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His Word

If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet.

John 13:14, KJV

Plugged in

City unveils charging station as electric vehicle ownership rises

By **TAYLOR BECK**
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Motorists who own and operate electric-powered vehicles can get recharged when visiting the downtown area.

Covington City Manager Scott Andrews recently announced that an electric vehicle charging station had been set up at the city's Welcome Center, located at 1143 Oak St., which is the former home of Covington's city hall and police station.

The CT4021ChargePoint station is equipped with two 25-27 RPH (miles of range per hour) cords, so two vehicles may be charged at the same time. Installation, including all material associated with the project, was \$12,000, according to Electric Director Joel Smith. He said the unit draws 7.2 kilowatts of electricity per hour of charge, which puts the cost to the city at less than \$1 per hour of charge time.

Andrews said the station was free for the public to use and was hopeful this



A trio of electric department employees work to set up the electric vehicle charging unit outside Covington's Welcome Center. Officials said the station is free for the public to use.

station would be the first of many for Covington.

"We hope there will be many more to come in the future," Andrews said.

The city's efforts to set up charging stations points to a growing interest in electric vehicles across the state and beyond.

"It is clear that as a society we are moving towards alternatively fueled vehicles," Community Development Director Trey Sanders said. "The city recognized this years ago with the installation of the CNG fueling station, and the EV station is the next step."

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State Politics



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U.S. Rep. Jody Hice, R-Greensboro, is pictured speaking while visiting the campus of Georgia State University.

Hice to run for Secretary of State?

Newton County Republican congressman recently hinted toward potential campaign

By **DAVID CLEMONS**
[The Walton Tribune](#)

Rep. Jody Hice may leave Congress to run for Georgia secretary of state.

Hice, 60, a Republican from Greensboro, easily won his fourth term in 2020. He is one of two people representing Newton County in Congress, along with Lithonia Democrat Hank Johnson.

Greg Bluestein of The Atlanta Journal-Constitution said state Rep. Houston Gaines, R-Athens, "likely" would run to succeed Hice in Congress.

"My team and I are exploring

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Covington Police Department

Police chief welcomes establishment of Citizen Review Board

By **TAYLOR BECK**
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Developing trust through transparency is what Covington Police Chief Stacey Cotton believes a Citizen Review Board could do for the police department.

It's the reason why he fully supported the city council's unanimous decision Monday, March 15, to approve the first reading of an ordinance to establish such a board.

"We need, as police departments, to figure out ways to build trust in our communities. We're part of

several different things, working on trust initiatives across the state and in our community," Cotton said. "... I see [the Citizen Review Board's creation] as a big step in a way of building trust within our community that I believe was already there, to some extent, but we can never not look for other avenues to continue to build that trust — especially in these days



Stacey Cotton

and times."

Per the proposed ordinance amendment, the "unbiased" board's purpose would be "to foster transparency, enhance communication and ensure a relationship of trust and respect between the Covington Police Department and the community it serves ... and to increase and demonstrate police accountability and credibility with the public."

In line with its purpose, the board would "review completed internal department investigations involving use of force, and cases and issues

of importance or interest to the community." Other duties would include "determine whether any such investigation and disposition of the case was consistent with department policies and procedures; make recommendations regarding the department's handling of completed investigations and to determine whether any revisions or additions to department policy and procedures are appropriate; and report findings and recommendations to the chief of

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Local Politics

Scoggins announces bid for West Ward Post 2

STAFF REPORTS

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COVINGTON, Ga. — Qualifying for November municipal elections does not begin until August, but Scotty Scoggins has decided to get a head start on his campaign by announcing his intention to run for a seat on the Covington City Council. Scoggins, who owns Scoggins Travel Agency and also works as a manager at Home Depot, said he intends to run for Post 2 in the West Ward, which is currently held by longtime councilwoman Hawnethia Williams. “With humility and excitement, I am thrilled to be in the running to serve on the Covington City Council representing the West Ward Post 2,” Scoggins said. “I look forward to

representing everyone in Covington fairly, but with a slight emphasis on those who live in the West Ward. I will run a positive campaign, focused on promoting ‘One Covington’ and being an advocate for the city and not just a manager of the city. It would be a great honor to serve my community on the City Council. I promise to listen to everyone and always encourage open, honest, and respectful dialogue with the goal of building a better Covington. One that thrives economically, educates our children, and



Scotty Scoggins

encourages community involvement. Together we can achieve all of these things while still maintaining the “small town” charm that this city is known for. We live in a wonderful, beautiful city. Let’s build on what has already been done, and work together to make it an even better place to live, work, learn and play!” Scoggins and his wife, Shelley, who have been married for 34 years, have lived in Covington for only two years, but he said his wife’s family has lived in the city for more than 27 years, “so we are very familiar with the town.” The Scoggins family currently resides in Clark’s Grove, where Scoggins said he serves as president of the

Neighborhood Association. He is the father of two adult children — Brandon and Chelsea — both of whom live in Covington. He has a 1-year-old granddaughter, Violet, and are expecting another named Lynnleigh in June. His family attends Covington First United Methodist Church. Scoggins enjoys volunteering. He currently serves as the social media coordinator for Newton Trails. Over the last three years, he has raised more than \$30,000 for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, part of which came from his inaugural Vampire Run in 2020. Scoggins’ work experience includes stints with Turner Broadcasting, Bellsouth, Fiserv and SunTrust, he said.

If elected to West Ward Post 2, Scoggins said his primary areas of focus would include:

- Collaborating with others on the council, the mayor, the city and interested citizens to focus on Clark Street and surrounding areas with the goal of laying the foundation for more affordable housing for young couples and families that wish to move here.
- Developing a circle of investment (public and private) starting with one half mile in each direction of the city square, with the objective of promoting more businesses to join the city merchants resulting in more jobs, more visitors, and a larger tax base.
- Advocating for the homeless in our area.
- Promoting safety on

the trails and streets.

- Partnering with schools, both public and private, focusing on less advantaged or at-risk students.
- Supporting disadvantaged or forgotten families.
- Encouraging people to move their businesses and families to Covington and the surrounding area.

 Other council seats up for election include West Ward Post 3, currently held by Anthony Henderson, and East Ward Post 1, currently held by Susie Keck. Covington’s municipal election will be held Nov. 2 at city hall within the courtroom chambers located at 2116 Stallings Street. Candidate qualifying will be Aug. 16-20 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day.

Crime

Oxford woman charged with stealing from Paycheck Protection Program

STAFF REPORTS

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ATLANTA — An Oxford woman has been arraigned on federal charges stemming from a scheme to use a company she started to steal more than \$323,000 from the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP). Olivia Ware, who is also a former candidate for mayor of Conyers, is

charged with bank fraud and money laundering, according to a news release from the U.S. Attorney’s Office. According to Acting U.S. Attorney Kurt R.



Olivia Ware

Erskine, the charges, and other information presented in court Tuesday, March 16, Ware was the CEO of a Georgia company in 2020 called Let’s Talk About the Family Inc., but according to state records, it did not pay wages to any employees. Yet, Ware allegedly submitted a false application to a bank for a PPP loan for the company that included fictitious tax records purporting to show the company had 54 employees that were paid hundreds of thousands of dollars in salary, the release stated. As a result of this materially false information, the bank loaned more than \$323,000 in PPP funds to Ware’s company. Ware then allegedly spent the PPP loan for her own benefit, including to buy an in-ground swimming pool, furniture, and other home improvement items, and to pay down the principal on her mortgage. The PPP is an emergency funding program created to assist small business owners and their employees during the coronavirus pandemic. PPP loans are fully guaranteed by the federal Small Business Administration (SBA). Ware, 61, faces charges of bank fraud and money laundering. She was arraigned on a criminal

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OBITUARY

Thomas Maletic

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Thomas Maletic, beloved husband, father, and grandfather, passed away on March 10, 2021, after a two-month battle with COVID-19.



Thomas Maletic

Tom was preceded in death by his parents, John and Mary Gracan Maletic, his brother’s Walter Maletic, James Maletic, and sister Helen Maletic Grzeck. Tom is survived by his wife, Janet; his son, Gregory Maletic (Melinda) and grandchildren Jane and William, of Portland, OR; his son, Michael Maletic (Adrianne) and grandchildren Benjamin, Miles, and Mila, of Los Gatos, CA; stepdaughter Christie Chalberg (Toby) and step-grandchildren Elias, Owen, and Noah of Atlanta, GA; and stepdaughter Amy Rawlings (Brett) and step-grandchildren Aiden and Summer of Belton, SC. He is also survived by his sister’s, Mildred Maletic Hampson of Petoskey, MI; Dorothy Maletic Morrish of Clio, MI; Elizabeth Maletic Roberts of Swartz Creek, MI; brother’s John Maletic of Fenton, MI; Robert Maletic of Irving, TX; and Carl Maletic of Sacramento, CA. He is also survived by his former wife and mother of his children, Jeanne Williams of Estero, FL. Born in 1944 in Flint, MI, Tom was the ninth of ten children born to John and Mary Maletic, Croatian immigrants who had moved to Flint from Pittsburgh. Tom worked part time at Flint’s Bishop Airport, there he developed a fascination with planes and machinery, leading to a job at the airport’s flight school, and ultimately earning a

pilot’s license at the age of 16. Married in 1966 and then drafted and served in the U.S. Army for two years, with one year spent as a military police officer in Vietnam. Tom joined Genova Products of Davison, MI, a leading producer of PVC plumbing, where he was the company’s Executive VP beginning in 1973. In 1976, Tom’s interest in politics led to him serving as a Republican delegate at the GOP Convention in Kansas City, MO. In 1984 his family moved to Charlotte, NC, there he received his BA in Business Admin. from UNCC and was a consultant for small businesses. After divorcing in 1993, Tom moved to Atlanta and began work for KPMG as a management consultant. Here, Tom began a life together soon after with Janet Clarke, and later marrying in Covington, GA and living in the community of Clark’s Grove. Tom served as President of their HOA but he will be remembered by residents by his daily walks with his dogs, his entertaining stories, and his warm smile. He loved playing golf, gardening, and he was an outstanding painter of American landscapes. He had a passion for music - he had an encyclopedic knowledge of music of the 50s and 60s and American history, especially the Civil War. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Tom’s name to the Children’s Heart Foundation in honor of his step-granddaughter Summer at childrensheartfoundation.org. (If as part of your donation you would like to send an ecard to the family, please use the email address amyrawlings32@gmail.com.) This obituary was prepared with love and affection by Mr. Maletic’s family.

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County works to open Newton vaccine site

By TOM SPIGOLON
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COVINGTON, Ga. — County officials are working to have a COVID-19 vaccination site available in Newton by mid-April and will seek federal funds to cover the local cost of opening and operating it.

Commissioners on Tuesday, March 16, voted to seek a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) that would reimburse the county for a temporary vaccination clinic. County Manager Lloyd Kerr said he anticipated a one-time cost of \$36,000 to set up the clinic and monthly costs of \$90,000 for personnel and equipment. Money would be taken from the county’s General Fund budget and replaced with proceeds of the FEMA grant, Kerr said.

“We will have to spend some money but we will be reimbursed 100% for it,” Kerr said.

Kerr said he wanted to begin the process of applying for federal reimbursement funds so

that a clinic can be in operation by mid-April and operate into July “and possibly as long as September.”

“According to the health department, the mass vaccination centers probably would not be necessary past mid- or late summer,” Kerr said. “This grant would be for a temporary center.”

He said he was working to finalize an agreement with the Gwinnett, Newton and Rockdale County Health Departments to provide the vaccines.

Kerr and Chairman Marcello Banes were working with the same agency on finding suitable locations, Kerr said.

“Once we nail that down we’ll have some more definite information,” he told commissioners.

