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Shores of Jackson Lake

## Newton couple dead in reported murder-suicide

Sheriff's Office investigates lakeside home incident in southern part of county

By **TOM SPIGOLON**  
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COVINGTON, Ga. — A small lakeside home with a boat dock in far southern Newton County became

a crime scene last week after two people died in a reported murder-suicide.

Newton County sheriff's detectives were still investigating this week after Johnette Broadnax Olson, 51, was found dead of a gunshot wound at the residence on

Conley Ditch Road April 28.

A deputy reported responding to a domestic dispute call at 3:13 p.m. at the residence at 375 Conley Ditch Road on the shores of Jackson Lake.

"On arrival, both the suspect and victim were found deceased inside the residence," the deputy reported.

The victim's spouse, who was not identified, was the reported shooter.

A Newton County Sheriff's Office report stated he then committed suicide after apparently turning the gun on himself.

Witnesses said nine sheriff's office vehicle responded to the scene. Substance abuse was not involved, the report stated.

See **DEAD, A2**

Covington

## City manager out to West Coast

Andrews hired to fast-growing California city's government staff

By **TAYLOR BECK**  
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COVINGTON, Ga. — After leading the city of Covington's day-to-day operations for nearly three years, City Manager Scott Andrews announced Tuesday he would be stepping down to accept a new job more than 2,000 miles away.

Andrews said he was leaving his post as Covington's city manager to take a similar position in Bakersfield, California.

"It is bittersweet to leave the community I love," Andrews told *The News*. "However, an exciting opportunity has presented itself. I will be joining the city of Bakersfield, California, as the assistant city manager. Bakersfield is the ninth largest

See **OUT, A6**

**Scott Andrews**

Mother's Day in Newton County

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**Kayla Ellis (left) and Haley Ellis (right) stand with their mother DeAnn Ellis-Davidson inside the Element Funding – Ellis Mortgage Team's office on the Covington Square.**

## Following in Mom's footsteps

Longtime area loan officer talks working with daughters

By **TAYLOR BECK**  
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COVINGTON, Ga. — DeAnn Ellis-Davidson has been a leader in the mortgage industry and local business scene for nearly three decades, and now she's helping her daughters follow in

her footsteps.

Ellis-Davidson, a senior loan officer for Element Funding, has run her own office on the Covington Square for more than eight years after relocating

See **FOOTSTEPS, A6**

Covington

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## Lawrenceville man identified as one of plane crash victims

By **TOM SPIGOLON**  
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Covington Police say they have identified a student pilot who died when the airplane he was flying crashed and burned on impact April 21 near a food production plant.

See **CRASH, A5**

## Feds cite two companies for fatal bridge collapse

By **TOM SPIGOLON**  
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COVINGTON, Ga. — A seven-month federal investigation has determined that two companies failed to follow required safety standards that could have prevented an October 2021 bridge collapse in which a worker died.

B&D Concrete Cutting Inc. of Atlanta and Georgia Bridge and Concrete LLC of Tucker did not conduct a proper engineering survey on the Access Road bridge demolition project in Covington on Oct. 19, 2021,

See **BRIDGE, A5**

Newton County Board of Commissioners

## Heavy demand for federal COVID relief funds, board says

Jennifer Phillips of Willing Helpers appeals to the Newton County Board of Commissioners for federal COVID relief funds Tuesday night at the Historic Courthouse.

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COVINGTON, Ga. — Newton County commissioners devoted much of their Tuesday meeting to deciding the timing and amounts of federal COVID relief funding they would give out amid heavier than anticipated demand from the community.

See **DEMAND, A7**



Continued Coverage: Rivian to Stanton Springs

# Opponents hire additional law firm; board considers site's tax exempt status

By **TOM SPIGOLON**  
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MADISON, Ga. — Rivian opponents' new attorney is warning them about what judges will consider in their fight against the electric vehicle maker's plans for a production

facility in Morgan and Walton counties.

In addition, a Morgan County tax assessors board has scheduled a special called meeting to consider a regional development authority's request for a determination if land to be owned by the state and leased to Rivian will make the land tax-exempt.

The Morgan County-based group Our Communities Oppose Rivian Production Plant announced it has hired the Atlanta-based Schreeder, Wheeler & Flint law firm in its fight against the company's plans for a \$5 billion electric vehicle production and research facility on a 2,000-acre site partly in



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**Exterior rendering of Rivian's future Georgia manufacturing campus. This rendering shows a view of the front of the plant building, along with planned greenspaces filled with native plants.**

Social Circle.

Attorney John A. Christy said in a letter to the group that "we will do our best to accomplish your goals of preserving your beautiful community and lifestyle."

He also cautioned group members that

judges "will only consider actual controversies and disputes" and not stop a government body from considering issuing a permit.

"However, if the permit or other governmental authorization is not properly issued, then a court will con-

sider invalidating the action and stopping action from being taken on the improperly issued authorization," he wrote.

"It is important to properly assert any objections to actions

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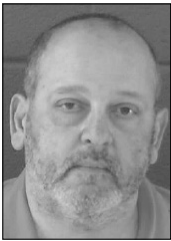
GBI

# Covington man charged with child exploitation

By **TOM SPIGOLON**  
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COVINGTON, Ga. — The GBI has charged a Newton County man with possessing child sexual abuse material.

Pedro Lopez Jr., age 63, of Covington was charged with two counts of Sexual



**Pedro Lopez Jr.**

Exploitation of Children (Possession of Child Sexual Abuse Material) by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation's Child Exploitation and Computer Crimes (CEACC) Unit on Thursday, April 28, a news release stated.

Lopez was in custody at the Newton County Detention Center on unrelated charges when he was charged. He was being held there on the new charges without bond, according to jail records.

The GBI CEACC Unit began an investigation into Lopez's online activity after receiving a cybertip from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) regarding the online possession of images depicting child sexual abuse material (CSAM). The investigation revealed the identity of the subject, Pedro Lopez Jr., which subsequently led to the charges.

The Newton County Sheriff's Office assisted the GBI in the case.

It was part of the ongoing effort by the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, housed within the GBI's Child Exploitation and Computer Crimes Unit, to identify those involved in the child pornography trade.

The ICAC Program was developed in response to the heightened online activity by predators searching for unsupervised contact with underage victims.

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## Newton County Schools Resident petitions BOE for school tax exemption for seniors, superintendent says 'working on it'

By **TAYLOR BECK**  
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COVINGTON, Ga. — On the floor of Newton County's Board of Education meeting chambers, one resident petitioned board members to waive the "burden" of paying a school tax for seniors, and also seek the addition of a referendum to create a permanent exemption program.

But board members and the superintendent shared that work to find a solution and provide tax breaks for the community's elders was already underway.

Longtime resident Connie Hunt addressed the school board Tuesday, April 26, with a plea to make changes to the district's tax system. She specifically asked the board to provide waivers to seniors 65 years and older who filed for a senior homestead exemption for this year's school tax. Hunt also asked the board to see that a referendum be placed on the ballot in November for a permanent senior exemption program.

Hunt, who said her children had graduated from Newton High School in 2006, said

paying the tax had become a "burden" for her and other seniors in the community who typically received a fixed income from the Social Security Administration.

"This year our proposed school tax was 2/3 of our total tax bill," Hunt said. "It was actually more than the county taxes and the fire taxes put together. It's a burden to us."

It's especially hard, she said, because the average male beneficiary receives just over \$1,700 per month (or \$20,000 annually) and females typically receive less than \$1,400 per month. And while that's pretty low already, a minimum of \$170 is deducted for healthcare costs.

"According to the Georgia Department of Revenue, the state of Georgia allow for a senior exemption for those 65 and over with a limited income of \$10,000 or less," Hunt said. "I know it also says counties can give greater exemptions that that."

Walton County, Newton's neighbor to the north, exempts seniors 65 years and older from paying

school taxes on a home and up to 1 acre, Hunt said.

"So it doesn't even have to be the entire exemption, just something to be able to help the seniors out," she said.

According to the 2020 U.S. Census, just 13% of Newton County's population is made up of seniors, Hunt pointed out.

One of the 12 questions that voters will find on the Republican primary ballot is on the topic of school taxes. Party members ask, "Do you believe senior citizens 75 and over should be exempt from Board of Education property taxes?"

Hunt said she thought the question a bit "laughable" considering the CDC had recently lowered the average life expectancy to 77.

"So it doesn't seem like from age 75 to 77 that you're giving anybody that much of a benefit," she said. "And a lot of people aren't going to make it there."

Though board members and the superintendent are not required to address top-

See **PETITION, A7**

## DEAD:

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The 900-square-foot home with a boat dock is on the north-west side of the approach to the

Conley Ditch Road bridge over Connally Cove of Jackson Lake. The victim and Kelly J. Olson

Sr. have owned it since 2006, according to tax record listings.

## REPORT OF HIGHWAY 278 COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE

The Highway 278 Community Improvement District ("CID") reports that at its meeting on May 12, 2022, beginning at 12:00 p.m. at the Center, 2104 Washington St. SW, Covington, Georgia, 30014. The CID board of directors will set it's millage rate for the lawful purposes of the District for the current calendar year. It is proposed that the millage rate for 2022 be 5 mills. Since the CID was created five years ago, the millage rate each year has been 5 mills. A map of said District may be reviewed in the office of the Newton County Tax Commissioner or the office of the City of Covington Clerk. This millage rate does not apply to properties used residentially.

## CITY OF OXFORD PUBLIC HEARING FY2023 BUDGET REVIEW AND ADOPTION

A Public Hearing on the FY2023 Budget is scheduled for Monday, May 16, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. At this meeting, the Mayor and Council will receive both written and oral comments about the Annual Operating and Capital Budget for the City of Oxford. A copy of the budget is available in the office of the City Clerk at City Hall for public inspection.

The City Council will review the Budget during its meeting after the Public Hearing on May 16, 2022. The Council is scheduled to adopt the Budget at its regular meeting on Monday, June 6th at 7:00 p.m. All meetings are planned to be held at the Oxford City Hall 110 West Clark Street, Oxford Georgia.

Marcia Brooks  
City Clerk

# REGIONAL REPORT

Read about what's happening across the metro and beyond Newton County's border >>

## Georgia Lottery reports near-record third-quarter profits

The Georgia Lottery nearly equaled its record-setting second-quarter profits during the third quarter of this fiscal year, lottery officials reported Thursday.

The lottery brought in \$367.2 million in January, February and March for Georgia's HOPE Scholarships and Pre-Kindergarten programs, down just slightly from the record \$376.5 million in profits during the second quarter of fiscal 2022.

"This strong quarter ensures the Georgia Lottery continues to be a leading source of funding for education in the Peach State," Gov. Brian Kemp said. "These funds have had an immeasurable impact on generations of Georgians, whether setting them on the path to lifelong learning or helping them better themselves through the pursuit of higher education."

Since its inception in the early 1990s, the Georgia Lottery Corp. has returned more than \$24.6 billion to the state for education.

More than 2 million students have received HOPE scholarships, and more than 1.6 million 4-year-olds have attended the statewide, voluntary pre-kindergarten program.

—Capitol Beat News

## Georgia High School Association adopts transgender sports ban

The Georgia High School Association's executive committee has voted unanimously to require transgender students to participate in school sports based on the gender identities on their birth certificates.

Wednesday's unanimous vote followed the passage of legislation by the Republican-controlled General Assembly last month that handed the issue of a transgender sports ban to the association.

"I'm proud to have championed this issue in Georgia," GOP Gov.

Brian Kemp posted on Facebook after the vote.

Transgender rights advocates blasted the vote as the result of a secretive, rushed process that will do real harm to transgender students who already are disproportionately victims of violence and suicide.

"At no point during the General Assembly's debate of bills that would have had a similarly devastating impact were supporters of this change able to present a single example of how allowing transgender students to participate in athletics harmed other students in Georgia," said Jeff Graham, executive director of Georgia Equality, the state's largest LGBTQ+ advocacy group.

Democratic Party of Georgia spokesman Max Flugrath accused Kemp of playing politics with the lives of transgender students.

"Kemp's advocacy for this dangerous policy and gloating upon its enactment underscores the cruelty and level of extremism that has defined his time in office," Flugrath said. "He's always put his extreme partisan politics and his political career above our best interests, even if it means hurting our kids and dividing our communities."

The governor and Republican legislative leaders defended the legislation as ensuring that girls born female can compete on a level playing field in sports.

"I'm so proud of the tremendous progress we've made in girls' sports here in Georgia," said state Senate President Pro Tempore Butch Miller, R-Gainesville, a candidate for lieutenant governor. "That's why we can't let the craziness of the Woke Mob destroy girls' sports."

—Capitol Beat News

## State commission looks to speed delivery of cannabis oil to patients with expedited hearings

The agency in charge of Georgia's medical marijuana program

voted unanimously Thursday to turn over responsibility for hearing protests of medical cannabis license awards to the Office of State Administrative Hearings (OSAH).

Giving that role to the OSAH was a key provision in legislation the General Assembly considered this year aimed at speeding up a licensing process that has kept the program from getting off the ground. The bill died during the last hour of this year's legislative session when the Georgia Senate tabled it by one vote.

Gov. Brian Kemp responded to the bill's failure after the session ended last month with an executive order earmarking \$150,000 from the Governor's Emergency Fund to expedite hearings for companies the Georgia Commission for Access to Medical Cannabis denied licenses to grow marijuana and convert the leafy crop to low-THC cannabis oil for sale to patients suffering from a range of diseases.

The resolution approved during a special called meeting Thursday will remove the responsibility of holding those hearings from the commission, which is made up of a board consisting of six part-time members and a chairman.

"I think it's going to expedite the process," said board Chairman Sid Johnson, who was appointed to the board by Kemp last month. "[The OSAH is] in a good position to look at these protests. They've got the resources."

Legislative supporters of the bill lawmakers took up this year made similar arguments as the measure went through the General Assembly.

Efforts to launch a medical marijuana program date back to 2015, when the legislature passed a bill legalizing possession of low-THC cannabis oil. But the law didn't provide a legal means of obtaining the drug until 2019, when lawmakers put in place a licensing

process for companies interested in participating and created the commission to oversee the program.

After the commission issued tentative licenses to six companies last summer, losing bidders filed protests alleging the selection process was unfair and arbitrary. The claims threaten to tie up the program in lengthy litigation that would keep the drug away from patients suffering from seizure disorders, Parkinson's disease, terminal cancer, post-traumatic stress disorder, sickle-cell anemia and other diseases.

Johnson said Thursday that 16 companies have filed 22 protests.

—Capitol Beat News

## Kemp signs bill providing needs-based college tuition grants

College students needing a financial boost to complete their degrees will get help from the state under legislation Gov. Brian Kemp signed into law Friday.

Under House Bill 1435, students who have earned at least 80% of the credits required for the degree they are seeking will receive a grant of up to \$2,500 to help pay their tuition.

The bill passed overwhelmingly on the last day of this year's legislative session, with only one "no" vote in the state Senate and four in the Georgia House of Representatives.

Kemp thanked House Higher Education Committee Chairman Chuck Martin, R-Alpharetta, for introducing the bill.

"This marks the first needs-based education grant of its kind in Georgia," the governor said Friday. "Chairman Martin deserves a great deal of credit for mak-

ing a higher education degree just that much more affordable and attainable here in our state."

To qualify for a grant, students must complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) application.

The Georgia Student Finance Commission will administer the program, subject to state appropriations.

The bill includes a sunset date of June 30, 2025, to let lawmakers determine whether the program is fulfilling its intended purpose of providing "gap" funding to help financially needy students graduate from college.

Kemp also signed legislation Friday authorizing the Technical College System of Georgia to create new and expand existing apprenticeship programs to train students to work in high-demand fields.

—Capitol Beat News

## Rural hospital tax credit program gets clean bill of health

Georgia's rural hospital tax credit program has received such a positive audit that the report doesn't recommend any improvements.

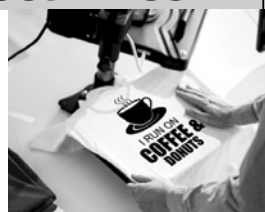
The annual evaluation of the tax credit by the Georgia Department of Audits & Accounts, released late Thursday, concluded that all participating hospitals, taxpayers and third parties are complying with the law that created the program to help struggling rural hospitals make ends meet.

