica Tucker described the houses as "quality" and "affordable," and they would be sold to eligible buyers for a project selling of \$180,000-\$220,000. Anticipated completion of the homes is late spring 2022.

The construction of the homes marked the CHA's efforts to promote housing choice in Newton County, Tucker said.

Tucker said the homes would be EarthCraft-certified "to achieve maximum energy efficiency and water conservation, which also greatly enhances affordability for

future owners." It also meant the homes would remain livable for many years.

The homes will be two-story units. The first floor will include a sizable kitchen and dining area, a family room, a half-bathroom and porches in the front and rear of the home. The second floor includes a master bedroom, two additional bedrooms, two bathrooms and a laundry space.

In Walker's Bend, the homes will be in close proximity to Central Park and have access to the Cricket Frog Trail. The subdivision is less than two miles from downtown Covington.

Members of the CHA's Board of Commissioners, including Chairperson Juanita Thompson, Vice Chair-

person Landis Stephens and Lucy Courchaine, were in attendance for the groundbreaking ceremony, as well as Councilwoman Hawthethia Williams, former Covington Mayor Kim Carter and representatives of Brad Construction.

The CHA, formed in 1965, currently provides housing to more than 300 families throughout the city of Covington. Over the last few years, the au-

thority has spent more than \$1 million to fund updates and renovations of its current neighborhoods, including Alcovy Community, Fowler Court, Holmes Court, Taylor/Jackson Community and New Leaf Apartments.

The CHA is not an entity of the city of Covington. Approximately 90% of the CHA's funding comes from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.



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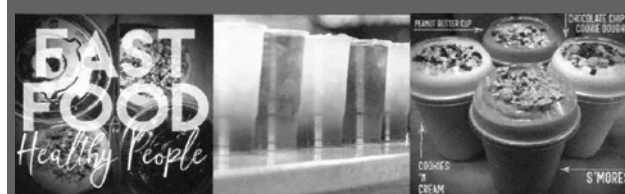
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Celebrating 200 Years: Another Look Back

# Legacy of Newton’s ‘Jump Shot’ Jaynes lives on

## Former Rams hoops star was major advocate for Title IX

By PHILLIP B. HUBBARD  
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From Newton County basketball star to women’s basketball advocate, Betty Faith Jaynes, locals mainly referred to her as “Betty Faith,” made an impact everywhere she went. Throughout her

life, which lasted for 68 years from Sept. 1, 1945- Feb. 10, 2014, Jaynes took on a lot of roles to help make a difference not just in Newton County, but around the world.

The biggest impact, one could say, remains within Jaynes’ family.

Her great niece, Grace Folds is a multi-sport athlete at Walnut Grove High School. Recently, she wrote a letter, as part of a class assignment, to Representative Jody Hice. The issue dealt with in Folds’ letter was “blurring the lines between genders.”

In the letter, Folds specifically mentioned her “Aunt B” as an advocate for Title IX to provide equal opportunities for both genders.

For Folds, her aunt was the main source of motivation to write the letter when given the assignment.

“She was a dynamic woman that did so much to support and promote female athletes,” Folds said.

Jaynes’ roots ran deep in Newton County.

Being a Covington native, Jaynes attended Newton County High School in the early 1960s. Lettering all four years, she was a member of the girls basketball team where she was the Lady Rams’ primary and



File | The Covington News

**Former Newton County basketball player Betty Faith Jaynes (center) shares a moment with North Carolina women's basketball coach Sylvia Hatchell (left) and former Tennessee women's basketball coach Pat Summitt during a roast of Jaynes in 2010.**

leading rebounder.

During her playing career, she was named to the girls All-Tournament team in 1962 and 1963 for the Newton County Invitation-al. She also received back-to-back All-State honors the same two seasons.

Her efforts contributed to Newton County qualifying for the Class AA State Title game in her senior season when the Lady Rams finished 33-1.

Jaynes’ skill set on the court led her to adopt the nickname “Jump Shot.”

After graduating high school, Jaynes went on to attend and graduate from Georgia College in 1967 with a Bachelor of Science degree in physical education. A year later, in 1968, “Jump Shot” earned her Masters of Science degree also in physical education from the Uni-

versity of North Carolina-Greensboro.

From there, Jaynes entered the coaching circuit going to Madison College (now known as James Madison) in 1968 and, later, became the head coach of Duke’s women’s basketball team where she served from 1970-1982.

In addition to her coaching career, Jaynes participated in extra-curricular activities to help advance women’s sports.

She chaired the U.S. Girls’ and Women’s Basketball Rules Committee from 1979-1981. She was the tournament director for the first-ever championship game sellout in the modern era of women’s college basketball - the 1975 AIAW Large College National Basketball Championships.

A year prior to exiting the coaching world,

Jaynes began another journey she considered of more importance. She was named the Women’s Basketball Coaches Association first ever executive director in 1981. In 1996, Jaynes became the CEO of the association.

By the time Jaynes retired in Nov. 2001, membership stood at over 3,000 members compared to 212 members in its year of inception.

Jaynes’ nephew, Jack Moss highlighted his aunt’s main source of motivation for putting forth so much effort and energy into her mission.

“She wanted to help people,” Moss said. “If she wasn’t able to help you, then she would find someone who could. That was just the type of person she was.”

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The line was constructed in the fall of 1897 by G. Claude and H. B. Adams, between their homes, a distance of 300 yards, in Brickstore Community and gave perfect service.

Soon, the line was extended from H. B. Adams’ home to that of their mother, Mrs. William Adams, some 11 miles distant; and served (11) other Adams families along the

way. In 1898, the line was extended to the home of Dr. R. L. Hollis, at Hayston, who was the family physician of those on the “line.”

This immediate connection with a doctor was a splendid advantage in time of sickness, not only to those on the line, but throughout the Brickstore and Hayston communities; for it was freely shared with all the neighbors.

These phones had no room for batteries within the unit; so they were installed on the back of the wall to which phones were attached.

With the added phones, service some-

times was spasmodic, especially in bad weather, to which these early instruments were highly allergic. In fact, owners are said to have predicted the weather a day or so ahead by the sound of the elements on the wire.

They were especially sensitive to lightning; and each phone had a built in receptacle in which to insert a lightning plug before each thunderstorm. Negligence in taking this precaution resulted in three homes begin struck by lightning and subsequent fires. Fortunately, no serious damage was sustained.

An interesting fact re-

called was the suspicion surrounding this wire, suspended through the trees, and how much of their conversation might be carried to listening ears.

[Black people] were especially wary of this strange innovation and changed their footpath from anywhere near its route, for fear someone might hear their conversations.

The line when completed ran through more than 10 homes, specifically between the Adams and Lunsford families. It was used until 1906, when several of the users moved away.

It was necessary to keep a close vigil on the line, for necessary repairs, including replacement of broken bottle necks, which were used as insulators; and the clearing of any limbs or brush touching the wire, as this usually disrupted service.