Kerr said at least two indoor, privately owned sites were being considered after no county government-owned sites “met the necessary requirements of the health department.”

“We identified a couple of

commercial sites that we could do short-term leases on,” he said. “That’s most likely what we’ll do.”

Commissioner J.C. Henderson said he was able to get vaccinated Tuesday at a site in Monroe that was located in a building he described as a shed.

“If you look around the state and to other counties other than Newton, they set up real nice tents,” he said.

“I don’t think we need to be spending a whole lot of money on just having somewhere where people will just sit up and get a shot in the arm,” Henderson said. “It wasn’t painless but it wasn’t bad.”

However, Kerr said the health department wanted an enclosed site.

Newton County has been without a vaccination site since Jan. 18 when it was moved from the county health department building to the Rockdale Career Academy and, later, Springfield Baptist Church in Conyers.

STEALING:

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information March 16.

“Authorities continue to examine Paycheck Protection Program loans for acts of fraud, as the charges against Ware demonstrate,” Erskine said. “Those who would consider stealing from the Paycheck Protection Program should think twice.”

Special Agent in Charge Katrina W. Berger, who oversees Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) operations in Georgia and Alabama, said, “It has been said that bad times bring out the best in people. This case is not an example of that.”

“Ware tried to defraud the government out of money meant to help small businesses affected by the pandemic continue operations and take care of their employees. Instead of

helping others through a difficult time as the money was intended, she used the money for personal gain,” Berger said.

“Every time a fraudster steals money from the PPP fund another legitimate business is unable to get those funds to help real employees with real families. HSI’s Operation Stolen Promise protects the country from the threat of COVID-19-related fraud and criminal activity.”

The release also stated, “Members of the public are reminded that the criminal information only contains charges. The defendant is presumed innocent of the charges and it will be the government’s burden to prove the defendant’s guilt beyond a reasonable doubt at trial.”

CHARGE:

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City Council and staff understand the importance sustainability will play in our future as a community and a nation. Sustainability encompasses more than alternative fuels... We are constantly working to improve and expand our green spaces in Covington as well as several other initiatives that increase sustainability.”

According to the state’s Department of Economic Development, the demand for electric vehicles is on the rise in Georgia. The department reported more than 6,000 electric vehicles were sold in Georgia in 2018 — a 147% increase from the year before.

To date, there are nearly 30,000 electric vehicles on the road in Georgia, which is less than 1% of total vehicles registered in the state as of 2016. There are less than 1,000 public charging stations located across the state.

The global projection for annual electric vehicle sales is 56 million by 2040. In order to meet the expected demand, the Georgia Department of Economic Development reported manufacturers statewide are shifting to increase production of electric vehicle models.

SK Innovation, located

in northeast Georgia, is building a \$1.67 billion manufacturing facility to produce lithium-ion batteries and announced an additional \$940 million expansion in June 2020 to further accommodate demand. Their customer, Volkswagen, also made plans to expand their production plant where they expect to assemble 100,000 all-electric SUVs annually starting in 2022.

Since 2017, at least seven companies aside from SK Innovation have made investments in EV-related production in Georgia, according to the GDED.

Electric vehicles were built with the idea of reducing emissions in mind. Two types of emissions emitted by conventional vehicles that contribute to climate change and smog include “direct” and “life cycle,” according to the U.S. Department of Energy.

Direct emissions are released through the

tailpipe through evaporation from the fuel system and during the fueling process. These include “smog-forming pollutants such as nitrogen oxides, other pollutants harmful to human health and greenhouse gases — primarily carbon dioxide.” Electric vehicles emit no direct emissions, the department of energy stated.

Life cycle emissions include all emissions related to fuel and vehicle production, processing, distribution, use and recycling/disposal. Like direct emissions, life cycle emissions include a variety of harmful pollutants and GHGs.

All vehicles produce substantial life cycle emissions, the department of energy says, and calculating them can be complex. However, electric vehicles typically produce fewer life cycle emissions than conventional vehicles because most emissions are lower for

electricity generation than burning gasoline or diesel. The exact amount of these emissions depends on the electricity mix, which varies by geographic location.

Electric vehicle drivers can further minimize life cycle emissions by using electricity generated by non-polluting renewable sources like solar

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OPINIONS

The Covington News

Taylor Beck editor and publisher

Establishing Citizen Review Board is right call for Covington

Chief Stacey Cotton and the Covington Police Department sent a clear message to the community Monday night.



Though it isn't official, it appears a Citizen Review Board will soon be created to hold the department accountable in its operation.

As you'll find in this weekend's edition of *The News*, the Covington City Council approved the first reading of an ordinance amendment that would establish the board. A second and final reading is slated for the next meeting, April 5. The Citizen Review Board's role will be

reminiscent to that of an oversight committee, which includes reviewing internal investigations pertaining to cases and issues of interest to the community, and in turn, fostering transparency.

How did Cotton feel about this? Indignant? Offended?

Nope. He was all in. Now, to some of you, this may not make much sense. After all, why would the chief want a group basically hovering over his department and watching their every move? Aren't they operating up to the right standards?

But it's not about any of that.

It's all about trust, and that was the message Cotton voiced to the community.

Despite have no

history of major issues or controversies, Cotton agreed to the terms because he knows it will only help his department be better.

Remember this time last year? Protests of police brutality and calls for defunding police were running rampant across the nation. The image of police was not painted in a positive light before, and it seems to only have gotten worse over the past several months.

The relationship between police and the public is a damaged one but not beyond repair, and Cotton knows this. That's why he and members of the city's leadership were so willing to work with the Newton County Ministers Union and other community partners to get a review

board in place. And I'm glad they did.

To echo Councilman Kenneth Morgan's remarks, I believe this is a good start to rebuilding trust and, easily, the right thing to do.

The Citizen Review Board will serve as an intercessor between the police department and community, which will only lead to the department's improvement so they can better protect and serve the people and businesses of this great city.

I think it would be prudent of other communities, far and wide, to take note and consider taking similar actions.

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Chris Bridges columnist

Election results still lingering

The 2020 general election is now more than four months old but it seemingly will not go away.

The fact that Georgia eventually went in favor of current president Joe Biden still has many boiling under the collar. Lawsuits were filed and lawsuits were dismissed even by judges appointed by Republicans.



In our state, several elected Republican officials were thrown under the bus by an angry portion of voters. Just like President Trump, they wanted the results overturned.

The fact that Georgia's Republican governor, lieutenant governor and secretary of state each said there was no evidence of massive voter fraud, the results were still protested. More demands calling for overturns were made and are still being made.

A push was then created by many elected Republicans in our state to make it harder for some to vote. After all, if you don't like the outcome then change the rules and see if that works better for you.

One question that has never been answered is why some statewide elected Republican officials would want to throw the election for Joe Biden. It makes no sense. There has been no evidence showing that is what they wanted, but people still shout loud and shout often that the voting process had been corrupted.

It's the sore loser complex that we see all too often in sports. If our team loses then it had to be because the other team cheated. Heck, I am even guilty of this.

The other team got away with what should have been penalties. The other team ran plays which are technically against the rules. The other team paid the referees. And there is the old and silly adage of complaining that the television announcers were pulling for the other team. Yikes.

It is funny when you are honest about it. Did the referees miss some calls in the game in question? Of course, they did. Did the opposing team have a roster full of illegally recruited players? Of course not.

Was there a vote here or a vote there that was not on the up and up? You bet. It happens every time an election takes place. Were there millions and millions of illegally cast votes? Of course not.

There was no way that enough voter fraud existed that would have made Donald Trump the winner in the 2020 race. Just because you don't like it doesn't mean that the voting was somehow rigged.

The votes were recounted numerous times in Georgia alone. The results did not change. The votes could have been counted another 100 times but it would have still not changed the outcome in terms of Georgia's electoral votes.

For the record, this is not a show of support from this columnist for Joe Biden. My vote actually went to Libertarian Jo Jorgensen.

Now some Republicans in Georgia want to change many of the laws concerning the voting process so it dares not happen again. The ironic part of it all is that these laws were actually put in place by Republicans to help Republicans keep Democrats from winning.

In the end, the efforts didn't work (at least in some 2020 instances) so now the laws need to be changed. Oh, that item about Republicans during the Sonny Perdue governorship putting the laws in place....let's not talk about that.

We should always be wary of any politician belonging to any party that wants to make it more difficult to vote. There is nothing wrong with presenting a proper ID to vote. But to deliberately make it tougher for a certain group of registered voters to go to the polls is nothing more than suppression and it should not be allowed in the present day and time.

The 2022 election in Georgia is going to be one of the more fascinating ones to watch in recent memory. It is going to be ugly. It is going to be expensive. It is going to likely turn our stomachs before all is said and done.

As historic as the 2020 vote in our state was, what awaits in the works in 20 months is going to make the previous vote seem like a Sunday afternoon picnic.

Chris Bridges is a former sports editor of The Walton Tribune and The Covington News. You can email comments about this column to pchrisbridges@gmail.com.

Dick Yarbrough guest columnist

Texas power debacle not likely in Georgia

Would you like to hear an encouraging word? How about "No!"

That was the succinct reaction from Georgia Public Service Commission



Tricia Pridemore when I asked her if what happened in Texas where hell and most everything else froze over, could happen here.

Pridemore, a member of the state's utility regulator since 2018, gave me a short course the other day on how Georgia's energy planning and execution is designed to withstand the kind of horror Texans went through when a massive ice storm hit the state and much of the eastern half of the country in early February.

In Texas, some 5 million people were without power, over 8 million were having to boil their water, dozens of deaths were reported,

food in short supply, fire hydrants unusable and to top it off, some customers were greeted with electric bills in the thousands of dollars.

Pridemore says that much of the problem goes back to how Texas operates its power system. "Texas is a deregulated system," she says. "On paper that sounds great. It sounds like they are constantly giving the ratepayers the lowest possible price. The challenge with that is since deregulation in Texas in the 1990s to now, power companies have made limited to no investment into their system. There's no incentive for the companies to constantly innovate."

At the Public Utility Commission in Texas, there is a person whose job is to find the lowest price per watt from 19 electric generators each day. The companies are pitted against each other. "It's a giant eBay auction every day," Pridemore says.

A longtime Republican appointed to the PSC

by Gov. Nathan Deal, Pridemore says, "People think Republicans want to be for the lowest cost, which I certainly do, but there is a balance between having the lowest cost and making investments that's actually going to help the system perform better."

Texas is the only state in the continental U.S. that operates its own electric grid, making it difficult to get power from other regions. Georgia is a part of the Eastern grid system which reaches from Canada to Florida. Pridemore says, "We have the ability to transmit electricity from another state if we need it," such as at times like the infamous Snowmageddon of 2014 and Hurricane Michael in 2018.

Remember that during those times, the power companies were still generating power, it just wasn't getting to the end user because of downed power lines. Texas wasn't generating power at all and because their grid is intrastate-only, they had nowhere to go to get power.

Pridemore says Georgia asks its utilities — Georgia Power, which serves some 6 million customers in the state, the 41 Electric Membership Cooperatives which serve 4 million and the Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia with some 600,000 consumers — to do "reserve margin studies" to ensure adequate levels of power in the hottest and coldest periods of the year, like a sweltering day in August when everyone is operating their air conditioners to a frigid day in January when folks crank up the heat.

Georgia Power, the EMCs and MEAG work extremely well together, Pridemore says. "There is a tightness in how

the system works with government and the three entities. We don't pit them against one another."

The Public Service Commission looks at power generation in a 30-year period, broken into 10-year increments. "This is how we decide how much we are going to invest in generation," Pridemore says, "where and what kind."