The program brought in \$59.4 million in contributions to eligible rural hospitals last year, the audit found, nearly hitting the annual cap of \$60 million. Supporters in the General Assembly introduced legislation this year to raise the cap to \$100 million but were forced to settle for \$75 million.

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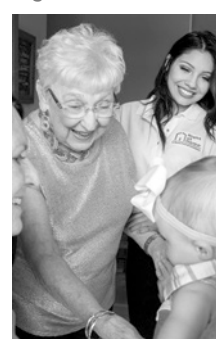
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# OPINIONS

The Covington News

**Taylor Beck** editor and publisher



Special to The News

From left, my parents Anna and Tim Beck, pose for a photo with their five grandchildren on Mother's Day 2021.

## Mom was greatest teacher — at home and in the classroom

It's ironic, yet fitting, that National Teacher Appreciation Week preceded Mother's Day this year. My mother and the various mother-figures in my life were, and still are, my greatest teachers.



Not only did my mom, Anna Beck, teach me countless life lessons while growing up, but she also educated me. She's a long-time high school science teacher, and I had the pleasure of taking her biology course when I was a sophomore.

It was Mrs. Beck's class — in addition to an anatomy class one year later — that sparked my interest to pursue a career in physical therapy.

But, you see how that went. After three semesters of community college, just months before I would transfer to the University of Alabama, I was disgruntled. As it happened, what passion I had for science

was quickly diminished for the dreadful amount of math courses that were apparently standing in the way of a degree.

I'll never forget the day I went to her with a plea for help. I remember telling her that I simply couldn't do it anymore. I needed to figure out a new direction.

"Well, what do you enjoy?" she asked. The first thing that came to mind was sports. I wanted a career that would connect me to sports. My initial plans were to practice physical therapy and become a team trainer for a college or professional sports team.

"But what else could you do that would connect you to sports?"

Well, I sure couldn't keep playing sports. I'm a white boy that's relatively short, can't jump, can't run fast, can't shoot and, still to this day, a sub-par golfer. The childhood dream of being the next Michael Jordan or Tiger Woods was not happening.

We talked a little more and

she would rattle off more questions, I realized my path would be shifted toward the world of journalism.

If not for Mom's guidance, I probably wouldn't be in this chair getting to share this story and so many others with you, kind readers. I probably wouldn't be enjoying life in Covington as publisher of what I believe is the best newspaper of its size in Georgia.

But aside from her educational lessons, what I'll always cherish are the last words she said in that pivotal conversation: "No matter what you want to do, you know I'll always be there to support you and cheer you on."

And she has kept those words to this day.

What a world we would live in if everyone was fortunate enough to have a mom — and teacher — like that.

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**Our View** on the Issue

## Next city manager selection important to town's future

With Scott Andrews announcing his departure this week, the city of Covington is now in the market for a new city manager, and who they select could bear great significance on the city's future.

Since he arrived in late 2019, Andrews served as the city government's CEO and did a tremendous job. As Mayor Steve Horton recently told *The News*, he brought a fresh perspective to Covington. He not only was at the forefront of the city's operation, but he also played a key role in the growth of Covington's tourism and economic development. In addition, Andrews led several community-driven initiatives centered around the arts and working to bring the people of Covington together.

In just a short time, Andrews made a sizable impact on where Covington is today. But now, the question is, who will step up to take his place, and how will they build on this progress?

Or, is there a new path to be charted?

Is there a different issue or topic that needs more focus? (It's hard to imagine another area of concern bigger than growth, but hey, there could be one out there.)

The answers to these questions will come from the city council.

Frankly, choosing the next city manager rests on the government body's six members' shoulders.

It's expected to be a similar process to the last time a city manager was hired. Andrews was picked to work in an interim role by the council before becoming the permanent hire. In talks with Horton, he said he believed the council would do the same thing, but again, that decision is on the council.

The pool of candidates is expected to be broad. When initially hiring an assistant city manager in 2020, there were 70 applicants and half were from out of state. It would be no shock to see an applicant pool much, much larger for the leading role, if not doubled.

Whatever happens, whoever is selected, residents can rest assured that council members and anyone else involved in the hiring process is going to seek out the best candidates. Because while there may be differing opinions among leaders on an array of issues, one thing is always certain: they want only the best for our community.

*Our View on the Issue is an opinion of The Covington News editorial board, which includes Editor and Publisher Taylor Beck and News Editor Tom Spigolon.*

**Rev. Lyn Pace** religious columnist

## Oxford College chaplain asks, 'What will you carry?'

The title of this month's article was also the theme of my Baccalaureate sermon to our graduating students at Oxford College. In many ways they, like so many of us, have carried a lot in life already. More than just the pandemic, many of them have dealt with significant life challenges before arriving at our doorstep in August 2020. Then they contended with a first-year college experience like no class had endured in recent history.

To help them think about words and concepts to hold on to and hopefully integrate into their lives, our community distilled our values to six that felt most poignant based on the past and even more so on what was ahead (as best as we could imagine!).

Those six principles, as we called them, are: accountability, belonging, care, identity, learning, and presence. We designed T-shirts to help



us remember how they get lived out. A few of the phrases or mantras printed on the shirts were: Be Kind. Don't Be a Jerk. You are Enough. You Belong Here.

In my Baccalaureate sermon I added a new one — What Will You Carry? Something for them to think about as they leave Oxford and move on to the Atlanta campus of Emory University. I then shared with them the following story to help make my point:

A former student of mine, Sara, once shared with me about one of her formative experiences from college. It is something she still carries with her today a decade after graduating from Wofford College in South Carolina. During her senior year for her Interim or J-term, Sara proposed her own project to volunteer at a charitable hospital and learn more about her culture. Sara was born in Egypt and her parents' history was there, but she hadn't lived there except for a time when she was too small to remember it.

She was there just before the spring of 2011, and when

she arrived, things were just beginning to bubble up as all hell would break loose soon after she returned to the United States. It was the start of what we now refer to as the Arab Spring.

Sara comes from a Coptic Orthodox Christian background and in the Coptic Christian Church Christmas is celebrated later than in the Western Church, in January actually. She arrived just in time to celebrate the holiday with other Coptic Christians. But not long before she arrived, a bomb exploded on New Year's Eve outside a prominent Coptic Church in Alexandria; 23 people were killed instantly and more than 90 were seriously injured. This was an act of terrorism that was meant to spark increased sectarian tension. Six days later, Sara — fearful of something like this happening again on Christmas — still decided to attend church just like other Coptic Christians across the country.

And something quite strange happened that evening. Something that didn't usually happen on Christmas

Eve. Thousands of Muslims throughout Egypt also attended Christmas services across the country and at church after church (including the one where Sara worshipped), they formed human chains of protection around the buildings so their Christian brothers and sisters could observe their Christmas Eve Mass in safety. The next week, the people of the church where Sara attended services, formed a human chain outside of the Mosque, granting the people who had come to pray, the same kind of safety.

Sara told me that she was changed forever. She went to Egypt because of what she had been carrying with her — her family's history and story, her college experience dedicated to service in the community. "And then," she said, "This was a moment I would always carry with me, that formed me and shaped me." She had never experienced such a powerful act of human love like that, an act that at the time re-invigorated interfaith relationships throughout Egypt and inspired her own values. To-

day, in her medical practice and in her community along the coast of South Carolina, Sara carries this experience with her as she treats patients and works for good in the community.

We all carry many things with us. In fact, the most important things we carry are usually not things, they are people. They are experiences like the one Sara had. This was the point I tried to make to our students, encouraging them to think about who and what experiences they will carry with them because of their two years at Oxford College.

The point, for them and for us, is to slow down long enough to reflect on this and discover how meaning is made and honored when we do.

As another one of our T-shirt mantras proclaims, Be Here. Now.

*The Rev. Dr. Lyn Pace is a United Methodist minister and college chaplain who lives in Oxford, Georgia with his spouse and nine-year-old.*

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Witnesses said they believed the plane was struggling to gain altitude and had engine trouble before the plane went down into a tractor-trailer parking area.

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OSHA Area Office Director Joshua Turner said if B&D and Georgia Bridge had con-

The companies have 15 business days from receipt of the citations and penalties to com-

## ining in Newton County

**From left, actors Brooke Elliott, Heather Headley and JoAnna Garcia Swisher will reprise their roles as the lead characters in the series, Netflix announced.**  
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According to a recap published in *Entertainment Weekly*, Sweet Magnolias' season 2 finale included Maddie, Helen and Dana Sue

Covington doubles as "Serenity" and such locations as the Craig law firm, the Lee-Por-

The show also uses locations in McDonough and Decatur, but Paulson said he chose Covington as its primary outdoor location for a variety of reasons, including the warm welcome the show's producers received.

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(nearly half a million residents) and fastest growing city in California. It is a tremendous opportunity for my family and I.”

Andrews said the job opportunity was simply too good to pass up, and his time spent in Covington helped prepare him for the new endeavor.

“As our council and staff know, I am incredibly driven,” he said. “The greater Atlanta area has been my home for the last eight years, but the opportunity to help lead one of the 50 largest organizations in the country is too good to pass up on.

“I have learned so much from our tremendous team in Covington,” Andrews continued. “I would

put them up against any organization in the region. Covington is a full service city, with a lot of the same opportunities as my new organization, but on a larger scale: growth management, preserving city charm/identity, insuring adequate infrastructure and staff succession planning.”

Covington Mayor Steve Horton described Andrews as a “very talented” professional who brought “new perspective” to the city.

“Scott and I have always had a great working relationship,” Horton said. “We’ve been able to accomplish a lot to help this community, specifically capitalizing on economic development activities to our tourism



File | The News

**Covington City Manager Scott Andrews speaks during an October 2021 town hall event at Baker Field on Conyers Street. Andrews served in the role of city manager since November 2019.**

growth.”

Andrews was first tapped city manager in November 2019 to succeed former long-time city manager Leigh Anne Knight. After working out a short-term contract through December 2019, the city council at the time approved a two-year contract for him to serve from Jan. 6, 2020

through Dec. 31, 2021.

In January, the Covington City Council had unanimously approved another contract agreement to retain Andrews through Dec. 31, 2023.

Andrews has nearly two decades of experience working in governmental leadership roles. Before coming to Covington, Andrews was assistant city ad-

ministrator for Smyrna; economic development director in Sugar Hill; and several other leadership roles in Temple Terrace, Florida. Andrews has a bachelor’s degree in business administration, a master’s degree in public administration and a doctoral degree in organizational leadership.

In October 2020, Andrews received the Credentialed Manager designation from the International City/County Management Association.

“I am so proud of the growth of our team members,” Andrews said. “Team [Covington] is outstanding from our dedicated front line staff, to our council that is passionate about representing our engaged community. I’m so proud to see the Cricket Frog Trail unfold, as well as our public art initiatives, the welcome center, all of our community

engagement initiatives, and the success of our warming shelter. Above all though, I’m most proud of our talented team of 320. I love our staff.”


What Andrews said he would miss most about Covington was the community.

“This is a special place where people wave to you, check on you when you are struggling, and you can leave your door unlocked at night,” he said.

Andrews said his last day on Covington’s staff would be Friday, May 6, and then the transition to Bakersfield would begin in June.

As the search to determine Andrews’ replacement begins, Horton said Covington Planning & Development Director Tres Thomas, who doubles as city engineer, would serve as acting city manager.

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ics discussed during the time for public participation, Board Chair Shakila Henderson-Baker and Superintendent Samantha Fuhrey chose to share good news with Hunt. “We all hear you,” Henderson-Baker said. “You are not the first person to tell us this ... My mom is a senior, so I empathize with you there. I will say, we have some things that

we are looking at and working on.” Henderson-Baker pointed out that the board had voted to lower the millage rate one year ago to the lowest rate approved in 12 years (the board lowered the rate from 19.788 mills in 2020-21 to 18.288 mills in 2021-2022), but taxpayers didn’t really get relief because property assessment values

— determined by the county tax assessor’s office — increased. Fuhrey said she and the board were “looking at a study” to get all information possible to see what could be done for the county’s senior population moving forward. She noted that a referendum would not be possible for the current election year due to the legislative process required to get

such items on a ballot for voters to decide. She said the board was currently working with the tax commissioner’s office and tax assessor’s office to find a balance between funding the needs of the school system while also helping area seniors. As initial budget meetings have been held, the district’s proposed fiscal year

2023 budget currently exceeds \$197 million

— a nearly \$8 million increase from last year.

DEMAND:

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The Board of Commissioners voted to approve giving more of its federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to the Salvation Army for distribution to area residents. Commissioners earlier this year approved an agreement with the Salvation Army to distribute the money to applicants seeking to pay overdue utility and housing payments after the pandemic decreased their incomes in some way.

District 3 Commissioner Alana Sanders, a member of the Board’s standing ARPA Committee, said applicants almost depleted in two weeks the Board’s original \$175,000 allocation that was meant to last for three months.

ARPA funding is designed to assist individuals and groups harmed by the economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Chairman Marcello Banes suggested commissioners double the amount they already approved — for a total of \$350,000 — in their next allocation based on the demand for the first allocation.

“I want to tell you, my phone hasn’t stopped ringing since they gave out the money,” he said.

The Board approved an allocation of \$350,000 but with only half of it going immediately to the Salvation Army. County Attorney Patrick Jaugstetter suggested the other half of the allocation be given after the agency gives Interim County Manager Jarvis Sims documentation about how rapidly the money was being depleted.

In a related action,

the Board agreed they would require organizations requesting ARPA funding in the future to go through a formal application process after members voted to give away more than \$1 million to three groups who made direct appeals during Tuesday’s meeting.

Banes said commissioners needed to create a system to hear future requests “quickly” because organizations of all kinds likely will ask for money after hearing about the Board’s action to give out \$1.08 million to the three groups Tuesday. “People are probably lining up around the Square,” Banes said.

The groups receiving the funds included two area health care nonprofits whose leaders said they were seeking to remain open and expand services in the wake of decreased funding during the pandemic.

But commissioners also voted to give thousands to a middle school student organization seeking to attend a California leadership conference.

Jaugstetter said he recommended commissioners make the funding to the three groups conditional on him determining if they were eligible for the federal funding.

He said assistance to nonprofits was generally authorized but “my only hesitation is I don’t know all the details.”

“This is a grant and they want us to identify an adversely impacted community,” Jaugstetter said.

He also recommended commissioners require organizations seeking ARPA funds

to provide information about themselves on applications and the Board’s existing ARPA committee vet the applicants rather than allowing them to appeal directly to commissioners.

“It’s gotten out of control,” Jaugstetter said.

Willing Helpers Medical Clinic director Jennifer Phillips said the nonprofit — the county’s only medical clinic providing free care to uninsured and underinsured patients — was near closing its doors.

Phillips said the clinic at 4186 Mill St. in Covington had seen a sharp increase in the number of patients seeking its services during the pandemic. However, the pandemic also had dried up its pool of volunteer workers and decreased the amount of available grant funding, she said.

She said she had used grants to keep the clinic operating for more than two years but needed funding of about \$750,000 to keep operating through 2024.

“We are the only source of help for these (uninsured and underinsured) people,” Phillips said.

Commissioners voted to give \$673,000 to the organization while officials seek the remainder from other sources.

The Board of Commissioners also voted to give \$400,000 to the ViewPoint mental health center’s Covington location that also serves uninsured and underinsured area residents.

ViewPoint Health CEO Jennifer Hibbard said the agency planned to use the money to renovate and enlarge its

Kirkland Road location to add a detox unit to serve a growing number of drug overdose cases in the area.

And upon an appeal from some Liberty Middle School students, the Board voted to give \$9,327 in ARPA funds designated for “youth engagement” to the school’s Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) club for some members to attend a leadership conference in San Diego, California.

Club adviser Felicia Hodges said the county Board of Education would pay for her to attend but not students because other organizations were told to raise money without outside help to participate in out-of-town events.