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As WBCA executive director, she volunteered her time to serve on various national boards such as the Center for the Study of Sport in Society National Advisory Committee; the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame Board of Directors, Board of Trustees, Executive Committee and Women’s Screening Committee; the USA Basketball Board of Directors; the Women’s Basketball Hall of Fame Board of Directors; and the Women’s Sports Foundation Board of Trustees. Her contributions

to the advancement of women’s college basketball warranted several awards and recognitions. To name a few, Jaynes received the 1991 National Association for Girls and Women in Sport Award, the 1995 National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics Honors Award, the 1997 Women’s Sports Foundation President’s Award and the 2012 National Association of Collegiate Women Athletic Administrators Lifetime Achievement Award. Jaynes was inducted into a few Hall of Fa-

mes during her life, too. In 2000, she was inducted into the Women’s Basketball Hall of Fame. Six years later, she became a member of the NACDA Hall of Fame. Also in 2006, the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame awarded Jaynes with the highest honor it can present to an individual without inducting them. A year later in 2007, the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame inducted Jaynes. Virginia followed in 2008 inducting Jaynes. Most of Jaynes’ impact was during a time when women weren’t respected and didn’t

have much of a voice. But that didn’t deter her from speaking up. Now, 58 years later, her presence is still felt among all who knew her, but especially her niece. Folds still adheres to a lot of advice Jaynes gave her as a child. And that is how Jaynes’ legacy continues on for the next generation of women athletes. “I deeply wished for the opportunity to talk to my Aunt B,” Folds said. “She instilled in me that it is my job to stand up and speak for those that can’t speak.”

## CRIMES:

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tenced to 30 years with 10 in prison. These were the last two defendants in what was a five-defendant case. The case was prosecuted by Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney Jillian Hall. The Sept. 23, 2019, incident occurred after a male victim met with a female that he had spoken with on a dating app. When the victim arrived at the location to meet the female, “several males came from behind the residence and got into his car with a gun,” according to the report. The males demanded money from the victim, but he told them he would have to get money from an ATM. “The males forced the victim into the back of his own car, and they drove him to Wells Fargo in Covington,” according to a release from Covington Police Department. “One of the males took the victim’s debit card from him and withdrew money from his account.”

The victim attempted to take the gun from one of the males and, during the attempt, a shot was fired, according to a news release. In a separate case the week of Nov. 15, a jury was selected in the case of Charles Thomas Williams but, before opening statements, Williams pleaded guilty to two counts of Robbery by Force connected to an incident at a Dollar General store on U.S. Hwy. 278 in December 2018. He was sentenced to 15 years with the first 10 years in prison as a recidivist, meaning because of his criminal history he will not be eligible for parole, McGinley said. The case was prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Robby King, Assistant District Attorney Elizabeth Johnson, Investigator Joshua Duke, Victim Services Director Leslie Smith, and Legal Assistant Desiree Kozikowski. The arrest and investigation was handled by the Covington

Police Department. During the week of Nov. 8, a jury found Doylemarrian Hardeman guilty of Possession of Cocaine with Intent to Distribute, Possession of Marijuana with Intent to Distribute, two counts of Possession of a Firearm During Commission of a Felony, felony Fleeing a Police Officer, Driving on a Suspended License, Obstruction of an Officer, and Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon. Hardeman was sentenced the following week to a total sentence of 40 years with the first 15 years in prison. “This sentence took into account both the facts and circumstances of the trial case but also Hardeman’s criminal history,” McGinley said. The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Hunter McCreight, Investigator Colin Cunningham, and the teamwork of Legal Assistants Cindi Hendrix, Sheila Cornelius and Danielle Miller.

The Georgia State Patrol and the Covington Police Department handled the arrest, McGinley said. Numerous other cases were resolved prior to those November trials “due to the hard work of the office,” McGinley said. He said just a few of note included: • After filing a demand for a speedy jury trial, Dorian Moragne pleaded guilty to Aggravated Assault based on an unprovoked, blindsided punch of the victim at Susie’s Wings on Salem Road in June 2020. He was sentenced to 15 years with three to serve in prison. The case was prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Alex Stone. • Kevin Brown pleaded guilty to Aggravated Battery, Family Violence. He was sentenced to 15 years with the first three in prison. The case was prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Bailey Wilkinson.

## THREAT:

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A total of 31 shootings on school properties, including 23 since Aug. 1, have been reported this year and 89 school shootings since 2018 in the U.S., according to the publication Education Week. A 15-year-old student is accused of using a semi-automatic handgun to shoot and kill

four fellow students and injure seven at a high school near Detroit, Michigan, Nov. 30. His parents were charged with involuntary manslaughter after they were accused of giving the teen a semi-automatic handgun as an early Christmas present and then ignoring signs he was

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said.

"I think people want jobs. They want opportunities for their children so they don't have to move away. They can actually work and live in Morgan and Newton counties and raise a family. So, I'm excited about this."

Hall, who is executive director of the Newton County Industrial Development Authority, helped recruit Facebook and grocery store operator Lidl, among others, to the county.

She said she was "ecstatic" about Rivian choosing the Stanton Springs North site.

"This is a company that I'm thrilled with and I know for generations to come will be amazing for our community and the state of Georgia — I can't say enough," she said.

"It really adds to the ecosystem of amazing, stellar companies coming to Georgia. We're really proud of this and I think it fits in nicely with our other (companies) here in Stanton Springs," Hall said. "It really is incredible."

Hall said she was contacted earlier this year about the company possibly locating in the Stanton Springs area.

She admitted officials did not know the magnitude of the project when first contacted.

"We did not have an understanding of the project," Hall said.

She said the site was well-planned with utilities already available, which helped sell Rivian on the location.

"We can't say enough about Mike Hopkins and the Newton County Water & Sewerage Authority team because they really have made a lot of things happen and made it unique for any kind of prospect."

However, she said nothing has been finalized about which utility providers would serve the Rivian facility.

The JDA is still working to secure agreements with providers for the site "but we hope for the same structure that is within Stanton Springs South," she said.

Such entities as Newton County Water & Sewerage Authority, Snapping Shoals EMC, Walton EMC and the



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**Pictured left, Rivian Chief People Officer Helen Russell officially announces Rivian's decision to build a EV plant in Georgia. Top right, from left, are local economic development officials Serra Hall (Newton) and Shane Short (Walton). Bottom left, JDA Chairman Jerry Silvio talks with Marty Kemp. Bottom right, Gov. Brian Kemp delivers remarks.**

city of Social Circle have provided utilities in the past to Stanton Springs South.

Hall said gas providers may be a combination of cities of Covington, Social Circle and Madison.

"You don't find that regional approach [in other places], but that's the regional approach that's happening right now in Stanton Springs South and will continue in Stanton Springs North," she said.

She said electric service will be selected in a bidding process.

"Electric is abundant out at the site, and they have a bid system, so we'll be able to see bids coming in from Georgia Power, Walton EMC, and even a MEAG community with the city of Covington."

"So we're really thrilled by that and thrilled to have the opportunity to offer an abundance of resources."

Keener said he hoped Social Circle would be chosen for some or all of the services needed for the facility, including fire, police and utilities.

Hall said officials have not determined if Rivian will take all available land in the park.

"At this time, we're still working on site layout," she said.

She said there was a possibility ancillary businesses, such as parts suppliers, could also locate in the area.

"What I can say at

this time is that the project is still developing, and so each day we're still working to understand what that total footprint looks like and also what type of pieces," she said.

"What I can tell you is that Rivian's coming to town, and Rivian is making their mark here in east of Atlanta in Stanton Springs North, and the first part of this project is about 2,000 acres and creating 7,500 jobs."

Hall predicted Rivian will be a good corporate citizen for the area because of what it already has done in its first location in Illinois.

The startup company took over a shuttered Mitsubishi production facility in Normal and helped reinvigorate central Illinois' economy.

"I think that's something that's a driver for us, and Covington and Newton County, Morgan County, Jasper County and Walton County are the right place for you to be," she said.

Some area residents have opposed the facility's construction because of its potential impact on natural resources and the area's primarily rural nature.

Keener said city officials "realize there will be a population growth."

"We want to call that smart growth and control it," he said.

"There are some people who are against this. You always have people who don't want

it in their backyard, so to speak," Keener said. "We're respectful of the property owners there."

Hall said she anticipates "some community town halls coming soon in the new year" about the facility.

"I think we'll see a lot of community activism already come out, so we're excited to announce this today to get that ball rolling," she said.