In terms of energy sources, it is diversified. Georgia Power's capacity mix is 50% natural gas, 24% nuclear, 13% coal, 4% solar and a smattering of wind. The commissioner says the Plant Vogtle nuclear facility in Waynesboro, which is jointly owned by Georgia Power, Oglethorpe Power Corporation, Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia and Dalton Utilities, remains on track for completion within the PSC-approved schedule for Unit 3 this November and Unit 4 in November 2022.

In summation, Pridemore says that unlike Texas where there is plenty of finger-pointing among all parties as to who was responsible for the massive outage, "In Georgia, the ratepayers have a say in how decisions are being made on their behalf. If they think I am doing a good job representing them, they will reelect me. If not, they will find someone else to do it." After hearing how much more efficiently our power system operates in Georgia as compared to the debacle in Texas, she has my vote.

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2003 HONDA Accord 1HGCM56X3A068641
2006 CHEVROLET Express 1GCHG35U661135224
2009 HONDA CR-V 5J6RE38319L016528
2000 LEXUS GS 400 JT8BH68X4Y0021692
1996 NISSAN Maxima JN1CA21D8TT731577
2016 GMC Terrain 2GKALMEK0G6115149
2011 TOYOTA RAV4 2T3ZF4DV3BW079519
2010 CHEVROLET Silverado 1GCSCEPX3A2139082
2010 TOYOTA Avalon 4T1BK3DB9A4352063

PUBLIC NOTICE #200066
3/21,28

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: 4199 OLD ATLANTA HWY COVINGTON, GA 30014
ANYONE WITH an ownership interest in a vehicle listed herein may file an answer to the petition on or before: 3/24/2021
ANSWER FORMS may be found in the Magistrate Court Clerk's office located at: 1132 USHER ST ROOM 149 COVINGTON, GA 30014
FORMS MAY also be obtained online at www.georgiamagistratecouncil.com.

VEHICLE MAKE: SUZUKI
Year: 2007
Model: GSX-R 750
Vehicle ID #: JS1GR7KA872104392
Vehicle License #: N/A
Magistrate Court Case No.: 21-593AV

PUBLIC NOTICE #200054
3/14,21

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:
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VEHICLE MAKE Year Model
VEHICLE ID # Vehicle License # State
MAGISTRATE COURT Case No

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JH4CL96987C010104
21-877AV

HONDA 2017 Civic
19XFC2F73HE077515
21-878AV

MERCUARY 2010 Milan
3MHMOHA1AR610025
21-879AV

GMC 2012 Acadia
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3/14,21

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VIN: JH2HE030X3K200237
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Adoptions

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WALTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

RE: PETITION of GARRISON BRANDON DOUGHTY, FOR THE Adoption of IVY GRACE MASON and MILA KAY MASON, Minor Children. CIVIL ACTION Adoption FILE NO. 21-AQOI-1

NOTICE OF ADOPTION TO: JOHN THOMAS MASON, Natural Father of IVY GRACE MASON and MILA KAY MASON
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 10226 Stone Street NW., Apt A., Covington, Georgia 30014
GREETINGS: BY Order of Service by Publication, you are hereby notified that GARRISON BRANDON DOUGHTY has filed a petition to adopt IVY GRACE MASON and MILA KAY MASON, and when adopted to be known as IVY GRACE DOUGHTY and MILA KAY DOUGHTY, Adoption No.21-AQOI-1, in the Superior Court of Walton County, Georgia and you make known any objections you might have to the prayers in said petition at the hearing on the Motion for Termination of Parental Rights and Adoption and show cause why your rights in the above named children should not be terminated.

JUDGE JEFFREY L. Foster at the Court House in Walton County, Georgia. **WITNESS,** the Honorable Jeffrey L. Foster, Judge of the Superior Court. Honorable Karen P. David
CLERK, SUPERIOR Court of Walton County
ALCOVY JUDICIAL Circuit
THIS DAY of February, 2021.

PUBLIC NOTICE #119990
2/28-3/7,14,21

Bids

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BID #21-17 Sealed BIDS for the 2021 NEWTON COUNTY ROADWAY RESURFACING PROJECT will be received electronically by the Newton County Board of Commissioners until 2:00 PM, Local Time on April 15th, 2021. All proposals must be submitted through Bonfire's electronic submission portal. The project consists of resurfacing of approximately 7 miles roadway and includes Flat Shoals Road, Lower River Road, S. Dearing Street, Crowell Rd., and Gum Creek Road. All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Bond in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the Base Bid. Performance Bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount will be required of the successful bidder. A Payment Bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) will also be required of the successful bidder. Bonds must be written by an acceptable Surety Company licensed to do business in the State of Georgia and listed in the Department of the Treasury, Circular 570, latest edition.
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THE SUCCESSFUL bidder shall secure and pay for all permits, assessments, charges or fees required in connection with the proposed construction.
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MARCH, 2021
LYOYD KERR, County Manager
NEWTON COUNTY Board of Commissioners

PUBLIC NOTICE #200107
3/21

Citations

NOTICE

TO: BRITTANY BAKER

YOU ARE hereby notified that Jesse and Cynthia Hudson have filed a Petition seeking to be appointed temporary guardian(s) of Brently Clark Stephenson. All objections to the Petition to the appointment of a temporary guardian or the appointment of the Petitioner(s) as temporary guardian(s) must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, sworn to before a notary public and filed with this Court no later than April 7, 2021.

MELANIE M. Bell
JUDGE OF the Probate Court

MARCIA WYNNE
CLERK OF Probate Court
1132 USHER Street
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200081
3/21,28

CITATION

BRANDY HYMAN has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **CATHERINE L. REESE** deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in **O.C.G.A 53-12-232**). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objection must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before April 5, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

MELANIE M. Bell, Judge
BY: MARCIA Wynne, Clerk
PROBATE COURT
NEWTON COUNTY, Georgia

PUBLIC NOTICE #200023
3/7,14,21,28

CITATION

BRUCE WAYNE Neely and Steven Bruce Neely has petitioned to be appoint Adminstrator of the Estate of **Joel Robinson Neely**, deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in **O.C.G.A 53-12-232**). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said

application should not be granted. All objection must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before April 5, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

MELANIE M. Bell, Judge
BY: MARCIA Wynne, Clerk
PROBATE COURT
NEWTON COUNTY, Georgia

PUBLIC NOTICE #119905
3/7,14,21,28

CITATION

CATHERINE DENEICE SHETLER has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **SHIRLEY ANN DORSEY**, deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in **O.C.G.A 53-12-232**). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objection must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before April 5, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

MELANIE M. Bell, Judge
BY: MARCIA Wynne, Clerk
PROBATE COURT
NEWTON COUNTY, Georgia

PUBLIC NOTICE #119965
3/7,14,21,28

CITATION

CURTIS MICHAEL DAVENPORT has petitioned to be appointed Adminisrator of the Estate of **WILLIE RUTH OPHELIA DAVENPORT**, deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in **O.C.G.A 53-12-232**). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objection must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before April 5, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

MELANIE M. Bell, Judge
BY: MARCIA Wynne, Clerk
PROBATE COURT
NEWTON COUNTY, Georgia

PUBLIC NOTICE #119966
3/7,14,21,28

CITATION

JESSICA ELIZABETH SCOTT has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **HUGH BARRINGTON WHYLIE JR**, deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in **O.C.G.A 53-12-232**). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objection must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before April 5, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

MELANIE M. Bell, Judge
BY: MARCIA Wynne, Clerk
PROBATE COURT
NEWTON COUNTY, Georgia

PUBLIC NOTICE #200021
3/7,14,21,28

CITATION

KATIE ANN CANNON has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **NADA JANE SCOGGINS**, deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in **O.C.G.A 53-12-232**). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objection must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before April 5, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

MELANIE M. Bell, Judge
BY: MARCIA Wynne, Clerk
PROBATE COURT
NEWTON COUNTY, Georgia

PUBLIC NOTICE #119963
3/7,14,21,28

CITATION

LINDSAY BROOKE Gilreath has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **Randall**

Allen Gissendaner , deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in **O.C.G.A 53-12-232**). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objection must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before April 5, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

MELANIE M. Bell, Judge
BY: MARCIA Wynne, Clerk
PROBATE COURT
NEWTON COUNTY, Georgia

PUBLIC NOTICE #119904
3/7,14,21,28

CITATION

LISA CAY RICHARDS has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **JEFFERSON LYLE RICHARDS**, deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in **O.C.G.A 53-12-232**). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objection must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before April 5, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

MELANIE M. Bell, Judge
BY: MARCIA Wynne, Clerk
PROBATE COURT
NEWTON COUNTY, Georgia

PUBLIC NOTICE #200025
3/7,14,21,28

CITATION

RE: ESTATE OF ERVIN DOUGLAS REED DECEASED

SHARON MCCORMACK, Executrix have petitioned to be discharged from Office and all Liability. All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause as to why said petitions should not be granted. All objection must be in writing and filed with this Court on or before April 5, 2021 at ten o'clock am.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #200080
3/21

CITATION

RE: ESTATE OF LESTER RAY CROY, DECEASED

ZACHERY S. Croy and Tammy J. Jones, Co-Administrators have petitioned to be discharged from Office and all Liability. All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause as to why said petition should not be granted. All objection must be in writing and filed with this Court on or before April 5, 2021 at ten o'clock am.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #200079
3/21

CITATION

SUSAN ELAINE OLEXA AND SANDRA LEE EVANS have petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **JOHN MICHAEL OLEXA**, deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in **O.C.G.A 53-12-232**). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objection must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before April 5, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

MELANIE M. Bell, Judge
BY: MARCIA Wynne, Clerk
PROBATE COURT
NEWTON COUNTY, Georgia

PUBLIC NOTICE #119964
3/7,14,21,28

CITATION

TELLY QUINTREZ BROWN has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **TAIVUIS SHUNEIL BROWN**, deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in **O.C.G.A 53-12-232**). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objection must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before April 5, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

MELANIE M. Bell, Judge
BY: MARCIA Wynne, Clerk
PROBATE COURT
NEWTON COUNTY, Georgia

PUBLIC NOTICE #200026
3/7,14,21,28

CITATION

TO: ELGIN WILLIS

TINA EPPS has filed for Temporary Letters of Guardianship of the Person(s) **JAMONI EPPS** minor(s). All objection must be in writing and filed with this Court on or before April 6th, 2021 at ten o'clock a.m

MELANIE M. Bell Judge
DANYELL THOMAS Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE #200055
3/14,21

CITATION

TO: UNKNOWN FATHER

AMANDA JOHNSON has filed for Temporary Letters of Guardianship of the Person(s) **KAIDEN PICE**rminor(s). All objection must be in writing and filed with this Court on or before April 6th, 2021 at ten o'clock a.m

MELANIE M. Bell Judge
DANYELL THOMAS Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE #200056
3/14,21

CITATION

ALTON STEWART, JR. has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the

Estate of **WILHELMINA STEWART**, deceased. (The applicant has also petitioned for wavier of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements and/or grant of certain powers contained in **O.C.G.A 53-12-232**). All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before April 5, 2021 at ten o'clock a.m.

MELANIE M. BELL, JUDGE
MARCIA WYNNE, Clerk Probate Court
NEWTON COUNTY, Georgia

PUBLIC NOTICE #119946
3/7,14,21,28

CITATION

IN RE: ESTATE OF JERRY LEROY ROBINSON, DECEASED

IN RE: The petition to Probate Will (and Codicil(s) in Solemn Form in the above referenced estate having been duly filed,

TO: CARLTON Robinson
THIS IS to notify you to file objection, if there is any, to petition to probate will in solemn form, in this Court on or before April 5, 2021.

BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objection. All objection should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fee must be tendered with your objection, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fee. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be

LEGALS:
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UTILITIES (0.189 ac.+/-)
ALL THAT tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 23/24 of the 10th Land District and/or
547 GEORGIA Militia. District of Newton County, Georgia, being more particularly described as
FOLLOWS:
BEGINNING AT point 60.00 feet right of and opposite Station. .102+23.93 on the construction center line of Bethany Road on Georgia Highway Project No. 0016805 ; running thence N 18°11'38.0" W a distance of 20.00 feet to a point 40.00 feet right of and opposite station. 102+24.19 on said 99nstruction center line laid out for CIL Bethany Road; thence N 71°03'38.1"(E a distance of 352.14 feet to a point 40.00 feet right of and opposite station .105+76.33 on said. construction center line laid out for CIL Bethany Road; thence 29°49'05..9" E a distance of 20.90 feet to a point 60.53 feet right of and opposite station 105+80.27 on said construction. center line laid out for CIL Bdl1any Road; thence S 42°26'10.6" E a distance of 6.54 feet to a point 66.53 feet right of and opposite station 105+82.88 on s id construction center line laid out for CIL Bethany Road; thence S 72°06'10.0" W a distance of 359.01 feet back to the point of beginning . Containing 0.189acres more or less.

PUBLIC NOTICE #200065
3/21,28

CITATION
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY GEORGIA

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION VS. CERTAIN EASEMENT RIGHTS; and DOCKET NO.2021-CV-489-4

JOHNNIE BLACKSHEAR, Sr., a/k/a Johnnie Blackshear; and Newton County Tax Commissioner, individually The said named persons and any and all other persons known and unknown; claiming any right, title, power; interest, ownership, equity, claim or demand in and to the lands hereinafter described, and aU occupants, tenants, lessees, licensees and all holders, owners and users of ways and easements in, across, over and under said land are hereby notified, under the provisions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-3-4 through 32-3-19, providing for the exercise of the power of eminent domain by the State of Georgia, or any of its subdivisions, or by any county of such State, as follows:
THAT THE above stated case, being a condemnation in rem against the property hereinafter

DESCRIBED, WAS filed in aid Court on the .3rd day of March .2021; That, in accordance with provisions of the aforesaid Official Code; a Declaration of Taking, DULY AUTHORIZED and properly executed as provided by the Official Code, has been made and filed in said case, declaring the necessity for and exercising the power of taking the said described lands for State-aid public road purposes, thereby vesting the title to same in the Department of Transportation; and, in pursuance of PARCEL N). 2 19.

SUCH AUTHORITY, the Department of Transportation has deposited with the Clerk of the Superior Court of said County \$500.00 as the just compensation for the said lands described; and all persons claiming such fund or any interest the rein, are hereby required to make known their claims to the Court;

IN ACCORDANCE with the provisions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the Plaintiff CONDEMNOR HAS prayed the Court for Immediate possession of said property, and all persons having- any interest in or claim against such property, as above set forth, are required- by the Order of the Judge of. said Court to surrender possession: of the property to the Department of Transportation nq later than 30 days from filing of the Declaration of Taking.

THAT IN accordance with the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Section 32...3-1through 32-3-19, if the owner, or any of the owners, or any person having a claim against or interest in said property, shall be dissatisfied with the compensation, as estimated in the Declaration of Taking and deposited in Court, such person or persons, or any of them, shall have the- right, at any time subsequent to the filing of the Declaration and the deposit of the fund into Court put not latr than 30 days following the date of service as provided for in the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sec ions 32-3-8 through 32-3-10 to file with the Court a notice of appeal, the same to be in writing and made a part of the record in the proceedings.

THE SAID property, as thus affected, is described as follows:

EXHIBIT "A"
P. I. NO.0016805
PARCEL NO. 2
COUNTY: NEWTON
DATE OF R/W PLANS: March 23, 2020
REVISION DATE: January 27, 2021 and attached to Appendix "A" to Exhibit "N" as
ANNEX1-A
CERTAIN EASEMENT RIGHTS RECORD OWNERS:
JOHNNIE BLACKSHEAR, Sr., a/k/a Jolmnie Blackshear; and Newton County Tax 'Commissioner
PERMANENT EASEMENT for the Construction and. Maintenance of Utilities (0.101 ac.+/-)
ALL THAT tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 23/24 of the 10th Land District and/or
547 GEO gia Militia District of Newton County., Georgia, being more particularly described as
FOLLOWS:
BEGINNING AT a point 40.2.0 feet left of and opposite Station 105-t-74.38 on the construction center line of Bethany Road on Georgia Highway Project No. 0016805; running thence N 14-0 13104.1" W a distance of 23.26 feet to. a point 63.39 feet left of and opposite station 105+76.29

ON SAID. construction center line laid out for C/L Bethany Road; thence N 69°05'21.511 E a distance of '82.84 feet to a point 66.24 feet left of and opposite station 106+59;09 on said construction center line laid

out for C/L Bethany Road; thence N 79°17'40.811 E a distance of 181.14 feet to a point 40.29 feet left of and opposite station 108+38.37 on said construction center line laid out for CIL Bethany Road; thence S 71°02'26.211 W a distance of 263.99 feet back to the point of beginning. Containing 0.101 acres more or less.
PARCEL NO.2 20-A.

PUBLIC NOTICE #200064
3/21,28

CITATION
OLA MAE FRANKLIN. has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of TIMOTHY NEAL FRANKLIN, deceased. (The applicant has also petitioned for wavier of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements and/ or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A 53-12-232). All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before April 5, 2021 at ten o'clock a.m.

MELANIE M. BELL, JUDGE
MARCIA WYNNE, Clerk Probate Court
NEWTON COUNTY, Georgia

PUBLIC NOTICE #119945
3/7,14,21,28

CITATION
SHELLY MARIE LOYD. has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of HOWARD LARRY JONES, deceased. (The applicant has also petitioned for wavier of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements and/ or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A 53-12-232). All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before April 5, 2021 at ten o'clock a.m.

MELANIE M. BELL, JUDGE
MARCIA WYNNE, Clerk Probate Court
NEWTON COUNTY, Georgia

PUBLIC NOTICE #119943
3/7,14,21,28

CITATION
THE PETITION of Anne Lott widow of Steve W. Lott, deceased, for Twelve Month's Support for having been duly filed, all interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections must be in writing and filed with this Court on or before April 5, 2021 at ten o'clock a.m.

MELANIE M. BELL, JUDGE
MARCIA WYNNE, Clerk
PROBATE COURT
NEWTON COUNTY, Georgia

PUBLIC NOTICE #119944
3/7,14,21,28

CITATION
THE PETITION of James Hurt widow of Isle Hurt, 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 the Court on or before April 5, 2021 at ten o'clock am

MELANIE M.BELL, Judge
MARCIA WYNNE, Clerk Probate Court
Newton, County, Georgia

PUBLIC NOTICE #119903
3/7,14,21,28

CITATION
THE PETITION of SHARON SAWYER widow of FORREST SAWYER 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 April 5, 2021, at ten o'clock am.

MELANIE M. Bell, Judge
BY: MARCIA Wynne, Clerk
PROBATE COURT
NEWTON COUNTY, Georgia

PUBLIC NOTICE #20028
3/7,14,21,28

Corporations

NOTICE IS given that Articles of Incorporation that will incorporate Remnant Christian Community Church Inc. have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code. The initial registered office of the corporation is located at 435 fieldstone lane, Covington, GA, 30016 and its initial registered agent at such address is Ronnie Ford, Jr.

PUBLIC NOTICE #200071
3/21,28

NOTICE IS given that articles of incorporation that will incorporate Yellow dot vision Inc. have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Business Corporation Code. The initial registered office of the corporation is located at 435 fieldstone lane, Covington, GA, 30016 and its initial registered agent at such address is Ronnie Ford, Jr.

PUBLIC NOTICE #200108
3/21,28

NOTICE OF INTENT TO INCORPORATE

NOTICE IS given that articles of organization which will incorporate REGENCY PARK OF NEWTON COUNTY HOA, INC. have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Business Corporation Code (O.C.G.A. §14-2-201.1). The initial registered office of the corporation is located at P.O. BOX 1326, OXFORD, GA 30054, and its initial registered agent is Michelle Chaudhuri, 1892 GA. Hwy. 138, SE, Conyers, GA 30013.

PUBLIC NOTICE #200067
3/21,28

Debtors Creditors
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF

CLUES ACROSS
1. ___ fi: popular genre
4. Curved shape
7. Defunct airline
10. Beverage receptacle
11. Corporate bigwig
12. Belong to he
13. They cover cuts
15. Cost per mille
16. Walk into
19. Power-producing machine
21. Part of one's character perceived by others
23. Emotionally appealed to
24. Protected
25. Wrestling icon Okerlund
26. Thailand's former name
27. Muscle weaknesses
30. Chooses
34. American film studio
35. Expression of satisfaction
36. Mythical winged horse
41. Ballplayers
45. Edible seaweed
46. Chinese politician
47. Tested for fertility
50. Glove worn with medieval armor
54. Basaltic lavas
55. Small shoaling fish
56. Surrendered
57. Taxi
59. Potato part
60. Female sheep
61. Trouble or difficulty
62. Put into service
63. Soviet Socialist Republic
64. 17th letter of Greek alphabet
65. Type of student

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

CLUES DOWN
1. Frighten
2. Partner to corned beef
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SAID STATE AND COUNTY

TO: ALL creditors and Debtors of Kiley Stevenson Payne, deceased All creditors of the Estate of Kiley Stevenson Payne, late of said county, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all person indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to us. THIS 3RD day of March, 2021

MELISSA PAYNE Kern
5530 SWEET Creek Lane
MONROE, GA 30655

PUBLIC NOTICE #200049
3/14,21,28-4/4

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

ALL CREDITORS of the estate of JAMES W. NAY, deceased, a resident of Newton County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment. THIS 22"D day of February, 2021.

JODY RHOADES Tomei
EXECUTRIX OF the Estate of James W. Nay
405 STEVENSON Avenue
AKRON, OH 44312

PUBLIC NOTICE #119984
2/28-3/7,14,21

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of EBBIE D. SYPHOE, , deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. THIS THE 16TH day of February, 2021.

MICHAEL SYPHOE
6105 EBERHARDT ST
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #119971
2/28-3/7,14,21

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of GAIL JEAN ADAMS ., deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. THIS THE 22Ndday of February, 2021.

CYNTHIA GOODING
1439 STATION RIDGE DR
LAWRENCEVILLE, GA 30045

PUBLIC NOTICE #200000
2/28-3/7,14,21

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

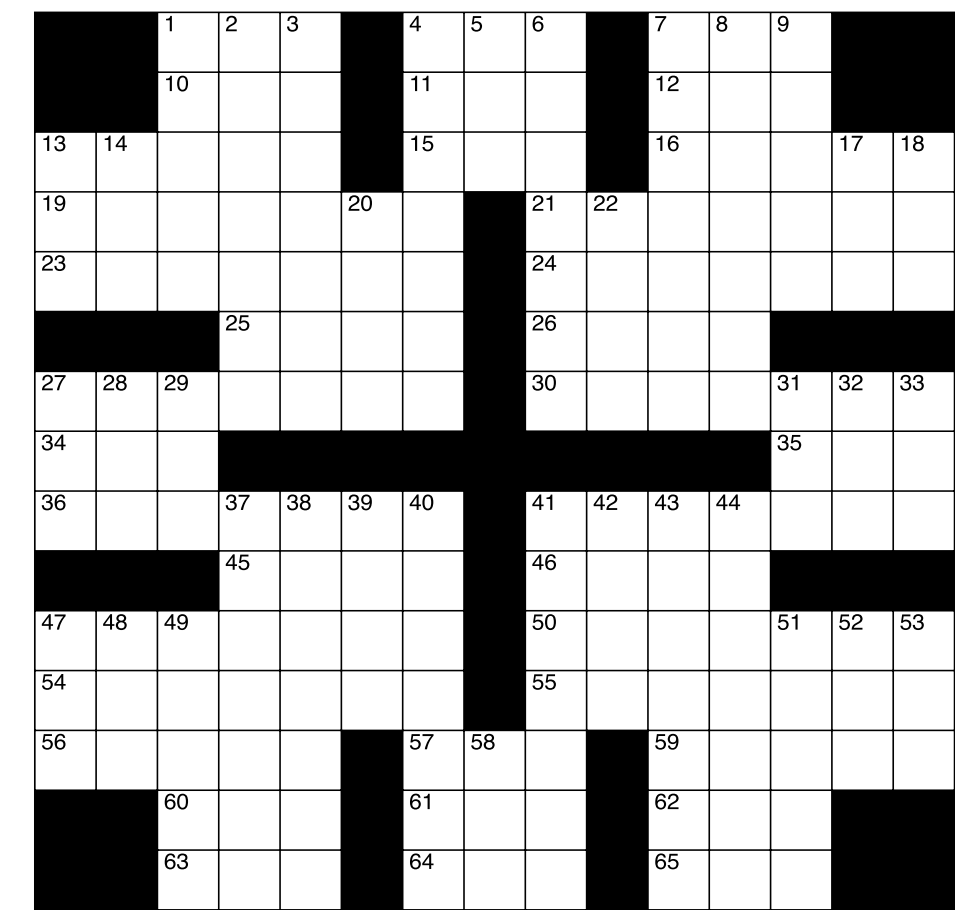
NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of ISSAC RAY SNOWDEN JR., deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. THIS THE 16TH day of February, 2021.

