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His Word

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Newton County District Attorney's Office

Area man pleads guilty in drive-by shooting case

21-year-old sentenced to 18 years in prison for March 2021 crime

By **TOM SPIGOLON**
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COVINGTON, Ga. — A 21-year-old Covington man recently was sentenced to 18 years in prison after pleading guilty to charges related to a drive-by shooting in March

2021. Zion Shamar Brown pleaded guilty to four counts of Aggravated Assault, one count of Criminal Damage to Property in the First Degree, and five counts of Possession



Zion Shamar Brown

of a Firearm During Commission of a Felony.

He was charged after a drive-by shooting in the Ellington subdivision on Spring Lake Terrace on March 22, 2021.

“Brown, in broad daylight, drove past a residence while opening fire numerous times. Multiple people were inside or just outside of the residence at the time of the

shooting. One victim was struck and seriously injured,” stated a release from the Newton County District Attorney’s Office.

The victim, Elijahwon Jefferies, 21, sustained major injuries in the 5 p.m. shooting and was transported to a local hospital, said sheriff’s office spokesperson Caitlin Jett. His mother — in an emotional press conference

soon after the shooting — pleaded with the public to find her son’s assailant.

An investigation led to the arrest of Brown April 12. Evidence also showed Brown’s involvement with the Rollin 60s gang, a subset of the Crips criminal street gang, according to the DA’s office.

Brown entered a non-ne-

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City of Covington

Cotton fears drive-by shootings in city on rise

Tells council worst may be yet to come if no action

By **TAYLOR BECK**
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COVINGTON, Ga. — A 6-month-old child was killed in Atlanta after being struck by a stray bullet. He was reportedly sitting in the backseat of a vehicle caught in the middle of a drive-by shooting incident.

Covington Police Chief Stacey Cotton said he fears this could one day happen in Newton County as he believes drive-by shootings are “ramping up” within city limits.

“It’s going to happen here,” he said. “It may not be a child. It may be an adult. We’ve actually had elderly people’s house be shot up. We believe it was just a mistaken house, and by the grace of God, the bullets went above their head and didn’t hit them.”

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Stacey Cotton



Special | Cher Smith with Pix by Gigi

Pageant director Tiffany Humphries discusses proper stage placement, or ‘blocking,’ with contestants during a rehearsal of the Parade of Candidates before the Feb. 12 Miss Heart of Covington pageant at Porter Performing Arts Center.

Crown of Covington

Nine compete for inaugural Miss Heart of Covington pageant, winner moves on to Miss Georgia contest

By **TOM SPIGOLON**
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Nine contestants took the stage recently for an event its main organizer hopes will become an annual Newton County tradition.

The inaugural Miss Heart of Covington Scholarship Pageant brought nine women ages 18-24 to Porter

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Special | Cher Smith with Pix by Gigi

Pageant director Tiffany Humphries poses with winner Brittnei Evans following the Feb. 12 Miss Heart of Covington pageant at Porter Performing Arts Center.

Georgia Votes 2022

Races for county, state seats taking shape

Local commissioners could face opposition in May

By **TOM SPIGOLON**
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Numerous county and state legislative races are forming with only weeks to go before the qualifying period begins in March.

Both Newton County commissioners whose seats are up for election this year likely will face challenges from their own Democratic Party in the May primary and face a Republican in the November general election.

In addition, county voters will be voting for candidates in any of three Georgia House districts and two state Senate districts which were redrawn to include Newton County as part of the statewide redistricting in response to population shifts found in the 2020 federal census.

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Scoggins, Fleming announce candidacy for local, state positions
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What It Means: A Black History Month Series

Former Newton commissioner says Black History Month time to reflect, learn

By **TAYLOR BECK**
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Former Newton County Commissioner Lanier Sims said Black History Month was a perfect time for him to reflect, learn and educate.

“There is no American history without Black history,” Sims said. “Throughout the year, and especially in February, I try to reflect on

the accomplishments that African Americans have given to American history. It is a joy to learn something new every year, may it be an invention you did not know, the first Black to do



Lanier Sims

..., or to just learn the history and struggles that someone had and how they overcame it. Last, after you have learned something new you must share that with someone else.”

Sims, who is a Newton native, represented District 2 on the Newton County’s Board of Commissioners for eight years (2011-2019). After graduating from New-

ton County High School in 1993, he joined the Navy and served on the U.S.S. Abraham Lincoln. After his time in the military, Sims returned to Newton County and took over his family’s construction business, Sims Excavating. He also became a partner and co-owner of Southern Homes Unlimited, LLC, with his wife, Bionca, and then he later started Du-

aldek Design and Marketing. In addition to his business ventures, Sims currently serves as chairman of the Newton County Industrial Development Authority’s Board of Directors.

During his time of reflection, Sims said there were several people within the Black community to inspire

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Board of Commissioners

Auditor praises Newton officials for financial 'improvement'

By TOM SPIGOLON
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Newton County government's chief auditor praised elected and appointed officials Tuesday for doing a "commendable" job to stabilize finances in the past five years — including growing its reserves to a level eight times larger than in 2016.

Miller Edwards of the accounting firm Mauldin & Jenkins said he had seen "a lot of improvement" in such areas as the county government's financial



Miller Edwards of the accounting firm Mauldin & Jenkins presents the county government's annual budget to the Board of Commissioners.

Tom Spigolon | The Covington News

stability in the five years he had reviewed the audit of the county's financial procedures.

"It's good for you to hear from us that we've seen such improvement," he said.

Edwards spoke during his presentation of the audit of the county government's

finances during the 2021 budget year.

He noted the county budget's General Fund had \$5 million in its reserves in 2016 but increased that amount to \$40 million by the budget year that ended June 30, 2021.

It increased \$17 million in one year between 2020 and 2021, Edwards said.

Auditors generally advise governments to have at least six months of operating capital in their reserves in case of budgetary emergencies such as revenue being diverted for some

reason.

Edwards said a \$40 million fund balance gives the county seven months of operating capital — compared to 2016 when its reserves would only give it less than a month's worth.

He noted he first began auditing the Newton County government in 2016 when it was using deficit spending to operate.

"You were tight back then," he said.

In the latest audit of the 2021 budget year, the county had assets

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Obituaries

Gypsy Lane Smith
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Gypsy Lane Smith, 81 of Gainesville, Georgia (formerly of Covington, Georgia), passed away on February 12, 2022 at the Northeast Georgia Medical Center.

Gypsy is survived by his wife of 61 years,

Betty Sockwell Smith. He is also survived by his niece, who he loved and thought of as his daughter, Melissa Sock-



Gypsy Lane Smith

well Bollinger (Tim) of Clermont, Georgia; his great nephews (grandsons), Kade Bollinger (McKenzie), and Ethan Bollinger, also of Clermont, Georgia. He is survived by his nieces and nephews, Phil Smith (Regina), Becky Chapman and Bonnie Smith, great nieces and nephews, Ross Smith (Becky), Wes Smith, Matthew Chapman (Caroline), and Kelley Ann Chapman (Vini Bessa) along with many relatives and friends. He is preceded in death by his brothers, Charles Smith and Lamar Smith.

Gypsy was born on October 13, 1940, in Porterdale, Georgia, to the late Calvin Smith and Ruby Jewell Lane Smith. He was a graduate of Newton County High School where he

played basketball and was Vice President of the Class of 1959. Gypsy was a veteran of the United States Army where he served during the Vietnam War as a Tank Commander. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Cleveland, Georgia where he served as Elder and sang in the choir.

Gypsy began working with Western Electric in January of 1960 and retired in 1995 as a project manager. After retirement, he volunteered with Habitat for Humanity. For the last 10 years, he has worked part time at the North Hall Community Center where he made many friends.

Gypsy was a 32nd degree Mason, a member of The Scottish Rite and a Shriner. He had

also served as an officer in the Elks Lodge. He was a lifelong University of Georgia Bulldog fan and attended many games through the years as a season ticket holder including a game while on his honeymoon!

Funeral services for Gypsy will be held at 2 o'clock Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at the Chapel of J.C. Harwell and Son Funeral Home with Reverend Burnetta Armour, Reverend Roe Callaway, and Reverend Ben Garrison officiating. The family will receive friends from 1:00 PM until 2:00 PM on Wednesday prior to the service. Entombment will follow at Lawnwood Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers the family ask that donations be made to one

of the following places; First Presbyterian Church of Cleveland, 147 N. Main Street, Cleveland, GA 30528, Shrines Children's Hospital, 2900 Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, FL 33607, or American Heart Association, National Center, 7272 Greenville Avenue, Dallas, TX 75231.

Gov. Brian Kemp has lifted the restrictions for large gatherings and other recommendations throughout Georgia. However, we ask that you still be respectful of the family and others during this time. If you are sick, not feeling well, or have any symptoms of COVID-19, please do not attend the service or services. If you feel the need to wear a mask, please do so.

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Mary [Betsy] Eversoll

For Mary [Betsy] Eversoll, (nee Beth Griffin), a long illness is concluded.

She lived from April 3rd, 1952 until called on February 14th, 2022.

Her childhood home was Charleston, SC with her parents, Jesse L. & Hilda Conner Griffin (both deceased) originally from Walton County, and her brother, Jesse Linley (Lancaster, CA.) and sister, Susan (Charleston, SC).

Betsy graduated from Converse College in SC later in life and had a teaching career in Walton and Newton Counties as a Deaf & Hard-of-Hearing teacher. The student teaching part of her career was her great passion.

She was a former member of Eastridge Community Church.

Betsy passed away from complications of meningioma brain tumor disease. She experienced abundant and prolific support from colleagues, relatives, friends and her sister. Below is a partial but significant acknowl-

edgement of those who rendered Betsy assistance, friendship and affection during this extended period: Robyn Bailey, Hilda Abbott, Brenda Robinson & family, Donna Pottenger, JoAnn Cox, Cathy Stubbs, Linda Berry, Linda Bramhall, Kathy Sanders, Eileen Hietter, Ragen Cantrell, Linda Reagan, Carla Duncan, Laurie Gates & Aislin, Shari Thomas, Jeaneen & Cricket Rider, Diana Murtha, Cathy Sharp, Sabrina Ivey, Marcia Gilmore, Tirzah Griffin, Rosemary Erb & family, Linda Firebaugh & family, Gloria Berry & family, Madelyn Kreiger, Jimmy Conner & family, Frank Frantzen, Mark Eversoll, Joel Malcolm, Charlotte Wheeler, Harriett Brooks, Harriett Griffin, Ansel & Mary Carol Malcolm,

the Mathis & Owens families, Semone Morgan & family, and Laura Farmer & family. Sincerest gratitude to those not listed but who contributed consistent concern and many offerings of good cheer and nourishments.

Betsy was cared for throughout this past year by Abbey Hospice in nearby Social Circle. Deepest gratitude is extended to Deb Watley, CNA, Baylee Castellana, RN, and Pam Heminger, RN, for home hospice care plus the in-unit nursing & CNA staffs as well as the social work and pastoral staffs. The quality of her life was sustained because of the dedication, expertise, and compassion of these professionals.

Betsy was cremated. An observance for her will be scheduled for early summer 2022.



Congratulations to my grandson Orenthal "OJ" James Smith, Jr., who has had perfect A's in all his school work for the last few years. I am so excited for him and his great work. How wonderful that OJ's older brother, Jordan Smith was drafted by the Jacksonville Jaguars in 2021.

I am sending all my love and congratulations to the both of my grandsons.

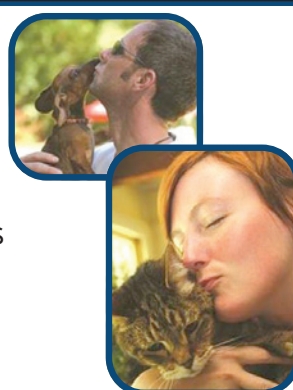
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REGIONAL REPORT

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Georgia House starts work on comprehensive mental health bill

Bipartisan legislation aimed at improving the delivery of mental health and substance abuse services in Georgia got its first hearing in the General Assembly Wednesday.

The 75-page Mental Health Parity Act would require health insurance companies to treat mental illness in the same way they treat physical illness. The parity provision also would apply to Georgia's Medicaid and PeachCare for Kids programs and to the State Health Benefit Plan for Georgia teachers and state employees.

"If you're covering physical, you've got to cover mental," state Rep. Todd Jones, R-South Forsyth, one of the bill's cosponsors, told members of the House Health and Human Services Committee.

The legislation, a major priority of House Speaker David Ralston, also would require care management organizations (CMOs) participating in Georgia Medicaid to dedicate at least 85% of their revenues to patient care.

And the bill contains a workforce development component in the form of a service-cancelable loan program aimed at recruiting mental health and substance abuse workers. The initiative is expected to cost \$8 million to \$10 million.

"Our biggest issue is workforce," said Rep. Mary Margaret Oliver, D-Decatur, another one of the bill's cosponsors and a member of a commission formed in 2019 that included mental health, substance abuse and criminal justice experts. "Workforce issues are critical all across Georgia."

The state has a long way to go to improve its mental health and substance abuse care system. In 2019, Georgia ranked 48th in access to mental health and substance abuse services.

"This is an opportunity for Georgia to pick up ... and hopefully leap into the top five," Jones said.

A key reality holding Georgia back is that many people with mental illness or substance abuse issues are behind bars rather than in treatment facilities.

"We've criminalized mental illness," said LaGrange Police Chief Lou Dekmar, also a member of the Behavioral Health Reform and Innovation Commission. "The largest mental health facility in each county is the county jail."

The bill drew strong support Wednesday from many mental health- and substance abuse-care advocates, particularly the parity provision that gives the legislation its name.

"Lack of parity leads to insurance companies denying coverage, long waiting lines, [patients] not receiving early treatment and families paying out of pocket," said Helen Robinson, associate director of public policy at The Carter Center's Georgia Health Parity Collaborative.

But others objected to a provision in the bill that would make it easier for police officers to forcibly take into custody a person in mental health crisis who has not committed a crime. Another sticking point was over a registry the bill would create as a database to give mental health professionals a better idea of where to target services. Some speakers raised concerns the registry could invade patients' privacy and subject them to the stigma associated with mental illness.

But committee Chairman Sharon Cooper, R-Marietta, said the heart of the bill would address that issue.

"If we do nothing else ... passing parity will help decrease the stigma," she said. "We as a legislature will be saying, 'Having mental illness is no different from having a medical illness.'"

Cooper said lawmakers will work on incorporating some of the changes in the bill advocates have suggested and return with a new version of the legislation as early as next week.

