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His Word

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John 14:27, NIV

Continued Coverage: Rivian Automotive to Stanton Springs

Kemp, Perdue making Rivian a campaign issue

Ex-senator helps rally opponents

By TOM SPIGOLON
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RUTLEDGE, Ga. — Former U.S. Sen. David Perdue traveled to a center of opposition to a planned electric vehicle production plant and harshly criticized Gov. Brian Kemp for working to recruit it by using private negotiations and “ignoring locals’ concerns.”

Perdue, who is campaigning to oust Kemp from the governor’s

office this year, said Kemp was acting like “a typical 20-year career politician” by not including area residents in the process of reviewing California-based Rivian’s plans.

He told those attending a rally at Play Fair Park opposing construction of a production facility

Kemp campaign slams Perdue’s opposition to job-producing plant
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that he heard the state government was investing \$125 million in incentives and infrastructure to recruit the company.

“To me, it looks like an election-year giveaway,” Perdue said. “You’re going to pay the price and so are taxpayers for decades. You don’t do it this way.”

Good economic development produces employers that are “consistent with the local community” after “local community

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Republican gubernatorial candidate David Perdue poses for photos after his speech to an anti-Rivian rally in Rutledge Tuesday.

Cricket Frog Trail



Taylor Beck | The News

Covington Mayor Steve Horton and members of the Newton Trails board walk through a ribbon Wednesday, March 2, to celebrate the completion of Cricket Frog Trail paving and renovation of the old rail trestle in the city of Covington.

‘Perseverance has paid off’

Covington celebrates completion of Cricket Frog Trail paving, trestle renovation

By TAYLOR BECK
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COVINGTON, Ga. — When city officials, Newton Trails supporters and residents walked through a red ribbon on Wednesday morning and over the new bridge on Cricket Frog Trail built from the remnants of an old train trestle, it marked the culmination of a more than 20-year community effort.

Cricket Frog Trail, a 15-mile rail trail running through central Newton County, has a 4-mile portion that runs through the city of Covington. On Wednesday, a ribbon “breaking” ceremony was held to celebrate the completion of trail paving and construction within the city



Taylor Beck | The News

Duane Ford speaks to attendees celebrating the completion of trail paving and construction within Covington Wednesday.

limits.

As part of the ceremony, Covington Mayor Steve Horton and former mayor Kim Carter took a few minutes to share the history of how the Cricket Frog

Trail came to be.

In 1997, local visionaries incorporated the Newton County Trail Path Foundation, Carter said. Inspired by Silver Comet Trail in west Georgia, the group

wanted to build a similar trail system in Newton County.

Former Mayor Sam Ramsey initiated negotiations in the early 2000s to acquire and transform Norfolk Southern Railway’s Central Georgia corridor that ran through Newton County. Carter said she was blessed to follow Ramsey as mayor, as \$2 million to fund the corridor’s acquisition and trail construction that had been petitioned for were finally becoming available.

But when Norfolk Southern signaled ready to move forward, Carter said, politics and economics in 2009 “sadly threw an enor-

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Newton County

Sims ready to take helm of Newton government

Will serve as interim county manager on one-year contract

By TOM SPIGOLON
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Jarvis R. Sims was to begin work Monday, March 7, as interim county manager after Newton commissioners narrowly voted to agree to a contract with him.

The Board of Commissioners voted 3-2 Tuesday, March 1, to offer a one-year contract to Sims at a base salary of \$150,000 — \$15,000 more than former county manager Lloyd Kerr received before he left the job Jan. 1. Sims’ contract is for a one-year period and will end March 6, 2023, said county Human Resources director Amanda Shoemaker.

The county also will pay for insurance and benefits, including professional dues and for attendance at any training sessions offered to government administrators, Shoemaker said.

Sims will be entitled to 75% of his annual salary plus continued payment for insurance benefits if he is involuntarily terminated despite being willing to perform the contract duties — the same terms Kerr worked under that some commissioners had issues with.

He also would receive performance appraisals when commissioners choose to conduct them, and be entitled to any cost of living allowances (COLAs) given to other county employees, Shoemaker said.

District 3 Commissioner Alana
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Weekend Weather Forecast



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• Partly cloudy

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Newton County Schools

Eastside band to march in St. Patrick's parade

By **TOM SPIGOLON**
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ATLANTA — Eastside High School's The Pride of Eastside (TPOE) band is set to participate in the 138th Atlanta St. Patrick's Parade as it marches down Peachtree Street in Midtown Atlanta Saturday, March 12.

The parade will begin at noon sharp at the intersection of Peachtree Street and 15th Street and will continue down Peachtree to 5th Street, concluding at 1:30 p.m., a news release stated.

Traditionally, throngs of attendees line the parade route to see entertainment from around the city and across the Southeast, including the The Pride of Eastside.

It also traditionally features bagpipe and drum corps, Irish dancers, floats, dogs and



Special | Eastside High School

The Eastside High School band marches at halftime of a 2021 football game at Sharp Stadium in Covington.

puppies, bands, drill teams, llamas, and Irish and local dignitaries, the release stated.

Alan Fowler, director of Eastside's band, said St. Patrick's Day falls in the middle of the time of year that bands, choirs, and orchestras across the nation are preparing for and performing at their respective concert assessment

events.

"Ours in Georgia is called Large Group Performance Evaluation (LGPE) and the Newton County bands and choirs will be performing March 17 and 18 — bands — and the following week — choirs.

"Normally, I would never consider cranking up the marching band

this time of year, but there is a reason we are doing it in 2022," Fowler said.

He said at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2021, the Georgia Music Educators Association district chose not to hold LGPE.

"Aware of that fact months ahead of time, I applied to have the band participate in the St. Patrick's Parade," he said.

"As March 2021 approached, the parade organizers had to cancel the parade due to the pandemic. The organizers invited us to participate this year, and I decided we should make it happen.

"As we were working on our calendar for 2021-22, I decided that we should go ahead and plan to take TPOE to Atlanta," he said. "It

has been a crazy few weeks, dealing with both concert and parade preparations, but I do believe the kids will have a terrific time and will excel at both."

Hibernian Benevolent Society first organized the parade in 1858. It holds the distinction of being the longest running event in Atlanta history, continuing the tradition of celebrating the city's Irish culture and history.

The St. Baldrick's Foundation will also host its "Brave the Shave" head-shaving challenge, the news release stated.

Sponsored individuals will shave their heads for childhood cancer awareness, a tradition that began on St. Patrick's Day over 20 years ago.

Parade attendees are encouraged to take

MARTA. Both Arts Center and Midtown MARTA stops provide easy access to the parade route.

Irish Network Atlanta will host this year's parade. It is a chapter of Irish Network USA whose mission is to bolster business opportunities and economic development between the U.S. and Ireland.

It also supports and encourages the Irish culture in Georgia and serves as a conduit between newly arrived Irish immigrants and their communities in member cities and states. For more information about the Atlanta St. Patrick's Parade, visit www.atlantastpats.com or @stpatricksatl on Facebook. For more information on Irish Network Atlanta, visit www.atlanta.irish-network-usa.org.

Newton County Schools

Newton schools name grade-level winners of Young Georgia Authors Competition

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Newton County School System (NCSS) recently announced the grade-level winners of the 2022 District Young Georgia Authors Competition.

Newton County Schools' grade-level winners are:

- Kindergarten, Mansfield Elementary, Riley Almond, "The Little Cat"
- First, Newton County Theme School, Aaron

Martin, "Sky Diving"

- Second, Middle Ridge Elementary, Brooklyn Williams, "The Magic Night"
- Third, Middle Ridge Elementary, Catalina Lopez, "The Shape Shifting Wolves"
- Fourth, Newton County Theme School, Cooper Nash, "A Great Day"
- Fifth, Oak Hill Elementary, Jackson Wright, "Missing in the Jungle"
- Sixth, Cousins

Middle, James Tyler Fuqua, "Robotics: The Best Year I Could Ask For"

- Seventh, Newton County Theme School, Ayanna Knights, "No Way to Die"
- Eighth, Clements Middle, Tamia Ward, "The Divine"
- Ninth, Eastside High, Johnna Davis, "Lost & Found"
- 10th, Newton High, Kennedi Leary, "Letter to Elie Wiesel"
- 11th, Eastside High, Sophie Sara Helena Morton, "Disease of Mind"
- 12th, Eastside High, Caroline Meakins, "Prepossessing"

NCSS Superintendent Samantha Fuhrey said, "Writing skills are crucial, as the ability to write well can be the ticket to better grades and greater academic achievement," Fuhrey said.

"In addition, the ability to write well will be a key asset once students enter the workforce and begin their career progres-

sion. I commend these students for a job well done. Our school district definitely has some very talented writers and I wish them well in the next phase of competition," Fuhrey said.

Unlike many writing competitions, Young Georgia Authors does not provide a prompt to which students must respond or provide any other boundaries to their genre choice or creativity beyond a 1,900-word maximum length.

NCSS Elementary Schools Coordinator Karen Dozier said entries may include short stories, poetry, essays, journalism, academic research reports, personal narratives, and any other original student writing.

She noted that judges looked for expression of ideas, language use, and unique perspective and voice.

All district winners will now have their written work forwarded to the regional competition.

Unsung Heroes Awards

Congressman honors Newton residents

By **TOM SPIGOLON**
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DECATUR, Ga. — Newton County civil rights pioneer Forrest "Preacher" Sawyer Jr. was honored posthumously by U.S. Rep. Hank Johnson, D-Stonecrest, as part of Johnson's annual Unsung Heroes Awards program recently.

The awards honored some 4th Congressional District residents who were "everyday citizens and community leaders who go above and beyond to make our communities better places to live, work and play — and lead with integrity," according to information from Johnson's office.

Five from Newton, received awards during the livestreamed event Tuesday, Feb. 22.

Sawyer, who died in February 2020, made history as a member of the "Newton Six" who was jailed after being one of the leaders of a protest march in 1970.

He was a founding member of the Newton County Voters League

and an

active member of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). Other Newton Countians honored included:

- Kimya Motley, Diamonds of the District award. Motley is director of communications for A Call to Men and CEO of Haven of Light International, a crisis intervention program.
- Keelyn Harper, a community advocate, Champions of the Fourth award.
- Gwen Cattledge, president of the Newton County Branch of the NAACP, Pillars of Power award;
- The Rev. James Walden, staff chaplain with the Newton County Sheriff's Office, Pillars of Power award;

The event will be rebroadcast on Congressman Johnson's Facebook page.



Forrest Sawyer

Obituaries

JC Mitchell

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A Celebration of Life for Mr. JC Mitchell, whose sunset was February 25, 2022, was held Thursday, March 3, 2022, at St. Paul A.M.E. Church, 13108 Brown Bridge Road, Covington, GA 30014. Rev. Lewis E. Logan II, pastor, was the eulogist.

JC Mitchell was born on November 16, 1938, to the late Henry and Johnnie Mae Mitchell. He joined St. Paul AME Church at an early age. He graduated from R.L. Cousins High

School, the class of 1958.

JC joined Holy Matrimony to Louise Manuel in 1987. He retired from ABF Fright Line.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and two siblings, Ida Lou and Will Mitchell.

He leaves to cherish his memories; wife of 34 years, Louise Mitchell; sons, Mr. Timothy (the late Tillie) Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Lamar (Anika) Shepherd; daughters, Ms. Stephanie Mitchell Giles and Mr. and Mrs. Michael (Deborah) Banks; three sisters, Ms. Annie K. Petty,

Mr. & Mrs. Randy (Annie Louise) Nolley and Mr. & Mrs. Terry (Vevelyn) Stokes, 12 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Interment was in Lawnwood Memorial Park.

