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# NEXT LEVEL TALENT

## His Word

When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts: gold, and frankincense and myrrh.

**Matthew 2:10-11 K.I.V**

# Morning Hornet takes ownership of second \$42B data center project

Hornet was the legal identity that Facebook (now Meta) operated under in a similar data center deal in 2018.

Documents obtained by The Covington News through an open records request to the JDA confirmed that Baymare assigned its interest in the data center project to Morning Hornet on Dec. 1.

Why Baymare relinquished ownership to Morning Hornet is unknown. So, too, is the identity of the industry (or industries) represented by Baymare and Morning



**Pictured is an aerial view of Stanton Springs from early March 2021. The massive industrial park is home to Takeda and Meta's Newton Data Center, and future home to Rivian and a second mystery data center.**

for more than 628.5 acres of land, priced at \$62,500 per

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**Nationally famous TV cooking show host Nathalie Dupree is credited as the originator of the 'new Southern cooking movement' after perfecting her technique in a restaurant in the Brick Store community in the early 1970s.**

# ‘FROM SCRATCH’

Famed author, cooking show host first made name for herself in Brick Store

**SOCIAL CIRCLE, Ga.** — Nathalie Dupree remembers the details of her Newton County experience seemingly like it was yesterday — even though it was half a century ago .

The nationally famous cookbook author and originator of the new Southern cooking movement perfected her technique in the Brick Store com-

munity where she opened and operated a restaurant inside a business called Mt. Pleasant Village in the early 1970s.

Dupree spoke by phone from Raleigh, North Carolina, where she now lives with husband Jack Bass. She was planning a Christmas Day dinner just for the two of them featuring Manchester Farms quail from South Carolina.

"I haven't decided how I'll

cook it yet, probably with pepper jelly,” she said.

She and “favorite former husband” David Dupree operated Nathalie’s restaurant across from The Hub, a grocery store which had been a major destination for passenger buses during World War II and still served as a major stop for the long-distance transit operations

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# County says goodbye to Kerr



**County Manager Lloyd Kerr raises the Bicentennial Award County Chairman Marcello Banes, right, gave him during a reception for Kerr Monday.**

COVINGTON, Ga.  
— Newton County government threw a going-away party for its county manager Monday at the Historic Courthouse.

plaudits to Lloyd Kerr during the reception were unable to follow Chairman Marcello Banes' plan for a light-hearted event and instead gave emotional or tearful remembrances.

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## City leaders aim to build on 2021 success in new year

COVINGTON, Ga. — As challenges were thrust at the city of Covington throughout this calendar

year, officials and city employees often rose to the occasion, making it one of the most successful years in the municipality's near 200-year history.

Looking back on the past 12 months City Manager Scott Andrews and Mayor Steve Horton

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**Covington Mayor Steve Horton prepares to take a photo during a city council meeting.**  
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## Kemp proposes help for farmers, food banks

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### Weekend Weather Forecast



**Saturday, Dec. 25**  
High: 68° Low: 50°  
• Mostly sunny



**Sunday, Dec. 26**  
High: 70° Low: 55°  
• Mostly sunny

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COVID-19

# Newton reports 4th-highest COVID rate in Georgia

By **TOM SPIGOLON**  
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Newton County reported the fourth highest COVID-19 case rate among the state's 159 counties Wednesday, Dec. 23, as the COVID-19 Omicron variant's rapid spread spiked cases just before the holidays.

State health records showed Newton recorded 465 cases per 100,000 population in the two-week period since Dec. 8, which was more than triple the number (125) reported in the previous two-week period Nov. 24 to Dec. 8.

The number placed Newton behind only Chattahoochee, Fulton and Rockdale counties in the case rate within each county's total populations in the past two weeks, according to the Georgia Department of Public Health's latest report Wednesday.

Newton's rate also was well above the statewide average of 276 per 100,000 population for the same time period.

It also was higher than more densely populated counties such as DeKalb, Gwinnett, Cobb and Forsyth.

Chattahoochee County is home to the Fort Benning Army base and historically has shown a higher rate throughout much of the pandemic than the rest of Georgia's counties. It reported 716 cases per 100,000.

Fulton County had 504 cases and Rockdale 492, both per 100,000.

The number showed cases per 100,000 residents in the county during the previous two weeks using latest population counts, the Department of Public Health reported.

The latest Georgia Department of Public Health report also showed:

- Newton County reported a daily count of 17 COVID-19 cases Dec. 3. The daily count doubled to 37 on Dec. 16 and doubled again to 75 on Wednesday, Dec. 22.
- Those living in the 30055 zip code in eastern Newton County had the highest rate of incidence of the disease.
- The seven-county region of Georgia that includes Newton had 82% of its hospitals' ICU beds in use (1,002) out of a total of 1,220, or 82%; and 90% of all in-patient hospital beds (4,732) out of 5,248 in the region.

Dr. Norris Little, chief medical officer for Piedmont Newton Hospital, stressed the importance of getting vaccinated against the disease.

"While the vaccines can't entirely prevent people from contracting COVID-19, they do an excellent job of preventing hospitalization and death," he wrote in an op-ed distributed to the county's media outlets.

He said preventing hospitalization for COVID-19 was "vitally important."

"According to early reports, the Omicron variant may not cause as severe illness in many, however, it will cause severe illness (including death) in some, especially the unvaccinated."

"It also appears to be the most contagious of all of the variants," Little said. "That means that the number of people expected to be hospitalized could put enormous pressure on our hospital, and the nation's healthcare system, both of which are already stressed."

"We need to keep hospitals beds open and staff available for non-COVID urgent and emergent medical needs, as well as some much-needed elective procedures," he wrote.

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## OBITUARY

**Steven Daryl Connell Sr.**  
*Caldwell & Cowan Funeral Home*  
Steven Daryl Connell, Sr., of Oxford, passed away Monday, December 20, 2021, at the age of 63. A lifelong resident of Newton County, Mr. Connell was a 1975 graduate of Newton County Comprehensive High School and a member of the Local 48 Insulator's Union. He was a car enthusiast and enjoyed working on them and in his younger years he liked hunting and fishing.

**Steven Daryl Connell Sr.**

Mr. Connell was preceded in death by his loving wife of 36 years, Patricia Connell. Survivors include his daughter, Jessica Lowery (Travis); son, Steven Daryl Connell, II; grandchildren, Brannan Lowery, Jessé Lowery, Jordan Wade McCullough; parents, Jackson and Barbara Connell; brothers, Keith Connell, David Connell (Riza), Tommy Connell (Sharon); as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Service for Mr. Connell will be held Monday, December 27, 2021, 2:00 P.M., at the Chapel of Caldwell & Cowan, 1215 Access Road, in Covington, and interment following in Lawnwood Memorial Park. Friends are invited to visit with the family at the funeral home, Sunday, December 26, from 5-7 p.m.

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

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# REGIONAL REPORT

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**‘Georgia giant’ Isakson dies at 76**  
Former U.S. Sen. Johnny Isakson died Sunday, Dec. 19, at the age of 76, his family and the foundation he started to raise money for Parkinson's disease announced.

The Republican from Cobb County retired from the Senate at end of 2019 due to Parkinson's and other health issues, the only Georgian to have served in both chambers of Congress and the General Assembly.

“We are grateful for everyone's prayers as we mourn the loss of our father,” said Isakson's oldest son, John Isakson.

Isakson was elected to the Senate in 2004 after serving five years in the U.S. House, where he succeeded former House Speaker Newt Gingrich.

Before that, he was chairman of the Georgia Board of Education, appointed by then-Gov. Roy Barnes,

The owner of a real estate business, Isakson was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives in 1976, where he served as minority leader, and was instrumental in building the state's Republican Party.

Isakson went on to serve in the Georgia Senate after an unsuccessful bid for governor in 1990. He made another run at the Governor's Mansion in 1996 but came up short in the Republican primary.

In an era of increasing partisanship in Washington, Isakson was known for reaching across the aisle to work with Democrats. He played a leading role in the No Child Left Behind education reform legislation in 2001 while a member of the House and improved the law during his time in the Senate.

Also in the Senate, Isakson as chairman of the Veterans Affairs Committee worked to better the lot of the nation's veterans, championing legislation to improve health care and other benefits for veterans.

“Georgia has lost a giant, one of its greatest statesmen, and a ser-



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**Former U.S. Sen. Johnny Isakson died Sunday, Dec. 19, at the age of 76**

vant leader dedicated to making his state and country better than he found it,” Gov. Brian Kemp said Sunday.

“Johnny Isakson ... answered the call to public service many times over his career as a state legislator, minority leader in the Georgia House, chair of the state Board of Education, congressman, and finally as senator.

“His work to champion our veterans, deliver disaster relief for Georgia farmers after Hurricane Michael, and always stand up for Georgia's best interest in the U.S. Senate will live on for generations to come.”

“Senator Isakson was a statesman who served Georgia with honor,” added U.S. Sen. Jon Ossoff, D-Ga. “He put his state and his country ahead of self and party, and his great legacy endures.”

