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*His Word*

O remember not against us former iniquities: let thy tender mercies speedily prevent us: for we are brought very low. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy name: and deliver us, and purge away our sins, for thy name's sake.

Psalm 79:8-9, KJV

Economy

# SOARING GAS PRICES REACH NEW HEIGHTS

Fuel costs hit record rates across Georgia

By **TAYLOR BECK**  
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Georgia's average pump price reached \$4.29 per gallon for unleaded gasoline this week, which was the highest price ever recorded by AAA.

The state's record average fuel prices were up 32 cents compared to more than a week ago and 96 cents compared to one month ago. At the same time last year, the state average was \$2.68. Atlanta was home to the highest prices, averaging \$4.32 per gallon, according to AAA.

As of Thursday afternoon, the state's average had decreased by a few cents, dropping to \$4.24. Newton County's average was slightly above average at \$4.25. Neighboring counties of Henry, Rockdale and Walton were also \$4.25 or higher. Butts, Jasper and Morgan counties were all listed \$4.23 or lower.

The biggest reason for increased fuel prices nationwide is attributed to the cost of oil, and the continued conflict between Ukraine and Russia has brought uncertainty to the market, AAA spokesperson Montrae Waiters said. Since the New Year, the national average has continued a steady climb due

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Newton County

## Woman's body found in area creek

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COVINGTON, Ga. — An investigation is underway after the body of a 49-year-old female was found Tuesday in a shallow creek near Colony Drive.

A Newton County Sheriff's office spokesperson said the body of Christy Sawyer, of Covington, was located Tuesday at 4 p.m. with no signs of trauma.

An autopsy will be conducted to determine the cause of death, the spokesperson said.

As the investigation is ongoing, the sheriff's office has asked the public to share any information pertaining to this case with investigator Kurt Collins at kcollins@newtonsheriffga.org or 678-625-1428.

## Covington caregiver faces credit card, forgery charges

Schemed elderly woman to gain \$120,000 over two years

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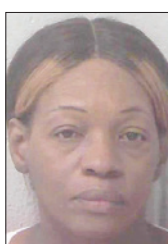
COVINGTON, Ga. — A Covington caregiver is facing charges of illegally using a credit card and forged checks to withdraw \$120,000 from her elderly patient's accounts over more than two years.

Doreen James, 56, of Heaton Hill Drive, was arrested Monday, March 14, and has a preliminary hearing on the charges set for April 20 in Newton County Magistrate Court.

James was charged with 214 counts of Financial Transaction Card Fraud after using the unknowing victim's credit card for her personal use.

She also was charged with 21

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**Doreen James**

STATE AVERAGE - MARCH 2022

**\$4.24\***

STATE AVERAGE - MARCH 2021

**\$2.68**

NEWTON AVERAGE - MARCH 2022

**\$4.25\***

NEWTON AVERAGE - MARCH 2021

**\$2.66**



\*Prices reported March 17, per AAA.

Illustration | Taylor Beck

## Area's delivery, gasoline-driven business face impact

By **TAYLOR BECK**  
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Brenda Francis, who works locally as an Uber Eats and Amazon Flex driver, said high fuel prices have put a dent in her pockets, as well as her livelihood.

Before the state's average price per gallon reached record highs this

week, the Covington resident said she could filled her vehicles gas tank with only \$45. Now, that cost has risen to more than \$60.

"So, more money goes into gas and less into my family," she told The

Georgia poll finds strong support for expanded U.S. oil production  
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Francis and many others around the community and across the nation are feeling the pinch at the pump after Georgia's average price per gallon soared to an all-time high \$4.29 per gallon this week.

"I know everyone

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Board of Commissioners

## Newton OKs \$8.7M in excess SPLOST funds for recreation projects

Part of the funds approved will go toward the completion of a skatepark at Denny Dobbs Park.

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By **TOM SPIGOLON**  
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COVINGTON, Ga. — County commissioners recently approved using unallocated SPLOST funds to complete three recreation-related projects and begin work on a fourth.

However, officials did not give a timetable for any of the construction projects commissioners approved.

The Newton County Board of Commissioners voted unanimously Tuesday, March 15, to using \$8.78 million in SPLOST funds for

projects countywide.

The funding for all projects and equipment was coming from \$18.5 million officials anticipate collecting in addition to the \$50.5 million the county government originally

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*Weekend Weather Forecast*



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High: 65° Low: 47°  
• Partly cloudy



**Sunday, March 20**  
High: 66° Low: 41°  
• Mostly sunny

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Newton County Parks & Recreation

# Master plan calls for park upgrades, new Westside park

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COVINGTON, Ga. — A master plan that recommends up to \$96 million in the next decade for new and current parks and recreation projects is set to be unveiled to the public Thursday, March 24, at Turner Lake banquet room.

During a March 1 work session, Aaron St. Pierre of Lose & Associates, which compiled the document, detailed the draft version of the parks master plan for the Newton County Board of Commissioners — which will have the final say on amount and timing of funding for projects and staffing.

The plan notes that Newton County has far less spending per person on its parks and less staffing compared to comparable counties and recommends \$18 million in the next two years in part just for



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The pavilion at Denny Dobbs Park is shown. A draft master plan calls for two new tennis courts and a new recreation center with an indoor gymnasium at the park on Georgia Hwy. 212.

deferred maintenance.

In existing parks, the plan recommends:

- City Pond — four new tennis courts, two new basketball courts, and a new parks and recreation department maintenance facility.
- Denny Dobbs — two new tennis courts and a new recreation center with an indoor gymnasium.
- Beaver Park — one new tennis court and

one outdoor basketball court.

• The county-owned Factory Shoals Park adjacent to the Alcovy River in south Newton is operated under contract. The master plan recommends it be placed under the parks and recreation department, he said.

Factory Shoals presents a “unique opportunity for us to be able to expand our program-

ming offerings” by adding a natural area, a “cultural resource center,” and new trails, educational exhibits, playground and campsites at the park which adjoins the Alcovy River, St. Pierre said.

In his answer to a question from District 3 Commissioner Alana Sanders, he said a study of Fairview Park’s location and discussions with department offi-

cials showed it was not of an adequate size or public access to warrant the need for new facilities.

The park is located within the Fairview Estates neighborhood.

“We’re proposing a brand new facility in the approximate area to meet those needs,” St. Pierre said. St. Pierre said new facilities recommended in the plan include:

• Westside Community Park “to hit some of that high-density population,” he said.

“We see that as a pressing need, something that should be addressed in the near term,” St. Pierre said.

The plan recommends it include a new community center, four tennis courts, a splash pad, four outdoor basketball courts, two new multi-purpose fields, and a new playground.

St. Pierre said the population in the area around Fairview Road

in west Newton was “significantly more dense” than the rest of the county with up to 2,500 residents per square mile.

“Not saying there aren’t a lot of folks who don’t have need, but the number difference in that area there was very notable to our design team,” he told commissioners.

• Construction of a new park on Hwy. 36; and Spring Hill Park on Lower River Road south of Porterdale.

Commissioners on Tuesday, March 15, approved using \$3 million in excess SPLOST collections for Spring Hill Park.

• St. Pierre said the plan discusses construction of an aquatics center.

“We see a need in this community for aquatics programming,” St. Pierre said.

He said an aquatics

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## Georgia Votes 2022

# Two Newton churches hosting early voting for this year’s election

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COVINGTON, Ga. — Advance, in-person voting will be offered beginning May 2 and include a Sunday

voting day at churches in western and central Newton County before this year’s primary elections.

Early voting will be offered May 2-20 at:

- Prospect United Methodist Church at 6752 Highway 212 in Covington;
- Good Shepherd Episcopal Church at 4140 Clark St. SW in

Covington.

The dates and times for the two new in-person advance voting locations are:

- Prospect United Methodist Church:
- May 2-6, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.,
  - May 9-13, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.,
  - May 16-20, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.,
- Good Shepherd Episcopal Church:
- May 2-6 Monday-Friday 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.,
  - May 7, Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.,
  - May 9-13, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.,
  - May 14 Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.,
  - May 15 Sunday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.,
  - May 16-20, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

“I am excited to announce these new in-person advance voting locations,” Chairman Phil Johnson of the Newton County Board of Elections said in a news release. “These new locations will provide a better experience for those who want to vote early, as both of these locations allow more space and have ample parking.”

The new locations will go into effect beginning May 2 and include an additional Saturday and Sunday voting time.

“We have expanded from one Saturday to two Saturdays and added a Sunday voting time,” Johnson said. “That gives people the opportunity to have a day to early vote congruous with their work schedule.”

An absentee ballot drop box will also be

available during the advance voting period inside the Elections and Registration office at the Newton County Administration Building, 1113 Usher St., Suite 103, Covington, Ga 30014 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, May 2-24.

Advance voting formerly was done at the Newton County Administration Building and Porter Memorial Library in 2020 but both locations had limited parking and available space for voting machines, officials said.

Candidates who qualified by the March 11 deadline to be on the ballot for this year’s Democratic Party primary election included:

• Newton County Board of Commissioners, District 2: Demond Mason (I), Steven

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## Obituaries

### Alice Doolittle Oliver

Williams Funeral Home Alice Doolittle Oliver, age 79, of Covington, passed away Saturday, March 12, 2022. Funeral services for Alice Doolittle Oliver will be conducted Thursday, March 17, 2022 at 11:00AM in the

Chapel of Williams Funeral Home of Milledgeville. Interment will follow in Baldwin Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends at the Williams Funeral Home of Milledgeville on

Thursday, March 17, 2022 from 10:00AM until the service hour.

Alice was born in Toombsboro, GA on January 25, 1943 to the late Roy Thaddeus Doolittle and the late Hattie Clyde Hines Doolittle. She had lived in Lithonia for a number of years, before moving to Covington in 1992.

Alice is survived by her daughter, Lavaine (& Grady) Brumbalow of Covington ; her sons,

Hilburn Oliver, Jr. of Covington and Bernice “Justin” Oliver of Newborn ; her sisters, Johnnie McCoy of Milledgeville, Sarah Aycock of Milledgeville, and

Molly Edenfield of Milledgeville ; 8 grandchildren, Michael, Brandon, Pamela, David, Roy, Matthew, Olivia, and Missy Ann ; 10 great grandchildren ; and her companion, Anthony DeSoto.

Condolences may be expressed online at: www.williamsfuneral.net.

Williams Funeral Home and Crematory of Milledgeville is in charge of arrangements.

### Barbara Toner Caldwell & Cowan Funeral Home






A celebration of life will be held for Dr. Barbara Toner of Covington on April 9


at Caldwell and Cowan Funeral Home starting at 11 a.m. Barbara passed on Nov. 17, 2021. For more details, please see caldwelland-cowan.com.

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# REGIONAL REPORT

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## Big raise for state lawmakers could be headed for ballot

Georgia voters would decide whether their representatives in the General Assembly should get a raise under a proposed constitutional amendment the state House of Representatives passed Tuesday.

The House approved the legislation 136-33, well above the two-thirds majority needed for constitutional amendments to clear the chamber. It now moves to the Georgia Senate.

If voters ratify the amendment in November, annual salaries for members of the state House of Representatives and Senate would be set at 60% of the median household income in Georgia.

Based on the state's current median income of \$58,000 a year, lawmakers would be paid about \$35,000 annually. Legislators currently are paid just more than \$17,000 a year.

Lawmakers haven't gotten a raise since the 1990s, Rep. Wes Cantrell, R-Woodstock, the constitutional amendment's chief sponsor, told his House colleagues before the vote.

The amount of the proposed raise was based on research conducted by the National Conference of State Legislatures, which concluded that Georgia legislators typically work enough hours to justify two-thirds of a full-time position, Cantrell said. The amendment would take effect in July of next year. After that date, lawmakers would no longer have any say over the politically dicey decision of how much they are paid.

"This is an issue that represents a conflict of interest for all of us," Cantrell said. "This constitutional amendment protects us from having to recuse ourselves. ... We will never have to address this issue again."

—Capitol Beat News

## Georgia Senate kills horse racing measure

Once again, the push

to legalize some form of gambling in Georgia has fizzled in the General Assembly.

The state Senate killed a constitutional amendment Tuesday that would have put legalizing pari-mutuel betting on horse racing on the ballot for Georgia voters in November.

Senators voted 33-20 in favor of the legislation Tuesday morning, falling short of the two-thirds majority needed to pass a constitutional amendment.

Sen. Jeff Mullis, R-Chickamauga, the measure's sponsor, tried to get it back on the Senate floor throughout the rest of the day, but the Senate adjourned early Tuesday evening without taking it up. Tuesday was Crossover Day in the General Assembly, the deadline for bills to pass at least one legislative chamber to remain alive for the year.

Citing a study conducted by Georgia Southern University, Sen. Billy Hickman, R-Statesboro, who raises racehorses, said legalizing pari-mutuel betting on horse racing would grow an equine industry that would create 8,500 jobs – including many in rural Georgia – and deliver nearly \$1 billion in annual economic impact.

The existing horse breeding industry in Georgia needs the boost building racetracks in the Peach State would give it, said Sen. Brandon Beach, R-Alpharetta.

"There's no incentive for owners and breeders to race their horses in our state," he said. "Millions of dollars leave Georgia every year."

The legislation called for dedicating the state's portion of proceeds from horse racing to education, health

care and rural economic development.

But opponents warned horse racing would lead to gambling addiction.

"We've all met people who could not handle gambling," said Sen. Marty Harbin, R-Tyrone. "Money goes from the table. Money goes from paying for housing."

Technically, legalizing gambling in Georgia remains a live issue even though Crossover Day has come and gone. A constitutional amendment the Senate passed last year asking voters to decide whether to legalize sports betting remains alive in the state House of Representatives.

—Capitol Beat News

## Homicide suspect dead after threatening deputies

The suspect in two homicides is dead after a police shooting in the Youth community of Walton County.

State and local officials said 35-year-old William T. Parrott of Wrightsville, Georgia, died. He was the suspect in homicides in Wrightsville and in Walton County, and was accused in multiple collisions that led deputies to shoot him.

The GBI said just before 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Parrott used his truck to damage several vehicles in the parking lot of a Marathon gas station near Loganville.

Parrott reportedly got out of his truck and began to damage a vehicle with a hammer, then got back in the truck and drove to the E-Z Stop convenience store at 1441 Highway 81. He allegedly used a hammer to confront the citizen, and the citizen was armed.

A Walton County Sheriff's Office deputy

arrived and encountered both Parrott and the armed citizen. The citizen complied by putting down the gun, but Parrott allegedly charged at the deputy with the hammer.

The deputy reportedly fired at Parrott, striking him.

Parrott was pronounced dead at a hospital.

The incidents began when Wrightsville police were called to a home on Industrial Avenue for a welfare check and found a dead man on the property. He was not identified, pending an autopsy.

The GBI and Wrightsville police are joining the Walton County Sheriff's Office in investigating the incidents. The GBI medical examiner's office will conduct an autopsy.

State Route 81 was closed for several hours overnight.

This was the 26th police shooting in Georgia this year. Typically after such incidents, the GBI investigates and turns its findings over to the local district attorney.

—Walton Tribune

## Former UGA football player charged in gas station homicide

The suspect in a shooting death from an Oconee County gas station robbery has been arrested, almost a year to the day after the crime shocked the community.

Former University of Georgia football player Ahkil Nasir Crumpton has been identified as the suspect after ballistics from the scene matched a case in his home of Philadelphia.

"It's a great relief to finally have the suspect in custody," Oconee County Sheriff James A. Hale Jr. said in a statement Wednesday.

"For the past year, Oconee County investigators along with our state, federal and local law enforcement partners have tirelessly worked this difficult case. Although challenging, we were always confident we would find the person responsible for this senseless murder."

Elijah James Wood, 23, was shot while working at the Race-Trac on Macon Highway at Hog Mountain Road, just outside Watkinsville, on March 19, 2021.

A customer walked in the store at about 1:40 a.m. and found Wood injured from a gunshot. Medical personnel responded but were unable to save him.

Surveillance footage revealed a person dressed in all-black clothing and a face mask, plus yellow and black gloves holding a pistol.

A reward was set first at \$10,000 and eventu-

ally raised to \$50,000 for information leading to an arrest. The U.S. attorney's office in Macon said the Oconee County Sheriff's Office received thousands of tips with 51 people of interest investigated and more than 20 search warrants executed.

Hale said his office received information last month through the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives after a search of a national database revealed a match of shell casings from the gas station and a Philadelphia crime scene.

Crumpton played football for the Bulldogs in 2017-18 and was a student at UGA until 2021, Hale said.

The sheriff said that knowledge "led to a more in-depth investigation," which resulted in an arrest warrant for Crumpton.

—Walton Tribune

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# OPINIONS

The Covington News

**Taylor Beck** editor and publisher

## Reagan's famed question answered again with 'no'

“Are you better off today than you were four years ago?”

That was the question that Ronald Reagan posed in 1980 to then-Democratic President Jimmy Carter during a debate held the final week of the presidential campaign.

It was answered with a resounding “no.”

Reagan, the Republican nominee, won the presidency in a landslide. He went on to serve two terms and is often referred to as one of the greatest presidents in U.S. history. Carter, a Georgia native, is often labeled the worst president of our time, but it seems someone could be coming for his position.

As midterm elections are around the corner, I look ahead to 2024 and envision history potentially repeating itself, as it so often does.

I ask myself Reagan's question today.

“Am I better off today than I was four years ago?”

Better yet, “Am I better off today than I was *just one year* ago?”

Under the reign of President Joe Biden (who cur-



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**President Jimmy Carter and his Republican challenger, Ronald Reagan, shake hands before their Oct. 28, 1980 debate.**

rently has an approval rating of only 43%, per Reuters), the plan has been to “Build Back Better,” but all I see is a nation taking steps backward — back to 2008, the middle of what history books call the Great Recession, when the housing market took a nose dive and the economy was in crisis. Will history books tell us 2021-2022 was the Great Regression?

The truth is, Biden entered a position that didn't need him to rebuild anything. Fuel prices were low, the economy was rebounding from a global pandemic and there was peace among other global powers.

But because of a visible hatred for former President Donald Trump (remember that time Biden said he wished they were in high

school so he could “beat the hell” out of Trump?) and everything he stands for, the Biden Administration tore everything down and ended nearly all of Trump's policies.

Now, look where we are. Are we better off?

My answer is a resounding and emphatic, “no.”

Unless Biden turns things around, reelection for the nearly 80-year-old is seemingly a pipe dream. I expect any Republican challenger — whether it be Trump or another Republican candidate (looking at you, Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis) — to use Reagan's famed question as a key part of their campaign to take back the White House.