"And that's one of the reasons why we felt it was such a strong company to come into the

community," she said. "It was their focus on our local communities and what they've been able to do in the past, and so that's critical and I think it's going to be really good, and a lot of stuff will come into the new year, and so we're excited to see that."

Belton said he was glad the facility will "be very environmentally friendly."

"They're going to do things the right way and we're going to be very proud of this facility,"

Belton said.

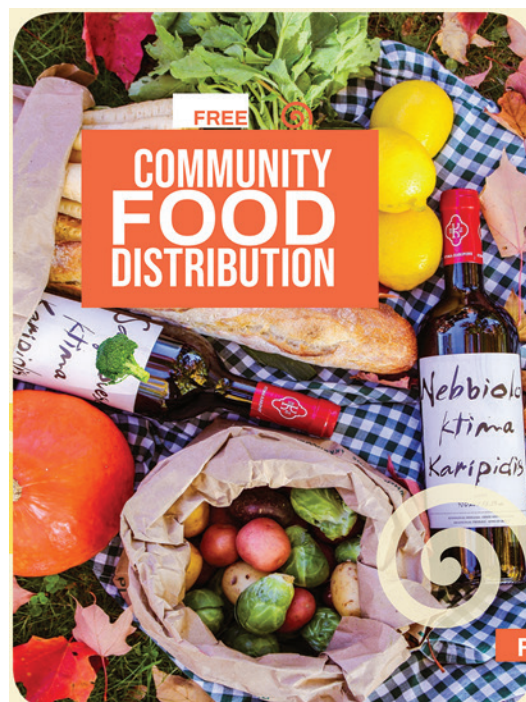
He said Takeda Pharmaceuticals has operated in Stanton Springs South for years and created 2,500 jobs without "a huge disruption to life around Morgan and Newton counties."

"So, it's really up to the local leaders to make sure that we do the zoning correctly and build the way we want our community to look, and as long as they do that we'll be fine," Belton said.

"This is good growth," he said. "And these people [Rivian] they want good growth, too ... I guarantee they want it to be a good partnership as much as we do."

Georgia Quick Start will build and operate a state-of-the-art manufacturing training center that will provide Rivian with a fully customized training program that meets the company's start-up needs, state officials said.

"This will also build capacity and curricula within the Technical College System of Georgia to maintain a long-term pipeline of highly skilled employees who are trained specifically in these operations," they said.



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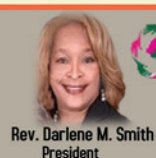
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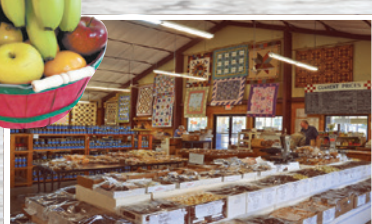
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# EDUCATION

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## Snapping Shoals awards \$15,500 in grants to teachers

**SPECIAL TO THE NEWS**  
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Snapping Shoals EMC recently awarded \$15,500 in grants to Newton County School System teachers through the co-op’s Bright Ideas program. The grants, which are allocated from unclaimed capital credit funds, are designed to help teachers who wish to extend educational opportunities and activities for students by developing student interests and abilities.

According to Leigh-Anne Burgess, Snapping Shoals EMC Communications and Marketing Coordinator, the grants are provided through unclaimed capital credits.

“A big advantage of being a part of an electric cooperative like Snapping Shoals EMC is that we operate on a not-for-profit basis. This enables us to return our margins, which are revenues collected in excess of expenses, to the co-op’s members,” Burgess explained. “Margins, also known as capital credits, are usually retained by the cooperative for a while to be used as a source of funding for the construction of new lines and other utility expenses. The



Several Newton County teachers were awarded grants from Snapping Shoals recently. Pictured are (front, from left) Jessica Tamburro, Andrew Pollard, Datha Curtis, (back, from left) Laura Lambert, Beth Bryan, NCSS Grants Coordinator Tiffany Merriweather, Catrina Pollard and Scott Quinlan.

unclaimed capital credit funds are used to support SSEM’s educational programs, such as Bright Ideas and scholarships, as well as other community projects.”

“We had many wonderful projects submitted this year,” said Newton County School System grants coordinator, Tiffany Merriweather. “It made it very difficult for the judges to narrow down the selections.”

This year’s grant recipients include: **Alainna Batchelor Evans**, Newton High School. “The Dance

Costume Project.” Through the purchase of performance materials, students will demonstrate what they have learned in fine arts education to live audiences.

**Andrew Pollard**, Newton College and Career Academy. “CNC Plasma Project.” Funds will provide resources for students to learn entrepreneurship by creating and selling metal products for community events.

**Angela Dean**, Fairview Elementary School. “Read Between the Notes.” Through the purchase of bell

extension sets, students will increase their understanding of melodic patterns and key signatures.

**Beth Bryan**, Eastside High School. “Promoting Student Voices with Podcasting.” Students will use new podcast kits to create literary podcasts that connect to personal perspectives.

**Blake Alexander**, East Newton Elementary School. “Mission Acquisition!” Funds will provide materials for students to participate in learning stations that increase their physical education skills.

**Catrina Pollard**, Eastside High School. “It’s a Great Day to BEE an Eagle.” Students will harvest honey to create an apary and increase their knowledge of Horticultural and Agricultural sciences.

**Danita Doan**, Newton County Theme School. “Mathematical Art.” Students will be actively involved in STEAM using Learn It By Art® instructional kits and resources.

**Datha Curtis & Laura Lambert**, Newton College and Career Academy. “EPP Recycling Club.” Funds will be used to purchase resources for an Environmental Pollution Pandemic initiative.

**Hannah Cole**, South Salem Elementary School. “Keeping the Beat with Xylophones.” Students will use various instruments to expand their foundation of music education.

**Jessica Tamburro & Ali Geigerman**, Newton County Theme School. “MERGE into Augmented Reality!” Funds will be used to purchase Co-Space resources to teach technology instruction with a STEM focus.

**Kemily Pattillo**, Newton College and Career Academy. “Let’s Get Analytical.” Through the purchase of an analytical balance, students will participate in real-world chemistry labs to determine chemical formulas.

**Meghen Bassel**, East Newton Elementary

School. “Booker’s Wagging for Books.” Funds will expand the Booker’s therapy dog reading program, which supports literacy development and personal growth.

**Pam Allen**, East Newton Elementary School. “Paw Pride Garden Classroom.” Through the purchase of gardening materials, students will have access to outdoor learning opportunities while studying plant growth.

**Scott Quinlan**, Newton College and Career Academy. “Applied Science in Culinary Arts.” Culinary Arts and S.T.E.M. students will have access to project-based learning that includes the engineering and design thinking process.

**Tracy Angel**, Oak Hill Elementary School. “Sport Stacking.” Funds will be used for fitness-based sports materials to promote physical education skills and the value of teamwork.

**Veronica Houssel**, Newton County Theme School. “Around the World with a Book.” Students will have access to culturally diverse novels to incorporate literacy learning in Social Studies.

Snapping Shoals Electric Membership Corporation is a consumer-owned electric cooperative providing electric service to approximately 95,000 homes and businesses in an eight-county area. Most of the utility’s service area is in Newton, Rockdale and Henry counties. Portions of DeKalb, Butts, Walton, Morgan and Jasper counties are also included. The company’s headquarters is on Brown Bridge Road in Newton County.

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(ějē-kā’shən) *n.*

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At Snapping Shoals EMC, we’re always looking for ways to define our role in the communities we serve. To that end, we aim at giving more meaning to education by offering Bright Ideas grants to teachers with innovative ideas, shaping young lives with scholarships and building brighter futures for all students through Operation Round Up. Please visit us at [www.ssemc.com](http://www.ssemc.com) or call us at 770-786-3484.