After retiring from Congress, Isakson founded the Isakson Initiative to raise awareness and funding for research related to neurocognitive diseases including Parkinson's, Alzheimer's and related dementia.

— Capitol Beat News

## Georgia schools adding EV career pathway after Rivian announcement

The state Department of Education is responding to last week's announcement that a major electric vehicle manufacturing plant will be built in Georgia by creating an EV career pathway.

The department's Career, Technical and Agricultural Education (CTAE) staff will work

with industry representatives and educators to develop courses to prepare students for careers in the electric vehicle industry.

The curriculum will include EV-specific coursework along with instruction in engineering, manufacturing, drafting/design, and automotive technology.

“As educators, it is our responsibility to prepare students for successful futures, so it's essential that we mount a rapid response to emerging workforce needs within the state of Georgia,” State School Superintendent Richard Woods said.

“The development of a new Electric Vehicle Career Pathway will continue to expand the career pipeline.”

Gov. Brian Kemp announced last week that EV startup Rivian will invest \$5 billion in a manufacturing plant off Interstate 20 east of Atlanta that will create 7,500 jobs. He called it the largest economic development project in Georgia history.

CTAE Director Barbara Wall said in addition to creating the EV career pathway in Georgia high schools, the department is considering ways to provide early exposure to the careers Rivian of-

fers to elementary and middle school students.

The new career pathway is expected to pay dividends particularly in the school systems closest to the planned Rivian plant: Jasper, Morgan, Newton and Walton counties and the Social Circle City School District.

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## Georgia growth outstrips most states in slow-growing nation

While only four states have grown more than Georgia since the release of the 2020 U.S. Census, the Peach State's population increase came as the nation's population grew at the slowest rate since its founding.

Georgia gained 73,766 residents between July 2020 and July of this year to just less than 10.8 million, the U.S. Census Bureau reported Tuesday. Only four states saw larger population increases: Texas, Florida, Arizona and North Carolina.

Nationally, the population rose only 0.1% during that period to nearly 331.9 million.

Census Bureau officials attribute the slow rate of growth to decreased net international migration, lower fertility and higher

mortality due in part to the coronavirus pandemic.

“Population growth has been slowing for years because of lower birth rates and decreasing net international migration, all while mortality rates are rising due to the aging of the nation's population,” said Kristie Wilder, a demographer in the Population Division at the Census Bureau. “Now, with the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, this combination has resulted in an historically slow pace of growth.”

Georgia remains the nation's eighth most populous state, just behind Ohio's 11.8 million residents. California's population of 39.2 million makes it by far the most populous, well ahead of the 29.5 million Texans. Florida is third with 21.8 million residents.

Texas, however, was the fastest growing state as of last July, adding 310,288 residents since July of last year. New York saw the largest numeric decline in population, losing 319,020 residents. The

Empire State also was the top state in rate of decline, losing 1.6% of its total population in just one year.

— Capitol Beat News

## Kemp takes aim at another federal vaccine mandate

Gov. Brian Kemp and Georgia Attorney General Chris Carr are challenging a fourth Biden administration mandate related to the coronavirus pandemic.

A lawsuit filed Tuesday challenges an executive order issued late last month by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services requiring all staff associated with any programs funded through Head Start as well as certain of the program's contractors and volunteers to wear masks and get vaccinated.

The mandate includes some programs administered by the Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning.

“This is just the latest and most egregious in a growing list of overreaches by this president,” Kemp said.

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# OPINIONS

The Covington News

Patrick Graham owner

## Nativity story yields year-round lessons

[Editor's Note: This column by owner Patrick Graham first ran in The Walton Tribune on Christmas Day 2016.]

I've really never studied much about the Nativity until this year, and I've found the differences in the Gospels about the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, fascinating.



For example, did you know Mark and John don't even touch on the birth of Jesus? Instead, their Gospels essentially begin with Jesus as an adult being baptized in the Jordan by John the Baptist — almost as though they were more interested in starting out with his spiritual birth rather than his physical birth.

The story of Jesus' birth can, however, be found in Matthew and Luke. Even then, the narratives in the two versions are very different from each other.

For example, Matthew is very straight-to-the-point about Jesus' birth, spending little time on it, and then he goes into great detail about the visit by the wise men and Herod's attempt to find and kill Jesus by misleading them. Interestingly enough, there is no mention of Jesus being born in a manger in Matthew's Gospel, instead indicating the wise men



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**This Nativity scene is the favorite Christmas decoration of my wife, Allison Graham. The story of the Nativity is only found in two of the four Gospels in the Bible, and in each of those two Gospels – Matthew and Luke – it appears to have two very different versions of the story.**

came to a “house” to see Jesus and pay homage.

Luke, on the other hand, spends a lot more time on the birth of Jesus. He goes into great detail about Mary and Joseph traveling to Bethlehem because of the census. There was no room in the inn where they stayed, so Jesus was born in a manger instead. Rather than a visit from wise men, it was shepherds who came to see Jesus at the behest of a host of angels.

To be honest, in my mind I had always combined these two versions of the birth of Jesus into one story, not really understanding they were two separate accounts.

What a truly miraculous story it is, however, no matter from which perspective you take it.

I'd like to share two good points about the Nativity I learned last week.

One comes from a brief sermon I heard on the radio about how the “no room in the inn” for Jesus line in the Nativity story was an appropriate metaphor for how we often don't make room for Jesus in our lives, even at Christmas time, and instead we need to make sure we do — not just at Christmas, but year-round. What a terrific and timely reminder.

The other was from my good friend Bruce Williamson, who sent me a column from an economist he follows. The economist made the argument that although the innkeeper is often portrayed as evil because all he provided

Mary and Joseph was his manger rather than a room at his inn, that actually he is benevolent for doing so. The government requiring the census, causing everyone to have to travel all over the Middle East for no reason, was the real culprit here. The innkeeper was simply trying to find a way to accommodate these weary travelers, and he did the best he could.

So many good lessons to learn from the Nativity story and from the Bible as a whole.

So little time.  
Merry Christmas, everyone.

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Your Letters to the Editor

## Local business owner reminds county that Confederate monument was erected as memorial to soldiers killed

**Dear Editor:**

The “Confederate Monument” on the Covington square was not built as a monument to the Confederacy, rather, it was 100% a memorial to Confederate dead. It is essentially a tombstone.

It is absolutely the most magnificent work of public art in Covington - Newton County Ga. and has been for 115+ years.

At the end of the brutal Civil War, many of Georgia's young men lay dead in graves scattered among battlefields, hospitals, and prisoner of war camps throughout the South and into the North. Around 1892, after the Civil War ended, the Ladies of Newton County

began an effort to erect a memorial to the local war dead, their husbands and sons, who never came home from the war. In order that those who had died in the war to not to be forgotten, they decided to build a memorial in their honor. These women initiated a fundraising effort which involved a “Penny Drive” to fund the monument, collecting money for 14 years at the Covington Square, and at other events for raising money. Sufficient amounts were raised to commission a monument to be built and erected at the highly prominent location of Newton County — which was the large Covington city square.

The Leaders of Newton

County and city of Covington Ga. were fully involved with the citizens' request to placing the monument and GLADLY DONATED THE LOCATION on the square where the monument has stood for 115 years. Today, neither Newton County or the city of Covington hold any documents showing their ownership of the monument in any way. When the county allowed the monument to be placed at the center of the public square, they also gifted the land under the monument and the right for the monument to remain there. They do not own the 6 ft by 6 ft parcel of land under the monument, it was gifted to the monument at that time in 1906, that fact has been proven in several monument removal cases around the South. The monument was gifted to the citizens of Newton county and the descendants of those that lost their life during the war. Inscribed on the monument is a statement “Should no women endure the hardship's” they did of running their farms and raising family without their men at home to help. The 6 ft x 6 ft land parcel under the monument belongs to the monument, and to All The Citizens of Newton County.

We must PULL TOGETHER to urge the county commissioners to RESCIND THEIR VOTE to remove the monument from the Square, to NOT BREAK STATE LAW 50-3-1 which would be a clear violation of the Oath of Office they took to not break

state and local laws. Should the Monument be removed, each (both current and past commissioners) that voted to remove, will be sued individually, because Sovereign Immunity of Govt. employees ended on Jan. 1, 2021. They Will Be 100% Responsible For Their Own Legal Fees.

Another More Sensible Option? Don't take down a Monument, Add One! The county commissioners should make plans to erect a new monument on the square, not remove the one already there. This new monument should Not Be Paid For with Taxpayers Money, but by Private Donations Only. Who or What should the New Monument Represent? How about a prominent local citizen who fought for Civil Rights in Newton County?

But who? I did their homework for them!

Forrest “Preacher” Sawyer, Sr. — a local key figure and involvement in the 1960's, 1970's Civil Rights marches, a time when blacks were marching for equality in the Newton County School System as well as a number of other places within the county. He Led equality student protests. He was a founding member of the Newton County Voters League and an active 14 member of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), and Washington Street Community Center. He was also Elected as a Covington City Council Member.