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**Dick Yarbrough** columnist

## If Georgia's so bad, why is everybody moving here?

You may be interested to know that you reside in a dumper of a place called Georgia.

That revelation comes courtesy of TOP Data, a market research company with offices all over the world including Atlanta, the capital city of what they consider to be the 35th worst state in the nation in which to live. That's us.

According to TOP Data, “The pandemic enabled millions to work remotely for the first time ever causing a once in a generation reshuffling of how Americans work and where they choose to live. To determine which states have adapted best to serve this remote world, the market research company conducted an in-depth analysis of the Best and Worst States to live in 2022.”

TOP Data compared the 50 states across eight dimensions: Affordability; Crime & Safety; Economy; Education; Healthcare; Infrastructure; Opportunity and Quality of Life, using 76 “relevant metrics” that are, to be kind, eye-glazing.

As a result of their number-crunching, they say, “Georgia ranked as one of the worst states to live in with 56.35 points, as it ranked in the bottom half of the rankings on nearly every indicator, despite having higher scores in Infrastructure and Job Opportunity.” To which I say, “Kiss my grits.”

Before I became your modest-and-much-beloved columnist, I spent a number of years in the communications business and was proficient enough to have been recognized as one of the “100 Most Influential Public Relations People of the 20th Century.” OK, so maybe it was a slow century for influential public relations people but I must have done something right.

What I didn't do was send out a release to people like me who love Georgia and who write a weekly column that runs from one end of this great state to the other, informing me that Georgia ranks as one of the worst states to live in.

What I would have done is to fire whoever at TOP Data came up with this stupid and pointless and insulting exercise. If this is a new business pitch offering to extricate us from the morass in which they find us, they missed badly. I wouldn't hire them to organize a corn-shucking.

Here is one example: In the Quality of Life category, they measured the number of people employed as bartenders and related drink services per

100K people. We come in 25th. Evidently, they failed to give points for a sunrise on St. Simons Island which beats how many bartender we have by a mile. Not to mention Vidalia onions or “Georgia on my Mind,” as sung by Ray Charles Robinson, of Albany, Georgia.

By contrast, TOP Data ranks Wyoming which has fewer people than Gwinnett County and according to World Population Review a negative growth rate of 0.60% per year as the best state in which to live. Vermont, which is less populated than Cobb County and also has a 0.6% negative growth rate and who I seem to recall was recently paying people to move there, is their No. 2.

New Jersey (No. 7), Connecticut (No. 12) and New York (No. 19) also are showing negative growth rates says the World Population Review while 35th ranked Georgia is the eighth fastest growing state in the nation, adding more people last year than North Dakota's (No. 6) total population.

I have carefully examined TOP Data's 76 relevant metrics (Inhale) graded on a 100-point scale with a score of 100 being the max which determined each state's weighted average across all metrics to calculate its overall score and used the resulting scores to rank-order its sample. (Exhale.)

Nowhere could I find a metric about people moving here from places where it snows 10 months a year and all their buildings are rusted. Long before there was a TOP Data to inform us how Georgia and our Southern neighbors are some of the worst states in which to live, my daddy observed how many tax dollars we wasted painting lines down the middle of our highways. That was because nobody moved north. They all came south. They still do.

TOP Data finishes its analysis of the Best & Worst States To Live In by informing us that it “delivers business, consumer, and marketing insights at the speed of breaking news.” Here is some speedy breaking news for TOP Data: In my own in-depth analysis of the Best and Worst Pieces of PR Rubbish to come across my desk, yours is the worst. And it didn't take me 76 relevant metrics to figure that out.

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**Andy Offutt Irwin** columnist

## Keep calm, carry on, clean your birdhouses

During the last week of February, I was working at my dining table in the den, clicking back and forth on my computer between news of the war in Ukraine and the work I needed to be doing, when I heard angry squawking that sounded very much like a summons.

I walked outside to find a sparrow lit upon the tea olive next to the house. Clearly, she was there to show me that the tiny fragrant flowers were in bloom. She seemed to be asking, “Did you not notice that the daffodils opened up three weeks ago? Don't you see the crocus?”

As with any person who has owned pets and shared a home with animals, I wonder at the level of sentience with all creatures great and small. How aware was this tiny bird? There's a fair chance that this very sparrow had been banded in one of the three birdhouses triangulating the terrace. She couldn't have known that cleaning out the old nests from those birdhouses was my job. Yet, I felt her eye upon me.

Then the old hymn, “His Eye Is On the Sparrow” came into my head. I will confess that this song is not one that I

am particularly fond of — 'tis a bit schmaltzy for my taste — but mine is a brain that is invaded by tunes, unbiddenly. I laughed when I recalled the line, “... and I know He watches me.” I thought to myself, “God is watching that bird. That bird is watching *me*. How about that? God has a middle-man — a middle-*bird*, as it were.”

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Just like you, I have seen the pictures from Ukraine and I have read the stories. In order to feel a big news event, I tend to dwell on smaller narratives. Over the radio, I just heard a report of a woman testifying before the United Nations about fleeing her home in the Crimean peninsula back in 2014. What she was saying was utterly relatable; she was grieving her garden and her flowers.

Earlier today, I watched a video of a woman in Kyiv opening up her white grand piano and dusting off the keys for the last time before abandoning her bombed-out home. The person operating the camera panned around the house showing the toppled-down walls and rubble as the woman in a wool knit hat and winter coat played with virtuosic defiance.

Meanwhile, here on the other side of the world, those same old questions arrive in our hearts. What can one

person do?

Many would say we should pray. My response to this is always the same — people in the Bible do a lot of praying, but most of those people are putting their prayers into action.

So, pray. Pray for wisdom. Pray to recognize good from evil. Pray for people in all war-torn lands, and be generous as you find a reputable place to give your gifts of support.

Yes, I do know the scripture from which “His Eye Is On the Sparrow” is derived. “Consider the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns...” (Matthew 6:26) Yet, still, I watch my sparrows closely, and it's true, they don't gather into barns, but they do gather. And they are in constant motion, building their nests and caring for their young. Sparrows are busy birds.

Yes, please pray. And as the old British World War II poster reminds us: “Keep calm and carry on.”

And clean out your birdhouses.

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## FUNDING

Staffing levels for the county's 13 parks and 638 acres also was lower compared to national levels and Walton and

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- State House District 113: Billie Boyd-Cox, Covington; Sharon Henderson (I), Covington

- \$46 million for “big ticket” facilities such as an aquatic center and

Many also said parks and recreation was just as critical a county government service as other services like fire

The group containing residents ages 45 and older has been growing

In addition, the availability of parks

The Thursday, March 24, public meeting at 6:30 p.m. at 6185 Turner Lake Road NW in Covington will include a presentation from consultant Lose & Associates and a question and answer session, according to information from the county government.

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to strained supply and increased demand. But Russia's invasion of Ukraine in late February caused oil prices to spike further. These are numbers not seen at the pump since the financial crisis in 2008, the highest on record just recently.

After peaking at about \$123 per barrel shortly after Russia's invasion of Ukraine, the price of crude oil, though at a gradual rate, has fallen to below \$110 this week. If this trend continues, it may remove some of the extreme upward price pressure consumers have found at the pump, AAA spokesper-

son Andrew Gross said, but not all.

"It bears reminding that the cost of oil accounts for about 50% of what drivers pay at the pump," Gross said. "This war is roiling an already tight global oil market and making it hard to determine if we are near a peak for pump prices, or if they keep grinding higher. It all depends on the direction of oil prices."

With increased prices, it now costs Georgia motorists nearly \$65 to fill a 15-gallon tank of regular gasoline, compared to just under \$40 one year ago.

Diesel fuel prices also reached a record high,



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**AAA suggests things like maintaining your vehicle and simply slowing down as ways to preserve gas and avoid having to fill up so often.**

climbing to \$5.27 per gallon this week, but also dropped slightly. According to AAA, the average cost statewide for diesel was \$5.15.

AAA officials offered various tips for drivers to save money and conserving fuel:

- Shop around for gas prices.
- Consider paying

in cash vs. credit card. Some retailers charge extra per gallon for customers who pay with a credit card.

- Enroll in fuel savings programs.
- Maintain your vehicle to ensure optimal fuel economy.
- Combine errands to limit driving time.
- Slow down. Fuel

economy diminishes significantly at highway speeds above 50 mph.

- Drive conservatively and avoid aggressive driving. Aggressive acceleration and speeding reduces fuel economy.
- "Georgians are paying more than they ever have for gasoline and are looking for ways to spend less at

the pumps," Waiters said in a news release. "There are simple ways to get the most for your money when you fill-up. To start with, ensure your vehicle is properly maintained, so you get optimal fuel economy. Unfortunately, drivers should anticipate gas prices to remain high for weeks to come."

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would say, 'Why not get a better job?' But when you have children, your life has to revolve around them," said Francis, who has worked full-time as a driver since 2019 and doesn't plan to stop now. "I love doing this job. And I am really good at it. I just pray that things get better soon..."

Francis is one of few drivers who are remaining steadfast in their position as a driver for Uber, DoorDash and other ride-share or delivery businesses.

Area resident Destany Ferguson said: "My husband, Blake, was doing Uber Eats, and he stopped because he would use all [the money] he made in one day to put right back into his tank to get home after riding around delivering."

Another resident, Andrea George, said: "I quit Instacart because gas is getting too high, and they don't pay enough for the gas or in general."

Tiffany Joyce Hutcheson commented: "[I] Haven't DoorDash'ed in about a month due to the gas prices!"

But Uber and Lyft drivers recently received a pay increase after adding what company officials say is a "temporary" surcharge to help combat increase fuel costs and keep drivers employed.

"We know that prices have been going up across the economy, so we've done our best to help drivers and couriers without placing too much additional burden on consumers," a news release from Uber officials stated. "Over the coming weeks we plan to listen closely to feedback from consumers, couriers and drivers."

Because of this surcharge that translates to a raise for drivers, area Uber driver Ed Phillips said he hasn't been negatively impacted.

"Uber has recently increased our wages," he said. "It depends on the city you are in. I personally haven't been affected at all."

Uber officials said they were using this time as a platform to "bolster" efforts to get more drivers to switch to electric vehicles.

"Drivers who go electric can already enjoy higher earnings potential due to Uber's

Green Future Program, which provides incentives to EV drivers such as \$1 more per trip up to \$4,000 annually," the news release stated. "We've also negotiated discounts for drivers on leading EV models and special deals on charging. And our latest partnership with Hertz will make up to 50,000 fully electric Teslas available for eligible drivers to rent by 2023. This is the largest expansion of EVs on a mobility platform in North America, marking another step towards Uber's zero-emissions goal."

As a business built around gasoline powered equipment, Jacob Jensen, co-owner and operator of Yellow River Landscaping in Covington, said day-to-day operational costs had "significantly increased."

"It has significantly increased the price of our day-to-day operations just by adding to the daily cost to fill up all our equipment, as well as creating a trickle effect with rising inflation in all the materials we purchase for larger jobs," Jensen said. "When it cost more to distribute product, obviously the cost of product rises, and then it becomes more difficult for us to do our job at a reasonable price."

Jensen said the cost of services have had to increase, but only by the same amount of the material increases. As for lawn care prices, he said they may have to make adjustments.

"We have tried, up to this point, to keep consistency in our pricing, with maintenance in particular," he said. "However, with consistently increasing gas prices, we may have to raise our lawn care prices in the middle of the year, which we are trying to avoid as much as possible for the good of our customers."

With the future of oil and gas prices cloudy, Jensen said his company would continue to monitor the numbers and "hold out" until no longer possible.

"In the short term, like most other companies in our area, I assume, we are just trying to hold out to be competitive in the market and not upset our clients, but it is likely a matter of time before we have to increase our prices like everyone else," Jensen said. "For now all we can do is keep a close eye on the numbers and understand what can afford with the best interests of everyone who chooses to business with us in mind."

But Georgians could get some relief at the pump soon.

The Georgia Senate unanimously passed a bill Thursday to temporarily suspend the state sales tax on gasoline, which would save just more than 29 cents per gallon of gasoline through May 31. All that was needed Thursday afternoon for the legislation to take effect was Gov. Brian Kemp's signature.



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# Georgia poll finds strong support for expanded U.S. oil production

**By DAVID WILLIAMS**  
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ATLANTA — Most Georgians support the United States developing its own domestic sources of energy rather than relying on other regions of the world, according to a poll released Thursday.

The online survey of a representative cross-section of registered voters conducted March 1-6 by the polling firm Morning Consult found 90% in favor of the U.S. stepping up energy production. The support was split almost evenly between Republicans and Democrats.

An even larger majority — 92% of those surveyed — said the current situation in Europe shows what can happen when nations depend on energy production from foreign sources that have their own agendas. Some European nations have been hampered in their response to the Russian invasion of Ukraine by their dependence on Russian oil.

“Given the ongoing crisis



Associated Press

**Polling firm Morning Consult found 90% of Georgians support the United States developing its own domestic sources of energy rather than relying on other regions of the world.**

in Ukraine and the rising cost of energy both at home and abroad, there is no question that access to secure, reliable and affordable energy is top of mind for voters in Georgia,” said David McGowan, Southeast Region director of the American Petroleum Institute (API), which represents the oil and gas

industries and commissioned the poll.

“Now is the time for this administration to advance policies that incentivize U.S. production and send a clear message that America is open to energy investment,” Frank Macchiarola, the API’s senior vice president of policy, said U.S. oil pro-

duction began losing ground last year when President Joe Biden banned new leases for drilling on federal lands.

“I’d like to see the administration ... utilize more of the energy resources we have,” Macchiarola said. “There’s always going to be a need to get energy from some countries. The question

is whether we’re going to be overly reliant on certain places.”

Biden banned U.S. imports of Russian oil last week in response to its attack on Ukraine. While that move has been widely supported, the administration has come in for criticism for reaching out to Venezuela and Saudi Arabia to explore replacing Russian oil.

“[The] Keystone XL [pipeline] would deliver 830,000 barrels of oil per day from Canada,” Macchiarola said. “Now, we’re looking to hostile regions to get energy.”

According to the API Georgia poll, 87% of respondents believe more domestic production of oil and natural gas could help lower energy costs, while 86% said expanding production would help make the U.S. and America’s allies more secure against the actions of other countries such as Russia.

The poll’s margin of error was plus-or-minus 4%.

# Temporary state gasoline tax suspension gains final passage, awaits Kemp’s approval

**By DAVID WILLIAMS**  
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ATLANTA — The Georgia Senate unanimously passed legislation Thursday temporarily suspending the state sales tax on gasoline, but not before a lengthy debate over who is to blame for record-high pump prices.

The bill, which the state House of Representatives passed last week, now heads to Gov. Brian Kemp’s desk for his signature.

The governor and lawmakers acted after gas prices surged

following the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

Suspension of the tax will save Georgians 29.1 cents per gallon of gasoline, Senate Finance Committee Chairman Chuck Hufstetler, R-Rome, said before Thursday’s vote.

“The 29 cents is not going to completely solve the problem,” he said. “But it’s a start and a statement.”

Hufstetler went on to accuse the Biden administration of contributing to higher gas prices through the Democratic president’s

decision to cancel the Keystone XL project last year and ban drilling for oil and gas in the eastern Gulf of Mexico and on federal lands in Alaska.

Sen. Greg Dolezal, R-Cumming, said gas prices started rising well before Russian troops entered Ukraine three weeks ago.

“Gas prices were up last year by \$1 a gallon,” he said.

But Senate Democrats said the oil industry is to blame for holding down oil production in the U.S., not the

Biden administration.

Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm called on the industry last week to step up production of oil and gas.

“The administration only has control over drilling on federal lands,” said Sen. Nan Orrock, D-Atlanta. “It’s the fossil-fuel industry’s decision not to drill. ... There are permits oil companies have that they’re not accessing ... because it’s not cost-effective. They’re making decisions on the expectation that demand for fossil

fuels will decrease.”

Hufstetler said temporarily suspending the gas tax will cost the state an estimated \$300 million to \$400 million in lost revenue. That gap will be covered by

reserve funds, he said.

The suspension will expire May 31. Kemp could extend it after that by executive order if he deems it necessary.

## Cornish Creek Water Treatment Plant

# Statewide association names Newton water plant ‘Best Operated’

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COVINGTON, Ga. — A statewide organization on Tuesday tapped Newton County’s Cornish Creek Water Treatment Plant for its award as the Best Operated Water Treatment Facility in the state of Georgia for 2021.

County Manager Jarvis Sims announced the Georgia Association of Water Professionals selected Cornish Creek for the award due to “excellent operation of the facility.”

Newton County Water Resources Director James Brown said in a news release, “This is another testament to the outstanding staff we have here in the Newton County Water Resources Department.”

This is the second time Newton County has received the honor of Water Treatment Plant of the Year, winning previously in 2019.

Newton County Chairman Marcello Banes said, “I am so proud of the men and women in our Water Treatment Plant.”

“This honor is because of their hard work,” Banes said. “This just goes to show what I have been hearing from others across the state and what I’ve been telling my colleagues, that Newton County has the best water department in Georgia.”

The Georgia Association of Water Professionals is a nonprofit agency that educates, provides professional development and promotes sound public policy in the water resources and related environmental fields, according to its website.

The Cornish Creek Water Treatment Facility was built in three phases. The original phase was completed in 1992 with an expansion completed in 1999 and

another in 2010.

Its water sources include the Cornish Creek Reservoir (Lake Varner) and the Alcovy River.

County commissioners in September 2021 approved construction on a \$32 million upgrade of the Cornish Creek water treatment plant.

Completion was set for early 2023 and will include a new floating dock pump station and water line for drawing up to 35 million gallons of raw water per day from Lake Varner.

It also is set to add three new high-service pumps for treated water; and improvements to the bulk chemical storage area, plant electrical system and backup generator.

Relocation of the operator control room and plant laboratory, among other improvements, also are included, according to documents.

The plant currently treats an average of

13.5 million gallons per day. The improvements will allow the facility to produce up to 25 million gallons of treated water “on a continuous basis,” county Water Resources director James Brown told commissioners.

It will also be designed to allow expansion to produce 35 million gallons a day, according to the documents.

The Newton County Water System is a wholesale provider of water treated at its Cornish Creek and Williams Street plants.

Its customers include the Newton County Water and Sewerage Authority; the cities of Covington, Mansfield, Newborn, Oxford and Porterdale; and the Alcovy Shores Water Authority, Jasper County Water and Sewer Authority, and Walton County Board of Commissioners, according to information from the water system.