District 1 Commissioner Stan Edwards, a former county school board member, said he was “a little disappointed” the school board could not find a way to use its own share of ARPA funds to assist the club.

Later in the meeting, Juneteenth celebration lead organizer Terri James complained bitterly to commissioners about her nonprofit, the Newton County Historical Committee on Black Heritage Preservation, not receiving funding through the county’s regular budget appropriations for nonprofits but others were approved for ARPA funding.

Sanders then said she planned at a future meeting to request \$100,000 in ARPA funds reserved for her district to donate to the Historical Committee for the Juneteenth event scheduled for June 18.



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The Newton County Board of Education will hold a public meeting on the proposed annual operating budget on May 17, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. During this meeting, the board will receive both written and oral comments about the proposed annual operating budget. The proposed annual operating budget is available online at [www.newtoncountyschools.org](http://www.newtoncountyschools.org). A copy of the budget is also available for public inspection in the business office of the Newton County Board of Education. The meeting will be held in the Board Room at the Newton County Board of Education Administrative Offices located at 2109 Newton Drive, Covington, Georgia.

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What's Happening in Newton?

# 'Hazzard Homecoming 2022' among May area events

By TOM SPIGOLON  
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COVINGTON, Ga. — “Hazzard Homecoming 2022” is set for May 7-8 beginning at 9 a.m. at Legion Field in Covington.

The event will feature live music, a car show, celebrities and memorabilia from “The Dukes of Hazzard” TV series that ran from 1979-1985 on CBS.

The first five episodes of the show’s first season were filmed in Covington, Oxford and Conyers, according to IMDb.

Among the celebrities scheduled to be on hand for the event are Byron Cherry, who starred as Coy Duke, and Chris Hensel, who starred as Jeb Stuart Duke; as well as stunt doubles for the actors and character impersonators planned to appear in an upcoming movie based on “The Dukes of Hazzard” TV show.

Events will include a car show, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. both days; a Daisy Duke Contest



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**Byron Cherry, who starred as Coy Duke for one season on ‘The Dukes of Hazzard,’ is scheduled to be among celebrities to make appearances at ‘Hazzard Homecoming 2022.’**

Saturday at 2 p.m.; and live music throughout both days. Car show judging will be Sunday at 2 p.m., according to information from Jeb Stuart Productions.

Food and collectibles vendors

also will be available.

Legion Field is at 3173 Mill St. in Covington. For tickets and other information, visit [hazzard-homecoming.ticketleap.com](http://hazzard-homecoming.ticketleap.com).

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Saturday, May 7

• Oxford Lions Club annual yard sale Saturday, May 7, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the corner of Emory and Clark streets in Oxford. To learn more, call 770-786-4896.

• 2022 Fit & Fabulous Health & Wellness Community Expo, 9 a.m.-noon, Liberty Middle School, 5225 Salem Road, Covington. Hosted by Covington Area Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. in partnership with the Washington Street Community Center.

### Tuesday, May 10

• Ribbon-cutting for Fairview Community Park improvements, 2 p.m., 310 Crestfield Circle, Covington. Improvements include new playground equipment, fitness park and walking trail.

### Wednesday, May 11-Saturday, May 14

• American Legion Fair at Legion Field, 3173 Mill St., Covington. To learn more, call 770-722-7011.

### Thursday, May 12

• Live at Lunch 2022 concert series featuring Chris, Jon & Scott, noon, at park in Covington Square.

### Saturday, May 14

• The inaugural Gnomadic Rhythm & Rides Fest, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Covington Square, featuring car show, arts and crafts vendors, live music on Floyd Street.

• Newton Trails fundraiser, 5:30-8 p.m., The Lockwood Mansion, 2129 East St. SE, Covington. All proceeds support Newton Trails. Learn more at [www.newtontrails.org/](http://www.newtontrails.org/).

## OPPONENTS:

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requested of governmental authorities in order to preserve appeal or litigation rights.

Those objections need to be made during any comment period, or at the meeting of the governmental body considering the request.”

He said a court will not stop the filing or the Army Corps of Engineers’ consideration of a “404” permit the state recently requested dealing with disturbance of land and water sources.

“During the public comment period, we will file any objections

or comments to the application. If the (Corps) does not adequately consider any objections and approves the application, we can appeal the decision to the United States District Court,” he wrote.

Christy also wrote the law firm is reviewing the payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) agreement presented to the Morgan County Board of Tax Assessors for approval.

“We will appear at the Board’s upcoming hearing and present your concerns and

objections to the Board for its consideration. If the Board approves the PILOT Agreement and has not properly considered our objections and comments, we then have the right to pursue appeal and litigation remedies.

“Similarly, if a land disturbance permit, zoning or other application for governmental approval is sought, we will review the requests and submit any appropriate objections in a timely manner and appear at any public hearing to urge them.”

He said other unresolved issues include whether the state of Georgia is exempt from local zoning laws and whether the acquisition of land by the state for non-public purposes is lawful.

“Those issues will likely need to be resolved by the courts in actions brought at the appropriate time,” Christy wrote.

The announcement followed the Morgan County Board of Tax Assessors scheduling a special called meeting for Thursday, May 12,

at 9 a.m. to consider certification of a lease plan that was part of a payments in lieu of taxes (PILOT) agreement between Joint Development Authority (JDA) and Rivian.

The tax assessors board voted to delay action, or table, the JDA’s request April 27 over the objection of County Attorney Christian Henry. The attorney told board members they were exceeding the board’s authority by considering the merits of the entire Rivian deal rather than only

checking if the rental agreement made the land tax-exempt.

The PILOT plan states the Georgia state government will acquire the land from the JDA and lease it to Rivian.

The agreement spelled out the amount the company will give in PILOT payments which could total \$300 million over 25 years and be shared between the JDA’s four counties. Newton will receive more than \$90 million of the total.



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## 2022 GHSA PLAYOFFS: SOCIAL CIRCLE REDSKINS



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Lady Redskin Tess Preston (15) celebrates after a victory over Atlanta Classical Academy at Silverbacks Stadium in Doraville on April 28 in the semifinals of the GHSA State Playoffs. Preston and the Social Circle girls soccer took down Commerce on Tuesday, May 3, at Five Star Stadium at Mercer University to capture the state title.

### Social Circle girls conquer region rival Commerce for A-Public crown



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Prep Soccer: GHSA State Playoffs



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The Social Circle Lady Redskins soccer team pose for a picture with the Class A-Public State Championship Trophy after defeating region rival Commerce 6-4 in overtime Tuesday, May 3, at Five Star Stadium in Macon.

# MOTHER OF ALL SEASONS

## Lady Redskins defeat Commerce 6-4 in OT to win first title

**By PHILLIP B. HUBBARD**  
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MACON, Ga. — Time and time again, the Social Circle Lady Redskins rose to the occasion when they needed to en route to a 6-4 overtime victory over Commerce to capture the 2022 GHSA Class A-Public State Championship.

Tuesday’s match at Five Star Stadium in Macon was unlike any other Social Circle head coach Heather Richardson had witnessed before.

“As I was watching the game and watching us come back and score goals, I kept thinking ‘Wow, this team is super special,’” Richardson said. “They fought hard the entire game, even when they were down.”

There were many ups and downs throughout the 100 minutes of action.

Every moment, though, led to the biggest one in the first half of overtime.



Phillip B. Hubbard | The News  
**Region Player of the Year Tess Preston (15), of Social Circle, battles with Region Offensive Player of the Year Ivy Tolbert (1), of Commerce, for possession of the ball in the first half of the state championship match.**

After not leading at all in the match, Kaylee Connell was fouled in the penalty box, giving Social Circle a penalty kick. With six minutes left in the first half of overtime, Tess Preston made the most of the opportunity, netting the penalty kick and giving the Lady Redskins their definitive lead of the night.

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Cassie Jones | The News  
Social Circle players celebrate after Social Circle captured the 2022 GHSA Class A-Public state title May 3.

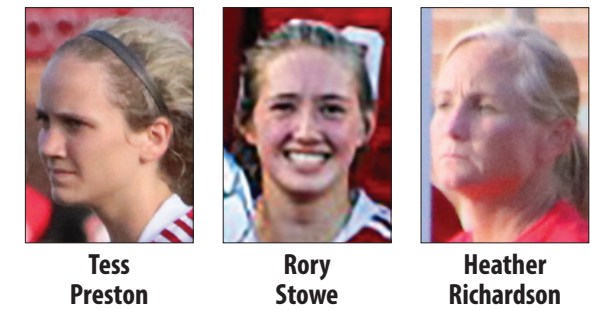
## Social Circle’s standouts talk road to championship

**By PHILLIP B. HUBBARD**  
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SOCIAL CIRCLE, Ga. — Dominant performances by each end of the formation aided a state championship run for the Social Circle Lady Redskins this season. Players all over the field contributed to deliver the program’s first state title.

Head coach Heather Richardson recognized that following the win May 3.

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## 9 Lady Redskins make up All-Region 8A-Public squad

**By PHILLIP B. HUBBARD**  
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SOCIAL CIRCLE, Ga. — Ahead of April 28’s Final Four match-up against Atlanta Classical Academy, the Social Circle Lady Redskins received exciting news. Nine of their players received All-Region honors for Region 8A-Public.

Tess Preston took home the highest honor, earning Region Player of the Year. Rory Stowe was awarded the region’s Defensive Player of the Year and Heather Richardson was named Coach of the Year for the region, too.

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During the team’s final practice of 2022, Social Circle girls soccer head coach Heather Richardson (far left) gathers her team one last time for an end-of-practice huddle ahead of the state title match Tuesday, May 3.

## Players point to Richardson’s coaching as fuel to legendary run

**By PHILLIP B. HUBBARD**  
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SOCIAL CIRCLE, Ga. — When the Social Circle Lady Redskins claimed their spot in the Class A-Public state title game after defeating Atlanta Classical Academy in the Final Four, every player engulfed head coach Heather Richardson with hugs in their celebration.

The Lady Redskins were headed to the state

title game for the first time in program history and it was Richardson who steered the team there.

While many players are to be given credit for the Lady Redskins’ success, senior captains Tess Preston and Rory Stowe recognized their head coach — who earned Region 8A-Public’s Coach of the Year — as the fuel behind their state championship run.

“She’s always been a good coach and a good person,” Preston said. “She pushes us to be our best. She loves us and knows that we can win.”

Just three days later on April 29, Social Circle’s Coach of the Year

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### Jobs

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**LOOKING FOR** Production Supervisors - All Shifts Pay range \$49K to \$54K Depending on experience. Norton Packaging is an Injection Molding Facility. We produce 5 gallon pails and covers. Any Injection Molding experience is a plus, but not required. Apply in person.

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### Real Estate

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## LEGALS

### Public Notices

#### Abandoned Vehicles

**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: **125 Old Hwy 138 Loganville, GA 30052-4814**  
**ANYONE WITH** an ownership interest in a vehicle listed herein may file an answer to the petition on or **BEFORE: 05/20/22**  
**ANSWER FORMS** may be found in the Magistrate Court Clerk's office located at: 1132 Usher St Room **COVINGTON, GA**  
**FORMS MAY** also be obtained online at [www.georgiamagistratecouncil.com](http://www.georgiamagistratecouncil.com).

**VEHICLE MAKES** Year Model  
**VEHICLE ID#** Vehicle License #  
**STATE MAGISTRATE** Court Case No.  
**FORD 1997** Ranger  
1FTCR10A6VTA77883  
**CHEVROLET 2012**  
Equinox 2GNALPEK5C6212796  
22-1304AV  
**FORD 2007** Explorer  
1FMEU63E67UB08433  
22-1305AV  
**CHEVROLET 2021**  
Silverado 1GCUYGED4MZ122473  
22-1306AV  
**DODGE 2016** Dart  
1C3CDFAA3GD539781  
22-1307AV  
**FORD 2001** Focus  
1FAFP34351W307776  
22-1308AV  
**HONDA 2008** Pilot  
5FNYF28738B020691  
22-1309AV  
**KIA 2021** Rio  
3K3PA24AD6ME395158  
22-1310AV  
**CHEVROLET 2019**  
Malibu 1G1ZD5ST2KF114283  
22-1311AV  
**HONDA 2010** Accord  
1HGCP2F37AA047755  
22-1312AV  
**KIA 2016** Soul  
KNDJN2A28G7378702  
22-1313AV  
**RAM 2014** 1500  
1C6RR6GTXES377728  
22-1314AV

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300909**  
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## CITY OF COVINGTON JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

The City of Covington is currently accepting applications for the position of **Water/Sewer Line Worker** in the **Water/Sewer Maintenance Department** with a starting hourly rate of **\$13.21** to a maximum hourly rate of **\$20.40** depending upon qualifications. Qualified applicants **MUST** apply via our website by downloading an application packet at [cityofcovington.org](http://cityofcovington.org) or may apply in person at the City of Covington, 2194 Emory Street, Covington, Georgia 30014. This position will remain open until **4:00 PM on Tuesday, May 17, 2022**. The City of Covington is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

by visiting [www.co.newton.ga.us](http://www.co.newton.ga.us) or contacting Randi Fincher at 678-625-1237 or [rfincher@co.newton.ga.us](mailto:rfincher@co.newton.ga.us). Hard copies of the PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS may be obtained upon a non-refundable payment of \$25.00 for each set. The County is not obligated to consider the contractor's proposal if they are not on record with the issuing office as having received complete Proposal Documents. **MAY 2, 2022**  
**NEWTON COUNTY** Board of Commissioners

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300932**  
**5/8**

**PROPOSAL ADVERTISEMENT**

**PART 1. GENERAL**  
**1.1 COMPETITIVE COST**  
**SEALED PROPOSALS** for the Water Meter Replacement will be received until June 8th, 2022, at 10:00 am. Proposals must be submitted electronically through QuestCDN.com. No paper submissions will be accepted. Proposals shall be published to the QuestCDN website no later than 30 minutes after the closing time. Any Proposal received after said time and date will not be considered by the Owner. No Proposal may be withdrawn after the closing time for the receipt of Proposals for a period of sixty (60) days except as specifically provided in the Instructions to Offerors and/or by State Law. No pre-proposal meeting will be held for this project.

**1.2 SCOPE OF WORK**  
**THE WORK** completed shall consist of installing approximately 710-3/4", 1" and 2" water meters including all labor, materials, and appurtenances regarding replacement of existing meters. Meters will be supplied by the Owner.

**1.3 SPECIFICATIONS AND CONTRACT DOCUMENTS**  
**COMPLETE DIGITAL** specifications and contract documents are available at [www.QuestCDN.com](http://www.QuestCDN.com). Offerors may view the digital plan documents for free by using the link below or entering the Quest project number 8201238 on the website's project search page. **HTTPS://QAP.QUESTCDN.COM/QAP/PROJECTS/PRJ\_BROWSE/IPP\_BROWSE\_GRID.HTML?PROJTYPE=ALL&PROVIDER=7206216&GROUP=7206216**

**OFFERORS MAY** download the digital documents for a fee of \$85 payable through the website. Proposals must be submitted electronically at QuestCDN.com. There will be an additional \$30.00 submittal fee. Please contact QuestCDN customer support at 952-233-1632 or [info@questcdn.com](mailto:info@questcdn.com) for assistance in membership registration, downloading and working with digital project information. All

other questions may be directed to the issuing office, Carter & Sloope, Inc., Watkinsville, GA, 706-769-4119.

**1.4 CONTRACTOR QUALIFICATIONS**  
**OFFERORS MUST** complete the Qualifications of Offeror (Section 00470) in order to be evaluated for award of the Contract. Refer to the specific requirements outlined in the referenced Section.

**1.5 CONTRACTOR LICENSE**  
**THE SCOPE** of Work as described herein is defined as "utility contracting" in accordance with O.C.G.A. 43-14-2(17) so the Contractor performing the work must provide proof of a valid license by the State of Georgia as a "Utility Contractor" and must also employ a "Utility Manager" certification holder who will have oversight of all the work. Therefore, the Contractor submitting a proposal must list the license number of the Contractor performing the utility contracting on the proposal form and provide proof of a valid license. See Instruction to Offerors for additional requirements.