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Dr. Norris Little guest editorial

## Doctor urges residents to get vaccine, booster

Hospitals across the country are often full at this time of year because of seasonal illnesses, like the flu.

This year, however, we are also still contending with COVID-19. In addition to the Delta variant, which caused the largest and worse surge of the



pandemic, thus far, the Omicron variant is now the predominant variant and spreading rapidly.

According to early reports, the Omicron variant may not cause as severe illness in many, however, it will cause severe illness (including death) in some, especially the unvaccinated. It also appears to be the most contagious of all of the variants. That means that the number of people expected to be hospitalized could put enormous pressure on our hospital, and the nation's healthcare system, both of which are already stressed.

Speaking on behalf of all of the physicians, nurses, and staff members of our hospital, I am urging every member of the community to get vaccinated against COVID-19, if they haven't already done so. If you have already received the COVID-19 vaccine, be sure to get your booster shot as well.

Initial data from Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, suggests that two doses of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines provide just 33% effectiveness in preventing severe illness/hospitalization against Omicron. However, third doses show high levels of protection against Omicron, about 70%. Early data also indicates that the antibodies resulting from people who have survived COVID-19 infections (sometimes referred to as “natural immunity”) does not provide the same amount of protection against this variant.

While the vaccines can't entirely prevent people from contracting COVID-19, they do an excellent job of preventing hospitalization and death.

Preventing hospitalization for COVID-19 is vitally important. We need to keep hospitals beds open and staff available for non-COVID urgent and emergent medical needs, as well as some much-needed elective procedures.

The greatest gift you can give your friends, family, and community is the assurance that you are doing all you can to stop the spread of COVID-19. While that means getting vaccinated and boosted, that also means continuing to practice the three W's: Wearing a mask, Washing your hands, and Watching your distance. We also recommend that when possible, people use the at-home tests, available at local pharmacies and retailers, before attending a large gathering with vulnerable populations.

December marks the one-year anniversary of the COVID-19 vaccine being available. Over 200 million Americans are now considered to be fully vaccinated. That is an enormous help, but as a nation we can, and must, do better. If we ever hope to put COVID-19 firmly behind us, we need everyone to remain vigilant in doing all the right things.

On behalf of our caregivers, thank you for your support and your cooperation.

*Dr. Norris Little is chief medical officer of Piedmont Newton Hospital.*

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# COVID funding going to hospital system, judicial circuit

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Newton County's hospital and its court system recently received shares of state-wide COVID relief funding.

The Federal Communications Commission recently approved Piedmont Healthcare, the parent company of Piedmont Newton Hospital, among 68 applications for funding commitments totaling \$42.7 million as part of the FCC's COVID-19 Telehealth Program.

And the Judicial Council of Georgia Ad Hoc Committee on American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding has awarded grants totaling \$24.8 million to 26 judicial circuits, including the Alcovy circuit which includes Newton County.

Piedmont Healthcare, a system of hospitals that includes Piedmont Newton Hospital, was awarded \$197,789 for the purchase of remote monitoring kits including Bluetooth-enabled pulse oximeters, blood pressure devices, and scales, to provide improved remote care throughout the hospital system.

The FCC's COVID-19 Telehealth

Program supports the efforts of health care providers to continue serving their patients by providing reimbursement for telecommunications services, information services, and connected devices necessary to enable telehealth during the COVID-19 pandemic.

This round of funding is a \$249.95 million federal initiative that builds on the \$200 million program established as part of the CARES Act.

"As the impact of new variants continue to challenge our health-care system, the FCC has worked diligently to review and approve funding commitments as part of our COVID-19 Telehealth Program," said Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel. "As we head into 2022, the ability to treat patients and loved ones from the safety of their home is of vital importance."

On Nov. 9, the FCC's Wireline Competition Bureau issued a Public Notice announcing an opportunity for all remaining applicants to supplement their applications, as required by Congress. Remaining applicants had 10 days to supplement their ap-

plications which were then evaluated.

Meanwhile, judicial circuits which operate the court systems statewide submitted applications for ARPA funds allocated to the judicial branch.

The Committee accepted applications from Nov. 10 through Nov. 30 for the award period beginning Jan. 1, 2022.

In October, Supreme Court of Georgia Chief Justice David E. Nahmias, also chair of the Judicial Council, announced the allocation of up to \$110 million of ARPA funds by Gov. Brian P. Kemp to address backlogs of court cases, particularly cases involving serious violent felonies.

The Judicial Council is administering up to \$96 million of that total for eligible courts, prosecutors, and related agencies. The remaining \$14 million in ARPA funds is allocated to the Georgia Public Defender Council for grants to public defenders.

Requests from judicial circuits included funding for temporary personnel to respond to the case backlog, including senior judges and judges to serve by

designation, assistant district attorneys, security personnel, victim support, and court reporters, funding for rental costs for temporary space to hold court, supplies and materials, and administrative staff to support grant administration.

Georgia's judiciary operated under a State-wide Judicial Emergency Order from March 2020 through June 2021. The order placed necessary limitations on court operations to protect the health of those working in and coming to courthouses during this time but also resulted in a backlog of criminal and civil cases, particularly those requiring jury trials to resolve.

Since the order expired on June 30, 2021, courts have increased efforts to resolve cases, but the ongoing pandemic continues to limit the pace and scale of court operations as public health measures remain in place.

The committee, chaired by Presiding Justice Michael P. Boggs, is overseeing the application process for the grants and the Judicial Council's

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## LETTER:

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A Great Choice!  
As the New Wall Mural Downtown and Other Local Tourism Sign's State: Progressive and Historical Covington - Newton county. The county and city push tourism and movie making because of our local heritage and history, yet are trying to remove the very history they promote!  
Very Hypocritical Actions from local elected leaders. The majority of downtown businesses Do Not Want The Monument Removed, as well as a Majority of Local Citizens. Are these elected leaders listening to the voters or acting on the agenda of those that pull their puppet strings?

Removal of a monument honoring the Veterans who never came home to Newton county from the Civil War is a Insult to those that fought in that war and all local citizens past and present. The commissioners voted to remove it, without any stated reason at the time of the vote.

14 days later, under advice from their legal counsel, they stated they had threats that the monument would be damaged or pulled down. Several Open

Record Request to Local Govt. to investigate all emails, letters, 911 calls ect, produced ZERO PROOF of any actual threats to the monument. The County Leaders Lied To Cover Their Vote. Their vote was based on actions in Rockdale and Henry county where their monuments were removed swiftly at night, and those counties violated Ga. law 50-3-1. Newton Commissioners attempted to pull a quick removal as well and already had several bids and even a contract to remove, before the Monument Removal topic ever entered any "official minutes" of Newton county board of commissioners. This was a pre-planned and orchestrated Racially Motivated Assault on Local History and Southern Heritage. When commissioners that did not want the monument removed suggested adding a new monument to the square, they refused to consider that option.

Local Elected Leaders should listen to what their voters have as concerns, not to the special interest agenda campaign donors want. These Leaders work for the Citizens of Newton

county, and they made this very questionable political move (with just 4 votes) to remove a 115 year old monument without proper representation of All The Citizens' Input. Their vote to remove the monument, the act of receiving bids and contracts way before the topic or vote ever happened, and the sneaky acts the Commission Chairman used in his plan to remove at night while case was still under appeal, proves that the entire agenda from these local elected leaders is corrupt. The local Judge had to stop the removal again even though his earlier ruling stopped any actions to remove. The BOC chairman planned to break the law AND the Judge's original order. Luckily, the Judge places a additional protection order to not remove the monument. Sadly, these are elected leaders, openly voting and planning to break Ga. Law, and feel no remorse in their actions.

Where do we go from here?

Get Involved In This Fight to Save The Monument!

The case is under appeal in the state court

system. Contact your Newton county commissioners and demand that they Rescind Their Vote to Remove, demand they drop their agenda to remove, stop using taxpayers money in their attempt to break Ga. Law 50-3-1.

Point out that a monument to honor local civil rights activist Forrest "Preacher" Sawyer, Sr. - a key figure and involvement in the 1960's, 1970's would be a better idea than removing a monument to those that died in the civil war. Stop the racially charged agenda and be a real leader in our community for all citizens.

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As Morning Hornet takes ownership of the second \$42 billion data center deal, bond documents and the project's details become virtually identical.

Does this point to another major data center deal with Meta?

Serra Hall, who is executive director of Newton County Industrial Development Authority and chief recruiter for the JDA, would neither confirm nor deny that the data center would be for Meta.

"We've been very fortunate to have Meta and Newton Data Center out at Stanton Springs for many years now," she told The Covington News on Wednesday. "We're now thrilled to welcome Morning Hornet to Stanton Springs."

Meta officials could not be reached for comment prior to this publication.