—Capitol Beat News

Bill aimed at giant social media platforms advances

Legislation prohibiting giant social media platforms from censoring content based on the author's viewpoint cleared a Georgia Senate committee Tuesday.

Reining in social media platforms including Facebook and Twitter has become a national issue since the companies suspended former President Donald Trump's accounts a year ago. Republican-controlled legislatures in Florida and Texas have adopted laws prohibiting such censorship, and Georgia could become the third state to take similar action.

Senate Bill 393 would apply only to social media platforms with more than 20 million followers, Sen. Greg Dolezal, the legislation's chief sponsor, told members of the Senate Regulated Industries and Utilities Committee.

"Those are the ones that have near-monopoly status," said Dolezal, R-Cumming. "They're the public-common square."

Adam Candeub, a law professor at Michigan State University, testified that giant social media platforms are driving debate on many pressing issues, including COVID-19 and climate change, but are telling only one side of the story while shutting out opposing views.

"We see fewer ideas, and they're clearly having a slant," he said. "Voices of moderation are being silenced."

Dolezal said the slanting of information by social media platforms is cutting both ways.

"People on the left and right are concerned about who is doing the censoring," he said.

Dolezal said his bill would still allow social media platforms to censor sexual or violent content if they choose.

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

—Capitol Beat News

Ex-governor sole University System finalist

Former Gov. Sonny Perdue is poised to become the next chancellor of the University System of Georgia.

The system's Board of Regents voted Tuesday to name the Republican from Houston County the sole finalist to lead Georgia's 26 public colleges and universities.

Perdue was Georgia's first Republican governor since Reconstruction, serving from 2003 until 2011. Then-President Donald Trump tapped Perdue, an agribusiness owner, to serve as Secretary of Agriculture in 2017, and he became one of the few Cabinet secretaries to remain in his post throughout Trump's four-year term.

The selection of Perdue came after a nationwide search. The selection committee interviewed many highly qualified candidates, board Chairman Harold Reynolds said Tuesday.

The hiring process stretched out for months after former Chancellor Steve Wrigley retired last year and was succeeded by Teresa MacCartney as acting chancellor. Perdue had the support of some regents, but others were concerned about his lack of experience in education administration.

Gov. Brian Kemp

recently replaced four regents with new appointees who favored Perdue, clearing the way for Tuesday's vote, which was unanimous.

Student and faculty groups also have raised concerns about Perdue's suitability for the job.

Matthew Boedy, president of the Georgia Association of University Professors, is asking the accrediting body for Southern colleges and universities to issue a second warning letter to the regents. The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) issued a letter last year when Perdue's name surfaced as a candidate cautioning the regents against allowing political interference in the hiring process.

"It is clear that Governor Kemp's shuffling of the board by appointing two new regents in January played a massive role in the speed at which Mr. Perdue's chances of getting the job were resurrected," Boedy wrote in an

email to SACSCOC. "While legally allowed to appoint regents, the governor's move could be read as pushing off the board those who blocked Perdue's path."

While Perdue lacks administrative experience in education, Reynolds said he will bring government management expertise and high-level leadership to his new position.

The regents will take final action on Perdue's appointment at a future board meeting, no sooner than 14 days from Tuesday's naming of the sole finalist.

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OPINIONS

The Covington News

Taylor Beck columnist

Jones could bring May surprise

As the the 2022 elections near, campaigns for political seats across all levels is heating up.

David Perdue, Vernon Jones and former president Donald Trump have thrown a wrench into the race for



Georgia's 10th Congressional District.

Just days ago, after Perdue announced he would challenge incumbent Gov. Brian Kemp for the Republican nomination in the May 24 primary, Jones jumped out of the race for Georgia's governor and into the race for the 10th Congressional District seat being vacated by Jody Hice.

With their decision, Trump publicly endorsed both Perdue and Jones. I'll bet some backroom dealings between those three camps led to such a move. I mean, you can't have two "Trump men" pulling votes from each other. That will serve no one well, except maybe a Democrat challenger like Stacey Abrams.

So now, in the race for our 10th Congressional District seat, there's one question left to be asked: How much Trump should a "Trump

man" stump if a "Trump man" ain't got Trump?

Mike Collins, also vying for the 10th Congressional District, was once considered the favorite to win the seat. He's been down this road before, making the GOP runoff against Hice in 2014. Collins is also a son of the late U.S. Rep. Mac Collins. And, after all, he's been a self-proclaimed "Trump man" from the start.

But now what happens? How does Trump's decision to back Jones affect the other candidates' campaigns? Will all other "Trump men" bow out in respect to the Don? Maybe. But it appears Collins won't be one of them.

Collins sent a clear message after Jones' announcement, calling Jones "a corrupt, carpetbagging, lifelong Democrat from DeKalb County who's been accused of rape."

And although he couldn't get Trump's endorsement, he is still touting his Trump allegiance as a key part of his campaign message — a mistake in my opinion.

Collins' rape comments were in reference to Jones' time as a DeKalb County CEO when a Lithonia woman accused him of such. The district attorney eventually dropped the charges. At the time, *The Atlanta Jour-*

nal-Constitution reported the woman wanted to avoid the trauma of a trial. Jones declared himself exonerated.

Formerly a Democrat, Jones jumped to the Republican Party in 2020 after he endorsed Trump for reelection and spoke at the Republican National Convention. Trump is certainly returning the favor, isn't he?

Despite a what some see as a checkered past, and the fact he doesn't actually reside in the district, a few people tell me they think Jones might have a real shot to win the 10th Congressional District seat. In visits to counties that make up the district, which includes a portion of Newton, Jones appears to be saying all of the right things and at least looking the part.

Jones' decision to drop out of the race for governor was probably the best decision if he wants to win a race this year. I think his chances against Kemp were pretty slim compared to Perdue.

But in a crowded field of now 12 congressional candidates, don't be surprised if you see Jones in a GOP runoff or even come out on top.

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Dick Yarbrough columnist

A chilling tale of the Gazpacho Police

If things couldn't get worse in Washington, it turns out that U.S.

House Speaker Nancy

Pelosi is spying on members of Congress with police disguised as bowls of cold Spanish soup.



That chilling news comes from none other than Georgia Congresswoman Marjorie Taylor Greene.

In an interview on One America News, Greene referred to the Capitol police as "Nancy Pelosi's gazpacho police." I can't be totally sure but there is a good chance that she may have been referring to the Gestapo, which isn't a cold Spanish soup but was Adolf Hitler's secret police force.

Madame Greene Bean probably thinks that when the Germans invaded France the Gazpacho helped establish the Vichysoise French government which controlled that country until the Allies invaded and managed to turnip things around.

There is no predicting what sprouts from her mouth. For example, Greene claims the October 2017 mass shooting in Las Vegas that killed 60 people and wounded 411 may have been part of a clever plot to get Republicans to consent to give up their guns. There is more to her conspiracy theory, but I will asparagus the details.

A couple of years ago, she posited that the California wildfires were started from a laser that was beamed from a satellite in outer space and funded by wealthy Jews in order to clear space for a high-speed rail project in which they had a financial interest. Wouldn't a kitchen match have worked just as well? And it would have been a lot cheaper.

Speaking of outer space, I think Marjorie Taylor Greene is definitely a candidate to become our newest Ambassador to Outer Space, replacing former Democratic Congresswoman Cynthia McKinney, the leftwing looney whose claim to fame was wet-kissing presidents on television as they headed down the aisle to deliver their State of the Union address, accusing the Bush Administration of having had some role in the 9/11 attacks and slapping a Capitol Police officer who asked her for identification. ("How dare you, you bowl of cold Spanish soup!")

At this point, I feel I need to inject some theology into this discussion. I want to thank God for creating characters like Marjorie Taylor Greene and Cynthia McKinney so I will always

have something to write about and not have to go find a real job.

To quote my friend, William Shakespeare, Greene is full of sound and fury and that's about the size of it. In Washington, she sits on no congressional committees in Congress. None. She was booted off before she had even located the ladies' room because of her off-the-wall rants. That is important because it is in the congressional committees where bills are introduced, debated and, if approved, passed along to the full Senate and House for a vote.

It is where we expect our duly-elected members of Congress to represent our interests. To cite some examples, Rep. Buddy Carter, of Georgia's 1st Congressional District, sits on both the House Budget Committee and the Committee on Energy and Commerce. Eighth District Congressman Austin Scott is a member of both the Agriculture and Armed Services Committees. Rep. Rick Allen, who represents the 12th Congressional District, serves on the Agriculture and House Education and Welfare Committees. All three are Republicans with rock-solid conservative credentials and all three have input and influence into critical legislation that impacts our state.

Sadly, the losers in this process are her constituents in Georgia's 14th Congressional District. Marjorie Taylor Greene has no influence in the legislative process. Since coming to Congress, she has proposed nine bills. None became law. She offered up seven resolutions. None were approved by the House. How does that kind of performance benefit her district? Answer: It doesn't.

Clearly, none of this seems to faze her fanatical followers. Greene reportedly has raised over \$6 million for her 2022 reelection campaign. In fact, she's the fourth highest overall House Republican fundraiser. There is no question that her loyal followers love the smack talk and the over-the-edge screeches even if she can't pass gas.

If Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene is reading this, thank you for exposing the cold Spanish soup plot. I know I will sleep better tonight. But please remain vigilant. That crowd in Washington could be trying to sneak broccoli into our water supply. Oh, by the way, is there any chance I could get you to lower the rhetoric a bit? If so, let me commend to you that great old hymn: Let there be peas in the valley.

Georgia native Dick Yarbrough is an award-winning columnist.

Your Letters to the Editor

A good Ag secretary unties farmers' hands

Dear Editor:

I grew up on an Iowa farm that had refuge for wild animals in every grove of trees, hedge or fence. Farmers there work hard to keep their water clean, to grow certain areas as wetlands, others as aerable or plowable fields, others to grow hay. Farmers understand diversification so that if one thing fails another can pull you through. We learned to save seed from the biggest best ears of corn and apples to replant and thus increase our harvests.

Your Sonny Perdue and his [cousin] David are well respected all over the nation. Farmers understand rotation of crops i.e., after a field has produced corn for a year or two it is depleted, so you plant it in clover or soybeans to replace the last nutrients. I ran and cleaned the cream separator for milk and cream that we produced too. Farmers understand spreading lime or other nutrients on fields when needed. We all carried a hoe wherever we walked in order to eradicate [weed] and thistles, kill snakes, and ward

off the bull. We fished in our own ponds, ate our own beef and pork and planted a garden of 60-plus feet by 40-plus feet, canned about 1,200 jars of fruits and vegetables against winter, and ate our own berries and peaches. Here in Georgia it is blueberry bogs, pecan groves, cotton fields not to mention all the excellent deer/beef/pork processing lockers, chicken farms for eggs and meat, and the dairies here. We ought to be sounding the alarm where Georgia no longer has any huge old trees.

So I'm not too impressed by what New Yorkers know about environment and saving the planet. When government interfered and started requiring quotas of so much land for raising beef and so much for crops, they messed with our production, our seeds, our animals, etc. It is really true that the less regulation you have, the better people do on farms. Four years ago I went to walk the fields with the Iowa State extension people and learned that the government sends

planes over to photograph our farms and they prosecute farmers whose land doesn't have enough wetlands (un-mowed areas). Since the 1970's it has gotten worse. The sheriff cannot keep up with the cattle rustlers, the conservationists brought back the cougar cat and diamond-back rattle snake to reintroduce them to Iowa farms, streams and rivers because they had become extinct, poor things. So now a full grown cat like that nabs the cats and dogs, piglets and calves or chases down your best milk cow, runs her 'til she falls over from exhaustion and rips out her heart.

We can no longer hunt deer for meat on our own land without a license, because that deer runs across many farms and belongs to the state not to us. A good secretary of agriculture unties the hands of those who produce our food and seed and gets out of the way

Lynn Vogel Flessas
President, Newton County Republican Women

GOP fiddles as Biden works to lower costs

Dear Editor:

The world is still coping with the shockwaves of the COVID-19 pandemic – including supply chain issues that are squeezing us at the grocery store and gas pump. Higher prices due to the pandemic are a challenge across

the globe and here in Covington, but I feel better knowing our president is taking action to lower costs here at home.

Since taking office, President Biden has acted aggressively to fix supply chains disrupted by COVID-19, and we're seeing the results here

in Georgia. His Bipartisan Infrastructure Law allocated billions to repair and upgrade Georgia's roads, bridges, and airports. Making transportation more efficient is a huge step in easing the stress on

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“We’ve been very, very lucky. I just want you to know I believe it’s coming,” Cotton added. “Then we’re not going to be so lucky — the luck’s going to run out. And I’m very, very concerned about that.”

After a series of shootings in the Nelson Heights community Feb. 4-6, Cotton told the Covington City Council during its Monday, Feb. 7, meeting that incidents involving firearms had been an increasing problem, and it needed to be addressed.

Cotton posed one way to address the issue was for local judges to come down harder on suspects and increase bond amounts. He specifically referenced dealing with two suspects.

“Why this is so worrisome for me is because we had two suspects who were arrested on Jan. 3 for pointing a gun at another individual,” he said. “They were in a vehicle with an altered VIN when we got them. They had an AR-15 pistol with them with an extended magazine on it. An AR-15 pistol is basically an AR-15 rifle cut down to the size of a pistol. And they had \$7,000 cash with them. These guys don’t have jobs.”

“We charged each of them with two counts of aggravated assault, two counts of theft by taking, one count of altered VIN and one

count of possession of marijuana. They received an \$8,000 or \$10,000 bond and had to post 10% of it with a bail bondsman. If you have \$7,000 cash in the car, you probably have \$1,800 to get out of jail, or a family member could have posted a property bond.

“I’m very concerned that our court doesn’t see the seriousness of the offenses there and letting them back out.”

Cotton said he has spoken with Newton County Sheriff Ezell Brown about the issue, and they plan to talk to judges as well.

People within the communities affected most were not being vocal about the issue, Cotton said, and some would not aid police during investigations out of fear. Cotton requested the mayor and council reach out to community members and help bridge the gap.

“I’m asking your help to reach out to your constituents to get them to understand the situation and understand that we’re not just filling out forms,” Cotton said. “We’re working as hard as we can to try to solve it, we put out a press release, we’re offering a reward for information, we’re waiting on the technology that will help us, such as an application you can put on your phone where if you see something, you can send it to us.”