MONIQUE R. SNOWDEN
55 DEARING WOODS LN
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #119972
2/28-3/7,14,21

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

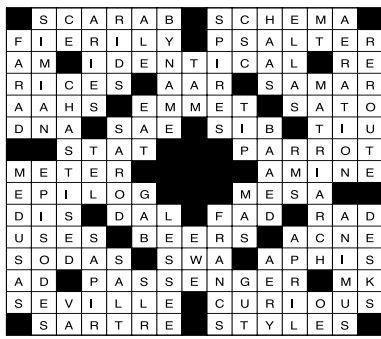


18. Cool!
20. Brazilian NBAer
22. NW Pennsylvania city
27. Young dog
28. Mimic
29. Large truck
31. The NFL's Newton
32. One and only
33. Diego, Francisco, Anselmo
37. Julie __, actress
38. More nourishing
39. Compound
40. A small carrier attached to the side of a motorcycle
41. Object of fear or alarm
42. __ Ladd, actor
43. Sacred place
44. A way to express enjoyment
47. Trigonometric function

48. A team's best pitcher
49. Intersecting points
51. Roundishly shaped

52. Adam's partner
53. God of battle (Scandinavian)
58. Human hormone

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:



representative according to law. THIS THE 10TH day of February, 2021.

ELIZABETH POPE
PO BOX 30
COVINGTON, GA 30015

PUBLIC NOTICE #119967
2/28-3/7,14,21

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of KEVIN ANDREW MCLOUGHLIN deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. THIS THE 1ST day of March, 2021.

KENNETH ROBIN
7745 WENTWORTH Dr.
DULUTH, GA 30097

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of MARGARET STIGGERS, ., deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. THIS THE 11TH day of February, 2021.

BRIAN N. STIGGERS
65 SPRINGFIELD DR
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #119970
2/28-3/7,14,21

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of MARGIE MARIE JEFFREYS., deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. THIS THE 23RD day of February, 2021.

LINDA HARALSON
1258 WEST MACEDONIA CHURCH RD
OXFORD, GA 30054

PUBLIC NOTICE #119997
2/28-3/7,14,21

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of MARTHA JANE ROBERTS, ., deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. THIS THE 16TH day of February, 2021.

DEBORAH JEAN ROBERTS
104 DUCATI DR
MCDONOUGH, GA 30252

PUBLIC NOTICE #119969
2/28-3/7,14,21

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of PLEAS EWING HAYS., deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. THIS THE 17TH day of February, 2021.

FRED HAYS
1156 WOODLAWN RD
MANSFIELD, GA 30013

PUBLIC NOTICE #119999
2/28-3/7,14,21

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND

CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of RALPH MATTHEW JOHNSON, JR. a/ka/, RALPH JOHNSON deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. THIS THE 16TH day of February, 2021.

REBECCA CREECH
985 SEWELL RD
MANSFIELD, GA 30055

PUBLIC NOTICE #119968
2/28-3/7,14,21

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of ROBERT GEORGE PINKNEY JR., deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. THIS THE 19TH day of February, 2021.

BELINDA PINKNEY
811 JUNIPER ST. APT 1507
ATLANTA, GA 30308

PUBLIC NOTICE #119998
2/28-3/7,14,21

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of SARAH PRATT MOORE., deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. THIS THE 24TH day of February, 2021.

ROERT T. MOORE
4401 NW 13TH AVE
POMPANO BEACH, FL 33064

PUBLIC NOTICE #119996
2/28-3/7,14,21

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of DENNIS WILLIAM SMITH late of Newton County, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.

DERWIN BRYAN Davis
973 GREEN Street, SE
CONYERS, GEORGIA 30012

PUBLIC NOTICE #200074
3/21,28-4/4,11

NOTICE TO Debtors and Creditors ALL CREDITORS of the estate of DENNIS WILLIAM SMITH late of Newton County, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.

THIS 2ND day of March, 2021
NAME: ANDREW J. SMITH
TITLE: EXECUTOR
ADDRESS: 3400 BRANDYWINE DRIVE,
CHESAPEAKE, VIRGINIA 23321

PUBLIC NOTICE #200018
3/21,28-4/4,11

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF NEWTON

IN RE: ESTATE OF RONALD GLENN RICHARDS
ALL CREDITORS of the Estate of Ronald Glenn Richards, late of Newton County, Deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned

according to law, and all persons indebted to the said estate are required to make immediate payment to:

MARY LILLIAN Heller, Executor
3207 HENDERSON Mill Rd., Apt. M-6
ATLANTA, GA 30341

THIS 9TH day of March, 2021.

PUBLIC NOTICE #200050
3/14,21,28-4/4

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF NEWTON

IN RE: ESTATE OF MICHAEL OMAR WARREN, DECEASED.

ALL CREDITORS of the estate of Michael Omar Warren, deceased, late of Newton County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment to:

JAMES HUNTER WARREN, ADMINISTRATOR of the Estate of Michael Omar Warren
C/O CARRIE L. Bootcheck, Esq. WALDROP & Bootcheck, LLC
861 COMMERCE Drive
CONYERS, GA 30094

THIS 15TH day of February, 2021

PUBLIC NOTICE #119986
2/28-3/7,14,21

Divorces

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

LATOYA SALMON PLAINTIFF,
-VS- RICARDO SALMON DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION No.: 2021-CV-449-1

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: RICARDO SALMON
431 KIRKLAND RD
COVINGTON, GA 30016

BY ORDER of the court for service by publication dated MARCH 11 2021 you are hereby notified that on FEB 26, 2021(date of filing) LATOYA SALMON (plaintiff) filed suit against you for Divorce . You are required to file an answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for publication with the clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County and to serve a copy of the answer upon the plaintiff (if pro se) or upon the plaintiff's attorney (if represented).

WITNESS THE Honorable JEFFREY L. FOSTER Judge Superior Court of Newton County.

THIS, THE 11th day of MARCH 2021.
LINDA D. Hays
CLERK OF Superior Court

PUBLIC NOTICE #200072
3/21,28-4/4,11

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

LORRONDA WILLIAMS PLAINTIFF
V. JAMES WILLIAMS DEFENDANT

CIVIL ACTION NUMBER
2020-CV-2503-5

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: JAMES WILLIAMS
154 FALCON Crest Trl
JONESBORO, GA 30238

BY ORDER of the court for service by publication dated MARCH 8 2021you are hereby notified that on

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LEGALS:

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12/10/2020 (DATE of filing) Lorronda Williams (plaintiff) filed suit against you for Divorce .

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

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

THIS, THE 8th day of MARCH 2021. LINDA D. Hays
CLERK OF Superior

PUBLIC NOTICE #200061
3/21,28-4/4,11

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

RICHARD ALLEN WILLIAMS
PLAINTIFF,
V.
CHAUVEY BYTOHINE
DEFENDANT,

CIVIL ACTION NUMBER
2021-CV-423-Z

NOTICE OF SUMMONS- SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

BY ORDER of the court for service by publication dated **MARCH 3, 2021** you are hereby notified that on 2/24/2021 (date of filing) **RICHARD ALLEN WILLIAMS** (plaintiff) filed suit against you for Divorce .

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

WITNESS THE Honorable **JOHN M. OTT**, Judge Superior Court of Newton County.

THIS, THE 3rd day of MARCH 2021 LINDA D. Hays
CLERK OF Superior

PUBLIC NOTICE #200062
3/21,28-4/4,11

DUI - Second

SECOND/SUBSEQUENT DUI CONVICTION



NAME: SAMANTHA LEANN SMITH
ADDRESS:5126 JOHNSON DRIVE COVINGTON, GA 30014
DATE OF ARREST: MARCH 10,2020
DATE OF OFFENSE: MARCH 10, 2020
TIME OF OFFENSE:2:00 PM
PLACE OF OFFENSE: 8225 US HWY 278/SONIC
DISPOSITION: PLEA OF GUILTY-DEFENDANT IS SENTENCED TO A TOTAL OF 3 YEARS PLUS 24 MONTHS W/ THE FIRST 10 DAYS TO BE SERVED IN CONFINEMENT IN THE NEWTON COUNTY JAIL AND THE REMAINDER TO BE SERVED ON PROBATION - \$2,000.00 IN FINES PLUS ALL APPLICABLE STATUTORY FEES AND SURCHARGES- DEFENDANT SHALL PERFORM 40 HOURS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE & SHALL ATTEND AND COMPLETE A DUI RISK REDUCTION COURSE
FEBRUARY 17,2021 SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

PUBLIC NOTICE #200065
3/21

Foreclosures

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

BY VIRTUE of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from NEIL S BADERTSCHER, TERRY L BADERTSCHER to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC AS NOMINEE FOR BAYROCK MORTGAGE CORPORATION, dated October 25, 2007, recorded October 31, 2007, in Deed Book 2525, Page 269-288 , 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 Sixty-One Thousand One Hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$161,100.00), with interest thereon as provided for therein, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned and transferred to Towd Point Mortgage Trust 2017-4, U.S. Bank National Association, as Indenture Trustee, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the Newton County Courthouse, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in April, 2021, all property described in said Security Deed including but not limited to the following described property:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 129 OF THE 10TH DISTRICT OF NEWTON COUNTY, CITY OF COVINGTON, GEORGIA ACCORDING TO A SURVEY FOR PERRY BARNETT AND ELIZABETH BARNETT DATED JUNE 28, 1991, WHICH SURVEY IS INCORPORATED HEREIN AND MADE A PART HEREOF BY REFERENCE THERETO AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT A POINT LOCATED ALONG THE SOUTHEASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF WESTVIEW DRIVE (50 INCHES RIGHT-OF-WAY) SAID POINT BEING LOCATED 621.83 FEET SOUTHWESTERLY FROM THE INTERSECTION OF THE CENTERLINE OF LAKEVIEW DRIVE (PAVEMENT WIDTH OF 18 INCHES) AND THE CENTERLINE OF WESTVIEW DRIVE; THENCE RUNNING ALONG

THE SOUTHEASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF WESTVIEW DRIVE SOUTH 34 DEGREES 16 MINUTES 51SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 115.00 FEET TO A 3/8 INCGES REBAR FOUND; THENCE LEAVING THE SOUTHEASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF WESTVIEW DRIVE AND RUNNING SOUTH 37 DEGREES 21MINUTES 54 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 200.00 FEET TO A 3/8 INCHES REBAR SET; THENCE RUNNING NORTH 31 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 100.00 FEET TO A 1/2 INCH REBAR SET; THENCE RUNNING NORTH 32 DEGREES 43 MINUTES 14 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 200.00 FEET TO A 3/8 INCHES REBAR FOUND ALONG THE SOUTHEASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF WESTVIEW DRIVE AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

SAID LEGAL description being controlling, however the property is more commonly known as **10173 WESTVIEW DR SW, 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 **NEIL S BADERTSCHER, TERRY L BADERTSCHER**, 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.