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Piedmont Academy

Special to The Covington News

Piedmont Academy Elementary classes recently hosted a Christmas tree decorating competition. High school Student Council members judged the entries. First place (top) went to Jill Dillingham’s third grade class and second place (bottom) went to Julie Tucker’s K-3 class. Third place went to Emily McCart’s K-3 class (not pictured).



# SPORTS

The Covington News

## Prep Basketball

### Perfect ‘Skins down Alcovy



Anthony Banks | The Covington News  
Byron Howard (3) drives through the lane against Cam Gaither (10) and attempts a layup.

### Victory over Tigers lifts Social Circle boys to 8-0

By GARRETT PITTS  
Correspondent

COVINGTON, Ga. — With its 81-62 victory over Alcovy on Tuesday night, the Social Circle boys basketball team not only remains unbeaten overall, but it also earns the Redskins a season sweep over the Tigers.

Just like in the previous matchup, the Redskins’ strong offensive performance led the way.

Scoring came early and often for Social Circle as they were able to attack Alcovy from all parts of the court.

Senior Cam Gaithers’ eight points led the team in the opening two quarters, with seven of them coming from the free-throw line.

Alcovy did not come out to the best of starts as they struggled to find any success in the paint or the field.

Fouls and missed opportunities offensively plagued Alcovy during the opening half, as they went into the break down 36-20.

The Tigers struggles did not come into the second half, as the Alcovy offense began to pick up the pace and catch up on Social Circle.

Alcovy’s head coach Mack Hardwick noticed something different about his team coming out of halftime.

“The biggest [change] I saw from the first to the second half was the heart and intensity,” Hardwick said, “We played the second half with a lot of intensity, but we were still incomplete.”

Junior Kendarious Spear came out of the break on a hot streak for the Tigers, knocking down three shots from the perimeter as well as going perfect

See PERFECT, B6

## Prep Softball



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Pictured from left are Eastside’s Natalie Ray, Social Circle’s Macy Langley and Alcovy’s Cinayah Williams. Ray was named the Most Valuable Player of the All-Covington News team. Langley was Pitcher of the Year and Williams was Freshman of the Year.

# AREA’S ELITE

## All-Covington News team unveiled, Ray named MVP

By PHILLIP B. HUBBARD  
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COVINGTON, Ga. — In 2021, all four area high school’s softball teams qualified for the state playoffs. After the season concluded, 27 players made appearances on their respective All-Region teams.

So, the staff at The Covington News took all of the players’ stats from this past season along with any special honors and voted on an All-Covington News Softball Team.

It all starts with the four special awards: Most Valuable Player, Pitcher of the Year, Slugger Award, Freshman of the Year and Coach of the Year.

**MOST VALUABLE PLAYER:**  
*Natalie Ray, Eastside*

As the Lady Eagles’ centerfielder, it seemed like Natalie Ray was everywhere on the softball field. From her stellar defensive play to her performance at the plate, Ray really separated herself from the rest of the players in the area.

Ray concluded the season with .512 batting average that included nine

home runs, 23 RBIs and accounted for 44 total runs on the season.

Additionally, Ray placed herself in the Eastside history books in 2021.

She stole 27 bases during her senior campaign that gave her the stolen base record for the Lady Eagles’ program.

That wouldn’t have been possible without her .592 on-base percentage.

Region 8-A-A-A-A-A coaches recognized her remarkable season, too, by voting Ray as the region’s player of the year.

Ray will be a freshman playing for the Ole Miss Lady Rebels next season.

**PITCHER OF THE YEAR:**  
*Macy Langley, Social Circle*

Newton County had some solid pitching performances in 2021. It was a close call, but ultimately Macy Langley was chosen to receive this honor.

Langley pitched 81.1 innings where she had a 2.15 ERA and 57 total strikeouts in the pitcher’s circle.

The junior’s season was capped off with a region accolade.

Region 8A-Public coaches voted Langley as Co-Region Pitcher of the Year along with her teammate Madalyn Spinks.

Langley’s contributions were vital to the Lady Redskins capturing a region title and placing fourth overall in the state.

Langley will be a main contributor returning for her senior campaign.

**SLUGGER OF THE YEAR:**  
*Kyla Stroud, Newton*

Kyla Stroud’s performance at the plate in 2021 proves why she mainly spends her time as a designated hitter for Newton.

The junior Lady Ram recorded a .409 batting average and contributed with 33 RBIs and added three home runs to her resume.

Region 4-A-A-A-A-A-A-A took notice of her significant contributions, too.

Region coaches voted Stroud onto the All-Region team once the season concluded.

Next season, Stroud will return as a senior for the Lady Rams. She’ll look to add more remarkable numbers to her high school career.

**FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR:**  
*Cinayah Williams, Alcovy*

It’s no secret that it’s tough for any player to earn enough votes to be featured on the All-Region First Team, much less as a freshman.

Cinayah Williams defied all odds during her freshman season being voted onto the First Team for Region 3-A-A-A-A-A-A.

And deservedly so.

Williams seemed to become the Lady Tigers’ ace moving into the offseason. She pitched 48 innings and recorded 40 strikeouts and posted a 4.02 ERA.


But it didn’t stop there for Williams.

In addition to her performance on the mound, Williams had a .432 batting average, .500 on base percentage, one home run, 20 RBI and tallied 14 runs.

Williams is part of the young core for the Lady Tigers that propelled them to their first playoff appearance in five seasons.

**COACH OF THE YEAR:**  
*Miranda Lamb, Alcovy*

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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,

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE #300257** **12/12,19,26-1/2**

##### CITATION

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**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.

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**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.

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**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**

The Georgia Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Resources Division is hiring 2 full-time Business Support Analysts in Social Circle.

Please view the DNR Vacancy Announcement at [www.gadnr.org/careers](http://www.gadnr.org/careers) for the qualifications, salary information and how to apply for these positions.

Competitive salary plus benefits package included.

##### 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 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**

##### CITATION

**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**

##### CITATION

**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: P E T I T I O N** 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** **12/12,19,26-1/2**

### Corporations

**NOTICE IS** given that articles of incorporation that will incorporate **Courage to Love Inc.** 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 707 Lakeview Dr, Newborn, GA, 30056 and its initial registered agent at such address is Kim Christopher.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300328** **12/19,26**

**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**

### Debtors Creditors

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

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

**ALL CREDITORS** of the Estate of **PAUL NEAL BLALOCK** 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: CORRIE CAMBRA BLALOCK**

**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 #300310** **12-19,26-1/2,9**

**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

**ALL CREDITORS** of the estate of **KATHRYN P. HEAD a/k/a KATHRYN AILENE HEAD**, deceased, a resident of Newton County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law



# LEGALS:

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**GEORGIA. YOU** are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.  
**THIS THE 14TH** day of **DECEMBER** 2021

**JANE BARBER**  
31 MCGIBONEY RD  
COVINGTON, GA 30016

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300320**  
12/19,26-1/2,9

**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 **CHELSEY MARIE GILES** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.  
**THIS THE 14TH** day of **DECEMBER** 2021

**VICTORIA GILES**  
11 SALEM BRANCH DR  
COVINGTON GA 30016

**PUBLIC NOTICE #30019**  
12/19,26-1/2,9

**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, 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 **ENID NEWELL** 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 2ND** day of **DECEMBER** 2021

**LOREEN LAWSON**  
45 OAKMONT LAN  
COVINGTON, GA 30016

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300305**  
12/19,26-1/2,9

**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 CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **HORACE EUGENE JOHNSON** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.  
**THIS THE 18TH** day of **NOVEMBER**, 2021.