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Oxford College of Emory University

# Williams to speak at May commencement ceremony

## STAFF REPORTS

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**OXFORD, Ga.** — School officials recently announced former city councilwoman and alumna Avis Williams will deliver the keynote address for Oxford College’s 177th commencement ceremonies.

Williams, a native of Covington, is a decorated Oxford College of Emory University graduate. She earned three degrees from the institution: a bachelor’s degree in chemistry, a Master of Divinity and a Doctor of Ministry from Candler School of Theology. She was one

of Oxford College’s earliest African American graduates

Oxford College Dean Doug Hicks called Williams “extraordinary,” and said he could not wait to hear her speak.

“Rev. Dr. Avis Williams is one of the most extraordinary people in the Oxford College community—and far beyond it,” Hicks said. “As an alumna, neighbor, and local leader, she has called all of us to acknowledge our history and build a more equitable and inclusive future. Her story is one that everyone at Oxford should hear, and we look forward to her

commencement address on [Saturday,] May 7.”

As a leader within the community for more than 40 years, including several years on the Oxford City Council, Williams has worked to address health disparities and equity and justice issues in local African American communities, serving on the boards of hospitals and clinics, and also has labored to help provide



Avis Williams

access to healthcare in schools and places of worship.

Williams is playing a central role in the Twin Memorials Project, according to a news release, by hosting community meetings to solicit input for memorials to be erected on Emory’s Oxford and Atlanta campuses to honor enslaved individuals who labored to build the original campus at Oxford.

Williams is reportedly a descendant of enslaved persons who lived and worked in Oxford and Covington, and she has brought together other members

of the descendant community to partner with Emory in the important work of restorative justice, the news release stated.

Aside from her activism, Williams works as the owner of a Newton County environmental, health and safety consulting firm that provides training for federal, state and local agencies and performed Phase I Environmental Site assessments. She also currently serves as the Community Liaison for the Putnam County Charter School System, building and strengthening family and community partnerships.

She is a former member of the Keep Covington and Newton Beautiful committee and chair of the Sandhill/Tex Alley Community Reunion program.

In partnership with Oxford, Williams founded and directed a mentoring and tutoring program from 2004-2010 where Oxford students tutored elementary and middle school students every week. She is a former member of the Oxford College Alumni Board and has been an active alumna for decades.

## PROJECTS:

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stated would be collected from the voter-approved 2017 SPLOST, White said.

The Board of Commissioners approved the use of:

- \$3.755 million to complete the proposed

Westside Youth Facility project.

- \$3 million to complete Spring Hill Park on Lower River Road at Mote Road.

- \$1.125 million for construction of the second phase of the Senior Services department’s planned expansion of its Turner Lake Park facility.

- \$750,000 to complete the master plan buildout of the final phase of the Denny Dobbs Skate Park.

- \$150,000 for purchase of equipment for a new fire truck for the county fire department.

**WESTSIDE YOUTH FACILITY**

A “Westside Youth Facility” was included on the list of projects

on the 2017 SPLOST referendum. Finance Director Brittany White said the county originally had \$495,000 and the finance and recreation departments were requesting \$3.755 million to complete the funding.

Project manager Jeff Prine said he and parks department officials are working with District 3 Commissioner Alana Sanders to find a location for the project and create a plan.

District 2 Commissioner Demond Mason said he supported the project because it was “definitely needed” but asked why all other projects had master plans except the youth facility.

“I just want to make sure that we’ll have a master plan in place so that the board will be able to see exactly what’s going to happen, the citizens will be able to see, so that there won’t be any surprises by anybody,” Mason said.

“We’ll be able to see the master plan of what that facility actually is going to look like before there’s any construction that starts,” he said.

Prine said Sanders has “a very deliberate idea of the concept of what she’s looking for.”

He said Sanders was

working with the county Parks and Recreation Department “to look at options of where that facility might go over in her district.”

“We’re at the beginning of that process,” he said.

Approval of the funding would lead to the county hiring a design consultant to work with Sanders and the parks staff to find an appropriate site. It would then bring the plan to the board for approval before finding a company to build it, Prine said.

Sanders had proposed a plan in early 2021 for a project that included a new community center and park on existing county-owned park land within the Fairview Estates subdivision off Fairview Road.

The plan was put on hold in part because of objections from Boys & Girls Club supporters who believed the funding was meant for a new club facility.

**SPRING HILL PARK**

The Spring Hill Park site is south of the Newton County Landfill and sits between Lower River Road on the west and the Yellow River on the east.

A master plan for the park includes construction of a 25-space, asphalt parking lot; a

community building and pavilion; restrooms; community playground; new walking trails with exercise pods; and a multi-purpose community field.

Most of the cost includes construction of the community building and for site clearing.

District 5 Commissioner Ronnie Cowan said residents had “been waiting a long time for” funding of a park in the area. He said the original amount reserved for the project, \$495,000, would not have even completed the site grading.

Longtime area resident Frederick Johnson of Hwy. 162 thanked commissioners for approving the funding but now wanted to see the facility’s construction.

“It looks like we’re going to eventually get a Spring Hill Community Park,” he said. “I want to thank y’all for making this, maybe, a reality.”

**SENIOR CENTER EXPANSION**

The project is to include construction of a 3,000-square-foot addition to the existing facility near Turner Lake in Covington.

It will add two 1,000-square-foot activity rooms, male and female restrooms, and a connector between the

buildings.

The project’s SPLOST-funded first phase was completed in late 2020 and cost \$1.7 million. It increased the Senior Center’s total space to almost 12,000 square feet and included a large fellowship hall and dining room with south side bay windows overlooking Turner Lake; new administrative offices; an expanded kitchen facility; and renovation of the original 6,500-square-foot building that included conversion of part of it into a media center and quilting room.

**SKATE PARK COMPLETION**

The second phase of the skateboard park in Denny Dobbs Park will complete the facility so that it covers 1.5 acres in the southwest Newton County park on Ga. Hwy. 212. Construction of the project’s 4,000-square-foot first phase was completed in mid-2021.

**FIRE EQUIPMENT**

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counts of Forgery or Counterfeiting, and one count of Abuse/Neglect/Exploiting of a Disabled or Elderly Person in relation to the case involving the 88-year-old victim.

A second person, James’ husband, Kenneth Matthew James, 56, also of Heaton Hill Drive, was charged Dec. 23, 2021, with seven counts of Theft by Taking and one count each of Abuse and Conspiracy to

Commit a Crime in relation to the alleged incidents.

The victim — whom James cared for in a private residence on Salem Road — discovered the theft and told a Newton County sheriff’s deputy that “her caretaker has been stealing money from her for several years,” an incident report stated.

Warrants allege that Doreen James used her elderly victim’s credit card to pay her personal

bills, “eat out and buy goods” without the victim’s knowledge between Sept. 1, 2020, and Sept. 30, 2021.

Doreen James also “knowingly exploited” the elderly victim by illegally depositing forged checks from the victim’s bank account into the personal account of her and husband, Kenneth James, at Chase Bank, a warrant alleged.

The action “purports to have been made

by authority of one who did not give such authority” between June 6, 2019, and Sept. 30, 2021, the warrant stated.

Doreen James was being held without bond in the Newton County Detention Center Thursday. Kenneth James was no longer being held in the detention center, according to jail records.

The investigation was turned over to the Newton County DA’s office.



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## BEST IN CLASS

### NCSS announces top students of Class of 2022



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From Alcovy High School, Brianna Francis (left) was named valedictorian and Gabriela Sanchez (right) as salutatorian.



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Elizabeth Johnson (left) and Hannah Scharf (right) were named valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively, for Eastside High School.



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At the top of Newton High School's class were Amara Igwilo (left), valedictorian, and Jordyn Ash (right), salutatorian.

#### STAFF REPORTS

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COVINGTON, Ga. — Valedictorians and salutatorians of Newton County Schools' Class of 2022 have been determined. From Alcovy High School, Brianna Francis was named valedictorian and Gabriela Sanchez as salutatorian. Francis plans to attend college and major in biotechnology. She

selected Laura Lambert as her Top-10 Teacher. Sanchez intends to attend the University of Georgia to major in communication-speech disorders. She selected Jasmine El-Jourbagy as her Top-10 Teacher. Elizabeth Johnson and Hannah Scharf were named valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively, for Eastside High School. Johnson has been

accepted to the University of Georgia but is still waiting on other college decisions. She is undecided on a major but is considering studying the classics and/or religious studies. She selected Eric Adams as her Top-10 Teacher. Scharf plans to attend the University of Georgia this fall. She selected Michael Twardos as her Top-10 Teacher.

At the top of Newton High School's class were Amara Igwilo, valedictorian, and Jordyn Ash, salutatorian. Igwilo is undecided on her future. She would like to go to either the University of Miami or Auburn University, where she plans to study either marine biology or animal science. She would like to become an exotic or mixed animal veteri-

narian. Igwilo chose Trupti Shah, her 10th grade Quest Chemistry teacher, as her Top-10 Teacher. Ash will be attending Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University with a major in Plant Science. Once she has completed her bachelor's degree in that field she would like to pursue alternative medicine. She would like to bring more ho-

listic treatment options to those who do not have access to them. Ash selected Marcus Williams, her AP Macro/Microeconomics teacher as her Top-10 Teacher. Round out the Top-10 for each school's Class of 2022 are:

**Alcovy High School**  
- Brianna Francis (V)  
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From left are Newton High School Principal Shannon Buff; NCSS Superintendent Samantha Fuhrey; Misty Morgan; and Adam Phyll, NCSS director of Technology and Media Services.

## Morgan named Media Specialist of the Year

#### STAFF REPORTS

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COVINGTON, Ga. — Misty Morgan recently was named Newton County School System's (NCSS) 2022 Media Specialist of the Year. The Newton High School media specialist will now represent NCSS in the South Metro Regional Library Media Specialist of the Year competition. Newton County Theme School media specialist Ali Geigerman; Porterdales Elementary School media specialist April Davis; and Alcovy High School media specialist Marneda Ivey were finalists for the district award. "I'm absolutely happy and thrilled to be named NCSS Media Specialist of the Year,"

said Morgan. "It's a lot of emotion because I am really young at this, and I did not have the training that a lot of my fellow media specialist and friends do, and I've gone to them for so much and I'm so glad that they've been able to get something back from me." This marks Morgan's eighth year in education and her fourth as a media specialist. She joined the NCSS team eight years ago as a social studies teacher at Newton High before transitioning to the school's media specialist position four years later. Morgan noted the recognition is even more special because she didn't originally have plans to pursue that as a career. When the position was available, she

wasn't even considering it for herself. "The funny thing about it is that I didn't think I wanted it until the opportunity presented itself," said Morgan. "We were looking for a media specialist and I had run a kids' section at a bookstore before and started doing programs and clubs and activities with kids and I fell in love with it — that's what got me into teaching. So, when they needed a media specialist, I was like, 'No, I'm a teacher, I'm good.' And then I went home that night and all of these ideas just hit me of how I could get my kids who are so burned out on reading to get back in the library and to learn how to do their own research

See MORGAN, A10

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A total of 18 Newton County Schools students earned awards recently at the Griffin RESA 2021 Regional Literacy Days Poetry Recitation, Ready Writing, and Drama Competition.

Area students win big at Regional Literacy Days Competition

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS  
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Newton County School System (NCSS) students earned numerous awards at the recent Griffin RESA (Regional Educational Service Agency) 2021 Regional Literacy Days Poetry Recitation, Ready Writing and Drama Competition. Overall, 18 students brought home awards.

In the poetry recitation contests, competitors were judged on a number of criteria, including stage presence, articulation, interpretation, memory and accuracy, and difficulty of the piece. Heard-Mixon Elementary School student, Ella Burton, won top honors in the third-grade Poetry Recitation Competition; and Newton County Theme School students Oliver Reid and Maren Poynter, each won second place awards

in the sixth and seventh-grade competitions respectively.

Newton County School System students also earned three awards in the Ready Writing Competition during which students are given a writing prompt and one hour to complete an essay. Sara Smallwood of Mansfield Elementary School won top honors in the fifth-grade competition and Joelliana Saintil of Clements Middle School brought home first place honors in the sixth-grade competition. Baily Stover of Newton County Theme School won third place in the eighth-grade competition.

The Live Oak Elementary School drama team, consisting of students Rhakhaiyah Allen, Quortney Graham, Roman McCormick, Mason Perry-Predie, Karsyn Randle, Layla Smith, Jyve

Veasey, Xander Wheeler, and Nelani Jones earned second place honors with their performance of, "Charlotte's Web." At the middle school level, Skyy Lacy, Alejandro Pena and Layla Walker, won first place honors with their performance of, "I Can't Breathe."

"The Literacy Days Competition provides students with the opportunity to perform and be recognized for their talents through the celebration of the arts," Superintendent Samantha Fuhrey said.

"I am proud that we had so many winners at the regional competition as it takes a tremendous amount of talent and commitment to participate in this type of competition. They definitely represented their schools and our school system very well."

MORGAN:

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and make their projects what they wanted it to be and find a relaxation and a comfort in reading and working

on their own that a lot of them had forgotten could be there."

According to Morgan, the media center

plays a vital role in student learning and success.

"For me personally and what I've definitely

tried to show, is that the media specialist and the media center is central to the school," Morgan explained.

"It is the hub. Everything that students need to know how to do to be successful, whether they are going into a career or college or just for the rest of their life, to be able to find their own information and answer their own questions is central for the media center.

"They can come here, they can research, they can read, they can find their information, they can print, scan, email attach, whatever

they need to do. All of those now life skills in today's world are completely essential for our kids to be successful adults, where they don't have to depend on anybody else. They can be as independent and as self-sufficient as they can possibly be.

"So, it's my goal and role, to make sure that whatever the teachers need, whatever the students need, I may not know it until they ask, but it's my goal and my personal mission to figure it out and make it happen."

Adam Phyll, NCSS director of Technology

and Media Services, said, "Misty has done an amazing job in her role.

"She really has had an ability to make a connection with the students and staff here at Newton High. We're just so excited and ecstatic to have here to bring consistency to this role and really take library learning commons to a whole other level here in Newton County."

Shannon Buff, principal of Newton High School, said, "Ms. Morgan is an amazing media specialist. She goes above and beyond in service to the students, faculty and families of Newton High.

"While she is no longer in the classroom, she has continued to educate through her role as a media specialist. Often, she is the first to arrive and the last to leave, as she works to provide opportunities for our students to grow in their love of reading. Ms. Morgan is well deserving of this honor, and we are very proud of her."

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Track and Field: New Balance Nationals

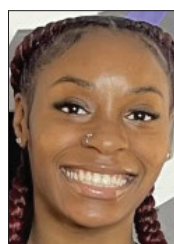
## Newton's Calloway runs on national stage

### Rams track standout competes in New York indoor meet

By **PHILLIP B. HUBBARD**  
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NEW YORK — Newton track star, McKenzie Calloway competed last weekend in the 60-meter and 200-meter at the New Balance Nationals Indoor meet in New York.

In the 60-meter, she finished 11th overall and went to the semi-finals with a personal best 7.56. Calloway recorded a 24.84 finish in the 200-meter, which earned a 15th overall final standing. Calloway said she

was grateful for the ability to compete on the national stage. "I feel beyond proud of myself, I'm still taking it all in," Calloway said. "I thank God so much



McKenzie Calloway

for this opportunity. It was truly amazing. Words can't even describe how great the experience was. You really just had to be there." Leading up to the meet, Calloway was running with her AAU club called Atlanta Zoom Athletics. She trained with them since October for the indoor season to prepare for

the meet. So far, the indoor season was filled with new personal goals being met by Calloway that led to her even qualifying for the meet last weekend. But, when the meet approached, Calloway remained focused on the task at hand. "Going into the competition Saturday I wouldn't say I was

nervous, I was more so locked in," Calloway said. "Remembering what I came out here for and just trusting in myself and the training, it's all there I just have to execute my races." Even though Calloway was the one running in the meet, she stressed how it would not have been possible  
See **RUNS**, B8

Prep Baseball

## Tigers roar in region opener

### Hot start leads Alcovy to 12-4 win over Rockdale County

By **GARRETT PITTS**  
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COVINGTON, Ga. — There was a race to the bat rack in Covington Tuesday night as the Alcovy Tigers celebrated a 12-4 victory over region opponent Rockdale County.

Leaving its non-region schedule with a 4-8 record, Alcovy was looking to turn the page and start their region slate with a win.

Sophomore Hunter Parker took the mound for the Tigers. In his performance, Parker held the Bulldogs scoreless through the first three innings and racked up numerous strikeouts.

Head coach Jimmy Hughes was pleased with his starting pitcher.

"[Hunter] threw the ball well, he pitched well against them last year as a freshman," Hughes said. "He just finds a way to compete. He is not traditional; he is going to throw more off-speed than fastballs, but he is a bulldog when he has the ball, he wants it."

Parker finished his stay on the mound after five innings and recorded seven strikeouts in the win.

The Tigers got to Rockdale County's starting pitcher Jordan Jackson early in the game.

With runners on the corners for CJ Salmon, the sophomore ripped a double into the gap to give Alcovy the 2-0 lead in the first.

The Tigers tacked on two more in the second on a one-run triple from sophomore Reece Payne and a one-run double from senior Connor Coursey.



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Alcovy shortstop Cooper Duncan makes the play on the run to get the out at first base.

After another strong inning from Parker in the top of the third, three more Tigers got involved at the plate to make it a 7-0 game going into the top of the fourth.

Hughes praised the team's ability to create production at any spot in the lineup, no matter who was at the plate.

"We finally got some guys who are starting to figure their swings out...and that is really one through nine throughout the [batting] order," Hughes said. "Every spot contributed in some

way tonight, it is a collective effort right now, which is what you want."

An error from Coursey behind the plate allowed Jonathan Raggs to score from third and give Rockdale County their first run of the game. But the Tigers responded with two more runs in the bottom of the fourth to extend their lead 9-1.

In the fifth inning, the Bulldogs sent every spot in the order to the plate, scoring three runs

See **TIGERS**, B8

Prep Athletics



Special to The News

Social Circle's Craig Hargrove received Region 8-A and Class A Athletic Director of the Year awards March 13.

## Redskins' Hargrove named GADA Class A AD of the Year

By **PHILLIP B. HUBBARD**  
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SOCIAL CIRCLE, Ga. — During the 2022 Georgia Athletic Director Association (GADA) Conference in Savannah, Craig Hargrove of Social Circle received not one, but two special honors.

As the athletic director for the Redskins, Hargrove received Region 8A-Public and Class A Athletic Director of the Year awards March 13.

Upon receiving the awards, Hargrove expressed his gratitude for what this means to him.