Exactly when the

identity of the incoming industry might be revealed remains unclear. However, Hall said the project was "moving ahead nicely."

Construction of the data center, which will total approximately 2 million square feet located at Stanton Springs South, will be completed in phases, bond documents state.

Phase 1, which is estimated to cost \$750 million, is expected to be finished by Dec. 31, 2026. With 900,000 square-feet of interior space, the Phase 1 facility's completion will add approximately 50 new jobs. Phases 2, 3 and 4 facilities are estimated to cost \$550 million each for 400,000 square-feet of interior space per facility, and each phase will have completion dates in 2028, 2030 and 2032, respectively.

The listed dollar amounts and facility dimensions were

identical to those found within bond documents for the 2018 deal.

As approved by all four counties, Morning Hornet will make payments in lieu of taxes, or PILOTs, starting in April 2027 at \$2 million and increase by \$1 million every two years until April 2033, totaling \$5 million per year. The payments will be due even if the phases are not completed on time.

Newton and Walton counties will receive 37.5% of the revenue, Morgan County will receive 15% and Jasper County 10%.

The PILOT payments will compensate the four counties for lost tax revenue due to the tax exempt status of the property.

The bonds will be issued as what are commonly called "phantom bonds," where the JDA issues the bonds and then Morning Hornet purchases them. The

JDA will take title to the project and then lease it to Morning Hornet for a period of time so the bonds can remain tax exempt.

Though Morning Hornet will appear to make rent payments to cover debt services on the bonds, no money will change hands since the company will have bought the bonds.

School and county property taxes will be abated during construction.

As part of the deal, Morning Hornet will also provide up to \$3 million to fund construction of a two-lane frontage road that runs parallel to the project and a spur to improve traffic flow, which will begin as soon as the deal is completed.

Morning Hornet will also pay the JDA a bond issuance fee of \$1.5 million.

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Administrative Office of the Courts is facilitating the grant application, awarding, compliance, and reporting processes. The funds will be awarded on

a calendar year basis, and all funds allocated to the judicial branch must be spent by Dec. 31, 2024.

"We look forward to support-

ing these circuits, and all future applicants, in their work," Boggs said.

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are proud of the city's many accomplishments.

Some of the city's many successes were historic, such as establishing a Citizen Review Board for the Covington Police Department and installing an electric vehicle charging station at the Welcome Center.

Here were some accomplishments:

- The city returned the annual FUZZ Run to an in-person format on Sept. 11. The Police Who Care continued its four-decade effort to assist families in need in Covington year round.
- The police department brought back the K9 units, introduced bike units to patrol, and added a shot spotter detecting system.
- A Therapy Dog – Annie – joined the 911 Team. Having a therapy dog was an annual goal in 2020 for the 911 Center.
- The IT department constructed additional

fiber optics installation for the new E-911 cell towers.

- Along with the purchase of a new rescue truck, the Covington Fire Department received 600 smoke alarms from donations.
- Human Resources revamped the "College Worker Program" which included interviews for all potential candidates. "The selected candidates worked in their field of study and produced quality work such as our first COV recruitment video and a Text 911 video, which launched in July."
- Public Works completed updates to the Puckett Street Water Main by replacing old and undersized sewer mains and manholes with new and upgraded size sewer mains and manholes for maximum capacity and longevity. This will help the neighborhood for years to come.

- The Water Reclamation team applied for and received the 2020 Georgia Association of Water Professionals Gold Award for Excellence.
- The American Public Gas Association (APGA) Safety Award was awarded to Covington's department for the third year in a row.
- Planning and Zoning Department held two "Jane Jacobs Walks" focusing on West and East downtown neighborhoods for staff and community members to learn about Covington's history.
- 299 permits were pulled for Planning and Zoning related actives.
- The building permitting process is now streamlined, making it easier for homeowners to pull their own permits.
- By accepting the property tax roll-back rate, the property tax millage rate was reduced in 2021 for

the second consecutive year. The prior year millage rate was 7.186. The roll-back rate was voted on and set at 6.884.

- 4.92 miles of streets were paved in 2021, which cost \$1,963,100.12.
- From January through November, 68,861 people signed the visitor's book at the Welcome Center.

Looking ahead to next year, city leaders hope to build on these successes as they prepare to celebrate Covington's bicentennial.

Andrews and staff believe 2022 could be the city's most "interactive" years in Covington's 200 years.

There are more than 30 events slated for 2022 — some old and some new.

Concerts on the Square and Live @ Legion concerts will return along with the Magnolia Drive-In series. Mainstays like the Christmas Lighting of the Square and Independence in the Park July 4 celebration will return and will include new facets for 2022. Several large-scale events "never taken place in the community" are being planned for the new year. Bicentennial events will also be hosted all year long.



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## Kemp proposes program to support state farmers, food banks

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Gov. Brian Kemp announced a proposal which will benefit Georgia farmers and food banks on Dec. 20 in a press conference at the Atlanta Community Food Bank.

“At a time when demand for Georgia food bank services has increased, we are proposing legislation to support and leverage an underutilized law that combats agricultural waste and addresses fresh produce shortages in regional food banks,” Kemp said. “Together, we will continue to fight hunger and support our farm families.”

Regional food banks currently receive funding from the USDA’s Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP). At the state level, funds have not been appropriated to a complementary pro-



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**Gov. Brian Kemp’s proposed actions would allow more farmers to enter the market and be compensated at a level equal to input costs plus half of appreciation for unsold produce, rather than wasting 4-5 million pounds of surplus produce, as has been the case in recent years.**

gram since its inception in 1998. Gov. Kemp is proposing legislation which will improve the applicable Georgia code and provide a clearer path for the

implementation of this program at the state level.

To complement legislative updates, Kemp will include funding in his budget proposal

to support this program. Ultimately, these actions will allow more farmers to enter the market and be compensated at a level equal to input costs plus half of

appreciation for unsold produce, rather than wasting 4-5 million pounds of surplus produce, as has been the case in recent years.

This program would

also help food banks by giving them more resources to purchase Georgia Grown fresh produce, open the market for increased bartering, and better serve their clients. By opening this market, food banks can stretch program funding over more purchases. Additionally, implementation of this program will increase the amount of matching funds Georgia is eligible for under TEFAP.

Kemp was accompanied by leaders of the Georgia Department of Agriculture, the Georgia Department of Human Services, members of the Georgia General Assembly, the Georgia Food Bank Association, the Atlanta Community Food Bank, Georgia Farm Bureau, the Georgia Agribusiness Council, and the Georgia Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association to announce the proposal.

## House Agriculture Committee Chairman asks USDA for aid to cotton merchandisers

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Citing what he termed “unparalleled costs and losses impacting merchandisers of U.S. cotton,” House Agriculture Committee Chairman David Scott (D-Georgia) wrote to Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack on Dec. 10 requesting financial relief.

Scott asked Vilsack to direct some of the funding to cotton merchandisers — businesses that market ginned cotton to textile manufacturers. Scott noted that cotton-related professions provide 53,000 jobs in Georgia. Cotton’s overall economic impact on the state surpasses \$3 billion. Georgia ranks third among U.S. states in cotton production. “Our nation’s cotton



**House Agriculture Committee Chairman David Scott (D-Georgia) has requested the USDA direct some funding to cotton merchandisers in need of assistance.**

AP Photo

industry is experiencing unprecedented supply chain disruptions,” Rep. Scott wrote. “Our nation’s cotton merchandisers are being significantly impacted by COVID-related demand erosion and by supply-chain disruptions.”

Scott emphasized the role that cotton merchandisers play in providing liquidity

and risk management for all U.S. cotton producers and farmers.

The U.S. cotton industry has faced numerous challenges with international trade, much of it related to shutdowns from the COVID-19 pandemic.

According to economic analysis from the National Cotton Council (NCC),

shutdowns around the globe resulted in sharp decline in consumer demand. In response, the international shipping industry reduced capacity.

As demand and economies have recovered, an extensive list of factors — from shippers declining to refill empty containers being returned overseas to labor shortages — have compounded financial hardships for U.S. cotton merchandisers.

Shipping cost rates have increased for both rail and ocean freight, and merchandisers, as well as grower-owned cooperatives have incurred additional costs to store more cotton for longer than anticipated.

The NCC estimates that U.S. cotton merchandisers

have sustained additional direct costs for shipping and storage have surpassed \$780 million, which does not include financial losses due to contract defaults and sales cancellations.

The USDA has allocated \$500 million for relief from agricultural market disruptions.

The market disruption aid funding was announced in September as a part of a \$3 billion package to address challenges facing U.S. agricultural producers.

The market disruption aid is targeted for increased transportation challenges, availability and cost of certain materials and other obstacles related to marketing and distribution of agricultural commodities.

## Georgia Foundation for Agriculture-backed mental health pilot study results released

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The Georgia Foundation for Agriculture partnered with the Georgia Rural Health Innovation Center at Mercer University to study the mental well-being, stressors, and coping mechanisms for Georgians in farm occupations. The results from the organizations’ pilot survey, conducted in May and June, were released in November. A broader statewide survey is planned for January 2022.