**NANCY E. JOHNSON**  
5550 HWY 121 N  
COVINGTON GA 30016

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300237**  
11/28-12/5,12,19

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

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

**ROBERT BOYNTON**  
120 BRUCE LANE  
COVINGTON, GA 30014

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300304**  
12/19,26-1/2,9

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **Jo Ann Smith Colston**, 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 , 2021.

**ANDERSON REGINALD** Boyd  
1215 MAYFLOWER Drive  
LAKELAND, FL 33810-3621

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300306**  
12/19,26-1/2,9

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **LESTER DEMOND LACKEY** 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.

**LESTER LACKEY, JR**  
546 LACKEY RD  
COVINGTON, GA 30014

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300269**  
12/5,12,19,26

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

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

**DAVID GRAVES**  
396 SIR WILLIAMS CT  
JONESBORO, GA 30238

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300303**  
12/19,26-1/2,9

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **MARGARET J. SILVIA** 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 2ND** day of **DECEMBER**, 2021.

**CATHERINE URGOWNE**  
6157 SHAMROCK DR NE  
COVINGTON, GA 30014

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300301**  
12/19,26-1/2,9

**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 **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

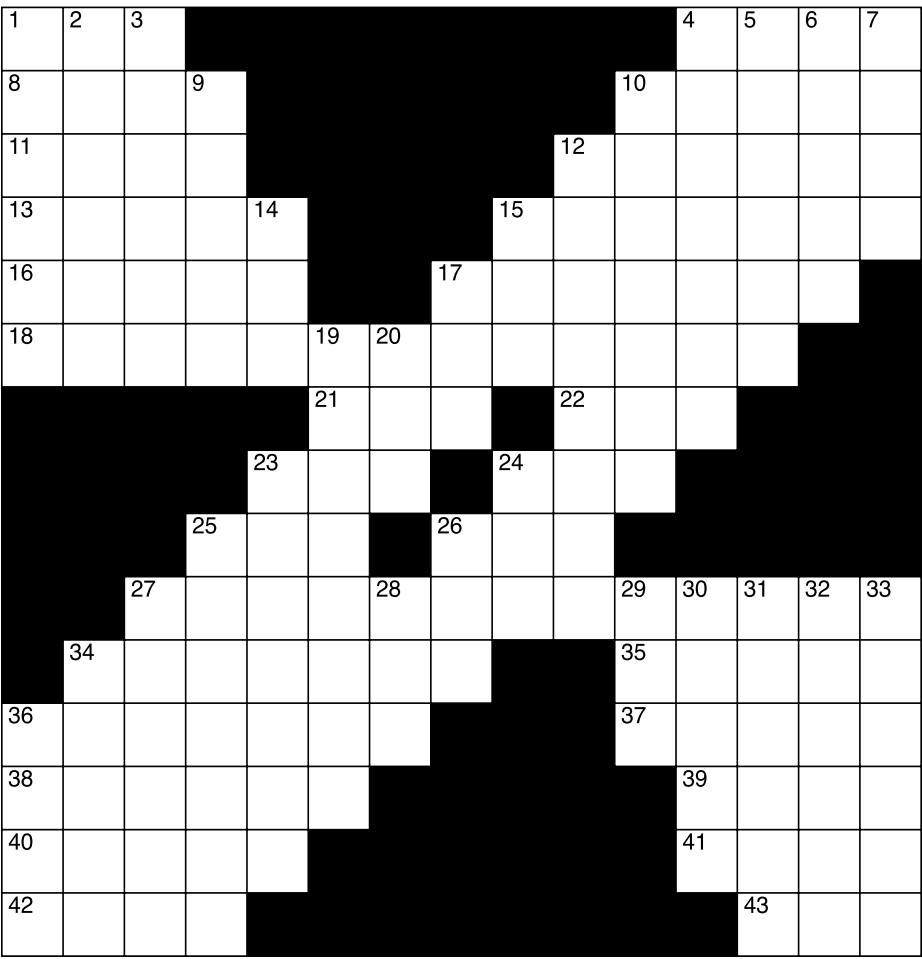
## CLUES ACROSS

1. You fry food in it
4. Pesky insect
8. Gets older
10. \_\_\_ Dern, actress
11. Uncouth man
12. One who sulks
13. Napoleon's king of Naples
15. One who swims underwater
16. Make amends
17. Expressions
18. Document format
21. What a beaver makes
22. Limb
23. Photograph
24. Golf score
25. Moroccan mountain range
26. Wrinkled dog breed: Shar \_\_\_
27. 20th century sex symbol
34. Remedy for all diseases
35. Bluish greens
36. Moved swiftly
37. Type of units
38. Madames
39. Indian religious god
40. Potentially hazardous asteroids
41. Leak slowly through
42. An association of criminals
43. A way to push content (abbr.)

## CROSSWORD

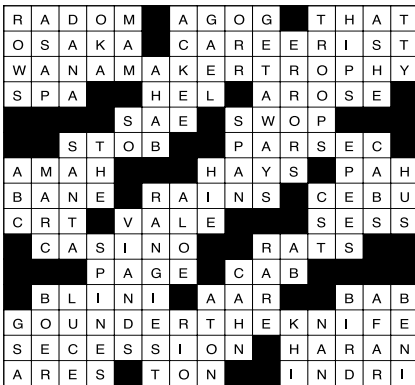
## CLUES DOWN

1. Town in central Brazil
2. Large burrowing rodent
3. Nerve cell
4. Estimating
5. Bakers use it
6. Regions
7. Small lake
9. Environmentalist nun
10. More kookie
12. Announce officially
14. Israeli city \_\_\_ Aviv
15. Title given to friar
17. Inches per minute (abbr.)
19. Buildings
20. Pouch
23. They steal on the high seas
24. It's mightier than the sword
25. Going off on a tangent
26. Monetary unit
27. Young woman
28. Type of bulb
29. Type of drug (abbr.)



30. City opposite Dusseldorf
31. Animal disease
32. Martini necessities
33. Elude
34. La \_\_\_ : Buenos Aires capital
36. An off-enduring symbol

## LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:



30092

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300227**  
12/5,12,19,26

## Divorces

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

**DIANA REID,**  
**PETITIONER,**

**V.**

**WENDELL REID**  
**RESPONDENT.**  
**CAFN: 2021CV-995-4**

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

**TO RESPONDENT** Named Above:

**YOU ARE** hereby notified that Diana Reid filed a Petition for Divorce in said court on April 27, 2021 **AND** that by reason of an order for Service o'f Summons by Publication entered by the Court on November 16l, 2021, you are hereby commanded and required to file with the Clerk of Said Court and serve upon Angie M. Walton, Plaintiff's Attorney , whose address is The Law Office of Angie M. Walton, 4751 Best Road, Suite 277, Atlanta, Georgia 30337, an rutswcr within sixty (60) days of the date of the Order for Service by Publication and shall bear teste in the name of the Judge and shall be signed **BY THE** Clerk of Court.  
**THIS 17TH** Day of November, 202 1

**NEWTON COUNTY** Superior Court  
**PREPARED AND** Presented By:  
**ANGIE M. Walton,** Attorney for Plaintiff  
**THE LAW** Office of Angie M. Walton  
4751 BEST Rd, ste 277  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA J0337  
TEL: 770-774-0407  
FAX:866-612-7806  
E M A I L : A N G I E @ WALTONLAWFIRMGA.COM

