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His Word

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:10, KJV

Valentine's Day in Newton County

'He stole my heart'

Oxford couple describes how they keep marriage vibrant after 54 years

By **TOM SPIGOLON**
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OXFORD, Ga. — Gary and Becky Truitt's recipe for cooking up a long marriage has a few simple ingredients.

Mix in enough love to last more than half a century — and add some faith and humor.

But how did they manage to remain together so long when it has become almost routine for married couples to split?

"We just loved each other," Mrs. Truitt said.

She said continuing to look after each other's needs, as well as being faithful Christians, contributed to their staying power. "He's very loving," she said. "He's a jokerster (and) he does love the Lord."

Between Gary's time in the Air Force and his subsequent career with Norfolk Southern Railroad, the Truitts lived in six states and on two continents. The couple has lived in Merryvale Assisted Living in Oxford since about Christmas.

The Truitts met after their families lived near each other. They attended the same schools growing up in Salisbury, Maryland — the "Capital of the Eastern Shore" — near the Atlantic Ocean.

Though specific dates have faded in their memories over the decades, Mrs. Truitt recalled they met in the sixth grade and one incident put their relationship



Tom Spigolon | The News

Gary and Becky Truitt say their faith and a good support system are among the things that helped them stay together for 54 years.

on hold for a few years.

"He gave me a friendship ring," she said. "One day I found out he had smoked a cigarette. I gave my girlfriend the friendship ring and said, 'You take it and put it in his mailbox.' I said, 'I don't want anything to do with him.'"

Truitt later enlisted and

began a 12-year stint in the Air Force. They ended up meeting again and Mrs. Truitt recalled Gary had become "a hunk."

"He was outside a lot with the Air Force, and tanned," she said, smiling.

And they started dating.

"He stole my heart," she said.

"She paid me," Truitt added, to laughter.

After marrying in 1968, Truitt was assigned to an Air Force base in England and they lived there for about three years.

Their time in England was "quite an experience,"

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Newton County

BOC interviews manager finalists, no decision yet

By **TOM SPIGOLON**
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Newton commissioners interviewed two finalists for their vacant interim county manager position this week.

However, state law prevented them from voting to select their choice for the position until at least Friday, Feb. 11, because of a requirement for a 14-day waiting period after the finalists were selected Jan. 27.

The Board of Commissioners interviewed Washington, D.C., deputy mayor Lucinda Babers and former Augusta interim city administrator Jarvis R. Sims during a closed session Tuesday, Feb. 8.

Babers wrote in her cover letter accompanying her

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Lucinda Babers



Jarvis R. Sims

COVID-19

NCSS lifts mask mandate

STAFF REPORTS
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Officials announced Wednesday night, Feb. 9, that Newton County School System (NCSS) was lifting its mask mandate beginning the following day, Feb. 10.

Superintendent Samantha Fuhrey added that, although

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Celebrating Black History Month

Newton congressman says 'much work to do' for equality despite progress

By **TAYLOR BECK**
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COVINGTON, Ga. — U.S. Rep. Hank Johnson, who represents a portion of Newton County, says the fight for equality was far from over.

Johnson, who is in his eighth term representing Georgia's 4th Congressional District, recently shared what Black History Month personally means to him. While it is a great time to honor the accomplishments of previous generations during the civil rights movement, Johnson



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The late congressman and civil rights giant John Lewis (center, right) was one of two people of the Black community that Congressman Hank Johnson (center, left) said were an inspiration to him.

said the work must continue.

"During Black History Month, we celebrate the

invaluable contributions African Americans have made to our nation, state and coun-

ty's history and identity," Johnson told *The Covington News*. "Throughout our history, African-American men and women have persevered through much hardship and prejudice to enrich our national and local life. But despite much progress and achievements, it's clear that America and Georgia have much work to do. Today, I reflect on what my friend and mentor Congressman John Lewis taught us all: 'Get in good trouble, necessary trouble, and redeem the soul of America,' which is

to say, vote always; you're never too young to make a difference; speak truth to power; be sure you're at the table fighting injustice and ... never give up."

The late congressman and civil rights giant John Lewis was one of two people in the Black community that Johnson said were an inspiration to him.

Lewis, who was the U.S. representative for Georgia's 5th Congressional District for more than 30 years, was

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Weekend Weather Forecast



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• Mostly sunny



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• Partly cloudy

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Continued Coverage: Rivian Automotive to Stanton Springs

JDA submits Rivian groundwater opinion, organizations' support

By TOM SPIGOLON
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MADISON, Ga. — The four-county Joint Development Authority (JDA) has submitted documents detailing a groundwater plan and an environmental consultant's opinion as part of its proposed development of the planned site for a \$5 billion Rivian electric vehicle plant.

And a group opposing the plant's construction has organized a community meeting and barbecue lunch



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JDA Chairman Jerry Silvio speaks in December during the official Rivian announcement at the state capital.

Saturday in Rutledge to raise funds for its legal fight against the project. State officials an-

nounced in December that Rivian Inc. chose the site facing I-20 and straddling the line

between Morgan and Walton counties adjacent to Newton County for a production and research complex that would employ 7,500 people.

JDA officials said the supplemental zoning materials they submitted to the Morgan County government for part of the 2,000-acre site in the county will "respond to and address questions from community members regarding the proposed development's environmental impact," the agency

said in a press release.

The JDA of Jasper, Morgan, Newton and Walton counties also submitted letters of support from a list of 37 local business and civic leaders and organizations, they said.

Authority Chairman Jerry Silvio said, "The citizens we represent have given us a clear charge to do everything within our power to create good-paying jobs in an environmentally responsible manner.

"We're confident that the proposed Rivian

site does just that," he said. "This submittal demonstrates how serious we are about meeting this obligation, and this is just the beginning of our work in this area.

"We remain committed to listening carefully to public input and making this project one that future generations will be proud of," Silvio said.

JDA officials said the submitted materials include:

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SPECIAL CALLED ELECTION RESCHEDULE NOTICE

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF MANSFIELD, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA. THE **SPECIAL CALLED ELECTION** TO BE HELD ON MARCH 15, 2022 HAS BEEN **RESCHEDULED** FOR NOVEMBER 8, 2022 AND THE **QUALIFYING PERIOD** SCHEDULED FROM FEBRUARY 14-18, 2022 WILL BE SCHEDULED FOR A LATER DATE CONSISTENT WITH THE NEW DATE OF THE ELECTION.

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Georgia Votes 2022

Trump endorses Jones for Newton County U.S. House seat

By DAVID CLEMONS
The Walton Tribune

MONROE, Ga. — Former President Donald Trump has waded into the 10th District race for Congress, endorsing the newest candidate, Vernon Jones.

Jones, a former state representative from DeKalb County, dropped out of the race for governor Monday to run for the open seat

representing Georgia's 10th Congressional District.

"When it comes to Georgia's 10th Congressional District, I have only one choice, and the man's name is



Vernon Jones

Vernon Jones, a very special person," Trump said in a video message released Wednesday by the Jones campaign.

Jones said on Twitter, "I'm proud to have President Trump's endorsement, confidence and support as I seek to represent the people of Georgia's 10th Congressional District. America First movement is alive and well!"

He also told The John Fredericks Show on WMLB-AM 1690 that he hoped Trump will do a rally in Athens on his behalf.

Jones, 61, served in the state House from 1993-2001 and again from 2017-21 — between which he served two terms as CEO of the DeKalb County

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Industrial Development

City development authority sells 42 acres on Social Circle Parkway

STAFF REPORTS
The Walton Tribune

SOCIAL CIRCLE, Ga. — In a recent called meeting, the Social Circle Development Authority voted unanimously to authorize its chairman to sign a contract with a real estate company to sell 42.395 acres of authority property on Social Circle Parkway.

The authority's four members met Feb. 4 at 10:30 a.m. and immediately went into an executive session to discuss real estate. Under Georgia law, governmental bodies can enter closed session to discuss litigation, personnel or land acquisition.

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The authority reconvened into open session to take action and then adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Authority members include Chairman Hal Dally, Vice Chairman Mamie Phillips and members Bettye Ray and Crenan Mills.

Dally confirmed Monday the authority has approved signing a contract but could not elaborate further because authority members are bound by a nondisclosure agreement. He stressed there has not yet been a transaction.

The Walton Tribune could not confirm if this proposed land sale is related to the proposed Rivian plant.

Residents opposed to a proposed Rivian plant are closely watching land sale notices in Walton and Morgan counties, according to the We Oppose Rivian Assembly Plant group's Facebook page.

The Rivian plant will be built on nearly 2,000 acres straddling Morgan and Walton counties, with a portion inside the Social Circle city limits. The Joint Development Authority is serving

as the developer of the \$5 billion project. The state announced in December that the California-based company confirmed plans to build a massive plant to make electric vehicles.

The authority is also working on filling three vacant positions. The City Council appoints members to serve on the SCDA. Dally said he and authority members plan to reach out to residents who might be interested in serving and will then refer potential candidates to the council.

Obituaries

Norman Edward Peters Sr.

Andrews Mortuary

Norman Edward Peters, Sr., age 86, passed away in the evening of January 21, 2022, in Wilmington, N.C.

Norm was one of nine children and had fond memories of growing up in Eunice, W.V. Norm joined the Marines straight out of high school and a couple of years later married his high school sweetheart, Kaye Meadows. They had two boys, Ed and Mike. Norm worked for Youngblood Trucking after the Marines in multiple states helping with Terminal Operations. Norm and Kaye later settled in Georgia where he ran his own trucking business. In Georgia, they did lake

living for a while where they were members of Stewart Baptist Church and later moved to Covington. In both locations, they had wonderful neighbors who treated them like family.

Norm and Kaye spent time traveling in the US and abroad but really loved their time in Biloxi, MS. Norm loved the sun and being outdoors especially at the beach. Anyone who knew him - knew he always had a tan. He loved to fish - deep sea fishing or catching bass in a pond. Norm loved football and westerns.

Norm's wife, Kaye, was diagnosed with Alzheimer Disease and Norm lovingly took care of her to the end. During that time, their younger son,

Mike, passed away from cancer, and they chose to move to North Topsail Beach, N.C. to be closer to their eldest son, Ed.

In addition to his parents Cecil and Ina Mae Peters, Norm was preceded in death by his wife, Kaye; their son Mike Peters; sisters Helen Elkins, Phyllis Turley and Blanche Mackey; brothers, Glenn Peters and Lawrence Peters; brothers-in-laws, Robert Elkins, Don Turley, Freddie Mackey and Eddie Hall; sisters-in-laws, June Peters and Sarah Peters.

Norm was very close to his entire family. We are comforted by the thought of a reunion in heaven right now and Norm being the cause of all the laughter.

Norm is survived by his eldest son, Ed Peters (Paula), and his grandchildren, Miranda Keagle (Matt), Sean Peters (Sarah), and Michael Peters, his great-grandson, Horatio Keagle, as well as his brothers, Clyde Peters, Leonard Peters, and Dean Peters and sister-in-law, Carolyn Hall, and the absolute best nieces and nephews as well as other family members.

There will be a small service held at a later date. For anyone wishing to donate, Norm was a big supporter of any research related to Alzheimer's Disease.

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REGIONAL REPORT

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Senate committee approves permit-less gun bill
Legislation that would let Georgians carry firearms without a permit cleared a state Senate committee Tuesday 6-3 on a party-line vote.
Majority Republicans on the Senate Judiciary Committee supported the bill as striking a blow for protection of Georgians' Second Amendment right to bear arms. Democrats opposed it, arguing that loosening the state's already lax gun laws would increase violent crime.

So-called "constitutional carry" bills introduced in the Republican-controlled General Assembly going back to the middle of the last decade have failed to gain traction. But with Democrats making headway in the last couple of election cycles, Gov. Brian Kemp and GOP legislative leaders are backing a permit-less gun bill in this election year as part of a conservative agenda aimed at Republican base voters. Adding a government-imposed barrier to the free possession of firearms only punishes law-abiding citizens without affecting those who break the law, Sen. Jason Anavitate, R-Dallas, the bill's chief sponsor, told committee members Tuesday.

"The requirement to have a permit does not deter the criminal. They're going to carry one anyway," he said. "This bill puts law-abiding gun owners on an even playing field with criminals." But Sen. Elena Parent, D-Atlanta, said more guns in the hands of more people does not equate to less gun violence.

"Guns intensify violent encounters, upping the stakes and worsening the outcomes," she said.

Twenty-one states have adopted constitutional carry laws, said Bethany Young of the National Association for Gun Rights. Tennessee and Texas passed the law last year, and Florida and Alabama are considering it, she said.

"Constitutional carry states consistently rank

among the safest in the country," she said.

But Fallon McClure, organizing and elections director at the Working Families Party, cited polls showing most Georgians oppose constitutional carry.

"Georgians want investments in their community that promote public safety," she said.

The bill now heads to the Senate Rules Committee to schedule a floor vote.

—Capitol Beat News

Ossoff courting Republicans to back congressional ban on stock trading

U.S. Sen. Jon Ossoff, D-Ga., is appealing to congressional Republicans in his push to ban members of Congress from trading stocks.

Ossoff said he recently spoke with a dozen Republican senators about signing onto a bill he introduced last month banning stock trading by members of Congress.

Eight House Republicans already are on board with the idea, he said.

"Members of Congress have extraordinary access to confidential information," Ossoff said. "We shouldn't be permitted to trade stocks."

Ossoff's legislation, cosponsored by Sen. Mark Kelly, D-Ariz., would require members of Congress, their spouses and dependent children to place their stock portfolios into a blind trust, something Ossoff did last year.

Violators of the ban would face fines up to the amount of their congressional salary.

The idea of banning the buying and selling of stocks by members of Congress began gaining momentum in 2020 after several lawmakers — including then-Sens. David Perdue and Kelly Loeffler of Georgia —

became the subject of press reports that they sold a large number of stock shares following a briefing by health officials about the coronavirus pandemic.

While denying any wrongdoing, Perdue restructured his retirement savings to eliminate individual stock trades, while Loeffler liquidated her family's holdings in stocks in individual companies and moved those investments into exchange-traded funds and mutual funds.

Bipartisan legislation banning stock trading by members of Congress was introduced into the U.S. House of Representatives last year by Reps. Abigail Spanberger, D-Va., and Chip Roy, R-Texas.

A third bill applying only to members of Congress but not their families was introduced last month.

While the idea enjoys bipartisan support, it also faces bipartisan opposition.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said last month she trusts existing reporting requirements governing members of Congress to prevent insider trading without the need for a ban.

Ossoff said he's undaunted by opposition to his bill.

"Members of Congress should not be permitted to trade stocks while in office," he said Wednesday. "If that ruffles some feathers, so be it."

—Capitol Beat News

State Senate committee OKs bill aimed at abortion-inducing drugs

Women seeking an abortion in Georgia would not be able to obtain abortion-inducing drugs without an in-person exam by a qualified physician under legislation that cleared a state Senate committee Wednesday.