The foundation and rural health innovation center responses from more than 500 farm owners, farm workers, farm managers, and their spouses about mental well-being topics, including negative emotions, perceived stress, time spent worrying, conditions that cause stress and coping mechanisms.

“This preliminary research is an important first step in laying the groundwork for our

foundation’s response to this growing challenge for Georgia farmers,” GFA Executive Director Lily Baucom said. “The statewide survey will help inform our strategy on this important issue long-term.”

The study found that although half of the farmers are happy with their occupation, they do experience a lot of stress from a variety of sources. Most farmers worry at least one to three hours per day, and about half felt loneliness, sadness, or depression, with a third feeling hopeless. Almost one-third (31%) had suicidal thoughts at least once in the past year. Less than a quarter of participants indicated they had access to a psychologist. About 12% said they would like to visit a mental health professional but have not done so yet.

The effects of COVID-19 were among the top stressors for both farm owners and farm workers. Farm

workers were predominantly worried about retirement savings, while farm owners were focused on the effect of the weather on their income. Almost half of survey participants said they worried about succession planning.

Farmers who do not have access to emergency medical care, in-office routine medical care, telephone access for routine medical care, or telephone access to a psychologist had significantly higher perceived stress. Farmers who experienced the highest perceived stress were also more likely to use unhealthy coping mechanisms, such as hitting or injuring themselves, hitting or kicking things, or using over-the-counter and illicit drugs.

Two-thirds of survey participants indicated they did not have access to recreational activities generally considered to be healthy coping mechanisms.



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## KERR:

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es of him.

Kerr is leaving the job leading the day-to-day operations of the county government on Jan. 1 after county commissioners in November opted not to renew his contract.

He has served as county manager since early 2016 when he was hired in an interim position. He was promoted to the permanent position in August 2016.

Top county staff members and department heads recalled their memories of working with Kerr.

Kerr's executive administrative assistant, Nwaka Hughes, said Kerr had an easy-going approach to management but had high expectations.

She said he also would

keep things light with his staff — often joking — which made it an enjoyable experience.

"We are all blessed to have worked alongside you," she said. "You're a wonderful ... caring servant."

Longtime County Clerk Jackie Smith said she first met Kerr when he was hired as the county's planning director in the mid-2010s.

"Your handprint is on Newton County. That will never go away," Smith said.

She said Kerr helped her get through the mental challenge of being a caregiver for her ill husband while working full-time at a sometime fast-paced job.

"He always left me feeling better when he left my office," she said.



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**County Clerk Jackie Smith speaks Monday inside the Historic Courthouse during an event honoring outgoing County Manager Lloyd Kerr.**

Banes has praised Kerr for his financial leadership which allowed the county government to increase a

\$6 million reserve fund in 2016 to \$39 million this year. Financial rating companies often use the portion of a

general fund taken by reserves to rate a government's credit-worthiness and qualifying it for much lower interest rates on bond financing.

Kerr told the crowd of mostly county employees that none of what had been accomplished while he was county manager could have been done without them.

"I'm hoping I can land somewhere close so I can keep working with y'all," he said.

County commissioners in November voted 3-2 not to renew his contract following complaints about his managerial style and his cautious approach toward distribution of federal COVID relief funds which had kept the money from being distributed.

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in the early 1970s.

The couple purchased an old warehouse and office trailer along with 15 acres of land at the corner of U.S. Hwy. 278 and Georgia Hwy. 11 that they converted into an antique shop and restaurant in 1971. The office trailer was converted into a living space, she said.

Dupree also recalled living and working next door to The Hub drive-in movie theater and across Hwy. 11 from the Tri-County Cattle Co.

"We could watch the movies from our win-

dow," she said.

She said she met David Dupree when she worked an office job in New York City. David worked in the corporate world in New York after growing up in Atlanta and Social Circle.

His stepmother, Celeste Sigman Dupree, was an Atlanta banker who later became a famed historic home preservationist and restored about 15 properties in Social Circle.

Nathalie and David moved to London, England, where she graduated from Le Cordon

Bleu cooking school. She then worked at a restaurant in Majorca, Spain, and the couple toured part of Europe with his parents before they moved back to the states.

"We always wanted to come back home," she said.

The couple used a \$5,000 loan based on the value of their antiques to convert the warehouse space. However, the loan could not be used to build her restaurant because "restaurants were notorious for failing," she said.

"So I ran the largest paper route in Covington, Georgia, to start the restaurant," Nathalie said. "I threw the papers every morning with our German shepherd dog — earned a pretty good income."

"My brother and my husband ... built the (restaurant) cabinets and everything. They laid railroad ties at the front of the building and made it look very charming."

"We painted it blue

and, at first, we called it Mt. Pleasant Village," she said.

Oby and Ann Brewer lived at historic Mt. Pleasant Plantation nearby, she said.

Ann Brewer later became a fund-raiser for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and helped encourage the farm to table food movement in Georgia. Oby Brewer was a real estate agent and David Dupree was able to earn his real estate license because of him, Nathalie said.

The business featured Nathalie's homemade dishes on one side and antiques and such items as fresh flowers and plants from her father-in-law's greenhouse on the other side, she recalled.

"We had these lovely geraniums that I kept there," she said. "It was a family affair."

They later moved their home to Monticello Street in Covington but continued to operate the restaurant at The Hub.

"We made everything from scratch," she said.



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## Prep Wrestling



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Eastside wrestling defeated Newton 48-30 and Alcovy 52-18 to capture the 2021 Newton Cup on Dec. 15 at home.

# Eagles soar to Newton Cup victory

## Sweep rivals Rams, Tigers in county contest

By PHILLIP B. HUBBARD  
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COVINGTON, Ga. — On Dec. 15, all three of the local wrestling teams met on the mat in quest of the coveted Newton Cup.

Alcovy and Newton High School battled host Eastside Eagles in the match. And it was Eastside who came out on top against both of its in-county opponents.

In the first match, the Eagles defeated the Tigers 48-30 while, in match No. 2, Eastside topped the Rams 52-18.

Eastside was led by some solid performances across each grade level as well as weight class.



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Eastside and Newton took to the mat first in quest for the Newton Cup. The Eagles defeated the Rams 48-30.

It all started with seniors Dixon Carter (285 lbs) and Ethan Cronan

(195 lbs). They both went undefeated across both matches. Joining them

were Trevaun Waterman (126 lbs) Tucker Edmondson (138 lbs) and Jacob Watson (160 lbs) who also went undefeated.

Cronan, Waterman, Edmondson and Watson all got two pins on the night, too, which tremendously assisted Eastside in its sweep of Alcovy and Newton.

Eastside accomplished all of this while having five starters (Grayson Poynter, Dylan Baynes, Jordan Hittle and Wyatt Bauer) out with injuries.

Now, with the two wins on Dec. 15, the Eagles improve to 14-9 on the 2021 season.

Head coach Samuel Miller was well pleased with his team's performance after all was said and done.

"We've had to face a lot of adversity recently," Miller said. "To win a county championship in spite of what we have faced is a blessing. It gave us a boost of confidence that we needed going into the Holiday Break."

## Prep Athletics

# Collins signs with Mississippi State

By M. CHESNY YOUNG  
Correspondent

COVINGTON, Ga. — On Wednesday morning, Audavion Collins signed a commitment letter to play college football at Mississippi State University. The Newton High School senior cornerback donned Bulldog maroon and white as a host of family and friends gathered around him on stage to watch him sign. Collins appeared very determined

as he signed his commitment papers. He looked like a man on a mission, as if he wanted to contribute to the Mississippi State football team right now, if he could.

It was a busy fall for Collins under Rams head football coach Camiel Grant Jr.

Not only was Collins the team's starting cornerback, but he also saw playing time as a wide receiver and punt returner. During his senior season, Collins racked up 62 total tackles.

His career with the Newton Rams  
See COLLINS, B6



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Audavion Collins signs his national letter of intent Dec. 15 to continue his football career as a Mississippi State Bulldog.



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# CLASSIFIEDS & LEGALS

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## CLASSIFIEDS

### Items for Sale

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#### Pets

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### Jobs

#### Help Wanted

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## LEGALS

### Public Notices

#### Abandoned Vehicles

#### ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE

**YOU ARE** hereby notified, in accordance with OCGA 40-11-19 (a) (2), that each of the below-referenced vehicles are subject to a lien and a petition may be filed in court to foreclose a lien for all amounts owed. If the lien is foreclosed, a court shall order the sale of the vehicle to satisfy the debt.