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300279**  
12/5,12,19,26

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

**AMBER HOLMES**  
**PLAINTIFF,**  
**V**  
**AARON HUSTON, SR**  
**DEFENDANT,**

**ACTION NO.2021-CV-1646-3**

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

**TO AARON HUSTON, SR**  
143 SALVATION RD  
ORRUM, NC 28369

**BY NOTICE** for Publication dated the 23TH day of NOVEMER 2021you are hereby notified that on the NOVEMBER 12, 2021 the Plaintiff, AMBER HOLMES filed suit against you for Divorce. You are required to file an Answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the Notice for Publication with the clerk of Superior Court of the Newton County and to serve a copy of the answer upon the plaintiff (if pro se) or upon the plaintiff's attorney (if represented). Witness the Honorable LAYLA H. ZON Judge of the Superior Court of Newton County.  
**THIS,THE 23RD** day of **NOVEMBER**, 2021

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300261**  
12/5,12,19,26

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

**KAREN REDDICK**  
**PLAINTIFF,**

**V.**

**ERIC LAWINSO** **REDDICK**  
Defendant  
**CIVIL** **ACTION** **FILE**

NO.:SUCV2021000277

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

**TO: ERIC LAWINSO REDDICK**

**BY ORDER** for Service by Publication dated November 12, 2021. You are hereby notified that on February 9, 2021, the Plaintiff filed suit against you for **DIVORCE**. You are required to file with the Clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County, and to serve upon the Plaintiff, KAREN REDDICK, through her attorney of record, LADONYA M. HORTON, P.O. BOX 360104, DECATUR, GEORGIA 30036, an answer to the Complaint for Divorce within sixty (60) days of the date of the first publication notice.  
**WITNESS THE** Honorable Layla H. Zon, Judge of this Court.

**THIS 12TH** day of **NOVEMBER**, 2021.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300246**  
12/5,12,19,26

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

**LATOYAKING,**  
**PETITIONER,**

**VS.**

**ANDREW SWEETLAND,**  
**RESPONDENT,**

**CAFN: 2021-CV-1424-3**

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

**TO: ANDREW Sweetland**  
130 OAK Hill Circle  
COVINGTON, GEORGIA 30016

**BY ORDER** of the Court for service by publication, dated November 30,2021, you are hereby notified that on June 17, 2021, LATOYA KING filed suit against you for COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE.

**YOU ARE** required to file an answer in writing within 60 days of the date of publication with the clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County and to serve a copy of the answer upon **THE PLAINTIFFS** attorney at Frost & Carey, 2115 Usher St. NW, Covington, GA 30014.

**THIS, THE 1st** day of **December**, 2021.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300283**  
12/12,19,26-1/2

## Foreclosures

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF RIGHT TO REDEEM**

**TO:** **LUDWIG** Bergsmann;  
**ANY HEIRS** of Ludwig Bergsmann; and All Persons or Entities holding any interest in the subject property known as Newton County Tax Parcel Number 0058A 00000 057 000, and as 400 Stone Lea Trace, Oxford, GA 30054, as further described below:  
**TAKE NOTICE THAT:**  
**THE RIGHT** to redeem the following property, to wit:  
**ALL THAT** tract or parcel of land lying and being in the 9th District of the County Newton, State of Georgia, United States of America, and being more particularly described as Lot Number 22 of Block C of Unit I of Stone Lea II Subdivision, as shown on plat of survey prepared by Landmark Engineering Corporation, recorded in Plat Book 11, Page 347, Records of Clerk, Superior Court, Newton County, Georgia.  
**AS DESCRIBED** in Deed Book 4087, Page 598. Further described as Map & Parcel No. 0058A 00000 057 000.  
**WILL EXPIRE** and be forever foreclosed and barred on and after the 13th day of January 2022.  
**THE TAX** Deed to which this notice relates is dated August 4, 2020, and is recorded in Deed Book 4087, Page 598, of the Newton County, Georgia Deed Records.  
**THE PROPERTY** may be redeemed at any time before the 13th day of January 2022, by payment of

the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address:  
**SAMUEL R. Bagwell**  
**ATTORNEY FOR** John Strauss and John Rawlins  
**311 GREEN** Street, Suite 409  
**GAINESVILLE, GA** 30501  
**PLEASE BE** governed accordingly.

**THIS 22ND** day of November, 2021.  
**/S/SAMUEL R. Bagwell**  
**ATTORNEY AT** Law  
**GEORGIA BAR** No. 606264  
**PH. (770)** 538-5160  
**FAX (770)** 538-5155

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300312**  
12/19,26-1/2,9

**NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER**

**BECAUSE OF** a default under the terms of the Security Deed executed by **Alice F. Cox** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for First Magnus Financial Corporation, its successors and assigns dated April 4, 2007, and recorded in Deed Book 2417, Page 246, Newton County Records, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed to Nationstar Mortgage LLC, securing a Note in the original principal amount of \$65,366.00, the holder thereof pursuant to said Deed and Note thereby secured has declared the entire amount of said indebtedness due and payable and, pursuant to the power of sale contained in said Deed, will on the first Tuesday, January 4, 2022, during the legal hours of sale, before the Courthouse door in said County, sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, the property described in said Deed, to-wit:

**ALL THAT** tract or parcel of land lying and being in the LeGuinn District of Newton County, Georgia, containing 1 1/2 acres, more or less, and being bounded now or formerly as follows: On the North by property of L. J. Borders, on the East and South by property now or formerly of C.C. Bartlett, and on the West by Highway 36. This being a portion of the property deeded to Carl Bailey by S. A. Ginn by Warranty Deed dated January 23, 1963, and recorded in Deed Book 66, page 14, Public Records of Newton County, Georgia. There is located on said property a dwelling known as **11653 Highway 36** according to the present system of numbering houses in Newton County, Georgia with all the rights, members and appurtenances to the said described premises in anywise appertaining or belonging.

**SAID PROPERTY** is known as **11653 Highway 36, Covington, GA 30014**, together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any.

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

**THE PROCEEDS** of said sale will be applied to the payment of said indebtedness and all expenses of said sale as provided in said Deed, and the balance, if any, will be distributed as provided by law.  
**THE SALE** will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the secured creditor.

**THE PROPERTY** is or may be in the possession of Alice F. Cox, successor in interest or tenant(s).

**NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC,**  
d/b/a Mr. Cooper as Attorney-in-Fact

See LEGALS, B4



LEGALS:

Continued from B3

**FOR ALICE F. Cox**  
**FILE NO. 17-063485**  
**LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP\***  
**ATTORNEYS AND** Counselors at Law  
**211 PERIMETER** Center Parkway,  
N.E., Suite 300  
**ATLANTA, GA 30346**  
**(770) 220-2535/GR**  
**HTTPS://WWW.LOGS.COM/**  
**\*THE LAW FIRM IS ACTING**  
**AS A DEBT COLLECTOR. ANY**  
**INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL**  
**BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300148**  
**11/28-12/5,12,19,26**

**NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER**

**BECAUSE OF** a default under the terms of the Security Deed executed by **Stephanie Channell** to New Century Mortgage Corporation dated January 19, 2006, and recorded in Deed Book 2105, Page 415, Newton County Records, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed to Quimby Ventures, LLC, securing a Note in the original principal amount of \$43,000.00, the holder thereof pursuant to said Deed and Note thereby secured has declared the entire amount of said indebtedness due and payable and, pursuant to the power of sale contained in said Deed, will on the first Tuesday, January 4, 2022, during the legal hours of sale, before the Courthouse door in said County, sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, the property described in said Deed, to-wit:

**SITUATED IN** Covington, Newton County, State of GA and being described as follows:

**ALL THAT** tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 91 of the 10th District of Newton County, Georgia, being Lot 41 of Benedict Place Subdivision, as per plat recorded in Plat Book 40, Pages 130-133 (more particularly described on Page 131), Newton County, Georgia records, which plat is incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof.