The bill targets mail-order prescriptions of abortion-inducing drugs authorized by the federal Food and Drug Administration last year in response to the coronavirus pandemic.

"These drugs were never intended to be provided without the direct involvement of a health-care worker," Sen. Bruce Thompson, R-White, the bill's chief sponsor, told members of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee. "These drugs were never intended to be delivered through the mail."

Representatives of anti-abortion groups testified in support of the bill.

Katie Glenn, a lawyer for Washington, D.C.-based Americans United for Life, said an estimated 27,000 American women went to a hospital emergency room last year reporting complications from taking an abortion-induced drug.

"There are abortionists who are willing to mail out abortion-inducing drugs without ever seeing a patient, even on video," she said.

"If we're going to be a state that values life, we're going to have to protect women," added Mike Griffin, public affairs representative for the Georgia Baptist Mission Board.

But several obstetrician-gynecologists spoke out against the legislation, arguing that medication abortions are safe and that to prohibit them would restrict women's access to health care.

Staci Fox, president and CEO of Atlanta-based Planned Parenthood Southeast, accused Republican lawmakers of pushing the bill for political gain.

She said the measure is unnecessary because Georgia already has a strong anti-abortion measure on the books,

a 2019 law essentially banning abortions after six weeks of pregnancy. The law is awaiting a U.S. Supreme Court ruling before it can be enforced.

The Democratic Party of Georgia issued a statement in advance of Wednesday's vote criticizing the bill, calling it a "shameful, transparent attempt to place more obstacles between Georgians and essential reproductive health care."

The committee passed Thompson's bill 7-5, voting along party lines. It now heads to the Senate Rules Committee to schedule a floor vote.

—Capitol Beat News

Kemp wants parents to decide if children should wear masks

Gov. Brian Kemp announced Wednesday that he will propose legislation giving Georgia parents the final say on whether to send their children to school wearing masks.

Kemp accused some school districts of

"ignoring the science" on masking, as many states — including Democratic strongholds New York, California and New Jersey — have dropped mask mandates in recent days.

In Georgia, Atlanta Public Schools and the Gwinnett County Public Schools are among the school districts that have imposed mask mandates inside school buildings.

"This is gone too far," Kemp wrote in a statement posted on Twitter. "Most of our citizens are not doing it around the state."

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OPINIONS

The Covington News

Ann Coulter guest editorial

Lockdowns lose the Olympics

Vincent Zhou, the world-class figure skater forced to pull out of the Olympics because of COVID, can thank Anthony Fauci and our COVID-crazed media for his withdrawal.



In an agonizing Instagram post, Zhou expressed shock at the positive test, saying: “It seems pretty unreal that of all the people, it would happen to myself. ... I have been doing everything in my power to stay free of COVID since the start of the pandemic. I’ve taken all the precautions I can. I’ve isolated myself so much that the loneliness I felt in the last month or two has been crushing at times.”

His story is heart-wrenching not only because of his compelled withdrawal from the individual

competition -- and the loneliness he endured -- but because our “public health authorities” lied to Zhou, leading him to do exactly the opposite of what he should have been doing to build up his immune system before the Winter Games.

Maybe nothing could have protected him -- he was, of course, fully vaccinated -- but the safest course would have been to expose himself to everything in 2021, not be the Boy in the Bubble. If only he’d gotten omicron back in December, like everybody else, his immune system wouldn’t have been a sitting duck for the tiniest whiff of COVID once he got to Beijing.

As Dylan H. Morris, a postdoctoral RNA virus researcher at UCLA, put it: “If you want to stay out of the hospital, giving your immune system a preview of the virus is valuable, even if that preview isn’t perfectly accurate.”

A few months into the pandemic,

two basic models emerged for responding to COVID:

1) Make it endemic. Also known as “herd immunity” or, pejoratively, “Let ‘er rip!” Georgia and Florida, among other states, cautiously followed that path, as did the nation of Sweden.

2) Lock down the populace in order to prevent a single COVID molecule from ever drifting within 10 yards of a human being. Remember “15 days to stop the spread!”? In the blue states, two weeks became two years — finally being abandoned this week only because Democrats fear the coming elections.

RESULT: Places that pursued the endemic route did no worse, and often quite a bit better, than the fascist lockdown states. Apart from preventing hospitals from being overwhelmed when the virus first hit New York, no benefit was derived from strict COVID policies.

The reason the

virus hit so hard in 2020 was that our immune systems had never encountered anything like COVID before. “[T]he population was immunologically naive,” explained statistician Philippe Lemoine, “which means that nobody had immunity against it.” It’s the same reason Native Americans were annihilated by viruses that Europeans had lived with for centuries. Now their immune systems recognize those viruses, too.

Training your immune system to recognize the virus, through vaccination or the real thing, reduces the severity and duration of future infections. Additional exposures give the body practice dealing with the various twists and turns of each new variant. Avoiding contact with viruses to protect your immune system is like avoiding weight-lifting to protect your muscles.

See LOSE, A5

Dick Yarbrough columnist

Thoughts on Black History Month, among other topics

February is Black History Month. I wonder if there will be any recognition of the accomplishments of Condoleezza Rice, the first Black female secretary of state and the first woman to serve as National Security Advisor, or U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, of Pin Point, Georgia, or renowned neurosurgeon Dr. Benjamin Carson, former secretary of Housing and Urban Development in the Trump Administration or Colin Powell, former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the first Black secretary of state. Probably not. Although all came from modest backgrounds, fought bigotry and attained national prominence, they are all Republicans. I don’t think they will make the cut. . .



The Atlanta newspapers recently identified the highest-paid state employees in Georgia for fiscal year 2021. Topping the list is University of Georgia head football coach Kirby Smart, who made \$6.7 million. That was before winning the National College Football Championship. Word is that his salary will soon be upped to somewhere around \$10 million annually. By contrast, Gov. Brian Kemp’s annual salary is \$175,000. Smart makes that much in 10 days. It reminds me of New York Yankee slugger Babe Ruth’s comments when told he made more money than the President of the United States. He replied, “Why not? I had a better year than he did.” . . .

On the other hand, the second, third and fourth highest-paid employees in Georgia were Georgia Tech head football coach Geoff Collins (\$3.52 million), UGA head basketball coach Tom Crean (\$3.2 million) and Josh Pastner, Georgia Tech head basketball coach (\$2 million). Even beleaguered Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger (\$124,000) has had a better year than those three. . .

The Winter Olympics are here, in case you were wondering. They are being held in China, in case you care. If anyone thinks having the Olympics in that totalitarian state is going to make a particle of difference in their attitude, I have a slightly used Wuhan bat I will sell you. . .

Sometimes, legislators just have too much time on their hands. Witness state Sen. Frank Ginn, R-Danielsville, who is trying to get legislation passed to let drivers handle their cell-phones while stopped at a light or at a stop sign. (As if they aren’t already doing

that.) Ginn says allowing drivers to legally hold their phones would allow them to keep their heads up while they scroll their phone and more easily see the light change and then move promptly. That is opposed to paying attention without your phone, seeing the light change and then moving promptly when it does. Chances of this inane piece of legislation passing are about as good as my being invited to dance with the Bolshoi Ballet. . .

I am sure you remember the young white man, Nicholas Sandmann, of Covington, Ky., who was vilified in the national media, on social media and by liberal weenies worldwide in January 2019 for his racist acts at the Lincoln Memorial, following a Make America Great Again rally. It seems he and his friends were taunting a Native American activist and others that day. Even his Catholic School and the Covington Diocese condemned the group’s behavior. Oops! Later videos showed it was a group called the Black Hebrew Israelites and their tom-tom beating buddy slinging the racial and homophobic slurs, not the kids. As a result, Sandman sued a number of media outlets for defamation. So far The Washington Post has paid the Sandmann family \$250,000 and CNN and NBC have settled although the amount is confidential. Lawsuits are still pending with Gannett, ABC, CBS, the New York Times and Rolling Stone magazine. It is obvious that the national media’s hatred of Donald Trump caused them to compromise their objectivity and now are paying the price. They have also given us another reason not to trust them and that’s not good. . .

Finally, every day without The Woman Who Shared My Name is an empty one but particularly on Valentine’s Day. Our first date was on Valentine’s Day when I asked her to attend the Sweetheart Ball in our junior year of high school. Four years later, I presented her an engagement ring with money I had earned schlepping mail over the Christmas holidays. Thankfully, she said yes. Otherwise, that would have been a lot of schlepping for nothing. I must remember that Valentine’s Day is all about love and nothing — not even my loss — will change that.

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Rep. Dave Belton guest editorial

Education among big winners in next state budget

Unlike the federal government, which hasn’t passed a balanced budget since Newt Gingrich was Speaker of the House, the budget is always your state General Assembly’s biggest priority. Many states do not balance their budgets, but Georgia always does. In fact, Illinois, New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York, Delaware, Maryland, Kentucky, California, Hawaii, Rhode Island, Vermont and Pennsylvania (in that order) are currently individually carrying between tens and hundreds of billions of dollars of debt.



Interestingly, all but one of those 13 states are run by a particular political party. Georgia, on the other hand, is doing very well. In fact, because of Gov. Kemp’s early decision to allow our businesses to open and operate safely during the pandemic, Georgia has had the fourth best rebound out of that pandemic. And, as a recent Johns Hopkins report concludes, all the COVID lockdowns all across America only had a 0.2% effect, the governor’s decision seems to have been a good one.

Indeed, collections are up so much (without increasing taxes) that we now have a \$3.7 billion surplus, a new Georgia record. Thus, the

Governor has proposed a bold \$30.2 billion budget, up a whopping 11% from last year, while still only spending 2/3 of the surplus.

As usual, education will be the big winner. The governor will add a \$2,000 permanent pay raise to every teacher, completing his campaign promise of giving them an overall \$5,000 pay increase. He also promised an additional \$2,000 bonus to all full-time teachers and staff. More importantly, he vowed to add \$1.4 billion to education, fully funding it again this year, as well as add another \$425 million to restore the austerity cuts during the pandemic. To my knowledge, this is the first time we have ever restored lost moneys from the past back to our schools. Overall, this year’s budget will be the largest per student investment in Georgia’s history.

HOPE is also doing better than ever, posting a record \$376 million last quarter. Overall, we have raised \$24.6 billion to send our children to our excellent Georgia colleges.

The Governor also proposed to spend \$408 million to improve Rural Broadband, as well as the \$20 million he spent last year. He will also add \$110 million to our courts to address recent delays we’ve had in adjudicating cases, as well as more money for the Anti-Gang Task Force. There will also be a \$5,000 raise for state troopers, more money for

Foster Care, and more measures to eradicate human trafficking. He also plans to give state retirees their first pay increase in a decade.

Remarkably, the governor also plans to send \$1.6 billion back to the taxpayers by deducting \$500 from joint filers (\$250 from single) from their income tax. I’m also very pleased that the governor has promised to eliminate the retired military income tax — an initiative I’ve been working on for seven years.

Some of the governor’s biggest issues this year will be a Parental Bill of Rights, “to increase transparency in education by ensuring school districts have procedures in place for parental participation in schools.” The measure would codify parent’s rights to access instructional material, as well as request information from their schools. As the legislator who passed the nation’s second state Fiscal Transparency bill a few years ago, I agree that transparency is nearly always a good thing. There will also be a bill that bans obscene materials from schools, another bill that hopes to ensure fairness in school sports, and a Constitutional Carry bill.

I hope you will pray for me as I attempt to serve the people of Morgan and Newton counties.

Rep. Dave Belton is a Republican representing District 112 in the Georgia House.

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Mrs. Truitt said.

“The men would get sent off somewhere and we didn’t know when they’d be back,” she said.

She said she and all the Air Force wives who lived in their apartment building became pregnant at about the same time. One of their two children was born in England, Mrs. Truitt said.

When they returned to the U.S., Truitt worked for a time with the Campbell Soup Co. before beginning a long career in administration with

Norfolk Southern.

They ended up living in Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, Florida and Texas before moving back to Salisbury and, eventually, Georgia near their daughter.

“We’ve lived a lot of places,” Mrs. Truitt said.

Both agreed a good support system helped them continue in their 54 years together.

In addition to having “good friends,” they joined churches wherever they moved.

Truitt said their parents’ support also was a major factor in keeping their marriage together.

“Oh my, yes,” he said. “Parents are everything to you when you’re young and coming up. They give you direction.”

Mrs. Truitt said their parents were “good examples.”

“They were loving parents,” she said.

Mrs. Truitt recalled that she and Truitt renewed their vows along the way.

“I said I wanted to wear

my wedding dress one more time, so we did,” she said. “We were faithful in the Lord and we were faithful in going to church, so we had a big second wedding.”

Mrs. Truitt also said she thought she almost lost him recently when an old heart condition flared up.

She said she found her husband on the floor one day and called an ambulance.

But the physicians at the hospital treated him and sent him home, she said.

After 54 years together,

Truitt joked that the marriage lasted for one reason.

“She had money,” he said to laughter.

But he said both of them know their distinct roles in their relationship.

“She’s the boss,” Truitt said. “There’s no doubt.”

And if someone did ask for his advice on how to remain married for more than half a century, he said he would have a quick answer.

“Pick someone like this one,” he said, motioning toward Mrs. Truitt.

ENDORSES:

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government.

He was elected as a Democrat but spoke at the 2020 Republican National Convention in favor of Trump’s reelection and switched parties upon leaving the legislature.

Jones was a longshot in his bid to unseat Gov. Brian Kemp, and the challenge became even tougher when former U.S. Sen. David Perdue entered the race.

He switched gears to the 10th District race for Congress, an open seat with U.S. Rep.

Jody Hice’s bid for secretary of state.

The 10th District is a swath of north and east Georgia, stretching from the eastern suburbs of Atlanta to metro Augusta, and includes the eastern half of Newton County.

Hice, a Republican, was elected in 2014 as a pastor from Bold Springs in Walton County.

An even dozen Republican candidates have filed paperwork with the Federal Election Commission to run

in the May 24 primary. That doesn’t include Jones.

Among the candidates are state Rep. Timothy Barr of Lawrenceville, whom Hice has endorsed; former Rep. Paul Broun of Athens; Jackson trucking magnate Mike Collins, who made the GOP runoff against Hice in 2014 and is a son of the late U.S. Rep. Mac Collins; and Monroe businessman Marc McMain, who touts the endorsement of Walton County Sher-

iff Joe Chapman.

But Trump got more than 70% of the vote locally and remains popular. He’s backed a slate of candidates including Perdue for governor, state Sen. Burt Jones of Jackson for lieutenant governor, Hice for secretary of state and now Jones for Congress.

“He’s an America-first fighter who will never back down to either the establishment or the radical left,” Trump said of Jones. “Few fought harder

for election integrity in 2020 than Vernon ... Vernon will not let you down.”

At least one of Jones’ opponents has begun to fight back against the newcomer.

Collins said in an email that Jones was “a corrupt, carpetbagging, lifelong Democrat from DeKalb County who’s been accused of rape.”