“We’re trying to take proactive measures

to head this off,” he continued. “So we need you to reach out to the community and tell them to please help us if they can. If they hear something or see something, call 911.”

The chief said there was technology, such as new Flock cameras, on the way that would help law enforcement officers keep an eye on problematic areas. The incoming Flock cameras would have a sound element, “so if someone does shoot, it tells us where that shot came from so that we can probably get there quicker than if someone called 911,” Cotton said. He continued to say officers should also be able to review camera footage to find suspects’ vehicles and identify tag numbers.

Councilman Anthony Henderson said he was open to looking into expanding the surveillance system even further, specifically for problematic areas. He asked City Attorney Frank Turner, Jr., if it was illegal for the city to install cameras on light poles. Turner said it was OK, considering it was a public space.

While Cotton appeared appreciative of the idea, he told Henderson that type of project would come at an exponential cost. However, Henderson believed it was something worth looking into.

“We have to do something about it,”

Henderson said. “Based on what I see and hear daily, if we don’t do something about it, someone is going to get hurt. I’m definitely for some type of surveillance in certain areas to prevent crime, because when you have people not talking, we need to do something about it.”

Councilwoman Charika Davis agreed with Henderson and asked Cotton to start crunching numbers and find out exactly what that cost would be.

“I definitely think that we need to step in and do something,” Davis said. “We need to do more than talk.”

Councilwoman Fleeta Baggett said the situation was bothersome, as was another issue she’s witnessed personally — a lacking ambulance service.

Baggett recalled having a heart attack in December. While at Piedmont Newton Hospital, she said there was a more than 40-minute wait before the next available ambulance could transport her to the hospital in Rockdale for particular services.

“I didn’t have 40 minutes,” she said. “I could have died on the floor in my living room or at the hospital over here at Newton because we didn’t have an ambulance that could transport me.”

As an alternative, she was transported in a nonemergency vehicle.

Baggett suggested the

city strongly consider purchasing an ambulance that could be operated out of the fire department.

“I’d like to see it get on the agenda as soon as possible,” Baggett said. “We can’t keep throwing up these apartments everywhere and have no way to look after these people ... We can’t invite people to live in our city and let them die by gun fire, or whether it be because we don’t have an ambulance. We have to do this. We don’t have a choice.”

Councilwoman Susie Keck was on board to find a solution for both issues.

“I will support anything that won’t bankrupt this city so that we protect our citizens, and the same goes for an ambulance,” Keck said.

While he felt the city had much work to do, Councilman Kenneth Morgan reminded council members that the shooting issue should not be seen as a racial issue, but rather a community issue.

“I just want to encourage us as a council, a city and community, that we strive to work together and not make this about any other thing than our community,” he said. “It has nothing to do with

Black, white, indifferent. This is not what this is about. This is what’s best for our community ... and we move forward collectively as a city and not individuals.”

Nelson Heights is a predominantly Black neighborhood located in the southern portion of Covington.

Cotton said only a few injuries were reported from the four weekend shootings, but he said it could’ve been much worse.

“On the last [of the shootings], an officer was actually out taking a report at a person’s house [on Collier Street],” Cotton recalled, “and he heard the shots, and then found out later that his car had been struck by the bullets. They were actually trying to shoot at our officer; he just didn’t know it at the time.”

“We’ve only had a few injuries,” he continued. “Nobody has been killed, but I am concerned by it because it seems to be ramping up. And it’s not just gang activity. It’s people mad because somebody said something about them on Facebook ... whatever.”

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gotiated guilty plea and was sentenced to a total of 30 years with the first 18 years in prison.

“Further, once released from prison, Brown must stay away from the Ellington’s subdivision

and may not associate with any member or associate of a gang,” the release stated.

Chief Assistant District Attorney Amber Dally, Investigator Colin Cunningham, Victim

Advocate Cindy Hooper, and Legal Assistant Danielle Miller prosecuted the case. The Newton County Sheriff’s Office investigated the crimes, the DA’s office said.

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our supply chains and boosting our economy as a whole.

This historic infrastructure package also provided \$8 million in immediate relief to expand capacity at the Port of Savannah, one of the country’s busiest ports and a crucial piece of our state and nation’s supply chain. Thanks to that funding, business isn’t just steady at the Port — it’s record-breaking. And that impacts communities here in Newton County as well — from the grocery market to local retail stores. There’s been talk about the need for these infrastructure investments for years, even before

the pandemic made it urgent, but it was President Biden who took action. This is what getting things done for Georgians looks like.

President Biden’s bold action to lower costs stands in stark contrast to Georgia Republicans, who bemoan higher prices but have presented zero solutions to lower them. In fact, every single Georgia Republican voted against the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the urgently-needed funding it brought to Georgia. It seems Republicans’ only plan is to obstruct and complain.

Georgians don’t want empty rhetoric — we

want leaders who will put the money where their mouth is. That’s why I’m grateful to President Biden and Georgia Democrats for continuing to fight for everyday Georgians throughout the pandemic. In just a year, they’ve taken historic action to tackle the complex ripple effects of COVID and bring

our economy roaring back. Repairing our supply chains and bringing down costs will continue to be a global challenge, but working Georgians can feel confident we’ve got President Biden working for us.

*Sarah Todd
Covington*


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Kemp's former chief of staff to pursue State House District 114

By **TAYLOR BECK**
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Former Newton County commissioner Tim Fleming announced Tuesday, Feb. 15, he has launched a campaign for the District 114 seat in the Georgia House of Representatives.

Fleming is the former chief of staff for Gov. Brian Kemp. He reportedly left the Kemp Administration in September 2020 to enter the private sector. Fleming managed Kemp's campaign as he became just the second Republican Secretary of State for Georgia. Fleming also spent time as deputy secretary of

state.

Before his rise to the state level, Fleming served on the Newton County Board of Commissioners, representing District 5, from 2009-2013.

"This is about the fight for our future," Fleming said in his campaign announcement. "Stacey Abrams and her leftist friends want to undo our conservative successes in Georgia. They want to erode our values and implement Biden's radical policies here. I won't let it stand."

"We need a proven conservative warrior in the State House who isn't afraid to go toe-to-

toe with the radical left — and win," he continued. "Unlike typical politicians, this isn't a talking point for me. I have taken on Abrams — and won. In the Secretary of State's Office, I fought to have her shady voter registration group investigated. In 2018, I led the campaign that defeated her at the ballot box. And in the Governor's Office, I fought to secure the passage of the strongest pro-life law in the country and crushed the left's attempts to keep Georgia shut down during the pan-



Tim Fleming

demie and force masks on us all. Like all good conservatives that stand for what is right, I was attacked and vilified at every turn, but I didn't back down or apologize."

"I am ready to continue that fight for my community and our values in the State House. In the weeks ahead, I look forward to working tirelessly to earn the trust and support of my neighbors in Jasper, Morgan and Newton Counties so that I can go to the State House to win the future for our conservative values, for freedom and for our way of life."

Fleming, who plans to pursue the Republican nomination, has already been endorsed by Rep. Dave Belton,

R-Buckhead, whose position Fleming would be taking. Belton, currently representing District 112, announced in December that he would not pursue another term in office. After district lines were redrawn by the Georgia General Assembly earlier this year, much of the area of District 112 that includes eastern Newton County will become District 114 following the 2022 election cycle.

"I am excited to endorse Tim Fleming for State House," Belton stated. "It has been a privilege representing this district for the last eight years. While it was a hard call to move on, I feel much better knowing that a strong conservative with a

proven track record we can trust like Tim Fleming is willing to step up to serve our families. Tim won't require any training — he will be ready for the fight on day one to stop the radical left and secure the future of this district."

Others to endorse Fleming include Rep. Susan Holmes of Jasper County, Newton County District 1 Commissioner Stan Edwards, Newton County District 5 Commissioner Ronnie Cowan and former Newton County Commissioner Mort Ewing.

A native of Newton County, Fleming is currently a partner with Live Oak Public Strategies and owns a real estate investment company in Covington.

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Scoggins announces bid for District 4 Commissioner

By **TAYLOR BECK**
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Scotty Scoggins announced Tuesday, Feb. 15, his intentions to seek election to the Newton County Board of Commissioners, representing District 4.

Scoggins, who has only lived in Covington for a few years, ran for election to the Covington City Council last year. His bid against Charika Davis for Post 2 in the West Ward fell short.

"I shocked a lot of people by coming with in 38 votes of winning the West Ward city council election — a seat I was told I would have no shot of even coming close," Scoggins said in his Board of Commissioners campaign announcement. "But I love challenges and more importantly, I love this community. As a result of how well I did in the city council race, I have been asked by several people to run

for the fourth District county commission seat. After many discussions with my wife, Shelley, and counsel from some residents, I've decided to take this challenge head on."

Scoggins said he intended to qualify for candidacy as a Republican, and his campaign slogan would be "New Voice. New Vision. New Direction."

"My faith tells me to be a light in the darkness and to stand up for those that can't stand up for themselves — that's what I plan to do," he said.

Scoggins will likely challenge Democrat incumbent J.C. Henderson, who has served as District 4's commissioner since 1997.

"In the past 15 years



Scotty Scoggins

Newton County has grown by leaps and bounds," Scoggins said. "However, parts of the county seem to have been left behind. The current commissioner has failed to seize the opportunity to improve the conditions of our district. The West side of Covington has fallen by the wayside, while other areas have thrived. That's where I come in. It's time for someone new. Not just a new person, but new ideas, new energy, and a new purpose, to unite the fourth district and represent everyone — not just some."

"I am running for this position to improve our quality of life, and to bring our district up to the same standard as all the others," he continued. "The growth in this county is not just for those who have been deemed to be 'in the right neighborhoods,' it is for all of us. I promise to do everything within my

power to level the playing field and to have a positive impact on our community."

If elected, Scoggins said the following items would be his top priorities:

- Address public safety concerns
- Improve cleanliness and quality of life
- Protect economic interests
- Recognize and preserve the fourth district's rich history
- Smart managed growth
- Transparency and accountability of leaders
- Common sense leadership
- Inclusive government that represents everyone

Candidate qualifying for partisan races for county commission and school board in Newton County will be March 7-11.

Primary elections will be May 24. The General Election will be Nov. 8.

GSU-Newton to celebrate Daffodil Festival next week

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS
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COVINGTON, Ga. — With hundreds of daffodils already in bloom on its 100-acre campus, Georgia State University's Newton Campus is ready to welcome the public to a new slate of activities and talks for its annual Daffodil Festival and Symposium, February 22-23.

The theme for the event is "PantherVision ... We are Resilient and Revolutionary."

"This year's event celebrates the resilience of our students, faculty and staff, who have dealt with the COVID-19 pandemic over the past two years but have managed to keep on learning," said Tami Thomas, assistant professor of criminal justice and co-chair of this year's event.

"And we chose PantherVision because Panthers have excellent



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A GSU student works in the Newton Campus's new 3-D STEM Resource Lab, making daffodils. The public is welcome during the festival to try and make their own daffodil using the printer, college officials said.

vision and so do the Georgia State Panthers. We can see (ahead) what others cannot," she

said.

Attendees can expect a variety of programming during the festival and symposium. On Feb. 22, the festival begins appropriately with a daffodil walk, led by Salie Paschal, retired mathematics professor.

Paschal, who was provost of the college in 2007 when the campus first opened, will take visitors on a walking history of the campus grounds, which is planted with hundreds of daffodils.

Local lore relates that the bulbs had originally been planted by slaves outside their cabins, which once stood on the property. Over the years, the daffodils have multiplied, spreading over a huge field adjacent to the college buildings.

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Qualifying for county and state races is set for March 7-11.

COMMISSION DISTRICT 2

First-term Commissioner Demond Mason has announced his intention to seek reelection.

He likely will face a challenge for the Democratic nomination from at least one of his 2018 opponents for the seat.

Steven Rhodes, a former county Recreation Commission member, confirmed he is planning to challenge Mason for the Democratic nomination after narrowly missing a runoff against him in 2018.

Mason received 38% of the vote in the 2018 Democratic primary followed by former commissioner Earnest L. Simmons with 23.98% — which earned Simmons a spot in a runoff after receiving 0.55% more than Rhodes who received 23.43%.

Mason then easily defeated Simmons in a runoff election before winning the general election.

Simmons did not return a call for comment on whether he planned to challenge Mason for the seat represent-

ing southwest Newton County

The winner of the District 2 Democratic Primary election will face a Republican opponent in November.

It could be Clay Ivey, a longtime Conyers police officer.

Ivey is a lifelong resident of the Salem Road area who lost the Republican nomination for Newton County sheriff to Ken Malcom in 2020.

District 2 was reconfigured as part of the General Assembly's changes to Newton County's commissioner and school board districts in response to 2020 census data.

The district added some area from District 3 that is north of Brown Bridge Road and includes areas in the Wisteria community; and lost a section between highways 162 and 81 to District 1.

COMMISSION DISTRICT 4

Incumbent J.C. Henderson will seek a seventh term on the Board of Commissioners and is, by far, the longest-serving commissioner.

Covington youth pastor Willie B. Jackson said he plans to challenge Henderson for the Democratic nomination

for the seat. He is a retired mechanic and owned Jackson Automotive.

The Democratic nominee will face a Republican opponent in November, with Scotty Scoggins the only announced candidate in the GOP primary.

Scoggins ran for election to the Covington City Council in 2021 but lost to Charika Davis for West Ward Post 2.

District 4 was also reconfigured as part of the General Assembly's changes to Newton County's commissioner and school board districts in response to 2020 census data.

The district now includes all of the city of Porterdale and the Springhill area along Lower River Road near the county landfill and no longer includes the city of Oxford.

HOUSE DISTRICT 93

House District 93 was created as part of the legislative redistricting and includes parts of Newton, Rockdale and south DeKalb counties.

District 92 State Rep. Doreen Carter, D-Lithonia, is the incumbent living in the district and has indicated she will seek election to a fourth term in the House in the

new District 93 seat.

Carter, an accountant, owns a financial education company. She is a former Lithonia City Council member and was the Democratic nominee for Secretary of State in 2014. She was elected in 2015 to the District 92 House seat.

HOUSE DISTRICT 113

Incumbent State Rep. Sharon Henderson, D-Covington, is a pastor and retired banker and the only Newton County resident in the General Assembly.

She will seek reelection to a second term and has made constituent service a major part of her work in the Legislature.

She likely will face a challenge in the Democrat primary from fellow Newton County resident Billie Boyd-Cox, a real estate agent and pastor.