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REGIONAL REPORT

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House leadership unveils state income tax cut

Republicans in the Georgia House of Representatives are proposing the third state tax cut in the last five years. Legislation introduced in the House Tuesday calls for lowering Georgia's income tax rate from 5.75% to 5.25%, returning \$1 billion to state taxpayers.

"We believe as a core principle that government must live within its means, that there is no such thing as government money," House Speaker David Ralston, R-Blue Ridge, told reporters during a news conference unveiling the bill. "It belongs to Georgia taxpayers."

The Republican-controlled General Assembly rolled back the state income tax rate from 6% to 5.75% in 2018, then followed that up last year by raising the standard deduction for single taxpayers and couples filing jointly.

Rep. Shaw Blackmon, R-Bonaire, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, said the tax cut would mean Georgia families with incomes of \$30,000 a year would pay no state income taxes, while those with incomes of \$50,000 annually would owe only \$400.

The cuts would take effect with the 2024 tax year.

But Ralston cautioned against completely eliminating the state income tax, an idea being pushed by Senate President Pro Tem Butch Miller, R-Gainesville.

"That would blow a catastrophic hole in the budget," Ralston said. "The responsible way to do it is taken the incremental approach we've adopted in the House."

House Republicans rolled out the proposed income tax cut on the same day the chamber passed a one-time \$1.6 billion reduction in taxes proposed by Gov. Brian Kemp. The bill passed 148-18 and goes to the state Senate.

—Capitol Beat News

Senate panel OKs statewide referendum on horse racing

A constitutional amendment asking



Special | Beau Evans

House Speaker David Ralston, R-Blue Ridge, told reporters Tuesday about legislation introduced in the House that calls for lowering Georgia's income tax rate.

Georgia voters whether to legalize pari-mutuel betting on horse racing cleared a state Senate committee Wednesday.

But some lawmakers worried the horse racing industry could be set up for failure in the Peach State if racetracks are limited to live or simulcast horse racing.

The constitutional amendment would prohibit casinos from setting up slot machines and table games at racetracks.

Other tracks around the nation have come to rely on income from casino operations for a major portion of their businesses.

An "enabling" bill accompanying the constitutional amendment calls for the construction of up to five horse racing tracks in Georgia, to be overseen by a five-member state commission whose members would be appointed by the governor.

Applicants for licenses to operate a racetrack would pay a \$500,000 non-refundable fee and a \$250,000 renewal fee each year.

If Georgia voters approve horse racing in a statewide referendum, local city councils or county commissions would have to vote by ordinance to allow a racetrack to be built in their community.

A portion of the

revenue generated by racetracks would go to education, health care and rural economic development.

Bringing horse racing to Georgia — including the breeding and racing of thoroughbreds — would generate \$1.28 billion in annual economic impact and create 15,800 jobs in its first decade, according to a recent study by Georgia Southern University.

Unlike Georgia's heavily subsidized film industry, horse racing would not involve taxpayer-funded incentives to attract interest, said Sen. Billy Hickman, R-Statesboro.

But Mike Griffin, public affairs director for the Georgia Baptist Mission Board, said racetracks wouldn't be able to stick with horse racing and turn a profit without adding casinos.

Sen. Bill Cowsert, R-Athens, chairman of the Senate Regulated Industries and Utilities Committee, said Senate leadership will not support horse racing without making sure the constitutional amendment prohibits tracks from adding casinos. The committee was expected to vote Thursday on the underlying enabling bill specifying how the horse racing industry would operate in Georgia.

—Capitol Beat News

Walton County government hires first administrator

John A. Ward III will be the first administrator of Walton County.

The Board of Commissioners voted 6-1 Tuesday night to hire Ward. He'll start by April 1.

Ward has been the town manager of Boone, North Carolina, since 2014.

"My family and I are very excited for this opportunity and I'm honored to be selected as the county manager for Walton County," Ward told The Walton Tribune. "Working in Georgia, being closer to family, and having the opportunity to become a part of a thriving, growing community that is among the top in the state is a dream come true."

David Thompson, the chairman of the Walton County Board of Commissioners, said Boone "stole" Ward from Jefferson, Georgia.

Ward is a native of Athens and his wife, Lauren, is from Atlanta. Both have degrees from the University of Georgia. Thompson told commissioners last month he wanted to hire a manager to handle day-to-day operations of the nearly \$65 million county government. He said Walton was by far the largest county in the state that

relied on an elected chairman to manage the daily operations of the county government rather than an appointed manager.

According to Ward's biography on the Boone town website, he's led the \$42 million upgrade of the water intake and treatment plant and overseen the permitting for \$100 million in upgrades to facilities at Appalachian State University. He also has secured more than \$8 million in grants for projects the Town Council started.

The pool of candidates included Lloyd Kerr, the manager of Newton County government from 2016-21.

—The Walton Tribune

colleges and universities, their more than 300,000 students and more than 40,000 faculty and staff.

Perdue, 75, of Houston County, was selected sole finalist for the post two weeks ago after a nationwide search following the retirement of former Chancellor Steve Wrigley last summer. The Republican served two terms as governor in the 2000s, then was secretary of agriculture in former President Donald Trump's administration from 2017 until early last year.

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David Clemons columnist

Opposition to Rivian reveals a desperate candidate for governor

If you believe a governor David Perdue wouldn’t sell his last denim jacket to get a company with 7,500 jobs to Georgia, then I don’t know what to tell you.

Perdue seemed to have a pretty good bit of credibility as a senator from Georgia from 2015-21. During most of that time, he was a close friend to President Donald Trump — the kind of guy who’d be the last guy in the room, and that often meant making the case that Trump would consider most in making policy.

But by the time the 2020 election rolled around, Perdue looked like he would rather be literally anywhere else than the campaign trail — certainly behind the gates in Sea Island than on the debate stage against Jon Ossoff, who delivered a rhetorical homicide.

Perdue could have lived the good life in retirement, but this time it was Trump making the hard sell. He talked Perdue into getting back into politics as part of the former president’s grudge match against Brian Kemp.



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Gubernatorial candidate David Perdue talks to an attendee of a Tuesday rally in Rutledge opposing construction of the Rivian plant.

It’s clear the Perdue campaign hasn’t gotten traction. A Trump endorsement might have propelled Jody Hice to the forefront in the race for secretary of state, but it hasn’t done much for Perdue’s run for governor. Kemp may well win this thing without a runoff.

That means desperation, evidenced by the “Stop Soros, Save Georgia” campaign stop this week in Rutledge.

Rivian was considering Stanton Springs before Soros’ investment in the electric vehicle company. And the idea that a politician is going

to tell a major manufacturing project in an exurban/rural county to take a hike is ridiculous.

It would be governmental malpractice. Kemp did what any reasonable governor would do. I suspect Stacey Abrams would have done the same. Don’t reward Perdue for this act of pandering.

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Dick Yarbrough columnist

Attack brings questions about democracy

I am going to break two rules today. First, I am going to leave the friendly confines of Georgia and comment on world events. Second, I am going to talk about world events that may have changed drastically by the time you read this. That is because this column runs around the state in different places on different days but I have a finite deadline in which to get these thoughts to you. Unfortunately, world events don’t care about my deadlines.

That brings me to Russia’s invasion of Ukraine. As I write this, Russian President Vladimir V. Putin has ordered troops into that country in an unprovoked attack while blithely ignoring protestations from most of the rest of the world.

President Joe Biden and our European allies have responded with economic sanctions including freezing the overseas assets of wealthy Russian families, blocking international transactions by some Russian banks, suspending a gas pipeline project to Germany and threatening more sanctions to come. Somehow, I have a feeling Putin is not shaking in his shuba. Undoubtedly, he presumed this would happen. Reports say he is sitting on a large amount of cash, ready to ride out sanctions.

So, why the invasion and why should we care? The answer is that Putin thinks we are too weak to do anything about Ukraine or any other invasions he may choose to initiate in the future. Not militarily weak. We have plenty of bombs and missiles. We are perceived as weak people in a form of government that is waning.

As the *New York Times* observed recently, “Putin and his inner circle believe that liberal democracies are in decline, a view that (President of the People’s Republic of China) Xi Jinping and other top Chinese officials share.” That group also includes Iran, Venezuela and North Korea.

A study by the Economist Intelligence Union in Great Britain, shows that in 2020 only 8.4% of the world population lives in a full democracy, while 41% live in a flawed democracy, 15% live in a hybrid regime and 35.6% live in an authoritarian regime. In short, democracy is indeed in decline.

The U.S. is considered a “flawed democracy.” We enjoy the right to vote and basic civil liberties but, among other things, we have little trust in our institutions, including our

government. There is also a troubling propensity to try and squelch freedom of expression, thanks to anonymous cowards who use social media in an attempt to intimidate and threaten those with whom they disagree.

We are a flawed democracy because we are a deeply-divided democracy, more concerned with our own self-interest than in the welfare of each other and with seemingly little interest in coming together. We are polarized by race, political philosophy, political correctness, age, sex, religion, income, rural vs. urban. The Economic Intelligence Union says the U.S. has “a degree of societal polarization that makes consensus almost impossible to achieve.” No wonder Putin, Xi Ping, Ali Khamenei and other assorted tinhorns think we are imploding in on ourselves.

They see a bunch of pubescent millionaires playing games that add no value to our society while making a big show of disrespecting our nation’s flag and our National Anthem. And they are treated as heroes by a segment of our population.

They see a group of out-of-control zealots storm the seat of our democracy like in some Third World country, vandalizing and looting and assaulting law enforcement officers because they didn’t like the outcome of the presidential election. And they are treated as heroes by a segment of our population.

They see a segment of our population obsessed with destroying our past like Taliban terrorists, forgetting President John F. Kennedy’s admonition, “Let us not seek to fix the blame for the past. Let us accept our own responsibility for the future.”

They see hyphenated Americans, as if where we came from is more important than where we are. (When you see me hyphenate “American,” you will know an imposter got hold of this space. I submit we are all Americans, all the time. No hyphens. Period.)

Our democratic way of life is priceless and not to be taken for granted. An earlier president, John Adams said, “Remember, democracy never lasts long. It soon wastes, exhausts, and murders itself. There never was a democracy yet that did not commit suicide.”

Disrespect our flag. Disrespect our Capitol. Disrespect our country. Disrespect each other. And watch our democracy commit suicide. The autocrats are waiting.

Georgia native Dick Yarbrough is an award-winning columnist. Reach him at dick@dickyarbrough.

Your Letters to the Editor

Reader proud of community’s Rivian stand

Dear Editor:

Ask yourself why you moved to Morgan County or any other rural area. Were you hoping to live near a 20 million square foot heavy industrial plant or hoping to live and raise your family in a close, rural community surrounded by trees and grass instead of cars and concrete?

I have lived here over 20 years. I grew up on a 200-acre cattle farm and escaped the nightmare Henry County became, due to unregulated growth, to come here and live the life I loved and raise my son the same way. I live 75 miles, one way, from work and make that drive happily so I can live my best rural life. I made a conscious and thoughtful choice on the life I wanted to live and have had no regrets. The very reasons I chose this community will be destroyed if we are plagued by heavy industrial manufacturing such as Rivian. There are plenty of industrial areas in Georgia much better suited to a development such as this. We do not need the jobs, the crime, the increase in population or property values and taxes (for some, the opposite), the pollution, contaminated drinking water, or the destruction of the way of life we value here. Our infrastructure and public safety force are not able to handle a doubling, or more, of the population. And, trust me, these necessary services will never catch up. We were not waiting for a savior to arrive and make our lives livable.