PLEASE NOTE that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, you are not entitled by law to an amendment or modification of the terms of your loan. The entity having full authority to negotiate, amend or modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is: Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc., Loss Mitigation Dept., 3217 S. Decker Lake Dr., Salt Lake City, UT 84119, Telephone Number: 888-818-6032.
TOWD POINT MORTGAGE TRUST 2017-4, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE
AS ATTORNEY in Fact for **NEIL S BADERTSCHER, TERRY L BADERTSCHER**
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. SPS-20-03529-1

PUBLIC NOTICE #119974
3/7,14,21,28

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

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

UNDER AND by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Keith Lawan** Chambers to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Nations Direct Mortgage, LLC dba Motive Lending, its successors and assigns, dated September 27, 2017, recorded in Deed Book 3616, Page 100, Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Nations Direct Mortgage, LLC by assignment recorded in Deed Book 3850, Page 468, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHT THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED THIRTY AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$158,230.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in April, 2021, the following described property:

SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF

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

SAID PROPERTY will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any

assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.

NATIONS DIRECT Mortgage, LLC is the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-162.2.

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

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

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

EXHIBIT "A" ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 186 OF THE 10TH DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 239, UNIT FIVE OF CAMERONS LANDING SUBDIVISION, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 33, PAGES 174-175, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS, WHICH RECORDED PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE AND MADE A PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION.

MR/CA 4/6/21
OUR FILE no. 5505619 - FT18

PUBLIC NOTICE #200016
3/7,14,21,28

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

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

UNDER AND by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Lisa B Clark** to First Georgia Community Bank, dated September 28, 2004, recorded in Deed Book 1763, Page 382, 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 OF CWALT, INC., ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2004-30CB, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-30CB by assignment recorded in Deed Book 3907, Page 177, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of ONE HUNDRED SIXTEEN THOUSAND AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$116,000.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in April, 2021, the following described property:

SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF

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

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

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF CWALT, INC., ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2004-30CB, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-30CB 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: Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, 55 Beattie Place, Suite 110, Greenville, SC 29601, (800) 539-0267.

TO THE best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Lisa B Clark or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **115 Brookwood Drive, Covington, Georgia 30014.** **THE SALE** will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed.

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF CWALT, INC., ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2004-30CB, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-30CB **AS ATTORNEY** in Fact for **LISA B Clark**

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 224 of the 1st District, Newton County, Georgia, being Lot 11, of the Brookwood East Subdivision, as per plat recorded in Plat Book 13, Page 77, Newton County, Georgia Records, to which plat reference is made for a more detailed description.

MR/CJO 4/6/21
OUR FILE no. 5910720 - FT18

PUBLIC NOTICE #119962
3/7,14,21,28

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER, NEWTON COUNTY

PURSUANT TO the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Anita Colbert to Service First Mortgage, L.C. dated 3/29/2004 and recorded in Deed Book 3057 Page 210 Rockdale County and also recorded in Deed Book 1652 Page 31 in Newton County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by U.S. Bank National Association, as indenture trustee, for the holders of the CIM Trust 2017-1, Mortgage-Backed Notes, Series 2017-1, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$130,500.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Rockdale County, Georgia (or such other area as designated by Order of the Superior Court of said county), within the legal hours of sale on April 6, 2021 (being the first Tuesday of said month unless said date falls on a Federal Holiday, in which case being the first Wednesday of said month), the following described property:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 201 OF THE 10TH DISTRICT, ROCKDALE AND NEWTON COUNTIES, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 39, BLOCK "B" OF FIELDSTONE SUBDIVISION, UNIT TWO, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK G, PAGE 80 IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT OF ROCKDALE COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS, AND PLAT BOOK 10, PAGE 15A, NEWTON COUNTY RECORDS, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE NORTHERLY SIDE OF FAIRVIEW ROAD 2341.8 FEET EASTERLY FROM A POINT WHERE FAIRVIEW ROAD INTERSECTS THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF SALEM ROAD; RUNNING THENCE EASTERLY ALONG THE NORTHERLY SIDE OF FAIRVIEW ROAD 125 FEET TO LOT 40, SAID BLOCK AND SUBDIVISION, RUNNING THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 40, 171.3 FEET TO A POINT; RUNNING THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY 128.2 FEET TO LOT 38, SAID BLOCK AND SUBDIVISION; RUNNING THENCE SOUTHERLY ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 38, 145.7 FEET TO THE NORTHERLY SIDE OF FAIRVIEW ROAD AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; BEING IMPROVED PROPERTY KNOWN AS 2436 FAIRVIEW ROAD, ACCORDING TO THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF NUMBERING HOUSES IN ROCKDALE COUNTY AND IN NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA.

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

SAID PROPERTY is commonly known as **2436 Fairview Road SE, Conyers, GA 30013** together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): **Anita Colbert** or tenant or tenants.

SELECT PORTFOLIO Servicing, Inc. is the entity or individual designated who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage.

SELECT PORTFOLIO Servicing, Inc.
LOAN RESOLUTION Department
3217 SOUTH Decker Lake Drive SALT LAKE City, UT 84119
(888) 818-6032

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

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

THE SALE will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and non-judicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided immediately above.

U.S. BANK National Association, as indenture trustee, for the holders of the CIM Trust 2017-1, Mortgage-Backed Notes, Series 2017-1 as agent and Attorney in Fact for Anita

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

1012-10213A
THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 1012-10213A

PUBLIC NOTICE #119961
3/7,14,21,28

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF NEWTON

BECAUSE OF a default in the payment of the indebtedness secured by a Security Deed executed by **LADRICKA JOHNSON** to UNITED FARM PROPERTIES, INC. dated April 29, 2019, and recorded in Deed Book 3917, Page 315, Newton County Records, securing Note in the amount of \$28,700.00, the holder thereof pursuant to said Security 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 Security Deed, will on the first Tuesday, the 6th day of April, 2021, 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 Security Deed, to-wit:

ALL THAT tract or parcel of land and all improvements thereon, lying and being in Newton County, Georgia, Farm #003 in Riverbrooke Plantation Subdivision – Unit I, as shown on Plat Book 30, Page 237, Clerk's Office, Newton County Superior Court, to which reference is hereby made for a more complete description and containing 1.41 acres.

SAID PROPERTY will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, whether or not now due and payable), 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 or record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.

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** that has full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: UNITED FARM PROPERTIES, INC., P O Box 309, Loganville, Ga. 30052, 1-770-696-1500. Please understand that the secured creditor is not required to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the mortgage instrument.

NOTICE HAS been given of the intention to collect attorney's fees in accordance with the terms of the note secured by said security deed. **SAID PROPERTY** will be sold as the property of LADRICKA JOHNSON to the best information and belief of the undersigned, being presently in the possession of LADRICKA JOHNSON and the proceeds of said sale will be applied to the payment of said indebtedness and all the expenses of said sale as provided in said Security Deed, and the balance, if any, will be distributed by law. **THIS 1ST** day of March, 2021.

UNITED FARM PROPERTIES, INC. ATTORNEY in Fact for **LADRICKA JOHNSON**

W. DAN ROBERTS
ATTORNEY AT Law
P. O. Box 110
126 N. Warren Street
MONTICELLO, GA 31064
706-468-8816

PUBLIC NOTICE #119979
3/7,14,21,28

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF NEWTON

BECAUSE OF a default in the payment of the indebtedness secured by a Security Deed executed by **SONIA LEE** to UNITED FARM PROPERTIES, INC. dated October 30, 2018, and recorded in Deed Book 3887, Page 194, Newton County Records, securing Note in the amount of \$34,700.00, the holder thereof pursuant to said Security 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 Security Deed, will on the first Tuesday, the 6th day of April, 2021, 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 Security Deed, to-wit:

ALL THAT tract or parcel of land and all improvements thereon, lying and being in Newton County, Georgia, **Farm #17 in Riverbrooke Plantation Subdivision – Unit IV**, as shown on Plat Book 30, Page 240, Clerk's Office, Newton County Superior Court, to which reference is hereby made for a more complete description and containing 2.29 acres.

SAID PROPERTY will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, whether or not now due and payable), 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 or record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.

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** that has full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: UNITED FARM PROPERTIES, INC., P O Box 309, Loganville, Ga. 30052, 1-770-696-1500. Please understand that the secured creditor is not required to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the mortgage instrument.

NOTICE HAS been given of the

intention to collect attorney's fees in accordance with the terms of the note secured by said security deed. **SAID PROPERTY** will be sold as the property of SONIA LEE to the best information and belief of the undersigned, being presently in the possession of SONIA LEE and the proceeds of said sale will be applied to the payment of said indebtedness and all the expenses of said sale as provided in said Security Deed, and the balance, if any, will be distributed by law. **THIS 1ST** day of March, 2021. **UNITED FARM PROPERTIES, INC. ATTORNEY** in Fact for **SONIA LEE**

W. DAN ROBERTS
ATTORNEY AT Law
P. O. Box 110
126 N. Warren Street
MONTICELLO, GA 31064
706-468-8816

PUBLIC NOTICE #119980
3/7,14,21,28

Name Changes

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: JEANNIE J. PERRY PADGETT

CIVIL ACTION NO: SUCV2021000498

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

PETITIONER, JEANNIE J. Perry Padgett has on the 2nd day of March 2021 filed a Petition to Change the Name for Jeannie J. Perry Padgett, to JEANNIE J. PERRY. Any interested or affected party has a right to appear in the case and file objection within the period set by law. This 22nd day of March 2021

PUBLIC NOTICE #200048
3/14,21,28-4/4

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE the Name Change of Child(ren):

ISABELLA JAYLENNE BUENROSTRO ESCOBAR

MARIA F. BUENROSTRO SOTO
PETITIONER,
VS.

FERNANDO ESCOBAR
RESPONDENT.
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 2021-CV-532-1

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF CHILD

MARIA F. BUENROSTRO SOTO filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on MARCH 9, 2021, to change the name of the following minor child
FROM: ISABELLA JAYLENNE BUENROSTRO ESCOBAR to **ISABELLA JAYLENNE ESCOBAR BUENROSTRO**
ANY INTERESTED party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within the time prescribed in O.C.G.A. §§ 19-12-1(f)(2) and (3).

PUBLIC NOTICE #200073
3/21,28-4,4,11

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE the Name Change of: **FELICIA YVETTE WILSON**

CIVIL ACTION Case Number 2021-CV-481-2

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF ADULT

FELICIA YVETTE WILSON, filed a petition in the NEWTON County Superior Court on MARCH 2ND, 2021 to change name from **FELICIA YVETTE WILSON** to **FELICIA YVETT ROBINSON**

ANY INTERESTED party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after the Petition was filed.