**THE VEHICLES** are currently located at 4199 Old Atlanta Hwy Covington, Ga 30014

**THE VEHICLES** subject to liens as stated above are identified as:

**VEHICLE MAKE:** Dirtbike Year:0000 Model: n/a

**VEHICLE ID #:** L98B3G3D3L1000889

**Vehicle License #:** n/a

**VEHICLE MAKE:** Infiniti Year: 2010 Model: G37 Sedan

**VEHICLE ID #:** JN1CV6ARXAM254617

**Vehicle License #:** n/a

**ANYONE WITH** an ownership interest in any of these vehicles should contact the following business immediately:

**BUSINESS NAME:** Chanceys Wrecker Service

**ADDRESS:** 4199 Old Atlanta Hwy COVINGTON, GA 30014

**TELEPHONE #:** (770) 483-0698

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300342**

**12/26-1/2**

#### ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE PETITION ADVERTISEMENT

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

**ANYONE WITH** an ownership interest in a vehicle listed herein may file an answer to the petition on or before: 01/05/2021

**ANSWER FORMS** may be found in the Magistrate Court Clerk's office located at: 1132 Usher St. NW, Ste. 149 Covington, Ga 30014

**FORMS MAY** also be obtained online at [www.georgiamagistratecouncil.com](http://www.georgiamagistratecouncil.com).

**VEHICLE MAKE:** Ford Year: 2006 Model: Focus Vehicle ID #:#1FAFP34N66W228951

**Vehicle License #:** CD59669 State: IL

**Magistrate Court Case No.:** 21-5240AV

**VEHICLE MAKE:** Genuine Scooter Co. Year: 2020 Model: Buddy 50

**Vehicle ID #:** RFVPAP5A8L1125998

**Vehicle License #:** n/a

**Magistrate Court Case No.:** 21-5248AV

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300341**

**12/26-1/2**

#### ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE PETITION ADVERTISEMENT

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

**9179 AARON DR.** Covington, GA 30014.

**ANYONE WITH** an ownership interest in a vehicle listed herein may file an answer to the petition on or before: 1-5-2022

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The City of Covington is currently accepting applications for an **Equipment Operator** in the **Street Department** with a starting hourly rate of **\$15.00** to a maximum hourly rate of **\$21.39** depending upon qualifications. Qualified applicants **MUST** apply on our website by downloading an application packet at [cityofcovington.org](http://cityofcovington.org) or may apply in person at Covington City Hall, 2194 Emory Street, Covington, Georgia 30014. This position will remain open until **4:00 PM on Friday January 7, 2022**. The City of Covington is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



## CITY OF COVINGTON JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

The City of Covington is currently accepting applications for a **Water Sewer Construction Inspector** in the **Engineering Department** with a starting hourly rate of **\$20.00** to a maximum hourly rate of **\$31.36** depending upon qualifications. Qualified applicants **MUST** apply on our website by downloading an application packet at [cityofcovington.org](http://cityofcovington.org), or may apply in person at Covington City Hall, 2194 Emory Street, Covington, Georgia 30014. This position will remain **open until filled**. The City of Covington is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



## CITY OF COVINGTON JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

The City of Covington is currently accepting applications for the position of **GIS Technician** in the **Water/Sewer Maintenance Department** with a starting hourly rate of **\$19.32** to a maximum hourly rate of **\$28.37** depending upon qualifications. Qualified applicants **MUST** apply via our website by downloading an application packet at [cityofcovington.org](http://cityofcovington.org) or may apply in person at the City of Covington, 2194 Emory Street, Covington, Georgia 30014. This position will remain open until 4:00 PM on **January 7, 2022**. The City of Covington is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

the Magistrate Court Clerks office located at: Newton County Court House

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**-2005 NISSAN ALTIMA 1N4AL11D95C354226**

**21-4984AV**

**-2003 HONDA PILOT 2HKYF1853H535835**

**21-4985AV**

**-2013 MERCEDES GLK350 WDCGG8J8BXDF984313**

**21-4987AV**

**-1996 INFINITI I30 JNKCA21D2TT018895**

**21-4988AV**

**-1999 FORD EXPLORER 1FMZU34EXXZA98880**

**21-4998AV**

**-2013 HYUNDAI ELANTRA 5NPDH4AE5DH399847**

**21-4999AV**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300348**

**12/26-1/2**

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• **2000 DODGE STRATUS**

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**PUBLIC NOTICE #300329**

**12/26-1/2**

### Citations

#### CITATION

**ALISA NELSON** has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **MARY RUTH LAVERY** deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A 53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objection must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before JANUARY 10, 2022, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

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

**NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT**

**1132 USHER STREET-148 COVINGTON, GA 30014**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300221**

**12/12,19,26-1/2**

#### CITATION

**ANDREA JONES** has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **LOWREEN JONES** deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A 53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objection must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before JANUARY 10, 2022, next, at

ten o'clock a.m.

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**NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT**

**1132 USHER STREET-148 COVINGTON, GA 30014**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300219**

**12/12,19,26-1/2**

#### CITATION

**BENJAMIN MAPLES** has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **PEGGY ANN PILGRAM MAPLES** deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A 53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objection must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before JANUARY 10, 2022, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

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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, 2022, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

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

**NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT**

**1132 USHER STREET-148 COVINGTON, GA 30014**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300297**

**12/12,19,26-1/2**

#### CITATION

**CRAIG SCOTT PEARCE II** has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **ROGER ALAN CREWS** deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A 53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objection must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before JANUARY 10, 2022, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

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

**NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT**

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**PUBLIC NOTICE #300297**

**12/12,19,26-1/2**

#### CITATION

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**NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT**

**1132 USHER STREET-148 COVINGTON, GA 30014**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300195**

**12/12,19,26-1/2**

#### CITATION

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

**NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT**

**1132 USHER STREET-148 COVINGTON, GA 30014**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300256**

**12/12,19,26-1/2**

#### CITATION

**CYNTHIA CLAY** has petitioned to be

appointed Administrator of the Estate of **GARY CHRISTIAN SHANNON** deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A 53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objection must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before JANUARY 10, 2022, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

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

**NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT**

**1132 USHER STREET-148 COVINGTON, GA 30014**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300297**

**12/12,19,26-1/2**

#### CITATION

**JACQUELINE E. RAINEY** has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **ETHELENE BROWN LESTER** deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A 53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objection must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before JANUARY 10, 2022, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

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# LEGALS:

Continued from B2

**COURT**  
**1132 USHER STREET**  
**COVINGTON, GA 30014**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300278**  
**12/26**

**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**

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**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**

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**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**

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**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**

**CITATON**

**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**

**THE PETITION** of **HARRY JOE WOOD** widow of **LINDA L. WOOD**, deceased, for Twelve Month's Support for having been duly filed, all interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections must be in writing and filed with this Court on or before January 10, 2022 at ten o'clock a.m.

**MELANIE M. BELL, JUDGE**

**BY: MARCIA Wynne, Clerk Probate Court Newton County**

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

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

**CITATON**

**THE PETITION** of **MARGARET HEAD** widow of **THOMAS EUGENE HEAD**, deceased, for Twelve Month's Support for having been duly filed, all interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections must be in writing and filed with this Court on or before January 10, 2022 at ten o'clock a.m.

**MELANIE M. BELL, JUDGE**

**BY: MARCIA Wynne, Clerk Probate Court Newton County**

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

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

NOTICE

**RE: 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 Organization that will Organize **LOST & FOUND, L.L.C.** have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Business Corporation Code. The initial registered office of the Limited Liability Company is located at 25 Northwood Spring Drive, Oxford Georgia 30054, and its initial registered agent address is Derwin Bryan Davis 973 Green Street, SE, Conyers, Georgia 30012

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300338**  
**12/26-1/3**

## Debtors Creditors

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

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

**ALL CREDITORS** of the Estate of **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:** CORRINE 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**

CLUES ACROSS

1. Chinese Muslim group

5. Alternative name

10. Resounds

12. Supporter

14. Furnishes anew

16. Beloved Hollywood alien

18. Supervises flying

19. Ballplayer's tool

20. Coarse edible red seaweed

22. Former CIA

23. Basketball player

25. Travel necessities

26. Honey producer

27. Military analysis (abbr.)

28. Diego, Francisco, Anselmo

30. Mental sharpness and inventiveness

31. Popular Easter meal

33. Man (Spanish)

35. \_\_ de la \_\_

37. Counterweights

38. Made a harsh, grating noise

40. Monetary unit

41. Commercial

42. Cool!

44. Partner to cheese

45. Expression of creative skill

48. Unit of angle

50. Transported

52. N. American people of Kansas

53. Computer game character

Max

55. Moved swiftly

56. Everyone has one

57. Tin

58. A mole is one

63. Nocturnal hoofed animals

65. Oppositional to

66. Monetary units

67. Not on time

CROSSWORD

P U Z Z L E

CLUES DOWN

1. Hoghead (abbr.)

2. Misery resulting from affliction

3. Defunction European group

4. Line on a map

5. Becomes less intense

6. Back muscle

7. Frosted

8. Ethiopian town

9. Midway between south and east

**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**

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

**IN THE INTEREST OF:**  
**JOSEPH REED DECEASED.**

**ESTATE NO.** 2021-P-191

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

**ALL CREDITORS** of the estate of **JOSEPH REED** 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.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED** this 9th day of DECEMBER, 2020.