The district formerly included parts of Rockdale and Newton counties but was changed to include only part of Newton County during the legislative redistricting.

HOUSE DISTRICT 114

Former Newton County commissioner Tim Fleming of Covington recently an-

nounced he launched a campaign for the new District 114 seat.

Fleming is the former chief of staff for Gov. Brian Kemp and left the Kemp Administration in September 2020 to enter the private sector. He also served on the Newton County Board of Commissioners, representing District 5, from 2009-2013.

He follows Wendell McNeal, a Morgan County businessman, in announcing he will seek the Republican nomination for District 114, which is comprised of all of Morgan and parts of Newton and Jasper Counties. The incumbent living in the new district, State Rep. Dave Belton, R-Buckhead, is not seeking reelection.

SENATE DISTRICT 17

Incumbent State Sen. Brian Strickland, R-McDonough, is seeking a third term in the state Senate.

Strickland is chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee and vice chairman of the Higher Education Committee.

Morgan County businessman Brett Mauldin also will seek the Republican nomination for the seat, which represents much of Newton County and parts of Morgan, Henry and Walton counties.

SENATE DISTRICT 43

Incumbent State Sen. Tonya Anderson, D-Lithonia, will seek a fourth term in the Senate if she runs this year.

She is a former mayor of Lithonia and state House member who first won election to the Senate in 2016.

She is chairperson of the Georgia Legislative Black Caucus and secretary of the Senate Special Judiciary Committee.

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him and help shape him into the man he is today.

His mother and father, Mildred and Eddie Roy, taught him many valuable lessons and values, Sims said.

"From my mom instilling faith in me from a young age, to dad showing me what determination and hard work looks like," Sims said. "It took both faith and determination for them to start a successful construction company — Sims Excavating — in the middle of the Civil Rights Movement. They overcame a lot in those days, and that is where I draw my strength from today."

Sims said his wife, who is an oncology nursing manager, "taught me a deeper level of compassion for my fellow man."

And these lessons set the stage for him to run for office and to give back to his community, Sims said.

When he decided to run for a seat on the Board of Commissioners, Sims recalled, the late Judge Horace J. Johnson became his mentor.

"He came to my office [on the day I announced] and began to mentor and shape my leadership skills," Sims said.

Johnson, who was the first Black Superior Court judge appointed to the Alcovy Judicial Circuit and a beloved member of the Newton County community, became Sims' sounding board, Sims said.

"We would often have breakfast and talk local politics and hot topics," Sims said. "We had many hot topics that no elected official

wanted to address. Judge Johnson told me I must lead, I must be vocal, and I must do what I feel is the best for the community ... Judge Johnson taught me fairness, strength and to always stand by your decision."

After just a few of those breakfasts, Sims said, Johnson helped him break out of his "quiet commissioner" persona.

Another person Sims leaned on for guidance was the late Almond Turner, a retired assistant police chief and member of the Newton County Board of Education. "A good friend," Sims said Turner taught him the gift of laughter and leadership.

"He taught me that a little humor makes you approachable by everyone," Sims said. "Laughter allows you to connect with people at every level. Many

times, in tense county government meetings, I would crack a joke just to soften the mood."

With the goal of giving back to his community and improving the quality of life, Sims said his focus has always been centered on jobs.

"When I took office as a commissioner in 2011 in the middle of the recession, I had one goal," Sims said, "and that was to bring opportunity to our local citizens in the form of jobs and better jobs. Today, more than 10,000 jobs later, we are just getting started."

In his role with the Newton County IDA, Sims said workforce development has also become a priority.

"We partner with several organizations to help educate and train citizens for these jobs," he said. "Currently, we are working

with Georgia Piedmont Technical College with the Touch Technical experience. This training will prepare citizens for the high tech opportunities Newton County has to offer. We also work with Construction Ready program and Holder Construction to get citizens trained in the construction field. Lastly, we are working with the Newton County School Systems along with Be Pro Be Proud to bring alternatives to high school students that want to be successful but may not want to go to college. These programs gain their interests in different professions, such as welding, plumbing, electrical and other fields.

"With the continued job growth and the available education, we are not only helping the Black community but the whole community."



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Performing Arts Center Feb. 12 to dance, sing, play piano and speak about social initiatives they advocate.

They competed for a \$1,000 college scholarship and the chance to move on to the Miss Georgia Pageant in Columbus June 15-18 — a preliminary to the legendary Miss America pageant, said

pageant director Tiffany Humphries.

Humphries said she worked with her non-profit agency’s board of directors for months to organize the event and search for sponsors because Newton County has few such events that benefit young women.

She said she was aware of the public



Miss Heart of Covington winner Brittnei Evans (left) poses with MaKayla Briscoe, who named Miss Heart of Covington's Outstanding Teen 2022.
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stigma around pageants created by reality TV shows like “Honey Boo Boo” — which turned a sometimes critical eye toward young competitors and their parents.

However, she said pageants can benefit young women by giving them skills they will need to be successful later in life — such as overcoming any hesitations to speak or perform in front of audiences large and small.

Contestants are required to perform or speak alone on stage — meaning they do not have assistance from anyone else during the event, Humphries said.

“I admire each and every one of them,” she

said. “It takes gumption and grit and conviction to be able to put on a show.”

The pageant rules also require contestants to have a “social impact” initiative and explain it, she said.

“These girls are so smart,” Humphries said. “They have something to say.”

The eventual winner, Brittnei Evans of Savannah, said she was an advocate for improving young people’s financial literacy to prepare them for adult responsibilities. She is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Wilmington.

“They definitely got the right girl,” Humphries said.

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Andrea Epps of Grayson was first runner-up. She was an advocate for protecting young girls from being groomed for later roles in life revolving around their sexuality, Humphries said.

Sydney Duren, an Eastside High School graduate and current Georgia State University student, was the only Covington resident in the competition. However, it is common for a contestant not to reside in the geographic area a pageant’s title suggests.

Duren was named the pageant’s People’s Choice award winner, and Evans was its Miss Congeniality award winner, according to the show program.

Humphries is a Covington resident who competed in pageants in her hometown of Statesboro. She said her organization’s focus now is preparing Evans and Epps for the Miss Georgia competition.

The family of the late Ida Davis, a longtime

Newton County educator, provided half the money for the \$1,000 scholarship. The rest came from Flash ‘n Dash Car Wash, Tessa Fearon and Heartscapes of Covington, according to the program for the event.

Some others providing prizes were Woven Boutique of Covington, Covington Nutrition, Supreme Tanning, and Jeffery King.

Marlena Greiner, who served as Miss Georgia in 1986, was the mistress of ceremonies.

The event’s affiliation with the Miss Georgia Pageant required it to use two judges sanctioned by the organization and three judges with no pageant experience.

Judges included Beverly Collier of Covington and District 110 State Rep. Clint Crowe, R-Jackson, who had no experience; and Miss Georgia-certified judges Crystaline Mabry of Columbus; and Jill Pittman and Nita Callo-way, both of Metter.

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As part of the annual festival, a \$500 scholarship is awarded to a Newton Campus student.

This year’s recipient is biology student Addison Malcom. Malcom, an Alcovy High School graduate, wants to study animal science and hopes to attend Texas A&M University after graduating next year with her associate degree from Perimeter.

After the scholarship presentation, attendees can enjoy a performance by Newton High School’s Sapphire Dance Troupe, followed by keynote

speaker Pamela Leggett-Robinson, who will speak on “Growth by Choice: The Butterfly and Lessons Learned,” at 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday’s programs include Georgia State Libraries Special Collections archivists Morna Gerrard and Lisa Vallen. Their 10 a.m. talk will feature the university’s deep collection of articles and photographs chronicling the area’s diverse history.

At 11:30 a.m. Aubrey Underwood of Clark Atlanta University will talk about “A World Free of Radiation: The

Invisible History of Southern Black Women and the Anti-Nuclear Movement.”

Also, on Wednesday at 1 p.m. “Poetry in the Pines” is planned. A tradition during the festival, this year’s poetry event features poet Adan Bean, along with readings of student works.

Students and attendees will also learn about career and service opportunities presented by Mollie Melvin of Newton County Family Connection and representatives from a Covington bank.

Although there will be plenty of real daffodils to pick, participants can try their hand in making an actual 3-D daffodil on the 3-D printers in the new STEM Resource Center on campus.

The printers were a gift from Facebook, and student workers will be on hand to teach anyone who wants to learn how to use them.

Other activities during the two-day event include opportunities to make a terrarium to take home.

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15 Governor's Honors program semifinalists from Newton named

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A total of 15 Newton County School System (NCSS) high school students have been named semifinalists for the 2022 Governor's Honors Program (GHP). NCSS students named semifinalists in the program include:

- Mason Sorrow, Eastside High and NCCA STEM Institute, 10th grade, Subject Area: Agricultural Research, Biotechnology, and Science
- Dhakiya Knights, Newton High and NCCA STEM Institute, 11th grade, Subject Area: Communicative Arts
- Tre'ven Davis, Newton High and NCCA STEM Institute, 10th grade, Subject Area: Communicative Arts
- Kendall Hawley, Newton High, 10th grade, Subject Area: Communicative Arts
- Savannah Deeter, Alcovy High and NCCA, 10th grade, Subject Area: Communicative Arts
- Lilly Litts, Eastside

High, 11th grade, Subject Area: Dance

- Emma Lumpkin, Eastside High and NCCA STEM Institute, 10th grade, Subject Area: Mathematics
- Natalie Henderson, Alcovy High and NCCA STEM Institute, 11th grade, Subject Area: Mathematics
- Gracie Bates, Eastside High, 11th grade, Subject Area: Music: Voice
- Jessica Wilson, Eastside High, 10th grade, Subject Area: Visual Arts
- Kailey Hawk, Newton High, 11th grade, Subject Area: Visual Arts
- Breanna Epps, Eastside High, 10th grade, Subject Area: World Languages: Latin
- Colin McGowan, Eastside High, 10th grade, Subject Area: World Languages: Latin
- Serenity Ingram Clarke, Alcovy High, 11th grade, Subject Area: World Languages: Latin
- Trevor Hay, Eastside High, 10th Grade, Subject Area: Music-Percussion



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Front row, from left, are semifinalists Mason Sorrow, Dhakiya Knights, Tre'ven Davis, Kendall Hawley, and Lilly Litts; back row from left, Natalie Henderson, Gracie Bates, Jessica Wilson, Kailey Hawk, Breanna Epps, Colin McGowan, and NCSS Superintendent Samantha Fuhrey. Not shown are semifinalists Savannah Deeter, Emma Lumpkin, Trevor Hay and Serenity Ingram Clarke.

Shundreia Neely, director of Secondary Schools, said, "Congratulations to our students who have been named semifinalists in the 2022 Governor's Honors Program. "These students worked tirelessly to complete many rounds of revisions to get their applications and essays

prepared for the semifinalist round. "They did not allow anything to stop them from reaching their goals. It is nice to see students so passionate about a subject area, that they wish to participate in a program to learn more in-depth information about the topic.

"I commend each student and wish each of them well in the next phase of the Governor's Honors Program." The Georgia Governor's Honors Program is a residential summer program for gifted and talented high school students who will be rising juniors and seniors during the

program. The program offers instruction that is significantly different from the typical high school classroom. It is designed to provide students with academic, cultural, and social enrichment necessary to become the next
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Registration begins Feb. 28 for pre-kindergarten program

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Newton County School System will hold registration for the district's Georgia lottery funded pre-kindergarten (Pre-K) program during the week of Feb. 28. Parents should register their children at the elementary school they are zoned to attend next year. Registration for the Pre-K program at the Newton College & Career Academy (NCCA) will be held at the NCCA campus. Online registration will be available on the district website, www.newtoncountyschools.org and registration packets may also be obtained at each elementary school. Times for registration are as follows:

- Feb. 28, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
- March 1, 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
- March 2, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
- March 3, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
- March 4, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Newton County School System has Pre-K slots available at 13 elementary schools and Newton College and Career Academy for the 2022-2023 school year. Children will not be placed on

the roster for possible selection until all required documents are submitted. Only custodial parents and legal guardians may register a child for Pre-K. Please note that registration does not guarantee children a slot in the Pre-K program. Once registration has concluded, students with all documents submitted will have their names placed in a lottery drawing for their school zone for possible selection. Only students with completed registration packets will be eligible for participation in the school system's lottery selection process. Pre-K enrollment is determined by school attendance zones. Once all slots are filled, the remaining names will be placed on a waiting list in the order they were drawn during the lottery process and will be called if and when spaces become available. Children must be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2022, to qualify for enrollment. To register a child for the Newton County Pre-K program, parents should bring a certified birth certificate and two proofs of residence/address — one from each of the two categories

below:

- Category 1: Utility bill such—electric, gas, garbage, or water bill in the name of the person enrolling the child, and,
- Category 2: Current lease, rental agreement, or mortgage statement from the purchase of a home.

Telephone bills, post office addresses, car licenses, credit cards, and Medicaid cards will not be accepted as proof of residence. If the child does not live with one or both parents, guardianship or custody documents must be presented. Should the child and parent/guardians live with someone else and not have a proof of address in his/her name, a Statement of Legal Residence/Affidavit of Parent/Guardian is needed. Bring the affidavit completed, signed and notarized, along with the two proofs of residence in the name of the person who owns the property. An affidavit can be obtained from any elementary school and the Newton County Board Office. A notary will be available at registration. If you choose to have your paperwork notarized using the free

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NCSS teacher job fair set

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Newton County School System will host a job fair March 5 as part of its effort to hire approximately 200 teachers for the 2022-2023 school year.

The school system is offering a \$1,000 signing incentive to eligible teachers who sign contracts at the job fair, said Nyree Sanders, director of Human Resources for Newton County Schools.

Newton County School System (NCSS) is based in Covington, Georgia, approximately 40 miles east of Atlanta on Interstate 20.

Officials are asking potential applicants to register

to attend the NCSS Teacher Job Fair on March 5 at Newton High School located at 1 Ram Way in Covington.

From 9 a.m. to noon, administrators from NCSS schools will be on site interviewing and hiring teachers to fill positions for the 2022-2023 school year. All applicants must register to attend by applying on the NCSS website or completing the Google Registration Form.

Certain documents are required to complete the online application process. These include a current resume, college transcripts, test scores, exemption scores for GACE program

assessments (if applicable), and teaching certificate or certificate of eligibility (if applicable).

Prospective applicants who are still in school but will graduate from college soon are also invited to apply.

In order to be offered a position with NCSS for the 2022-2023 school year, applicants must not be under contract with another Georgia school system for 2022-2023.