While Jones was

leading the DeKalb government, a Lithonia woman accused him of rape. Charges were later dropped. *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution* reported at the time that the woman wanted to avoid trauma of a trial. Jones then declared himself exonerated.

News Editor Tom Spigolon of The News contributed to this report.

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The Scientist magazine, among others, has pointed out that there’s little reason to believe that omicron is actually less dangerous than delta; it just seems so because our immune systems now recognize COVID and are able to quickly kill it.

Zhou might have known all this, but whenever epidemiologists tried to tell us that, our “public health authorities” and doomsday media buried the dissenters in scorn and calumny. Back on Oct. 4, 2020, Dr. Martin Kulldorff of Harvard University, Dr. Sunetra Gupta of Oxford University, and Dr. Jay Bhattacharya of Stanford University produced The Great Barrington Declaration, pushing the endemic solution. Soon, thousands of scientists had signed the paper. Today, nearly 1 million have.

Four days later, on Oct. 8, 2020, Francis Collins, President Trump’s director of the NIH, emailed “The Science” Fauci, frantically warning that the declaration was getting too much attention! He urged a rapid response to discredit the signatories — one a Nobel Prize-winner in chemistry — and “take down” the paper’s ideas.

“The Science” permits no debate! (Though I suppose

we’re lucky Collins merely called the renowned epidemiologists “fringe,” and not “white supremacists.”)

Governors, like Ron DeSantis in Florida, who listened to the epidemiologists rather than “public health authorities” were reviled by our media, amid florid predictions of disaster.

In April 2020, when Gov. Brian Kemp of Georgia began lifting COVID restrictions, the Atlantic magazine blasted him with the headline: “Georgia’s Experiment in Human Sacrifice.” Longtime reporter Ron Fournier wrote: “Mark this day. Because two and three weeks from now, the Georgia death toll is blood on his hands.” (Take note, deplorables: Trump jumped on the bandwagon and publicly criticized Gov. Kemp for opening up, too.)

About the same time, Gov. DeSantis also began easing restrictions. For this, the media dubbed him “Death-Santis.” The New Republic titled an article on April 10, 2020, “God Save the Florida Governor From His Stupidity.”

RESULTS: A month later, COVID cases in both states had declined, while cases continued to rise in the majority of other states.

Maybe that was a

fluke. What’s the final score, two years later?

As of a week ago, among all 50 states, Georgia was ranked 15th in age-adjusted COVID deaths, well below communist-controlled New York and New Jersey. Florida was in the bottom half of all states, coming in at No. 31. Only 19 states did better.

As for Sweden, MSNBC and President Trump spoke as one in denouncing that country’s refusal to shut down. On April 20, 2020, Trump tweeted that Sweden was “paying heavily for its decision not to lock down.” A week ago, Sweden ranked 20th out of 31 nations in Europe in COVID deaths. Only 11 countries did better.

Even a tie score should go to the free states because their citizens didn’t have to stop living, learning, eating in restaurants, going to concerts, athletic events and on and on.

Not only did Armageddon not ensue in

the free states, but their populations’ immune systems aren’t at risk of collapsing the next time a germ wafts their way. You know all those weird allergies to things like peanuts that didn’t exist 20 years ago? Wait until the kids who’ve spent their childhoods in masks encounter the Earth’s atmosphere again!

Naturally, there will be no consequences for our “public health authorities” who imposed cruel mandates and squelched opposing views: You can’t sue the government.

The rule should be that whenever our rulers claim emergency powers to impose draconian measures on the populace, they forfeit sovereign immunity. I know some epidemiologists who would be good expert witnesses for the lawsuits.

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application that the interim county manager job was “an exciting opportunity to continue making Newton County a great place to work, live and play while partnering and collaborating with its businesses and residents.”

She said she oversees more than 3,300 employees, \$651 million in operating funds and \$1.97 billion in capital funding in her role as deputy mayor.

Babers also summarized some customer service initiatives, transportation management, and budget management skills she uses in the position, according to the letter and resume *The Covington News* received in response to an open records request.

“I have over 15 years developing, implementing and managing a budget at the agency level,” she wrote. “Facing year after year cuts, I am known for creating innovative solutions to meet financial



From left, county commissioners Alana Sanders, J.C. Henderson and Ronnie Cowan listen in during a recent Newton County Board of Commissioners meeting.

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shortfalls, while maintaining the customer experience.”

Babers has worked as Washington’s deputy mayor for operations and infrastructure since March 2019.

She also serves as first vice chair of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) Board of Directors, according to information from the District of Columbia government.

She previously served as the director of the District of Columbia Department of Motor Vehicles; served in management positions at Amtrak; and served as a captain in the Air

Force, according to information from the resume she submitted for the job.

Babers has previous ties to Georgia after earning a bachelor’s degree in industrial engineering from Georgia Tech. She also earned a Master of Science degree in business from Johns Hopkins University.

Sims said in his cover letter accompanying his application for the position that he hoped his “skills and servant leadership style of management” were a “great fit” for the job.

He said he managed a city government with more than 2,400 em-

ployees and a budget of more than \$900 million while serving as Augusta’s interim city administrator from April 2019 to November 2020.

Sims also managed seven city departments during his time as deputy administrator.

“My credentials and experience reflect my ability to interface effectively and efficiently with all levels of management, government officials, employees, clients, vendors, and within the distinct situations that involve them all,” Sims wrote.

Sims is a former deputy administrator for the city of Augusta and served as the city’s in-

terim administrator for more than 18 months in 2019 and 2020.

However, he left in April 2021 after then-new Administrator Odie Donald was hired and said he wanted new deputy administrators, according to the Augusta Chronicle newspaper.

Sims also was a finalist for city manager of Forest Park in Clayton County in 2021. He previously served as manager of capital projects and public safety administrator for the city of East Point.

He earned a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice from Georgia State University, a master’s degree in business administration from Mercer University and an online certification in government digital transformation from Harvard University, according to information from the city of Forest Park.

A committee including Chairman Marcello Banes and County Attorney Patrick Jaug-

stetter chose six applicants for a first round of interviews out of 19 who applied. They then chose three candidates for commissioners to interview Jan. 27.

Banes was required to provide at least three candidates to the Board for the position, according to the county charter.

Whoever is selected for the job will be joining the county government in the early stages of the 2023 budget process.

According to a calendar the Board approved, departmental personnel requests and budget submissions are due to the county Finance Department Feb. 28. Budget requests are due to the county manager by March 18, .

The Board is working to replace Lloyd Kerr, who had served as county manager since early 2016. Commissioners voted not to renew his contract after it ended Jan. 1.

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known for his activism in the 1960s alongside Martin Luther King Jr. in the fight for civil rights. He participated in lunch counter sit-ins, joined the Freedom Riders in challenging segregated buses and was a keynote speaker at the historic 1963 March on Washington at just the age of 23. Lewis was also present for the landmark 1965 march in Selma, Alabama, — when he survived a vicious beating by police.

The longtime congressman died in July 2020 at the age of 80 after another battle — this time with cancer.

“Rep. John Lewis was a giant of a man,” Johnson said at the time of Lewis’ death. “Never angry or puffed up with self importance, he was a humble servant who loved humanity. And we loved him back ... I will follow [Lewis’] example.”

Another person Johnson said he looked up to for inspiration was his cousin, Archibald Hill.

Hill was a civil rights activist,

lawyer and a four-term state representative in Oklahoma, Johnson said. He was born Dec. 6, 1934, in Sandersville, Georgia, and received a law degree from North Carolina Law School.

Hill was Oklahoma president of the Congress on Racial Equality and a member of the NAACP. He was elected in 1964 to the Oklahoma House of Representatives and served an eastern Oklahoma City district that was predominantly Black from 1964-1972.

As Black History Month is in full swing, Johnson recently announced he would be partnering with AMC Networks to help roll out their ninth annual Black History Month public service announcement campaign.

The campaign spots, centered on the theme “A Closer Look at the Black Experience,” will air throughout February across the company’s national networks including AMC, BBC, AMERICA, IFC, Sundance TV and WE tv, among others in celebration

of Black History Month.

“I am proud to partner with AMC Networks and Color of Change to celebrate Black History Month and put a spotlight on the efforts of the Congressional Black Caucus,” Johnson said. “This month we reflect on how far we’ve come — and how far we still have to go.”

The PSA campaign features eight members of Congress from the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) addressing pressing issues that impact the Black community, ranging from safeguarding voting rights, the importance of portrayals of Black joy and success in media, to protecting Black health and wellness.

Joining Johnson for the campaign are CBC Chairwoman Rep. Joyce Beatty (D-Ohio), House Majority Whip Rep. James E. Clyburn (D-S.C.), Rep. André Carson (D-Ind.), Rep. Danny Davis (D-Ill.), Rep. Lucy McBath (D-Ga.), Rep. Don Payne Jr. (D-N.J.), and Rep. Nikema Williams (D-Ga.).

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masks will not be required, they will be highly recommended for both students and staff.

“It was stated, at the time the mandate was instituted, that it would

be temporary and correlate directly to our community conditions,” Fuhrey said.

“After continuous review of the COVID-19 data and consulting with our local medical

professionals, beginning Thursday, Feb. 10, 2022, masks will be highly recommended — but not required — for all students and staff.”

“While we are loosening our mask requirement, it continues to be important that students and staff wash their hands, use hand sanitizer and watch their distance as an integral part of our layered prevention strategy,” Fuhrey said.

The mandate was implemented at the beginning of the second

semester.

Although the school system has seen a decline in the number of COVID-19 cases, Fuhrey warned that the mask mandate could come back if numbers shoot back up.

“We must all continue to remain diligent in practicing the available safety precautions to help reduce the spread of the virus,” she said. “So please understand, if our community’s COVID-19 cases increase again, we will be forced to reinstitute the mask mandate.”

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 • A program to learn about different species of owls in Georgia is set for Feb. 19, 6 to 8 p.m., at Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center, 543 Elliott Trail, Mansfield. Participants will venture into the forest after dark to see if they can communicate with some of these silent flyers. Please dress for the outdoors and bring a flashlight.
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Thursday, Feb. 24
 • Ribbon cutting and dedication at 11 a.m. of old R.L. Cousins High School band room to honor the late T. K. Adams Sr. The event at 8134 Geiger St. is hosted by the Newton County Historical Committee on Black Heritage Preservation. The building will be used as a cultural arts center.

Saturday, Feb. 26
 • Inaugural Black History Parade hosted by the Newton County Historical Committee on Black Heritage Preservation is set for 10 a.m. to noon.
 The parade is set to start at New Hope Baptist Church on Brown Street and run to the Covington Square. For more information, visit <https://www.georgiajuneenth.com/blackhistoryparade>.

March 7-11
 • Qualifying for the May primaries for county, state elected offices.
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STAR:

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both Georgia Tech and Embry Riddle Aeronautical University. He's waiting to hear back from Stanford and Cal Tech before making his final decision. Rivash's plan is to major in mechanical engineering to ultimately become a race engineer for the F1 Motorsport Industry.

Rivash chose his calculus teacher, Joshua Cook, as his STAR Teacher. This is Cook's third time being selected a STAR Teacher. When asked why he chose Cook, Rivash said, "He really pushed me because I took precalculus with him and he encouraged me to take that big step to BC Calculus which had never been done, as this was his first year teaching it.

"But he really believed in me and motivated me and helped me do well. He really went out of his way to help me."

• **ALCOVY HIGH SCHOOL – STAR**
 Student Brianna Francis and STAR Teacher Laura Lambert
 Brianna Francis is a senior at Alcovy High School and the NCCA STEM Institute and she was named Alcovy High School's Star Student after scoring 1390 out of 1600 on the SAT. Brianna has taken several advanced placement classes during her high school career, including biology, macroeconomics, world history, American government, physics, calculus, English literature, and world literature.

In addition to her studies, Brianna participated in numerous extracurricular activities, including FBLA, FFA, HOSA, and Student Council. During her spare time, she also enjoys playing the piano.

Brianna has applied to and been accepted to both Georgia Tech and the University of Georgia. Although she hasn't finalized her selection, she is leaning towards attending UGA where she would possibly major in biotechnology. She has a lofty career goal of becoming a biotechnician to make prosthetic limbs.

Brianna selected her 12th grade science teacher, Laura Lambert of the Newton College & Career Academy, as her STAR Teacher. This is Lambert's second time being named a STAR Teacher.

When asked why she selected Lambert, Brianna said, "She's given me so many opportunities and so many resources to explore my interests.

"I take her fourth-level biotech class that's a research and development class where she gives you all the researches in the lab and lets you pursue whatever you want to. She helps you every step of the way and it's so amazing that she is able to do that for every single one of her students and I know that that takes a lot of effort so it's something I definitely appreciate her for."

• **NEWTON HIGH SCHOOL – STAR**
 Student Amara Ann Igwilu and STAR Teacher Virginia Moulder
 Amara Igwilu is a senior at the Academy of Liberal Arts at Newton High School and is Newton High School's 2022 STAR Student, after scoring 1270 out of 1600 on the SAT in one sitting.

RIVIAN:

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• A Groundwater Recharge Plan which provides updated mapping and consideration of ways to reduce impacts, including minimizing impervious surfaces, protecting stream buffers, reutilizing stormwater on site, creating on-site storage and "green infrastructure" natural filtration for stormwater, use of cutting-edge filtration technology for stormwater, capping and closing all existing wells on the property, and providing additional buffers for adjacent property.

• An independent, comprehensive hydrology and geology opinion conducted by leading environmental consulting firm Nutter and Associates which concludes that water management practices from day-to-day operations at the facility will have a net-zero effect on local groundwater.

The study also found that the existing local geology results in the site having minimal impacts on groundwater availability in adjacent areas.

Letters of support for the project from "a broad and diverse coalition of local business owners and civic leaders," including chambers of commerce and public school systems in all four counties, and Southern Crescent Technical College and Georgia College and State University.

Others include organizations ranging from Union Springs Baptist Church in Rutledge and Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, to Walton County Sheriff's Office, Piedmont Newton hospital, Berkshire Hathaway realtors in Newton County and the Newton County Water and Sewerage Authority, which is serving the site.

Meanwhile, opponents of the project have organized a community meeting and barbecue lunch from 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. at Veteran's Park, also known as Play Fair Park, at 254 Fairplay St. in Rutledge.

Keith Wilson of the group encouraged its reported 2,000 members to attend. He said on social media that the event "is more than just about barbecue or raising money."

"It is about continuing to unite as a community and show the media, political leaders and such that we deserve a better development than Rivian," Wilson wrote.

Barbecue plates and baked goods will be available for purchase with all proceeds going to Our Communities Oppose Rivian Assembly Plant's legal costs and expenses, group leaders said. For more information, visit no2rivian.org.

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City of Covington

Huey Magoo's Town Center location to open by fall

By TAYLOR BECK
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Florida-based chicken tender restaurant chain Huey Magoo's anticipates adding 30 new locations over the next year, including one in Newton County.