**DERWIN BRYAN** Davis  
973 GREEN Street, SE  
CONYERS, GA 30012

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300332**  
**12/26-1/2,9,16**

**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, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.

**THIS 9TH** day of December, 2021

**JAMES REGINALD** Head, Jr. Executor of the Estate  
**OF KATHRYN P.** Head a/k/a Kathryn Ailene Head  
**C/O MICHELLE** Chaudhuri, Esq. Talley & Associates, P.C.  
**1892 GA Hwy** 138, SE Conyers, GA 30013  
**770-483-1431**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300308**  
**12/19,26-1/2,9**

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

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

**THIS THE 30TH** day of NOVEMBER, 2021.

**MARK SMITH**  
1261 SAXONY DR  
CONYERS, GA 30013

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

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **ANDREW GAITHER** 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,



10. Wipe from the record  
11. In a continuous way  
13. Breathe  
15. Cleaning device  
17. Male organ  
18. Tab on a key ring  
21. Criminals  
23. Taxi  
24. Cheer of encouragement  
27. Wartime American escort carrier  
29. Polish river  
32. Current unit  
34. Life form  
35. Painful contractions  
36. Glowing  
39. Press against lightly  
40. Melancholic

2021.

**LAKISA GAITHER**  
**340 HOLLY STREET**  
**SOCIAL CIRCLE, GA** 30025

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300302**  
**12/19,26-1/2,9**

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **ARTHUR BOWERS BARBER** 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

**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 **CASSANDR E. THORNTON** 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

**ROBERT THORNTON**  
**40 GUMTREE TRAIL**  
**COVINGTON, GA** 30016

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300317**  
**12/26-1/2,9,16**

**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 **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 **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**

43. Something you can be under  
44. Of the mind  
46. E. Indian cereal grass  
47. Couple  
49. Sharpshoot  
51. A baglike structure in a plant or animal  
54. \_\_ Blyton, children's author  
59. Human gene  
60. Data mining methodology (abbr.)  
61. Examines animals  
62. Mineral  
64. Cools your home

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 **LELIA GOODMAN** 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

**RUTHIE GREEN**  
**771 SMITH STORE RD**  
**COVINGTON GA** 30016

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300318**  
**12/26-1/2,9,16**

**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

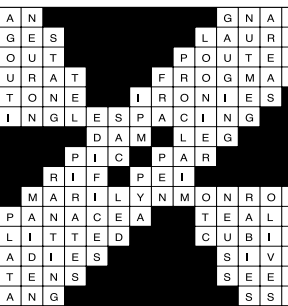
**PUBLIC NOTICE #300303**  
**12/19,26-1/2,9**

**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,

## LAST WEEK's SOLUTION:



2021.

**CATHERINE URGOYNE**  
**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 **MITCHELL DAVIS LITTLE** 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

**LASHAUNDRA HALPHEN**  
**403 DAKER DR**  
**PEACHTREE CITY, GA** 30269

**PUBLIC NOTICE #30015**  
**12/26-1/2,9,16**

**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 **ROBERT ITKIN** 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

**MARSHA ITKIN**  
**PO BOX** 82145  
**CONYERS GA** 30013

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300316**  
**12/26-1/2,9,16**

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **ROBERT LAMAR REYNOLDS** 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

**ELLIS REYNOLDS**  
**10 RIP TIDE COURT**  
**SALEM, SC** 29676

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300321**  
**12/19,29-1/2,9**

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **TIMOTHY WAYNE MCGEE** deceased, late of Newton County,



# LEGALS:

Continued from B3

**2021**  
**ANGELA MCGEE**  
**150 GUM CREEK TRAIL**  
**OXFORD, GA 30054**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE #300314**  
**12/26-1/2,9,16**

## NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

**BENJAMIN MILLER**  
**200 SCHOOL HOUSE**  
**PEEKSKILL, NY 10566**

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

## NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

**KAREN ADAMS**  
**2081 SEWELL RD**  
**MANSFIELD, GA 30055**

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

## NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **WILLIAM HAYES** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. **THIS THE 30TH** day of **NOVEMBER, 2021.**

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

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

## NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **WILLIE LEE MILLIGAN** 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**

**CYNTHIA B MILLIGAN**  
**PO BOX 417**  
**PORTERDALE, GA 30070**

**PUBLIC NOTICE # 300322**  
**12/19,26-1/2,9**

**NOTICE TO** Debtors and Creditors **ALL CREDITORS** of the estate of **Emily Ruth Price** 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 17TH** day of December, 2021 **NAME: WILLIAM D. Carter, Jr.** **TITLE: ATTORNEY for Estate** **ADDRESS: 45** Technology Pkwy, S, Suite 240, Peachtree Corners, GA 30092

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300336**  
**12/26-1/2,9,16**

**NOTICE TO** Debtors and Creditors **ALL CREDITORS** of the estate of **Felice S. Bailey** 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 22ND** day of November, 2021

**NAME: WILLIAM D. Carter, Jr.**  
**TITLE: ATTORNEY for Estate**  
**ADDRESS: 45** Technology Pkwy, S, Suite 240, Peachtree Corners, GA 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 rutsur 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, **2021**

**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 HUSTION, 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 for Alice F. Cox

**FILE NO. 17-063485**  
**LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP\***  
**ATTORNEYS AND** Counselors at Law  
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**ATLANTA, GA 30346**  
**(770) 220-2535/GR**  
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**\*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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**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):  
**KADYN AVA JOHNSON**

**ZAHRA KAMILAH LAWRENCE**  
**PETITIONER,**  
**V.**  
**KENDERICK OWEN JOHNSON**  
**RESPONDENT.**

**CIVIL ACTION NUMBER**  
**2021-CV-2794-1**

## NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF CHILD

**ZAHRA KAMILAH LAWRENCE** filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on DECEMBER 16, 2021, to change the name of the following minor child from: **KADYN AVA JOHNSON** to **KADYN AVA LAWRENCE**. **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).

**ZAHRA LAWRENCE**  
**120 EDWARDS WAY**  
**COVINGTON GA 30016**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300349**  
**12/26-1/2,9,16**

**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: **CARLOS SEBASTIAN ALVAREZ**  
**PETITIONER,**

**CIVIL ACTION NUMBER**  
**2021-CV-2785-3**

## NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF ADULT

**CARLOS SEBASTIAN ALVAREZ** filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on DECEMBER 15, 2021, to change the name from **CARLOS SEBASTIAN ALVAREZ** to **SEBASTIAN BJORN ODINSON** Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objection within 30 days after the Petition was filed.

**DECEMBER 13, 2021**

**CARLOS SEBASTIAN ALVAREZ**  
**9203 LEAFSTONE DR**  
**COVINGTON GA 30014**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300339**  
**12/26-1/2,9,16**

## 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



# LEGALS:

Continued from B4

**0002N**  
**OWNER(S): CTC, LLC**  
**APPLICANT: MATT Wilson**

**B. TEXT** Amendment  
Discussion:  
**SHORT TERM Rentals**  
**CORRIDOR OVERLAY**  
**SPECIAL USE Permits**  
**TRAFFIC STUDY** Requirements  
**THE PLANNING** Commission will conduct the First Public Hearing on Tuesday, January 11th, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor and Council conducting the Final Public Hearing, on Tuesday, January 18th, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. Both meetings will be held in the City Hall Council Chambers, 2116 Stallings Street. ALL INTERESTED parties are invited to participate. For more information, contact the city Planning & Development office at 770-385-2178/2179.  
**DUE TO** circumstances necessitated by emergency conditions involving public safety and preservation of public services, public access to this meeting is limited to teleconference and video access. THE PUBLIC MAY ACCESS THIS MEETING USING THE FOLLOWING LINK: Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89658784841> Dial in 1-646-558-8656 – Meeting ID: 896 5878 4841

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300347**  
**12/26**

**CITY OF COVINGTON**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**PURSUANT TO** the City of Covington's Code of Ordinances Chapter 16.12, notice is hereby given that the City of Covington's Mayor and Council will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, January 18th, 2021 @ 6:30 PM. The public hearing will be held in City Council Chambers, located at 2116 Stallings Street, Covington, GA 30014.  
**THE PURPOSE** of the public hearing is to consider the text amendments below to the City of Covington's Zoning Ordinance in order to establish regulations to allow Breweries, Brewpubs and Distilleries in approved zoning districts.  
**THE FOLLOWING** Articles in the Zoning Ordinance are to be considered for amendment:  
**1. AMEND** Title 5, Business License and Regulations to add Brewery, Brewpub, and Distillery and amend definition "Ancillary growler malt beverage tastings"; amend Section 5.12.050.E to add Breweries, brewpubs & distilleries and amend 5.12.050.A.2;  
**2. AMEND** Title 16, Chapter 16.08 Interpretations and Definitions, Chapter 16.16 Standard Zoning Districts and Chapter 16.20 Supplemental Use Provisions to add Brewery, Brewpub and Distillery.  
**FOR ADDITIONAL** information regarding proposed text amendments, contact the City Planning & Development offices at 770-385-2179/2178. For additional meeting information, contact the City Clerk's office at 770-385-2010.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300345**  
**12/26**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**REGARDING POSSIBLE**  
**EXTENSION OR MODIFICATION**  
**OF EXISTING ZONING**  
**MORATORIUM**

**NOTICE IS** hereby given that the Newton County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on January 18, 2022, to consider a possible extension or modification, until April 19, 2022, of the moratorium on the acceptance of applications for Zoning Petitions and Preliminary Plat/Concept Plans for New Residential Development adopted on January 19, 2021.  
**THE PUBLIC HEARING WILL** BE HELD BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON THE 18TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2022 AT 7:00 PM IN THE NEWTON COUNTY HISTORIC COURTHOUSE, 2ND FLOOR BOARDROOM. THOSE

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300340**  
**12/26**

**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**  
**12/12,19,26-1/2**

**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](http://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.  
**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.