Those interested in applying can visit the Newton County School System’s website at https://www.newtoncountyschools.org/jobs/teach_newton and click the



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Mrs. Freeman's Biology class at Piedmont Academy has been learning about the cell cycle and how cells divide and why. In order to help the students better understand what is happening inside a cell when it is dividing, they performed an Oreo Mitosis lab. Students used Oreos that represented the cell and the white creme represented the cytoplasm, which is where all the organelles are located for every cell. Students had to use the Oreo to show what stage the cell was going through in its cycle. They used colored sprinkles to represent the structures (organelles) that play a role in the cell as it is dividing to produce two new identical daughter cells.

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GHP is held mid-June to mid-July as a residential educational experience on a college or university campus.

This year’s program will be hosted by Berry College in Rome from June 19 through July 16. Students will attend classes in the mornings and afternoons in specific areas of study, and then participate in a wide variety of social and instruc-

tional opportunities every evening. Meals and rooms are provided by the program.

Students interested in attending must participate in a series of interviews and should be able to speak eloquently and in great detail about the subject they choose. They are students who desire to work with their subject outside of school and go above and beyond.

Students may be nominated in Communicative Arts (ELA), all the Foreign

Languages, Math, Science, Social Studies, Dance, Music, Theater, Visual Arts, Engineering, and Agriscience.

Neely said each school has a school-level GHP coordinator.

“The coordinator informs teachers about the program and asks teachers to nominate students who are highly talented and qualified to meet the criteria of the program,” Neely said. “After the teachers provide the coordinators with student names,

the coordinator meets with students to provide them with an overview of GHP and how the nomination process works.

“Additionally, the school-level GHP coordinator checks to ensure students meet the criteria. If the student meets the criteria, the coordinator informs the teacher and has the teacher complete the GHP nomination form. The teacher completes his or her portion as well as assists the student

with filling in his/her nomination information (essays).

“If selected as district winners, the students’ names are submitted to the Governor’s Office of Student Achievement (GOSA).

The students are next contacted by GOSA to complete a state application in efforts to be selected for state interviews. If selected, students become semifinalists and then compete in state interviews.

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notary at registration, the person who owns the property must be present with the two proofs of residence outlined above.

In addition to the birth certificate and proofs of residence, parents must also bring the child’s social security card; the Eye,

Ear, Dental (EED) and Nutrition Screening Form #3300 (if the child has reached age 4); and Immunization Record Form #3231.

Both forms may be obtained from a doctor or the Newton County Health Department.

If there is no Social Security card, a waiver

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Prep Basketball

STILL IN THE HUNT

Newton, Social Circle remain in play for region, GHSA titles

By PHILLIP B. HUBBARD
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COVINGTON, Ga. — It has been a busy week for all local basketball teams competing in their respective region tournaments. Of the eight teams to begin the week in the winner's bracket, only three remain: The Newton Rams, the Social Circle Redskins and Lady Redskins.

For the Rams, their 8-0 regular season record in Region 4-AAAAAAA earned them a first round bye automatically advancing them. Also, the Rams had already secured a state playoff berth before playing the first quarter of the tournament.

In the second round, they faced South Gwinnett, who they defeated twice during the regular season, on Wednesday, Feb. 16. Just like the two previous matchups, Newton came out on top of the Comets again 65-37.

That gave the Rams a date with Grayson in the region title game on Friday, Feb. 18, at Newton High School.

As far as both Social Circle programs go, they both earned state playoff appearances. The Redskins had their spot secured prior to the tournament tipping off, but the Lady Redskins won their place on Tuesday, Feb. 15.

With all Region 8A-Public tournament action being hosted at Commerce High School, the Lady Redskins faced Washington-Wilkes in the first round.

Social Circle downed the Lady Tigers 35-28 to officially stamp its place into the 2022 state playoffs. At the time of this publication, the Lady Redskins were set to face Commerce on Thursday, Feb. 17. If



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Newton's Marcus Whitlock (22) dunks on an alley-oop pass against South Gwinnett on Feb. 16 at Newton High School.

it wins, Social Circle will play in the finals on Friday, Feb. 18.

Concerning the Redskins squad, they, like Newton, earned a round one bye thanks to their 12-0 record in Region 8A-Public.

They, like the Lady Redskins, will face-off against Commerce in the

semi-final round on Feb. 17 with the region championship game held on Feb. 18, should Social Circle advance.

The girls team for Newton also remains in the thick of things for state

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Prep Basketball



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Eastside head coach Gladys King talks to her players during a timeout against Apalachee on Feb. 15.

Postseason short-lived for Alcovy, Eastside

By PHILLIP B. HUBBARD
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Beginning on Feb. 12, all eight local teams competed in their respective region tournaments. Each team entered the tournament facing different scenarios.

But, at the time of this publication, four of the area teams were eliminated from postseason action.

And it all began with both of Alcovy's teams performances.

ALCOVY TIGERS

On Feb. 15, the Tigers of Alcovy traveled to Lakeside High School in Evans to compete in the Region 3-AAAAAAA tournament.

With a 4-6 region record, the Tigers entered the tournament as the No. 4 seed facing the No. 5 seed Heritage Patriots.

Alcovy lost to the Patriots 70-59, bouncing the Tigers from the tournament and ending the hope of a state playoff berth.

This was the first loss Alcovy

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Prep Athletics

Peachtree Academy ready for baseball, softball seasons

By PHILLIP B. HUBBARD
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COVINGTON, Ga. — For both the Peachtree Academy baseball and softball teams, the 2022 season is right around the corner.

Each team has prepared in their own way for the season ahead. With that, the head coaches anticipate suc-

cessful 2022 campaigns for their teams.

Panther Baseball

Normally over the offseason, head coach Kevin Boeckman takes a pessimistic view for his team's chances heading into the regular season. This year, however, something's different as Boeckman said he's very optimis-

tic right now.

"Last year, I thought it would be a rebuilding year and we made it to the final four," Boeckman said. "We probably have a better all around squad than we had last year. The only question is, can I get them together and develop that chemistry?"

Eighteen players have gone out for the

Panthers this offseason which, according to Boeckman, hasn't been the case in recent years.

Of the 18 players on this year's squad, though, the Panthers' leaders will be Amman Dewberry and Tyler Lowe, Boeckman said. Additionally, Boeckman foresees the Panthers leaning heavily on a few underclassmen,

too, to help the team become more successful.

All in all, Boeckman wants to see his team develop team chemistry, perform better on the diamond and, overall, play together as a team.

Boeckman believes, if he team does that, they'll be playing their best baseball when they

need to.

"If we come together and gel at the right time, I would hope we can get back to the final four with an opportunity to get to the finals," Boeckman said.

Lady Panther Softball
2022 for the Lady Panthers will be one of

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PUBLIC NOTICE #300574 02/20,27

NOTICE OF Abandoned Vehicle

RE:2006 DODGE Ram 1500 SLT, 5.7L, Gas, VIN 2 (DESCRIBE AUTOMOBILE model, year, and make)
MFR. I.D. NO 1D7HU18216S678567
LICENSE NO NONE
COLOR: BLUE
DOOR 4
BODY STYLE: Crew Cab
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
THE ABOVE automobile was initially removed from: Gearheadz Automotive Repair, LLC

IT IS presently located at 3114 Emory Street NW, Covington, GA 30014 and is in the possession of Gearheadz Automotive Repair, LLC
ATTEMPTS to locate the owner have been unsuccessful. The vehicle is deemed abandoned under **O.C.G.A. §** 40-11-2 and will be disposed of if not redeemed. This notice is given pursuant to Georgia

law.

PUBLIC NOTICE #300566 02/20,27

Alcoholic Beverage

NOTICE IS hereby given that an application has been made to the Newton County Board of Commissioners to obtain a license to sell alcoholic beverages (beer and wine) for off-premises consumption by
CVS
BERNARD H. KENNEDY, JR
1026 HWY 36 COVINGTON, GA 30014

OCCUPATION TAX/BUSINESS LICENSE CONTACT:
TINA WATERS
BUSINESS LICENSE CLERK
TWATERS@CO.NEWTON.GA.US

PUBLIC NOTICE #300560 02/13,20

Bids

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

CR 511/BROWN BRIDGE ROAD AT SNAPPING SHOALS CREEK INCLUDING REALIGNMENT AND BRIDGE REPLACEMENT
PI 0015097
NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BID #22-11
SEALED BIDS for the CR 511/ BROWN BRIDGE ROAD AT SNAPPING SHOALS CREEK INCLUDING REALIGNMENT AND BRIDGE REPLACEMENT Project will be received electronically by the Newton County Board of Commissioners until 2:00 PM, Local Time on March 22nd, 2022. All proposals must be submitted through Bonfire's electronic submission portal. The project consists of replacing the existing bridge over Snapping Shoals Creek including road realignment.
ALL BIDS must be accompanied by a Bid Bond in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the Base Bid. Performance Bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount will be required of the successful bidder. A Payment Bond in the amount of one hundred and ten percent (110%) will also be required of the successful bidder. Bonds must be written by an acceptable Surety Company licensed to do business in the State of Georgia and listed in the Department of the Treasury, Circular 570, latest edition.
NOTE: CONTRACTOR and all subcontractors must be fully insured and be Licensed Contractors in the State of Georgia.
INSURANCE: CONTRACTOR shall maintain insurance as specified in the Construction Services Agreement included in the Bidding Documents. **THE SUCCESSFUL** bidder shall secure and pay for all permits, assessments, charges or fees required in connection with the proposed construction. **NEWTON COUNTY** reserves the right to reject any or all bids, including without limitation, the right to reject any and all nonconforming, non-responsive, unbalanced or conditional bids and to reject the bid of any bidder whom Owner believes would not be in the best interest of the Project to make an award to that bidder whether because the bid is not responsive, the bidder is unqualified, or of doubtful financial ability or fails to meet any other pertinent standard or criteria established by the Owner Newton County in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and 78 Stat. 252, 42 USC 2000d-42 and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, part 21, nondiscrimination in federally assisted programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin in consideration for an award.
DIGITAL COPIES of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, specifications, and drawings may be obtained at the Newton County Procurement Portal website, www.co.newton.ga.us, at no charge. Please direct any questions regarding the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS or access to the Procurement Portal to Randi Fincher at 678-625-1237 or rfincher@co.newton.ga.us. Answers to all questions shall be provided a minimum of 72 hours prior to the time of the bid.

FEBRUARY, 2022
NEWTON COUNTY Board of Commissioners

PUBLIC NOTICE #300578 02/20,27

BINEWTON COUNTY School System Current Solicitations

ERATE 2022 (# C-206-03)
THE NEWTON County School System is soliciting vendors for ERATE funded technology projects for **2022**.
ANY QUESTIONS related to this solicitation should be addressed to the Newton County School System **ERATE CONSULTANT,** Hugh Manning at hugh@k12-consultants.com or 724-350-4380.
FOR MORE information, please visit the School System's e-procurement website at the following link: <https://ncssebidi.ionwave.net/currentsourcingevents.aspx?pg=0>

PUBLIC NOTICE #300564 02/20

NEWTON COUNTY School System Current Solicitations Painting and Pressure Washing at Select Schools (IFB C-910-40)

THE NEWTON County School System is soliciting sealed bids to obtain the services of a qualified vendor to provide painting and pressure washing services at select schools.

INSTRUCTIONS ALL SOLICITATION documents

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #300568 02/20

THE CITY of Covington is soliciting proposals from qualified contractors to provide rehabilitation and/or replacement of rubble-stone constructed sanitary sewer manholes in the City of Covington.
SEALED PROPOSALS must be delivered to City Hall, 2194 Emory Street NW, Covington, GA 30014, Attn: Robert Barber no later than 10:00am on Monday, March 21, 2022.

REQUEST FOR proposals and additional information may be obtained by accessing the request for proposals on the City's website at <https://www.cityofcovington.org/index.php?section=business-opportunities>.
THE CITY of Covington reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

PUBLIC NOTICE #300581 02/20,27

THE CITY of Covington is soliciting sealed bids to furnish all labor, material and equipment for the repair of a gravity sewer aerial crossing in the City of Covington.

SEALED BIDS must be delivered to City Hall, 2194 Emory Street NW, Covington, GA 30014, Attn: Scott Cromer no later than 10:00am on Tuesday, March 15th, 2022. A 5% Bid Bond will be required with bid. A Payment and Performance Bond in the amount of 100% will be required from awarded contractor.
REQUEST FOR Bids and additional information may be obtained by accessing the request for proposals on the City's website at <https://www.cityofcovington.org/index.php?section=business-opportunities>.
THE CITY of Covington reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

PUBLIC NOTICE #300581 02/20,27

Citations

CITATION

DAVID CLAYTON MITCHELL has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **ANITA ABBOTT MITCHELL** 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 MARCHY 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 #300522 02/6,13,20,27

CITATION

ELSIE C. COLLINS has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **JAMES MERCER COLLINS** 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 MARCHY 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 #300521 02/6,13,20,27

CITATION

JASON ANDREW RAY has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **RANDY WAYNE RAY** 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 MARCHY 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 #300519 02/6,13,20,27

CITATION

JASON IAN BINNS has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **WILLIAM KERRY BINNS** deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in

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POSITION AVAILABLE: UTILITY BILLING/MUNICIPAL COURT CLERK

The City of Oxford is accepting applications for the position of Utility Billing/Municipal Court Clerk. This position is responsible for managing the utility billing cycle each month, to include setting up new accounts, closing accounts, and generating utility bills. In addition, the incumbent in this position serves as the City's Municipal Court Clerk, which requires preparation of court dockets and other documents as needed, as well as attending court, recording case results, and maintaining court records.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Ability to read, write and perform mathematical calculations at a level commonly associated with the completion of high school or equivalent.
- Ability to become a notary public within first six months of employment.
- Ability to obtain Municipal Court Clerk Certification through Institute of Continuing Judicial Education and maintain certification by attending training annually.
- Sufficient experience to understand the basic principles relevant to the major duties of the position usually associated with the completion of an apprenticeship/internship or experience in a similar position for at least three years OR Successful completion of at least 90 semester hours or 60 quarter hours at an accredited technical school, college, or university.