Restaurant officials announced recently that a franchise would soon be located off Alcovy Road in Covington and be open by fall.

Harry E. Kitchen Jr., who is president of The Foxfield Company, told The Covington News in October 2021 that the restaurant would be part of the lauded Covington Town Center.

Covington Town Center is a \$300 million mixed-use development project that spans 180 acres located off Alcovy Road. The Foxfield Company is the master developer of the Town Center. Anchoring the development are three national chain hotels, a Publix supermarket, a 350-unit



Huey Magoo's is slated to open approximately 30 new restaurants this year. One of those will be in Covington as part of the Town Center project off Alcovy Road.

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apartment complex and 625 townhomes. Other high-profile restaurants slated to be part of Town Center were Dunkin' and Panda Express.

And Kitchens said many more "big names" and "junior anchors" are on the way.

After Huey Magoo's adds 30 new restaurants within the

next year, the chain will have a total of 50 locations across nine states including Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, Tennessee, South Carolina,

North Carolina, Alabama, Ohio and Nevada.

"It's extremely exciting times at Huey Magoo's!" President and CEO Andy Howard said in a Feb. 7 press release. "Despite the challenges in the climate last year, we reached amazing sales that we could have only dreamed of. We're hitting on all cylinders now and are poised for enormous growth this year hitting the big 50. We are also thrilled for our new partnership with Boyd Gaming to open in Las Vegas, Nevada. All-in-all, this company is on fire, our team is phenomenal and we look ahead with fervor and pride to bring the best tenders on the planet to many more families nationwide."

Huey Magoo's has two locations in Walton County — one in Loganville, which was the first in Georgia, and another planned at the Monroe Pavilion.

Newton County Schools

Kiwanis Club and Newton schools name 2022 STAR students, teachers

STAFF REPORTS
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Newton County School System (NCSS) has announced its 2022 STAR Students and STAR Teachers for the school system and the individual high schools.

The PAGE Student Teacher Achievement Recognition (STAR) program is sponsored by the Professional Association of Georgia Educators (PAGE) Foundation.

In order to earn the STAR nomination, high school seniors must have the highest score on a single test date on the SAT, a national college entrance exam some colleges and universities utilize to measure critical thinking skills students need for academic success in college.

The SAT assesses how well students analyze and solve problems. It is typically taken by high school juniors and seniors. Each section of the SAT is scored on a scale of 200 to 800, with the current version of the exam worth a total of 1600 points.

In order to qualify for STAR Student, the student must also be in the top 10% or top 10 students of their class based on grade point average.

Since its inception, the STAR program has honored nearly 28,500

students and the teachers they have selected as having had the most influence on their academic success.

Newton County School System's three high school STAR Students and their STAR Teachers are:

- EASTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL and NCSS STAR Student and Teacher — Rivash Deepnarain and Joshua Cook

Rivash Deepnarain is a senior at Eastside High School and NCCA STEM Institute.

He is not only Eastside High School's 2022 STAR Student, but is also Newton County School System's 2022 STAR Student, as he posted the highest SAT score in the district — a stellar 1530 out of 1600.

In addition to his studies with NCSS, including Advanced Placement Calculus, US History, World History and Physics, Rivash has also participated in dual enrollment with both Point University and Georgia Tech.

Despite his heavy academic load, Rivash has also made time for extracurricular activities including TSA, Tennis, and STEM Council. Rivash also volunteers his time at Rockdale Tennis Center.

Rivash has been accepted to attend

See STAR, A7



From left are Alcovy High STAR Student Brianna Francis and STAR Teacher Laura Lambert; school system and Eastside High STAR Student Rivash Deepnarain and STAR Teacher Joshua Cook; and Newton High STAR Student Amara Ann Igwilo and STAR Teacher Virginia Moulder.

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Prep Basketball

Win or go home

County schools get ready for postseason play

STAFF REPORTS
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COVINGTON, Ga. — As the regular season comes to an end, all area basketball teams prepare for their respective region tournaments.

Each team, however, is entering the postseason facing different situations.

ALCOVY

The Alcovy Tigers' regular season finished with a 91-73 win over the Heritage Patriots on Feb. 8. As a result, the Tigers enter the Region 3-AAAAAA tournament as the fourth seed with a 7-14 overall record and a 4-6 record in region play.

In its latest win, Ben Hodges scored 41 points which didn't include a 3-pointer in the outing. Additionally, numerous substitutions and individual contributions were made throughout the night by the other four Tiger starters and bench players.

Head coach Mack Hardwick believes his team is much better than their record shows.

"Our overall record is not indicative of the type of basketball our team can play," Hardwick said. "The first half of our year was about building chemistry."

Hardwick continued to stress that he believes his team seems to be hitting



Alcovy's Ben Hodges (15) tries to score against Heritage's Jacob Wilkins (21)

Phillip B. Hubbard | The News

their stride at the right time.

Maxpreps' standings would seem to suggest a rematch against Heritage for Alcovy in round one of the region tournament. The Tigers are 2-0 against the Patriots this season.

The 2022 tournament will be from Feb. 15-18 at Lakeside (Evans).

EASTSIDE

The 2021-22 season has

been an up and down one for the Eagles. At the time of publication, they were in fourth place of Region 8-AAAAA with a 13-10 overall record as well as an 8-5 record in region play.

Eastside's latest win came in thrilling fashion when they downed Clarke Central on the road 37-35 thanks to a last-second layup by Raje Benton.

Head coach Dorrian Randolph has noticed a constant progression with his players and feels confident in their ability to perform in the region tournament next week.

"These last four or five games, [the players] have been playing better team ball," Randolph said. "We're just trying to get

See WIN, B8

Prep Basketball



Anthony Banks | The News

Social Circle High School boys basketball coach Taylor Jackson has guided his team to an undefeated season for 2021-22 and is eager to see how far the team can advance in the postseason.

Striving for perfection

Strong hoops background gave young coach a solid foundation for success

By DAVID JOHNSON

Correspondent

Taylor Jackson has always loved basketball and been passionate about the game. He was a gym rat who grew up playing in recreation leagues and on both the high school and college levels.

But even he was shocked at the basketball-centric world he found himself in when he landed his first job as a coach as an assistant under Rick Rasmussen at Newton County in 2014.

"I wasn't even officially an employee of the school system, and yet Coach Rasmussen expected me to be

See PERFECTION, B8

Prep Swimming: GHSA State Meet

Record day for Eastside

By PHILLIP B. HUBBARD
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ATLANTA — The Eastside swimming teams had some swimmers qualify for the Georgia High School Association State Swim Meet held at Georgia Tech on Friday, Feb. 4.

During the meet, a few Eagles set school records.

It all began with Alice

Kennedy's performance.

In the 200 freestyle, the senior swimmer advanced to the finals by finishing 12th for classes 4A-5A with a time of 2:02.04, which is a new Eastside record.

For the boys, junior Murphy O'Brien qualified in the 200 Individual Medley (IM) and 100 backstroke.

Murphy advanced to the finals in both of his individual events.

He advanced to the IM finals with a school record-setting 2:09.47 final time.

Murphy finished 18th in the IMs and 19th in the 100 backstroke.

Maggie O'Brien, Molly O'Brien, Kenne-

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02/13

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02/6,13

Citations

CITATION

DAVID CLAYTON MITCHELL
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(The applicant has also applied
for waiver of bond and/or grant of
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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 MARCH 7, 2022, next, at
ten o'clock a.m.

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE #300515
02/6,13,20,27

CITATION

KIMBERLY RUTLEDGE ELMORE
has petitioned to be appointed
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deceased. (The applicant has also
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02/6-13,20,27

CITATION

KRISTI KENNEDY has petitioned
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Estate of **DEBORAH LYNN LEWIS**
deceased. (The applicant has also
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parties are hereby notified to show
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PUBLIC NOTICE #300517
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CITATION

MARY JO HUDDLESTON
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STEVEN TODD MANDERS
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PUBLIC NOTICE #300483
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CITATION

MERIAM DEBORAH GUNNYON
has petitioned to be appointed
Administrator of the Estate of **EDITH**
HELEN COCHRAN deceased. (The
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CITATION

MICHELLE SEAL has petitioned
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SEAL deceased. (The applicant has
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CITATION

NANCY ADAMS TIEDE has
petitioned to be appointed
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CHARLES NEWTON ADAMS, JR
deceased. (The applicant has also
applied for waiver of bond and/or
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O.C.G.A 53-12-232). All interested
parties are hereby notified to show
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PUBLIC NOTICE #300520
02/6,13,20,27

CITATION

SAMANTHA WADE has petitioned
to be appointed Administrator of the
Estate of **NORA ANN ETHERIDE**
WADE 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 MARCH 7, 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 #300514
02/6,13,20,27

CITATION

STACY JERNIGAN has petitioned
to be appointed Administrator of
the Estate of **RONALD BRUMLEY**
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 MARCH 7, 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 #300481
2/6,13,20,27

CITATION

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LEGALS:

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Debtors Creditors

ALL CREDITORS of the estate of **CHARLES DONALD WALKER** late of Newton County, deceased, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to: **NAME OF Executor:** DONALD SCOTT WALKER **ADMINISTRATOR'S ADDRESS:**

DONALD SCOTT WALKER
111 BARRINGTON FARMS
PARKWAY SHARPSBURG, GA 30277
C/O SHANNON D. Sneed Attorney at Law P.O.Box 1245
COVINGTON, GA 30015

THIS 18TH day of January, 2022

PUBLIC NOTICE #300438
01/23,30-2/6,13

ALL CREDITORS of the estate of **RICHARD GEORGE SULLIVAN** late of Newton County, deceased, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to: **NAME OF Executor:** KATHERINE ANNE SULLIVAN HERREN **EXECUTOR ADDRESS:**

DONALD SCOTT WALKER
55 BEAR CREEK COURT
COVINGTON, GA 30014

C/O SHANNON D. Sneed Attorney at Law P.O.Box 1245
COVINGTON, GA 30015

THIS 18TH day of January 2022

PUBLIC NOTICE #300439
01/23,30-2/6,13

NOTICE OF DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

ALL CREDITORS of the Estate of **CHARLES B RICE**, late of Newton County, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment.

THIS 4TH day of February 2022

KELLY L. Rice
20 OAKS Drive,
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #300542
02/13,20,27-3/6

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

ALL CREDITORS of **TAVIUS SHUNEIL BROWN**, deceased, late 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 to the undersigned representative of said estate.

THIS 3RD day of February 2022

TELLY QUINTREZ BROWN
150 PIEDMONT CIRCLE
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #300535
02/13,20,27-3/6

NOTICE TO Debtors and Creditors

ALL CREDITORS of the estate of **BARRY SCOTT BIGGERS** 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 13TH day of February, 2022

NAME: CHERYL LYNN CHAMBERLAIN
TITLE:
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE ADDRESS: 45 HARDWOOD DRIVE, COVINGTON, GEORGIA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #300501
02/13,20,27-3/6

NOTICE TO Debtors and Creditors

ALL CREDITORS of the estate of **Lester Tyrone Jemison** 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 21ST day of January, 2022

NAME: WILLIAM D. Carter, Jr.
TITLE: ATTORNEY for Estate
ADDRESS: 45 Technology Pkwy. S, Suite 240, Peachtree Corners, GA 30092

PUBLIC NOTICE #300458
02/6,13,20,27

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

THIS THE 13TH day of JANUARY 2022

ANNE SPILLERS
935 TODD DR
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #300452
01/30-2/6,13,20

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

THIS THE 8TH day of FERUARY

2022

WALTER TONER, IV
2214 EAST 41 STREET
SAVANNAH, GA 31404

PUBLIC NOTICE #300553
02/13,20,27-3/6

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

THIS THE 12TH day of JANUARY 2022

GLORIA BRUCE
1365 FLAT ROCK RD
COVINGTON GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #300450
01/30-2/6,13,20

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **CHARLES GEORGE WHITE** 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 28TH day of JANUARY 2022

PATRICK WHITE
3890 PINEY BROOK, DR
LOGANVILLE, GA 30052

PUBLIC NOTICE #300530
02/6,13,20,27

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

THIS THE 8TH day of FERUARY 2022

GREGORY CARTER
3741 THORNBROOKE COURT
DULUTH, GA 30097

PUBLIC NOTICE #300557
02/13,20,27-3/6

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **DOLORES ANN CADY PICKETT** 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 28TH day of JANUARY 2022

LISA COPELAND
8019 ABBEY MANOR
CUMMING, GA 30041

PUBLIC NOTICE #300525
02/13,20,27-3/6

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **ETHELENE BROWN LESTER** 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 21TH day of JANUARY 2022

JACQUELINE E. RAINEY
6205 HEARN RD
ELLENWOOD, GA 30294

PUBLIC NOTICE #300524
02/13,20,27-3/6

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **HELEN ANN TERRELL** 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 21TH day of JANUARY 2022

MICHAEL TERRELL
2115 HAMPTON TRAIL SE
CONYERS GA 30013

PUBLIC NOTICE #300523
02/13,20,27-3/6

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **HERBERT ALLEN CLARK** 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 28TH day of JANUARY 2022

BEN DAY
721 ELLINGTON RD
OXFORD GA 30054

PUBLIC NOTICE #300527
02/13,20,27-03/6

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

THIS THE 20TH day of JANUARY 2022

CHARLES WITCHER
40 BOB HAGLER LANE
ERIN, TX 37061

PUBLIC NOTICE #300485
02/6,13,20,27

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND

CLUES ACROSS

1. Remain as is
5. Functional
11. News magazine
12. Popular treat
16. Area units
17. Artificial intelligence
18. Marten valued for its fur
19. Forms of matter
24. Home of the Dodgers
25. Bordering
26. Part of the eye
27. It might be nervous
28. Visualizes
29. Crest of a hill
30. Measures engine speed (abbr.)
31. Tears in a garment (Br. Eng.)
33. Not easily explained
- 34 Song in short stanzas
38. Detonations
39. Intestinal
40. EU cofounder Paul-Henri __
43. Balmy
44. New Mexico mountain town
45. Gobblers
49. Insecticide
50. Golf scores
51. Has its own altar
53. "Pollock" actor Harris
54. Being livable
56. NHL play-by-play man
58. "The Great Lakes State" (abbr.)
59. Unpainted
60. Swam underwater
63. Native American people
64. Containing salt
65. Exam

CLUES DOWN

1. Small bone in middle ear
2. Long, angry speech
3. Move out of
4. Male organ
5. Two-toed sloth
6. Making dirty
7. Article
8. Oil company
9. Emits coherent radiation
10. Amounts of time
13. Unit equal to one quintillion bytes (abbr.)
14. Forbidden by law
15. Drains away

CREDITORS

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

THIS THE 3 RD day of FERUARY 2022

ASHLEY CLANTON
120 W PENNICK DR
COVINGTON , GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #300555
02/13,20,27-3/6

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **JUDY C. VENABLE** 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 26TH day of JANUARY 2022

ROGER CLARK
25 STEWART DR
COVINGTON GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #300526
02/13,20,27-3/6

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **JUNE PATRICIA KNIGHT** 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 FERUARY 2022

CURTIS SMITH
342 SPEARS RD
MANSFIELD GA 30055

PUBLIC NOTICE #300556
02/13,20,27-3/6

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **KERRY ANN MADURO** 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 21TH day of JANUARY 2022

CHRISTOPHER BAKER
8130 WOODLAND AVENUE
COVINGTON GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #300528
02/6,13,20,27

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **LOWREEN JONES** 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 FERUARY 2022

ANDREA JONES
204 RAINEY DR
EATONTON, GA 31024

PUBLIC NOTICE #300554
02/13,20,27-3/6

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

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20. Not out
21. Sea patrol (abbr.)
22. Bird genus
23. Gratuity
27. __ and feathers
29. Spiritual part of an individual (ancient Egypt)
30. Hot beverage
31. Pouch
32. It followed the cassette
33. Large northern deer
34. Ones who offer formally
35. Famed genie
36. Bequeathed
37. Skeletal muscle
38. Atomic #56
40. Silk garment
41. They deliver the mail

42. Equally
44. Check
45. Light-colored breed of hound
46. Drug that soothes
47. Railroads
48. Most slick
50. Jacket
51. A radio band
52. Hello
54. His and __
55. Supporter
57. Popular software suite (abbr.)
61. Railway
62. NY coastal region (abbr.)