"This honor is huge for Social Circle High School, the school district and our community," Hargrove said. "We have worked extremely hard over the last few years and

to be recognized is pretty rewarding."

In Hargrove's four years as athletic director, the Redskins have accomplished quite a bit.

During Hargrove's tenure, the Redskins have won 11 area/region championships and have captured three state championships.

But Hargrove stressed how he enjoys watching each student-athlete play, practice and prepare for their seasons.

"My favorite part is watching our kids compete," Hargrove said. "When it's time for a competition, regardless of the sport, it is very satisfying to me. The countless hours of preparation, practices, fundraising

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to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **GARY EDWARD MILLIGAN** 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 APRIL 4, 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 #300585

**03/6,13,20,27**

#### CITATION

**JUDY ANN WHITLEY** has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **REBA RUNEA MILLIGAN** 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 APRIL 4, 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 #300586

**03/6,12,20,27**

#### CITATION

**RE: ESTATE of CARROLL DENVER KING DECEASED**

**WILLIAM DAVID MOORE, ADMINISTRATOR** 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 APRIL 4, 2022 at ten o'clock a.m.

**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 #300692

**03/20**

#### CITATION

**RE: ESTATE of FRANCINE L. BENNETT DECEASED**

**BOBBIE ANN BLAKLEY, 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 APRIL 4, 2022 at ten o'clock a.m.

**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 #300673

**03/20**

#### CITATION

**RE: ESTATE of HELEN LOUISE SHROPSHIRE, DECEASED**

**BARBARA THOMPSON**

**ADMINISTRATOR** 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 APRIL 7, 2022 at ten o'clock a.m.

**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 #300598

**03/20**

#### CITATION

**RE: ESTATE of SARA ELIZABETH KING DECEASED**

**WILLIAM DAVID MOORE, ADMINISTRATOR** 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 APRIL 4, 2022 at ten o'clock a.m.

**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 #300693

**03/20**

#### CITATION

**ROBERT PARKER, JR** has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **ROBERT L. PARKER** 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 APRIL 4, 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 #300633

**03/6,13,20,27**

#### CITATION

**SANDRA COOPER** has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **HAROLD COOPER** 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 APRIL 4, 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 #300635

**03/6,13,20,27**

#### CITATION

**TEIRRA D. SIMS** has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **MAVIS CECILIA KING** 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 APRIL 4, 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 #300634

**03/6,13,20,27**

#### CITATION

**THOMAS WILLIAM BAKER, JR** has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **THOMAS WILLIAM BAKER, 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 APRIL 4, 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 #300596

**03/6,13,20,27**

**THE PETITION of CHARLES RABBLES** widow of **RHONDA RENEE ALLEN** 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 APRIL 4, 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 #300637

**03/6,13,20,27**

**THE PETITION of LARRY KING** widow of **PATTI P. KING** 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 APRIL 4, 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 #300597

**03/6,13,20,27**

**THE PETITION of SUSAN HOLMES** widow of **THOMAS HOLMES** 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 APRIL 4, 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 #300583

**03/6,13,20,27**

**THE PETITION of SYLVIA MILLER** widow of **EUGENE KENNER MILLER, III** 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 APRIL 4, 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 #300636

**03/6,13,20,27**

### Corporations

#### NOTICE OF INTENT TO INCORPORATE

**NOTICE IS** given that articles of incorporation which will incorporate **A Mustard Seed Outreach, Inc.** will be delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code. The initial registered office of the corporation will be located at 1118 Conyers Street, SW, Covington, Georgia 30014 and its initial registered agent at such address is Frank B. Turner, Jr.

#### PUBLIC NOTICE #300677

**03/20,27**

#### NOTICE OF INTENT TO INCORPORATE

**NOTICE IS** given that articles of incorporation which will incorporate Starrsville Cemetery, Inc. will be delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code. The initial registered office of the corporation will be located at 81 Morgan Road, Covington, Georgia 30014 and its initial registered agent at such address is Jack H. Morgan, Jr..

#### PUBLIC NOTICE #300658

**03/13,20**

#### NOTICE OF INTENT TO INCORPORATE

**NOTICE IS** given that articles of incorporation which will incorporate Starrsville Church, Inc. will be delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code. The initial registered office of the corporation will be located at 81 Morgan Road, Covington, Georgia 30014 and its initial registered agent at such address is Jack H. Morgan, Jr..

#### PUBLIC NOTICE #300657

**03/13,20**

### Debtors Creditors

**ALL CREDITORS** of the estate of **GERALD LEE HARRAH** late of Newton County, deceased, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to: **NAME OF Executor: MARK GENTRY HARRAH EXECUTOR ADDRESS:**

**MARK GENTRY HARRAH 105 SABLE CIRCLE COVINGTON GA 30016**

**THIS 8TH** day of March, 2022 **MARK GENTRY HARRAH C/O SHANNON D. Sneed Attorney at Law P.O. Box 1245 COVINGTON, GA 30015**

#### PUBLIC NOTICE #300685

**03/20,27-4/3,10**

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



# LEGALS:

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CREDITORS

2022

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

**THIS THE 24TH** day of **FERUARY** 2022

**AMEEN R HALL**  
65 FIELDS CREEK WAY  
COVINGTON GA 30016

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300643**  
03/6,13,20,27

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

**THIS THE 18TH** day of **FERUARY** 2022

**KIMBERLY NICOLE HILL**  
25 MYRTLE GROVE LANE  
COVINGTON GA 30014

**PUBLIC NOTICE #3006002**  
03/6,13,20,27

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **FAY DAPHNE FULLERTON** 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 1ST**day of **MARCH**, 2020.

**DERWIN BRYAN** Davis, Esquire, CFP P.O. Box 82870  
**CONYERS, GEORGIA** 30013

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300663**  
03/13,20,27-04/3

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

**THIS THE 18TH** day of **FERUARY** 2022

**CYNTHIA CLAY**  
301 CHURCH ST  
EPPWORTH, GA 30541

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300601**  
03/6,13,20,27

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

**THIS THE 18TH** day of **FERUARY** 2022

**HARRY RAGA, JR**  
6801 JACKSON LAKE RD  
MONTICELLO, GA 31064

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300600**  
03/6,13,20,27

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **JANICE QUEEN** 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 **FERUARY** 2022

**REGGIE HOOTEN**  
9145 NELSON DR SW  
COVINGTON, GA 30014

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300640**  
03/6,13,20,27

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

**THIS THE 4TH** day of **MARCH** 2022

**KYLE ANDERSON**  
754 ROCKY POINT RD  
COVINGTON GA 30014

**PUBLIC NOTICE #30014**  
03/13,20,27-04/03

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

**THIS THE 10TH** day of **MARCH** 2022

**CARL A CRANE, JR**  
71 HOWARD ST #2405  
ATLANTA, GA 30317

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300696**  
03/20,27-4/3,10

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

2022

**MICHAEL MAHER**  
495 HEATON RD  
COVINGTON GA 30016

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300599**  
03/6,13,20,27

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

**THIS THE 3RD** day of **MARCH** 2022

**TRACY SHEARER**  
5550 HIGHWAY 212  
COVINGTON GA 30016

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300667**  
03/13,20,27-04/03

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **RAYMOND MITCHELL** 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 11TH** day of **MARCH** 2022

**CHRISTIE PHILLIPS**  
20 SMITH STORE RD  
COVINGTON GA 30016

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300697**  
03/20,27-4/3,10

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **ROBERT GUY ROBINSON, 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 2ND** day of **MARCH** 2022

**THERESA ROBINSON**  
84 HELEN RD  
COVINGTON GA 30016

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300642**  
03/6,13,20,27

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

**THIS THE 10th** day of **MARCH**, 2020.

**DERWIN BRYAN** Davis, Esquire, CFP P.O. Box 82870  
**CONYERS, GEORGIA** 30013

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300686**  
03/20,27-4/3,10

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **SANDRA A. HOWELL** 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 1ST**day of **MARCH**, 2020.

**DERWIN BRYAN** Davis, Esquire, CFP P.O. Box 82870  
**CONYERS, GEORGIA** 30013

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300662**  
03/13,20,27,04/3

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

**THIS THE 15TH** day of **FERUARY** 2022

**WESLEY S. EPPS**  
460 HWY 142, LOT 10  
COVINGTON , GA 30014

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300584**  
03/6,13,20,27

NOTICE TO Debtors and Creditors

**ALL CREDITORS** of the estate of **Mary Evelyn Bell** 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 18TH** day of February, 2022

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300566**  
03/6,13,20,27

Divorces

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

**BRANDY AUSSA WILKINS**  
PLAINTIFF,  
V  
**STEPHEN MICHAEL WILKINS**  
DEFENDANT,

**ACTION NO.2022-CV375-4**

**NOTICE OF SUMMONS- SERVICE BY PUBLICATION**

**TO STEPHEN WILKINS**  
145 JOHNSON RIVER RD  
COVINGTON GA 30014

**BY NOTICE** for Publication dated the 23TH day of FEBRUARY 2022 you are hereby notified that on the 02/22/22 the Plaintiff, BRANDY WILKINS filed suit against you for Divorce. You are required to file an Answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the Notice for Publication with the clerk of Superior Court of the Newton County and

CLUES ACROSS

1. One who regrets

5. Time zone

8. Subway dweller

11. Bend in a river

13. Alias

14. Isodor \_\_\_, American Nobel physicist

15. Very (music)

16. Zero

17. Phil \_\_\_, former CIA

18. Competitions

20. Unwell

21. Puts in place

22. Gets rid of

25. Allows light to pass through

30. Climbed quickly

31. We all have it

32. There's a North & South

33. Emaciation

38. Supervises flying

41. Very dark colors

43. Unwanted

45. Grants

48. Three visited Jesus

49. Wife of Amun

50. Broadway actress Daisy

55. A Spanish river

56. I (German)

57. French opera composer

59. Six (Spanish)

60. Last letter

61. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation

62. A curved shape

63. Make a mistake

64. Tall plant

CROSSWORD

Puzzle

CLUES DOWN

1. Computer memory

2. "Et \_\_\_": "And wife" (Latin)

3. Ancient Syrian city

4. College army

5. Cassava

6. Talented

7. Capital of Estonia

8. Finger millet

9. In a way, assists

10. Men's fashion accessories

12. Misery

14. Skin disorder

19. Selling at specially reduced prices

23. Good friend

24. Stationary portion of a

generator

25. Expression of disappointment

26. The 17th letter of the Greek alphabet

27. Where birds fly

28. Midway between north and northeast

29. Chaotic states

34. Comedic actress Gasteyer

35. Kids' dining accessory

36. Snakelike fish

37. Midway between south and southeast

39. Assign lifelike qualities to

40. One who cites

41. Midway between east and southeast

42. North wind

44. One or the other

45. Cavalry sword

46. Of the Hungarian language

47. Life stories

48. Flat tableland with steep edges

51. Swiss river

52. Plant that makes gum

53. French cleric

54. One point east of northeast

58. Free from

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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the legal hours of sale, before the Courthouse door in said County, sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, the property described in said Deed, to-wit:

**ALL THAT** tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 136 of the 10th District, Newton County, Georgia, being Lot 75 of Pebble Brooke Subdivision, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 35, pages 295-299, Newton County, Georgia Records, which recorded plat is incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this description.

**SAID PROPERTY** is known as **735 Pebble Blvd, Covington, GA 30016**, together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any.

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

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

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

**THE PROPERTY** is or may be in the possession of ; Tonya Isaacs and Kessa Johnson, successor in interest or tenant(s).

**WELLS FARGO** Bank, N.A. as Attorney-in-Fact for Mildred P. Johnson

**FILE NO. 22-078344**

**LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP\***

**ATTORNEYS AND** Counselors at Law

**211 PERIMETER** Center Parkway, N.E., Suite 300

**ATLANTA, GA 30346**

**(770) 220-2535/SCD**

**HTTPS://WWW.LOGS.COM/**

**\*THE LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.**

PUBLIC NOTICE #300570

03/6,13,20,27

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

**THIS LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.**

**UNDER AND** by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in that certain Deed To Secure Debt given by **George W. Siders and Mitzie C. Siders** to First Georgia Community Bank dated 07/05/2006 and filed 07/12/2006, recorded in Deed Book 2230, Pages 563-567, Newton County, Georgia Records, (later assigned to Reliant Loan Servicing, LLC ), conveying the after-described property to secure an Home Equity Line of Credit Agreement ("Agreement")/ Disclosure Statement in the original principal amount of Thirteen Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars and No Cents (\$13,750.00), 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 Tuesday, April 5, 2022 the following described property:

**TRACT 1:** All that Tract or parcel of land lying and being in land Lot 161, 10th District, City of Covington, Newton County, Georgia, being Lot 5, Block E of Brown Bridge Crossing, according to plat recorded in Plat book 23, page 245, public records of Newton County, Georgia, which plat is by reference thereto incorporated herein and made a part hereof for a more particular and complete description. Tract 2: All that Tract

**BECAUSE OF** a default under the terms of the Security Deed executed by **Mildred P. Johnson** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Wachovia Mortgage Corporation dated September 25, 2006, and recorded in Deed Book 2286, Page 316, Newton County Records, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. securing a Note in the original principal amount of \$145,000.00, the holder thereof pursuant to said Deed and Note thereby secured has declared the entire amount of said indebtedness due and payable and, pursuant to the power of sale contained in said Deed, will on the first Tuesday, April 5, 2022, during

to serve a copy of the answer upon the plaintiff (if pro se) or upon the plaintiff's attorney (if represented). Witness the Honorable CHEVEDA D. MCCAMY Judge of the Superior Court of Newton County.

**THIS, THE 25TH** day of **FEBRUARY** 2022

PUBLIC NOTICE #300651

03/13,20,27-04/03

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

**CRISSY THOMAS**  
PLAINTIFF,  
V  
**SAMUEL BUSH**  
DEFENDANT,

**ACTION NO.2021-CV-2142-2**

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

**TO SAMUEL BUSH**  
2819 CLAYTON DR  
BALDOSTA GA 31602

**BY NOTICE** for Publication dated the 16TH day of FEBRUARY 2022 you are hereby notified that on the 9TH OF FEBRUARY, 2022 the Plaintiff, CRISSY THOMAS filed suit against you for Divorce. You are required to file an Answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the Notice for Publication with the clerk of Superior Court of the Newton County and to serve a copy of the answer upon the plaintiff (if pro se) or upon the plaintiff's attorney (if represented). Witness the Honorable LAYLA H. ZON Judge of the Superior Court of Newton County.

**THIS, THE 16TH** day of **FEBRUARY** 2022

PUBLIC NOTICE #300579

02/27-3/6,13,20

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

VERNIDA BOOSE

PLAINTIFF,

V

FRED BOOSE

DEFENDANT,

ACTION NO.2022-CV-129-3

**NOTICE OF SUMMONS- SERVICE BY PUBLICATION**

**TO FRED BOOSE**  
230 MEADOWRIDGE DR  
COVINGTON GA 30016

**BY NOTICE** for Publication dated the 23TH day of FEBRUARY 2022 you are hereby notified that on the 01/21/2022 the Plaintiff, VERNIDA BOOSE filed suit against you for Divorce. You are required to file an Answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the Notice for Publication with the clerk of Superior Court of the Newton County and to serve a copy of the answer upon the plaintiff (if pro se) or upon the plaintiff's attorney (if represented). Witness the Honorable LAYLA H. ZON Judge of the Superior Court of Newton County.

**THIS, THE 23RD** day of **FEBRUARY** 2022

PUBLIC NOTICE #300615

03/6,13,20,27

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF NEWTON

NOTICE OF SALE

UNDER POWER

Foreclosures

**BECAUSE OF** a default under the terms of the Security Deed executed by **Phillip Conyers Jr.** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Homestar Financial Corp. dated July 13, 2012, and recorded in Deed Book 3052, Page 323, Newton County Records, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed to Wells Fargo Bank, nA, securing a Note in the original principal amount of \$74,128.00, the holder thereof

or parcel of land lying and being in land Lot 161 of the 10th District, City of Covington, Newton County, Georgia, being Part of Lot 4, Block E of Brown Bridge Crossing, according to a survey for Chard E. Donaldson and Tina R. Donaldson by Georgia A. Butcher GA R.L.S., no. 1903, dated May 30, 1991 and being more particularly described as follows:

**BEGINNING AT** an iron pin found located on the Northeasterly right of way line of Melody Court said point being 345.63 feet northerly along the Easterly right of way line of Melody court from the Intersection of the Easterly right of way line of Melody court and the Northerly right of way line of Melody Circle; Thence Leaving the Northerly right of way line of Melody court and Running North 80 Degrees 32 Minutes 14 Seconds East a Distance of 57.96 Feet to an iron pin set; Thence Running North 20 Degrees 25 Minutes 02 Seconds East a Distance of 22.20 feet to an iron pine set; Thence Running South 49 Degrees 43 Minutes 45 Seconds West a Distance of 76.29 Feet to an iron pin found and the Point of Beginning this being the same property deeded from Rotomco Inc to Chad E Donaldson and Tina R Donaldson by Warranty deed Dated May 31 1991 and recorded in deed book 398, page 194, public records of Newton County, Georgia.

**THE DEBT** secured by said Deed To Secure Debt has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Home Equity Line of Credit Agreement ("Agreement")/ Disclosure Statement and Deed To Secure Debt. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Deed To Secure Debt 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 unpaid water or sewage bills that constitute a lien against the property whether due and payable or not due and payable and which may not be of record, any right of redemption of any taxing authority, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Deed To Secure Debt first set out above including but not limited to that certain Security Deed given by George W. Siders and Mitzie C. Siders to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Crescent Mortgage Company dated 05/22/2006 and filed 06/07/2006, recorded in Deed Book 2204, Pages 123-138, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the above-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$130,400.00.

**TO THE** best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is George W. Siders and Mitzie C. Siders or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **9202 Melody Ct SW, Covington GA 30014**.

**IN COMPLIANCE** with Georgia law, please find below the contact information for the entity who has authority to negotiate, amend, and modify the terms of the loan documents which may include a note, mortgage, security deed or deed to secure debt.