**1.6 BONDS**  
**PROPOSALS SHALL** be accompanied by a proposal bond or certified cashier's check in an amount not less than 10% of the base proposal. All bonds shall be by a surety company licensed in Georgia with an "A" minimum rating of performance and a financial strength of at least five (5) times the contract price as listed in the most current publication of "Best's Key Rating Guide Property Liability". Performance and Payment Bonds, each in an amount equal to 100% of the contract price shall be required of the successful bidder if contract is awarded. Each Bond shall be accompanied by a "Power of Attorney" authorizing the attorney-in-fact to bind the surety and certified to include the date of the bond.

**1.7 PERMITS** - NONE REQUIRED

**1.8 GEORGIA SECURITY AND IMMIGRATION COMPLIANCE ACT AFFIDAVIT**  
**ALL QUALIFYING** Contractors and Subcontractors performing work with the City of Porterdale must register and participate in the federal work authorization program commonly known as E-Verify, or any subsequent replacement program, to verify the work eligibility information of new employees. In order for a Proposal to be considered, it is mandatory that the Offeror's Affidavit of Compliance with O.C.G.A. §13-10-91 be completed and submitted with the Proposal.

**1.9 EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY** - NONE REQUIRED

**1.10 FUNDING SOURCES**  
**FUNDING IS** to be provided by local funds not subject to federal requirements.

**1.11 RESERVATION OF RIGHTS**  
**OWNER RESERVES** the right to reject any or all Proposals, including without limitation, the rights to reject any or all nonconforming, nonresponsive, unbalanced or



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## CITY OF COVINGTON JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

The City of Covington is currently accepting applications for a **Planning & Code Associate** in the **Planning & Zoning Department** with a starting hourly rate of **\$19.32** to a maximum hourly rate of **\$28.37** depending upon qualifications. Qualified applicants **MUST** apply on our website by downloading an application packet at [cityofcovington.org](http://cityofcovington.org), or may apply in person at Covington City Hall, 2194 Emory Street, Covington, Georgia 30014. This position will remain open until **4:00pm on Monday May 16, 2022**. The City of Covington is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

conditional Proposals and to reject the Proposal of any Offeror if Owner believes that it would not be in the best interest of the Project to make an award to that Offeror, whether because the Proposal is not responsive or the Offeror is unqualified or of doubtful financial ability or fails to meet any other pertinent standard or criteria established by the Owner.  
**CITY OF PORTERDALE OWNER**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300962**  
**5/8-5/22**

**REQUEST FOR Proposal for Equipment and Materials FOR EASTSIDE Sewerage System Improvements**

**OWNER:** CITY of Covington  
**PROJECT:** EASTSIDE Sewerage System Improvements  
**EQUIPMENT:** PUMPS, Piping, and Manholes  
**PROPOSAL DUE:** May 27 at 2:00 PM via QuestCDN ([questcdn.com](https://questcdn.com))  
**THE CITY** of Covington is soliciting proposals for equipment and materials for the Eastside Sewerage System Improvements. The equipment shall meet all aspects of the attached specification and any drawings included. Scoring criteria to compare proposals received will be done according to Section 5 herein and will be based on price and lead time (including preparation of submittal, fabrication, and delivery).  
**COMPLETE DIGITAL** specifications and contract documents are available at [www.QuestCDN.com](http://www.QuestCDN.com). Proponents may view the digital documents for free by entering this web address [https://qap.questcdn.com/qap/projects/prj\\_browse/ipp\\_browse\\_grid.htm?projType=all&provider=7206216&group=7206216](https://qap.questcdn.com/qap/projects/prj_browse/ipp_browse_grid.htm?projType=all&provider=7206216&group=7206216)  
**OR BY** entering the Quest project number 8195880 on the website's search page. All questions regarding the proposal should be submitted via QuestCDN by May 18, 2022 at 12:00 PM local time. All proposals should be submitted by 2:00 PM local time on May 27, 2022 to Carter & Sloope, Inc. via QuestCDN. All other questions may be directed to the issuing office, Carter & Sloope, Inc. 706-769-4119.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300927**  
**5/8,15**

an accurate accounting of the existing development potential from underlying zoning and the connection to our proposed development pattern.  
**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 10:00 a.m. on May 23, 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 #300934**  
**5/8,15**

**THE CITY** of Covington is accepting sealed proposals for electrical staking software to streamline internal design processes, and create ease of access to data as specified in exhibit "A" of the bid packet  
**SEALED BIDS** must be delivered to City Hall, 2194 Emory Street NW, Covington, GA 30014, Attn: Scott Cromer no later than 10:00am on Thursday, May 17, 2022.  
**REQUEST FOR Proposals** and additional information may be obtained by accessing the request for proposals on the City's website at <https://www.cityofcovington.org/index.php?section=business-opportunities>  
**THE CITY** of Covington reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300892**  
**5/1,8**

**THE CITY** of Covington is seeking bids for the purchase of one (1) Dump Truck as specified in exhibit "A" of the bid packet  
**SEALED BIDS** must be delivered to City Hall, 2194 Emory Street NW, Covington, GA 30014, Attn: Scott Cromer no later than 10:00am on Thursday, May 12, 2022.  
**REQUEST FOR Bids** and additional information may be obtained by accessing the request for proposals on the City's website at <https://www.cityofcovington.org/index.php?section=business-opportunities>  
**THE CITY** of Covington reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300891**  
**5/1,8**

### Citations

#### CITATION

**CARSON BEST** has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **CLARENCE ATHELSTON BEST** deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained

See LEGALS, B4

# LEGALS:

Continued from B3

**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 JUNE 6, 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 #300949  
5/8,15,22,29

CITATION

CARSON BEST has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of EMERALD PEARL BEST 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 JUNE 6, 2022, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

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MARCIA WYNNE, CLERK PROBATE COURT  
NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

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COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #300948  
5/8,15,22,29

CITATION

CHIVON MONIQUE BUTLER has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of BENNICCE LAWINGY LOVECALE 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 JUNE 6, 2022, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

MELANIE M. BELL, JUDGE  
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PUBLIC NOTICE #300920  
5/8,15,22,29

CITATION

DAVID CLAYTON SMITH has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of DANA ANDREW SMITH 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 JUNE 6, 2022, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

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1132 USHER STREET-148  
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #300921  
5/8,15,22,29

CITATION

DIANA L . RUSSELL has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of JAMES CLAUDE RUSSELL 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 JUNE 6, 2022, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

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NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

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COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #300921  
5/8,15,22,29

CITATION

DAVID CLAYTON SMITH has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of DANA ANDREW SMITH 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 JUNE 6, 2022, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

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NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

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COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #300921  
5/8,15,22,29

CITATION

DAVID CLAYTON SMITH has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of DANA ANDREW SMITH 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 JUNE 6, 2022, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

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COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #300861  
5/8,15,22,29

CITATION

DION RUSSELL has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of DWIGHT D. DUNCAN 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 JUNE 6, 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 #300922  
5/8,15,22,29

CITATION

JOHN JULIUS GARST has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of PATRICIA GAIL GRAST 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 JUNE 6, 2022, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

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

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COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #300922  
5/8,15,22,29

CITATION

JOHN JULIUS GARST has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of PATRICIA GAIL GRAST 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 JUNE 6, 2022, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

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MARCIA WYNNE, CLERK PROBATE COURT  
NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT  
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COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #300846  
05/8,15,22,29

CITATION

JOYCE ELAINE BEVERIDGE has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of BOYD WAYNE BEVERIDGE 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 JUNE 6, 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 #300950  
5/8,15,22,29

CITATION

KIMBERLY PATRICE PERKINS AND MARIO HEYWOOD JR has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of ASIA MONIQUE HEYWOOD 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 JUNE 6, 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 #300947  
5/8,15,22,29

CITATION

MAGGIE E. AFZAL has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of JEROME OWEN BURROUGHS 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 JUNE 6, 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 #300951  
5/8,15,22,29

CITATION

MARK FORRESTER ALLEN has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of DENNIS ERVIN TRACY 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 JUNE 6, 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 #300944  
5/8,15,22,29

CITATION

PHILIPPA P ELDER has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of RICHARD DONALD ELDER 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 JUNE 6, 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 #300919  
5/8,15,22,29

CITATION

RICKIE F.STUBBS, JR has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of CAROL DENISE STUBBS 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 JUNE 6, 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 #300919  
5/8,15,22,29

CITATION

CLUES ACROSS

1. Amounts of time

5. A ship's place at a wharf

10 Point a finger at

12 Large, burrowing rodent

14. Raises the stakes

16. Measure of illumination

18. Cast out

19. One who is staid

20. A word used for emphasis

22. Military missions

23. Wet with rain

25. Selling at specially reduced prices

26. Word element meaning ear

27. \_\_\_ student,

28. Blood relation

30. Make into leather

31. One billionth of a second (abbr.)

33. Containing salt

35. A seat

37. A type of fine pottery

38. You're caught red-\_\_\_!

40. "Heat" director Michael

41. Expression of creative skill

42. Title of respect

44. Crony

45. Payroll experts

48. Actress Remini

50. Famed consumer advocate

52. Indigenous Thai person

53. Fitzgerald and Baker are two

55. Cooking tool

56. Decorate a cake with frosting

57. The seventh note of a major scale

58. Transfer from private to state ownership

63. A set of five

65. Removes

66. Foolish persons

67. Lower parts of a wall

CLUES DOWN

1. Old EU money

2. Some put it on steak

3. Sign language

4. Sowed on the ground

5. Tags

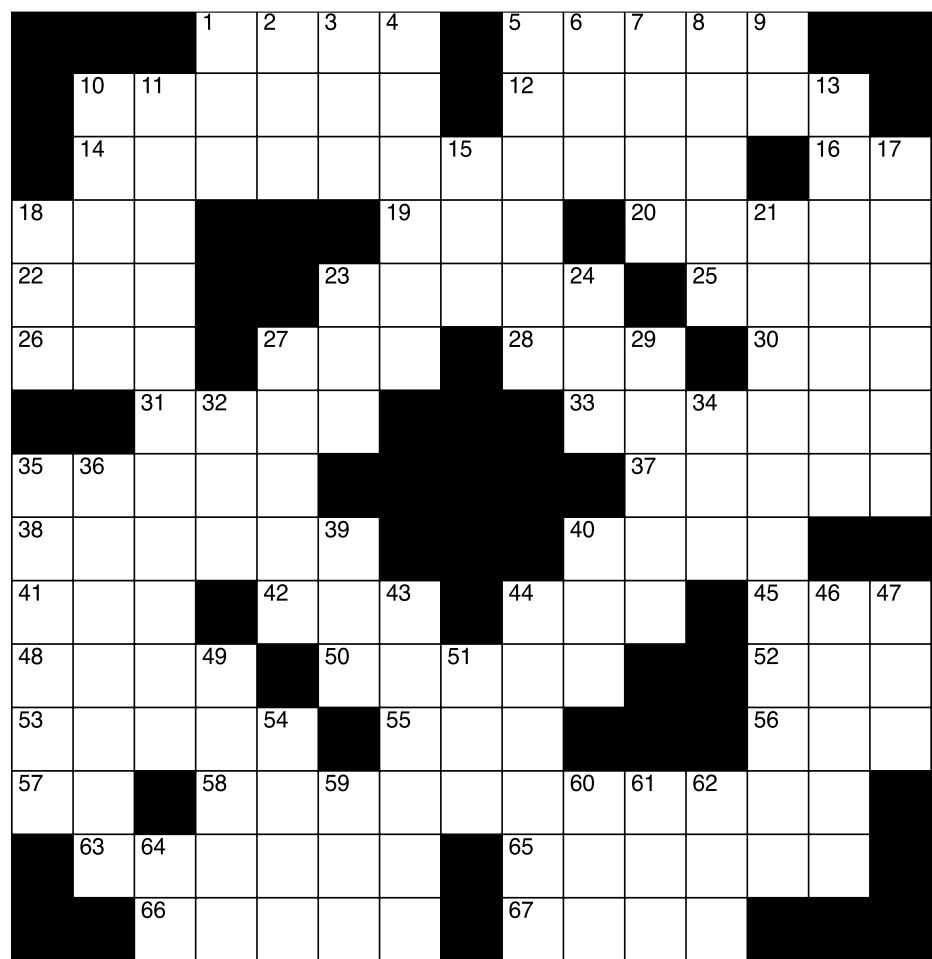
6. Everyone has one

7. Arguments

8. N. African capital

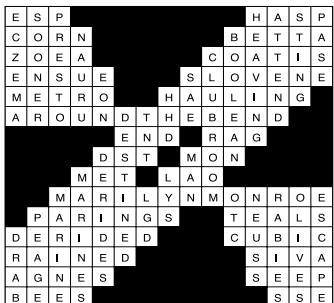
9. Midgame (abbr.)

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



10. Change as needed
11. Functioning as a consonant
13. An island in the north Atlantic
15. Carpenter's tool
17. Small football player
18. Ghosts say it
21. Explain through logic
23. Having ten
24. Criticize
27. Arms of the sea
29. Belonging to a bottom layer
32. \_\_\_ Caesar, comedian
34. Licensed health care pro (abbr.)
35. Swiss cottage
36. Cleft lip
39. Loud, unpleasant noise
40. Disfigure
43. Kayakers traverse them
44. Authored
46. Small freshwater fishes
47. Macabre poet
49. Carthaginian statesman
51. Principle underlying the universe
54. Common Japanese surname
59. The bill in a restaurant
60. Small constellation
61. Chap
62. Equal
64. One quintillion bytes (abbr.)

## LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:



GEORGIA

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #300945  
5/8,15,22,29

CITATION

THE PETITION of DARRYL S. ALLEN widow of WILLIAM ALLEN, JR 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 JUNE 6, 2022 at ten o'clock am

MELAINE M. BELL  
BY: MARCIA WYNNE, CLERK  
PROBATE COURT  
NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

NEWTON COUTNY PROBATE COURT  
1132 USHER STREET -RM 148  
COVINGTON GA 30014-2435

PUBLIC NOTICE #300898  
5/8,15,22,29

CITATION

THE PETITION of GARY WILLIAMS widow of VICKIE EVONNE WILLIAMS 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 JUNE 6, 2022 at ten o'clock am

MELAINE M. BELL  
BY: MARCIA WYNNE, CLERK  
PROBATE COURT  
NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

NEWTON COUTNY PROBATE COURT  
1132 USHER STREET -RM 148  
COVINGTON GA 30014-2435

PUBLIC NOTICE #300847  
5/8,15,22,29

CITATION

THE PETITION of HENRIETTA CAROL KEY widow of CLAYTON NORRIS KEY 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 JUNE 6, 2022 at ten o'clock am

MELAINE M. BELL  
BY: MARCIA WYNNE, CLERK  
PROBATE COURT  
NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

NEWTON COUTNY PROBATE COURT  
1132 USHER STREET -RM 148  
COVINGTON GA 30014-2435

PUBLIC NOTICE #300860  
5/8,15,22,29

CITATION

THE PETITION of MISTY DYKES widow of BRANDEN LYNN DYKES 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 JUNE 6, 2022 at ten o'clock am

MELAINE M. BELL  
BY: MARCIA WYNNE, CLERK  
PROBATE COURT  
NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

NEWTON COUTNY PROBATE COURT  
1132 USHER STREET -RM 148  
COVINGTON GA 30014-2435

PUBLIC NOTICE #300845  
5/8,15,22,29

CITATION

CITATION

THE PETITION of RUPERT RUTTY widow of DOREEN RUTTY 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 JUNE 6, 2022 at ten o'clock am

MELAINE M. BELL  
BY: MARCIA WYNNE, CLERK  
PROBATE COURT  
NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

NEWTON COUTNY PROBATE COURT  
1132 USHER STREET -RM 148  
COVINGTON GA 30014-2435

PUBLIC NOTICE #300844  
5/8,15,22,29

CITATION

THE PETITION of TERENCE SHEROD widow of MARY MADGEDINE SHEROD 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 JUNE 6, 2022 at ten o'clock am