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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oregon.gov for fee information). It must be in proper form. You must show that the other party's lawyer (or the party if they do not have a lawyer) was formally served with a copy of your response according to the service rules. Service rules are in the Oregon Rules of Civil Procedure (ORCP) Rule 9

IF YOU have questions, see a lawyer immediately. If you need help finding a lawyer, you can call the Oregon State Bar's Lawyer Referral Service at 503.684.3763 or toll free in Oregon at

800.452.7636, OR go to www.oregonstatebar.org.

01/26/2022

PUBLIC NOTICE #300490
02/6,13,20,27

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

CARISSA LUCES-ABBAS PLAINTIFF, v HAMZA ABBAS DEFENDANT,

ACTION NO.2021-CV-2739-1

NOTICE OF SUMMONS- SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

TO HAMZA ABBAS, Defendant Above: You are hereby that the above- styled action seeking Divorce without minor children [state the relief sought] was filed against you in said court on December 3, 2021 and that by reason of an order for service of summons by publication entered by the court on February 1, 2022 you are hereby commanded and required to file with the clerk of said court and serve upon * plaintiff, whose address is 40 B Plum Orchard Rd, an answer to the complaint within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for service by publication. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint,

WITNESS THE Honorable Jeffery L. Foster, Judge of said Court, This the 2nd day of February 2022

PUBLIC NOTICE #3000544
02/13,20,27-3/6

Foreclosures

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE UNDER POWER NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

UNDER AND by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Howard Abbott, Jr.** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Homeowners Loan Corp., dated February 9, 2005, and recorded in Deed Book 1848, Page 520, Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Residential Asset Securities Corporation, Home Equity Mortgage Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-KS11 by assignment recorded on February 1, 2021 in Book 4136 Page 519 in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of Thirty-Seven Thousand Four Hundred and 0/100 dollars (\$37,400.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on March 1, 2022, the following described property:

THE LEND referred to in this Commitment is described as follows: **ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN ROCKY PLAINS DISTRICT OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING KNOWN AS LOTS 27 AND 28 OF RIVERSIDE PARK SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO A PLAT OF SAVING TO BE PREPARED BY ROBERT M. BUHLER, REGISTERED LAND**

SURVEYOR, DATED FEBRUARY 22, 1966, REVISED MAY 27, 1966 AND RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 56, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS WHICH PLAT IS INCORPOR

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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

BY VIRTUE of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from **GEMMA V HENRY** to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS GRANTEE, AS NOMINEE FOR SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC., dated January 25, 2008, recorded February 29, 2008, in Deed Book 2573, Page 321, Newton County, Georgia Records, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of One Hundred Thousand Nine Hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$100,900.00), with interest thereon as provided for therein, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned and transferred to US Bank Trust National Association, Not In Its Individual Capacity But Solely As Owner Trustee For VRMTG Asset Trust, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in March, 2022, all property described in said Security Deed including but not limited to the following described property: **ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 185 OF THE 10TH DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 132, OF FAIRVIEW ESTATES SUBDIVISION, PHASE II, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 40, PAGES 26-35, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS, WHICH RECORDED PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE AND MADE A PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION.**

SAID LEGAL description being controlling, however the property is more commonly known as **70 CHANDLER FIELD DRIVE, COVINGTON, GA 30016.**

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

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

TO THE best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owner and party in possession of the property is **GEMMA V HENRY**, or tenants(s). **THE SALE** will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed. **THE ENTITY** having full authority to negotiate, amend or modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is: Fay Servicing, LLC, Loss Mitigation Dept., 425 S. Financial Place, Suite 2000, Chicago, IL 60605, Telephone Number: 800-495-7166. Nothing in O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require a secured creditor to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the mortgage instrument.

US BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR VRMTG ASSET TRUST **AS ATTORNEY** in Fact for **GEMMA V HENRY**

THE BELOW LAW FIRM MAY BE HELD TO BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, UNDER FEDERAL LAW. IF SO, ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. **ATTORNEY CONTACT:** Rubin Lublin, LLC, 3145 Avalon Ridge Place, Suite 100, Peachtree Corners, GA 30071 **TELEPHONE NUMBER:** (877) 813-0992 Case No. FAY-22-00105-1

PUBLIC NOTICE #300477
01/30-2/6,13,20

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER CONTAINED IN SECURITY DEED STATE OF GEORGIA, COUNTY OF NEWTON

PURSUANT to a power of sale contained in a certain security deed executed by **Sherlene K. Crick** and **Toriano Craig Hunter**, hereinafter referred to as Grantor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for SunTrust Mortgage, Inc. d/b/a Sun America Mortgage a Virginia Company recorded in Deed Book 1963, beginning at page 174, as modified at Deed Book 3467, Page 618, of the deed records of the Clerk of the Superior Court of the aforesaid state and county, and by virtue of a default under the terms of said security deed, and the related note, the undersigned attorney-in-fact for the aforesaid Grantor (which attorney-in-fact is the present holder of said security deed and note secured thereby) will sell at the usual place of conducting Sheriff's sales in said county within the legal hours of sale, to the highest bidder on the first Tuesday in March 2022, all property described in said security deed including but not limited to the following described property:

ALL THAT tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 119 and 138 of the 10th District, Newton County, Georgia, being Lot 392, The Fields Of Ellington, subdivision as per plat recorded in Plat Book 41, Pages 138-152, Newton County Georgia records, said plat being incorporated herein and made reference hereto.

SAID LEGAL description being controlling, however, the Property is more commonly known as: **55 Carrington Circle, Covington, GA**

30016 SAID PROPERTY will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The sale will be subject to the following items which may affect the title: any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien but not yet due and payable); any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property; any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, and all other matters of record superior to the said Security Deed. The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed. MidFirst Bank, through its division Midland Mortgage is the entity with authority to negotiate, amend and modify the terms of the Note and Security Deed. MidFirst Bank, through its division Midland Mortgage's address is 999 N.W. Grand Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK 73118. MidFirst Bank, through its division Midland Mortgage may be contacted by telephone at 1-800-552-3000. To the best of the undersigned's knowledge and belief, the party in possession of the property is believed to be Sherlene K. Crick and Toriano Craig Hunter, or tenant(s). **MIDFIRST BANK**, as Transferee, Assignee, and Secured Creditor **AS ATTORNEY-IN-FACT** for the aforesaid Grantor **CAMPBELL & Brannon, LLC ATTORNEYS AT Law GLENRIDGE HIGHLANDS II 5565 GLENRIDGE** Connector, Suite 350 Atlanta, GA 30342 **(770) 392-0041 21-6629** **THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE HELD TO BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, UNDER FEDERAL LAW. IF SO, ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE**

PUBLIC NOTICE #300478
01/30-20/6,13,20,27

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

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

UNDER AND by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Gaynell Freeman** to Wells Fargo Bank, NA, dated April 15, 2005, recorded in Deed Book 1896, Page 166, Newton County, Georgia Records and as modified by that certain Loan Modification Agreement recorded in Deed Book 3076, Page 589, Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to US Bank National Association, as Trustee for the holders of MASTR Asset Backed Securities Trust 2005-WF1 by assignment recorded in Deed Book 2874, Page 56, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-FOUR THOUSAND AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$154,000.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in March, 2022, the following described property: **SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF**

THE DEBT secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). **SAID PROPERTY** will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above. **MASTR ASSET** Backed Securities Trust 2005-WF1, U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee is the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-162.2. **THE ENTITY** that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: Specialized Loan Servicing LLC, 6200 S. Quebec St., Greenwood Village, CO 80111, 800-360-6059.

TO THE best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Gaynell Freeman, Estate of Gaynell Freeman and Christopher Alan Freeman or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **150 Camerons Way, Covington, Georgia 30016.** **THE SALE** will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed. **MASTR ASSET** Backed Securities Trust 2005-WF1, U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee **AS ATTORNEY** in Fact for **GAYNELL FREEMAN MCCALLA RAYMER** Leibert Pierce, LLC

1544 OLD Alabama Road ROSWELL, GA 30076 WWW.FORECLOSUREHOTLINE.NET EXHIBIT "A"

ALL THAT tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 186, 10th District, Newton County, Georgia, being Lot 224, Camerons Landing Subdivision, Unit Three, as per plat recorded in Plat Book 31, Page 44, Newton County, GA records, which plat is incorporated herein and made a part hereof by reference for a more

particular and complete description. **MR/MEH 3/1/22 OUR FILE** no. 52297608 - FT1

PUBLIC NOTICE #300444
01/30-2/6,13,20

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

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

UNDER AND by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Rhonda R Allen** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Taylor, Bean & Whitaker Mortgage Corp., its successors and assigns, dated March 2, 2007, recorded in Deed Book 2399, Page 402, Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC by assignment recorded in Deed Book 3944, Page 425, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of ONE HUNDRED SIXTY THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY-ONE AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$160,481.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in March, 2022, the following described property: **SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF**

THE DEBT secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). **SAID PROPERTY** will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.

LAKEVIEW LOAN Servicing, LLC is the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-162.2. **THE ENTITY** that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: M&T Bank, One Fountain Plaza, Buffalo, NY 14203, 800-724-1633.

TO THE best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Rhonda R Allen and Estate of Rhonda Allen or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **290 Hazelhurst Drive, Covington, Georgia 30016.** **THE SALE** will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed.

LAKEVIEW LOAN Servicing, LLC **AS ATTORNEY** in Fact for **RHONDA R Allen MCCALLA RAYMER** Leibert Pierce, LLC

1544 OLD Alabama Road ROSWELL, GA 30076 WWW.FORECLOSUREHOTLINE.NET EXHIBIT "A"

ALL THAT tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 119 of the 10th District of Newton County, Georgia and being Lot 71, Block C, The Springs of Ellington, Phase One, as per plat of same filed for record at Plat Book 37, Page 1-21, Newton County, Georgia, the description of said lot as shown on said plat is by reference specifically incorporated herein.

MR/MEH 3/1/22 OUR FILE no. 21-06021GA - FT5

PUBLIC NOTICE #300445
01/30-2/6,13,20

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

BY VIRTUE of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from **JOHNNY HOLGERSON** to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC AS NOMINEE FOR QUICKEN LOANS INC, dated August 17, 2015, recorded September 2, 2015, in Deed Book 3359, Page 585, Newton County, Georgia Records, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of One Hundred Ninety-Three Thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$193,000.00), with interest thereon as provided for therein, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned and transferred to Rocket Mortgage, LLC t/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC t/k/a Quicken Loans Inc., there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the Newton County Courthouse, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in March, 2022, all property described in said Security Deed including but not limited to the following described property: **ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING EN LAND LOTS 132 AND 133 OF THE 1ST LAND DISTRICT OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA; FARM NO. 20, PHASE II IN THE DEER TRACK DIVISION, AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK 17, PAGE 28, CLERKS OFFICE NEWTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT, TO WHICH REFERENCE IS MADE FOR A MORE COMPLETE DESCRIPTION AND CONTAINING 2.67 ACRES.**

SAID LEGAL description being controlling, however the property is more commonly known as **70 BUCK TRL, SOCIAL CIRCLE, GA 30025. THE INDEBTEDNESS** secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of default under the terms of said Security Deed. The indebtedness

remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same, all expenses of the sale, including attorneys' fees (notice to collect same having been given) and all other payments provided for under the terms of the Security Deed.

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

TO THE best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owner and party in possession of the property is **JOHNNY HOLGERSON**, or tenants(s).

THE SALE will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed. **THE ENTITY** having full authority to negotiate, amend or modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is: Rocket Mortgage, LLC t/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC, Loss Mitigation Dept., 635 Woodward Ave., Detroit, MI 48226, Telephone Number: (800) 508-0944. Nothing in O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require a secured creditor to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the mortgage instrument.

ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS INC.

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

ATTORNEY CONTACT: Rubin Lublin, LLC, 3145 Avalon Ridge Place, Suite 100, Peachtree Corners, GA 30071 **TELEPHONE NUMBER:** (877) 813-0992 Case No. QKN-19-07888-3

PUBLIC NOTICE #300418
01/30,2/6,13,20

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

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

UNDER AND by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **James Lee Walker** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Fairway Independent Mortgage Corporation, its successors and assigns, dated May 25, 2017, recorded in Deed Book 3568, Page 380, Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC by assignment recorded in Deed Book 4049, Page 444, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of ONE HUNDRED FORTY-TWO THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY-THREE AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$142,373.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in March, 2022, the following described property: **SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF**

THE DEBT secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). **SAID PROPERTY** will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.

LAKEVIEW LOAN Servicing, LLC is the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-162.2. **THE ENTITY** that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: M&T Bank, One Fountain Plaza, Buffalo, NY 14203, 800-724-1633.

TO THE best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is James Lee Walker and Constance Walker or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **55 Shadowbrook Court, Covington, Georgia 30016.** **THE SALE** will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed.

LAKEVIEW LOAN Servicing, LLC **AS ATTORNEY** in Fact for **JAMES LEE Walker MCCALLA RAYMER** Leibert Pierce, LLC

1544 OLD Alabama Road ROSWELL, GA 30076 WWW.FORECLOSUREHOTLINE.NET EXHIBIT "A"

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 37 OF THE 8TH DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 37, UNIT ONE, SHADOWBROOK ESTATES

SUBDIVISION, AS PER PLAT RECORDED AT PLAT BOOK 38, PAGE 58, NEWTON COUNTY RECORDS WHICH PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY THIS REFERENCE AND MADE A PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION. **MR/CA 3/1/22 OUR FILE** no. 22-06322GA - FT5

PUBLIC NOTICE #300488
01/30/2/6,13,20

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

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

UNDER AND by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Keith Lawan Chambers** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Nations Direct Mortgage, LLC dba Motive Lending, its successors and assigns, dated September 27, 2017, recorded in Deed Book 3616, Page 100, Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Nations Direct Mortgage, LLC by assignment recorded in Deed Book 3850, Page 468, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHT THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED THIRTY AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$158,230.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in March, 2022, the following described property: **SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF**

THE DEBT secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). **SAID PROPERTY** will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.