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

**Trade Names**

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

**TO WHOM** It may Concern:  
**PLEASE BE** advised that **BOBBY WILLIS** whose address is 1242 DIXIE RD COVINGTON GA is/are the owner(s) of the certain business now being carried on at 1242 DIXIE RD COVINGTON GA In the following trade name, to-wit: WILLIS ENTERPRISE and that the nature of said business is: PROCESS SERVICES/ LEGAL DOCUMED SERVICES 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 10TH** day of DECEMBER 2021

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300334**  
**12/26-1/2**

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

**TO WHOM** It may Concern:  
**PLEASE BE** advised that **DR ANDREW MATTA** whose address is 125 ENTERPRISE DR STE 200 PITTSBURGH, PA 15275 is/are the owner(s) of the certain business now being carried on at 10377 INDUSTRIAL BLVD, COVINGTON GA 30014 In the following trade name, to-wit: BB BRACES BRACES and that the nature of said business is: DENTISTRY 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 6TH** day of DECEMBER 2021

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300337**  
**12/26-1/2**

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

**TO WHOM** It may Concern:  
**PLEASE BE** advised that **HOSEY BY J MARIE** whose address is 450 HINTON CHASE PKWY, COVINGTON GA 30016 is/are the owner(s) of the certain business now

being carried on at 450 HINTON CHASE PKWY COVINGTON GA 30016 In the following trade name, to-wit: J MARIE BRIDAL & FORMAL WEAR and that the nature of said business is: RETAIL SALES 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 16TH** day of DECEMBER 2021

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300335**  
**12/26-1/2**

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

**TO WHOM** It may Concern:  
**PLEASE BE** advised that **JACQUELINE CURETON** whose address is 9126 NELSON DR SW COVINGTON GA 30014 is/are the owner(s) of the certain business now being carried on at 9126 NELSON DR SW COVINGTON GA 30014 In the following trade name, to-wit: JACQUELINE CURETON ENTERPRISES, LLC DBA JC MOBILE NOTARY and that the nature of said business is: NOTARY 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 16TH** day of DECEMBER 2021

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300330**  
**12/26-1/2**

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

**TO WHOM** It may Concern:  
**PLEASE BE** advised that **MICHAH SINGLETON** whose address is 125 WINCHESTER DR COVINGTON GA 30016 is/are the owner(s) of the certain business now being carried on at 125 WINCHESTER DR COVINGTON GA 30016 In the following trade name, to-wit: 8FIGURECLOSET COMPANY and that the nature of said business is: SALE OF CLOTHING 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 15TH** day of DECEMBER 2021

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300331**  
**12/26-1/2**

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## Prep Athletics



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Elijah Zollicoffer (center) is surrounded by his family, school administration and teammates Dec. 15 as he signs to play college football at Arkansas State.

## Red Wolves were right fit for Newton's Zollicoffer

By M. CHESNY YOUNG  
Correspondent

COVINGTON, Ga. — On Wednesday, Dec. 15, Elijah Zollicoffer signed a commitment letter to play college football at Arkansas State University. Students, teammates and coaches who gathered in the auditorium to watch him sign surrounded the Newton High School senior.

The 6-foot-6, 325-pound Zollicoffer was accompanied on stage by his parents and could not help but smile while he was signing his national letter of intent. Zollicoffer chose Arkansas State University over other schools Tennessee, Florida, Auburn, Georgia Tech, Kentucky, Mississippi State, Maryland, Minnesota, South Carolina, Central Florida and Virginia.

Earlier this year Zollicoffer went on an official visit to Jonesboro, Arkansas. When he arrived, it felt just right.

"I'm most excited to build new relationships with the players and coaches at Arkansas State," Zollicoffer said.

Though the senior defensive tackle is excited for his future, he didn't totally neglect appreciation

Newton High School. Specifically, Zollicoffer mentioned the role that the team's strength and conditioning coach, Josh Skelton as a major influence on his life.

Zollicoffer was asked who was most instrumental in his success on the football field.

"Coach Skel, hands down," he said.

Zollicoffer continued to say that Skelton has the best interests of the players in mind and has a knack for inspiring him to train harder each day.

Not only does Zollicoffer treasure the relationships he's built at Newton, but his teammates also cherish him.

When he signed his letter, teammates and students in attendance started cheering his nickname. "E!" "E!" "E!"

According to 247Sports, Zollicoffer is the 10th highest ranked player to ever sign with Arkansas State. Though he has been a defensive lineman for the Rams, he may see some playing time on the offensive line for the Red Wolves.

His future head coach, Butch Jones, said the Red Wolves "got lucky" in landing Zollicoffer.



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MJ Stroud (center) is accompanied by his parents as he signs to continue his football career at Georgia Southern University.

## Alcovy standout Stroud inks NLI to Georgia Southern

By PHILLIP B. HUBBARD  
phubbard@covnews.com

COVINGTON, Ga. — Family members, coaches and teammates of MJ Stroud gathered in Alcovy's auditorium on Wednesday, Dec. 15, as he signed a national letter of intent to play college football at Georgia Southern University next year.

A few of the coaches in attendance, school administrators and Stroud's mother all spoke about Stroud during Wednesday's ceremony. Adjectives such as "humble" and "unselfish" were used to describe Stroud.

While each person spoke, Stroud was focused on one thing: "Don't cry."

Admittedly, Stroud said afterward that he was close to shedding a tear or two, but he expressed his happiness at putting pen to paper.

"It's a relief," Stroud said. "Most people have to struggle and

take out loans [to afford college], but the fact that my ability in sports was able to pay for my education, too, feels good."

Stroud is joining the Eagles football program as a defensive end but, during his time as a Tiger, he received substantial experience in other roles on the field.

He's been the team's quarterback, wide receiver and tight end. According to head coach Jason Dukes, Stroud made an impact anywhere he played.

"I can't overstate what [Stroud] has done for this program," Dukes said. "The dedication and commitment to the process, because this doesn't just happen overnight."

The 6-foot-3, 230-pound, 3-star athlete (according to rankings by 247Sports), committed to the Eagles football program on Nov. 11, 2021 via Twitter.

His decision came seven days after Clay Helton was announced as the new Eagles head coach. But, for Stroud, his mind was made up long before the coaching change.

"It's a close community down there," Stroud said. "When I visited, the new coaches already knew my name, so it made me even more definite with my decision. Everybody said they wanted me there."

As he prepares for the next level, Stroud isn't quite ready to leave Alcovy behind. There are people and relationships he's built that are still special to him.

From teammates he's played with since elementary school, to family friends who've been a part of his journey from the beginning, Stroud said he's motivated to give everyone close to him something to cheer for next fall in Statesboro.

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garnered Collins more than 20 offers from college football programs. Two of the schools that were also in the running in the end were Tennessee and Michigan State.

When asked what separated Mississippi State in his decision-making process, Collins mentioned one coach in particular.

"I'm most excited about learning from

Darcel McBath."

McBath is the Bulldogs' cornerbacks coach who has a lot of experience playing in college as well as the NFL.

ESPN and Rivals.com has Collins listed a 3-star recruit. He weighs 160 pounds and ran a 4.4 40-yard dash.

But, according to Collins, none of the options available to him

would've been possible without the help of Newton's strength and conditioning coach, Josh Skelton.

"I owe a lot of my football success to Coach Skel," Collins said.

Now, Collins is off to join the Bulldogs' football team to begin his freshman season soon.

### College Hoops



Georgia Tech Athletics

Georgia Tech men's basketball team (7-5) took down Georgia State (6-6) on Tuesday, Dec. 21, for a 72-62 overtime victory. The Yellow Jackets managed to outlast the Panthers after squandering a 15-point lead in the second half. Georgia Tech was also in action Thursday, Dec. 23, against Alabama A&M. The Yellow Jackets jump back into conference play on the road Dec. 29 against Syracuse.



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