This scenario will create much the same situation I experienced in Henry County and so many other counties across the state. A tiny group of men, driven by ego and dollar signs, completely changes the dynamic with uncontrolled growth and makes choices that are not compatible with the community or its wishes. Long term residents feel compelled to move away to find what they lost, leaving the community in the hands of those who are not truly invested in it.

We are not anti-growth, anti-change, or anti-business but this venture is clearly not in our best interest. They talk of job creation and opportunities for our children, yet admit

that the employees will come from outside the community. What if our children desire to become honorable farmers? Are they saying that this is a foolish choice? Are they saying that the rural way of life is passé or laughable? Why should this tiny group of men tell anyone what they should do or what is best for them? Why let those from outside our community tell us what we need?

Let’s not even get into the fact that electric energy is not truly “green”, cheap, good for the planet, or carbon free. Current technology and cost do not make this endeavor beneficial to anyone. If EV science and technology is so favorable to the environment, why are there so many negatives—thousands of acres concreted over, millions of gallons of waste water, more millions of gallons of water used in production, air pollution, light pollution, contaminated ground water and waterways, landfills for un-recyclable products and hazardous waste, potential health consequences, etc. The list is EXTENSIVE. In addition to local issues, it creates worldwide issues that are rearing their ugly head as I write this. This technology is not ready for primetime.

To make matters worse, the backroom deal brokered by our “representatives” garners Morgan County less than half of the financial rewards collected by Newton and Walton Counties, yet we sacrifice by far the most in land and lifestyle. While Rivian gets at least 10 years of tax breaks, our property taxes will go up to support a huge corporation not doing anything for us but harm. Make no mistake, this will adversely affect the town of Madison as well with many tons of hazardous waste traveling through every day on their way to the new landfill. All of these plans made in secret through the use of nondisclosure agreements.

I am proud of the stand my community has made. We are not just a momentary pushback from a small, vocal chorus—we are passionate about our community and want to see it survive intact. I pray we don’t, but in the end,

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Kemp campaign slams Perdue's Rivian opposition

By **DAVID CLEMONS**
The Walton Tribune

ATLANTA — A top aide to Gov. Brian Kemp's campaign said David Perdue has a lot to answer for in his opposition to the Rivian plant.

In a news conference Tuesday, Kemp campaign communications director Cody Hall slammed the former senator hours before his appearance in Rutledge. "He's making a very big deal about people buying stock in this public company, and if there's anybody who knows a lot about buying stock, it should be David Perdue," Hall said.

"But it is unfortunate to play politics with 7,500 jobs and \$5 billion worth of investment in a rural community that needs more jobs and more economic development."

Perdue spoke during a rally in opposition to Rivian Tuesday in Play Fair Park in Rutledge. The town has been the center of opposition to the Rivian Inc. plant which Kemp announced in December.

The California-based company — with George Soros among the investors, along with Amazon.com Inc., Cox Communications and Ford Motor Co. — makes electric vehicles. It's expected to break ground later this year



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Cody Hall, director of communications for Gov. Brian Kemp's reelection campaign, addresses reporters Tuesday, March 1, in Atlanta

and begin producing EVs in Georgia by 2024.

Rivian drew opposition centered in the Rutledge area with people concerned about the potential environmental impact and the conversion of previously undeveloped land, or land used for agriculture, to industrial use.

Perdue has keyed on opposition to Soros, a frequent target of Republican critics for his large donations to progressive causes.

Soros also donated to a political action committee that supported Democrats Jon Ossoff and the Rev. Raphael Warnock as they defeated Republicans Perdue and Sen. Kelly Loeffler, respectively, in the 2021 Senate runoffs in Georgia.

Perdue once had a close relationship with Kemp — they spoke together in Monroe at an

October 2016 Walton County GOP meeting and two years later, the senator appeared at Kemp's election night party in Athens.

Hall said he couldn't speak to the men's working relationship on economic development issues while Kemp was governor and Perdue was in Washington, but it's clear things have frayed.

"Obviously Perdue is listening to his handlers who have told him that in order to make some political points or to get some votes in the primary, that he needs to now attack 7,500 jobs coming to a local community," Hall said.

He said Perdue needed to answer his statement, issued through his campaign Monday, that economic growth should be "organic."

Hall said Georgia, during Kemp's administration, has created

103,000 jobs through \$32 billion in investment for 1,100 projects.

"Does David Perdue not want those 103,000 jobs because the economic development wasn't, quote, organic?" Hall said.

Hall said Perdue's first cousin Sonny Perdue, governor from 2003-11, put together a development package that lured Kia to West Point.

"He doesn't want Kia, he doesn't want 103,000 jobs that have been created while the governor has been in office. I think he should have to answer whether or not he thinks those jobs are viable," Hall said, "and if he would promise not to utilize state funds or state incentive packages if he were to become governor."

Perdue's campaign declined to answer a similar question from The Walton Tribune on Monday, with an aide saying the statement "speaks for itself."

Defending project

Hall defended the process by which Rivian was lured to Georgia, and the state's takeover of the zoning process last week.

He noted the East Atlanta Megasite, also known as Stanton Springs North at the intersection of Interstate 20 and U.S. 278, was a finalist for a joint

venture of Toyota and Mazda and for a Tesla facility.

"That site has been known to be a megasite and an industrial site that was being pitched to lure companies to that area," Hall said.

He said the state economic development team was "in close contact" with local officials during the process to attract Rivian, but said confidentiality is part of recruitment.

The Georgia Department of Economic Development announced it was accepting the Rivian site from the Joint Development Authority of Jasper, Morgan, Newton and Walton Counties.

Making it a state property allows for streamlining the permitting process — but also takes away the oversight of local planning and zoning boards.

"The state coming in and overseeing the pro-

cess is much like what happened with Kia," Hall said.

"In this situation, given that the site is crossing over three different jurisdictions, we would have had to go through 34 different zoning hearings.

"This will allow us to simplify the process but I think the state economic development team has made it very clear that they're very committed to creating committees that will hear directly from voters and from constituents in that area whether it's from the environment, whether it's from traffic, whether it's from safety, whatever it may be."

Kemp, Perdue and south Georgia educator Kandiss Taylor are seeking the GOP nomination in the May 24 primary.

Qualifying will be Monday through March 11 at the state Capitol.

City of Covington

Covington announces public texting update service

By **TAYLOR BECK**
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COVINGTON, Ga. — With the goal of keeping residents continually "engaged and informed" about current events and public safety matters, the city of Covington has launched a texting update service.

City Manager Scott Andrews announced Monday, Feb. 28, the city purchased a texting service, Textedly, that would allow for quick communication with residents.

"We want our community to be engaged and informed on important matters of safety and infrastructure and to provide another option for those that do not utilize social media," Andrews said. "This is another fantastic opportunity for the city to show our level [of] transparency with the residents of our community. Citizens can opt into this, just as they have for our award

winning bi-weekly reports, and our Community Champions emails. We believe it will be a tremendous tool of transparency for our citizens."

Andrews said residents may opt in by texting one or both of the keywords "COV-events" and "COVsafe" to 844-912-0958. Each keyword represents what updates a resident will receive.

Keyword "COV-events" would provide updates on events going on in the community, including monthly updates about city-sponsored events, so residents can stay better involved, Andrews said.

Keyword "COVsafe" would send updates about topics of public safety or concern. These notifications would be more timely and be centered around things such as road closures, inclement weather warnings and utility outages.

"This will only be uti-

lized to relay meaningful information to the community," Andrews said. "We are not going to send messages every day and anyone who signs up can be assured their cell phone number will only be used for this texting service."

Community Development Director Trey Sanders said there was no specific event or reason that led the city to launching the new program. It was simply an idea to help keep members of the community better informed.

"The city utilizes this service to remind employees of specific events and important reminders, and the

natural progression was to offer it to the public," Sanders said. "We do hear from a number of residents that they would appreciate a text service. Especially those that don't stay glued to social media."

The city had previously purchased the text notification program for internal use, but to implement the community aspect, it cost the city an additional nearly \$1,920.

While the system is active and residents are encouraged to enroll in the text program, Sanders said it would be a few weeks until messages start getting sent out.

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Sanders asked when a request for applications for the permanent county manager position would be posted. Shoemaker said it would be done at an unspecified time after the interim position was filled.

Sanders also asked why a pay rate higher than Kerr's was in the offer.

"Shouldn't it be increased once we get a county manager and not increase it for a temporary, or possible temporary (manager)?," she asked.

District 2 Commissioner Demond Mason also asked the amount of Sims' original salary request.

Shoemaker replied that Sims asked for a salary around \$140,000 after the Board interviewed him Feb. 8. He later upped his request above \$150,000 "but we settled on 150," Shoemaker said.

She said Sims also is being offered a different level of benefits than other county employees. Local governments in Georgia typically will offer top administrators working under contracts unique benefit packages, Shoemaker said.

Sanders said she had a problem with payment of nine months' worth of benefits if Sims was involuntarily terminated — which she said she opposed in Kerr's contract.

She sought to delay the Board's action on the contract by making a motion to table it until some of her concerns could be addressed.

"There is a lot in this contract that needs to be discussed," she said.

However, commissioners voted 3-2 against Sanders' motion, and then voted 3-2 to agree to the contract as Shoemaker explained it.

Commissioners Stan Edwards, Demond Mason and Ronnie Cowan voted for it and Sanders and Commissioner J.C. Henderson voted against it.

Covington resident Susan Jackson, a frequent speaker during Citizen Comments times during Board meetings, said she believed it made a "horrible decision" to choose Sims over the other finalist, Washington, D.C., deputy mayor Lucinda Babers.

"I pray that he succeeds

and that he's capable," Jackson said.

The county manager is responsible for submitting the annual budget to the Board and overseeing day-to-day operations of the parts of county government not supervised by constitutional officers — the sheriff, probate judge, tax commissioner and Superior Court clerk.

Board members on Feb. 21 voted 4-0 with one abstention to offer a contract to Sims for the interim position over Babers.

Sanders said she abstained because she objected to the hiring process that only allowed commissioners to interview the two finalists. She said she wanted to know if applicants met the basic qualifications. The county charter also does not prohibit commissioners from taking part in interviews prior to finalists being named.

She also said she did not "agree with polling behind the scenes and knowing who's going to be the next county manager."

"I don't believe in polling behind the scenes," Sanders

said.

Sims earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Georgia State University, a master's degree in business administration from Mercer University and an online certification in government digital transformation from Harvard University.

He formerly was a finalist for county manager of Spalding County and city manager of Forest Park in Clayton County, both in 2021.

Sims worked as manager of capital projects and the public safety administrator for the city of East Point before former Augusta administrator Janice Jackson hired him as deputy city administrator in August 2018.

He stepped in as interim administrator when Jackson resigned eight months later and served a year and a half in the position.

Augusta city commissioners later hired Odie Donald as administrator in April 2021 and Sims left the city government after Donald said he wanted to hire his own deputies.

Center nears \$1.5M grant

STAFF REPORTS
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MANSFIELD, Ga. — Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center has moved to the next level of evaluation in a competition for a grant totaling \$1.5 million.

The center is competing with 14 other projects for a total of \$28.1 million in Georgia Department of Natural Resources "Conserve Georgia" grants for conservation and outdoor recreation projects.

If it receives the funds, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources plans to develop Phase Three of the Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center (CEWC).

This project consists of construction of a Discovery Zone and pavilion that will provide educational opportunities and nature-based recreational activities for guests.

A new animal holding facility will provide the capacity to securely house and care for animals used in a variety of educational programs.