NATIONS DIRECT Mortgage, LLC is the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-162.2. **THE ENTITY** that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: Dovenmuehle Mortgage, Inc., 1 Corporate Drive, Suite 360, Lake Zurich, IL 60047, 8006694268. **TO THE** best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Keith Lawan Chambers and Estate of Keith Lawan Chambers or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **140 Landing Ln, Covington, Georgia 30016.** **THE SALE** will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed.

NATIONS DIRECT Mortgage, LLC **AS ATTORNEY** in Fact for **KEITH LAWAN Chambers MCCALLA RAYMER** Leibert Pierce, LLC

1544 OLD Alabama Road ROSWELL, GA 30076 WWW.FORECLOSUREHOTLINE.NET EXHIBIT "A"

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 186 OF THE 10TH DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 239, UNIT FIVE OF CAMERONS LANDING SUBDIVISION, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 33, PAGES 174-175, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS, WHICH RECORDED PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE AND MADE A PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION. **MR/CA 3/1/22 OUR FILE** no. 5505619 - FT18

PUBLIC NOTICE #300487
01/30-2/6,13,20

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

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

UNDER AND by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Phymecca L King** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Broker Solutions Inc. dba New American Funding, its successors and assigns, dated November 23, 2020, recorded in Deed Book 4133, Page 108, Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Broker Solutions Inc. dba New American Funding by assignment recorded in Deed Book 4327, Page 182, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of THREE HUNDRED SEVEN THOUSAND EIGHTY-ONE AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$307,081.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in March, 2022, the following described property: **SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF**

THE DEBT secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among

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

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

BROKER SOLUTIONS Inc. dba New American Funding is the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-162.2.

THE ENTITY that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: New American Funding, 11001 Lakeline Blvd, Suite 325, Austin, TX 78717, 800-893-5304.

TO THE best knowledge and belief of the undersigned the party in possession of the property is Phymecca L King and Bond Investments / B.R. Stinson or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as 15 Streamsides Dr, Covington, Georgia 30016.

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

BROKER SOLUTIONS Inc. dba New American Funding **AS ATTORNEY** in Fact for **PHYMECCA L King MCCALLA RAYMER** Leibert Pierce, LLC

1544 OLD Alabama Road ROSWELL, GA 30076 WWW.FORECLOSUREHOTLINE.NET EXHIBIT "A"

ALL THAT tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 188 of the 10th District, Newton County, Georgia, being Lot 211 of Silver Ridge Farms Subdivision, Phase 4, as per plat recorded in Plat Book 51, pages 239-244, Newton County, Georgia records, Which plat is incorporated herein and made a part hereof by reference.

COMMONLY KNOWN As: **15 Streamsides Drive, Covington, GA 30016**

PARCEL ID: 0025100000211000 **MR/MEH 3/1/22 OUR FILE** no. 22-06174GA - FT17

PUBLIC NOTICE #300489
01/30-2/6,13,20

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

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

UNDER AND by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Suzett K Knight** to Pine State Mortgage Corporation, dated January 28, 2000, recorded in Deed Book 900, Page 495, Newton County, Georgia Records and as modified by that certain Loan Modification Agreement recorded in Deed Book 3253, Page 314, Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as trustee of Stanwich Mortgage Loan Trust F by assignment recorded in Deed Book 4001, Page 124, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of NINETY-THREE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$93,400.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in April, 2022, the following described property: **SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF**

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

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

WILMINGTON SAVINGS Fund Society, FSB, as trustee of Stanwich Mortgage Loan Trust F is the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-162.2.

THE ENTITY that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, 1600 South Douglass Road, Suite 200-A, Anaheim, CA 92806, 800-561-4567.

TO THE best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Suzett K Knight or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **3100 Lakeside Circle, Covington, Georgia 30016.** **THE SALE** will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan

See LEGALS, B5

LEGALS:

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WITH THE holder of the security deed.

WILMINGTON SAVINGS Fund Society, FSB, as trustee of Stanwich Mortgage Loan Trust F

AS ATTORNEY in Fact for

SUZETT K Knight

MCCALLA RAYMER Leibert Pierce, LLC

1544 OLD Alabama Road

ROSWELL, GA 30076

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EXHIBIT "A"

ALL THAT tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 184 of the 10th District, Newton County, Georgia, being Lot 695, Building 69, Highgate Townhomes, Phase One, as per plat recorded in Plat Book 33, Page 291, Newton County, Georgia Records, which plat is incorporated herein by reference a made a part hereof for a more particular and complete description.

SUBJECTTO that certain declaration of covenants and restrictions for Highgate Townhomes (a subdivision of "The Enclave at Gross Lake") recorded in Deed Book 836, Page 522, Newton County Records, as amended or modified, and to that certain declaration of covenants and restrictions for the Enclave at Gross Lake recorded in Deed Book 836, Page 454, Newton County Records, as amended or modified.

MR/CA 4/5/22

OUR FILE no. 51687401 - FT17

PUBLIC NOTICE #300536
02/13,20,27-3/6,13,20,27

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER STATE OF GEORGIA, County of NEWTON.

UNDER AND by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Deed to Secure Debt given by **MICHELLE HUTCHISON** to **MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR UNITED WHOLESAL** **MORTGAGE**, dated 12/15/2008, and Recorded on 12/16/2008 as Book No. 2671 and Page No. 105 114, NEWTON County, Georgia records, as last assigned to **WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY FSB, AS TRUSTEE OF TAMARACK MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST A** (the "Secured Creditor), by assignment, conveying the after described property to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of \$83,686.00, 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 April, 2022, the following described property:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOTS 224 AND 225 OF THE 10TH DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 4, BLOCK A, VICTORIA STATION SUBDIVISION, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 40, PAGES 156, NEWTON COUNTY RECORDS, WHICH PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE.

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. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided bills that constitute a lien against the property whether due and payable or not yet due and payable and which may not be of record, (c) the right of redemption of any taxing authority, (d) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (e) any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.

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.

PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC is the entity or individual designated who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage.

PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC as agent and Attorney in Fact for Dana A Smith

ALDRIDGE PITE, LLP, 15 Piedmont Center, 3575 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 500, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7637.

1120-23292A

THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 1120-23292A

PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC as agent and Attorney in Fact for Dana A Smith

ALDRIDGE PITE, LLP, 15 Piedmont Center, 3575 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 500, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7637.

1120-23292A

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PUBLIC NOTICE #300467
01/30-2/6,13,20

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER, NEWTON COUNTY

PURSUANT TO the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Frederick Fowler** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Success Mortgage Partners, Inc., its successors and assigns dated 5/22/2019 and recorded in Deed Book 3846 Page 589 and re-recorded at Deed Book 3968 Page 159 Newton County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by AmeriHome Mortgage Company, LLC, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$163,975.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia (or such other area as designated by Order of the Superior Court of said county), within the legal hours of sale on March 1, 2022 (being the first Tuesday of said month unless said date falls on a Federal Holiday, in which case being the first Wednesday of said month), the following described property:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOTS 224 AND 225 OF THE 10TH DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 4, BLOCK A, VICTORIA STATION SUBDIVISION, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 40, PAGES 156, NEWTON COUNTY RECORDS, WHICH PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE.

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. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided bills that constitute a lien against the property whether due and payable or not yet due and payable and which may not be of record, (c) the right of redemption of any taxing authority, (d) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (e) any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.

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.

PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC as agent and Attorney in Fact for Dana A Smith

ALDRIDGE PITE, LLP, 15 Piedmont Center, 3575 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 500, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7637.

1120-23292A

THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 1120-23292A

WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY FSB, AS TRUSTEE OF TAMARACK MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST A (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 the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Frederick Fowler** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Success Mortgage Partners, Inc., its successors and assigns dated 5/22/2019 and recorded in Deed Book 3846 Page 589 and re-recorded at Deed Book 3968 Page 159 Newton County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by AmeriHome Mortgage Company, LLC, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$163,975.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia (or such other area as designated by Order of the Superior Court of said county), within the legal hours of sale on March 1, 2022 (being the first Tuesday of said month unless said date falls on a Federal Holiday, in which case being the first Wednesday of said month), the following described property:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOTS 224 AND 225 OF THE 10TH DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 4, BLOCK A, VICTORIA STATION SUBDIVISION, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 40, PAGES 156, NEWTON COUNTY RECORDS, WHICH PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE.

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. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided bills that constitute a lien against the property whether due and payable or not yet due and payable and which may not be of record, (c) the right of redemption of any taxing authority, (d) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (e) any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.

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 non-judicial 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 TAMARACK MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST A

AS ATTORNEY in Fact for

MICHELLE HUTCHISON.

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).

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BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER

TURNER & ENGEL, LLP

4004 BELT Line Road, Suite 100

ADDISON, TEXAS 75001

TELEPHONE: (972) 341 5398

PUBLIC NOTICE #300552 02/13

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER, NEWTON COUNTY

PURSUANT TO the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Dana A Smith** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Peoples Home Equity Inc., A Tennessee Corporation, its successors and assigns. dated 12/29/2017 and recorded in Deed Book 3654 Page 225 Newton County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$189,751.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia (or such other area as designated by Order of the Superior Court of said county), within the legal hours of sale on March 1, 2022 (being the first Tuesday of said month unless said date falls on a Federal Holiday, in which case being the first Wednesday of said month), the following described property:

ALL THAT tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 157 of the 10th District of Newton County, Georgia and being Lot 274, Oakwood Manor, Unit III, as per plat recorded in Plat Book 46, Pages 58-66, Newton County, Georgia Records, which plat is incorporated by reference hereto.

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

SAID PROPERTY is commonly known as **115 Oakwood Dr, Covington, GA 30016** together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): Estate/Heirs of Dana A Smith or tenant or tenants.

PENNYMAC LOAN Services, LLC is the entity or individual designated who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage.

PENNYMAC LOAN Services, LLC as agent and Attorney in Fact for Dana A Smith

ALDRIDGE PITE, LLP, 15 Piedmont Center, 3575 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 500, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7637.

1010-1803A

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PUBLIC NOTICE #300467
01/30-2/6,13,20

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER, NEWTON COUNTY

PURSUANT TO the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Letitia D. Barber** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for The American Eagle Mortgage Co, LLC, a Limited Liability Company, its successors and assigns dated 2/18/2015 and recorded in Deed Book 3305 Page 35 and modified at Deed Book 3730 Page 412 Newton County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$142,373.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia (or such other area as designated by Order of the Superior Court of said county), within the legal hours of sale on March 1, 2022 (being the first Tuesday of said month unless said date falls on a Federal Holiday, in which case being the first Wednesday of said month), the following described property:

ALL THAT tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 166 of the 10th District, Newton County, Georgia, being known as Lot 44 of Bermuda Run Subdivision, Unit Two, as per plat of same of record at Plat Book 33, Pages 207 thru 209, Newton County, Georgia Records. Said plat is specifically incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof for a more complete and accurate legal description.

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

SAID PROPERTY is commonly known as **35 Bermuda Way, Covington, GA 30016** together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): Letitia D. Barber or tenant or tenants.

AMERIHOM **MORTGAGE** Company, LLC as agent and Attorney in Fact for Frederick Fowler

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PUBLIC NOTICE #300443
01/30-02/6,13,20

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER, NEWTON COUNTY

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ALL THAT tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 166 of the 10th District, Newton County, Georgia, being known as Lot 44 of Bermuda Run Subdivision, Unit Two, as per plat of same of record at Plat Book 33, Pages 207 thru 209, Newton County, Georgia Records. Said plat is specifically incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof for a more complete and accurate legal description.

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

SAID PROPERTY is commonly known as **35 Bermuda Way, Covington, GA 30016** together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): Letitia D. Barber or tenant or tenants.

AMERIHOM **MORTGAGE** Company, LLC as agent and Attorney in Fact for Frederick Fowler

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PUBLIC NOTICE #300467
01/30-2/6,13,20

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER, NEWTON COUNTY

PURSUANT TO the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Frederick Fowler** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Success Mortgage Partners, Inc., its successors and assigns dated 5/22/2019 and recorded in Deed Book 3846 Page 589 and re-recorded at Deed Book 3968 Page 159 Newton County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by AmeriHome Mortgage Company, LLC, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$163,975.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia (or such other area as designated by Order of the Superior Court of said county), within the legal hours of sale on March 1, 2022 (being the first Tuesday of said month unless said date falls on a Federal Holiday, in which case being the first Wednesday of said month), the following described property:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOTS 224 AND 225 OF THE 10TH DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 4, BLOCK A, VICTORIA STATION SUBDIVISION, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 40, PAGES 156, NEWTON COUNTY RECORDS, WHICH PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE.

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. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided bills that constitute a lien against the property whether due and payable or not yet due and payable and which may not be of record, (c) the right of redemption of any taxing authority, (d) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (e) any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.

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.

PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC as agent and Attorney in Fact for Dana A Smith

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LOT 14 OF THE 10TH DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 77F, PHASE SIX OF THE FALLS SUBDIVISION, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 36, PAGES 151-156, REVISED PLAT BOOK 37, PAGES 200-206, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS, WHICH RECORDED PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE AND MADE A PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION.

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

SAID PROPERTY is commonly known as **20 Alley Cir., Covington, GA 30016-9013** together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): Frederick Fowler or tenant or tenants.

CENLAR **IS** the entity or individual designated who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage.

CENLAR MORTGAGE Servicing Representative

425 PHILLIPS Boulevard

EWING, NJ 08618

CUSTOMERSERVICE@LOANADMINISTRATION.COM

1-800-223-6527

NOTE, HOWEVER, that such entity or individual is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan.

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) unpaid water or sewage bills that constitute a lien against the property whether due and payable or not yet due and payable and which may not be of record, (c) the right of redemption of any taxing authority, (d) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (e) any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.

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.

PENNYMAC LOAN Services, LLC as agent and Attorney in Fact for Letitia D. Barber

ALDRIDGE PITE, LLP, 15 Piedmont Center, 3575 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 500, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7637.