**FAY SERVICING, LLC**  
1601 LBJ Freeway  
**STE 150**  
**FARMERS BRANCH TX 75234**  
**312-610-7096**

**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 Deed To Secure

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# LEGALS:

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**DEBT** TO any rights of rescission of the party conducting this foreclosure sale pursuant to Georgia law including, but not limited 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. **PLEASE NOTE** that 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 and final review by the party conducting this foreclosure sale for compliance with contractual and legal obligations pursuant to the terms of the loan documents and State and Federal law, including but not limited to any and all rights of rescission. **RELIANT LOAN** Servicing , LLC, as Attorney in Fact for George W. Siders and Mitzie C. Siders **BY: ANDREW D. Gleason** **ATTORNEY FOR** Reliant Loan Servicing , LLC

**LEFKOFF, RUBIN,** Gleason, Russo & Williams, P.C. **5555 GLENRIDGE** Connector **SUITE 900** **ATLANTA, GEORGIA** 30342 **(404)869-6900** **(404)869-6909 (FAX)**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300607**  
**03/6,13,20,27**

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

**BY VIRTUE** of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from **MARY M. LAMAR** to **MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC.** AS GRANTEE, AS NOMINEE FOR HOME123 CORPORATION, dated December 20, 2005, recorded December 29, 2005, in Deed Book 2084, Page 40 , Newton County, Georgia Records, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of Nineteen Thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$19,000.00), with interest thereon as provided for therein, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned and transferred to Pinta, LLC for benefit of Wachovia Capital Markets, LLC, 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 April, 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 129 OF THE 10TH DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA AND BEING LOT 7 OF LAKEVIEW ESTATE SUBDIVISION AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 37, PAGES 213-214, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS, WHICH PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN AND MADE A PART HEREOF BY REFERENCE FOR A MORE COMPLETED AND PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION.** **SAID LEGAL** description being controlling, however the property is more commonly known as **9146 LAKEVIEW PLACE SOUTHWEST, COVINGTON, GA 30014.** **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 know 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 **MARY M. LAMAR**, 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: NewRez LLC, F/K/A New Penn Financial, LLC, D/B/A Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, Loss Mitigation Dept., 75 Beattie Place, Ste. 300, Greenville, SC 29601, Telephone Number: 800-365-7107. 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. **PINTA, LLC** FOR BENEFIT OF WACHOVIA CAPITAL MARKETS, LLC **AS ATTORNEY** in Fact for **MARY M. LAMAR** **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. SHP-21-01426-1

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300610**  
**03/06,13,20,27**

**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 **Jermaine Glanton** to Mortgage Electronic

Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Primary Residential Mortgage, Incorporated, its successors and assigns, dated March 9, 2012, recorded in Deed Book 2991, Page 329, Newton County, Georgia Records and as modified by that certain Loan Modification Agreement recorded in Deed Book 3689, Page 498, Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Wells Fargo Bank, NA by assignment recorded in Deed Book 4211, Page 439, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-FOUR THOUSAND AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$184,000.00), 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 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.

**UMB BANK**, National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as legal title trustee for LVS Title Trust XIII 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: Rushmore Loan Management Services, LLC, 15480 Laguna Canyon Road, Suite 100, Irvine, CA 92618, 888-504-7300.

**TO THE** best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Jermaine Glanton or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **9115 Bandywood Way SW, Covington, Georgia 30014.**

**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. **UMB BANK**, National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as legal title trustee for LVS Title Trust XIII **AS ATTORNEY** in Fact for **JERMAINE GLANTON** **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 237 of the 9th District, Newton County, Georgia, being Lot 16, Phase I of Inglewood Park Subdivision, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 47, page 47-54, Newton County, Georgia Records, which recorded plat is incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this description.

**MR/MEH** 4/5/22 **OUR FILE** no. 5294618 - FT18

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300646**  
**03/6,13,20,27**

**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 **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**  
**03/13,20,27-3/6,13,20,27**

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

**UNDER AND** by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Deed to Secure Debt given by **Neil Johnson and Neville E. Johnson** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS") as nominee for Ohio Savings Bank, dated August 23, 2006, and recorded in Deed Book 2272, Page 71, Newton County, Georgia records, as last transferred to HSBC Bank USA, N.A., as trustee, on behalf of the holders of the J.P. Morgan Alternative Loan Trust 2007-A1 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates by Assignment recorded in Deed Book 3065, Page 369, Newton County, Georgia records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of \$326,250.00, 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, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in April, 2022, to wit: April 5, 2022, the following described property: **ALL THAT** tract or parcel of land, lying and being in Land Lot 27 of the 8th District of Newton County, Georgia, and being more particularly described as follows:

**BEGINNING** AT the intersection of the East right-of-way of Polly Court with the South right-of-way of Harvey Avenue and thence Southerly along the right-of-way of Harvey Avenue, a distance of 368.76 feet to the true point of beginning; **THENCE SOUTH** 42 degrees 39 minutes 20 seconds, East for a distance of 227.39 feet to a point; **THENCE ALONG** a curve to the left having a radius of 330.00 feet and an arc length of 89.73 feet, being subtended by a chord of South 48 degrees 44 minutes, 08 seconds, East for a distance of 59.80 feet to a point; **THENCE SOUTH** 18 degrees 29 minutes 00 seconds, West for a distance of 133.82 feet to a point; **THENCE SOUTH** 03 degrees 58 minutes 08 seconds, West for a distance of 536.70 feet to a point; **THENCE NORTH** 87 degrees 58 minutes 27 seconds, West for a distance of 229.69 feet to a point; **THENCE NORTH** 06 degrees 26 minutes 31 seconds, East for a distance of 874.09 feet to a point at the true point of beginning. **PARCEL NO.** 0031A-02 **THE DEBT** secured by said Deed to Secure Debt has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Deed to Secure Debt. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Deed to Secure Debt and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).

**SAID PROPERTY** is commonly known as **80 Harvey Avenue, Covington, GA 30014**, together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): Neville E. Johnson or tenant or tenants.

**SAID PROPERTY** will be sold subject to (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), (b) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (c) all matters of record superior to the Deed to Secure Debt first set out above, including, but not limited to,

assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, easements, restrictions, covenants, etc.

**THE SALE** will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; (2) O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1; and (3) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed.

**PURSUANT TO** O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and nonjudicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided in the preceding paragraph.

**PURSUANT TO** O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2, the entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is:

**SELECT PORTFOLIO** Servicing, Inc. **ATTENTION: LOSS** Mitigation Department **3217 S.** Decker Lake Drive **SALT LAKE CITY,** Utah 84119 **1-888-818-6032**

**THE FOREGOING** notwithstanding, nothing in O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require the secured creditor to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the Deed to Secure Debt described herein.

**THIS SALE** is conducted on behalf of the secured creditor under the power of sale granted in the aforementioned security instrument, specifically being

**HSBC BANK USA, N.A.,** as trustee, on behalf of the holders of the J.P. Morgan Alternative Loan Trust 2007-A1 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates

**AS ATTORNEY** in fact for **NEIL JOHNSON** and Neville E. Johnson **RICHARD B.** Maner, P.C. **180 INTERSTATE N** Parkway, Suite 200 **ATLANTA, GA** 30339 **404.252.6385** **THIS LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT.** ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. **FC22-016**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300613**  
**03/6,13,20,27**

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

**BY VIRTUE** of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from **Alfonso M. Giscombe and Lucille J. Giscombe** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., its successors and assigns, dated March 30, 2006 and recorded on April 14, 2006 in Deed Book 2162, Page 252, in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date, in the original principal amount of Three Hundred Fifty-Two Thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$352,000.00) with interest thereon as provided therein, as last transferred to The Bank of New York Mellon fka The Bank of New York, as trustee for the Certificateholders CWABS, Inc. Asset-Backed Certificates Series 2006-12, recorded in Deed Book 2719, Page 124, aforesaid records, 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 has or may be lawfully designated as an alternative location, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in April, 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 231, 9TH DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 108, THE SOUTH LINKS AT COVINGTON SUBDIVISION, PHASE ONE, AS PER PLAT RECORDED AT PLAT BOOK 40, PAGES 81-89, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS, WHICH PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY THIS REFERENCE AND MADE A PART HEREOF.**

**SAID PROPERTY** may more commonly be known as **70 South Links Drive, 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, non-payment of the monthly installments on said loan. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).

**THE INDIVIDUAL** or entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the loan is Specialized Loan Servicing, LLC, 6200 S. Quebec, Greenwood Village, CO 80111, 800-315-4757.

**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: a) zoning ordinances; b) matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; c) any outstanding ad valorem taxes, including taxes, which constitute liens upon said property whether or not now due and payable; d) special assessments; e) the right of redemption of any taxing authority; f) all outstanding bills for public utilities which constitute liens upon said property; g) all restrictive covenants, easements, rights-of-way and any other matters of record superior to said Security Deed. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owners and party in possession of the property are Alfonso M. Giscombe and Lucille J. Giscombe and or tenant(s). 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.

**THE BANK** of New York Mellon FKA The Bank of New York, as Trustee for the certificateholders of the CWABS,

Inc., Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-12 as Attorney-in-Fact for Alfonso M. Giscombe, and Lucille J. Giscombe **CONTACT: PADGETT** Law Group: 6267 Old Water Oak Road, Suite 203, Tallahassee, FL 32312; (850) 422-2520

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300496**  
**03/06,13,20,27**

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

**PURSUANT TO** the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Arthur Hickerson** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Primary Residential Mortgage, Inc., its successors and assigns dated 7/21/2017 and recorded in Deed Book 3591 Page 437 and modified at Deed Book 4013Page 278Newton 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 \$219,942.00, 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 April 5, 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 151, 1st District, Newton County, Georgia, and being shown as Lot 2, Block A, Section II, Country Walk Subdivision, on a plat of survey of same recorded in Plat Book 32, Page 263, public records of Newton County, Georgia, which plat is by reference thereto incorporated herein and made a part hereof for a more particular and complete description.

**SAID PROPERTY** is improved with a dwelling known as 170 Country Walk, Social Circle, Georgia 30025 according to the current system of numbering houses in Newton County, Georgia.

**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 **170 Country Walk, Social Circle, GA 30025** 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): Arthur Hickerson 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 Arthur Hickerson

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

**1000-16344A** **THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT.** ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 1000-16344A

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300585**  
**03/6,13,20,27**

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

**PURSUANT TO** the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Larry G. Miller and Norma Miller** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for BMC Mortgage a Division of Bridgeview Bank Group, its successors and assigns dated 6/25/2018 and recorded in Deed Book 3722 Page 325 Newton County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by PHH Mortgage Corporation, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$157,016.00, 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 April 5, 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 88 OF THE 10TH DISTRICT OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 5 OF LAKE CHARLES ESTATES SUBDIVISION, UNIT TWO, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 33, PAGES 245 AND 246 (MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED ON PAGE 246) NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS, WHICH PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE AND MADE A PART HEREOF.** **SUBJECT TO** RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS AND GENERAL UTILITY EASEMENTS 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 Lake Charles Xing, 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): Larry G. Miller and Norma Miller or tenant or tenants.

**PHH MORTGAGE** Corporation is the entity or individual designated who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage.

**PHH MORTGAGE** Corporation One Mortgage Way Mount Laurel, NJ 08054 (800) 750-2518

**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.

**PHH MORTGAGE** Corporation as agent and Attorney in Fact for Larry G. Miller and Norma Miller **ALDRIDGE PITE, LLP,** 15 Piedmont Center, 3575 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 500, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7637

**1017-5214A** **THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT.** ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 1017-5214A

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300583**  
**03/6,13,20,27**

**NOTICE OF** Sale Under Power. State of Georgia, County of NEWTON. Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Deed to Secure Debt given by **GLENN A JOANNE KENDRICK** to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. ("MERS"), AS NOMINEE FOR PRIMERS RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE, INC., dated 02/20/2020, and, NEWTON County, Georgia records, as last assigned to PRIMARY RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE, INC. (the Secured Creditor), by assignment, conveying the after described property to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of \$157,102.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the NEWTON County Courthouse within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in April, 2022, the following described property: **ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 62 OF THE 8TH DISTRICT OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 204 OF AVERY PLACE SUBDIVISION, UNIT SIX AS SHOWN ON PLAT OF AVERY PLACE SUBDIVISION UNIT SIX AS SAME IS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 45, PAGE 267, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS.** **THE DESCRIPTION OF SAID PROPERTY AS CONTAINED ON SAID PLAT IS HEREBY INCORPORATED HEREIN AND MADE AN ESSENTIAL PART HEREOF BY REFERENCE.** The debt secured by said Deed to Secure Debt has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Deed to Secure Debt. Because the debt remains in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Deed to Secure Debt and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to

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**BE MADE** for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Deed to Secure Debt and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). PRIMARY RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE, INC. holds the duly endorsed Note and is the current assignee of the Security Deed to the property. PRIMARY RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE, INC., acting on behalf of and, as necessary, in consultation with PRIMARY RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE, INC. (the current investor on the loan), is the entity with the full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the loan. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44 14 162.2, PRIMARY RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE, INC. may be contacted at: PRIMARY RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE, INC., 1895 S. CENTRAL STREET, CENTENNIAL PARK, AZ 86021, 800 748 4424. Please note that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44 14 162.2, the secured creditor is not required to amend or modify the terms of the loan. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party/parties in possession of the subject property known as **225 OAK MEADOWS PLACE, COVINGTON, GEORGIA 30016** is/are: GLENNA JOANNE KENDRICK or tenant/tenants. Said property will be sold subject to (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), (b) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (c) all matters of record superior to the Deed to Secure Debt first set out above, including, but not limited to, assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, easements, restrictions, covenants, etc. The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 9 13 172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and nonjudicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided in the preceding paragraph. PRIMARY RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE, INC. as Attorney in Fact for GLENNA JOANNE KENDRICK. THIS LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 00000009384959 BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TURNER & ENGEL, LLP 4004 Belt Line Road, Suite 100 Addison, Texas 75001 Telephone: (972) 341 5398.

## **PUBLIC NOTICE #300616** **03/6,13,20,27**

**NOTICE OF** Sale Under Power. State of Georgia, County of NEWTON. Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Deed to Secure Debt given by **MAGGIE MAE THOMAS** to SUN AMERICA MORTGAGE CORPORATION, CORPORATION, , dated 02/07/2003, and Recorded on 02/10/2003 as Book No. 1365 and Page No. 504 512, AS AFFECTED BY BOOK 2445, PAGE 438 441, NEWTON County, Georgia records, as last assigned to TIAA FSB, DBA EVERBANK (the Secured Creditor), by assignment, conveying the after described property to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of \$117,300.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the NEWTON County Courthouse within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in April, 2022, the following described property: ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 230 OF THE 9TH LAND DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 155, UNIT FIVE OF THE WOODS OF DEARING SUBDIVISION, AS PER PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 38, PAGES 11 14, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS, WHICH PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE AND MADE A PART HEREOF. The debt secured by said Deed to Secure Debt has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Deed to Secure Debt. Because the debt remains in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Deed to Secure Debt and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). TIAA FSB, DBA EVERBANK holds the duly endorsed Note and is the current assignee of the Security Deed to the property. JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, acting on behalf of and, as necessary, in consultation with TIAA FSB, DBA EVERBANK (the current investor on the loan), is the entity with the full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the loan. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44 14 162.2, JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION may be contacted at: JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, 3415 VISION DRIVE, COLUMBUS, OH 43219, 866 505 5705. Please note that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44 14 162.2, the secured creditor is not required to amend or modify the terms of the loan. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party/parties in possession of the subject property known as **20 HALLMARK LANE, COVINGTON, GEORGIA 30014** is/are: MAGGIE MAE THOMAS or tenant/tenants. Said property will be sold subject to (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), (b) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (c) all matters of record superior to the Deed to Secure Debt first set out

above, including, but not limited to, assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, easements, restrictions, covenants, etc. The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 9 13 172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and nonjudicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided in the preceding paragraph. TIAA FSB, DBA EVERBANK as Attorney in Fact for MAGGIE MAE THOMAS. THIS LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 00000005614003 BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TURNER & ENGEL, LLP 4004 Belt Line Road, Suite 100 Addison, Texas 75001 Telephone: (972) 341 5398.

## **PUBLIC NOTICE #300618** **03/6,13,20,27**

**NOTICE OF** Sale Under Power. State of Georgia, County of NEWTON. Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Deed to Secure Debt given by **MICHELLE HUTCHISON** to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR UNITED WHOLESAL MORTGAGE , dated 12/15/2008, and Recorded on 12/16/2008 as Book No. 2671 and Page No. 105 114, NEWTON County, Georgia records, as last assigned to WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY FSB, AS TRUSTEE OF TAMARACK MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST A (the Secured Creditor), by assignment, conveying the after described property to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of \$83,686.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the NEWTON County Courthouse within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in April, 2022, the following described property: ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOTS 224 AND 225 OF THE 10TH DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 4, BLOCK A, VICTORIA STATION SUBDIVISION, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 40, PAGES 156, NEWTON COUNTY RECORDS, WHICH PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE. The debt secured by said Deed to Secure Debt has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Deed to Secure Debt. Because the debt remains in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Deed to Secure Debt and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY FSB, AS TRUSTEE OF TAMARACK MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST A holds the duly endorsed Note and is the current assignee of the Security Deed to the property. CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC, acting on behalf of and, as necessary, in consultation with WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY FSB, AS TRUSTEE OF TAMARACK MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST A (the current investor on the loan), is the entity with the full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the loan. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44 14 162.2, CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC may be contacted at: CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC, 1600 SOUTH DOUGLASS ROAD, SUITE 200 A, ANAHEIM, CA 92806, 800 561 4567. Please note that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44 14 162.2, the secured creditor is not required to amend or modify the terms of the loan. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party/parties in possession of the subject property known as **40 VICTORIA BLVD, OXFORD, GEORGIA 30054** is/are: MICHELLE HUTCHISON or tenant/tenants. Said property will be sold subject to (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), (b) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (c) all matters of record superior to the Deed to Secure Debt first set out above, including, but not limited to, assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, easements, restrictions, covenants, etc. The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 9 13 172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and nonjudicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided in the preceding paragraph. WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY FSB, AS TRUSTEE OF TAMARACK MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST A as Attorney in Fact for MICHELLE HUTCHISON. THIS LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. To obtain options and alternatives to foreclosure please contact Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC directly, toll free by the following telephone number: (800 561 4567). 00000009333808 BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TURNER & ENGEL, LLP 4004 Belt Line Road, Suite 100 Addison, Texas

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## **PUBLIC NOTICE #300617** **03/6,13,20,27**