Selected applicants will now be invited to the second-level application, marking the final level of the application process for their proposals.

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buy-in," he said.

"Hard-working folks like you, you're going to get some of the jobs, but why not be involved in the process?"

Some area residents have complained about the lack of transparency in the process of recruiting Rivian before the project was announced in mid-December.

Local industrial recruiters involved in the process have said companies typically will not locate anywhere if negotiations on a deal are done publicly.

Rivian's early plans call for a 16-million-square-foot production, training and research facility on a 2,000-acre site running along the north side of I-20 and straddling the line between Walton and Morgan counties. It will employ 7,500, the company has said.

The state government took control of the site from the four-county Joint Development Authority in recent weeks — a move that allows the project to move ahead without local government reviews.

Perdue said, as governor, he would approve

projects similar to Rivian if local residents had more input before a deal was finalized.

He said Kemp should have rejected Rivian's plans when he heard billionaire George Soros was a major investor in Rivian.

Soros invested \$2 billion in Rivian, Perdue said.

"Kemp's calling that economic development," he said.

Soros also has been a major contributor to a series of Democratic candidates and liberal endeavors.

"He sold us out right here in Rutledge, Georgia. He sold us out to somebody who doesn't have our best interest at heart ... George Soros," Perdue said.

Perdue said his time leading Dollar General Corp. was a success for the company "because we listened" to what customers wanted.

"I'm just a business guy, not a career politician. I've spent my life creating thousands of valuable American jobs. This is not the way you do it.

"We can create jobs without buying it, like we did here. We can

invest in rural Georgia without kicking our communities to the curb."

He added he supported a call for Morgan County residents to be allowed to vote in a public referendum on the Rivian plan.

Perdue served as one of Georgia's two U.S. senators from 2015-2021. He lost re-election in a January 2021 runoff to current U.S. Sen. Jon Ossoff, D-Ga.

The former Fortune 500 executive entered the race for the GOP nomination for governor after former President Donald Trump encouraged him to run against Kemp — whom Trump blames for not intervening in tabulation of the 2020 election results showing Trump narrowly lost in Georgia to President Joe Biden.

Trump has endorsed Perdue, as well as congressional candidate Vernon Jones who also spoke during the Tuesday rally.

Madison resident Lynn Beckham said after Perdue's speech that she opposed the Rivian plan because it would "destroy" the rural nature of the area and the small-town feel of Rutledge.

"I don't think this is the right thing for this area," she said.

The Joint Development Authority of Jasper, Morgan, Newton and Walton Counties, said in response to Perdue's comments,

"Many politicians talk about wanting manufacturing jobs back in America. It is curious why a former statewide elected official would be against that happening in his home state.

"Thanks to the work of this community over the years, Rivian recognized Georgia and Stanton Springs as the ideal place to create American manufacturing jobs," the JDA said in a statement.

"We're focused on bringing the community together and uniting around the benefits of having American-made cars built by Georgians.

"This development brings quality economic development to the hard-working people of our community and state.

"Rivian will provide thousands of high-paying jobs for the area and it is committed to being a great partner to support our community.

"Rivian is already exploring partnerships with our local schools to ensure students are prepared to enter the workforce of the future.

"Having a business like this in our community will help ease the burden of property taxes on local homeowners and provide immense benefit to our local schools.

"Local businesses in the area will certainly benefit from Rivian by elevating our overall business activity and local economy."



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mous wrench into our plans that we had forged over the preceding decade.”

But Carter and Horton, who served as city manager at the time, worked diligently to try to find a way forward.

“It was way more arduous and painful than it had to be,” Carter said. “It was a difficult time, to say the least.”

“At that time ... the odds were seemingly insurmountable against a trail becoming a reality, and the effort was halted,” Horton said. “But the vision in the minds of a group — Newton Trails ... along with the cooperation of the railroad, they were able to broker a lease agreement and set out to create what is now called the Cricket Frog Trail.”

By 2010, the fate of the rail corridor was in serious jeopardy, but perseverance paid off, Carter said. A group of residents and local government leaders, including Rob Fowler of the Arnold Foundation and former Newborn

Mayor Roger Sheridan, pulled together to keep the Norfolk Southern Railways deal alive.

Sheridan actually persuaded his council to let him approach Norfolk Southern Railways about purchasing the corridor.

“Imagine that,” Carter said. “Newborn, a town of less than 700 people, saw that reality, but our 14,000 in the city of Covington and our 100,000 people [in Newton County] ... we just couldn’t get it done at that time.”

But again, those efforts of Sheridan were to no avail, and it seemed time had run out, Carter said. But as Norfolk Southern Railways filed to abandon the corridor in July 2013, one month later Newton Trails filed a Notice of Interim Trail Use (NITU) with the Surface Transportation Board — “a last ditch effort” to prevent the abandonment and preserve the corridor, Carter said.

Newton Trails continued to negotiate

with Norfolk Southern, and, in late March 2016, the company signed a lease agreement with Newton Trails allowing the organization to develop and use the corridor as a public access trail.

“Since then, the PATH Foundation has joined in and prepared a master plan for the trail and has provided design and oversight assistance all along the way to this day,” Horton said.

“The City of Covington signed a sub-lease with Newton Trails in 2018. In 2020, [the city council] approved \$1 million — no small sum in funding — for the completion of approximately 3.9 miles of unpaved trail corridor within the city.”

Shortly after, joint funding up to \$400,000 by the city of Covington and Newton Trails was approved to complete rehab work on the historic rail trestle over Dried Indian Creek. Covington committed to spending about \$230,000, and Newton Trails was tasked to cover the remaining \$170,000.

In total, the city of Covington has allocated more than \$1.6 million to trail funding. City Manager Scott Andrews said the investment was well worth it.

“The Cricket Frog

Trail is absolutely transformative for Covington,” Andrews said. “It significantly improves the quality of life for our residents, provides transportation alternatives and is an enormous economic development driver.”

Horton said the trestle bridge’s recent completion and renovation represented “a major hurdle” to the completion of the entire trail.

“We could walk it in both directions, but when you go here, you had to get off and get in swampy ground,” he said. “But now, uninhibited travel. And we appreciate that.”

Horton called the trestle bridge and trail “marvelous” and said it would only improve the quality of life for residents and tourists, who could enjoy it for many years to come.

Carter described the trestle bridge as a “critical link.”

“It echoes our past. It’s where the railroad first connected Covington to Porterdale, Starrsville, Hasten, Mansfield, Newborn and all points beyond,” Carter said.

“For trail users today, it unites neighborhoods in the western and the eastern halves of our city. We’re standing on the banks of the creek, whose waters flow to us from Oxford. The very



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Mayor Steve Horton was among the speakers Wednesday, March 2, during the celebration of the completion of Cricket Frog Trail paving and renovation of a railroad trestle.

point where we are standing today is the intersection of our past, our present and our future. The crossroads for all of Newton County.

“Perseverance has paid off for the Cricket Frog Trail,” she added. “And we, all of us, are forever grateful beneficiaries of all that hard work and perseverance.”

PATH Foundation Project Manager Foundation Project Manager Jonathan McCaig spoke briefly, saying he was proud to have a role in the construction of such a “unique” trail.

“It’s always neat to go in and repurpose a former transportation corridor into a multi-purpose trail,” he said. “It’s really magical looking behind me [at the trestle bridge], looking at how it started and what it looks like today.”

Newton Trails Chairperson Duane Ford concluded the ceremony with comments of gratitude and appreciation for the many people and organizations involved with the trail’s construction.

“If you think about it, it was just five and a half years ago when we signed the lease with Norfolk Southern Railways for this 14.9 miles of railroad right of way,” Ford said. “And in those five and a half years, it’s pretty amazing that we now have 12 miles paved.”

Ford also gave a “shout out” to the residents of Newton County. As taxpayers, their contribution through the passage of a 2017

SPLOST was more than necessary, he said.

“I think I’d be remiss if I didn’t shout out a thank you to the taxpayers who funded that SPLOST,” Ford said.

“You know, our national pastime is complaining about taxes, but I look at it a little different.

“To me, government and the taxes that we pay to support government and its programs and services, is about we the people giving magnificent gifts to ourselves. And this trail is a magnificent gift from the taxpayers to us, and to all of the trail users.”

Looking ahead to the future, Ford said he was excited to see the Cricket Frog Trail’s remaining 1.9 miles of unpaved trail be completed.

He also shed light on a few other projects Newton Trails was planning, including the renovation of a railroad trestle running across the Alcovy River and partnering with the county to build out the Yellow River Trail, among others.

“I know that the past has been frustrating in many respects, but I say this: ‘Maybe it’s time to put aside the frustrations of the past and look forward to the successes of the future,’” Ford said.

“We need to build that Alcovy River bridge, we need to build and expand and connect our trails, and we need to realize the vision of a trail connected Newton County.”

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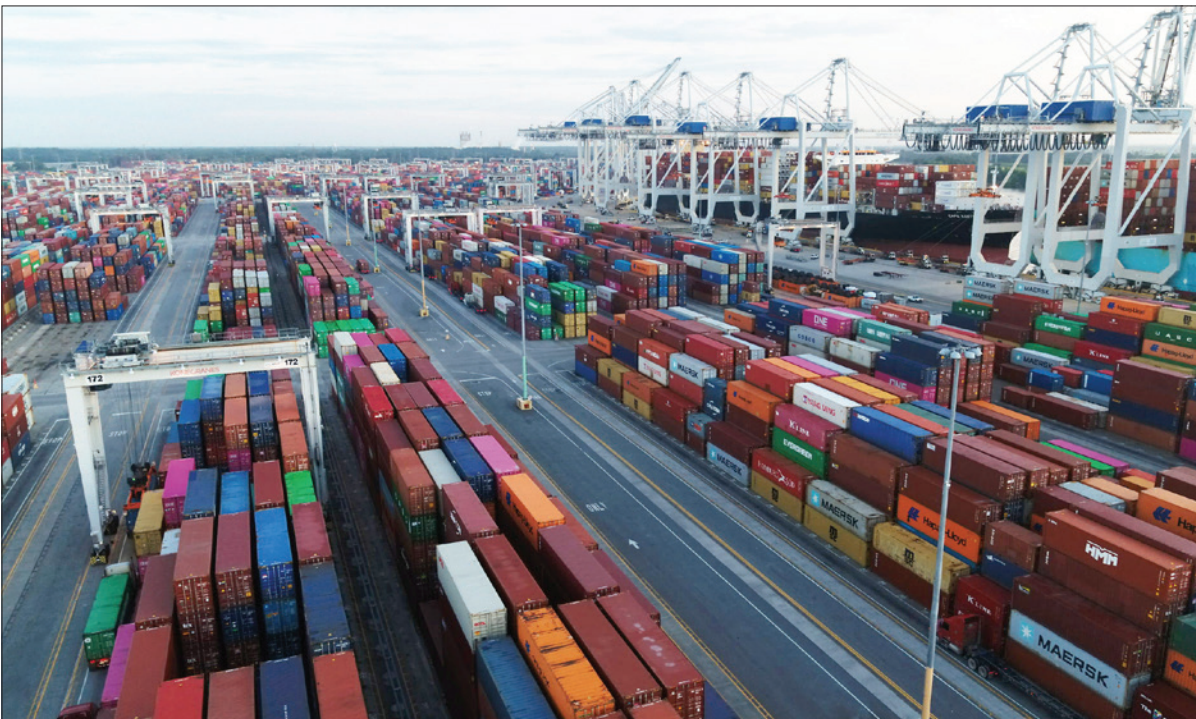
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At the Savannah State of the Port event on Feb. 24, Georgia Ports Executive Director Griff Lynch detailed plans to increase the port's container capacity by 60% over the next three years.