1131-005A

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1131-005A

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PUBLIC NOTICE #300432
01/23,30-2/6,13,20

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER, NEWTON COUNTY

PURSUANT TO the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Melody Sellers Day a/k/a Melody S. Day and Wesley Day** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Primary Residential Mortgage, Inc., its successors and assigns dated 3/8/2016 and recorded in Deed Book 3418 Page 538 and modified at Deed Book 3698 Page 564 and re-recorded at Deed Book 3466 Page 167 Newton County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$383,500.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia (or such other area as designated by Order of the Superior Court of said county), within the legal hours of sale on March 1, 2022 (being the first Tuesday of said month unless said date falls on a Federal Holiday, in which case being the first Wednesday of said month), the following described property:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 203 OF THE 9TH DISTRICT OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA BEING LOT 9 OF SAUTEE BLUFF SUBDIVISION (F/K/A THE RESERVE AT THE ALCOVY AND RIVER RIDGE ESTATES), AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 44, PAGE 172-177 (MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED ON PAGE 175), NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS, WHICH PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE AND MADE HEREOF.

PROPERTY IS ALSO KNOWN AS: 125 ALCOVY RESERVE WAY, COVINGTON, GA 30014.

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

SAID PROPERTY is commonly known as **125 Alcovy Reserve Way, Covington, GA 30014** together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): Melody Sellers Day a/k/a Melody S. Day and Wesley Day or tenant or tenants.

WELLS FARGO Bank, NA is the entity or individual designated who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage.

WELLS FARGO Bank, NA

LOSS MITIGATION

3476 STATEVIEW Boulevard

FORT MILL, SC 29715

1-800-678-7986

NOTE, HOWEVER, that such entity or individual is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan.

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) unpaid water or sewage bills that constitute a lien against the property whether due and payable or not yet due and payable and which may not be of record, (c) the right of redemption of any taxing authority, (d) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (e) any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.

PENNYMAC LOAN Services, LLC as agent and Attorney in Fact for Letitia D. Barber

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PUBLIC NOTICE #300443
01/30-02/6,13,20

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER, NEWTON COUNTY

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ALL THAT tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 166 of the 10th District, Newton County, Georgia, being known as Lot 44 of Bermuda Run Subdivision, Unit Two, as per plat of same of record at Plat Book 33, Pages 207 thru 209, Newton County, Georgia Records. Said plat is specifically incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof for a more complete and accurate legal description.

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

SAID PROPERTY is commonly known as **35 Bermuda Way, Covington, GA 30016** together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): Letitia D. Barber or tenant or tenants.

AMERIHOM **MORTGAGE** Company, LLC as agent and Attorney in Fact for Frederick Fowler

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ALL THAT tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 166 of the 10th District, Newton County, Georgia, being known as Lot 44 of Bermuda Run Subdivision, Unit Two, as per plat of same of record at Plat Book 33, Pages 207 thru 209, Newton County, Georgia Records. Said plat is specifically incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof for a more complete and accurate legal description.

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SAID PROPERTY is commonly known as **35 Bermuda Way, Covington, GA 30016** together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): Letitia D. Barber or tenant or tenants.

AMERIHOM **MORTGAGE** Company, LLC as agent and Attorney in Fact for Frederick Fowler

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AMERIHOM **MORTGAGE** Company, LLC as agent and Attorney in Fact for Frederick Fowler

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01/30-02/6,13,20

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12-FOOT LANES, and 30-inch curb and gutter, 2-foot grass strip, and 5-foot sidewalk on both sides. The profile will be raised to accommodate bridge hydraulic requirements. The project limits extend along SR 81 from Stone Mountain Street to approximately 370-feet south of the intersection of SR 81 and SR 12/US 278 for an approximate length of 0.14 miles. The project is located in Covington, GA in Land Lot 253, GMD 462. **CONSTRUCTION IS** anticipated to last 18 months with the bridge being closed for 180 days. During construction, traffic will be maintained via an off-site detour. Motorists traveling along SR 81 between Covington and Oxford will have to detour around the project location during construction. SR 12, I-20, and SR 162 provide a signed State Route detour route of 19.5 miles to travelers/trucks while the existing bridge is being removed and replaced. Local traffic can utilize local roads in downtown Covington for a shorter detour. **DRAWINGS OR** maps or plats of the proposed project, as approved, are on file and are available for public inspection at the Georgia Department of Transportation: **ROBERT ROWLAND**, Area Manager **DISTRICT 2**, Area **5** **ROWLAND@DOT.GA.GOV** **1570 BETHANY** Road **MADISON, GA** 30650 **343-5837** **ANY INTERESTED** party may obtain a copy of the drawings or maps or plats or portions thereof by paying a nominal fee and requesting in writing to: **KIMBERLY W. Nesbitt**, State Program Delivery Administrator **OFFICE OF** Program Delivery **ATTN: RECHEAL McMullin** **RMCMULLIN@DOT.GA.GOV** **600 WEST** Peachtree St NW **25TH FLOOR** **ATLANTA, GA** 30308 **(334) 233-2231** **ANY WRITTEN** request or communication in reference to this project or notice **SHOULD** include the Project and P. I. Numbers as noted at the top of this notice.

PUBLIC NOTICE #300561
02/13,20,27-3/6

PUBLIC NOTICE
ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION DIVISION

NOTICE OF Application for National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit to Discharge Treated Wastewater Into Waters of the State of Georgia.

THE GEORGIA Environmental Protection Division has received a new NPDES permit application for the reissuance of an existing NPDES permit. Having reviewed such application, the Environmental Protection Division proposes to issue for a maximum term of five years the following permit subject to specific pollutant limitations and special conditions: General Mills Operations, Inc., 15200 Industrial Park Blvd. NE, Covington, Georgia 30014, NPDES Permit No. GA0050239, for its food products manufacturing facility located at 15200 Industrial Park Blvd. NE, Covington, Georgia 30014 in Newton County. An average of 0.17 MGD of treated process wastewater is discharged to an unnamed tributary to Cornish Creek in the Ocmulgee River Basin. In addition, the permit includes language for an approved Sludge Management Plan to be sent off site for use as

compost. **PERSONS WISHING** to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations are invited to submit same in writing to the EPD address below, or via e-mail at EPDcomments 1 dnr!!a.g.ov, no later than thirty (30) days after this notification. If you choose to e-mail your comments, please be sure to include the words "NPDES permit reissuance - General Mills Operations Inc- Covington facility (Newton County)" in the subject line to ensure that your comments will be forwarded to the correct staff. All comments received prior to or on that date will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the application. A public hearing may be held where the EPD Director finds a significant degree of public interest in a proposed permit or group of permits. Additional information regarding public hearing procedures is available by writing the Environmental Protection Division. **INDIVIDUAL DRAFT** permits, applications, supporting documents, and fact sheets are available on EPD's website accessible through the publicly available Georgia EPD Online System (GEOS) at: <http://ns/leos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Public/GovEnt/Shared/Pa!les/Main/Login.aspx> by searching for Submittal No: 573719. **A FACT** sheet or copy of the draft permit is also available by writing the Environmental Protection Division. A copying charge of 10 cents per page will be assessed. The permit application, draft permit, comments received, and other information are available for review at 2 MLK, Jr. Dr., Suite 1152E, Atlanta, GA 30334, between the hours of 8:00a.m. and 4:30p.m., Monday through Friday. **FOR ADDITIONAL** information contact: Whitney Fenwick, Wastewater Regulatory Program, phone (470) **607-3078** OR e-mail whitne@fenwickadnrga.gov

PUBLIC NOTICE #300546
02/13

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON
COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

CIVIL ACTION NUMBER
SUCV2020000523

BENNETT, CARL O
PLAINTIFF
VS.
FLOYD , Briana Marie
DEFENDANT

TO: FLOYD , BRIANA MARIE

SUMMONS
YOU ARE hereby summoned and required to file with the Clerk of said court and serve upon the **PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY**, whose name and address is: **SHAWN MCCULLERS** **THE MCCULLERS** Litigation Group, LLC 1984 Howell Mill Road **STE. 250071** **ATLANTA, GEORGIA** 30325

AN ANSWER to the complaint which is herewith served upon you, within 30 days after service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

THIS 28TH day of February, 2020.

CLERK OF Superior Court
LINDA D. HAYS

PUBLIC NOTICE #300551
02/13,20,27-3/6

Public Sales Auctions

PUBLIC SALE/ Auction

NOTICE IS hereby given that Dixie Self Storage located at: 1447 Access Road, Covington, Ga. 30014. The Undersigned intend to sell household goods and **PERSONAL PROPERTY** to enforce imposed lien on said property pursuant to the **GEORGIA SELF** Storage Facility Act, Georgia Code Section 10-1-210 to 10-4-215. **THE UNDERSIGNED** will sell at Public Sale to the highest bidder on: Date: March 3, 2022 Time: 11 A.M.

UNIT 2007 Deborah Kay
UNIT 2008 Anne Akins
UNIT 3021 Larry Houston
SALE IS subject to cancellation in the event of settlement.
CALL 770-787-3039.

PUBLIC NOTICE #300502
02/6,13

PUBLIC AUCTION

THE AUCTION will be held at: **CHANCEY'S WRECKER** Service, Inc. **539 MCDANIEL** Mill Rd SW **CONYERS, GA** 30012 **PUBLIC AUCTION** on Wednesday **FEBRUARY 16TH, 2022** **REGISTRATION BEGINS** @ 12 noon. **ALL AUCTIONS** start promptly @ 1:00pm. **TELEPHONE: 770-483-0698** **FAX: 770-922-5223**

THE FOLLOWING vehicles will be sold at

1995 TOYOTA	4Runner
JT3VFN29V7S0054484	
1993 HONDA	Civic
2HGEJ2144PH501769	
1998 BMW 3	Series
WBABF8323WEH62236	
2006 HONDA	Accord
1HGCM6657A030818	
2017 MITSUBISHI Mirage	
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2002 HONDA	Civic
1HGEM22592L109624	
2001 JEEP Grand Cherokee	
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2001 BUICK	Regal
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2006 FORD	Focus
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2005 SCION	XB
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2000 NISSAN	Maxima
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2007 DODGE	Charger
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1996 UTILITY Trailer Cargo 7x16	
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PUBLIC NOTICE #300510
02/6,13

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

A PUBLIC Auction for the non-**PAYMENT OF** storage fees at Speedy Storage will take place on Saturday, **FEBRUARY 19, 2022** AT 10am located at **2222 HWY 212**, Covington, GA. 30016 **THE PERSONAL** effects and household **GOODS BELONGING** to the following **TENANTS, HAVING** been properly notified, **WILL BE** sold for CASH to the highest **BIDDER TO** satisfy the owner's lien for **RENT DUE**, in accordance with the **GEORGIA SELF** Storage Act-, Section10-1-210 to 10-4-215 **THE PERSONAL** effects and household goods belonging to **THE FOLLOWING** tenants.

KIMBERLY BULLARD.....UNIT 196
JUSTIN GIADROSICH.....UNIT 158
JOSHUA HODGENS.....UNIT 182
ANGEL CABASAG.....UNIT 156
RONALD JORDAN.....UNIT 96
LATOYA HESTER.....UNIT 28
MARK WHITE.....UNIT 90
HEATHER WATSON.....UNIT 212
LINDA JOHNSON.....UNITS 175, 176, 187, 204
JASON MYERS.....UNIT 114

PUBLIC NOTICE #300513
02/6,13

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

EXTRA SPACE Storage will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the location indicated: **EXTRA SPACE** Storage – Facility 1963 **6177 JACKSON Hwy. COVINGTON, GA. 3001** **770.984.7084** **FEBRUARY 24, 2022 @ 2PM** **PLEASE EMAIL** newspaper affidavit and newspaper clipping to fac1963@extraspace.com **TENIESHA NORWOOD** 1079 Mattress, TV, Household Furniture, Table, Chairs

THE AUCTION will be listed and advertised on www.storagetreasures.com **PURCHASES MUST** be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the property.

PUBLIC NOTICE #300548
02/13,20

NOTICE OF Public Sale of Personal Property: Notice is hereby given that Covington Stor-it, located at 8165 Washington St SW, Covington, GA 30014; intends to sell the personal property according to the Georgia Self Storage Act, 10-4-210 through 10-4-215 to satisfy the owner's lien. All bids will be accepted online

through www.storageauctions.com. **THE AUCTION** will end on or after 28 February 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. **TERESA HAROLD**, Unit 042 appears to contain; boxes, bags, totes, toolbox, small ladder, vacuum cleaner. **CORLISA BROWN**, Unit 100 appears to contain; Mattress, box spring, dresser, bed frame, headboard. **RIDLEY INGRAM**, Unit 160 appears to contain; Televisions, artwork, dresser, living room set, ladder, gas cans, boxes, walker for elderly. **BRANDON DUNLAP**, Unit 203 appears to contain; Couch, mattress, lamps, fan, weights, clothing, chairs, small television, bedframe. **JEFFREY SPINKS**, Unit 219 appears to contain; high chair, radiator, couch, mattress, box springs, stroller, heater, toys, recliner. **GLORIA BARBER**, Unit 226, appears to contain; vacuum, boxes, bedframes, fan, weed eater, chairs, microwave, dresser, bar stools, clothing, scooters, artwork, pogo sticks, mattress. **TAMMY BURNS**, Unit 247, appears to contain; Paint, guitar, chairs, vacuum, clothing rack, televisions, computer monitor, fishing poles, microwave, lamp.

ALEXANDRIA JOHNSON, Unit 334, appears to contain; boxes, bags, clothing, television, totes, couch, mattresses, fan, desk chair, artwork, toaster, laptop. **DEBORAH KAY**, Unit 492, appears to contain; Mattresses, dresser, boxes, totes, clothing, toys, bed frame. **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 #300469
02/13,20

READY RENT ALL, INC.
1335 ACCESS Road
COVINGTON, GA 30014
770-787-3200

NOTICE OF SALE

A DEFAULT having occurred under the terms of the rental agreement between Ready Rent-All, Inc., and the tenants listed below, notice having been sent to the tenants as required by law, there will be sold at public sale, to the public, all personal property involved, for cash, to satisfy owner's lien for rent due on each warehouse. **LAW GEORGIA** Law Ann. 10-4-213 **THE PROCEEDS** of said public sale shall be distributed in accordance with the terms of said agreement. Ready Rent-All, Inc. reserves the right to accept or reject any bids. **DATE AND** Time of Sale: **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2022 11:00AM** **PLACE: STORAGEAUCTIONS.COM** **TENANTS NAME**

Warehouse Number
Contents

MCFADDLEN, PHOENICIA
MONIQUE H-29
HOUSEHOLD GOODS
MD PAIN CARE PC
H-30 **HOUSEHOLD GOODS**
WILKES, DIANE LAROSE
H-42 **HOUSEHOLD GOODS**
DENTON, WARREN RUSSEL
F-27 **HOUSEHOLD GOODS**
DENTON, WARREN RUSSEL
F-28 **HOUSEHOLD GOODS**
NORMAN, SANDRA LEA
H-3 **HOUSEHOLD GOODS**
MARTIN, PATRICIA MARIE
A-19 **HOUSEHOLD GOODS**

PUBLIC NOTICE #300499
02/6,13

SIU AUTO AUCTION

DATE: SATURDAY, March 12, 2022
REGISTRATION TIME: 10:00 AM
START TIME: 11:00 AM
LOCATION: NEWTON County Sheriff's Office Annex Parking Lot **1154 STALLINGS** Street, Covington, GA 30014

• **CASH ONLY** Auction
• **CASH** On Delivery
• **\$200.00** Deposit
• **CARS** MUST BE REMOVED @ the end of the Auction

PUBLIC NOTICE #300531
02/6,13

Trade Names

TRADE NAME
REGISTRATION
AFFIDAVIT
GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

TO WHOM It may Concern: **PLEASE BE** advised that **BC UNLIMITED LLC** whose address is 154 MABRY RD COVINGTON, GA 30014 is/are the owner(s) of the certain business now being carried on at 154 MABRY RD COVINGTON, GA 30014 the following trade name, to-wit:BC ELECTRIC CO and that the nature of said business is: RECONSTRUCTION/ CONTRACTOR ELECTRICAL 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 4TH day of JANUARY 2022

PUBLIC NOTICE #300537
02/13,20

TRADE NAME
REGISTRATION
AFFIDAVIT
GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

TO WHOM It may Concern: **PLEASE BE** advised that **DANIEL JASON WALTON** whose address is 2445 SEWELL RD MANSFIELD, GA 30055 is/are the owner(s) of the certain business now being carried on at 2445 SEWELL RD MANSFIELD GA 30055 the following trade name, to-wit: DIAMOND W CATTLE COMPANY and that the nature of said business is: FARMING SERVICE 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 17TH day of JANUARY 2022

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The Covington News

Prep Recruiting

Newton's Reed ready for Western Illinois

By **PHILLIP B. HUBBARD**
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COVINGTON, Ga. — In the days leading up to his signing on Feb. 2, Monatarious Reed was extremely anxious about what the day might hold.