FELICIA YVETTE WILSON
50 MAGNOLIA WALK
COVINGTON, GA 300

LEGALS:

Continued from A7

TO CHANGE NAME(S) OF CHILD(REN)

YOMARIE DALEIKA Febres filed a petition in the **Newton County Superior Court** on **March 2nd, 2021** to change the name(s) of the following minor child(ren)
FROM: IFADEMILOLA Kori Hardaway-Febres to: **Lola Genesis Febres**

PUBLIC NOTICE #200020
3/7,14,21,28-4/4

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

FILED IN OFFICE CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT
NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA
SUCV2021000478
JEFFREY L. FOSTER
MAR 03,2021 01:19PM
NEWTON COUNTY, Georgia

NOTICE IS hereby given that **Susan Michelle Moore** filed her Petition to Change Name in the Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia on the 2nd day of March, 2021 in Civil Action File Number SUCV2021000478, praying for a change in the name of petitioner from **Susan Michelle Moore** to **Michelle Moore Thorne**. Notice is hereby given pursuant to law to any interested or affected party to appear in said Court and to file objections to such name change. Objections must be filed with said Court within 30 days of the filing of said Petition.
THIS 3RD day of March, 2021.

WALDROP & BOOTCHBCK, LLC
861 CONUNERGE Drive
CONYERS, GEORGIA 30094
TELEPHONE: (770) 922-0023
FACSIMILE: (770) 483-0608
EMAIL: MICHAEL@MYWBLAW.COM

PUBLIC NOTICE #200045
3/14,21,28-4/4

Public Notice

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

TOWD POINT MORTGAGE TRUST 2017-4, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE, PLAINTIFF,
V.
KEVIN LEE RATCLIFF, DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION FILE NUMBER SUCV2020002309

TO: KEVIN Lee Ratcliff
145 TRINITY Drive,
COVINGTON, NEWTON County, Georgia 30016

NOTICE FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
BY ORDER for Service by Publication Upon Kevin Lee Ratcliff dated March 8, 2021 and
FILED ON this Court's docket on March 9, 2021, you are hereby notified that on November 12, 2020, **TOWD POINT MORTGAGE TRUST 2017-4, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE**, filed a Petition to Establish Lost Records and Complaint for Declaratory Judgment and Equitable Relief and named you as a Defendant.
YOU ARE required to file with the Clerk of the Superior Court, and to serve upon Plaintiff's attorneys, Tania Tuttle, Sarah Monico and Brett Ledermeier an Answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the Order for Publication.
THIS 10TH day of March, 2021.
MCLAIN & MERRITT PC
11625 RAINWATER Drive
SUITE 125
ALPHARETTA, GEORGIA 30009
PHONE: (770) 200-7000 **ttuttle@mmatllaw.com**
smonico@mmatllaw.com **bledermeier@mmatllaw.com/s/**

TANIA R. Tuttle
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GEORGIA STATE Bar No. 720348
SARAH C. MONICO
GEORGIA STATE Bar No. 582691
BRETT LEDERMEIER Georgia State Bar No. 600906
ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
I HEREBY certify that I have this day served all parties and counsel of record with a true and correct copy of the foregoing NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION by placing the same in the United States Mail, postage pre-paid, in a properly addressed envelope, to:
KEVIN LEE Ratcliff
145 TRINITY Drive,
COVINGTON, NEWTON County, Georgia 30016
THIS DAY of , 2020.
MCLAIN & MERRITT PC
11625 RAINWATER Drive, Ste. 125
ALPHARETTA, GEORGIA 30009
PHONE: (770) 200-7000
FAX: (770) 200-7001
TTTUTLE@MMATLLAW.COM **SMONICO@MMATLLAW.COM** **bledermeier@mmatllaw.com/s/**
Tania R. Tuttle
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GEORGIA STATE Bar No. 720348
SARAH C. MONICO
GEORGIA STATE Bar No. 582691
BRETT M. LEDERMEIER Georgia State Bar No. 600906
ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF

PUBLIC NOTICE #200057
3/17,24,31-4/7

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: NICHOLAS A. Tate
235 WLNNSTEAD Place
COVINGTON, GEORGIA 30016

BY ORDERof the Court for service by publication dated February 16,2021, you are hereby notified that on July 7, 2020 (date of filing), **Coopers Lake COA, Inc.** (plaintiff) filed suit against you for MONEY DAMAGES
YOU ARE required to file an answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for publication with the clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County and to serve a copy of the answer upon the plaintiff (if pro se) or upon the plaintiff's attorney (if represented).

WITNESS, THE Honorable Layla H. Zon, Judge of the Superior Court of Newton County.

THIS, THE 16th day of February, 2021.

PUBLIC NOTICE #119985
2/28-3/7,14,21

Public Notice Rezoning

AN APPLICATION was submitted to Porterdale Zoning Commission for Rezoning Parcel #P064-0001, Total Acres, 33.97 from present zoning C-G to proposed zoning R-3, C-G a hearing has been scheduled before the rezoning commission, March 22, 2021 @ 7:00pm at Porterdale City Hall to hear this request.

PUBLIC NOTICE #200047
3/14,21

Public Sales Auctions

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION HILL TOP TOWING INC

LOCATION-8360 NOLLEY DR COVINGTON, GA

30014
DATE-MARCH 22, 2021
TIME-10:00 AM
BIDS START AT \$1200 CASH ONLY!!! SOLD AS-IS

LIST OF VEHICLES
1.2010 HYN ELANTRA VIN. KMHDU4AD7AU133651 (WRECKED)
2.2000 CHEVY S10 VIN. 1GCCS14W4YK135994
3.2015 HYUN SONATA VIN. 5HPE34AF7FH221310(WRECK)
4.2015 HYUNDAI SONATA SPORT VIN. 5NPE34AF1FH099432(WRECK)
5.2000 NISS XTERRA VIN. 5N1ED28T3YC573310
6.2014 DODGE JOURNEY VIN. 3C4PDCAB2ET196943(WERCK)
7.2002 GMC YUKON VIN. 1GKEC13Z22T263993 (WERCK)
8.2005 MAZADA TRIBUTE 4F2YZ92Z55KM06053
9.2007 ACURA MDX2 HNYD28267H503461(WRECK)
10.2013 KIA SORENTO 5XYKT3A15D6336719(WRECK)

PUBLIC NOTICE #200042
3/14,21

Public Auction Notice of Sale

BUDGET SELF Storage of Covington, pursuant to the Georgia Self Storage Act, 10-4-213, shall conduct a public sale of the following units at **6217 Highway 278 NE, Covington, GA 30014; 770-787-0900**; after 1 p.m. and on or after Tuesday, April 6th, 2021. All bids will be accepted online through www.storageauctions.com. Budget Self Storage of Covington reserves the right to withdraw units from such sale and reject any bid. Terms of sale are cash or money order only. The following unit will be sold:

- **G55** Andrea Lindsey - This unit appears to contain a mattress, bookcase, clothing, totes, exercise bike, end table

PUBLIC NOTICE #200076
3/21,28

Trade Names

TRADE NAME REGISTRATION AFFIDAVIT
GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

TO WHOM It may Concern:
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HICE:

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options,” Hice told *The Walton Tribune* and *The Covington News*. “My priority has always been to serve the people of Georgia and lead with integrity. That continues to be my priority as Dee Dee and myself prayerfully consider our next steps.”

Hice said a decision could come “within the next few days.”

He also went on a

radio show hosted by former Rep. Doug Collins to say former President Donald Trump was “supportive” of a Hice campaign.

Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger is likely to face an intense GOP primary challenge. The secretary of state is the top elections official in Georgia, where Joe Biden narrowly beat Trump in the 2020

presidential race. Biden was the first Democrat to carry Georgia since 1992.

Other prospective candidates include Rep. Vernon Jones of Lithonia, former Alpharetta Mayor David Belle Isle and former state party chairman John Padgett.

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CHIEF:

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police with copies provided to the mayor and council.” The ordinance notes that the police chief would retain “full and ultimate authority, power, discretion, management prerogatives and responsibility” to set policies and take other appropriate actions deemed necessary. However, the chief could not accept a recommendation from the board to punish the same officer more than once for the same issue if already punished by the city.

Talk of creating a Citizen Review Board for the police department first began nearly five years ago to encourage citizens to feel more comfortable in filing complaints against police officers, if necessary. At the time, Cotton said he felt as though the department was operating according to its National Accreditation standards.

“In response, and at the suggestion of a citizen, we formed a group of citizens chosen by the mayor and council to compare how the Covington Police Department met the standards of President Obama’s 21st Century Policing recommendations,” Cotton recalled. “This exercise showed that we either met or exceeded the recommendations, and the council chose not to implement a Citizen Review Board at that time.”

Discussion resurfaced last summer when a wave of civil unrest relating to heavily scrutinized police brutality cases rippled across the nation. Cotton and the city’s leadership were then approached by the Newton County Ministers Union, led by Revs. Harold Cobb, William Gaither and Dwayne Stephens, to revisit the idea of forming a Citizen Review Board.

“Even though I know we work diligently to meet the needs of the community, the national conversation was building trust in the community, so I agreed that we should form this group to review our process and how we deal with officers who may not follow policy and procedure and how we take that seriously,” Cotton said. “Even though we have not had any issues that warranted a Citizen Review Board, and I know we still meet the same standards we met when we reviewed this the last time, I want this community to have confidence in the Covington Police Department. I see the Citizen Review Board as a way to allow citizens access to infor-

mation they can share with the community and build trust and confidence in their police department.”

Cotton said he and the group didn’t always see eye to eye on every point of discussion, but they always found a way to work through those disagreements and was thankful for their efforts.

“One of the things I really appreciated from them was they always felt like this was something that could not only help the community, but help the police department’s [stature] within the community. So I always felt like they were looking out for the best interest of us, and I want to publicly thank them.”

City Manager Scott Andrews said Mayor Steve Horton and Councilman Kenneth Morgan played instrumental roles in working with the police department and ministers union since August to create the legislation first read Monday.

“I think it’s a good start,” Morgan said after thanking the mayor and city personnel for their commitment to the issue. “It’s about being proactive, and it’s about building trust and relationship within our community, so I appreciate everybody for what they’re doing. I think this is the right thing to do at this point in time.”

The Citizen Review Board will not be officially created until the ordinance amendment’s second reading is approved during the council’s next regularly scheduled meeting, April 5.

If approved, the council would next work to appoint board members.

Per the ordinance, the board would consist of seven voting members and one non-voting member, who would act as the board’s “coordinator.” One member would be appointed by the mayor, three would be appointed by council members from the East Ward and three would be appointed by the West Ward. The coordinator would be appointed by the police chief and would not be included in determination of a quorum.

Initial term length for the one member appointed by the mayor, one member appointed by the East Ward and one member appointed by the West Ward is three years. The remaining board members’ initial term length is four years. All terms would be for three years following the initial term. No member could serve more than two consecutive terms.

Board members can not include the mayor or council, a city employee, an immediate family member of a city employee, currently working for a law enforcement agency, hold a political office or be campaigning for a political office or have any prior felony convictions or any conviction involving moral turpitude. No member other than the non-voting member appointed by the police chief shall have been previously employed by the Covington Police Department.

Members must be 18 years old and a current resident of Covington. Members would be required to complete a written application, pass a background check with no felony convictions, successfully complete the Covington Police Department Citizens Academy and devote a minimum of nine hours to participate in a ride-along on patrol with the department.

Members cannot miss more than three scheduled meetings annually without good cause.

The Citizen Review Board would meet quarterly, at minimum. All meetings would be open to the public.

Per the ordinance, actions of the board “shall not limit the powers and responsibilities of the police chief pursuant to the charter and other applicable laws, nor the rights of members of the police department with respect to disciplinary action.”

The board is not allowed to not make any confidential police document or any information within such documents known to the public. Findings and conclusions of the board, including information received through interviews, study and review of documents, must remain confidential until the board publicly votes to approve release.

The coordinator’s duties would include assisting with training of the members; prepare the agenda and provide proper notice for each meeting; serving as administrative liaison between the board and the police chief; and reporting the board’s findings to the police chief. The coordinator would also be required to file a written report to the city council on an annual basis informing the council of the number and nature of matters considered by the board, the recommendations made to the chief of police and the official response of the department to said recommendations.