Port of Savannah expanding

By DAVE WILLIAMS
Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA — The Port of Savannah is about to launch a major expansion to keep pace with its growing business. The port's capacity will increase by 60% to 9.5 million 20-foot equivalent units (TEUs) of containerized cargo by 2025, Georgia Ports Authority (GPA) Executive Director Griff Lynch announced Thursday. "Our expansion is being matched by incredible growth in both warehouse space and workforce," Lynch said. "The public and private investment that we're seeing, as well as the number of people being drawn to the business, make Savannah the hottest market in the country for transportation and logistics." The port already has added 400,000 TEUs of container handling space to the Garden City Terminal and will make room for another 820,000 TEUs by June. Also that month, a new container yard just up the Savannah River will add another 500,000 TEUs of capacity. Separately, the Garden City Terminal West project will add up to 1 million TEUs in

phases by 2024. "GPA's role facilitating commerce — even in difficult times — is key to Georgia's long-term economic success," Gov. Brian Kemp said. "The Ports of Savannah and Brunswick together play a major role in positioning Georgia as the go-to state for economic development." The Savannah port has overcome the supply-chain challenges posed by COVID-19 and effectively eliminated its backlog, while accommodating 18 consecutive months of growth. Last year, the GPA moved a record 5.6 million TEUs, up nearly 1 million TEUs, or 20%, from 2020. "Higher demand for our services is the reason we have expedited major expansions at the Port of Savannah," GPA board Chairman Joel Wooten said. "Georgia's growing manufacturing, distribution and retail sectors will mean additional cargo through the Port of Savannah, driving the need for increased container handling capacity."

Truist Bank says no jobs lost from closing branches

By TOM SPIGOLON
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Truist officials say the banking company did not eliminate any jobs in closing two Newton County branches it owned after it was created from the merger of SunTrust and BB&T. The company Feb. 18 closed a former BB&T branch on Clark Street on the Covington Square and a former SunTrust branch in the Kroger supermarket on U.S. Hwy. 278. There were "no job losses associated with these consolidations," said Shelley Miller, spokesperson for Truist Bank. "All teammates are being offered other roles in nearby branches," Miller said. "Our client relationships have been automatically transferred to a nearby branch where they'll receive the same attention and client service they're accustomed to." The closures will leave the bank with one branch — a former BB&T location — at 3110 Hwy. 278 in Covington and an ATM next to the Oxford Post Office on Ga. Hwy. 81. Miller said many former BB&T and SunTrust branches in close proximity to one another presented

"natural opportunities to reduce redundant branches with very little impact to our clients. We're being thoughtful in our approach, and are keeping the needs of our clients at the forefront of our decisions," Miller said. The bank recently closed numerous former BB&T and SunTrust throughout Metro Atlanta as part of the new operation. Branches that closed Feb. 18 were the main Covington BB&T branch at 1134 Clark St SW; and Covington Kroger Branch of SunTrust at 3139 Hwy. 278 NE, Miller said. "Like many industries, we're seeing our client preferences and behaviors change as more and more clients choose to bank with us digitally," Miller said. "This trend has accelerated even more due to COVID-19. This has caused a gradual effect on client traffic patterns and branch usage. Over time, we've also closely tracked past branch closings to see how this might affect our clients. To date, we've seen virtually no client attrition through this process." BB&T and SunTrust announced a merger to become Truist in 2019.

Assembly gives final approval to new Public Service Commission map

By DAVE WILLIAMS
Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA — The Republican-controlled Georgia House of Representatives gave final passage Friday to new district boundaries for the state Public Service Commission (PSC) over objections from Democrats that the map discriminates against minority voters. The bill, which originated in the Georgia Senate, cleared the House 97-68 along party lines and now goes to GOP Gov. Brian Kemp's desk for his signature. The new map makes significant changes to the five PSC districts, moving 44 of the state's 159 counties into a different district than the current map. The changes were necessary to bring the population deviation between the districts to plus-or-minus 1%, said Rep. Bonnie Rich, R-Suwanee, chairman of the House Legislative & Congressional Reapportionment Committee. House Democrats argued the bill perpetuates the current system requiring com-

missioners to run statewide even though they must live inside their districts. A federal lawsuit currently pending claims electing commissioners statewide violates the federal Voting Rights Act because it dilutes minority voting strength. "It makes no sense for us ... to perpetuate statewide election of members of the PSC," said Rep. Sam Park, D-Lawrenceville. "It could be seen as thumbing our noses at the court." House Minority Leader James Beverly, D-Macon, said the new map is politically motivated, a bid by majority Republicans to avoid creating a majority-minority PSC district centered around Gwinnett County, which has seen huge growth in its minority population since the current map was drawn a decade ago. The new map moves Gwinnett into a district dominated by heavily white communities in Northeast Georgia. The PSC regulates many electric, natural gas and telecommunications rates in Georgia.

Georgia Labor Commissioner Butler announces he will not seek fourth term

By DAVE WILLIAMS
Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA — Georgia Commissioner of Labor Mark Butler announced Monday he will not seek reelection to a fourth term. Butler, whose agency has faced huge obstacles processing the deluge of unemployment claims filed during the pandemic, informed employees in a memo that he is stepping down to focus on his wife's battle with cancer. "I'm extremely proud of how the men and women of the Department of Labor stepped up and put in long hours taking on unbelievable odds during this pandemic," he wrote. Butler, a Republican, was elected to the Georgia House in 2004 and served three

terms before being elected labor commissioner in 2010. Legislative Democrats criticized the labor department during the pandemic after hearing from constituents complaining the agency was slow in processing jobless claims. Butler countered that the department wasn't provided adequate funds to handle the unprecedented volume of claims from Georgians thrown out of work. Republicans, too, took a shot at the commissioner, with some backing bipartisan legislation last year to create the position of chief labor



Mark Butler

officer within the department to report directly to the governor. But Gov. Brian Kemp vetoed the bill last May, arguing the powers it would have given a chief labor officer would have conflicted with the commissioner of labor's constitutional authority. State Sen. Bruce Thompson, R-White, launched a primary challenge to Butler. The commissioner's decision not to run leaves Thompson alone on the GOP ballot for the May 24 primary, barring someone else stepping forward before the qualifying period ends next week. Democrats seeking the statewide post include Georgia Sen. Lester Jackson of Savannah and state Rep. William Boddie of East

Secretary asks Ga. firms not to deal with Russia

By DAVE WILLIAMS
Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA — Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger is asking Georgia companies and investors to stop doing business with Russia in solidarity with Ukraine. "I am calling on all Georgians to do their part to support the people of Ukraine in their fight to defend against Russia's aggression in

Europe," Raffensperger said. The secretary's call follows the Russian invasion of Ukraine last week. Raffensperger is Georgia's commissioner of securities. In that capacity, he enforces the state's securities laws, registering securities offered or sold in Georgia and overseeing firms and individuals selling securities or providing investment advice in Georgia.

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FINAL FOUR BOUND

Newton beats Archer

By PHILLIP B. HUBBARD
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COVINGTON, Ga. — In a tough, physical battle on both sides of the floor, it was the Newton Rams who prevailed 59-47 over the Archer Tigers Wednesday night at home.

When the final buzzer sounded, students and fans stormed the court in celebration of Newton's advancement to the Final Four of the Class 7A state playoffs.

Head coach Charlemagne Gibbons was grateful to see his team move on in the state tournament.

"We got more days to play in our season," Gibbons said. "Everybody, except for one team, is going to cry when the season is over. For us, we get a chance to continue to be that team and live to fight another day on Saturday."

Every basket was highly contested and tough to come by for both teams Wednesday night. Early on, neither team gave up anything easy, forcing numerous turnovers and causing one another to make mistakes.

That seemed to be the story in the first half.

When the second half



Newton team members run off their home court in celebration after defeating the Archer Tigers Wednesday night in a quarterfinal game to clinch a semifinal berth in the GHSA Class 7A State Tournament.

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Left photo, the Rams' Jakai Newton (0) goes to dunk the ball while, in right photo, Newton's Marquavious Brown lays one in against Archer Wednesday night at Newton High School.

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'Skins defeat Calhoun

By PHILLIP B. HUBBARD
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EDISON, Ga. — The Social Circle Redskins made the most of their 400-plus mile road trip to Edison, Georgia, Wednesday by defeating the Calhoun County Cougars 88-77 in a GHSA state tournament quarterfinal game.

Now, Social Circle not only advances to the Final Four of the Class A-Public playoffs, but also solidifies its spot as the only undefeated team left in the entire state.

Head coach Taylor Jackson highlighted how accomplishing this feat represents the players' commitment to being successful on the basketball court.

"It's really just a byproduct of us and the work we do every single day," Jackson said. "It's definitely been tough. Whether we were 20-10 or even 0-30, the journey and the camaraderie is what we're trying to instill. And the boys have just bought in. This is a seasoned group and being 30-0 is just a fruit of that work."

Wednesday's match-up was a lot closer for the Redskins than their previous contests in the state playoffs. Even so,

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Prep Basketball

Social Circle girls earned first state tourney since 2016

By PHILLIP B. HUBBARD
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SOCIAL CIRCLE, Ga. — For the first time in six seasons, the Social Circle Lady Redskins qualified for the Class A-Public state playoffs.

They matched up with Trion High School and came out on the losing end 55-42 on Feb. 22.

Even so, the 2021-22 campaign wasn't lost for Social Circle.

At the end of the regular season, the Lady Redskins finished 13-13 overall with a 7-5 record in Region 8A-Public.

They made noise in the region tournament, too.

In the first round, Social Circle

defeated Washington-Wilkes 35-28, officially stamping its ticket to the state playoffs.

The second round saw the Lady Redskins lose to Commerce.

But Social Circle triumphed to claim the three seed coming out of Region 8A-Public granting its matchup on Tuesday with Trion.

Prior to the season even tipping off, head coach Dave LaBarrie told The Covington News that he wanted to see the team return a winning culture back to the program.

And, with a state playoff berth and a top three finish in the region, it seems like the players did just that in 2021-22.



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LEGALS

Public Notices

Abandoned Vehicles

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

THE VEHICLES are currently located at Chancey's Wrecker Service 4199 Old Atlanta Hwy Covington, Ga 30014
THE VEHICLES subject to liens as stated above are identified as:

VEHICLE MAKE: Ford Year: 1972
Model: Falcon
VEHICLE ID #: 2A12U166626 Vehicle License #: 236176 State: GA
ANYONE WITH an ownership interest in any of these vehicles should contact the following business immediately:
BUSINESS NAME: Chanceys Wrecker Service
ADDRESS: 4199 Old Atlanta Hwy COVINGTON, GA 30014
TELEPHONE #: (770) 483-0698

PUBLIC NOTICE #300591
02/27-3/6

ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE PETITION ADVERTISEMENT

YOU ARE hereby notified, in accordance with O.C.G.A. Section 40-11-19.1, that petitions were filed in the Magistrate Court of NEWTON County to foreclose liens against the vehicles listed below for all amounts owed. If a lien is foreclosed, the Court shall order the sale of the vehicle to satisfy the debt. The present location of the vehicles is: Chancey's Wrecker Service 4199 Old Atlanta Hwy Covington, Ga 30014
ANYONE WITH an ownership interest in a vehicle listed herein may file an answer to the petition on or before: **March 9, 2022**

ANSWER FORMS may be found in the Magistrate Court Clerk's office located at: 1132 Usher St. NW, Ste. 149 Covington, GA 30014
FORMS MAY also be obtained online at www.georgiamagistratecouncil.com.