All of that is behind him, now that signing his scholarship has become official.

"I was very nervous a lot but, now that I've signed, I'm excited," Reed said. "I'm ready to get started."

Reed continued saying that he never imagined he would be in a position to sign and have the opportunity to play football at the next level.

But, with that, Reed recognized that his opportunity wouldn't have been possible without Newton High School.



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Monatarious Reed is showered with support as he signs his letter of intent to join the Western Illinois football program in the fall.

"I never thought I would go through this," Reed said. When I came to Newton, everything just changed for me. My grades and work on the

field improved a lot. Everyone here actually cares and that's been a good thing."

Not only does Reed believe Newton prepared him

to be a collegiate athlete, but also he feels he has the tools necessary to succeed at the next level.

"Coach Skelton has been a

huge help to me," Reed said. "I feel like I can go through anything with his workouts. He got me through a lot, too."

Reed was voted onto Region 4-AAAAAAA's second team this past season where he recorded 25 tackles and three tackles for loss.

Moving forward, Reed plans to take everything he's learned as a Ram to the Western Illinois football program.

Reed says he's ready to experience football as a Western Illinois Leatherneck.

"[Western Illinois] showed the most love to me," Reed said. "It felt genuine on my visit. They kept in touch everyday. And they showed me that they really wanted me there."

Alcovy's Stone pens commitment to Gordon State College

By **GARRETT PITTS**
Correspondent

COVINGTON, Ga.

— Alcovy's Ricky Stone signed with Gordon State College on Feb. 2, securing himself an opportunity to continue his athletic and academic career at the next level.

After officially penning his commitment to Gordon College, the senior defensive back discussed how it feels to make it official and to have his teammates alongside him.

"I feel relieved and blessed. I cannot wait to fulfill my football career at Gordon State College," Stone said.



Garrett Pitts | The News

Ricky Stone, of Alcovy, signs his letter of intent to play football for Gordon State College while surrounded by family.

"It feels great [to go with a group of my teammates], we are still going to compete at a high level, and we are going to win."

Stone will be going to

Gordon State alongside five of his current teammates, and they are planning on bringing the same energy and winning mentality they had during their senior

seasons.

Stone credited his Alcovy coaching staff for helping him during the transition and getting his name out there. He gave extra thanks to

defensive back coach TC Robinson, who he said helped many of the seniors get their names and contact information out to college coaches.

"[Our coaches] always pushed us, they always looked out for us," Stone said. "They are all great coaches, especially [Coach Robinson]. Without him, none of this would have happened."

On the field, Stone was a big piece in the Tigers' secondary, earning himself a spot in the honorable mentions for Region 3-AAAAAA.

Playing alongside soon-to-be Gordon State teammates Jalen

Pierce and Byron Howard during his senior year, Stone and the rest of the Alcovy defense held region opponents to an average of 15 points per game, which was a big factor in the Tigers claiming their first ever region championship.

As Stone looks ahead to his college career in the fall, he knows exactly what type of player the Highlanders are going to get on defense.

"[Gordon State] is getting a physical [defensive back]," Stone said. "A ballhawk [with] good mechanics. I am ready to work."

Rams' Mullix excited for golden opportunity at Western Illinois

By **PHILLIP B. HUBBARD**
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COVINGTON, Ga. — On Feb. 2, Tahjae Mullix signed a scholarship ensuring the continuation of his football career at Western Illinois University.

Though he relayed his excitement when it became official, Mullix realized how precious this chance is to play college football.

"I was excited [when signing the scholarship]," Mullix said. "I've been thinking about this day for the longest since freshman year. I'm just happy to be in this situation to go somewhere because some people don't get to have the opportunity that I have."



The Rams' Tahjae Mullix was all smiles when walking onto the stage to sign his scholarship to Western Illinois on Feb. 2 at Newton High School.

Taylor Beck | The News

When Mullix put pen to paper, he was surrounded by family members, teammates,

coaches and friends. But that wasn't the only thing close to him sharing the stage.

During the ceremony, he donned a gold necklace that had a football on it. Mullix's parents gifted the necklace to him and, upon opening the present on Christmas morning, Mullix knew exactly the right event to wear it at.

"When I saw what it was, I decided that I would wear it to this ceremony," Mullix said. "My parents know I love football and how special it is to me."

During his senior season, Mullix made an appearance on the All-Defensive team for The Covington News as well as the first team for Region 4-AAAAAAA.

He compiled 48 tackles, four tackles for loss, three sacks and had a scoop score

in 2021, too.

Now that his next step is solidified, Mullix appreciates all the support he's received from fellow teammates and coaches along his journey. But one coach, Josh Skelton, stood out in his mind when thinking about preparing for college.

"Coach Skelton's workouts really get you right," Mullix said. "The best I can do is keep working consistently and take it up a notch."

Mullix will graduate from Newton High School in May 2022 and will join the Western Illinois football program beginning in the fall.

He will join Monatarious Reed, a fellow Ram who also signed with Western Illinois.

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Prep Basketball

Area girls hoops teams eye state playoff run

STAFF REPORTS
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COVINGTON, Ga. — All three of the girls’ teams will have an uphill climb in their respective tournaments as all will enter on the bottom half of their brackets. But that isn’t discouraging their head coaches.

ALCOVY

The Lady Tigers lost the final game of the regular season to the Heritage High School Patriots 64-58. With the loss, the Lady Tigers finished the regular season with a 7-15 overall record and a 2-8 record in region play.

Despite the loss, Coach Justin Hunter is confident in his young team’s chances in next Tuesday’s region playoff game. Hunter believes his team is capable of beating good teams if they can get out of their own way.

“We get ourselves into trouble when we miss free throws and when we have too many turnovers,” Hunter said.

According to Maxpreps, the Lady Tigers will likely match up against the Lady Patriots again in the first round of the region tournament. Alcovy is 0-2 against Heritage this season.

The Region 3-AAAAAA tournament will be held at Lakeside (Evans) High School from Feb. 14-18.



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Newton’s Breyonna Rhodes (4) drives to the hoop against Brookwood on Tuesday, Feb. 8 at home.

After Tuesday’s loss, Hunter stressed how he believes his team is ready for post-season basketball.

EASTSIDE

The Lady Eagles have had a difficult season only winning five total games in the 2021-22 season. However, heading into the regular season, head coach Gladys King labeled this season as a “rebuilding year.”

Now at the regular season’s end, King wholeheartedly believes that the work her players put in throughout this season is

paying off. “We never stopped,” King said. “We practice everyday. We don’t take days off. They have all improved since the beginning of the season. They all are working hard to help fill in gaps and play as a team. I am proud of each of them for not giving up and not making excuses.”

Having won two of its last three games, Eastside will enter the region tournament as a sixth seed with a possible matchup with No. 3 Walnut Grove in round one.

Eastside had one more regular season matchup on Friday, Feb. 11 at Loganville.

The Region 8-AAAAA tournament will be hosted by Jackson County High School from Feb. 14-19.

NEWTON

The Lady Rams have found themselves on the losing end of seven of their last nine games, with five of those losses against region opponents.

Head coach Tiffani Johnson recognized that it hasn’t been an ideal season for the Lady Rams. But, in that recognition, she’s hopeful for her team’s chances in the Region 4-AAAAAAA tournament.

“We have had an up and down season, even off the court,” Johnson said. “But

being able to focus and concentrate as a team [will] put us ahead with being able to handle [the tournament].”

They’ll enter the region tournament looking to rebound from a 64-60 loss to South Gwinnett on Feb. 10.

As a result, Newton has a 5-17 overall record with a 2-6 region record. Based on Maxpreps’ standings, the Lady Rams will be the No. 4 seed for Region 4-AAAAAAA.

This year’s tournament will be held at Newton High School from Feb. 12-17.

SOCIAL CIRCLE

Social Circle’s girls team will enter the postseason around .500 overall. At the time of this publication, the Lady Redskins were 12-12 with a 7-4 record in Region 8A-Public.

Their region record places them third in the standings, according to Maxpreps.

The Lady Redskins’ regular season finale was on the road Friday, Feb. 11 at Commerce. Heading into that matchup, they had won four of their previous five games. Prior to that, they had lost three straight.

Now, Social Circle will set its sights on the region tournament.

Region 8A-Public’s tournament will be held at Commerce High School from Feb. 14-18.

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the guys to buy in to that. And they’re doing it and it’s starting to show.”

Region 8-AAAAA’s tournament will take place from Feb. 14-19 at Jackson County High School.

NEWTON

The Rams boys’ basketball team has had a historic season, and they will be looking to continue with a strong push into the region tournament.

Newton enter postseason play at 21-4 overall after a regular season finale win over South Gwinnett on Feb. 10, keeping the Rams a perfect 8-0 in region play.

Despite the success on the court, head coach Charlemagne Gibbons knows there is still more work to be done for this team to win it all.

“[We need] consistency with the mental approach to the game,” Gibbons said. “I would love to see us put a 32-minute concentration together as a unit. If we do those things in the state tournament then we have a chance to be right there in the end.”

The region tournament is not the first big stage the Rams have played on this year, as the team traveled to New Orleans earlier in the year and won the 2022 Allstate Sugar Bowl National Prep Classic’s National Bracket.

One big difference between the two tournaments is the fact that Newton will host the region tournament from Feb. 12-17.

Based on the standings in Maxpreps, Newton will enter the bracket as the No. 1 seed.

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there all the time,” Jackson recalled. “We would practice every day in the summer except for Sunday, and you didn’t bother planning a summer vacation. When the season started, you knew you would be practicing over Thanksgiving and Christmas. “His idea was, you only get four years to play and you better make the best of it.”

It was that mindset Jackson brought with him when he arrived at Social Circle as an assistant under Brian Anderson in 2017 to help turn around a program that had hit rock bottom. Social Circle hadn’t advanced to state in five years, not even been close. During that stretch, they had a combined record of 23-99.

“In all my years of coaching, I don’t think I’d ever seen anything like we found when we arrived at Social Circle,” Anderson said. “It wasn’t just rebuilding but having to start from scratch.” Five years later, the

Redskins find themselves 23-0 heading into the final week of the regular season and ranked No. 1 in the state in one prep poll. With a win over Washington-Wilkes last week, they secured the top seed in the Region 8-A Public tournament and a third consecutive berth in the state tournament.

For Jackson, who was handed the reins of the program in 2019 when Anderson left for Heritage in Conyers, his first head coaching gig has been nothing short of the perfect storm, but in a good way. In fewer than three full seasons, he picked up his 60th win with a recent victory over Lincoln County.

“You can’t do that without some incredible athletes who pull together as a team,” Jackson said.

The Redskins have rarely lacked for talented athletes, often having a player or two ranked among the top in scoring and rebounding in the county. But they weren’t always pulling in the same

direction. Commitment and chemistry were the main focus of Anderson and Jackson when they arrived.

“It wasn’t a numbers issue,” Anderson said. “It was trying to get them to buy into playing a team game as a team. We wanted them to trust the coaching they were receiving and to buy in to certain standards and expectations.”

“We spent a lot of time that first year running off guys who didn’t want to commit or be there with us.”

But a core group stuck it out, and they form the nucleus of this year’s squad that’s verging on an historic run. No Walton County boys team has ever won a GHSA state title.

After a dismal first year in which the Redskins won just six games, they turned a corner in 2018 with 18 wins and a third-place finish in the region.

A key point in the transformation happened midseason when the Redskins defeated

perennial powerhouse Banks County, ending a six-game losing skid to the Leopards.

“That game showed the kids that if they worked hard they could compete against the best,” Jackson said.

Among the players who emerged in that game were freshmen K.J. Reid, Tyrhell Branch, Cam Gaither, and Trey Douglas.

When Jackson took over in the next year, he inherited an uber-talented group of youngsters who not only had varsity experience but who understood and accepted the high expectations.

Led by Branch and Reid, who averaged 20 and 15 points, respectively, the Redskins won 20 games. More importantly, they snapped a nine-year state tournament drought.

Jackson doubled down last year, pushing his squad even harder and harping on every detail. That led to another key point in the Redskins rebuild.

In mid-January, the

Redskins suffered a heart-wrenching 1-point loss to Washington-Wilkes. After the game, Jackson did a self-evaluation and came to the conclusion he needed to dial it back a bit and trust his players to do the right thing.

“I had taught them well,” Jackson said. “I realized I didn’t have to be on their back all the time.”

The Redskins went on to win 12 of their next 15 , including their first victory in the state tournament in over a decade. The momentum has carried over into this season in a big way. Social Circle has dominated its region, winning by an average of 34 points. In non-league action, the Redskins have 11 wins over teams in higher classifications.

But all of that is insignificant in light of the ultimate goal, which they hope to achieve at the Macon Coliseum the middle of next month.

“We want to bring home the big trophy,” Jackson said.

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dy and Rai’Jene White made up the women’s 200 medley team and the women’s 200 freestyle relay.

In the 200 medley, they posted a 2:05.27 time which shed 1.2 seconds off of their

qualifying time of 2:06.47.

Eastside’s history books had to be rewritten one more time last Friday, too.

During the 200 freestyle, the same group of swimmers posted a

1:50.09 which also set a new school record for women’s 200 freestyle.

All in all, it seemed to be a productive day at the state swim meet

for Eastside. Head coach DeAnna O’Brien expressed how proud

she was of her team’s performances, too.

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