MELAINE M. BELL  
BY: MARCIA WYNNE, CLERK  
PROBATE COURT  
NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

NEWTON COUTNY PROBATE COURT  
1132 USHER STREET -RM 148  
COVINGTON GA 30014-2435

PUBLIC NOTICE #300895  
5/8,15,22,29

CITATION

THE PETITION of TERRY F FARMER widow of GLORIA F FARMER 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 JUNE 6, 2022 at ten o'clock am

MELAINE M. BELL  
BY: MARCIA WYNNE, CLERK  
PROBATE COURT  
NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

NEWTON COUTNY PROBATE COURT  
1132 USHER STREET -RM 148  
COVINGTON GA 30014-2435

PUBLIC NOTICE #300946  
5/8,15,22,29

CITATION

THE PETITION of TERRY F FARMER widow of GLORIA F FARMER 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 JUNE 6, 2022 at ten o'clock am

MELAINE M. BELL  
BY: MARCIA WYNNE, CLERK  
PROBATE COURT  
NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

NEWTON COUTNY PROBATE COURT  
1132 USHER STREET -RM 148  
COVINGTON GA 30014-2435

PUBLIC NOTICE #300946  
5/8,15,22,29

CITATION

THE PETITION of MISTY DYKES widow of BRANDEN LYNN DYKES 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 JUNE 6, 2022 at ten o'clock am

MELAINE M. BELL  
BY: MARCIA WYNNE, CLERK  
PROBATE COURT  
NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

NEWTON COUTNY PROBATE COURT  
1132 USHER STREET -RM 148  
COVINGTON GA 30014-2



# LEGALS:

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CREDITORS
<p><b>NOTICE IS</b> hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of <b>MELVIN RALPH GRANTHAM</b> 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. <b>THIS THE 20TH</b> day of <b>APRIL 2022</b></p> <p><b>ELIZABETH MCDONEL</b>  <b>250 PROVIDENCE CLUB DR</b>  <b>MONROE, GA 30656</b></p> <p><b>PUBLIC NOTICE #300896</b>  <b>5/1,8,15,22</b></p>
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
<p><b>NOTICE IS</b> hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of <b>MORDEAN GLOVER</b> 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. <b>THIS THE 31 ST</b> day of <b>MARCH 2022</b></p> <p><b>NORMAN GLOVER</b>  <b>PO BOX 45</b>  <b>OXFORD, GA 30054</b></p> <p><b>PUBLIC NOTICE #300834</b>  <b>4/17,24-5/1,8</b></p>
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
<p><b>NOTICE IS</b> hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of <b>PHYMECCA L. KING</b> 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. <b>THIS THE 26TH</b> day of <b>APRIL 2022</b></p> <p><b>RISHAUNA S. KING</b>  <b>15 STREAMSIDE DR</b>  <b>COVINGTON GA 30016</b></p> <p><b>PUBLIC NOTICE #300915</b>  <b>5/1,8,15,22</b></p>
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
<p><b>NOTICE IS</b> hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of <b>REBA RUNEA MILLIGAN</b> 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. <b>THIS THE 13TH</b> day of <b>APRIL 2022</b></p> <p><b>JUDY WHITLEY</b>  <b>PO BOX 72</b>  <b>PORTERDALE, GA 30070</b></p> <p><b>PUBLIC NOTICE #300864</b>  <b>4/24-5/1,8,15</b></p>
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
<p><b>NOTICE IS</b> hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of <b>ROBERT WAYNE WOMACK</b> 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. <b>THIS THE 4TH</b> day of <b>APRIL 2022</b></p> <p><b>SALENA TURNER</b>  <b>5110 DORSEY RD</b>  <b>HAMPTON, GA 30228</b></p> <p><b>PUBLIC NOTICE #300868</b>  <b>4/24-5/1,8,15</b></p>
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
<p><b>NOTICE IS</b> hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of <b>STANLEY FRANK TOMKIEWICZ</b> 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. <b>THIS THE 30TH</b> day of <b>MARCH 2022</b></p> <p><b>JOHN STRAUSS</b>  <b>1132 CONYERS STREET SE</b>  <b>COVINGTON GA 30014</b></p> <p><b>PUBLIC NOTICE #300835</b>  <b>4/17,24-5/1,8</b></p>
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
<p><b>NOTICE IS</b> hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of <b>WINNA JEAN EVANS</b> 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. <b>THIS THE 19TH</b> day of <b>APRIL 2022</b></p> <p><b>JOHNNY GRANTFORD EVANS</b>  <b>2135 ROCKY PLAINS ROAD</b>  <b>COVINGTON, GA 30016</b></p> <p><b>PUBLIC NOTICE #300893</b>  <b>5/1,8,15,22</b></p>

## Divorces

Court of Newton County.

**THIS, THE 11TH** day of **APRIL 2022**

NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
<p><b>EVERTON STEVE ROBINSON, PLAINTIFF,</b></p> <p><b>V.</b></p> <p><b>YVONNE ANGELLA YOUNG, DEFENDANT.</b></p> <p><b>CIVIL ACTION FILE NUMBER SUCV2021Q02176</b></p>
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
<p><b>TO: YVONNE ANGELLA YOUNG</b> (No Known Last Address)</p> <p><b>YOU ARE</b> hereby notified that the above styled action seeking divorce was filed against you in said Court on September 22, 2021, you are hereby commanded and required to file with the Clerk of said Court and serve upon John L. Strauss, Plaintiffs attorney, whose address is: <b>1132 CONYERS</b> Street, Covington, GA 30014, an answer to the complaint within sixty days of <b>APRIL 1ST , 2022.</b></p> <p><b>WITNESS THE</b> Honorable Jeffrey L. Foster, Judge of said Court. This the 5th day of April, 2022.</p> <p><b>PUBLIC NOTICE #300819</b>  <b>04/17,24-5/1,8</b></p>
Foreclosures
<p><b>STATE OF GEORGIA</b>  <b>COUNTY OF NEWTON</b>  <b>NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER</b></p> <p><b>BECAUSE OF</b> a default under the terms of the Security Deed executed by <b>Howard B. Herbert, Jr.</b> to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Opteum Financial Services, LLC, its successors and assigns dated February 22, 2005, and recorded in Deed Book 1897, Page 485, Newton County Records, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed to HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR OPTEUM MORTGAGE ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION, ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-2, securing a Note in the original principal amount of \$133,000.00, 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, June 7, 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:</p> <p><b>ALL THAT</b> tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 230 of the 9th District, Newton County, Georgia, being Lot 21, Unit Two of The Woods of Dearing Subdivision, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 33, page 205, Newton County, Georgia Records, which recorded plat is incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this description.</p> <p><b>SAID PROPERTY</b> is known as <b>35 Dearing Woods Court, Covington, GA 30014</b>, together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any.</p> <p><b>SAID PROPERTY</b> 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.</p> <p><b>THE PROCEEDS</b> 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.</p> <p><b>THE SALE</b> 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.</p> <p><b>THE PROPERTY</b> is or may be in the possession of Howard B. Herbert, Jr., successor in interest or tenant(s).</p> <p><b>HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR OPTEUM MORTGAGE ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION, ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-2</b> as Attorney-in-Fact for Howard B. Herbert, Jr.</p> <p><b>FILE NO.</b> 19-075282  <b>LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP*</b>  <b>ATTORNEYS AND</b> Counselors at Law  <b>211 PERIMETER</b> Center Parkway, N.E., Suite 300  <b>ATLANTA, GA 30346</b>  <b>(770) 220-2535/CH</b>  <b>HTTPS://WWW.LOGS.COM/</b>  <b>*THE LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.</b></p> <p><b>PUBLIC NOTICE #300928</b>  <b>5/8,15,22,29</b></p>
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
<p><b>YAMILI GOMEZ PLAINTIFF,</b></p> <p><b>V</b></p> <p><b>JOSE PABLO GARCIA DEFENDANT,</b></p> <p><b>ACTION NO.2022-CV-550-3</b></p>
NOTICE OF SUMMONS- SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
<p><b>TO JOSE PABLO GARCIA</b>  <b>10921 HWY 36 LOT 8</b>  <b>COVINGTON GA 30014</b></p> <p><b>BY NOTICE</b> for Publication dated the 13TH day of <b>APRIL 2022</b> you are hereby notified that on the <b>MARCH 16, 2022</b> the Plaintiff, YAMILI GOMEZ filed suit against you for DISSOLUTION of MARRIAGE 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.</p> <p><b>THIS, THE 14TH</b> day of <b>APRIL 2022</b></p> <p><b>PUBLIC NOTICE #300883</b>  <b>4/24-5/1,8,15</b></p>
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF

NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
<p><b>EVERTON STEVE ROBINSON, PLAINTIFF,</b></p> <p><b>V.</b></p> <p><b>YVONNE ANGELLA YOUNG, DEFENDANT.</b></p> <p><b>CIVIL ACTION FILE NUMBER SUCV2021Q02176</b></p>
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
<p><b>TO: YVONNE ANGELLA YOUNG</b> (No Known Last Address)</p> <p><b>YOU ARE</b> hereby notified that the above styled action seeking divorce was filed against you in said Court on September 22, 2021, you are hereby commanded and required to file with the Clerk of said Court and serve upon John L. Strauss, Plaintiffs attorney, whose address is: <b>1132 CONYERS</b> Street, Covington, GA 30014, an answer to the complaint within sixty days of <b>APRIL 1ST , 2022.</b></p> <p><b>WITNESS THE</b> Honorable Jeffrey L. Foster, Judge of said Court. This the 5th day of April, 2022.</p> <p><b>PUBLIC NOTICE #300819</b>  <b>04/17,24-5/1,8</b></p>
Foreclosures
<p><b>STATE OF GEORGIA</b>  <b>COUNTY OF NEWTON</b>  <b>NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER</b></p> <p><b>BECAUSE OF</b> a default under the terms of the Security Deed executed by <b>Howard B. Herbert, Jr.</b> to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Opteum Financial Services, LLC, its successors and assigns dated February 22, 2005, and recorded in Deed Book 1897, Page 485, Newton County Records, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed to HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR OPTEUM MORTGAGE ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION, ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-2, securing a Note in the original principal amount of \$133,000.00, 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, June 7, 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:</p> <p><b>ALL THAT</b> tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 230 of the 9th District, Newton County, Georgia, being Lot 21, Unit Two of The Woods of Dearing Subdivision, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 33, page 205, Newton County, Georgia Records, which recorded plat is incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this description.</p> <p><b>SAID PROPERTY</b> is known as <b>35 Dearing Woods Court, Covington, GA 30014</b>, together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any.</p> <p><b>SAID PROPERTY</b> 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.</p> <p><b>THE PROCEEDS</b> 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.</p> <p><b>THE SALE</b> 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.</p> <p><b>THE PROPERTY</b> is or may be in the possession of Howard B. Herbert, Jr., successor in interest or tenant(s).</p> <p><b>HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR OPTEUM MORTGAGE ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION, ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-2</b> as Attorney-in-Fact for Howard B. Herbert, Jr.</p> <p><b>FILE NO.</b> 19-075282  <b>LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP*</b>  <b>ATTORNEYS AND</b> Counselors at Law  <b>211 PERIMETER</b> Center Parkway, N.E., Suite 300  <b>ATLANTA, GA 30346</b>  <b>(770) 220-2535/CH</b>  <b>HTTPS://WWW.LOGS.COM/</b>  <b>*THE LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.</b></p> <p><b>PUBLIC NOTICE #300880</b>  <b>5/1,8,15,22,29</b></p>
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE UNDER POWER
<p><b>NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA</b></p> <p><b>UNDER AND</b> by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by <b>Charice Copeland-Greene and Thane Greene</b> to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Fremont Investment &amp; Loan, its successors and assigns,dated July 27, 2005, and recorded in Deed Book 1973, Page 385, Newton County, Georgia Records, subsequently modified by a Loan Modification Agreement recorded December 13, 2010 in Book 2871, Page 571 in the amount of One Hundred Sixty-Four Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-Two and 68/100 (\$164,382.68) Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as Trustee for Fremont Home Loan Trust 2005-D, Mortgage-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-D by assignment recorded on September 18, 2008 in Book 2646 Page 474 in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-</p>

<p>described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of One Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand and 0/100 dollars (\$128,000.00), 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, within the legal hours of sale on June 7, 2022, the following described property:</p> <p><b>ALL THAT</b> TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 138 10TH DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 390, THE FIELDS OF ELLINGTON SUBDIVISION, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 41, PAGES 138-152, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS, SAID PLAT BEING INCORPORATED HEREIN AND MADE REFERENCE HERETO.</p> <p><b>THE DEBT</b> secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).</p> <p><b>THE ENTITY</b> having full authority to negotiate, amend or modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is: PHH Mortgage Corporation they can be contacted at 1-800-750-2518 for Loss Mitigation Dept, or by writing to One Mortgage Way, Mount Laurel, New Jersey 08054, to discuss possible alternatives to avoid foreclosure.</p> <p><b>SAID PROPERTY</b> 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.</p> <p><b>TO THE</b> best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Charice Copeland-Greene and Thane Greene or tenant(s); and said property is more commonly known as <b>35 CARRINGTON CIR, Covington, GA 30016.</b></p> <p><b>THE SALE</b> will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed and (3) any right of redemption or other lien not extinguished by foreclosure.</p> <p><b>HSBC BANK USA</b>, National Association, as Trustee for Fremont Home Loan Trust 2005-D, Mortgage-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-D as Attorney in Fact for Charice Copeland-Greene and Thane Greene.</p> <p><b>BROCK &amp; Scott, PLLC</b>  <b>4360 CHAMBLEE</b> Dunwoody Road  <b>SUITE 310</b>  <b>ATLANTA, GA 30341</b>  <b>404-789-2661</b>  <b>B&amp;S FILE</b> no.: 20-12071</p> <p><b>PUBLIC NOTICE #300933</b>  <b>5/8,15,22,29</b></p>
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
<p><b>GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY</b></p> <p><b>UNDER AND</b> by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by <b>George R Williams</b> to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for iFreedom Direct Corporation, its successors and assigns, dated November 15, 2016, recorded in Deed Book 3505, Page 245, Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Wintrust Mortgage, a division of Barrington Bank &amp; Trust Co., N.A. by assignment recorded in Deed Book 4372, Page 459, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of TWO HUNDRED ELEVEN THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY-SEVEN AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$211,427.00), 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 June, 2022, the following described property:</p> <p><b>SEE EXHIBIT "A"</b> ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF</p> <p><b>THE DEBT</b> 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 pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 13-1-11 having been given).</p> <p><b>SAID PROPERTY</b> will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet 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 any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to the Security Deed first set out above.</p> <p>Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned.</p> <p><b>THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON</b> FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF CWALT, INC., ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2005-75CB, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-75CB is the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-162.2.</p> <p><b>THE ENTITY</b> that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, 55 Beattie Place, Suite 110, Greenville, SC 29601, (800) 365-7107.</p> <p><b>NOTE, HOWEVER,</b> that such entity is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan.</p> <p><b>TO THE</b> best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is James M Roach Jr AKA James Roach, Jr. or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as <b>65 Dearing Woods Bnd, Covington, Georgia 30014.</b> Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description the legal description will control.</p> <p><b>THE SALE</b> 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.</p> <p><b>THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON</b> FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF CWALT, INC., ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2005-75CB, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-75CB</p> <p><b>AS ATTORNEY</b> in Fact for <b>JAMES M</b> Roach Jr AKA James Roach, Jr.</p> <p><b>MCCALLA RAYMER</b> Leibert Pierce,</p>