## **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 **Albert L Fletcher and Floyd B Dean** to Bank of America, N.A., dated November 28, 2007, recorded in Deed Book 2539, Page 169, Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Forethought Life Insurance Company by assignment recorded in Deed Book 3621, Page 327, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of EIGHTY THOUSAND AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$80,000.00), 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 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. **FORETHOUGHT LIFE** Insurance Company 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: Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc., 3217 S. Decker Lake Dr., Salt Lake City, UT 84119, 888-818-6032. **TO THE** best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Albert L Fletcher, Estate Of Floyd Dean and Floyd B Dean or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **5127 Avery St SW, Covington, Georgia 30014**. **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. **FORETHOUGHT LIFE** Insurance Company **AS ATTORNEY** in Fact for **ALBERT L Fletcher** and **Floyd B Dean** **MCALLA 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 250, District 9, Newton County, Georgia, as shown on a Plat of Survey for Mary E. Sims by John E. Knight (R.L.S. 1945), dated July 2, 1999 and recorded in Plat Book 34, page 187, aforesaid records; Said property containing a house and is currently known as 5127 Avery Street, Covington, Newton County, Georgia. **MR/MEH 4/5/22** **OUR FILE** no. 22-06453GA - FT 1

## **PUBLIC NOTICE #300612** **03/6,13,20,27**

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

**UNDER AND** by virtue of the power of sale contained with that certain Security Deed dated November 9, 2018, from **Fabian Lopez-Cazares** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for HomeBridge Financial Services, Inc, recorded on December 5, 2018 in Deed Book 3777 at Page 519 Newton County, Georgia records, having been last sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed to Homebridge Financial Services, Inc. by Assignment and said Security Deed having been given to secure a note dated November 9, 2018, in the amount of \$254,505.00, and said Note being in default, the undersigned will sell at public outcry during the legal hours of sale before the door of the courthouse of Newton County, Georgia, on April 5, 2022 the following described real property (hereinafter referred to as the "Property"): ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 124, 10TH DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 15, WILLOW CREEK ESTATES, PHASE I, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 45, PAGES 33-39, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS, WHICH PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY THIS REFERENCE AND MADE A PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION. The debt secured by the Security Deed and evidenced by the Note and has been, and is hereby, declared due and payable because of, among other possible events of default, failure to make the payments as required by the terms of the Note. The debt remaining is in default and this sale will be made for the purposes of paying the Security Deed, accrued interest, and all expenses of the sale, including attorney's fees. Notice of intention to collect attorneys' fees has been given as provided by law. To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, the person(s) in

possession of the property is/ are Fabian Lopez-Cazares. The property, being commonly known as **305 Stonecreek Pkwy, Covington, GA, 30016** in Newton County, will be sold as the property of Fabian Lopez-Cazares, subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien and not yet due and payable), any matters affecting title to the property which would be disclosed by accurate survey and inspection thereof, and all assessments, liens, encumbrances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record to the Security Deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2, the name, address and telephone number of the individual or entity who shall have the full authority to negotiate, amend or modify all terms of the above described mortgage is as follows: ServiceMac, LLC, 9726 Old Bailes Road, Suite 200, Fort Mill, SC 29707, 844-478-2622 . The foregoing notwithstanding, nothing in O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2 shall require the secured creditor to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the mortgage instrument. The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under U.S. Bankruptcy code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed. Albertelli Law Attorney for Homebridge Financial Services, Inc. as Attorney in Fact for Fabian Lopez-Cazares 100 Galleria Parkway, Suite 960 Atlanta, GA 30339 Phone: (770) 373-4242 By: Rohan Rupani For the Firm THIS FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. - 22-000106 A-4741793

## **PUBLIC NOTICE #300619** **03/6,13,20,27**

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

**PURSUANT** to the power of sale contained in the Security Deed executed by **TIMOTHY R. MASK AND WANDA H. MASK A/K/A WANDA L. MASK** to JAMES B. NUTTER & COMPANY in the original principal amount of \$133,796.00 dated May 25, 2013 and recorded in Deed Book 3139 , Page 325, Newton County records, the undersigned will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, before the Courthouse door in said County, or at such other place as lawfully designated, within the legal hours of sale, on April 05, 2022, the property in said Security Deed and described as follows:

**THE LAND** REFERRED TO HEREIN IS SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF NEWTON, STATE OF GA, AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 205 OF THE 9TH DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEROGIA, BEING TRACT 3, AS PER PLAT OF SURVEY PREPARED FOR REGGIE BONDS, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 36, PAGE 117, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS. **SAID PROPERTY** being known as: **11566 HIGHWAY 36, COVINGTON, GA 30014** **TO THE** best of the undersigned's knowledge, the party or parties in possession of said property is/are TIMOTHY R. MASK AND WANDA H. MASK A/K/A WANDA L. MASK or tenant(s). **THE DEBT** secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due and payable because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as provided for in the Note and said Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of sale, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).

**SAID PROPERTY** will be sold subject to the following: (1) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, whether or not yet due and payable); (2) the right of redemption of any taxing authority; (3) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property; and (4) any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above. **SAID SALE** will be conducted subject to the following: (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. **THE NAME**, address, and telephone number of the individual or entity who has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage is as follows: **JAMES B.** Nutter & Company 4153 Broadway Blvd **KANSAS CITY, MO 64111 1-816-531-2345** **NOTE** THAT pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, the above individual or entity is not required by law to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the mortgage. **THIS LAW FIRM** IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. **JAMES B. NUTTER & COMPANY**, as Attorney-in-Fact for **TIMOTHY R. MASK** AND **WANDA H. MASK A/K/A WANDA L. MASK ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ**, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC 10700 Abbott's Bridge Road Suite 170 Duluth, GA 30097 Phone: 470.321.7112 **FIRM FILE** No. 22-003688

## **PUBLIC NOTICE #300441** **01/23,03/6,13,20,27**

## **STATE OF GEORGIA** **NEWTON COUNTY**

**UNDER AND** by virtue of the power of sale contained in Security Deed and Agreement from **William L. Anderson and Deena M. Anderson**, to Newton Federal Bank, said Security Deed and Agreement dated April 26, 2013, filed for record and recorded May 1, 2013 in Deed Book 3122, Page(s) 211-223, Newton County, Georgia records; securing a note from William L. Anderson and Deena M. Anderson, to Newton

Federal Bank, in the principal amount of \$35,000.00, will be sold by the undersigned in front of the Courthouse door in Newton County, Georgia, on the first Tuesday in April, 2022 during the legal hours of sale, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property, to wit: **ALL THAT** tract or parcel of land lying and being in the City of Porterdale, Newton County, Georgia, and being shown as Lot 325 on plat entitled "Village Subdivision, Bibb Manufacturing Company, Porterdale, Georgia" prepared by Dalton & Neves, Engineers, dated October, 1963, which plat is of record in the Clerk's Office, Newton County Superior Court, in Plat Book 3, Pages 219, 221 and 223; said lot having the metes, bounds and dimensions as shown by said plat which by this reference thereto is incorporated herein and made a part hereof. There is located on said property a dwelling known as **17 Hazel Street, Porterdale, Georgia. MAP/PARCEL ID: P0020 00000 267 000** **SUBJECT PROPERTY** Address: 17 Hazel Street Porterdale, GA 30070 **THE DEBT** secured by said Deed to Secure Debt has been and is hereby declared due and payable because of failure to comply with certain terms and conditions in said Deed to Secure Debt. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying said indebtedness including all accrued and unpaid interest thereon, and attorney fees and all expenses of said sale, and the remainder, if any, shall be applied as provided by law.

**TO THE** best of the undersigned's knowledge and belief the property is in the possession of William L. Anderson and Deena M. Anderson, deceased, and said property will be sold as the property of William L. Anderson and Deena M. Anderson, deceased. Notice of the initiation of proceedings to exercise the said power of sale and to collect attorney fees as provided in said note has been given to William L. Anderson and Deena M. Anderson, deceased, as provided by law in Section 44-14-162.2 and Section 13-1-11, respectively, Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

**THIS 2ND** day of March, 2022, NEWTON FEDERAL BANK, AS ATTORNEY-IN-FACT FOR WILLIAM L. ANDERSON AND DEENA M. ANDERSON, DECEASED **STRICKLAND &** Strickland, LLP **P.O. BOX 70 COVINGTON, GA 30015-0070 770-786-5460 PHONE 770-786-5499 FAX**

## **PUBLIC NOTICE #300647** **03/6,13,20,27**

Juvenile Court		
<p><b>IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF</b> <b>THE NEWTON COUNTY</b> <b>STATE OF GEORGIA</b></p>		
<p><b>IN THE INTEREST OF:</b> <b>A.G. SEX:</b> Female <b>DOB:</b> 06/22/2009 Case #107-22J-0070 <b>A CHILD</b> Under 18 Years of Age</p>		
<p><b>SUMMONS</b></p>		
<p><b>TO:</b> <b>AMANDA</b> RUTH DANIEL GALVAN, Mother to the Minor Child Named Above</p>		
<p><b>A PETITION</b> to Terminate Parental Rights has been filed in this Court on January 26, 2022, by the Georgia Department of Human Services, by and through the Newton County Department of Family and Children Services, concerning the above child. In accordance with O.C.G.A. §15-11-281, you are hereby notified that this proceeding and the hearing specified herein is for the purpose of terminating your parental rights and to place permanent custody of said child with the Georgia Department of Human Services, by and through the Newton County Department of Family and Children Services, pending adoption. The Court shall mail a copy of said Petition to the last known address of the above-named parent(s) within fifteen (15) days of filing the Order of Service by Publication. 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.</p>		
<p><b>NOW, THEREFORE</b>, you, the party named above, are commanded to be and appear on the date and time stated below, and to remain in attendance from hour to hour, day to day, month to month, year to year, and time to time, as said case may be continued, and until discharged from the Court, and you are commanded to lay any and all business aside and to be and appear in said Court at the time and place below stated, each of you then and there to make defense thereto and to show cause why the said child(ren) and all parties named herein should not be dealt with according to the provisions of the law.</p>		

**NOTICE OF EFFECT OF TERMINATION JUDGMENT** **GEORGIA LAW** provides that you can permanently lose your rights as a parent. A Petition to Terminate Parental Rights has been filed requesting the Court to terminate your parental rights to your child. A copy of said Petition to Terminate Parental Rights can be obtained from the Clerk of the Newton County Juvenile Court. A Court hearing of your case has been scheduled for the 31st day of May, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. The hearing will be held in a virtual courtroom via Zoom. The Zoom link has not been provided at this time. The parties are directed to contact the Clerk of Court, Newton County Juvenile Court, (770) 784-2060, to provide an email address where you would like to receive the Zoom link. In the event you have any questions please contact Robert Powell prior to the hearing at (770) 787-1952. **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, the Court can enter a judgment ending your rights to your child. **IF THE** judgment terminates your parental rights, you will no longer have any rights to your child. This means that you will not have the

right to visit, contact, or have custody of your child or make any decisions affecting your child or your child's earnings or property. Your child 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's care unless and until your child is adopted; and **(2) YOUR** child can still inherit from you unless and until your child is adopted. **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 Candice Branche, Judge of said Court, this 17th day of February, 2022.

**/S/ JANELL** Gaines **CLERK, JUVENILE** Court of Newton County, Georgia

## **PUBLIC NOTICE #300567** **02/27-3/6,13,20**

Name Changes
<p><b>STATE OF GEORGIA</b> <b>COUNTY OF NEWTON</b> <b>NOTICE OF PETITION TO</b> <b>CHANGE NAME</b></p>
<p><b>CIVIL ACTION</b> Number: 2022-SUCV-534-2</p>

**NOTICE IS** hereby given that FATOUMATA FATIM KASSOGUE a/k/a FATOUMATA LY a/k/a FATOUMATA LY GUYTON; the undersigned, filed her Petition in the Superior Court of NEWTON County, Georgia on March 15, 2022, for a change in the name of Petitioner from **FATOUMATALY a/k/a. FATOUMATA LY GUYTON, to FATOUMATA FATIM KASSOGUE**. Notice is hereby given pursuant to law to any interested or affected parties to appear in said .Court and to file objections to such name change. Objections must be filed with **SAID COURT** within 30 days of the filing of said Petition.

**THIS 15TH** day of March 2022

**A/K/A FATOUMATA LY**  
**AFKA/ FATOUMATA LY GUYTON**

**LINDA D. HAYS**, CLERK NEWTON COUNTY, GA

## **PUBLIC NOTICE #300689** **03/20,27-4/3,10**

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

**IN RE** the Name Change of Child(ren):  
**CHAZMIN HINES**  
**CHELCY HINES**

**RAMERIA HINES**  
**PETITIONER,**  
**V.**  
**OBJECTORS**  
**RESPONDENT.**

## **CIVIL ACTION NUMBER** **2022-CV-399-5**

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

**RAMERIA J. HINES** filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on FEBRUARY 25 2022, to change the name of the following minor child from: **CHAZMIN R. HINES** to **CHAZMIN R. CURRY** **TO CHANGE** the name of the following minor child from: **CHELCY E. HINES** to **CHELCY E. CURRY** **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).

**RAMERIA J. HINES**  
**90 TAMALYNN TRAIL**  
**COVINGTON GA 30016**

## **PUBLIC NOTICE #300652** **03/13,20,27-04/3**

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

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

**JAHMERAH PARKER**  
**PETITIONER,**  
**V.**

**RESPONDENT.**

## **CIVIL ACTION NUMBER** **2022-CV—201-5**

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

**JAHMERAH PARKER** filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on 2022, to change the name of the following minor child from: JAMARIM AMIR DEION VINSON to JAMARIM 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** **03/13,20,27-04/3**

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

**IN RE** the Name Change of

**See LEGALS, B6**



# LEGALS:

Continued from B5

**CHILD(REN):**  
**RUHAMAH GABRIELLE MOSES**  
**BRIANA NICOLE MOSES**  
**PETITIONER,**  
**V.**  
**ERIC MOSES**  
**RESPONDENT.**  
**CIVIL ACTION NUMBER**  
**2022-CV-501-4**

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

**BRIANA NICOLE MOSES** filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on March 10, 2022, to change the name of the following minor child from: **RUHAMAH GABRIELLE MOSES** to **JOY GABRIELLE MOSES**. 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).

**BRAINAN MOSES**  
**135 LAZY HOLLOW LN**  
**COVINGTON GA 30016**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300687**  
**03/20,28-4/3,10**

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

**IN RE** the Name Change of:  
**AVERY CHARLES HAUGHTON**  
**PETITIONER,**

**CIVIL ACTION NUMBER**  
**2022-CV-364-1**

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

**AVERY CHARLES HAUGHTON** filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on FEBRUARY 21, 2022 to change the name from **AVERY CHARLES HAUGHTON** to **AVERY CHARLES SAMUELS**. Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objection within 30 days after the Petition was filed.

**02/21/2022**

**AVERY CHARLES HAUGHTON**  
**105 CREEK WAY**  
**COVINGTON GA 30016**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300622**  
**03/6,13,20,27**

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

**IN RE** the Name Change of:  
**CHRISTINA MEDINA**  
**PETITIONER,**

**CIVIL ACTION NUMBER**  
**2022-CV-331-2**

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

**CHRISTINA MEDINA** filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on FEBRUARY 15, 2022 to change the name from **CHRISTINA MEDINA** to **CHRISTINA JAUREGUI MEDINA**. Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objection within 30 days after the Petition was filed.

**02/15/2022**

**CHRISTINA MEDINA**  
**40 WELDON PL**  
**COVINGTON, GA 30016**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300577**  
**02/27-3/6,13,20**

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

**IN RE** the Name Change of:  
**ESSENCE LATRICE FYFE**  
**PETITIONER,**

**CIVIL ACTION NUMBER**  
**2022-CV-458-5**

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

**ESSENCE LATRICE FYFE** filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on MARCH 3, 2022 to change the name from **KESSENCE LATRICE FYFE** to **ESSENCE LATRICE ANCRUM**. Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objection within 30 days after the Petition was filed.

**03/03/22**  
**ESSENCE LATRICE FYFE**  
**390 SHIVER BLVD**  
**COVINGTON GA 30016**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300660**  
**03/13,20,27-4/3**

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

**IN RE** the Name Change of:  
**JAZELLE JAMES**  
**PETITIONER,**

**CIVIL ACTION NUMBER**  
**2022-CV-446-3**

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

**JAZELLE JAMES** filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on MARCH 2, 2022 to change the name from **JAZELLE JAMES (JAZELLE ALEXIA JAMES)** to **KODY BLEU KACHÉ**. Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objection within 30 days after the Petition was filed.

**03/02/22**  
**JAZELLE JAMES**  
**3828 SALEM RD**  
**COVINGTON GA 30016**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300659**  
**03/13,20,27-4/3**

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

**IN RE** the Name Change of:  
**JOSEPH TIMOTHY POSTON SR.**  
**PETITIONER,**

**CIVIL ACTION NUMBER**  
**2021-CV-323-4**

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO**

**CHANGE NAME OF ADULT**

**MALE POSTON** filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on FEBRUARY 14, 2022 to change the name from **MALE POSTON** to **JOSEPH TIMOTHY POSTON SR.** Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objection within 30 days after the Petition was filed.

**02/14/2022**

**JOSEPH TIMOTHY POSTON SR**  
**1130 MILLS COVE DRIVE**  
**COVINGTON GA 30016**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300569**  
**02/27-3/6,13,20**

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

**IN RE** the Name Change of:  
**KERRY HARVEY FORTUNE III**  
**PETITIONER,**

**CIVIL ACTION NUMBER**  
**2022-CV-459-1**

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

**KERRY HARVEY FORTUNE III** filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on MARCH 4, 2022 to change the name from **KERRY HARVEY FORTUNE III** to **DIESEL TREY VANDERBROOK**. Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objection within 30 days after the Petition was filed.

**03/04/22**

**KERRY HARVEY FORTUNE**  
**21 FAIRLANE DR**  
**COVINGTON GA 30016**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300661**  
**03/13,20,27-04/03**

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

**IN RE** the Name Change of:  
**MELODY STONER**  
**PETITIONER,**

**CIVIL ACTION NUMBER**  
**2022-CV-354-5**

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

**MELODY STONER** filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on FEBRUARY 18, 2022 to change the name from **MELODY STONER** to **MELODY LOVE LEIGH**. Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objection within 30 days after the Petition was filed.

**02/18/2022**

**MELODY STONER**  
**70 CREEKSIDE LANE**  
**COVINGTON, GA 30016**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300649**  
**03/13,20,27-4/3**

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

**IN RE** the Name Change of:  
**T'NEAL ZARIAH WHITEHEAD-MCGUIRE**  
**PETITIONER,**

**CIVIL ACTION NUMBER**  
**2021-CV-315-2**

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

**T'NEAL ZARIAH WHITEHEAD-MCGUIRE** filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on FEBRUARY 11, 2022 to change the name from **T'NEAL ZARIAH WHITEHEAD-MCGUIRE** to **T'NEAL ZARIAH WHITEHEAD-MCGUIRE GRIFFIN**. Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objection within 30 days after the Petition was filed.