**THE ABOVE** legal description being the same as the last deed of record, no boundary survey having been made at the time of this conveyance.

**PARCEL #28D 41**

**BEING**THE same property conveyed to Stephanie Channell, by deed from Ross Mundy Custom Homes, Inc., dated 08-13-04, recorded 08-18-04, in Book 1734, page 471, in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County, GA.

**100 BRADLEY** Street, Covington, GA 30016

**SAID PROPERTY** is known as **100 Bradley St, Covington, GA 30016**, together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any.

**THIS CONVEYANCE** is made subject to that certain Security Deed in favor of Security Deed in favor of New Century Mortgage Corporation recorded January 27, 2006 in Book 2105, Page 395 securing \$172,000.00 (prior), recorded in Deed Book 2105, page 395, Newton County Records.

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

**THE PROCEEDS** of said sale will be applied to the payment of said indebtedness and all expenses of said sale as provided in said Deed, and the balance, if any, will be distributed as provided by law.

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

**THE PROPERTY** is or may be in the possession of Stephanie Channell, successor in interest or tenant(s).

**QUIMBY VENTURES, LLC** as Attorney-in-Fact for Stephanie Channell

**FILE NO. 21-077787**  
**LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP\***  
**ATTORNEYS AND** Counselors at Law  
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**BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300159**  
**11/28-12/5,12,19,26**

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

**UNDER AND** by virtue of the

Power of Sale contained in a Deed to Secure Debt given by **ERIC T. MENCHION AND LAURA MENCHION** to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. ("MERS"), AS NOMINEE FOR FRANKLIN AMERICAN MORTGAGE COMPANY , dated 10/12/2007, and Recorded on 10/12/2007 as Instrument No. 017351, Book No. 2529 and Page No. 38 49, NEWTON County, Georgia records, as last assigned to WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, AS TRUSTEE OF QUERCUS MORTGAGE INVESTMENT TRUST (the Secured Creditor), by assignment, conveying the after described property to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of \$172,600.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the NEWTON County Courthouse within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in January, 2022, the following described property: ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 186 OF THE 10TH DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 246, CAMERONS LANDING SUBDIVISION, UNIT FIVE, AS PER PLAT RECORDED AT PLAT BOOK 33, PAGE 175, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS, WHICH PLAT IS MADE A PART HEREOF FOR A MORE COMPLETE DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT PROPERTY. The debt secured by said Deed to Secure Debt has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Deed to Secure Debt. Because the debt remains in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Deed to Secure Debt and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, AS TRUSTEE OF QUERCUS MORTGAGE INVESTMENT TRUST holds the duly endorsed Note and is the current assignee of the Security Deed to the property. CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC, acting on behalf of and, as necessary, in consultation with WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, AS TRUSTEE OF QUERCUS MORTGAGE INVESTMENT TRUST (the current investor on the loan), is the entity with the full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the loan. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44 14 162.2, CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC may be contacted at: CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC, 1600 SOUTH DOUGLASS ROAD, SUITE 200 A, ANAHEIM, CA 92806, 800 561 4567. Please note that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44 14 162.2, the secured creditor is not required to amend or modify the terms of the loan. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party/ parties in possession of the subject property known as **210 LANDING LANE, COVINGTON, GEORGIA 30016** is/are: ERIC T. MENCHION AND LAURA MENCHION or tenant/ tenants. Said property will be sold subject to (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), (b) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (c) all matters of record superior to the Deed to Secure Debt first set out above, including, but not limited to, assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, easements, restrictions, covenants, etc. The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 9 13 172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and nonjudicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided in the preceding paragraph. WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, AS TRUSTEE OF QUERCUS MORTGAGE INVESTMENT TRUST as Attorney in Fact for ERIC T. MENCHION AND LAURA MENCHION. THIS LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. To obtain options and alternatives to foreclosure please contact Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC directly, toll free by the following telephone number: (800 561 4567). 00000009333741

BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER  
TURNER & ENGEL, LLP 4004 Belt  
Line Road, Suite 100 Addison, Texas  
75001 Telephone: (972) 341 5398.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300248**  
**12/5,12,19,26**

**Name Changes**

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

**IN RE** the Name Change of  
Child(ren):  
**MIRANDA ASHANTI MARKS**

**AMANDA J. CALDEIRA**  
**PETITIONER,**  
**V.**  
**LELAND GODFREY MARKS**  
**RESPONDENT.**

**CIVIL ACTION NUMBER**  
**2021-CV-2561-3**

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

**AMANDA J. CALDEIRA** filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on NOVEMBER 12, 2021, to change the name of the following minor child  
**FROM: MIRANDA ASHANTI MARKS to MIRANDA ASHANTI, MARKS-CALDEIRA**  
**ANY INTERESTED** party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within the time prescribed in O.C.G.A. §§ 19-12-1(f)(2) and (3).

**AMANDA J CALDEIRA**  
**95 CENTIPEDE DRIVE,**  
**COVINGTON GA 30016**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300236**  
**11/28-12/5,12,19**

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

**IN RE** the Name Change of:  
**ALAYNA JONES**  
**PETITIONER,**

**CIVIL ACTION NUMBER**  
**2021-CV-2702-5**

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

**ALAYNA MARIE JONES,** filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on DECEMBER 2, 2021, to change the name from **ALAYNA MARIE JONES to ASHTON BLAKE JONES** Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objection within 30 days after the Petition was filed.

**DECEMBER 2, 2021**

**ALAYNA JONES**  
**270 TRELAWNEY LANE**  
**COVINGTON, GA 30016**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300291**  
**12/12,19,26-1/2**

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

**IN RE** the Name Change of:  
**ANN MARIE LLEWELLYN HUGGINS**  
**PETITIONER,**

**CIVIL ACTION NUMBER**  
**2021-CV-2649-5**

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

**ANN MARIE LLEWELLYN HUGGINS,** filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on November 23, 2021, to change the name from **ANN MARIE LLEWELLYN HUGGINS to ANN MARIE LLEWELLYN** Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objection within 30 days after the Petition was filed.

**NOVEMBER 23, 2021**

**ANN MARIE Llewellyn Huggins**  
**50 CASEY'S Way**  
**COVINGTON GA 30014**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300260**  
**12/5,12,19,26**

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

**IN RE** the Name Change of:  
**FELICIA YVETTE JOHNSTON**  
**PETITIONER,**

**CIVIL ACTION NUMBER**  
**2021-CV-2705-2**

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

**FELICIA YVETTE JOHNSTON,** filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on November 22, 2021, to change the name from

**FELICIA YVETTE JOHNSTON** to **FELICIA YVETTE JACKSON** Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objection within 30 days after the Petition was filed.

**NOVEMBER 22, 2021**

**FELICIA YVETTE JOHNSTON**  
**PO BOX 2455**  
**COVINGTON GA 30015**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300309**  
**12/19,26-1,2,9**

**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 petition in the Newton County Superior Court on November 16, 2021, to change the name from **MICHAEL ANTHONY SYKES to MICHAEL ANTHONY COOK** Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objection within 30 days after the Petition was filed.