VEHICLE MAKE: Toyota Year: 1999 Model: Corolla Vehicle ID #:1NXBR12E3XZ163091 Vehicle License #: RXS7499 State GA Magistrate Court Case No.: 22-617AV

VEHICLE MAKE: MERCURY Year: 1999 Model: COUGAR Vehicle ID #: 1ZWFT6033X5642006 Vehicle License #: FLG3956 State GA Magistrate Court Case No.: 22-618AV

VEHICLE MAKE: CHRYSLER Year: 2010 Model: 300 Vehicle ID #: 2C3CA4CD6AH162152 Vehicle License #: NO TAG Magistrate Court Case No.: 22-619AV

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02/27-3/6

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3195 HWY 81 South
COVINGTON, GA. 30016
770-787-6243

YOU ARE hereby notified that a petition was filed in the Magistrate Court of Newton County to foreclose a lien for all amount owed. If the lien is foreclosed, a court shall order the sale of the vehicle to satisfy the debt.

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03/6,13

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PUBLIC NOTICE #300565
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Alcoholic Beverage

NOTICE IS hereby given that an application has been made to the Newton County Board of Commissioners to obtain a license to sell alcoholic beverages (beer and wine) for off-permises consumption by:
PUBLIX SUPER MARKET, INC
#0744
JASMIN OVCINA
13015 BROWN BRIDGE RD,

COVINGTON GA 30016-9111

PUBLIC NOTICE # 300572
02/27-3/6

NOTICE IS hereby given that an application has been made to the Newton County Board of Commissioners to obtain a license to sell alcoholic beverages (beer and wine) for off-permises consumption by: **UNITED BROWNBRIDGE INC**
RITA JERAM
15036 BROWN Bridge Rd
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #300562
02/27-3/6

Bids

PI 0018009 Newton County, SR 12/ US 278 From SR 124 to SR 81. The City of Covington seeks proposals from interested qualified Engineering firms to provide engineering services consisting of roadway improvements along US 278/SR 12 in Covington, Georgia. The project includes improvements from the Interstate 20 Exit 90 park and ride near Turner Lake Road to Emory Street. Improvements include landscaping, sidewalks/trails, lighting, gateway signage, and utility relocations. All offerors must comply with all general and special requirements of the RFQ information and instructions. The City of Covington, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 USC 2000d to 2000d-4 and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, part 21. Non-discrimination in federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises as defined at 49 CFR Part 23 will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin, or sex in consideration for an award. The City of Covington reserves the right to reject any or all submissions and to award a contract in the best interest of the City and waive technicalities and informalities. The specific services requested are outlined in detail in the scope of services within this request for qualifications. Interested parties shall contact Jimmy Garrison, P.E., at garrison.j@tandh to request a copy of the RFQ.

PUBLIC NOTICE #300644
03/6,13,20,27

THE CITY of Covington is seeking sealed proposals from qualified firms for the purpose of completing the City of Covington Downtown Master Plan to provide a blueprint for the continued rejuvenation of downtown Covington, looking at improvements to streetscaping, downtown branding, transportation, infrastructure concerns, and the development of economic development strategies
REQUEST FOR Bids/Proposals and additional information may be obtained by **ACCESSING THE** request for proposals on the City's website at <https://www.cityofcovington.org/index.php?section=business-opportunities>
PROPOSALS MUST be submitted no later than 4:00 p.m. on March 21, 2022.
RESPONSES RECEIVED after this time and date will not be considered. **PLEASE ADDRESS** responses to: **SCOTT CROMER PURCHASING DEPT.**
2194 EMORY Street NW
COVINGTON, GA 30014
THE CITY of Covington reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

PUBLIC NOTICE #300620
03/6,13

Citations

CITATION

JUDY ANN WHITLEY has petitioned 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.

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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

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
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COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #300596
03/6,13,20,27

CITATION

TO: MICHAEL FRANKLIN

MATEAKA HAMELIN has filed for Temporary Letters of Guardianship of the Person (s) **KAYDEN FRANKS, KODY FRANKLIN & KYNG FRANKLIN** minor (s) All objections must be in writing and filed with this Court on or before March 16, 2022 at ten o'clock, a.m.

MELANIE M. Bell, Judge
DANYELL THOMAS
CLERK, PROBATE Court
NEWTON COUNTY, Georgia

PUBLIC NOTICE #300595
02/27-3/6

THE PETITION OF CHARLES RABBLER 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
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POSITION AVAILABLE: UTILITY BILLING/MUNICIPAL COURT CLERK

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

Minimum Qualifications:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The City of Oxford is an Equal Opportunity Employer

CITY OF COVINGTON JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

The City of Covington is currently accepting applications for the position of **Apprentice Line Worker** in the **Electric Department** with a starting hourly rate of **\$19.32** to a maximum hourly rate of **\$28.37** depending upon qualifications. Qualified applicants **MUST** apply via our website by downloading an application packet at cityofcovington.org or may apply in person at the City of Covington, 2194 Emory Street, Covington, Georgia 30014. This position will remain open until **4:00 PM on Wednesday, March 16, 2022**. The City of Covington is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

LEGALS:

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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 IS given that articles of
incorporation that will incorporate **A**
WAY FORM HOME FOUNDATION
INC have been delivered to the
Secretary of State for filing in
accordance with the Georgia
Business Corporation Code.
The initial registered office of
the corporation is located at 310
CREEKVIEW BLVD, COVINGTON
GA 30016 and its initial registered
agent at such address is SEMONE
GURDON

PUBLIC NOTICE #300589
02/27,3/6

NOTICE IS given that articles of
incorporation that will incorporate
MONAE & MORE have been
delivered to the Secretary of State
for filing in accordance with the
Georgia Business Corporation
Code. The initial registered office
of the corporation is located at 425
Glengarry Chase, Covington GA
30014 and its initial registered agent
at such address is Carolyn N. Wilson

PUBLIC NOTICE #300561
02/27-3/6

Debtors Creditors

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:
KATHERINE ANNE SULLIVAN
HERREN
55 BEAR CREEK COURT
COVINGTON, GA 30014

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #300563
02/27-3/6,13,20

NOTICE OF DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

THIS 4TH day of February 2022

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

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

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

ALL CREDITORS of **TAVIUS**
SHUNEIL BROWN, deceased,
late of Newton County, Georgia,
are hereby notified to render in
their demands to the undersigned
according to law, and all persons
indebted to said estate are required
to make immediate payment to the
undersigned representative of said

estate.
THIS 3RD day of February 2022

TELLY QUINTREZ BROWN
150 PIEDMONT CIRCLE
COVINGTON, GA 30016

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

NOTICE TO Debtors and Creditors

ALL CREDITORS of the estate
of **BARRY SCOTT BIGGERS**
late of Newton County, deceased,
are hereby notified to render in
their demands to the undersigned
according to law, and all persons
indebted to said estate are required
to make immediate payment.
THIS 13TH day of February, 2022

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

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

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

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

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

ALL CREDITORS of the estate
of **RODERICK EDWARD JONES**,
deceased, a resident of Newton
County, Georgia, are hereby notified
to render in their demands to the
undersigned according to law, and
all persons indebted to said estate
are required to make immediate
payment.
THIS 22ND day of February, 2022.

RANDELL L. Robinson
ADMINISTRATOR OF the Estate
OF RODERICK Edward Jones

C/O MICHELLE Chaudhuri, Esq
TALLEY & Associates, PC
1892 GA Hwy 138, SE
CONYERS , GA 30013
770-483-1431

PUBLIC NOTICE #300580
02/27-3/6,13,20

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

ALL CREDITORS of the Estate of
GARY LYNN EARL HOFFECKER
late of Newton County Georgia,
deceased, are hereby notified to
render in their demands to the
undersigned according to law, and
all persons indebted to said estate
are required to make immediate
payment.

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

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

ALL CREDITORS of the Estate of
PEGGY ANN PILGRIM MAPLES
late of Newton County., deceased,
are hereby notified to render in
their demands to the undersigned
according to law, and all persons
indebted to said Estate are required
to make immediate payment

THIS 3RD day of February, 2022

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

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

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

ADMINISTRATOR OF Estate:
Benjamin Maples

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

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the
debtors and creditors of the Estate
of **BARBARA MARIE TONER**
deceased, late of Newton County,
Georgia. You are required to
render your demands and/or make
payments to the undersigned estate
representative according to law.
THIS THE 8TH day of FERUARY
2022

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

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

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the
debtors and creditors of the Estate
of **BENNIE FRANKLIN CARTLEDGE**
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 25TH day of FERUARY
2022

NANCY CARTLEDGE
2852 CLUB FOREST DR
CONYERS, GA 30013

PUBLIC NOTICE #300641
03/6,13,20,27

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the
debtors and creditors of the Estate
of **BILLIE JANETTE PAYNE**

CLUES ACROSS

- Central mail bureau
- Member of the family
- Partner to flow
- ___ Angeles
- Military mailbox
- Patriotic women
- Shallow lake
- Tear apart
- Middle Easterner
- Eat to excess
- Stained
- Certain peoples of equatorial Africa
- 1st day of month
- Skin disease
- Skating figure
- Annelids
- Gracefully slender
- Kids need it
- Swiss river
- Indents
- A sheer fabric of silk or nylon
- Belgian River
- ___ Spumante (Italian wine)
- Originate from
- Rugged mountain ranges
- Made less clean
- Professions
- 3s
- Scarf
- Yellow light
- Bird noise
- Opposite of start
- Bar bill
- Northeastern Mass. cape
- American rocker Snider
- Midway between northeast and east

CLUES DOWN

- Scandinavian drink
- Washington river
- Fast-running flightless bird
- Nerve conditions
- Indicates near
- Immediate relevance
- Things you can eat
- Receptacles
- Retired Brewers great
- Month
- Happy New Year!
- Exclamation to convey truth
- Passports and licenses are two

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- Ebert's partner Siskel
- Long skirt
- Part of company name
- Drugmaker ___ Lilly
- Electronic countermeasures
- Klutz
- Chinese statesman
- Stir with emotion
- Flat-bottomed boat
- Go-between
- This (Spanish)
- A plot of ground where seedlings are grown before transplanting
- Small waterfall
- Modern tech necessity (abbr.)
- Utter repeatedly

- One of the bravest
- Sun up in New York
- Space station
- Chilean seaport
- Hasidic spiritual leader
- They ___
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- Single unit

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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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 **ETHELENE BROWN LESTER**
deceased, late of Newton County,
Georgia. You are required to
render your demands and/or make
payments to the undersigned estate
representative according to law.
THIS THE 21TH day of JANUARY
2022

JACQUELINE E. RAINEY
6205 HEARN RD
ELLENWOOD, GA 30294

PUBLIC NOTICE #300524
02/13,20.27-3/6

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the
debtors and creditors of the Estate
of **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 **HELEN ANN TERRELL** deceased,
late of Newton County, Georgia. You
are required to render your demands
and/or make payments to the
undersigned estate representative
according to law.
THIS THE 21TH day of JANUARY
2022

MICHAEL TERRELL
2115 HAMPTON TRAIL SE
CONYERS GA 30013

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

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the
debtors and creditors of the Estate
of **HERBERT ALLEN CLARK**
deceased, late of Newton County,
Georgia. You are required to
render your demands and/or make
payments to the undersigned estate
representative according to law.
THIS THE 28TH day of JANUARY
2022

BEN DAY
721 ELLINGTON RD
OXFORD GA 30054

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

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND

CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the
debtors and creditors of the Estate
of **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 **JILL FRITZ MAHER** 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