**02/9/2022**

**T'NEAL Z. WHITEHEAD- MCGUIRE**  
**175 FAIRWAY TRAIL**  
**COVINGTON GA 30014**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300570**  
**02/27-3/6,13,20**

**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. SPECIAL Use: PSU22-0001**  
**REQUEST: ADULT** Daycare  
**LOCATION: 9135 Ford St.,**  
**TAX MAP Parcel Number: C032 0002 005**  
**APPLICANT(S): DOROTHY** Mae Jackson  
**OWNER(S): GAIL** Tucker  
**B. SPECIAL Use – PSU22-0002**  
**REQUEST: NURSING** Care Services /Community Access Group  
**LOCATION: 4136 Newton Drive Tax Map Parcel Number: C0009 0014 002**  
**OWNER(S): MARLENE** Powell Bryan  
**Applicant: Marlene Powell Bryan C. Board/Staff Discussion: A. DUPLEXES**  
**B. DEVELOPMENT** update  
**C. CIVIC** design threshold  
**D. HOMELESS** shelters  
**THE PLANNING** Commission will conduct the First Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 12th, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor and Council conducting the Final Public Hearing, on Monday, April 18th, 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/83634069285> Dial in 1-646-558-8656 – Meeting ID: 836 3406 9285

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300701**  
**03/20**

**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 Wednesday, April 6th, 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# - PMOD221-0002**  
**REQUEST: HOME &** garage addition  
**LOCATION: 4101** Conyers St.,  
**TMP#: C10 0009 012**  
**PROPERTY OWNER(S)/**  
**APPLICANT(S):** Kent Campbell, Jr.  
**ALL INTERESTED** parties are invited to participate, meeting will be held in person. For additional information, contact Renee Criswell, at [rcriswell@cityofcovington.org](mailto: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/89979253659> BY CALLING 1-646-558-8656, Meeting ID: 899 7925 3659

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300700**  
**03/20**

**Public Notice**

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

**TERRI GILMORE**  
**PLAINTIFF,**

**V.**

**NOEL HUGGETT,**  
**DEFENDANT.**  
**CIVIL ACTION FILE NO.:**  
**SUCV2021000341**

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

**TO: NOEL** Huggett  
**3469 TRADDSPPRINGS Way**  
**SNELLVILLE, GEORGIA 30039**

**BY ORDER** of the Court for service by publication dated March 9, 2022, you are hereby notified that on February 15, 2021, Teri Gilmore (plaintiff) filed suit against you for a traffic accident that occurred due to your negligence on October 14, 2018.  
**YOU ARE** required to file an answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for publication with the clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County and to serve a copy of the answer upon the plaintiff (if pro se) or upon the plaintiffs attorney (if represented).  
**WITNESS,** The Honorable Cheveda D. McCamy, Judge of the Superior Court of Newton County.  
**THIS 10<sup>th</sup>** day of March 2022.  
**CLERK OF** Newton County Superior Court Linda D. Hays

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300682**  
**03/20,27-04/3,10**

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

**JAMES ANTHONY RYAN,**  
**PETITIONER,**  
**V.**  
**SHARON JANET IVY RYAN,**  
**RESPONDENT.**

**CIVIL ACTION FILE NUMBER**  
**2021-CV-2583-3**  
**SUCV2021002583**

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

**TO: SHARON JANET IVY RYAN,**  
Respondent

**YOU ARE** hereby notified that the above-styled action seeking a Custody Determination and Child Support was filed against you in Newton County Superior Court on November 16, 2021, and that by reason of an order for service of summons by publication entered by the Court on Feb 17, 2022, you are hereby commanded and required to file with the Clerk of Newton County Superior Court and serve upon Ramses Frangie, Esq., attorney for Petitioner, whose address is: **CORPORATE SQUARE 347 DAHLONEGA Street Cumming, Georgia 30040** [rfrangie@siemonlaw.com](mailto:rfrangie@siemonlaw.com)  
**AN ANSWER** in writing to the Complaint within sixty (60) days of the order of publication. **WITNESS,** the Honorable Layla H. Zan, Judge of Newton

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

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

**COREY RHODES**  
**PLAINTIFFS**  
**V.**  
**PHYLLIS HOWARD,**  
**DEFENDANT.**

**CIVIL ACTION FILE NO. SUCV2021000415**

**ORDER**

**PLAINTIFFS MOTION** for Service by Publication having been read and considered, and it appearing that the requirements for service of process upon Defendant Phyllis Howard by publication of summons have been satisfied in that Defendant, after due diligence, cannot be found within the state; that a claim exists against the above named Defendant, that she is a necessary and proper party to this action, and that service by publication is appropriate and needed as a prerequisite for Plaintiff

to seek recovery for her injuries from her UM carrier pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 33-7-11(e),  
**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Plaintiffs Motion is granted and that service of  
**PROCESS UPON** Defendant Ivan Ramos be made by the publication of summons as set forth in O.C.G.A. §9-11-4(f)(1) and O.C.G.A. § 33-7-11(e).

**SO ORDERED** this 22nd day of October 2021  
**ORDER PREPARED by:**  
**IS/ CATHERINE R.** Powell  
**CATHERINE R. POWELL** Georgia Bar No. 284620  
**HINTON & Powell** 137547  
**2901 PIEDMONT Road N.E. Suite A ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30305**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300653**  
**0/3/13,20,27-4/3**

**NOTICE TO CLAIMANTS**

**TO ALL PERSONS HOLDING CLAIMS AGAINST HEALED LIKE TRON, LLC**  
**YOU ARE** hereby notified that HEALED LIKE TRON, LLC ("the Company") has filed a Notice of Commencement of Winding Up with the Secretary of State. If you have a claim against HEALED LIKE TRON, LLC arising from money borrowed, services rendered, or any other basis, please provide the Company with the following information at the address set forth below by HEALED LIKE TRON, LLC. All claims which are not received by the Company within two (2) years after this publication will be barred. HEALED LIKE TRON, LLC shall notify all claimants of acceptance or rejection of the claims submitted.  
**PLEASE PROVIDE** in your Notice of Claim the following:

1. **NAME** of claimant;
2. **CLAIMANT'S** address;
3. **AMOUNT** of claim; and
4. **WHETHER** the claim is contingent or liquidated, secured or unsecured. If secured, describe the collateral. If unsecured, describe the nature of the claim.

**IN ALL** cases, attach copies of documents supporting the existence of the claim. Mail copies of this claim, with all supporting documentation, to: HEALED LIKE TRON, LLC, c/o Greer, Stansfield & Turner, LLP, P.O. Box 1617, Covington, Georgia 30015-1617.

**NOTICE: PURSUANT** to O.C.G.A. § 14-11-608, except for all claims which were contingent on the date of filing the Notice of Commencement of Winding Up or that arise after the date of filing the Notice of Commencement of Winding Up a claim against the Company not otherwise barred will be barred unless a proceeding to enforce the claim is commenced within two years after the publication of this Notice.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300648**  
**03/13,20**

**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC**

**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** that on the 28th day of March, 2022, at 9:30 A.M., at the Newton County Judicial Center in Covington, Judge Jeffrey L. Foster of the Superior Court of Newton County will hear the case of the **STATE OF GEORGIA**, Plaintiff, v. **HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON** and **AMBLING COVINGTON, L.P.**, Defendants, Civil Action File No. 2022-CV-487-1, in the Superior Court of Newton County, the same being a proceeding to confirm and validate an issue of the Housing Authority of the City of Covington Multifamily Housing Revenue Note (Magnolia Heights Apartments Project), Series 2022, in the maximum principal amount of \$22,000,000 (the "Governmental Lender Note"). The Governmental Lender Note is to be issued by the Housing Authority of the City of Covington (the "Governmental Lender") for the purpose of financing all or a portion of the costs of the acquisition, rehabilitation and equipping of an existing 200-unit multifamily housing development located at 10156 Magnolia Heights Circle, Covington, Georgia, currently known as Magnolia Heights Apartments, to be located in Covington, Georgia, in furtherance of the purposes of the Housing Authorities Law of the State of Georgia (O.C.G.A. § 8-3-1, et seq.), as amended (the "Act"), and to promote the general welfare of the State of Georgia. In order to finance the costs of the Project, the Governmental Lender will loan the proceeds of the Governmental Lender Note to Ambling Covington, L.P., a Georgia limited partnership (the "Borrower"), pursuant to a Project Loan Agreement, to be dated as of the first day of the month in which it is executed and delivered. In said proceeding the Court will also pass upon the validity of said Project Loan Agreement, a Funding Loan Agreement, a Tax-Exempt Construction Deed to Secure Debt, Assignment of Leases and Rents, Security Agreement and Fixture Filing, a Multifamily Note, an Amended and Restated Multifamily Deed to Secure Debt, Assignment of Rents and Security Agreement (Georgia) and an Amended and Restated Project Note in connection therewith.  
**THE GOVERNMENTAL** Lender Note will not constitute a debt or a general obligation within the meaning of any constitutional or statutory debt limitation or restriction or a pledge of the faith and credit of the State of Georgia or any political subdivision thereof, including the City of Covington, Georgia, but will constitute a limited obligation of the Governmental Lender and will be payable solely from amounts owing from the Borrower pursuant to the Project Loan Agreement and specific revenues and property assigned and pledged to the payment thereof. Neither the State of Georgia, nor any political subdivision thereof, including the City of Covington, Georgia, shall be subject to any pecuniary liability thereon, nor shall the Governmental Lender Note constitute a charge, lien or encumbrance upon any property of the Governmental Lender, said State, said political subdivisions or said City, other than amounts owing from the Borrower pursuant to the Project Loan Agreement assigned and pledged to the payment thereof. No owner of the Governmental Lender Note shall ever have the right

to compel the exercise of the taxing power of said State, said political subdivisions or said City to pay the same or the interest thereon.  
**THE GOVERNMENTAL LENDER** WILL NOT CONDUCT ANY "PERFORMANCE AUDIT" OR "PERFORMANCE REVIEW" WITH RESPECT TO THE GOVERNMENTAL LENDER NOTE AS SUCH TERMS ARE DESCRIBED IN O.C.G.A. § 36-82-100.  
**ANY CITIZEN** of the State of Georgia residing in the City of Covington, Georgia, or any other person wherever residing who has a right to object, may intervene and become a party to this proceeding.  
**THIS 9TH** day of March, 2022.  
**CLERK, SUPERIOR** Court,  
**NEWTON COUNTY,** Georgia

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300670**  
**03/13,20**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**NEWTON COUNTY** Water & Sewerage Authority (NCWSA) announces 1.) Modifications to its Standards and Specifications. 2.) Also, NCWSA proposes a policy change for ownership and maintenance of sewer service laterals for residences and buildings. Persons wishing to comment on the proposed modifications are invited to submit same by emailing comments to [eng@ncwsa.us](mailto:eng@ncwsa.us), no later than thirty (30) days after this notification. If you choose to email your comments, please be sure to include the words "Standards and Specifications" 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.  
**THE PROPOSED** Standards and Specifications and the policy change for sewer service laterals for residences and buildings are available for viewing at [www.ncwsa.us](http://www.ncwsa.us).

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300684**  
**03/20,27-04/3,10**

**THE FCC** has approved an application submitted by Newton County government to construct a 480' guyed public safety telecommunications tower located at 10792 GA Hwy 36, Covington, Newton County, Georgia. The application, including an environmental assessment, was placed on environmental notice on the Commission's website. The Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (Bureau) has conducted an independent review and finds that the proposed project will not have a significant impact on the human environment. The FCC issued a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) on March 2, 2022. FCC File No. A1203484.

**PUBIC NOTICE #300683**  
**03/20**

**Public Sales Auctions**

**PUBLIC SALE/ Auction**

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**03/13,20**

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LEGALS:

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Notice of Public Sale of Personal Property: Notice is hereby given that Covington Stor-it, located at 8165 Washington St SW, Covington, GA 30014; intends to sell the personal property according to the Georgia Self Storage Act, 10-4-210 through 10-4-215 to satisfy the owner's lien. All bids will be accepted online through [www.storageauctions.com](http://www.storageauctions.com). The auction will end on or after 28 March 2022, 3PM. Covington Stor-it reserves the right to withdraw units from such a sale and reject any bid. Terms of sale are cash or money order only.

Sherri Bradford, Unit 123 appears to contain; bags and totes.

Tiffany Boswell, Unit 158 appears to contain; sofa, bins, mattresses, couches.

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Chaunelle Nolley, Unit 386 appears to contain; high chair, radiator, couch, mattress, box springs, stroller, heater, toys, recliner.

Latonya Walker, Unit 394, appears to contain; Bags, boxes, television, luggage, chairs, table, furniture, clothing, home decor.

Ann Flowers, Unit 427, appears to contain; Ottoman, totes, dresser, bags, foot stool, home decor.

Purchase must be paid for on the day of the auction with cash and valid ID at the location of the unit. All items are sold as is and must be removed from the property within 72 hours, unless otherwise approved by the Manager, after the time of the sale. Sale is subject to cancellation in the event of a settlement between the owner and the obligated party.

Patricia Daniels  
Property Manager  
Covington Stor-It  
8165 Washington St. S.W.  
Covington, GA 30014

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300608**  
**03/13,20**

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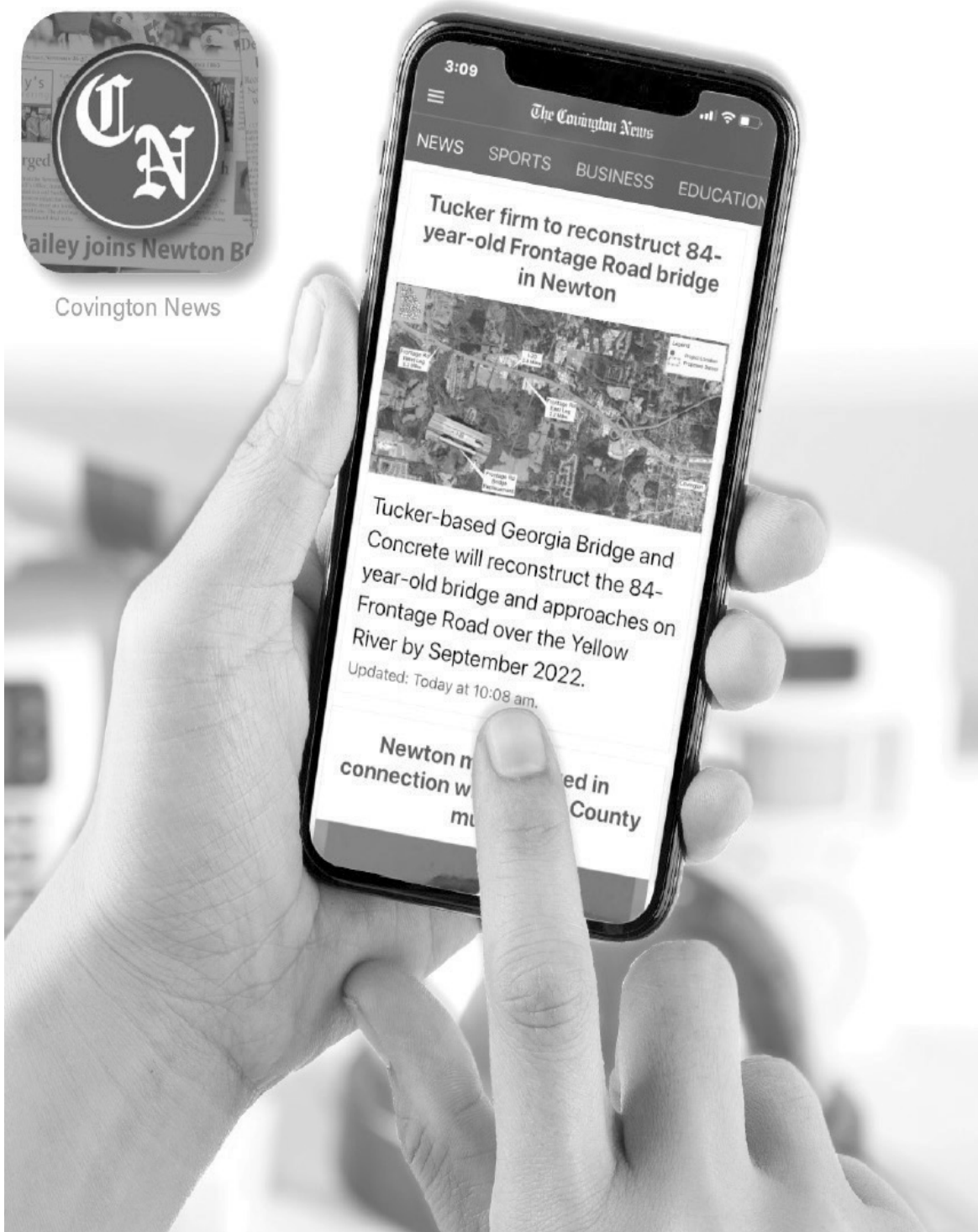
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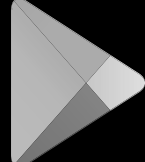
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Alcovy's Reece Payne (5) scores for the Tigers on an RBI double by Connor Coursey in the second inning.

## TIGERS:

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to make it a 9-4 game going into the bottom of the fifth.

Once again, the Tigers had a response.

This time, the big play came from Coursey. For the first time in his high school career, the senior hit a line-drive shot over the left field wall for a solo home run to make the score 10-4.

Two more runs scored in the bottom of the sixth to make it a 12-4 win for the Tigers to open their region schedule.

Coursey led the charge at the plate for the Tigers, going 2-for-3 at the plate earning two RBIs.

After the game, Hughes mentioned how the team's approach is different now as they begin to play in series against their region opponents.

"We have to take it one game at a time, [we call] region play the second season," Hughes said. "It is good to start 1-0 but it does not do us any good if we do not repeat that later in the week."

Hughes and the rest of the Tigers will look to do just that as they will host doubleheader against the Bulldogs on Thursday, March 17, to conclude the three-game series.

## HARGROVE:

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and weight training is hidden in the background, but it becomes evident during competition."

While Hargrove received the honor on March 13, he recognized that he would not have been able to accomplish this alone.

He specifically mentioned Superintendent Robbie Hooker and Social Circle Principal Tim Armstrong were the biggest supporters. However, multiple people stand behind the success of the athletic department, Hargrove said.