<p>Williams and Kyron Williams or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as <b>25 Charleston Lane, Covington, Georgia 30016.</b> Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description the legal description will control.</p> <p><b>THE SALE</b> 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.</p> <p><b>WINTRUST MORTGAGE</b>, a division of Barrington Bank &amp; Trust Co., N.A. <b>AS ATTORNEY</b> in Fact for <b>GEORGE R</b> Williams</p> <p><b>MCCALLA RAYMER</b> Leibert Pierce, LLC</p> <p><b>1544 OLD</b> Alabama Road  <b>ROSWELL, GA 30076</b>  <b>WWW.FORECLOSUREHOTLINE.NET</b></p> <p><b>EXHIBIT "A"</b></p> <p><b>THE LAND</b> REFERRED TO HEREIN BELOW IS SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF NEWTON, STATE OF GEORGIA AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:</p> <p><b>ALL THAT</b> TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 7 OF THE 10TH DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 48, MISSION POINTE SUBDIVISION, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 42, PAGES 202-206, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS, WHICH PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE AND MADE A PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION. SAID PROPERTY BEING KNOWN AS 25 CHARLESTON LANE ACCORDING TO THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF NUMBERING PROPERTY IN NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA.</p> <p><b>MR/MEH 6/7/22</b>  <b>OUR FILE</b> no. 22-06536GA - FT17</p>
PUBLIC NOTICE #300907
<p><b>5/8,15,22,29</b></p>
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
<p><b>GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY</b></p> <p><b>UNDER AND</b> by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by <b>James M Roach Jr AKA James Roach, Jr.</b> to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as grantee for Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., its successors and assigns, dated October 20, 2005, recorded in Deed Book 2038, Page 237, Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS CWALT, INC., ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2005-75CB, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-75CB by assignment recorded in Deed Book 2743, Page 595, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$128,900.00), 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 June, 2022, the following described property:</p> <p><b>SEE EXHIBIT "A"</b> ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF</p> <p><b>THE DEBT</b> 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 pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 13-1-11 having been given).</p> <p><b>SAID PROPERTY</b> will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet 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 any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to the Security Deed first set out above.</p> <p>Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned.</p> <p><b>MIDFIRST BANK</b> is the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-162.2.</p> <p><b>THE ENTITY</b> that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: Midland Mortgage, a division of MidFirst Bank, 999 N.W. Grand Boulevard Suite 100, Oklahoma City, OK 73118-6116, 800-654-4566.</p> <p><b>NOTE, HOWEVER,</b> that such entity is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan.</p> <p><b>TO THE</b> best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is James M Roach Jr AKA James Roach, Jr. or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as <b>125 Heatherstone Way, Covington, Georgia 30016.</b> Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description the legal description will control.</p> <p><b>THE SALE</b> 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.</p> <p><b>MIDFIRST BANK</b></p> <p><b>AS ATTORNEY</b> in Fact for <b>OCTAVIAN WHITLOCK</b></p> <p><b>MCCALLA RAYMER</b> Leibert Pierce, LLC</p> <p><b>1544 OLD</b> Alabama Road  <b>ROSWELL, GA 30076</b>  <b>WWW.FORECLOSUREHOTLINE.NET</b></p> <p><b>EXHIBIT "A"</b></p> <p><b>ALL THAT</b> tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 108 of the 9th District, Newton County, Georgia, being Lot 17 Phase II of Heatherstone Subdivision, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 37, Pages 272-276, Newton County, Georgia Records, which recorded plat is incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this description.</p> <p><b>MR/CA 6/7/22</b>  <b>OUR FILE</b> no. 22-07329GA - FT17</p>
PUBLIC NOTICE #300917
<p><b>5/8,15,22,29</b></p>

<p>LLC</p> <p><b>1544 OLD</b> Alabama Road  <b>ROSWELL, GA 30076</b>  <b>WWW.FORECLOSUREHOTLINE.NET</b></p> <p><b>EXHIBIT "A"</b></p> <p><b>ALL THAT</b> TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 230, 9TH DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND BEING SHOWN AS LOT 133, UNIT FIVE, THE WOODS AT DEARING, ON A PLAT OF SURVEY OF SAME RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 39, PAGES 70-73, 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.</p> <p><b>THIS BEING</b> THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED BY WARRANTY DEED DATED 12/15/04 AND RECORDED 1/3/05 FROM ROOSEVELT MCNAIR, II TO JAMES ROACH, JR. RECORDED AT DEED BOOK 1818, PAGE 316, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS. FURTHER BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED BY QUIT CLAIM DEED DATED 4/4/03 AND RECORDED 4/16/03 FROM JAMES ROACH, JR. TO JAMES ROACH, JR. AND ROOSEVELT MCNAIR II, RECORDED AT DEED BOOK 1407, PAGE 19, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS.</p> <p><b>THE RIGHT</b>, if any, of The United States of America to redeem said land within 120 days from the date of the foreclosure sale held on June 7, 2022, as provided for by the Federal Tax Lien Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-719).</p> <p><b>MR/CA 6/7/22</b>  <b>OUR FILE</b> no. 5425819 - FT18</p>
PUBLIC NOTICE #300908
<p><b>5/8,15,22,29</b></p>
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
<p><b>GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY</b></p> <p><b>UNDER AND</b> by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by <b>Octavian Whitlock</b> to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Ameris Bank, its successors and assigns , dated June 26, 2015, recorded in Deed Book 3342, Page 201, Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to MidFirst Bank by assignment recorded in Deed Book 4280, Page 608, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$128,900.00), 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 June, 2022, the following described property:</p> <p><b>SEE EXHIBIT "A"</b> ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF</p> <p><b>THE DEBT</b> 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 pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 13-1-11 having been given).</p> <p><b>SAID PROPERTY</b> will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet 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 any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to the Security Deed first set out above.</p> <p>Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned.</p> <p><b>MIDFIRST BANK</b> is the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-162.2.</p> <p><b>THE ENTITY</b> that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: Midland Mortgage, a division of MidFirst Bank, 999 N.W. Grand Boulevard Suite 100, Oklahoma City, OK 73118-6116, 800-654-4566.</p> <p><b>NOTE, HOWEVER,</b> that such entity is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan.</p> <p><b>TO THE</b> best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Octavian Whitlock or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as <b>125 Heatherstone Way, Covington, Georgia 30016.</b> Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description the legal description will control.</p> <p><b>THE SALE</b> 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.</p> <p><b>MIDFIRST BANK</b></p> <p><b>AS ATTORNEY</b> in Fact for <b>OCTAVIAN WHITLOCK</b></p> <p><b>MCCALLA RAYMER</b> Leibert Pierce, LLC</p> <p><b>1544 OLD</b> Alabama Road  <b>ROSWELL, GA 30076</b>  <b>WWW.FORECLOSUREHOTLINE.NET</b></p> <p><b>EXHIBIT "A"</b></p> <p><b>ALL THAT</b> tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 108 of the 9th District, Newton County, Georgia, being Lot 17 Phase II of Heatherstone Subdivision, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 37, Pages 272-276, Newton County, Georgia Records, which recorded plat is incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this description.</p> <p><b>MR/CA 6/7/22</b>  <b>OUR FILE</b> no. 22-07329GA - FT17</p>
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See LEGALS, B6

## LEGALS:

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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER  
GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

BY VIRTUE of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from **CORA L COBB** to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS GRANTEE, AS NOMINEE FOR SOUTHSTAR FUNDING, LLC, dated December 22, 2003, recorded December 30, 2003, in Deed Book 1590, Page 100, Newton County, Georgia Records, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of Eighty-Seven Thousand Three Hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$87,300.00), with interest thereon as provided for therein, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned and transferred to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee for VRMTG Asset Trust, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the Newton County Courthouse, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in June, 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 199 OF THE 1ST LAND DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, CONTAINING 1.0 ACRE AS SHOWN ON PLAT OF SURVEY OFR CORA L. COBB, DATED MAY 12, 1994, CERTIFIED BY JOHN ELWIN KNIGHT, RLS NO. 1945 AND RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 28, PAGE 33, NEWTON COUNTY RECORDS. SAID SURVEY AND THE RECORD THEREOF ARE INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE AND MADE A PART HEREOF FOR A MORE COMPLETE DESCRIPTION.**

**SAID LEGAL** description being controlling, however the property is more commonly known as **599 DIXIE ROAD, 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 **CORA L COBB**, 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: Selene Finance, Loss Mitigation Dept., 9990 Richmond Ave, Suite 400, Houston, TX 77042, Telephone Number: 1-877-768-3759. 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.

**U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION**, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR VRMTG ASSET TRUST **AS ATTORNEY** in Fact for **CORA L COBB**

**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. SEF-22-01418-1

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300910**  
**5/8,15,22,29**

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER  
GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

BY VIRTUE of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from **JENNIFER ALEJANDRA CHACON** to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC. AS GRANTEE, AS NOMINEE FOR ALTERRA GROUP, LLC DBA: ALTERRA HOME LOANS, dated March 11, 2019, recorded March 21, 2019, in Deed Book 3818, Page 54-67, Newton County, Georgia Records, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of One Hundred Forty-Two Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Three and 00/100 dollars (\$142,373.00), with interest thereon as provided for therein, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned and transferred to FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION, 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 June, 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 9 OF THE 10TH DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 8 OF OLD COVERED BRIDGE ESTATES SUBDIVISION, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 44, PAGES 142-145, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS, WHICH RECORDED PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE AND MADE A PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION.**

**SAID LEGAL** description being

controlling, however the property is more commonly known as **80 PATTERSON WAY, COVINGTON, GA 30016.**

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

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

**TO THE** best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owner and party in possession of the property is **JENNIFER ALEJANDRA CHACON**, 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: Freedom Mortgage Corporation, Loss Mitigation Dept., 10500 Kincaid Dr., Suite 300, Fishers, IN 46037, Telephone Number: 1-855-690-5900. 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.

## FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION

**AS ATTORNEY** in Fact for **JENNIFER ALEJANDRA CHACON** **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. FREM-22-01900-1

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300879**  
**5/8,15,22,29**

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER  
GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

BY VIRTUE of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from **MICHAEL SPENCER POITIER** to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC AS NOMINEE FOR QUICKEN LOANS INC., dated July 17, 2017, recorded July 24, 2017, in Deed Book 3589, Page 120-142, Newton County, Georgia Records, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of One Hundred Seventy-Four Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Five and 00/100 dollars (\$174,775.00), with interest thereon as provided for therein, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned and transferred to Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans Inc., there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the Newton County Courthouse, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in June, 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 306 OF THE 9TH DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 107, PHASE ONE, OF ORCHARD PARK SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN ON PLAT OF SURVEY PREPARED BY MARK PATRICK, GA RLS #2791, AND RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 40, PAGES 8-18, NEWTON COUNTY, GA RECORDS, WHICH RECORDED PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE AND MADE A PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION, BEING IMPROVED PROPERTY KNOWN AS 85 PRATT DRIVE ACCORDING TO THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF NUMBERING PROPERTY IN NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA.**

**SAID LEGAL** description being controlling, however the property is more commonly known as **85 PRATT DR, 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 **MICHAEL SPENCER POITIER**, or tenants(s).

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

**THE ENTITY** having full authority to negotiate, amend or modify all terms of the loan (although not required by

law to do so) is: Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC, Loss Mitigation Dept., 635 Woodward Ave., Detroit, MI 48226, Telephone Number: (800) 508-0924. Nothing in O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require a secured creditor to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the mortgage instrument.

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

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

**ATTORNEY CONTACT:** Rubin Lublin, LLC, 3145 Avalon Ridge Place, Suite 100, Peachtree Corners, GA 30071

**TELEPHONE NUMBER:** (877) 813-0992 Case No. QKN-20-01612-2

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300818**  
**5/8,15,22,29**

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER  
GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

**UNDER AND** by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Cassandra A Butler** and **Kelvin W Butler** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Parkside Lending, LLC, its successors and assigns, dated June 7, 2019, recorded in Deed Book 3854, Page 615, Newton County, Georgia Records and as modified by that certain Loan Modification Agreement recorded in Deed Book 4257, Page 106, Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper by assignment recorded in Deed Book 4369, Page 717, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of TWO HUNDRED TWO THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-EIGHT AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$202,268.00), 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 June, 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 pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 13-1-11 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), 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 any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to the Security Deed first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned.

**NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC** d/b/a Mr. Cooper 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: Nationstar Mortgage, LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper, 8950 Cypress Waters Blvd, Coppell, TX 75019, (888) 480-2432.

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

**TO THE** best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is **Cassandra A Butler** and **Kelvin W Butler** or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **9333 Melody Cir SW, Covington, Georgia 30014**. Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description the legal description will control.

**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.

**NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC** d/b/a Mr. Cooper

**AS ATTORNEY** in Fact for **CASSANDRA A Butler** and **Kelvin W Butler**

**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 161 of the 10th District, Newton County, Georgia, being Lot 25, Phase Two of Browns Bridge Crossing Subdivision, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 40, Pages 234-236, Newton County, Georgia Records which recorded plat is incorporated herein by reference and made part of this description.

**MR/MEH 6/7/22**

**OUR FILE NO. 22-06687GA - FT2**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300885**  
**5/1,8,15,22,29**

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER  
GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

**UNDER AND** by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Moustapha Meite** to Washington Mutual Bank, FA, dated April 24, 2008, recorded in Deed Book 2602, Page 324, Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association by assignment recorded in Deed Book 3112, Page 518, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-FOUR

THOUSAND AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$234,000.00), 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 June, 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 pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 13-1-11 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), 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 any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to the Security Deed first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned.

**JPMORGAN CHASE BANK**, National Association 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: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, 3415 Vision Drive, Columbus, OH 43219, 800-446-8939.

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

**TO THE** best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is **Moustapha Meite** or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **25 Brunswick Court, Covington, Georgia 30016**. Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description the legal description will control.

**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.

**JPMORGAN CHASE BANK**, National Association

**AS ATTORNEY** in Fact for

**MOUSTAPHA MEITE**

**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 7 & 26 of the 10th District, Newton County, Georgia, being Lot 78, of Mission Pointe Subdivision, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 42, Pages 202-206, Newton County, Georgia Records, which recorded plat is incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this description.

**MR/MEH 6/7/22**

**OUR FILE NO. 5451419 - FT3**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300906**  
**5/8,15,22,29**

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER  
NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

**UNDER AND** by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in that certain Georgia Deed to Secure Debt and Security Agreement given by **APOSTOLIC COMMUNITY CHURCH, INC.** ("Borrower") to **BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY** ("Lender") dated as of September 15, 2008 and recorded September 19, 2008 in Deed Book 2647, Page 252-259, Newton County, Georgia official records, as modified by that certain Modification to Georgia Deed to Secure Debt and Security Agreement between Borrower and Lender dated as of October 2, 2009 and recorded October 14, 2009 in Deed Book 2763, Pages 385-387, aforesaid records, as further modified by that certain Modification to Georgia Deed to Secure Debt and Security Agreement between Borrower and Lender dated as of October 15, 2012 and recorded November 14, 2012 in Deed Book 3067, Pages 84-86, aforesaid records, and as further affected by that certain Assignment of Security Instruments given by Lender to LSC 164A, LLC ("Holder") dated as of December 20, 2016 and recorded January 10, 2017 in Deed Book 3522, Pages 397-399 (together with any and all amendments or modifications, hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Security Deed"), conveying the property described below to secure, among other things, the repayment of that certain Note dated September 15, 2008 made payable by Borrower to the order of Lender in the maximum principal amount of \$206,500.00, as modified by that certain Note Modification Agreement dated as of October 2, 2009, as further modified by that certain Note Modification Agreement dated as of October 15, 2012, and as subsequently assigned by Lender to Holder (collectively, the "Secured Indebtedness"), there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia (or at such other location as may be lawfully designated in Newton County for conducting sheriff's sales and/or public foreclosure sales), within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in June 2022 (being June 7, 2022) the following described property located in Newton County, Georgia, together with all improvements, fixtures, equipment, easements, hereditaments, rights, members, appurtenances, and personal property located thereon and described in the Security Deed (collectively, the "Property"):

**TRACT I** – map & parcel: 0045-060

**ALL THAT** tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lots 99 and 100

of the 10th Land District, Newton County, Georgia, containing 2.161 acres and being more particularly described by a plat of survey for Apostolic Community Church, Inc. prepared by Adam & Lee Land Surveying and certified to by Gary L. Cooper, GA RLS 2608, dated 05/31/2000 and revised 11/09/2000 as recorded in Plat Book 35, page 127, Newton County Records, the same being incorporated herein and made a part hereof by reference.