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 **JOSEPH BRADLEY CLANTON, JR**
deceased, late of Newton
County, Georgia. You are required to
render your demands and/or make
payments to the undersigned estate
representative according to law.
THIS THE 3 RD day of FERUARY
2022

ASHLEY CLANTON
120 W PENNICK DR
COVINGTON , GA 30014

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

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the
debtors and creditors of the Estate
of **JUDY C. VENABLE** deceased,
late of Newton County, Georgia. You
are required to render your demands
and/or make payments to the
undersigned estate representative
according to law.
THIS THE 26TH day of JANUARY
2022

ROGER CLARK
25 STEWART DR
COVINGTON GA 30014

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

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the
debtors and creditors of the Estate
of **JUNE PATRICIA KNIGHT** deceased,
late of Newton County, Georgia. You
are required to render your demands
and/or make payments to the
undersigned estate representative
according to law.
THIS THE 3RD day of FERUARY
2022

CURTIS SMITH
342 SPEARS RD
MANSFIELD GA 30055

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

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

according to law.
THIS THE 3RD day of FERUARY
2022

ANDREA JONES
204 RAINEY DR
EATONTON, GA 31024

PUBLIC NOTICE #300554

LEGALS:

Continued from B3

2ND DAY of February 2022

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

**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
VALDOSTA 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 SUMMS- 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

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

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 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 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 198 OF THE 10TH LAND DISTRICT OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA AND BEING LOT 7, BLOCK A, UNIT ONE, FAIRVIEW CHASE SUBDIVISION, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 24, PAGES 23-24, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA DEED RECORDS, WHICH PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN AND MADE A PART HEREOF BY REFERENCE FOR A MORE COMPLETE AND ACCURATE DESCRIPTION, BEING PROPERTY KNOWN AS 70 FAIRVIEW CHASE ACCORDING TO THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF NUMBERING PROPERTY IN NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA.

SAID PROPERTY is known as **70 Fairview Chase, 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 The Representative of the Estate of Philip J Conyers, Jr, successor in interest or tenant(s).

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. as Attorney-in-Fact for Phillip Conyers

Jr.
FILE NO. 22-078179
LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP*
ATTORNEYS AND Counselors at Law
211 PERIMETER Center Parkway, N.E., Suite 300
ATLANTA, GA 30346
(770) 220-2535/SCD
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***THE LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.**

PUBLIC NOTICE #300471
02/27-03/6,13,20,27

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

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 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
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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 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 Northeastly 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 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 now due and payable); the right of redemption of any taxing authority; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; all zoning ordinances; assessments; liens; encumbrances; restrictions; covenants; and any other matters of record superior to said Security Deed.

TO THE best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owner and party in possession of the property is 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 **Pamela Gant** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Guaranty Residential Lending, Inc., its successors and assigns, dated August 25, 2003, recorded in Deed Book 1523, Page 56, Newton County, Georgia Records and as modified by that certain Loan Modification Agreement recorded in Deed Book 3245, Page 6, Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Wells Fargo Bank, NA by assignment recorded in Deed Book 2934, Page 484, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY-SEVEN AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$125,987.00), 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.

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA 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: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., PO Box 10335, Des Moines, IA 50306, 1-800-416-1472.

TO THE best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Pamela Gant or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **110 Cinnamon Oak Cir, 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.

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA
AS ATTORNEY in Fact for
PAMELA GANT
MCCALLA RAYMER Leibert Pierce,

LLC
1544 OLD Alabama Road
ROSWELL, GA 30076
WWW.FORECLOSUREHOTLINE.NET
***AUCTION SERVICES** provided by Auction.com (www.auction.com)
EXHIBIT "A"
ALL THAT tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 134, 10th District, Newton County, Georgia and being Lot 32, Block B, Parkscapes, Unit Two, as per plat recorded in Plat Book 37, Pages 188-194, Newton County, Georgia Records, which recorded plat is incorporated herein by reference for a more complete description of said property.
MR/MEH 4/5/22
OUR FILE NO. 51146410 - FT5

PUBLIC NOTICE #300582
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 **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 Douglas 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.

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

MR/CA 4/5/22
OUR FILE NO. 51687401 - FT17

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

**NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
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 536.70 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 0

LEGALS:

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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

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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 **Afonso 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, 62600 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
STATE OF GEORGIA, County of NEWTON.

UNDER AND by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Deed to Secure Debt given by **ETHEL M JONES** to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., ("MERS"), AS NOMINEE FOR PRIMARY RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE, INC., dated 02/28/2019, and Recorded on 05/06/2019 as Book No. 3835 and Page No. 596 607, NEWTON County, Georgia records, as last assigned to PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC (the Secured Creditor), by assignment, conveying the after described property to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of \$142,373.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the NEWTON County Courthouse within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in May, 2022, 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, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT A REBAR FOUND LOCATED ON THE WESTERLY SIDE OF THE RIGHT OF WAY OF THE CUL DE SAC OF LAKE CHARLES CROSSING (50 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY), SAID REBAR FOUND BEING 1156.11 ALONG THE WESTERLY SIDE OF THE RIGHT OF WAY OF SAID LAKE CHARLES CROSSING AND ALONG THE EASTERLY SIDE OF THE RIGHT OF WAY OF LAKE CHARLES WAY (50 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY) TO THE INTERSECTION OF THE EASTERLY SIDE OF THE RIGHT OF SAID LAKE CHARLES WAY AND THE SOUTHERLY SIDE OF THE RIGHT OF WAY OF SMITH STORE ROAD (80 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY); THENCE RUNNING NORTH 89 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 33 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 42.32 FEET TO AN IRON PIN SET; THENCE RUNNING NORTH 87 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 166.52 FEET TO A 1/2 INCH REBAR FOUND; THENCE RUNNING NORTH 30 DEGREES 20 MINUTES 13 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 234.53 FEET TO A 1/2 INCH REBAR FOUND; THENCE RUNNING SOUTH 32 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 12 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 205.01 FEET TO A 1/2 INCH REBAR SET LOCATED ON THE WESTERLY SIDE OF THE RIGHT OF WAY OF THE CUL DE SAC OF SAID LAKE CHARLES CROSSING; THENCE RUNNING ALONG THE WESTERLY SIDE OF THE RIGHT OF WAY OF THE CUL DE SAC OF SAID LAKE CHARLES CROSSING AND FOLLOWING THE CURVATURE THEREOF AN ARC DISTANCE OF 46.09 FEET TO A REBAR FOUND BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING (SAID ARC BEING SUBTENED BY A CHORD HAVING A CHORD BEARING OF SOUTH 28 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 26 SECONDS WEST AND A CHORD DISTANCE OF 44.47 FEET).

SAID PROPERTY BEING KNOWN AS LOT 22 AND PART OF LOT 21 OF LAKE CHARLES ESTATES SUBDIVISION, UNIT TWO, AND HAVING AN ADDRESS OF 15 LAKE CHARLES CROSSING ACCORDING TO THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF NUMBERING HOUSES IN NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA; AS SHOWN ON F.H.A PLOT PLAN FOR ALAN HEWITT AND KATIA NIXON BY ROBERT M. BUHLER, R.L.S. #1403, DATED 05/25/2000.

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).

PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC holds the duly endorsed Note and is the current assignee of the Security Deed to the property. **PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC**, acting on behalf of and, as necessary, in consultation with **PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC** (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, PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC may be contacted at: PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC, 3043 TOWNSGATE ROAD, SUITE 200, WESTLAKE VILLAGE, CA 91361, 866 549 3583. 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 **15 LAKE CHARLES CROSSING, COVINGTON, GEORGIA 30016** is/are: **ETHEL M JONES** 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.

PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC

AS ATTORNEY in Fact for **ETHEL M JONES**.

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PUBLIC NOTICE #300638
03/06

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.

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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 BBMC 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 WADE 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

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PUBLIC NOTICE #300583
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 **Vincent Armenia and Anna Armenia** to Navy Federal Credit

Union dated 6/24/2019 and recorded in Deed Book 3858 Page 102 Newton County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by Navy Federal Credit Union, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$157,003.00, 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 132, 10TH DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 12, RIVER NORTH ESTATES, PHASE III, ACCORDING TO PLAT RECORDED AT PLAT BOOK 23, PAGE 226, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS, WHICH PLAT IS HEREBY INCORPORATED HEREIN AND MADE A PART HEREOF BY REFERENCE.

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 **120 Beaverdam Ct, 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): **Vincent James Armenia and Anna W Armenia** or tenant or tenants.

NAVY FEDERAL Credit Union is the entity or individual designated who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage.

NAVY FEDERAL Credit Union Navy Federal Credit Union 820 Folin Lane Vienna, VA 22180-4907 (888) 503-7102

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.

NAVY FEDERAL Credit Union as agent and Attorney in Fact for Vincent Armenia and Anna Armenia

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE #300581
03/06,13,20,27

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 **GLENNA JOANNE KENDRICK** to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. ("MERS"), AS NOMINEE FOR PRIMARY 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 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.** 0000009384959 **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**

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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 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 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 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). 0000000933808 BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TURNER & ENGEL, LLP 4004 Belt

Line Road, Suite 100 Addison, Texas 75001 Telephone: (972) 341 5398.

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 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** **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 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

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 in 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

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 attorneys' 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

Juvenile Court

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE INTEREST OF:
A.G. SEX: Female
DOB: 06/22/2009 Case #107-22J-0070
A CHILD Under 18 Years of Age

SUMMONS

TO: AMANDA RUTH DANIEL GALVAN, Mother to the Minor Child Named Above

A PETITION 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. **NOW, THEREFORE**, 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. **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(ren) or make any decisions affecting your child(ren) or your child(ren)'s earnings or property. Your child(ren) will be legally freed to be adopted by someone else. **EVEN IF** your parental rights are terminated: **(1) YOU** will still be responsible for providing financial support (child support payments) for your child(ren)'s care unless and until your child(ren) is/are adopted; and **(2) YOUR** child(ren) can still inherit from you unless and until your child(ren) is/are adopted. **PURSUANT TO** statute, you are put on notice that as a biological father you may lose all rights to your child(ren) named above and will not be entitled to object to the termination of your rights to such child(ren) unless, within 30 days of receipt of notice, you file: **(1) A** petition to legitimate such child(ren); and **(2) NOTICE** of the filing of the

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

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE INTEREST OF:
C.C. SEX: Male D O B : 01/19/2019 Case #107-22J-0109
A CHILD Under 18 Years of Age

SUMMONS

TO: JENNIFER RENEE CHEWNING, Mother; **JOHN DOE**, and any unknown, unnamed biological father or other persons claiming to have a parental interest in the minor child named above born to Jennifer Renee Chewning on the date above-listed. **A PETITION** to Terminate Parental Rights was filed in this Court on February 8, 2022, by the Georgia Department of Human Services, by and through the Newton County Department of Family and Children Services, concerning the above child(ren). In accordance with O.C.G.A. §15-11-281, you are hereby notified that this proceeding and the hearing(s) specified herein is for the purpose of terminating your parental rights and to place permanent custody of said child(ren) 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 of 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. **NOW, THEREFORE**, you, the party(ies) 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. **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(ren). A copy of the 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 19th day of April, 2022, at 11:00 a.m., at the Newton County Juvenile Court of Newton County Judicial Center, 1132 Usher Street, NW, Covington, Georgia 30014. **IF YOU** fail to appear, the Court can terminate your rights in your absence. **IF THE** court at the trial finds that the facts set out in the Petition to Terminate Parental Rights are true and that termination of your rights will serve the best interests of your child(ren), the court can enter a judgment ending your rights to your child(ren). **IF THE** judgment terminates your parental rights, you will no longer have any rights to your child(ren). This means that you will not have the right to visit, contact, or have custody of your child(ren) or make any decisions affecting your child(ren) or your child(ren)'s earnings or property. Your child(ren) will be legally freed to be adopted by someone else. **EVEN IF** your parental rights are terminated: **(1) YOU** will still be responsible for providing financial support (child support payments) for your child(ren)'s care unless and until your child(ren) is/are adopted; and **(2) YOUR** child(ren) can still inherit from you unless and until your child(ren) is/are adopted. **PURSUANT TO** statute, you are put on notice that as a biological father you may lose all rights to your child(ren) named above and will not be entitled to object to the termination of your rights to such child(ren) unless, within 30 days of receipt of notice, you file: **(1) A** petition to legitimate such child(ren); and **(2) NOTICE** of the filing of the

petition to legitimate with the Court in which the termination of parental rights proceeding is pending. **THIS IS** a very serious matter. A party is entitled to an attorney in the proceedings. You should contact an attorney immediately so that you can be prepared for the court hearing. You have the right to hire an attorney and to have him or her represent you. If you cannot afford to hire an attorney, the Court will appoint an attorney if the Court finds that you are an indigent person. Whether or not you decide to hire an attorney, you have the right to attend the hearing of your case, to call witnesses on your behalf, and to question those witnesses brought against you. **IF YOU** have any questions concerning this notice, you may call the telephone number of the clerk's office which is 770-784-2060. **THIS IS** a summons requiring you to be in Court. If you fail to come to court as required, you may be held in contempt of court and punished accordingly. **WITNESS THE** Honorable Hillary W. Edgar, Judge of said Court, this 10th day of February, 2022.