Sun Belt Conference  
After winning the Sun Belt Conference tournament, the Georgia State Panthers men's basketball team received an automatic bid to the NCAA Men's Tournament. As a 16-seed, the Panthers (18-10) faced No. 1 overall seed Gonzaga (26-3) on Thursday evening with a chance to be only the second 16-seed team in history to knock off a 1-seed.

## RUNS:

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without the NHS track team backing her all the way.

"Honestly, I am just so thankful for my teammates and coaches who are always there alongside cheering me on. It really meant a lot to me. I love my NHS family," Calloway said.

Now, Calloway plans to use Saturday's experience to help fuel her the rest of this season. But Calloway's aspirations go past high school.

She plans on running on the collegiate level after her high school graduation in May 2022.

Above all, though, Calloway believes Saturday's outcome will launch her into a thriving success on the track.

That was the biggest takeaway from Saturday for Calloway.

"I learned not to be so hard on myself," Calloway said. "Even if the outcome isn't always what you wanted it to be, remember how far you came and what it took to get here. Keep trusting in the Lord. This is just the beginning of my success."

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# SPRING RENEWAL

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Excavation is a complicated process that may be necessary for projects big or small.

## Why excavation is best left to the professionals

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When shopping for a home, buyers often try to envision themselves living in a given property. Images of family gatherings and holidays may instantly come to mind, but prospective homeowners also may begin to envision changes they would make to a property if they were eventually to call it home.

Changing an existing structure or building an entirely new home on an empty plot of land can be exciting. Such changes typically require excavation, which is a complicated process that may be necessary for projects big or small.

### What is excavation?

Excavation is the process of extracting material from the ground by digging. Earth, rock and other materials may be moved during the excavation process.

### Can do-it-yourselfers excavate?

Skilled DIYers who have participated in excavation projects in the past may be able to handle a project

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General Finishes Milk Paint — Klein Blue gives this home's front door and shutters a brand new curbside appearance.

## Ways to improve home's curb appeal

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An attractive front entrance area gives a home curb appeal that invites both guests and potential home buyers. Upgrading a home's exterior can be as simple as painting or as complex as installing new windows or adding a patio.

Inspiration for a curb appeal "makeover" that reflects the owner's budget and decorating choices are easy to find online. Stop by the

nearest Woodcraft store for tools and supplies, along with helpful advice from the staff, or visit Woodcraft.com to shop and read how-to blogs and articles.

One of the easiest and quickest ways to boost curb appeal is to paint (and repair if needed) a home's front door, molding and trim. Painting garage doors, porches, shutters, doorsteps, flower boxes, furniture, mailboxes/stands, and window trim are other potential projects, as is

changing the front door hardware.

For front door and shutter painting inspiration, visit these informational blogs on Woodcraft.com: Front Door Klein Blue Redo and To Thine Own Self Be Blue.

### Repair & Paint

Woodcraft offers these products and ideas for more repairing and painting.

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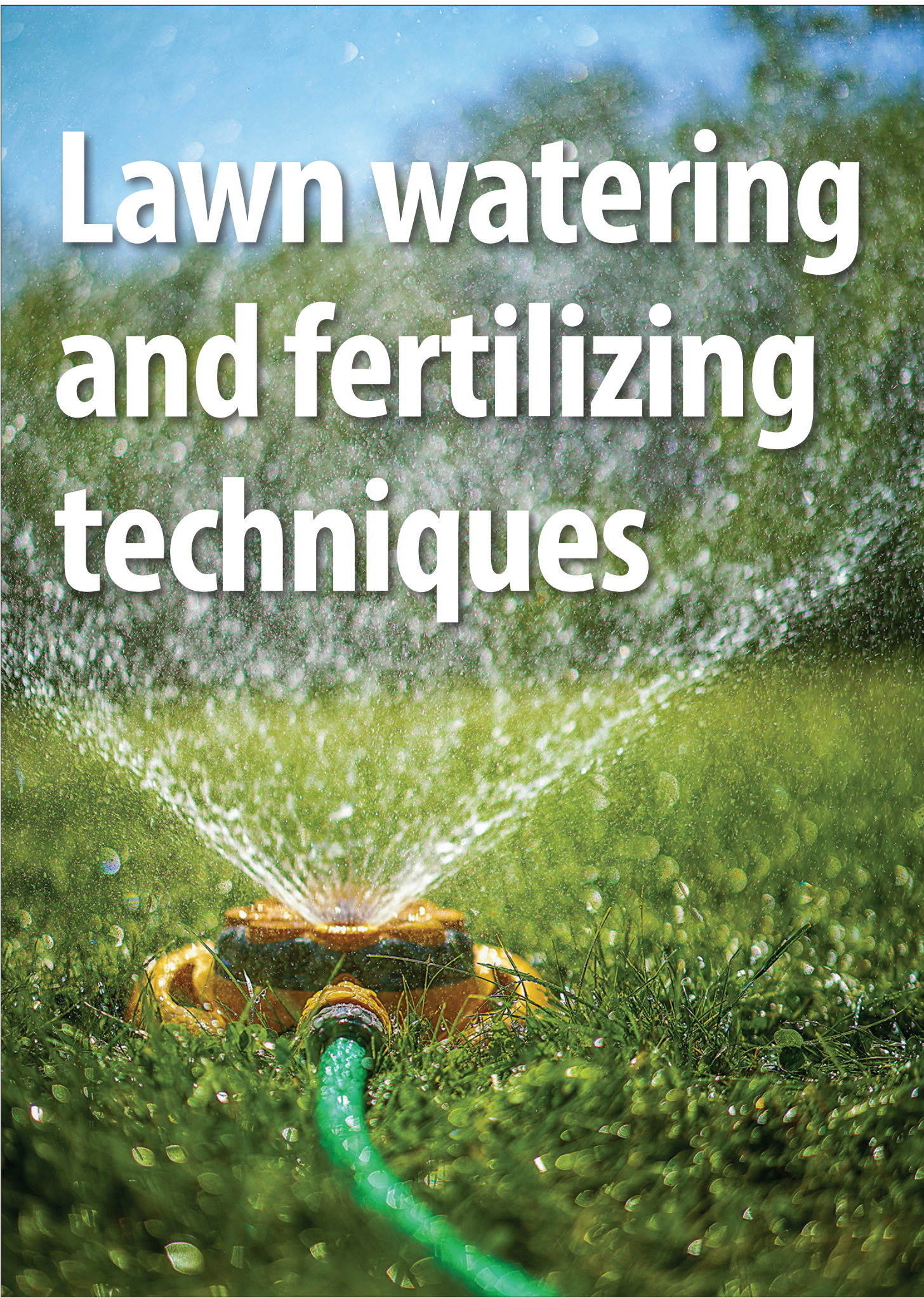


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# Lawn watering and fertilizing techniques



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A well-fed and watered lawn will develop a better root system, which makes the lawn less vulnerable to stressors.

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A lush, green lawn is a sight to behold. Many variables are involved in growing and maintaining grass, and water and fertilizer are among the most important components.

Knowing how much water and fertilizer to apply and when to apply it can make a big difference in the appearance and health of a lawn. That's because a well-fed and watered lawn will develop a better root system, which makes the lawn less vulnerable to stressors like drought, mowing, foot traffic, and heat, according to the Scotts® company.

### Fertilize

There is no magic formula governing when to

fertilize a lawn. The type of grass and how well-established a lawn is must be considered. Experts suggest having the soil tested to determine its pH levels and if any nutrients are lacking. A fertilizing schedule can then be developed after testing.

Keep in mind that over-feeding a lawn will not make it grow any better and actually can damage the turf. Several small applications of fertilizer during the lawn's most active growing period may be helpful, advises the home improvement resource Tools Around the House. An annual application (late spring for warm-season grass or fall for cool-season grass) may be all that's needed.

Certain fertilizers need

to be applied and watered in. Others may be combined with weed-control products and must be set on top of damp grass. Read packaging to determine the right application.

### Water

The right watering schedule and techniques can help a lawn thrive. Scotts® says adjusting for climate and nature can help grass to grow strongly. A lawn that has a grayish cast or appears dull green is telling an owner that it needs water. Another test is to step on the lawn. If footprints disappear quickly, the grass blades have enough moisture to spring back.

Water the lawn in the morning before 10 a.m. when it's cooler and the

winds tend to be calm so that the water can soak in. For those who must water at night, do so in early evening so that the water can dry before nightfall and will not contribute to disease.

Scotts® says to water an established lawn until the top six to eight inches of soil is wet. Most lawns need one to 1.5 inches of water per week from rain or a hose to soak the soil that deeply.

Newly established lawns may require more water to keep the soil moist but not soggy.

Visit a lawn care center for more information on watering the type of lawn for your area or visit [www.scotts.com](http://www.scotts.com) for additional tips.

## Techniques to revitalize lawn after long winter season

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Pristine, snow-covered landscapes can be wonders to behold. While that blanket of white is idyllic, a lawn's delicate blades may be paying a hefty price beneath the cold, heavy piles of snow.

Snow plows push salt and sand up on the grass while subterranean animals like mice and moles dig burrows beneath piles of snow as they try to find food and stay warm. Such conditions are not favorable for thriving landscapes. When the spring thaw arrives, lawns may be in dire need of some TLC. The following techniques can mitigate winter-related lawn damage.

- Clear out debris. Remove any scattered leaves, branches and other debris that has been strewn across the property due to storms or snow-laden trees. This will give you a clean canvas to work on.

- Dry out snow mold. The Family Handyman says snow mold is a cold-season fungus that causes gray-colored circles or patches on the lawn where there has been snow. To alleviate snow mold, rake the lawn to loosen matted grass and facilitate the drying-out process.

- De-thatch the lawn. Heavy snow can compress the grass and cause some of it to die off. De-thatching helps to remove dead grass blades and separate any matting. This enables water, nutrients and air to reach the lawn's roots more effectively. Thinning out old organic matter also helps encourage new growth.

- Aerate the soil. Coupled with dethatching, aeration involves loosening the soil or poking holes to allow nutrients to move freely to the roots.

- Kill weeds before they spread. Weeds may be the first to start growing when the weather begins to warm. Address them promptly by manually pulling them or applying an herbicide.

- Overseed the lawn. Chances are there are some bare spots that have formed over the winter. Overseeding can help to fill in the lawn. Make sure that frosts are largely a thing of the past and soil temperature is around 50 F to 60 F before seeding. Water daily until grass fills in.

- Apply nutrients. Fertilizer and compost can restore nutrients to the lawn that may have been used up over winter. A soil test at a nearby horticultural center can tell you which nutrients are needed, according to the Chemistry Cachet, a guide to using chemistry secrets for healthy living, beauty, cleaning, and gardening.

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Picking the right furniture is vital to maximizing a small dining space.

# Making most of small dining space

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Some homeowners may aspire to have expansive dining rooms replete with seating for 12 beneath a stunning chandelier. That kind of space certainly makes hosting dinner parties easier. However, modern homes typically have small dining rooms that require homeowners or renters to be resourceful when entertaining guests.

Hosts may not be able to expand their dining spaces, but there are some clever ways to maximize every inch of a small dining room and even some smart solutions for those who don't have dining rooms at all.

- Create the illusion of

more space. Eating areas can be made to feel larger with a few tricks. A mirror on the wall will reflect light and make the room appear larger. In addition, a large-scale patterned floor or oversized artwork on the wall may make the room appear more spacious.

- Maximize seating. Chairs can take up a lot of room in a dining space. To maximize seating availability in smaller dining rooms — or in spaces where you need to create a seating area — look to built-in banquettes or bench seating. These ideas can help create an instant cozy nook and save on space in the process.
- Let space lead furniture choices. Depending on the

size and shape of the room, select a table that will fit comfortably. A round, pedestal table may take up less real estate in a smaller room than an oblong or rectangular one. Also, if you have a narrow, galley-type dining space, select a narrow table and low-profile chairs. Again, benches may work well in narrow spaces.

- Utilize the kitchen island. Many modern homes have no dedicated dining rooms but kitchens that open up to living rooms. Homeowners with kitchen islands can utilize large islands as dining areas, and they're easy places to enjoy casual meals when stools are pulled up to the island.
- Install a drop-leaf ta-

ble. Drop-leaf tables do for dining spaces what Murphy beds do for guest rooms. A wall-mounted drop-leaf table can be dropped down for entertaining and folded back up when the space needs to be repurposed.

- Lighten up the color palette. Make dining spaces seem larger with brighter colors. Brightly colored decor, furniture and flooring can do the trick.
- Invest in storage pieces. A simple buffet can store silverware, table cloths, wine glasses, and more, but also serve double-duty as a bar or server for a buffet.

Petite dining spaces can be functional when space is maximized and design tricks are called into action.

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- Krud Kutter TSP Substitute will clean and degloss almost any surface prior to painting so that paint adheres better.
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even windowsills. Be sure to add a coat of General Finishes Exterior 450 to seal your work.

- Titebond III Ultimate Wood Glue is waterproof, yet it cleans up with water. It allows eight minutes of open assembly time and offers an application temperature as low as 47 F.
- HOMERIGHT Super Finish Max and Finish Max Fine Finish HVLP Sprayers spray most solvent or water-based products — latex paint, milk paint, chalk paint, furniture paint, stains, and finishes. The Finish Max is ideal for small- to medium-sized projects, while the Super Finish Max is more powerful and covers a wider range of projects and thicker paints and varnishes with less thinning required.

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on their own. However, it's important that homeowners recognize that excavation is about more than just digging in the ground. It's a complicated process that requires the use of specialized tools and equipment. In addition, a strong understanding of the land that will be excavated is required for the project to be safe and go smoothly.

**Why hire an excavation professional?**

Even the most skilled DIYer might be better off hiring an excavation professional than going it alone. That's true for a number of reasons.

- **Liability:** Homeowners who hire a fully licensed and insured professional excavation firm can rest easy knowing that they will not be responsible for any damages or injuries that may occur during the project.
- **Permits/requirements:** A professional excavation firm typically files all the necessary paperwork for work permits or can advise which permits homeowners will need to go forward with the project. In addition, professionals will know the local laws regarding building and excavation. For example, homeowners may be unfamiliar with the concept of lateral support, which refers to landowners' right to have their land physically supported in its natural state by adjoining land and underground structures. This is an important concept to understand during an excavation project, and professionals can advise homeowners if a project they want to undertake will violate lateral support laws.
- **Experience:** Perhaps the best reason to work with excavation professionals is their experience. A lack of excavation experience can result in damage to a homeowner's property and surrounding properties, which can prove costly. DIYers may not know the type of soil they have on their property nor recognize the different types of challenges each type of soil can present during an excavation project. Such knowledge comes with experience and is often invaluable.

Skilled DIYers can tackle many home improvement projects on their own. However, the complex nature of excavation makes these types of projects the kind that are best left to skilled professionals.



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# How tree services can protect your property

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Cold weather can take its toll on a property, especially in regions of the world where winters are harsh. Most parts of the landscape are vulnerable to damage from winter storms, but trees may be especially susceptible. By the end of winter, many homeowners wonder if their trees would benefit from some professional TLC.

Tree services provide a host of services. While fall is a popular time to remove trees from a property, doing so in spring is not unheard of, especially if trees were affected by winter storms and now pose a threat to a home and the people who live inside it.

Homeowners considering tree services can explore the following ways that some professional arbor attention can protect them and their homes.

- Tree services can help protect a home's foundation. Old trees that stretch well into the sky can be captivating, but they also can pose a threat to a home's foundation. Such trees may have especially large root zones that may extend beneath walkways and even a home. In the latter instance, foundations may crack as roots try to stake their claim to the ground beneath a home. According to the home improvement resource HomeAdvisor, homeowners pay an average of just over \$4,000 to repair foundation issues, though major problems can cost considerably more than that. A professional tree service can remove aging trees that might be beautiful and awe-inspiring but still pose a threat to a home and the areas surrounding it.

- Tree services can improve visibility. Trees that have aged a bit since their last trimming might affect the view of a property from inside a home. Overgrown branches can compro-



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mise residents' ability to see and experience the natural beauty just outside their windows. The average homeowner may be able to trim short trees on his or her own, but if views from the second floor of a home or higher have been compromised, it's much safer to call a professional tree service. Such services have the right tools and experienced personnel necessary to safely trim high branches on tall trees.

- Tree services can help prevent future damage. Even if trees made it through a recent winter unscathed, that's no guarantee next winter or even the coming seasons of spring, summer and fall won't ultimately prove their undoing. Travelers Insurance notes that weather-related roof damage,

including damage resulting from falling limbs and branches weighed down by snow during the winter months, accounted for more than half of all Travelers property loss claims between 2009 and 2016. According to BNC Insurance and Risk Advisors, homeowners may be liable if a tree they knew posed a threat falls onto a passerby or a neighbor's property and causes damage or injury. Having all trees properly trimmed each year, but especially those that can fall on your home and your neighbors' homes, may prevent future damage and legal issues.

Tree services can ensure trees maintain their awe-inspiring beauty and help homeowners protect their homes and their belongings.

# Low-cost ways to revamp living areas

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Home improvement projects require substantial financial investment. But just because a homeowner wants to bring a fresh look indoors doesn't mean he or she has to break the bank along the way.

Living rooms are some of the most frequently used spaces in a home, and they can use an update from time to time to stay on trend or to make the area more functional for a changing family dynamic. Here are some budget-friendly ideas for breathing new life into living room designs.

- Establish the budget. Homeowners should figure out how many dollars they can designate to a living room makeover before purchasing supplies or hiring out the work. Figure out the scope of the remodel, visit stores or suppliers to price out materials, get estimates from contractors, and then plan for some unforeseen circumstances along the way to determine if this type of renovation is affordable.

- Change the paint color. Lighter and brighter colors are on trend. A can or two of paint can do wonders for updating a space without a large financial commitment. Pair that new paint color with new window coverings

and complementary throw pillows to pull the theme together with minimal expense.

- Update the flooring. Tired, outdated carpeting or other flooring can use an overhaul. While solid hardwood flooring may be preferable, there are many types of laminate flooring that mimic the looks of popular wood colors and styles for a fraction of the cost. Plus, many are sold at home improvement retailers and even at warehouse clubs or online for reasonable prices. Laminate flooring also may be a potential DIY job, saving even more money.

- Conquer clutter. Rather than adding something to the living room, remove clutter to give the room a more airy feel. This can instantly change the look of the room. Use cord covers to tame plugs for electronics and remove unnecessary furniture from the room.

- Improve lighting. Another easy and often inexpensive fix is to change lighting fixtures, including using brighter, more energy efficient LED bulbs, and to assess lighting needs to eliminate dark corners of rooms that can make the space seem drab.

Living room spaces in need of an update often can benefit from improvements that go easy on the wallet.



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