**TRACT II** – map & parcel: 0045-049A **ALL THAT** tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 99, 10th Land District, Newton County, Georgia, containing 1.0 acres and being more particularly described by a plat of survey for Apostolic Community Church prepared by Adam & Lee Land Surveying and certified to by Gary L. Cooper, GA RLS 2608, dated 01/01/2000 and revised 03/06/2001 ad recorded in Plat Book 36, page 94, Newton County Records, the same being incorporated herein and made a part hereof by reference.

**THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED** property is real and personal property located at **2094 Highway 81 South, Covington, Newton County, Georgia 30016-4694**, according to the present system of numbering property in Newton County, Georgia.

**THE SECURED** Indebtedness has been and is hereby accelerated and declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the Secured Indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the instruments evidencing the Secured Indebtedness and Security Deed. The Secured Indebtedness being in default, the sale will be made for purposes of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorneys' fees (written notice of intent to collect attorneys' fees having been given).

**SAID PROPERTY** will be sold subject to any matters of record superior to the Security Deed, including without limitation, (a) outstanding ad valorem taxes with a senior lien priority to the Security Deed (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) any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, or other matters of record with a senior lien priority to the Security Deed.

**TO THE** best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Borrower or a tenant or tenants claiming through them.

**LSC 164A, LLC**, as successor by assignment to **BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY**, Attorney-in-Fact and Agent for **APOSTOLIC COMMUNITY CHURCH INC**

**JOSEPH H. Stuhrenberg**

**BURR & Forman LLP**

**171 SEVENTEENTH Street, N.W., Suite 1100**

**ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30363**

**EMAIL: JSTUHRENBERG@**

**BURR.COM** Phone: (404) 815-3000

**FACSIMILE: (404) 817-3244**

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300939**  
**5/8,15,22,29**

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER  
NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

BY VIRTUE of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from **Dexter A. Collins** to Georgia Telco Credit Union, dated March 17, 2004 and recorded on March 19, 2004 in Deed Book 1636, Page 351, 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 One Hundred Fifty-Two Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty and 00/100 dollars (\$152,950.00) with interest thereon as provided therein, as last transferred to NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, recorded in Deed Book 4178, Page 771, 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 June, 2022, all property described in said Security Deed including but not limited to the following described property:

**ALL THAT** tract or parcel of land, with house and all other improvements located thereon, lying and being in Land Lots 166 & 167 of the 10th District of Newton County, Georgia, being Lot 357 of Woodstone Subdivision, Unit Four as shown on plat of Woodstone Subdivision-Unit Four as same is recorded in Plat Book 31, page 12, Newton County Records. The description of said property as contained on said plat is hereby incorporated herein and made an essential part hereof by reference.

**SAID PROPERTY** may more commonly be known as **320 Greenfield Way, Covinton, GA 30016.**

**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 Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, 551 Beattie Place, Suite 100 MS 551, Greenville, SC 29601, 1-800-365-7107.

**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 **Dexter A. Collins** 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.

**NEWREZ LLC** d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing as Attorney-in-Fact for **Dexter A. Collins**

**CONTACT: PADGETT Law Group:** 6267 Old Water Oak Road, Suite 203, Tallahassee, FL 32312; (850) 422-2520

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300798**  
**5/8,15,22,29**

## 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 **LARRY D SMITH** to **WELL FARGO BANK, N.A.**, dated 06/11/2014, and Recorded on 06/25/2014 as Book No. 3240 and Page No. 183 194, NEWTON County, Georgia records, as last assigned to **WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.** (the Secured Creditor), by assignment, conveying the after described property to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of \$118,855.00, 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 June, 2022, the following described property: **ALL THAT TRACT OR**







# LEGALS:

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**TO SIXTY-SIX** (66) feet of pavement permitting two rows of parking spaces and a vehicle lane between the frontage landscape strip and the primary structure. Parking in the front of a structure shall not extend more than two spaces beyond the end of the facade of the primary structure. The remainder of the parking shall be in the side or rear.

**THE PLANNING COMMISSION** WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE: **24TH DAY** OF MAY, 2022 AT 7:00 P.M.

**THIS MEETING** WILL BE HELD IN THE NEWTON COUNTY HISTORIC COURTHOUSE, 3RD FLOOR BOARDROOM. THOSE HAVING CONCERNS ABOUT THIS PETITION SHOULD ATTEND THE MEETING.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300957**  
5/8

**VARIANCE PETITON**  
**GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY**

**A PETITION** (VAR22-000003) HAS BEEN FILED WITH THE NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS FOR A VARIANCE FOR THE PROPERTY BELONGING TO: **MOSI MEI INC**

**WHOSE SUBJECT** PROPERTY ADDRESS/LOCATION IS DEARING RD, CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 10.51 ACRES BEING ON TAX MAP & PARCEL 0082 004A.

**APPLICANT** IS REQUESTING A VARIANCE TO: REDUCE REQUIRED BUFFERS. BETWEEN MULTI-FAMILY AND SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONING. SEC. 510-410(D)

**THE BOARD** OF ZONING APPEALS WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE:

**26TH DAY** OF MAY, 2022 AT 7:00 P.M.

**THIS MEETING** WILL BE HELD IN THE NEWTON COUNTY HISTORIC COURTHOUSE, LOCATED AT 1124 CLARK ST, COVINGTON, GEORGIA 30014. THOSE HAVING CONCERNS ABOUT THIS PETITION SHOULD ATTEND THE MEETING.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300958**  
5/8

**VARIANCE PETITON**  
**GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY**

**A PETITION** (VAR22-000004) HAS BEEN FILED WITH THE NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS FOR A VARIANCE FOR THE PROPERTY BELONGING TO: **MICHAEL A & MARY A THOMAS**

**WHOSE SUBJECT** PROPERTY ADDRESS/LOCATION IS 130 RIVERBEND DR, CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY .71 ACRES BEING ON TAX MAP & PARCEL 0099 089.

**APPLICANT** IS REQUESTING A VARIANCE TO: THE SIZE OF AN ACCESSORY STRUCTURE IN THE R-3 ZONING DISTRICT: SEC 510-020 (C) (2).

**THE BOARD** OF ZONING APPEALS WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE:

**26TH DAY** OF MAY, 2022 AT 7:00 P.M.

**THIS MEETING** WILL BE HELD IN THE NEWTON COUNTY HISTORIC COURTHOUSE, LOCATED AT 1124 CLARK ST, COVINGTON, GEORGIA 30014. THOSE HAVING CONCERNS ABOUT THIS PETITION SHOULD ATTEND THE MEETING.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300961**  
5/8

**VARIANCE PETITON**  
**GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY**

**A PETITION** (VAR22-000005) HAS BEEN FILED WITH THE NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS FOR A VARIANCE FOR THE PROPERTY BELONGING TO: **TIMOTHY MELVIN BIDDY**

**WHOSE SUBJECT** PROPERTY ADDRESS/LOCATION IS 11188 HWY 36, CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY .58 ACRES BEING ON TAX MAP & PARCEL 0084 034C.

**APPLICANT** IS REQUESTING A VARIANCE TO: REQUIRED SETBACKS FOR A KENNEL TO ESTABLISH A DOG TRAINING FACILITY: SEC 510-355 (A) (C).

**THE BOARD** OF ZONING APPEALS WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE:

**26TH DAY** OF MAY, 2022 AT 7:00 P.M.

**THIS MEETING** WILL BE HELD IN THE NEWTON COUNTY HISTORIC COURTHOUSE, LOCATED AT 1124 CLARK ST, COVINGTON, GEORGIA 30014. THOSE HAVING CONCERNS ABOUT THIS PETITION SHOULD ATTEND THE MEETING.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300955**  
5/8

**VARIANCE PETITON**  
**GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY**

**A PETITION** (VAR22-000006) HAS BEEN FILED WITH THE NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS FOR A VARIANCE FOR THE PROPERTY BELONGING TO: **DEREK AND SHERRIA KISH**

**WHOSE SUBJECT** PROPERTY ADDRESS/LOCATION IS 179 MANDERS TRL, CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 1.26 ACRES BEING ON TAX MAP & PARCEL GP75A 086.

**APPLICANT** IS REQUESTING A VARIANCE TO: REQUIRED 150-FOOT SETBACK ASSOCIATED WITH LAKE JACKSON. SEC. 420-050 (C)

**THE BOARD** OF ZONING APPEALS WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE:

**26TH DAY** OF MAY, 2022 AT 7:00 P.M.

**THIS MEETING** WILL BE HELD IN THE NEWTON COUNTY HISTORIC COURTHOUSE, LOCATED AT 1124 CLARK ST, COVINGTON, GEORGIA 30014. THOSE HAVING CONCERNS ABOUT THIS PETITION SHOULD ATTEND THE MEETING.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300959**  
5/8

**Public Notice**

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF**

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

**ASFA W. WHYTE,**  
**PETITIONER,**  
**V.**

**TAMARA A. WHYTE, AKA TAMARA A. PERCH**  
**RESPONDENT**  
**CIVIL ACTION** File No.: SUCV2021002829

**ORDER BY PUBLICATION IT APPEARING** By Affidavit, that the Respondent, TAMARA A. WHYTE, AKA TAMARA A. PERCH, on whom service is to be made resides out of the State of Georgia, or has departed from her last State of residence, Missouri, or cannot after due diligence, be found within the State, or conceals herself to avoid service of the Summons, and it further appearing, either by Affidavit or by verified Petition on file, that a claim exists against her in respect to whom service is made, IT IS HEREBY CONSIDERED, ORDERED AND DECREED THAT service be **MADE BY** publication as provided by law.

**SO ORDERED**, this 12th day of April, 2022

**W. KENDALL** Wynne, Jr,  
**JUDGE, SUPERIOR Court**  
**ALCOVY JUDICIAL Circuit**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300851**  
4/17,24-5/1,8

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

**BRANDON LITMAN,**  
**PLAINTIFF,**  
**V.**

**JAMERICA THOMAS,**  
**DEFENDANT,**

**CIVIL ACTION NO.** 2022-CV-384-1

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

**TO: JAMERICA THOMAS**

**BY ORDER** of the court for service by publication dated February 25, 2022, you are hereby notified that on February 24, 2022 the Plaintiff, BRANDON LITMAN, filed suit against you for Petition for Legitimation. You are required to file with the Clerk of Superior Court, and to serve upon Plaintiff's attorney, Stephen L. Coxen, The Coxen Firm, LLC, P.O. BOX 467, Covington, Georgia 30015-0467, an answer in writing within sixty (60) days of February 25, 2022.

**WITNESS, THE** Honorable Jeffrey L. Foster, Judge of Newton County Superior Court.

**THIS 25TH** day of February, 2022

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300884**  
4/24-5/1,8,15

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTENT TO DESTROY SPECIAL EDUCATION RECORDS**  
**THE SPECIAL** Education Department of Newton County School System will destroy records that have been collected, maintained, and/or used in providing special education services. This activity is in compliance with federal, state and local policy. The destruction of data policy provides that records may be destroyed when they are no longer needed for educational planning purposes.  
**STUDENTS WHO WILL BE AFFECTE**  
**THIS DESTRUCTION** policy only applies to SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS BORN IN 1999.TO OBTAIN THESE EDUCATIONAL RECORDS REQUEST FOR RECORDS MUST BE MADE **PRIOR TO JUNE 15, 2022.**  
**CONTACT** The Office of Special Education at: Newton County Public Schools – Board of Education, 2109 Newton Dr. N.E. Covington, GA 30014 or by phone: (770)787-1330, Ext. 1221. Records will be provided only to a former student who is 18 years of age or older or the legal guardian. We will notify the individual by phone when the requested records are prepared. The records should be picked up at the Board of Education. Anyone obtaining records will be required to produce identification that contains both picture and signature.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300924**  
5/8,15,22

**STATE OF GEORGIA**  
**NOTICE OF SUMMONS**

**TONIA EAST- Phanor**  
**(PLAINTIFF)**  
**V**

**KYHANNA SAWAN Brown,**  
**(DEFENDANT)**

**NOTICE OF Summons**

**TO: KYHANNA SAWAN BROWN:**

**BY ORDER** of this Court dated April 27, 2022, you are hereby notified that on January 5, 2022, a complaint was filed against you in said court seeking money for an auto accident You are hereby required to file with the Clerk of Superior Court and to serve upon Plaintiff's attorney, C. Ron Smith, 170 Bastille Way Suite C, Fayetteville, GA 30214, an answer in writing within sixty (60) days from the 27th day of April, 2022.

**SO ORDERED** on April 27, 2022 by the Honorable W. Kendall Wynne, Jr., Judge of the Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia, that service be made by publication as provided by law.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300941**  
5/8,15,22,29

**STATE BOARD MEMBER TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING**  
**MAY 17, 2022**

**DR. STANLEY DeJarnett** to Host **STATE BOARD** of Education Tenth District Public Hearing

**THE STATE** Board of Education will hold a public hearing for citizens in the Tenth Congressional District on Tuesday, May 17, 2022. The meeting will be held from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Putnam County High School, 300 War Eagle Drive, Eatonton, GA

31024.  
**THE PURPOSE** of the hearing is to hear comments from interested citizens and educators within the congressional district regarding the performance and problems of public education. Persons wishing to speak should sign in upon arrival.

**THE GEORGIA** Department of Education does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to, access to, or operations of its programs, services or activities. Individuals who need assistance or auxiliary aids for participation in this public forum are invited to make their needs known to Geraldine Price at sbsoadmin@doe.k12.ga.us no later than 72 hours before the scheduled event.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300905**  
5/1,8

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**  
**COUNTY OF BERKELEY**  
**IN THE FAMILY COURT FOR THE**  
**NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

**DOCKET NO.** 2021-DR-08-1999

**SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES VERSUS SHAUNTOYA ELVIRA LASHEY SINGLETON AND ERIC RICHARDSON, DEFENDANTS.** IN THE INTERESTS OF: MINOR CHILD BORN 2015.

**TO DEFENDANT: SHAUNTOYA ELVIRA LASHEY SINGLETON**

**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** and required to answer the Complaint in this action filed with the Clerk of Court for Berkeley County on December 17, 2021. Upon proof of interest, a copy of the Complaint will be delivered to you upon request from the Berkeley County Clerk of Court, and you must serve a copy of your Answer to the Complaint on the Plaintiff, the South Carolina Department of Social Services, at the office of its Attorney, Kenneth L. Murphy, II, Legal Department of the Berkeley County Department of Social Services, 2 Belt Drive, Moncks Corner, SC 29461, within thirty (30) days of this publication, exclusive of the date of service. If you fail to answer within the time set forth above, the Plaintiff will proceed to seek relief from the Court. Kenneth L. Murphy, II, SC Bar # 101333, 2 Belt Drive, Moncks Corner, SC 29461,

(843) 719-1095.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300857**  
4/24-5/1,8,15

**THE NEWTON** County government proposes to construct a 340' self-support public safety communications tower located west of the GA Highway 212, Covington, Newton County, Georgia. (33 38' 47.00" N, 84 00' 24.23" W). Anticipated tower lighting application is medium intensity dual red/white strobes. Interested persons may review the application for this project at www.fcc.gov/asr/ applications by entering Antenna Structure Registration (Form 854) file No. A1215898. Environmental concerns may be raised by filing a Request for Environmental Review with the FCC. The FCC strongly encourages interested parties to file Requests for Environmental Review online at www.fcc.gov/asr/ environmentalrequest, but they may be filed with a paper copy by mailing the Request to: FCC Requests for Environmental Review, Attn: Ramon Williams, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300937**  
5/8

**Public Sales Auctions**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION**

**A PUBLIC** Auction for the non-**PAYMENT OF** storage fees at Speedy Storage will take place on Saturday, May 21, 2022 AT 10am located at 2222 HWY 212, Covington, GA. 30016

**THE PERSONAL** effects and household **GOODS BELONGING** to the following **TENANTS, HAVING** been properly notified, Will be sold for CASH to the highest Bidder to satisfy the owner's lien for Rent due, in accordance with the Georgia Self Storage Act-, Section **10-1-210 TO 10-4-215**  
**THE PERSONAL** effects and household goods belonging to **THE FOLLOWING** tenants.