**NOVEMBER 16, 2021**

**MICHAEL SYKES**  
**65 PEBBLE Drive**  
**COVINGTON, GA 30016**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300229**  
**11/28-12/5,12,19**

**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**

**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 and 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**

**NOTICE IS** hereby given, per the City of Covington's Code of Ordinances Chapter 16.52.270, that the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) will hold a meeting on January 5th @ 6 PM at the City Hall Council Chambers, 2116 Stallings Street, Covington, GA. Purpose of this meeting is for the HPC to consider the submitted

application below for a Certificate of Appropriateness at the following property:

**A. COA# - PCA21-0021**  
"tabled item"  
**REQUEST: REAR** Addition  
**(COMMERCIAL WALK-IN cooler )**  
**LOCATION: 1116** Clark St.,  
**TMP#: C026** 0001 003  
**PROPERTY OWNER(S)/**  
**APPLICANT(S):** 2 by 4 Holdings, LLC/John Beszborn

**B. COA# - PMOD21-0003**  
**REQUEST: DETACHED** Carport Addition  
**LOCATION: 2111** Church Street  
**TMP#: C019** 0004 004  
**PROPERTY OWNER(S)/**  
**APPLICANT(S):** Mark Mallard

**C COA# -**  
**PMINOR21-0028**  
**REQUEST: EXTERIOR** Renovation  
**LOCATION: 2101** Washington Street  
**TMP#: C023** 0020 002  
**PROPERTY OWNER(S)/**  
**APPLICANT(S):** Broadway Tower, Inc./ Gerald Eickhoff  
**D. COA# - PMOD21-0004**  
**REQUEST: EXTERIOR** remodel  
**LOCATION: 5191** Emory St., NW  
**TMP#: C023** 0004 002  
**PROPERTY OWNER(S)/**  
**APPLICANT(S):** UAC Remodeling, Inc. / Augustine Uche & Joyce Gardner  
**ALL INTERESTED** parties are invited to participate, meeting will be held in person. For additional information, contact Renee Criswell, at rcriswell@cityofcovington.org, or 770-385-2178. Due to circumstances necessitated by emergency conditions involving public safety and preservation of public services, public access to this meeting will be of hybrid format (in person or virtual).  
**VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE CAN BE ACCESSED THROUGH THE FOLLOWING LINK:** https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81755697966  
**OR VIA PHONE BY CALLING** 1-646-558-8656,  
Meeting ID: 817 5569 7966

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300313**  
**12/19**

**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 10-4-215 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 are cash or 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  
**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 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**

**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 10-4-215 to satisfy the owner's lien. All bids will be accepted online through www.storageauctions.com. The auction will end on or after 3 January 2022, 3PM. Covington Stor-it reserves the right to withdraw units from such a sale and reject any bid. Terms of sale are cash or money order only.

**BRENDA BLACKWELL,** Unit 133 appears to contain; Refrigerator television, toys, vacuum, pictures, mirror, gas can.  
**NAKITA DAVENPORT,** Unit 296, appears to contain; Refrigerator, couch, television, clothing, toys, mattress, stove, bed frame.  
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**PATRICIA DANIELS**  
**PROPERTY MANAGER**  
**COVINGTON STOR-IT**  
**8165 WASHINGTON St. S.W.**  
**COVINGTON, GA 30014**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300311**  
**12/19,26**

**Trade Names**

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

**TO WHOM** It may Concern:  
**PLEASE BE** advised that **HILTON HOMETOWN HARVEST, LLC** whose address is 628 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 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 1ST** day of DECEMBER 2021

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300281**  
**12/12,19**

**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.  
**THIS 2ND** day of DECEMBER 2021

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300285**  
**12/12,19**



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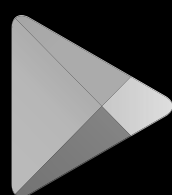
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## TEAM:

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Four seasons ago, Miranda Lamb took the reins of the Lady Tiger softball program. She was tasked with returning a winning tradition back to the program at Alcovy.

While there's been gradual progression the past few years, this season Lamb and the Lady Tigers accomplished a goal of theirs: Qualify for the state play-offs.

Prior to this year's post-season appearance, it'd been five years since the last one for Alcovy.

The Lady Tigers accomplished this all while having a very young team with a lot of freshmen and sophomores leading the way.

But Lamb was at the helm of it all and seems to have the softball program trending in the right direction with a bright future ahead.

Here are other selections broken down by position group:

### ALL-COVINGTON NEWS TEAM

#### PITCHERS

- **Hayden Pearson**, Newton, senior
  - 58.1 IP, 55 Ks, 5.036 ERA
  - All-Region selection for Region 4-AAAAAAA
- **Dezaria Johnson**, Eastside, senior
  - 88.2 IP, 75 Ks, 2.13 ERA
  - 1st Team All-Region for Region 8-AAAAA

#### INFIELDERS

- **Lauren Burnett**, Eastside, senior, shortstop
  - .442 BA, .552 OBP, 5 SB, 4 HR, 26 RBIs, 31 R and .890 FP
  - 1st Team All-Region for Region 8-AAAAA
- **Kaitlyn Williams**, Alcovy, freshman, second base
  - .391 BA, .458 OBP, 1 HR, 6 RBI, 7 BB, .975 FP
  - 1st Team All-Region for Region 3-AAAAAAA



Pictured left, Alcovy's Miranda Lamb was named Coach of the Year. Right, Newton's Kyla Stroud was named Slugger of the Year after batting .409 on the season. She tallied 33 RBIs and 3 homeruns.

- **Savannah Frachiseur**, Social Circle, freshman, third base
  - .329 BA, .387 OBP, 18 RBI, 14 R, 9 BB, .961 FP
  - Honorable Mention for Region 8A-Public
- **Alexa Wykoff**, Social Circle, senior, shortstop
  - .360 BA, .444 OBP, 1 HR, 21 RBI, 29 R, 12 BB, .922 FP
  - Region 8A-Public Player of the Year

#### OUTFIELDERS

- **D'myia Jackson**, Newton, senior
  - .329 BA, .390 OBP, 3 HR 14 RBI, 6 SB, .952 FP
- **Kayla Lovelace**, Alcovy, senior
  - .243 BA, .391 OBP, 4 RBI, 6 BB and .826 FP

- Honorable Mention for Region 3-AAAAAA
- **Halie Richardson**, Social Circle, junior
  - .354 BA, .443 OBP, 19 RBI, 14 BB, 21 SB, .920 FP
  - 1st Team All-Region for Region 8A-Public

#### CATCHERS

- **Heather Henderson**, Eastside, senior
  - .319 batting average, .364 OBP, 19 RBI
  - 1st Team All-Region for Region 8-AAAAA
- **Mackenzie Parrott**, Alcovy, sophomore
  - .283 batting average, .328 OBP, 2 HR, 13 RBI, 8 R, 3 BB, .946 FP
  - 2nd Team All-Region for Region 3-AAAAAA

#### HONORABLE MENTION

- **Lexi McDonald**, Alcovy, senior, first base
  - .405 BA, .429 OBP, 1



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at the line.

As the Tigers pulled within 10 points near the end of the third quarter, Social Circle began to go point-for-point with Alcovy, maintaining almost a double-digit lead for the rest of the game.

Tyrhell Branch helped secure the win in the final eight minutes.

The senior scored from both the field and line on his way to a 12-point fourth quarter to ice the game and keep the Redskins undefeated.

Even so, Redskins head coach Taylor Jackson believes the best is yet to come for this year's team.

"Even though we have beaten much bigger schools than us, we also understand that our best basketball has not been played yet," Social Circle head coach Taylor Jackson said. "We can get better at shooting with more confidence for the full four quarters and better defense. Our confidence level is high, but we still know we are getting better."

Branch surpassed his 1,000th point on his way to a team-leading 20 points as he was one of the main reasons the Tigers failed to come back into the game late. Junior AJ Vinson followed with 14-points in a game where he dominated boards for the Redskins.

Spears led the Tigers with 19 points as his shooting in the second half kept the game close for Alcovy. Junior Ben Hodges followed in second with 16 points.

After advancing to 8-0 on the season, Social Circle will go home as they host region opponent Towns County Saturday, Dec. 18. The Tigers fall to 2-8 on the year and will host a non-region matchup against the Monroe Area Hurricanes Friday, Dec. 17.

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