/S/ ANITA Carroll

(Deputy) Clerk
JUVENILE COURT of Newton County, Georgia

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

Name Changes

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

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

JAHMERAH PARKER
PETITIONER,
V.

RESPONDENT.

CIVIL ACTION NUMBER
2021-CV—201-5

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF CHILD

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

JAHMERAH PARKER
13 MAGNOLIA ST
COVINGTON GA 30014

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

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

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

TANEISHA BROWN
PETITIONER,
V.
ADRIAN BROWN
RESPONDENT.

CIVIL ACTION NUMBER
2021-CV—204-2

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF CHILD

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

TANEISHA BROWN
285 SUNFLOWER LANE
COVINGTON GA 30016

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

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE the Name Change of:
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

See LEGALS, B7

Continued from B6

See LEGALS, B8

LEGALS:

Continued from B7

SUPERIOR COURT of this county.
THIS 23RD day of FEBRUARY 2022

PUBLIC NOTICE #300609
03/6,13,20,27

TRADE NAME
REGISTRATION
AFFIDAVIT
GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

TO WHOM It may Concern:
PLEASE BE advised that **C+E ENTERPRISE OF GEORGIA INK** whose address is 931 BEHTANY RD COVINGTON GA 30016 is/are the owner(s) of the certain business now being carried on at 931 BEHTANY RD COVINGTON GA 30016 the following trade name,

to-wit: **SIMPLY OUTDOORS** and that the nature of said business is: **GUIDE & OUTDOOR SERVICES** This statement is made in conformity with O.C.G.A. §10-1-490 et seq. requiring the filing of such statement with the Clerk of Superior Court of this county.
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Prep Soccer

Eastside girls eye state tourney, boys seek wins

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COVINGTON, Ga. — At this point in the 2022 campaign for Eastside, the two soccer programs have had two different types of seasons.

Eastside Eagles

Currently, the Eagles stand at 3-5 overall with a 1-0 Region 8-AAAAA record. Their latest win came on Monday, Feb. 28 thrashing Salem High School 9-0.

Monday's win was preceded with a region-opening 5-2 win versus Walnut Grove on Friday, Feb. 25.



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The entire Lady Eagles squad walks off the field in celebration after defeating region foe Walnut Grove 3-1 on Feb. 25 at Homer Sharp Stadium.

Leading the Eagles has been Rodney Williams. In this past week's games alone, Williams has found the back of the net five

times, which includes a hat trick on Monday.

Tanner Beam, Matthew Jolley, Wayne Warren, Owen Lane, Thomas Hill and Aiden

Hambright have contributed to the Eagles' recent success.

Despite the losing record right now, head coach Champ Young is optimistic in his team's chances as the season progresses.

"I'm hoping that we are able to maintain the level of focus needed to make a run at one of the top four spots [in Region 8-AAAAA]," Young said. "Last year, all four spots were able to have great results in the playoffs and the depth of the region aids in that."

Lady Eagles

For the Lady Eagles,

they are 6-1-1 overall with a 1-0 region record.

This past week, they defeated Walnut Grove on Feb. 25 at home 3-1 followed by a 10-0 mercy rule of Salem High School on Monday, Feb. 28.

It has been a team effort for the Lady Eagles, too.

Across the two latest matches, Katie Oakley scored four goals with Bailey Love and Joanna Funes netting two apiece themselves. Sophia Leal, Lauren Davis, Jordyn Jones, Abigail Morgan and Mallory Shurtz have

also each scored a goal.

Mia Mostek and Funes have each accounted for three assists, too.

Goalkeeper Shelby Bolson has anchored the goal making it difficult for opponents to find the back of the net.

In Monday's victory, head coach Joel Singleton expressed his pride in the Lady Eagles' complete performance.

"We played to the level we should have today," Singleton said.

"It was a good game to get several players in the scoring column. Everyone got playing time and contributed."

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multiple players stepped up when their team needed it most.

KJ Reid led all Social Circle scorers with 21 points on the night. Amarion Russell came in with 15 points off the bench while Tyhrell Branch and Cam Gaither each scored 14.

Philip Baynes Jr., contributed 12 points with Lamarius Jackson being the sixth Redskins to score double digit points having 10.

All Redskins contributing to the winning

effort is what Jackson said has fueled this season's success all year long.

"We have kids who can shoot and kids who can finish at the rim," Jackson said.

"Having a balanced scoring makes it really tough to guard us. And, if a guy has an off night, he's got so much behind him. We're just really clicking on offense and it's been fun."

Social Circle now faces Drew Charter, the No. 1 seed out of

Region 6A-Public for the Redskins' first ever appearance in the Final Four. The matchup will take place on Saturday, March 5 at 8 p.m. hosted at Valdosta State University.

According to Jackson, Wednesday's road game at Calhoun County served as a "blessing in disguise" in preparation for another road trip the Redskins will have to make this season.

Even so, Jackson believes his team will be ready and motivated

for the challenge Drew Charter presents.

"Drew Charter has been the team that has been in front of us the entire year in a certain number of polls. So, we have been chasing them. I feel like our kids still have the mindset that '[Drew Charter] is still the comparison.' I think we're going to be dialed in and focused with still a lot to prove with the game against Drew Charter. They'll be ready to go on Saturday."

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commenced, however, the Rams seemed to penetrate their way to the paint more effectively.

Specifically, in the third quarter, Newton scored 12 of its 17 third quarter points in the paint. A third of those points came courtesy of Miokaye Grant in the post.

Gibbons highlighted how feeding the ball down low in the paint was intentional coming out of halftime.

"Our post guys are good," Gibbons said. "Tonight, we made a concerted effort in the second half to put that basketball in our post players' hands."

Newton pulled away further from Archer in the final frame of action outscoring the Tigers 19-12. MJ Whitlock helped seal the win

down the stretch going 6-for-7 at the free-throw line, too.

Whitlock finished with a team-high 20 points. Jakai Newton tallied 13 points while Stephon Castle had nine and Marquavious Brown contributed eight.

Gibbons believes that his team's willingness to share the ball and their unselfish play is what give the Rams the best chance to continue advancing in the state tournament.

"If you're going to be a championship-caliber team, sometimes you gotta go to the other guy," Gibbons said.

"Everybody's not willing to do that. The sacrifice these guys make for each other in order to win, I think you saw that tonight. Those guys in that

locker room are about winning."

As a result of Wednesday's win, the Rams will move on to the Final Four of the

Class 7A state playoffs. They face Norcross High School at Buford City Arena on Saturday, March 5 with tip-off being 8 p.m.



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Prep Basketball

Bulldogs pull together for title, teammate

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MCDONOUGH, Ga. — After graduating six seniors a season ago, the Covington Academy Bulldogs repeated as the Georgia Association of Private and Parochial Schools Division I-A state champions on Feb. 26. This time around, the Bulldogs defeated Hills Academy, from Conyers, 54-52 on Shaquille O’Neal Court at Creekside Christian Academy.

Head coach Trell Grimes said it was a sluggish start on his team’s part but, some-time in the first half, something seemed to change with the players.

“We pulled together in the second quarter,” Grimes said. “I guess everybody was like ‘hey, we’re here. We might as well play.’ All it took from there was to play solid and maintain what got us there.”

In the championship game, Geno Brown led the Bulldogs with a team-high 21 points and five rebounds.

Harold Lowe recorded a double-double in the win, scoring 16 points and collecting 19 rebounds. Colton Price contributed 12 points in the winning effort, too.

When the game was over and the championship was the Bulldogs’ again, Grimes realized how special it was to witness his team’s jour-



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Geno Brown donned the No. 14 Bulldogs jersey to honor teammate Payton Hudgins during Covington Academy’s semi-final basketball game.

ney the past few weeks. Grimes expressed his pride in his team performance on and off the court leading up to the big game.

Now, after going back-to-back seasons capturing the state title, Grimes is excited for the future of the Bulldogs’ basketball program.

“I don’t see this program going anywhere but up,” Grimes said. “This is like one big family. Ever since I’ve been here, it’s been like this. All the support and the love is truly special.”

Even though the play-off run ended up with the Bulldogs hoisting the ultimate prize, it was a rocky path to get there.

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my’s journey through the playoffs began on Feb. 10 when the Bulldogs captured the region title. But, during the championship ceremony, sophomore guard Payton Hudgins collapsed on the court and had a seizure after stating that he couldn’t feel his legs.

Hudgins was then life-flighted to Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta immediately.

A Facebook page called “Pray-4-Payton #14” was created to better update people on Hudgins’ progress.

For the first part of his stint in the hospital, Hodgins was in a medically induced coma while also being in the intensive care unit (ICU) on a ventilator. Shortly after, Hodgins awoke and was taken

off the ventilator.

As a matter of fact, when the state championship game was being played on Feb. 26, Hudgins was cheering the Bulldogs on.

“Payton had a good night and is doing well today, currently watching and cheering for his team as they are playing for the state championship game,” a Feb. 26 post stated.

Later that same day, another Facebook post was made saying that Hudgins watched the entire game.

On March 1, it was made public that Hudgins was released from ICU and was in a regular room in the hospital.

Throughout the nearly three weeks, the Bulldogs rallied around Hudgins and his family.



Special | Taylor Jones

The Covington Academy Bulldogs rallied around Payton Hudgins (14) as he recovered at Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta during the Bulldogs’ state title run.

They adopted slogans such as #PaytonStrong and #Pray4Payton.

Specifically in the state semi-finals, Hudgins’ jersey was still featured on the court despite him being in the hospital.

Brown donned Hudgins’ jersey while, coincidentally, scoring 14 points advancing the Bulldogs to the championship game.

According to Grimes,

the Bulldogs cheering for Hudgins’ recovery seemed to bring the team closer together and fuel this year’s state championship run.

“We were already a tight knit group,” Grimes said.

“When that happened, it just made us that much closer. We had more of a reason than just wanting to win to help us get that championship.”

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