**JUDY WATSON.....UNITS**  
25, 49  
**LATOYA HESTER.....UNIT**  
28

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300936**  
5/8,16

**PUBLIC AUCTION:** 36 Storage LLC will hold a public sale to enforce a lien imposed on said property, as described below, pursuant to the Georgia Self Storage Facility Act, Georgia Code 10-4-210 to 10-4-215. The personal effects belonging to the following Tenants, having been properly notified, will be sold to the highest bidder to satisfy the owners lien for rent due online at http://www.storageauctions.com on or thereafter, Friday May 11, 2022. E6 Michele Johnson.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300887**  
5/1,8

**READY RENT ALL, INC.**  
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**770-787-3200**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

**A DEFAULT** having occurred under the terms of the rental agreement between Ready Rent-All, Inc., and the tenants listed below, notice having been sent to the tenants as required by law, there will be sold at public sale, to the public, all personal property involved, for cash, to satisfy owner's lien for rent due on each warehouse.

**LAW GEORGIA** Law Ann. 10-4-213  
**THE PROCEEDS** of said public sale shall be distributed in accordance with the terms of said agreement. Ready Rent-All, Inc. reserves the right to accept or reject any bids.

**DATE AND** Time of Sale: FRIDAY, MAY 20, 2022 11:00AM

**PLACE:** STORAGEAUCTIONS.COM

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Warehouse Number  
Contents  
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A-15

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**YOUNG TEARSA**

**LAVERNE D-3**  
**HOUSEHOLD GOODS**

**BELCHER DEDRIC ONEAL**  
D-6 **HOUSEHOLD GOODS**

**WALKER LEON JR**  
E-15 **HOUSEHOLD GOODS**

**BELCHER RONALD LEWIS**  
E-27 **HOUSEHOLD**

**GOODS**  
**NELSON ANGELA**

**LEE F-9**  
**HOUSEHOLD GOODS**

**WESTBROOKS TONI** MICHELLE  
G-22 **HOUSEHOLD GOODS**

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**PUBLIC NOTICE #300938**  
5/8,15

**Trade Names**

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

**TO WHOM** It may Concern: Please be advised that **NFM, INC** whose address is 1190 WINTERSON ROAD, SUITE 300 LINTHICUM, MD 21090 is/are the owner(s) of the certain business now being carried on at 1190 WINTERSON ROAD, SUITE 300 LINTHICUM, MD 21090 the following trade name, to-wit: ELEMENT HOME LOANS and that the nature of said business is: MORTGAGE LENDING This statement is made in conformity with O.C.G.A. §10-1-490 et seq. requiring the filing of such statement with the Clerk of Superior Court of this county. **THIS 21ST** day of APRIL 2022

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300940**  
5/8,15

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

**TO WHOM** It may Concern: Please be advised that **VONDA LATIMORE** whose address is 220 HOMESTEAD WAY COVINGTON GA 30014 s/ are the owner(s) of the certain business now being carried on at 220 HOMESTEAD WAY COVINGTON GA 30014 the following trade name, to-wit: FOR THE LOVE OF KIDS' CHILDCARE AND LEARNING CENTER and that the nature of said business is: CHILDCARE This statement is made in conformity with O.C.G.A. §10-1-490 et seq. requiring the filing of such statement with the Clerk of Superior Court of this county. **THIS 1ST** day of APRIL 2022

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300900**  
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Prep Baseball: GHSA Playoffs

# Rams remain positive despite first round bounce against Newnan

**By PHILLIP B. HUBBARD**  
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**NEWNAN, Ga.** — After qualifying for the Class 7A playoffs for a second consecutive season, the Newton Rams hit the road for the first round on April 27. It wasn't a pleasant road trip, either, as the Rams lost to No. 1 seed Newnan 17-2 and 9-2 and games one and two, respectively.

Despite the first round sweep, first-year head coach Derwin McNealy recognized how beneficial Wednesday's action can be for the returning players.

"Experience is definitely the best teacher," McNealy said. "I hope my guys will grow from the experience. That's the big thing we

can take away."

As a result, the Rams' season ultimately comes to an end. They finished 8-19 overall with a 3-9 record in Region 4-AAAAAAA. Newton also received some huge contributions.

At the plate, Anthony Bynum led the team with a .328 batting average while batting 16 runs in and drilling both of the teams' two home runs this season. C. Brightwell had a .308 batting average along with 14 RBIs.

Brightwell was active on the bases, too, leading the team with 19 stolen bases. J. Nolley had 13 stolen bases on the season as well.

L. Palmer and Nolan McCamy were solid



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**The Newton Rams were swept by Newnan High School in the first round of the Class 7A state playoffs. Now, they'll look to next season in hopes for better results.**

defenders for the Rams this season. Palmer had a .882 fielding percentage and McCamy had a .833 percentage.

In addition to Nolley, Lucas Ballard and Miguel Barbis led the way for the Rams on the

mound this season. Nolley pitched 25 innings and had a 5.32 ERA and recorded 25 strikeouts. Ballard registered 28.1 innings pitched and finished with a 5.44 ERA and had 24 strikeouts.

Barbis had the most innings pitched with 29.2 total with a 7.31 ERA and a team-high 30 strikeouts.

All season long, McNealy has not kept it a secret that this Newton squad entered 2022 with little to no varsity playing experience. But, after this season, he believes the future is bright.

"The system is in place now," McNealy said. "The guys have bought into the system and they've gotten a chance to see how it works. And now that can trickle down to the younger guys we have. We're hoping that the maturity will lead to more consistency."

Now, the Rams enter the offseason after their

early playoff exits. Nevertheless, McNealy stressed how he plans for next year's team to hit the ground running.

McNealy said they're planning to be in the weight room and keep building up for next season's competition.

But, for now, McNealy highlighted how proud he was of this year's team for continuing to battle all season long for him and the Rams program.

"Nobody hung their head," McNealy said. "Every day, they fought for me and showed up. Everybody is definitely happy about the direction that the program is going. We won't stop and we'll still keep trying to get better."

## JOURNEY:

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"So many people play a big part in this," Richardson said. "And that's what makes a really good team."

It was the offense, though, that got the ball rolling.

At the season's end, Social Circle tallied a total of 183 goals. Two players, in particular, accounted for 76% of those goals: Peyton Brooks and Tess Preston.

Brooks, a sophomore, finished the season leading the team with 72 goals and came second on the team with 25 assists. Having a team-high 38 assists was senior Preston who also scored 68 goals.

While both players said they practice a lot to produce numerous goals, there is no secret recipe to the duo's success.

"I'll send her through and she'll score," Preston said. "Or I'll send it through, she'll send it back and I'll score."

Both players have been teammates since Brooks' sixth and Preston's eighth grade years. Throughout that time, they each expressed how they've developed a chemistry between each other.



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**The Social Circle Lady Redskins hoist the GHSA Class A-Public State Championship trophy following Tuesday's 6-4 overtime win against Commerce.**

Specifically for Brooks, it's been a joy to share the field with a senior leader in Preston.

"She's a great player," Brooks said. "I love playing with her. She's really aggressive and just a great player and person all around."

Preston finished the season averaging 2.8 goals per match while Brooks averaged exactly three goals per match. Their performances all season led to Preston earning Region 8A-Public's Player of the Year and Brooks receiving First Team All-Region honors, too.

First Team All-Region honorees freshman Alana Ferguson and

seniors Kaylee Connell contributed to the offensive production this season as well.

Ferguson was the third Lady Redskin to score double-digit goals with 17. Connell tied for third in assists on the team with senior Taylor Wright with 17 assists apiece.

Collectively, the Lady Redskins averaged 7.32 goals scored per match.

"It's a special feeling, especially with this group of girls," Brooks said. "It's a great team, we all love each other and we play well."

The Lady Redskins controlled games on the defensive end while also scoring many

goals.

Of its 24 wins, 16 were by way of shut out.

Defenders leading the way on the back line of the formation were seniors Rory Stowe and Morgan Chambers, as well as freshman Faith

Young.

Stowe earned Defensive Player of the Year for Region 8A-Public while Chambers' and Young's contributions earned them Second Team All-Region.

Staying sound on defense all match went a long way in keeping Social Circle's opponents off the board, according to Stowe.

"Man-marking is a huge part because if you don't have your person marked, they can easily get through you," Stowe said.

"Communication is one of the bigger things all throughout the field. Just knowing where to be is always important, too."

Freshman goalkeeper Addie Stracner collected 44 saves this season in 405 minutes of game

time.

As a team, the Lady Redskins only allowed an average of 0.76 goals per match in 2022.

Whether it was a goal scored by Brooks or Preston, or a defensive play by Chambers or Stowe, it was all hands on deck for Social Circle to put together a monumental season that was punctuated with a state title victory.

For the 10 seniors who are graduating in a few weeks, though, it was a bittersweet ending to their four-year careers.

"I feel like everyone on this team is so close," Preston said. "And to graduate is so sad. I'll miss every single one of them, but I'm glad we're leaving on a good note."

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**FIRST TEAM**  
Drew Livingston – Towns Co.  
**Rory Stowe – Social Circle**  
Jada Williams – LOA  
Karis Allen – Commerce  
Riley Spurlock – Lincoln Co.  
Rylie Livingston – Towns Co.  
**Tess Preston – Social Circle**  
Ivy Tolbert – Commerce  
Kate Hill – Commerce  
Carly Carruth – Lincoln

Sarah Shook – Towns Co.  
**Peyton Brooks – Social Circle**  
Gali Carruth – Lincoln Co.  
Victoria Goubran – LOA

**SECOND TEAM**  
Haley Seals – Lincoln Co.  
Gali Quijada – Towns Co.  
Kylee Taylor – Commerce  
**Faith Young – Social Circle**  
**Morgan Chambers – Social**

**Circle**  
**Gracie Barts – Social Circle**  
Lauren Glass – LOA  
Rachel English – Commerce  
**Kaylee Connell – Social Circle**  
Miranda Spain – Towns Co.  
**Olivia Cross – Social Circle**  
**Alana Ferguson – Social Circle**  
Jayden Taylor – Towns Co.  
Joylena Taveras – BASA

## Prep Recruiting



**After being committed to the University of Georgia basketball program for months, Newton High School basketball star Marquavious Brown decommitted from the Bulldogs on April 27. It didn't take long for Brown to find a new home, though. Two days after his decommitment announcement, Brown tweeted that he had received an offer from Georgia State. Then, on May 2, Brown posted on his social media that he was committing to the Panthers. According to 247Sports, Brown is a 4-star recruit. Last season as a Ram, Brown averaged 11.1 points, five rebounds, 2.3 assists and 1.1 steals per game.**

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Preston, one of this year’s seniors, was in awe of the moment.

“I was so nervous,” Preston said. “Everybody behind me was like ‘you got this,’ but I was like ‘I have to get it or it’s over.’ So, I put it in.”

Social Circle’s cherry on top came later from Peyton Brooks who netted her fourth goal of the match with a minute remaining in the second half of overtime. Brooks’ goal officially sealed the deal for the Lady Redskins.

But Brooks did more than that for her team on the biggest stage. Whenever the Lady Redskins needed a goal, Brooks delivered.

Less than two minutes into the match, Commerce’s Chloe Diaz gave the Lady Tigers a 1-0 advantage. Commerce’s lead stood for nearly 15 minutes before Brooks fired a shot and placed the ball in the top left of the goal, tying the score 1-1.

Then, Ivy Tolbert of Commerce scored back-to-back goals to stretch the Lady Tigers’ lead 3-1 with 9:04 remaining in the first half.

As the closing minutes ticked away before halftime, it seemed like the two-goal lead would remain intact. But Brooks had other plans.

With 2:46 left in the opening half, Brooks found the back of the net to draw Social Circle to within one goal.

At halftime, Commerce held onto a 3-2 lead, though Olivia Cross got off a shot attempt that nearly missed for Social Circle



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**Social Circle's Peyton Brooks (left) celebrates one of her four goals scored with Kaylee Connell (right) against Commerce in the Class A-Public state championship match on Tuesday, May 3 at Five Star Stadium in Macon.**



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**Social Circle's Olivia Cross (19), Faith Young (10) and Alana Ferguson (13) advance the ball downfield during the Class A-Public state championship match on Tuesday, May 3 at Five Star Stadium in Macon against Commerce.**

in the closing seconds.

In the first 23 minutes of the second half, emotions ran high as two yellow cards were issued to a player of each team. Neither team seemed able to break through for another goal.

That was until Alana Ferguson penetrated

Commerce’s defense and drew Kendall Peters out of the goalie box. Ferguson proceeded to shoot the ball over Peters’ head and the ball rolled into the net, tying the score at three goals apiece.

Sixteen minutes later, another Diaz goal gave the lead back to Com-

merce. Once again, though, Brooks had an answer.

With 6:59 remaining in regulation, Brooks recorded a hat trick that tied the score back up 4-4, forcing overtime.

Scoring four goals in Tuesday’s state title match wouldn’t have been possible without

the help from teammates, according to Brooks.

“We all worked hard together as a team,” Brooks said. “I think we all played good and that we all had a really good game.”

Another player whose performance factored heavily in the final

outcome was goalkeeper Addie Stracner. For a significant portion in the first half, Commerce’s offense seemed to camp out in front of Social Circle’s goal.

In that time, the Lady Tigers put up 13 shots and had eight corner kicks. However, Stracner collected 10 saves to keep the score within reach for Social Circle.

When the game was over, Stracner was ‘still shaking’ in celebration of what she and her teammates had accomplished.

“I’ve never been shaking this much in my entire life,” Stracner said.

In addition to goals scored, Preston and Ferguson as well as Taylor Wright each recorded an assist. On defense, Rory Stowe, Morgan Chambers and Faith Young kept Commerce’s offense at bay down the stretch of regulation and scoreless in both overtime halves.

Every player’s contributions helped cap a 2022 campaign in which the Lady Redskins went 24-1, 13-1 in Region 8A-Public and earned the Region 8A-Public championship, too. Now, they’ll add a state title to this season’s resume.

Even so, once the match went final on Tuesday, the moment was unreal to some players.

“It literally feels like a dream,” Preston said. “I’ve always wanted my high school career to end this way, but I never knew if it would. I’m so glad it did.”

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cle defeated Commerce to win the state championship.

During all 25 matches this year, Richardson’s presence on the sideline could be best described as calm or reserved rather than vocal or aggressive.

However, practices are different. Throughout this past season, Richardson could be seen scrimmaging with the team and participating in numerous drills to help prepare her team.

Stowe, the reigning Region 8A-Public Defensive Player of the Year, stressed how Richardson didn’t take it

easy on the team, either. As a matter of fact, Richardson is a challenge to defend, Stowe said.

“You don’t really go into it as hard as you normally would because it’s your coach,” Stowe said. “But then she’ll show you up and try to knock you over. It’s a lot of fun to have her as our coach.”

Region 8A-Public Player of the Year Preston concurred.

“Sometimes she’ll be breaking your ankles out there,” Preston said. Everything Richardson

did, though, played a role in the Lady Redskins’ success in 2022. This season, Social Circle finished 24-1 overall with a 13-1 Region 8A-Public record while also claiming the Region 8A-Public championship in addition to its state title.

But Richardson has done more than teach the ins and outs of soccer. She’s also helped develop a team camaraderie, Stowe said.

“We communicate really well,” Stowe said. “She bounces ideas off of me and I bounce ideas off of her. She also listens to us really well

because she takes everything we say into consideration. She’s a really amazing coach.”

That relationship is felt away from the soccer field, too, according to Preston.

“I always see her at school and we’ll joke around,” Preston said. “I’ll be like ‘What’s up coach? Ready for the game tonight?’ So we’re pretty close.”

Richardson expressed how the feeling was mutual even before the season kicked off.

During the preseason, Richardson had high anticipation for what the 2022

squad could accomplish. Nevertheless, Richardson still admired what this season’s team was able to achieve when all was said and done.

“This group is better than I thought,” Richardson said. “I knew it was a special group because there are so many seniors. There’s so much talent, not just with the seniors, but with the younger players. I was excited about this season.”



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