Top candidates will possess the following knowledge/skills/abilities/experience at a minimum:

- Routine professional interaction with customers in person and by phone.
- Strong interpersonal skills and a commitment to excellent customer service.
- Ability to count money accurately and advise customers of the status of their billing accounts.
- Successful performance working on a collaborative team.
- Ability to communicate in a professional manner verbally and in writing, and with customers and stakeholders at all levels.
- Record of good attendance at previous employer(s).
- Experience using a computerized utility billing system.
- Experience working in a city or county court environment and using a computerized case management system
- Knowledge of modern office practices, procedures, and equipment.
- Knowledge of Microsoft Office 365 applications including Outlook, Word, Excel, and Sharepoint.

Entry salary for this position is \$34,437.97. Actual salary will be determined based on qualifications and experience.

For a complete list of job responsibilities and application, visit our website at <https://www.oxfordgeorgia.org/ApplyForJob.aspx> or contact Marcia Brooks at mbrooks@oxfordgeorgia.org.

Applications will be accepted through Monday, March 14, 2022. Resumes submitted without completed applications will not be considered. A background investigation including criminal history check and drug screening will be conducted on selected candidate.

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

Oxford City Hall
Attn: Marcia Brooks
110 West Clark Street
Oxford, GA 30054

The City of Oxford is an Equal Opportunity Employer

LEGALS:

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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 #300427
02/6,13,20,27

CITATION

JUDY POLLITT has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **JERRY POLLITT, SR** 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 #300515
02/6,13,20,27

CITATION

KIMBERLY RUTLEDGE ELMORE has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **CAROLYN LEIGH RUTLEDGE** 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 #300449
02/6-13,20,27

CITATION

KRISTI KENNEDY has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **DEBORAH LYNN LEWIS** 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 #300517
02/6,13,20,27

CITATION

MARY JO HUDDLESTON has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **STEVEN TODD MANDERS** 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 #300483
2/6,13,20,27

CITATION

MERIAM DEBORAH GUNNYON has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **EDITH HELEN COCHRAN** 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 #300516
02/6,13,20,27

CITATION

MICHELLE SEAL has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **BARBARA HAYMORE SEAL** 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 #300482
2/6,13,20,27

CITATION

NANCY ADAMS TIEDE has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **CHARLES NEWTON ADAMS, JR** deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A 53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objection must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before 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 #300520
02/6,13,20,27

CITATION

RE: ESTATE of JAMES ELLSWORTH ELDER DECEASED

SCOTT TYMM ELDER, EXECUTOR has petitioned to be discharged from Office and all Liability. All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause as to why said petition should not be granted. All objections must be in writing and filed with this Court on or before MARCH 7, 2022 at ten o'clock am.

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

NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT
1132 USHER STREET COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #300558
02/20

CITATION

RE: ESTATE of RAMONA ZAVALA LIZAMA, DECEASED

FERNANDO MENDOZA JR, EXECUTOR has petitioned to be discharged from Office and all Liability. All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause as to why said petition should not be granted. All objections must be in writing and filed with this Court on or before MARCH 7, 2022 at ten o'clock am.

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

NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT
1132 USHER STREET COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE # 300582
02/20

CITATION

RE: ESTATE of THOMAS CHARLES NEELY DECEASED

JOSEPH B NEELY, JR, EXECUTRIX, has petitioned to be discharged from Office and all Liability. All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause as to why said petition should not be granted. All objections must be in writing and filed with this Court on or before MARCH 7, 2022 at ten o'clock am.

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

NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT
1132 USHER STREET COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #300533
02/20

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

CLUES ACROSS
1. Constrictors
5. Abounding in rocks
11. Speed
14. German city
15. Lacking sympathy
18. Visionaries
19. Wastes away
21. One precursor to the EU
23. Nursemaid
24. Unconsciousnesses
28. Baby's word for father
29. Equal to 64 US pints (abbr.)
30. Senses of self-importance
32. Midway between south and southwest
33. When you hope to get there
35. Electronic data processing
36. Passports and drivers' licences are two
39. Fishes
41. Air Force
42. Personal computers
44. Ecological community
46. Wings
47. Halfway
49. Cool, calm and collected
52. Jewelled headdress
56. Musical composition
58. __ Falls
60. Repeating remarks
62. Periods in one's life
63. Hyphen

CLUES DOWN
1. __ Humbug!
2. Devices that alert pilots (abbr.)
3. Grocer
4. One point east of southeast
5. Subjects to hostility
6. Work unit
7. Atomic #56
8. British thermal unit
9. "Elusive Butterfly" singer
10. Fastened over animal's neck
12. Device
13. Rechargeable power source
16. Ancient sage
17. Consist of two elements
20. "Pygmalion" writer
22. "The Centennial State" (abbr.)
25. Of I
26. Get older

COURT
1132 USHER STREET-148 COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #300481
2/6,13,20,27

CITATION

TERRY CROSBY has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **WILLIE C. BAGBY** 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 #300428
01/6,13,20,27

CITATION

TRACYE LYNNE JACKSON has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **ANNIE REE JACKSON** 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 #300518
02/6,13,20,27

THE PETITION of BIRDA WATTS widow of BOBBY LEE WATTS deceased, for Twelve Month's Support for having been duly filed, all interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections must be in writing and filed with this Court on or before MARCH 7, 2022, at ten o'clock a.m.

MELANIE M. BELL, JUDGE BY: MARCIA Wynne, Clerk PROBATE COURT Newton County Georgia

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #300451
02/6-13,20,27

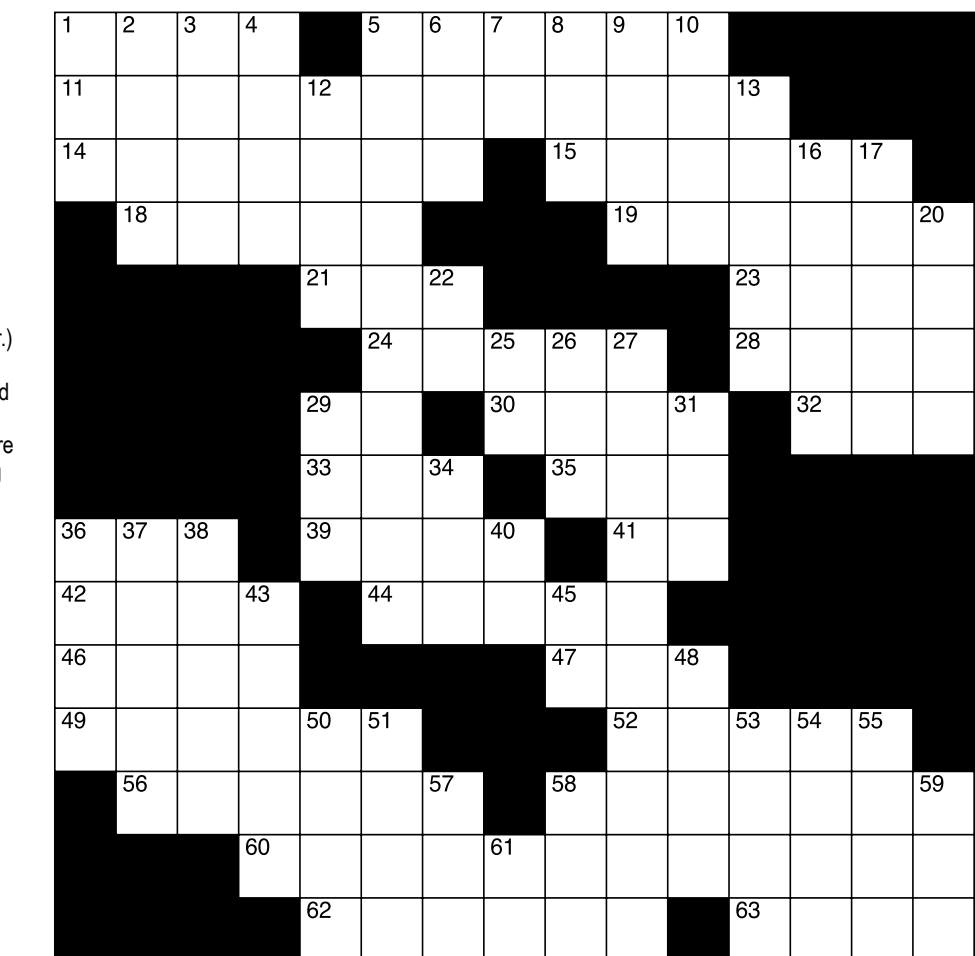
THE PETITION of Diane Lynn Stephens widow of Kent Alan Stephens, deceased, for Twelve Month's Support for having been duly filed, all interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections must be in writing and filed with this Court on or before MARCH 7, 2022, at ten o'clock a.m.

MELANIE M. BELL, JUDGE BY: MARCIA Wynne, Clerk PROBATE COURT Newton County Georgia

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #300430
02/6,13,20,27

THE PETITION of Melinda Henderson Adams widow of James O. Adams, deceased, for Twelve

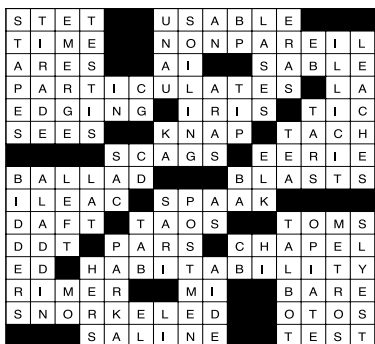


27. Brotherhoods
29. Buzzing insect
31. Sunscreen rating
34. Brew
36. Leader
37. Indigo bush
38. Burn with a hot liquid
40. Junior's dad
43. Horse mackerels genus
45. Morning
48. Unit of linear measurement (abbr.)
50. Double curve
51. Small, twisted bunch
53. Developed
54. Mars crater
55. Humanistic discipline
57. Word element meaning ear

58. Last or greatest in an indefinitely large series

59. Wood residue
61. It cools your home

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:



COVINGTON, GEORGIA 30014

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

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

ALL CREDITORS of the estate of **ELAINE CHAMBERS GASCHE**, deceased, a resident of Newton County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.
THIS 14TH day of February, 2022.
SYLVIE SANFUL EXECUTRIX of the Estate of **ELAINE CHAMBERS Gasche C/O MICHELLE Chaudhuri, Esq. Talley & Associates, P.C.**
1892 GA Hwy 138, SE Conyers, GA 30013
770-483-1431

PUBLIC NOTICE #300529
02/20,27-3/6,13

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

ALL CREDITORS of the Estate of **GARY LYNN EARL HOFFECKER** late of Newton County Georgia, 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 DAY of February 2022

CHARLES HINELY, Executor ESTATE OF Gary Lynn Earl Hoffecker
901 PROVIDENCE Lane MONROE GA 30656

PUBLIC NOTICE #300575
02/20,27-3/6,13

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

ALL CREDITORS of the Estate of **PEGGY ANN PILGRIM MAPLES** 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 3RD day of February, 2022

STUART J. Oberman
327 DAHLONEGA Street, suite 401 CUMMING, GA 30040

ADMINISTRATOR OF Estate: Benjamin Maples

PUBLIC NOTICE #300565
02/20,27-03/6,13

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

LEGALS:

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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
02/13,20,27-3/6

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 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 according to law.

THIS THE 21TH day of **JANUARY** 2022

ALISA NELSON
833 MCDONALD RD
COVINGTON GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #300529
02/6,13,20,27

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **NED HERMAN HENDERSON** 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

TIMOTHY HENDERSON
60 HENDERSON RD 30055

PUBLIC NOTICE #300486
2/6,13,20,27

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **ROGER ALAN CREWS** 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

CRAIG PEARCE, III
25 SIDE TRAIL
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #300484
02/6,13,20,27

Divorces

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF HOOD RIVER

SHANALEE N. ALEXANDER VS. WESLEY MARK NAPIERRE DAVIS

CASE NO. 21DR21008

SHANALEE N. ALEXANDER has filed a Dissolution case aking the court to order Dissolution of Marriage, child custody and parenting time, child support.

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: READ CAREFULLY

YOU MUST “appear” in this case or the other side will win automatically. To “appear,” you must file a legal Response, Answer, or Motion. Forms may be available through the court above or online at www.courts.oregon.gov / [forms. Talk to a lawyer for information about appearing by motion.

YOUR RESPONSE must be filed with the court named above within 30 days of the date of first publication (noted above), along with the required filing fee (go to www.courts.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 SAME 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 INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE AND MADE A PART HEREOF FOR A MORE PARTICULAR AND COMPLETE DESCRIPTION.**

TAX NO - 0033A 24B

MOBILE/MANUFACTURED HOME DESCRIPTION: MOBILE HOME YR 1983 MODEL NAME PARKWOOD MANUF NAME: FAIRLANE SERIAL# M#MMACCA A 119-1

BORROWER DECLARES THAT THE ABOVE DESCRIBED MOBILE HOME WILL REMAIN PERMANENTLY AFFIXED TO THE PROPERTY AND WILL BE TREATED AS A FIXTURE. BORROWER ALSO DECLARES THAT THE WHEELS, AXLES AND HITCHES HAVE BEEN REMOVED AND THAT THE MOBILE HOME IS CONNECTED TO THE UTILITIES. BORROWER AND LENDER INTEND THAT THE MOBILE HOME LOSE ITS NATURE AS PERSONAL PROPERTY AND BECOME REAL PROPERTY. IN ADDITION, BORROWER DECLARES THAT THE MOBILE HOME HAS BEEN ASSESSED AS REAL PROPERTY FOR TAXES. LENDER WILL RESERVE AN IN THE MOBILE HOME BOTH UNDER THE REAL PROPERTY LAWS AND THE LAWS RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES AND PERSONAL PROPERTY.

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 Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).

THE ENTITY having full authority to negotiate, amend or modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is: PHH Mortgage Corporation they can be contacted at 1-800-750-2518 for Loss Mitigation Dept, or by writing to One Mortgage Way, Mount Laurel, New Jersey 08054, to discuss possible alternatives to avoid foreclosure.

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.

TO THE best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Howard Abbott, Jr. or tenant(s); and said property is more commonly known as **189 Helen Rd, Covington, GA 30016.**

THE SALE will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed and (3) any right of redemption or other lien not extinguished by foreclosure.

U.S. BANK National Association, as Trustee for Residential Asset Securities Corporation, Home Equity Mortgage Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-KS11 as Attorney in Fact for Howard Abbott, Jr.,

BROCK & Scott, PLLC
4360 CHAMBLEE Dunwoody Road SUITE 310 ATLANTA, GA 30341
404-789-2661
B&S FILE no.: 21-02186

PUBLIC NOTICE #300460
02/6,13,20,27

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 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 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, 800-306-6059.