EDUCATION

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Newton County Schools

BOE hears plan for 2021-22 virtual instruction option

Self-paced online model to be available for grades 3-12

By **TAYLOR BECK**
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Newton County students will again be given an option for how they're educated next year.

Newton County Superintendent Samantha Fuhrey said the district would allow students to choose between traditional, in-person instruction or a virtual program.

The virtual option will be limited to one type of program that's self-paced, Fuhrey said. The district has opted to move away from what she called a "school-based virtual model,"

where some students would attend classes in-person and other students would take the same class virtually. Fuhrey said she and other administrators heard from teachers "loud and clear" that the school-based virtual model was quite difficult for teachers and not preferred.

"We listen to our teachers, and we do our best to provide options for our families as well," she said during the Tuesday, March 16, board of education meeting.

In the event disease spreads and the community transmission rate skyrockets, Fuhrey said the district could revisit the model, but only if absolutely necessary.

"It is definitely my hope that we will not have the same sorts of impacts that we had this school year, because it has been a really challenging year for our families, our communities and especially for our students," Fuhrey said.

Fuhrey said the district would soon be sharing more information about contingency plans for the 2021-2022

school year, but alluded that it would not consist of returning to an all-virtual

model. Rather, it would use an "A-B model," where students whose last names begin with "A" through "L" and students "M" through "Z" would alternate the days they attended in person. Fuhrey said this would be the first plan before resorting to an all-virtual setting.

For 2021-2022, the lone, self-paced, virtual option will look a bit different from last year's options.

In a presentation to the school board, Chief Academic Officer Benjamin Roundtree said the virtual option would only be for students in grades 3-12.

For elementary students, grades 3-5, Roundtree said the curriculum would consist of teacher-created modules following district curriculum maps and pacing.

For secondary students, grades 6-12, he said the curriculum would be pre-packaged through the Edgenuity program with access to a certified teacher.

Staffing for the virtual, self-paced option would include a program leader, registrar/administrative assistant, success coach (counselor), technology support specialist and teachers.

Devices will be provided for all students; however, families must have reliable internet access that's provided by the student's household in order to have their child participate in the virtual option. The district will not provide hotspots for students

again this year.

Students' parents must also show their commitment by serving as a learning coach and monitoring the student's progress; attending quarterly conferences; and ensuring the student attends live sessions and meets weekly attendance requirements.

Roundtree advised any potential students interested in choosing the virtual option should possess the following characteristics: being independent, organized and disciplined; and having good reading and comprehension skills and time management skills.

Once a student opts into the virtual instruction mode, Roundtree said they would not be able to transition back to in-person until the end of the semester. He said the staff would "show compassion" and likely operate on a case-by-case basis if life-altering changes prompted a student's request to change their instruction format.

Some courses and specialty programs, such as STEM, ALANHS, JROTC, band and chorus, will not be offered through the virtual option. CTAE courses will be limited.

After posing several questions about the virtual option, board member Shakila Henderson-Baker suggested Roundtree and staff clarify to parents and students that if they choose this option, "virtual instruction will be entirely self-paced," and "a teacher will not be sitting directly in front of your student."

Teachers will be available for support, but their primary role will be to grade students' work, give feedback to students and



Samantha Fuhrey

Piedmont Academy hosts inaugural Cougar Paw Crawl



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On Sunday, March 14, Piedmont Academy hosted its inaugural Cougar Paw Crawl, a 5K road race and a 1 mile fun run, in memory of charter parent and long-time Piedmont supporter Chick Wilson.

Alan Black finished first in the 5K men's division, followed by Edward Duke and Powell Goolsby. Maggie Friedline, granddaughter of Wilson, was the ladies' first-place finisher, followed by Brianna Dalton and Colby Ramsey.

First-place finishers for the fun run were Piedmont second grader Jordan Williams in the ladies' division and Piedmont ninth grader Brodie Hawkins in the men's division.

their families, and provide designated office hours for students to meet with them either one-on-one or in small groups. In grades 3-5, teachers will create the curriculum modules.

Board member Trey Bailey echoed Henderson-Baker by saying the district needed to strive toward being as open and as honest as possible when rolling out information on the virtual option.

"Personally, I love the choice that some students will have," he said. "It doesn't sound like it's going to be a choice for everyone, and I just want us to make sure we're also clear on that. That it may not be an equitable solution for everyone, but in this case, may-

be that's OK? I don't know ... I just think that would be important for us to say that ... this is self-paced, this is not going to work for everybody, and somebody's going to get left out, but it doesn't mean we're not trying to create a [positive] situation for all students. This one just might not work."

Roundtree said the district anticipated opening the online registration portal for the virtual instruction application April 19 and allow it to remain open through April 30. He encouraged parents and students to reach out to their respective school counselors for guidance to determine if virtual instruction is best for them. Families

of students with special needs were encouraged to correspond with the Individualized Educational Plan team if interested in virtual instruction.

Once the registration period ends, families and students will receive an acceptance notification via email May 14. Students will be allowed to pick up devices and other instructional materials July 23-30.

Virtual Open House is scheduled for July 27-29 from 5-7 p.m. each night for elementary, middle and high school students, which will be geared toward further preparing them for the virtual option.

No board action was taken pertaining to the virtual option plan.

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Prep Football

Familiar face, familiar place

Cawthon talks transition to head coach

By **MASON WITTNER**
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Jay Cawthon is ready to take the reins. Last week, Eastside announced the former offensive coordinator, who was serving as interim head coach of the Eagle football team, had been named the program's next head coach. It was a move 16 years in the making, and yet one the new head man hadn't had on his radar until recently.

"My goals were never to be a head coach," Cawthon admitted this week. "Even up to this year I enjoyed what I was doing in my role. That never really was in my plans whatsoever." Cawthon's first stop as an assistant football coach was Wheeler High School in Marietta in 1997. Three years later he was promoted to offensive coordinator for the Wildcats, a move which he felt came prematurely but one that allowed him to begin crafting his play-calling abilities. "I wasn't ready," Cawthon said, "but who knows you are ready until you do it?" He would go on to become the offensive coordinator at Central Gwinnett in Lawrenceville before coming on Eastside's staff in the same capacity in 2005.

The waters were choppy at the start. When Cawthon joined then-head coach Rick Hurst's staff, alongside the likes of recently-de-



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After spending 16 seasons on staff as an offensive coordinator, Jay Cawthon (right) is primed to step in as head football coach for the Eastside Eagles this fall.

parted head coach Troy Hoff and longtime assistant Frankey Iverson, the Eagles found themselves in the midst of a 14-game losing streak. They tossed more dirt out of the hole, finishing their first season with another goose egg in the win column.

"I came from Central Gwinnett, and we'd just gone to the second round the year before. They went to the quarterfinals that year and we went 0-10 at Eastside. I was going, 'Oh no. I don't know if this is a good situation,'" Cawthon recalled.

Fortunately, it didn't take much longer to right the ship.

Eastside went 5-5 in 2006 and 7-3 in 2007 before back-to-back 11-win seasons. Their 2008 state quarterfinal appearance was followed up with a trip to the semifinals in 2009 — the closest the program has ever come

to capturing an elusive state title.

Cawthon made a name for himself in 10 seasons under Hurst, and he stayed on staff as an offensive coordinator when Hoff took over as head coach in 2015.

For the past 16 years, Cawthon has been content with being a cog that helps get the machine where it needs to be. Eastside has always prided itself on collegiality, and Cawthon never felt like his role was superior or inferior to anyone else on staff.

"Yeah, I called the plays on Friday night, but there's a ton of input from everybody," he said. "I think that's the real good thing about our staff is there's not one guy that has it all. Everybody has input."

While he'd previously not given much thought to being ele-

vated to a head coach, his outlook shifted this winter.

After Hoff accepted an offer to become the next head football coach at Woodstock, Cawthon was approached by members of Eastside's administration and coaching staff and asked to apply for the position. Despite his initial apprehension, he ultimately decided it deserved his consideration.

"There were obviously external candidates, but as far as an internal search goes, coach Cawthon was a very clear, strong internal mandate that had very familiar knowledge of our program," Eastside Principal Jeff Cher said. "He had very intimate knowledge of our kids, their strengths, their weaknesses. And he also had a familiar knowledge of what we do here that has yielded success for numerous

years."

On March 10, Eastside concluded its search and tabbed Cawthon to lead the football program. It was lauded as a home run hire by the Eagle administration and fan base alike. Well on his way to two decades' worth of experience in the program, Cawthon's transition into head coach is expected to be natural, if not seamless.

"We've had a great program the last couple years," Eastside Athletic Director Phil Davidson said. "If it ain't broke, don't fix it."

The players have already adjusted to life under their new head coach as well.

"Our kids don't flinch about change," Cawthon said. "I'm sure it went through their head, 'Oh no,' but they just put their head down and work. That's the culture we have here."

Under Cawthon's

guidance, the Eagles have produced two of their top-five scoring offenses in program history in the past three seasons. But the increase in point totals wasn't the primary reason he was deemed the right guy for the job.

At the end of the day, Eastside wanted to name a head coach who understood the culture the Eagle athletic program has established over the past decade. And Cawthon doesn't simply have a solid grasp of that culture.

He helped build it. "I love this place. I've been here for 16 years now, and I want to carry on our culture," Cawthon said. "It's a great place to teach, a great place to live, a great place to coach."

Cawthon's goal for the 2021 season is to build off what he and his staff have done over the past several years. They went 10-3 last fall and made a trip to the state quarterfinals for the second time in three seasons. He isn't aiming to reinvent the wheel, but rather keep it rolling along its course.

He believes the pieces are already in place to obtain that goal.

"We have a good thing going. We have great kids. And as we talk about all the time, players make plays, not coaches," Cawthon said. "We're going to put you in a position to make plays, yeah, but you have to make them."

Eastside is scheduled to begin spring practice May 17.

Prep Basketball

Lady Cougars reflect on historic season

By **CHRIS BRIDGES**
Correspondent

MONTICELLO, Ga. — The Piedmont Academy varsity girls' basketball team set out to make program history during the 2020-21 season.

The Lady Cougars did just that. "We had a great year," head coach Michael Wilson said. "We wanted to win 20 games, repeat as region champions and make the Final Four. We accomplished all of those. Once we got

to the Final Four, we obviously wanted to go further and we are disappointed we didn't. Overall, the year was still a great success."

The Lady Cougars (21-4) fell to Westwood, 61-49, in the Class AA state semifinals. Brentwood, the eventual state champion, narrowly defeated Piedmont in both matchups during the regular season.

"Going into the season, I felt we had a chance to do some things that no other

girls team at Piedmont had ever done," Wilson said. "I felt that way because of the senior leadership we had and how hard the girls worked in the off-season. We asked a lot of the girls and they responded. They showed up and they worked and they worked together to achieve our goals. You can't ask for anything more than that."

The semifinal loss was tough for the players and coaches to accept after accomplishing so many things

to that point in the season.

"I know this team was good enough to win, but it just wasn't meant to be," Wilson said. "I'll definitely take things from that experience for the next time we get there and I know the returning players will too. I know when this program gets its chance to win a state championship all the players and lessons from earlier will help us achieve that goal."

Wilson noted upon his reflection on how

the program has advanced and improved in recent years that it has been a truly remarkable journey.

"It's satisfying as a coach to get tangible results so you can feel satisfaction for the work put in and the improvement made," he said. "My first two years those teams won 10 games. In the last four, we've won 66 games. That's an amazing turnaround and, quite frankly, I am one of very few people who thought it was

possible. The only way something like that is possible is with talented players, of course. However, with all the players, from my first team to now, they had to buy in to the fact that they are playing for something greater than themselves individually."

The play of the seniors in 2020-21 helped pave the way for a championship region.

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