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. 522297608 - FT1

PUBLIC NOTICE #300444
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 f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC f/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 TRACT 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

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 f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC f/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 TRACT 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

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 11

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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 f/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 Streamside 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 Streamside Drive, Covington, GA 30016**
PARCEL ID: 00251000000211000
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 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
WWW.FORECLOSUREHOTLINE.NET
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
02/13,20,27-2/6,13,20,27

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 **LOSS MITIGATION**
3043 TOWNSGATE Road #200, Westlake Village, CA 91361
1-866-549-3583

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. 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 immediately above.

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

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 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. 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 immediately above.

AMERIHOME MORTGAGE Company, LLC as agent and Attorney in Fact for Frederick Fowler
ALDRIDGE PITE, LLP, 15 Piedmont Center, 3575 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 500, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7637.

1010-1803A
THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 1010-1803A

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

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER, NEWTON COUNTY

PURSUANT TO the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Melody Sellars 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 Sellars 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.

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 immediately above.

WELLS FARGO Bank, N.A. as agent and Attorney in Fact for Melody Sellars Day a/k/a Melody S. Day and Wesley Day

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

LEGALS:

Continued from B5

COVINGTON, GEORGIA 30014.
IF YOU fail to appear, the Court can terminate your rights in your absence.
IF THE court at the trial finds that the facts set out in the Petition to Terminate Parental Rights are true and that termination of your rights will serve the best interests of your child(ren), the court can enter a judgment ending your rights to your child(ren).

IF THE judgment terminates your parental rights, you will no longer have any rights to your child(ren). This means that you will not have the right to visit, contact, or have custody of your child(ren) or make any decisions affecting your child(ren) or your child(ren)'s earnings or property. Your child(ren) will be legally freed to be adopted by someone else.

EVEN IF your parental rights are terminated:

(1) YOU will still be responsible for providing financial support (child support payments) for your child(ren)'s care unless and until your child(ren) is/are adopted; and
(2) YOUR child(ren) can still inherit from you unless and until your child(ren) is/are adopted.

PURSUANT TO statute, you are put on notice that as a biological father you may lose all rights to your child(ren) named above and will not be entitled to object to the termination of your rights to such child(ren) unless, within 30 days of receipt of notice, you file:

(1) A petition to legitimate such child(ren); and

(2) NOTICE of the filing of the petition to legitimate with the Court in which the termination of parental rights proceeding is pending.
THIS IS a very serious matter. A party is entitled to an attorney in the proceedings. You should contact an attorney immediately so that you can be prepared for the court hearing. You have the right to hire an attorney and to have him or her represent you. If you cannot afford to hire an attorney, the Court will appoint an attorney if the Court finds that you are an indigent person. Whether or not you decide to hire an attorney, you have the right to attend the hearing of your case, to call witnesses on your behalf, and to question those witnesses brought against you.

IF YOU have any questions concerning this notice, you may call the telephone number of the clerk's office which is 770-784-2060.

THIS IS a summons requiring you to be in Court. If you fail to come to court as required, you may be held in contempt of court and punished accordingly.

WITNESS THE Honorable Hillary W. Edgar, Judge of said Court, this 10th day of February, 2022.

/S/ ANITA Carrol

(Deputy) Clerk
JUVENILE COURT of Newton County, Georgia

PUBLIC NOTICE #300567
02/20,27-3/6,12

Name Changes

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE the Name Change of Child(ren):
JAMARI AMIR DEION VINSON

JAHMERAH PARKER
PETITIONER,
V.

RESPONDENT.

CIVIL ACTION NUMBER
2021-CV—201-5

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF CHILD

JAHMERAH PARKER filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on JANUARY 5, 2022, to change the name of the following minor child from: **JAMARI AMIR DEION VINSON** to **JAMARI AMIR KING PARKER**.
ANY INTERESTED party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within the time prescribed in O.C.G.A. §§ 19-12-1(f)(2) and (3).

JAHMERAH PARKER
13 MAGNOLIA ST
COVINGTON GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #300538
02/13,20,27-3/6

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE the Name Change of Child(ren):
JAMARI CHRISTION SCOTT

TANEISHA BROWN
PETITIONER,
V.
ADRIAN BROWN
RESPONDENT.

CIVIL ACTION NUMBER
2021-CV—204-2

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF CHILD

TANEISHA BRWON filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on FEBRUARY 1, 2022, to change the name of the following minor child from: **JAMARI CHRISTION SCOTT** to **JAMARI CHRISTION BROWN**.
ANY INTERESTED party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within the time prescribed in O.C.G.A. §§ 19-12-1(f)(2) and (3).

TANEISHA BROWN
285 SUNFLOWER LANE
COVINGTON GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #300539
02/13,20,27-3/6

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE the Name Change of:
KEIRSUN RAIN KELSEY
PETITIONER,

CIVIL ACTION NUMBER
2021-CV-133-4

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF ADULT

KEIRSUN RAIN KELSEY filed a petition in the Newton County

Superior Court on JANUARY 24, 2022 to change the name from **KEIRSUN RAIN KELSEY** to **KEIRSUN RAIN THOMPSON**. Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objection within 30 days after the Petition was filed.

01/21/2022

KEIRSUN RAIN KELSEY
216 HOGLEN DRIVE
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #300503
02/6,13,20,27

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE the Name Change of:
MARK WILLIAMS
PETITIONER,

CIVIL ACTION NUMBER
2021-CV-286-5

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF ADULT

MARK WILLIAMS, filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on FEBRUARY 9TH, 2022 to change the name from **MARK WILLIAMS** to **MARK YAHDA**. Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objection within 30 days after the Petition was filed.

01/30/2022

MARK WILLIAMS, PETITIONER,
PRO SE
9313 SCARLETT DR SW
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #300576
02/20,27-3/6,13

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE the Name Change of:
PATRICIA PEART FURPHY
PETITIONER,

CIVIL ACTION NUMBER
2021-CV—76-3

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF ADULT

PATRICIA PEART FURPHY filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on GEORGIA, 2022 to change the name from **PATRICIA PEART FURPHY** to **TRISHA SALEMBIER FURPHY**. Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objection within 30 days after the Petition was filed.

JAN 13, 2022

PATRICIA PEART FURPHY
1050 SKLYLINE DR
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #300436
01/30-2/6,13,20

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE the Name Change of:
SALLY ANN COMPTON
AKA UNKNOWN COMPTON
PETITIONER,

CIVIL ACTION NUMBER
2021-CV-84-4

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF ADULT

SALLY ANN COMPTON AKA UNKNOWN COMPTON filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on JANUARY 5, 2022 to change the name from **UNKNOWN COMPTON** to **SALLY ANN COMPTON**. Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objection within 30 days after the Petition was filed.

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SALLY ANN COMPTON
1586 GUM CREEK RD
OXFORD, GA 30054

PUBLIC NOTICE #300463
01/30-2/6,13,20

Public Hearings

CITY OF COVINGTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS hereby given, per the City of Covington's Code of Ordinances Chapter 16.12 that the below applications were submitted for consideration by the Covington Planning Commission on the following properties:

A. REZONING: PR22-0001
REQUEST: REZONE parcel from current zoning of NR2 (Neighborhood Residential District – Section 2) to NM (Neighborhood Mixed-Use District).
LOCATION: 5186 Hartsook Drive
TAX MAP Parcel Number: C009 0005 003A
APPLICANT(S): JMB Development and Rentals, LLC
OWNER(S): MICHAEL Bruno
B. BOARD / STAFF Discussion:
1. SINGLE-FAMILY Design Standards
2. GA. Regional Code Clean-up
3. GA. Conservancy – Re-zoning
4. HOMELESS Shelters
THE PLANNING Commission will conduct the First Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 8th, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor and Council conducting the Final Public Hearing, on Tuesday, March 21st, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. Both meetings will be held in the City Hall Council Chambers, 2116 Stallings Street. ALL INTERESTED parties are invited to participate. For more information, contact the city Planning & Development office at 770-385-2178/2179.

DUE TO circumstances necessitated by emergency conditions involving public safety and preservation of public services, public access to this meeting is limited to teleconference and video access. THE PUBLIC MAY ACCESS THIS MEETING USING THE FOLLOWING LINK:
Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86841192920> Dial in 1-646-558-8656 – Meeting ID: 868

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PUBLIC NOTICE #300577
02/20

CITY OF COVINGTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS hereby given, per the City of Covington's Code of Ordinances Chapter 16.12 that the below application was submitted for consideration by the Covington Board of Adjustments and Appeals on the following application/property:

A. CASE# PVA22-0001
REQUEST: VARIANCE for relief to Zoning Ordinance Chapter 16.44 Section 16.44.040 Driveways and Curb Cuts for allowance of a right-out only driveway, approximately 95 feet from the face of curb of the D-cell lane on Alcovy Rd.
LOCATION: COVINGTON Town Center – Tract 7-A
TAX MAP Parcel Number: C080 002E
APPLICANT: INGENIUM Enterprises, Inc. - c/o Blake Salaverria
OWNER: HARRY Kitchen
THE BOARD of Adjustments and Appeals will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, March 15th, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 2116 Stallings Street, Covington, GA. ALL INTERESTED parties are invited to participate. For more information, contact the city Planning & Development office at 770-385-2178/2179.

***DUE TO** circumstances necessitated by emergency conditions involving public safety and preservation of public services, the hearing will be hybrid format, in-person or virtual. THE PUBLIC MAY VIRTUALLY ACCESS THIS MEETING VIA; Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82622297829> or dialing +1 646 558 8656 with Meeting ID: 826 2229 7829

PUBLIC NOTICE #300579
02/20

CITY OF COVINGTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS hereby given, per the City of Covington's Code of Ordinances Chapter 16.52.270, that the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) will hold a meeting on Tuesday, March 2nd, 2022 @ 6 PM at the City Hall Council Chambers, 2116 Stallings Street, Covington, GA. Purpose of this meeting is for the HPC to consider the submitted application below for a Certificate of Appropriateness at the following property:

A. COA# - PMOD221-0001
Request: Home Addition
Location: 4158 Middlebrooks St.,
TMP#: C009 0012 002
Property Owner(s)/ Applicant(s): Jacalyn Murray
ALL INTERESTED parties are invited to participate, meeting will be held in person. For additional information, contact Renee Criswell, at rcriswell@cityofcovington.org, or 770-385-2178.
Due to circumstances necessitated by emergency conditions involving public safety and preservation of public services, public access to this meeting is limited to teleconference and video access. THE PUBLIC MAY ACCESS THIS MEETING USING THE FOLLOWING LINK: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/3374447881> BY CALLING 1-646-558-8656, Meeting ID: 337 444 7881

PUBLIC NOTICE #300578
02/20

Public Notice

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY

ANTONIO C. JONES, MOSSIE JONES
PLAINTIFFS,

V.

ANTONIO LAMONT ALLEN
DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION FILE NO.
SUCV2021001534
2021-CV-1534-2

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: ANTONIO Lamont Allen
3157 WEST Street, SW Covington, GA 30014

BY ORDER of the Court for service by publication dated January 13, 2022, you are hereby notified that on June 30, 2021, Antonio C. Jones and Mossie Jones (plaintiffs) filed suit against you for personal injuries sustained by Antonio C. Jones on June 9, 2019.

YOU ARE required to file an answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for publication with the clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County and to serve a copy of the answer upon the (if pro se) or upon the plaintiffs attorney (if represented).

WITNESS, THE Honorable John M. Ott, Judge of the Superior Court of Newton County.

THIS, THE 24th day of January, 2022.

PUBLIC NOTICE #300545
02/13,20,27-3/6

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

LETONYA WALLS, PLAINTIFF, VS.

EMANUEL C. WALLS and MICHELLE WALLS

DEFENDANTS.

CIVIL ACTION FILE NO. 2021-CV-2068-5

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CUSTODY

NOTICE

TO: MICHELLE WALLS

BY ORDER of the Court for service by publication dated February 1, 2022, you are hereby notified that on September 7, 2021, the Plaintiff, LETONYA WALLS, filed a Petition for Custody against you. You are required to file with the Clerk of the Superior Court, and to serve upon Plaintiff's attorney, W. Michael Waters of Ballard, Stephenson & Waters, LLP, 1117 Church Street, P. O. Box 150, Covington, Georgia 30015, an answer in writing within sixty (60) days of February 1ST, 2022.

WITNESS, THE Honorable W. Kendall Wynne, Jr., Judge of Newton County Superior Court.

THIS 1ST day of February, 2022.

LINDA D. HAYS
CLERK, SUPERIOR COURT
NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA
1132 USHER STREET
COVINGTON, GEORGIA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #300511
02/06,13,20

LEGAL NOTICE of Voting Polling Place Changes

THE NEWTON County Board of Elections and Registration proposes to change certain polling locations, as listed below. A meeting to approve a final order adopting these changes is scheduled to take place on April 11, 2022. Any person with questions regarding these polling place changes may contact Angela White-Davis, Director, Newton County Elections and Registration Office at 770-784-2055 or via email at elections@co.newton.ga.us.

NOTICE OF Changes to Election Day Polling Places:

THE NEWTON County Board of Elections and Registration does hereby provide notice, as required in O.C.G.A. § 21-2-265 (a) of the proposed polling place changes of the Election Day precinct Hub from Berean Baptist Church to Crossroad Baptist Church, located at 227 HWY 229 Social Circle, GA 30025; The Good Shepherd Episcopal4140 Clark St SW, Covington, GA 30014 has been designated as an advance voting site for Newton County.

PUBLIC NOTICE #300571
02/20,27

NOTICE OF LOCATION AND DESIGN APPROVAL
P. I. 0013751
NEWTON COUNTY

NOTICE IS hereby given in compliance with Georgia Code 22-2-109 and 32-3-5 that the Georgia Department of Transportation has approved the Location and Design of this project.

THE DATE of location and design approval is: January 26, 2022

THE PROPOSED project would construct a replacement bridge carrying SR 81 over Dried Indian Creek. The bridge would be replaced at its existing location. Traffic will be maintained via an off-site detour during construction. The proposed structure would be approximately 68.0 feet long by 53.4 feet wide. This proposed bridge typical section includes three 12-foot lanes, and a 2-foot shoulder and 5.5-foot sidewalk on both sides. The proposed roadway approaches would consist of three 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
RROWLAND@DOT.GA.GOV
1570 BETHANY ROAD
MADISON, GA 30650
(706) 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

NOTICE OF APPROVAL FOR THE SUBSTANTIAL MODIFICATION TO THE NEWTON COUNTY WATER & SEWERAGE AUTHORITY'S INDUSTRIAL PRETREATMENT PROGRAM

THE FOLLOWING applicant has applied for approval of substantial modification to its industrial pretreatment program:

NEWTON COUNTY Water & Sewerage Authority, 11325 Brown Bridge Road, Covington, Georgia 30016, for substantial modifications to its industrial pretreatment program covering the Yellow River Water Pollution Control Plant (GAJ020013) and the A. Scott Emmons Water Reclamation Facility (GA0050304). This modification will serve to revise the Newton County Water & Sewerage Authority's local limits.

ON THE basis of preliminary staff review and the application of the Industrial Pretreatment Regulations, EPD proposes to approve the Authority's substantial modification to its industrial pretreatment program. This proposed determination is tentative.

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@dnr.ga.gov, no later than forty-five (45) days after this notification. If you choose to e-mail your comments, please be sure to include the words "Pretreatment Program Modification – Newton County Water & Sewerage Authority" 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.

THE PROPOSED substantial modification submittal and comments received are available by writing the Environmental Protection Division at 2 MLK, Jr. Dr., Suite 1152E, Atlanta, GA 30334, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For additional information contact: Whitney Fenwick, Wastewater Regulatory Program, phone (470) 607-3078 or e-mail whitney.fenwick@dnr.ga.gov. A copying charge of 10 cents per page will be assessed.

PUBLIC NOTICE #300573
02/20

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 2041 Yulandra Mitchell
SALE IS subject to cancellation in the event of settlement.
CALL 770-787-3039.

PUBLIC NOTICE #300550
02/20

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

Prep Recruiting

Newton's Avery inks with Berry College

By PHILLIP B. HUBBARD
phubbard@covnews.com

COVINGTON, Ga. — In a National Signing Day ceremony hosted at Newton High School on Feb. 2, Oro Avery penned his letter of intent to the Berry College football program.

Therefore, beginning in the fall, Avery will officially become a Viking.

Particularly for Avery, the signing ceremony served as a reminder of what's ahead in his life.

"This makes me optimistic for the future," Avery said. "Then, looking back with what me and the guys have been through since freshman year. Now, we're signing together."



Phillip B. Hubbard | The News

Oro Avery closed out Newton High School's National Signing Day ceremony on Feb. 2 by signing his scholarship to Berry College.

Avery received first team honors from Region 4-AAAAAAA coaches in addition to his appearance on the All-Offensive team for The Covington News.

But, for Avery, his time as a Ram, along with all of the accolades and stats, seem to pass him by quickly.

"It's been a quick four years," Avery said. "Looking back on it all just brings a sentimental feeling."

Though the four years have flown by Avery, he recognized the impact Newton High School has had on him as a player and as a student.

He highlighted coach Josh Skelton pushing him and his teammates in the weight room to be prepared mentally and physically for the challenges ahead.

With that, though, there's one thing above all others that Avery said he'll miss about being a Ram.

"I'll miss my brothers," Avery said. "The guys here are my brothers for life. I'm going to miss everything about this place."

Now, with his time as a Ram over, Avery has high anticipation for what's next. He believes Berry College is exactly where he needs to be starting his college football career in a few months.

"My mom always said, 'Can you see yourself there without football?,' Avery said. "I can see myself at Berry without football. I've been and seen the campus, they have my major and, when I saw all that, I felt like it was definitely a right fit for me."



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Rodney Williams (center) signs with Fort Valley State University surrounded by his family at Eastside High School on Feb. 10

Eagles' Williams picks Fort Valley State

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COVINGTON, Ga. — In a ceremony for just Rodney Williams on Feb. 10, the senior Eagle officially signed his scholarship to Fort Valley State University. The scholarship is for Williams to join the football program beginning in the fall.

When Williams put pen to paper, the stage was filled with family support.

His dad, Rodney Williams Sr., mom Nathalie and sisters Jasmine and Ariana were seated around Williams as he signed.

For Williams, that made the moment even more of a celebration.

"Just knowing they always have my back through my whole career is very special," Williams said. "They

never gave up on me. Even when opportunities weren't shown, they were there telling me, 'It's going to come.'"

Williams' opportunity did, in fact, come by way of Fort Valley State.

And, just like family has played a huge part in his high school career, Williams stressed how he received the same feeling upon visiting the campus.

"When I first visited, it was really like a family," Williams said. "They showed me love and they have my major, too. That was very important to me to not only be a part of the football team, but also focus on my academic goals."

Williams plans to major in agriculture engineering upon his

arrival on campus. The whole purpose deciding on that major goes back to his love of being on a farm.

He plans to use his major to adequately work on farming equipment and doing whatever he can to help farmers out everywhere.

Nevertheless, Williams realized just how important Eastside has benefitted him during his time as an Eagle.

He stressed the pivotal role each coach played the past four years of his life.

"My coaches have really pushed me," Williams said. "And they love you. You know it's a different type of coaching when they love you, because you know they want the best for you."



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Newton's Hayden Pearson (center) is surrounded by her family as she signs to become a member of the Augusta University softball program next fall.

Lady Rams' Pearson 'relieved' to sign with Augusta University

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COVINGTON, Ga. — Newton football players weren't the only athletes who signed scholarships on National Signing Day a few weeks ago. Hayden Pearson, a Lady Ram softball player, also signed to continue her career at Augusta University on Feb. 2.

Now that her next step is solidified, Pearson has felt a huge weight lift from her shoulders.

"It's a relief to be able to just look at the next few months knowing I have a plan," Pearson said.

Having this plan for her collegiate career came after consulting with her coaches, a few teammates and, more importantly, her family.

At the end of the day, though, Pearson recognized that Augusta University would not only help her athletic career but help her academic aspirations, too.

Currently her plan is to major in nursing

to become a labor and delivery nurse.

Pearson's final decision came, though, after she paid a visit to the campus.

"It was memorable because I had the opportunity to practice with the team and get to know them," Pearson said. "It just felt like home."

This opportunity would not be possible, Pearson said, without her time as a Lady Ram. She specifically mentioned head coach Virginia Waters who's been there all four years of her high school career.

Pearson stressed that Waters has been an influential part of her development as a softball player.

"She believed in me and let me take the circle as a freshman," Pearson said. "She has taught me many things. Her calm, cool nature is what helped our team. She's not a coach who coaches with fear, but coaches with love."

In addition to Waters, Pearson highlighted

how special the bond has been with her and teammates, too. If it wasn't for her teammates, helping her along the way, Pearson said, she doesn't does not know the player she would be today.

"Every friendship I made is a friend on and off the field," Pearson said. "I played with some talented teammates who pushed me to be my best and had my back no matter what."

Now, after her high school graduation in a few months, Pearson will be off to Augusta University to become a Lady Jaguar beginning in the fall.

But, before she retires her title as a Lady Ram, Pearson recognized how special being a student at Newton High School has been to her.

"Newton has taught me so many lessons on the field and in the classroom," Pearson said. "I'm so thankful for the opportunities I had as a Ram."

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After being drafted 29th overall in last year's draft, Eric Stokes (21) makes an immediate impact for the Green Bay Packers during his rookie season.

Stokes earns All-Rookie honors

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COVINGTON, Ga. — Just a few short years ago, Eric Stokes was wearing green and silver for the Eastside Eagles football team. Now, he just concluded his rookie season donning green and yellow as a member of the Green Bay Packers and earned All-Rookie honors.

Stokes' NFL career began on April 29, 2021, when the Packers drafted the Covington native with their 29th overall pick in last year's draft out of the University of Georgia.

Stokes didn't earn a starting role until week three of the NFL season, but he made the most of the opportunity given to him.

During his rookie year, Stokes played close to 1,000 total snaps while recording 52 tackles, 40 of which were solo, and had 14 pass deflections. Stokes also collected his first career interception in week four against Ben Roethlisberger of the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Among rookies, Stokes placed first in forced incompletions as well as pass breakups. He was also third in passer rating for opposing quarterbacks, too.

When the regular season ended, Stokes was one of only two rookie cornerbacks in the NFL to play in all 17 games. He also played 86.7% of all defensive snaps for the Packers, which led all Green Bay defenders in 2021-22.

With the Packers being eliminated on Jan. 22 by the San Francisco 49ers in the Divisional Round, Stokes' rookie campaign, therefore, came to an end as well.

But, at the season's end, Stokes was named to the NFL All-Rookie team for his contributions in Green Bay.

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learning. With only three starters returning from last year, head coach Chris Smith is eager to see how this year's group of players learn the game of softball as well as learn how to play with one another.

"Right now, we're focusing on the fundamentals," Smith said. "We're trying to see who can throw, who can catch and figuring out what the strengths are for each girl."

Even though Smith anticipates a learning curve for the 2022 squad, he wants this season to start building a "championship

house."

Smith stressed how important the three returning starters, Kate Chupp, Savannah Norris and Josie Smith, would be to accomplishing this.

"I want them to come in and really set the pace in practices as well as games," Smith said. "I'm hoping they can help acclimate the new girls to how we play and how I coach."

When all is said and done this season, though, Smith is hopeful that the foundation of the championship house will be built to assist with future success.

Local kids shine in Newton County Elks Hoop Shoot

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COVINGTON, Ga. — The Newton County Hoop Shoot was sponsored by the Covington Elks and Elkadettes here in Covington. There were four Newton County Elementary Schools that participated.

The age groups were eight and nine-year-olds, 10 and 11-year-olds as well as 12 and 13-year-old boys and girls. The contest was held at the Wolverine Gym on Geiger Street in early January.

First place winner in the girl's division for 8 and 9 year-olds was Audrey Varfolormeyer making 14-of-25 shots. Second place was Staci Castle who shot 12-of-25 and third place was Kylie Black. The 10- and 11-year-old girl's winner was Lyric Jones. The second place winner was Ayanna Collier and Hope Henry



Lyric Jones (left) won first place in girls 10-11 years old competition.

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ously, Alcovy defeated the Patriots 74-68 in overtime on Jan. 14 and concluded the regular season with a 91-75 win at Heritage on Feb. 8.

Head coach Mack Hardwick noticed something different, though, this time around.

"We knew [Heritage] was going to make adjustments," Hardwick said. "It was close for the most part and the game could've gone either way, but the ball didn't fall our direction. Heritage was definitely hungry, too."

The loss brings Alcovy's season to an end with a final record to 7-15 overall record in 2022.

LADY TIGERS

Just like the Tigers, the Alcovy Lady Tigers matched up with the Heritage Lady Patriots in the first round of the Region 3-AAAAAA tournament.

This year's tournament was hosted by Lakeside High School in Evans. Round one took place on Tuesday, Feb. 15.

The Lady Tigers entered the tournament as the No. 5 seed with Heritage at No. 4.

For the third time this season, the Lady Tigers lost to the Lady Patriots. This time, it was a 10-point loss

for Alcovy losing 54-44.

Tuesday's loss ultimately ended Alcovy's 2021-22 season. The Lady Tigers finish with a 6-16 overall record and a 2-8 record in Region 3-AAAAAA action with no state playoff berth.

Nevertheless, with the young core returning for next year, head coach Justin Hunter doesn't feel like this year's experience will be for nothing.

"The key thing with the freshmen specifically is they can say, 'Hey, we have the experience playing in a tournament like this now,'" Hunter said. "And they now have three years left to set certain goals for themselves to make it there and go past this point."

In addition to Alcovy, both of Eastside's post-seasons were finished by way of losses in the Region 8-AAAAA tournament, too.

EASTSIDE EAGLES

Coming off a first-round bye, the No. 4 seed Eagles welcomed the fifth-seeded Gladiators to The Nest on Wednesday night for a quarterfinal matchup. Clarke Central knocked down its first shot less than 30 seconds into the contest and led wire-to-wire en route to a 56-44 victory.

The Gladiators came in white hot on the heels of a 95-31 dismantling of Johnson-Gainesville in Monday's opening round. They showed no signs of slowing down, storming out to a 14-5 lead and sucking the energy out of Eastside's home gym.

After closing out the first half with a 26-21 lead, Clarke Central continued to hit the shots it needed to keep the Eagles at an arm's length. Eastside took a 37-32 deficit into the fourth quarter.

Last winter, in his first season at the helm, head coach Dorrian Randolph led the Eagles to their first state playoff berth since 2017. He came up shy of booking a repeat trip, but he believes that failure can fuel his club going forward.

"This one hurts," Randolph said. "But it just basically lets me know that we've got to get to work. We've got to work even harder."

As a result, the Eagles' season ends with a 13-12 overall record as well as a 8-6 region record.

LADY EAGLES

Before the Lady Eagles could focus on the region tournament, they had to

was the third place winner.

The boy's winner for 8 and 9-year-old was Cedric James, Jr. from Porterdale Elementary School and he shot 20-of-25. The second place boy winner was Iserian Byrd-Cottle from Oak Hill. The third place winner was Brian Bosak from Mansfield. The boy's winner in the 10 and 11-year-old group was Carter Dave from Oak Hill School shooting 16-of-25 shots. Christian David placed second from Porterdale, and third place went to Jessie Standard from Mansfield Elementary School.

This is the 50th year of the National Elks Hoop Shoot anniversary.

The winners of this event will participate in the Northeast District Elks Hoop Shoot held in February.

compete against Apalachee in the play-in round.

Eastside was successful in its quest to punch its ticket into the second round of the region tournament defeating Apalachee 70-43.

Senior Lizzie Teasley scored a career-high 37 points to propel her team to victory and grant a matchup with Walnut Grove on Feb. 16.

In Wednesday's road matchup, the Lady Eagles fell short losing by 18 points, 64-46, ultimately ending their 2021-22 campaign.

Even so, head coach Gladys King hopes her team sees the hidden lesson in competing in the region tournament.

"I hope the girls learn that working during the off-season helps," King said. "I hope they understand what it takes to win and how hard you have to go each day. You can't take days off because other teams are in the gym getting better."

As a result of the loss, Eastside finishes with a 6-16 overall record and a 4-10 record in region play.

Correspondent Mason Wittner contributed to this report.

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playoff seeding.

On the first day of the region tournament, the Lady Rams defeated South Gwinnett 55-47. All they needed was that victory to stamp their ticket into the state playoffs.

But Feb. 12's win did more than that.

Newton advanced to the second round of the region tournament, too, to face No. 1 seed Grayson.

The Lady Rams came out on the losing end of that matchup 65-42.

Even so, the Lady Rams battled Parkview on Friday, Feb. 18 at Newton High School. The winner will earn the No. 3 seed for the state playoffs.

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