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His Word

He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

Micah 6:8, KJV

Veterans Day Celebration

'We must not forget'

Covington American Legion Post 32 hosts ceremony to honor war heroes

By **TAYLOR BECK**
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Rev. Don Martin, who is a former pastor of Covington First United Methodist Church, encouraged everyone to go to a nearby grocery store and buy a pack of double stuffed Oreos.

Toward the end of his keynote address, during a Veterans Day ceremony held Thursday, Nov. 11, at the Covington Square by American Legion Post 32, Martin shared the story of a time he met a soldier while on a flight to Phoenix, Arizona.

Martin said he spent more than two hours getting to know the young military man, asking him a plethora of questions pertaining to his service, like naming all the places he had been in Iraq, how long he had been serving in the Army, and how long he had been away from home.

The soldier's job, Martin said, was to "put on a suit and go pick up the IEDs that were destroying and killing our military personnel."

As their trip came to an end, Martin said he thanked the soldier for his service and asked him one final question: "While you were in Iraq for over a year, what did you miss most?"

"Without hesitation, he said Oreos, double stuffed," Martin recalled. "When you go to the Publix, the Kroger, or the Walmart today, buy a pack of Oreos, double stuffed, and remember it's



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More than 100 people, including veterans and families of veterans, gathered at the Covington Square on Thursday for a Veterans Day ceremony to honor our nation's war heroes.



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Rev. Don Martin, who is a former pastor of Covington First United Methodist Church, was the keynote speaker. More photos from the event may be seen at CovNews.com.

the sacrifice of the simple things that you and I take for granted that those Marines and soldiers and personnel in our Navy, Coast Guard and others — those are the things that they sacrifice so that we can gather in this town Square secure and free."

Martin stressed the importance of always remembering and honoring the millions of men and women who have served in the nation's military. He also spoke of the need for unity considering the current events, including the ongoing rebound from the COVID-19 pandemic and continued political divide taking place in America.

"It is the sacrifice and service, and the memory of that sacrifice and service that bonds us together as brothers and sisters in this community and citizens of the greatest nation the has ever been on the face of the Earth," Martin said. "We must never forget that, and we must never lose that. If we forget, we cease to be one nation under God indivisible with liberty and justice for every person that lives here."

"We must not forget." Before Martin spoke, American Legion Post 32 Commander Don Floyd provided remarks to open the ceremony. The American flag was then presented by members of the Newton High School JROTC. To conclude the event, members of the American Legion Post 32 conducted a wreath laying ceremony.

Newton County

Veto off table to keep Kerr

State law does not allow Banes veto to renew county manager contract

By **TOM SPIGOLON**
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Lloyd Kerr is facing losing the job he has held since 2016 leading the county government's day-to-day operations despite the chairman's vow to retain him.

Kerr said Friday the county attorney told him state law requires a majority of the Newton County Board of Commissioners to vote to renew his employment contract past Jan. 1 even if the chairman issues a veto of the board's recent 3-2 vote not to renew it.

Chairman Marcello Banes promised to veto the Board's action to renew the contract. However, state law says any contract has to be approved by a majority of the governing body, Kerr said. "The veto didn't accomplish that so the contract would not be in place," he said. "That's how it's not actually consistent with the state law."

Kerr said he was "kind of in limbo right now."

"I'm looking at all my options," he said. "I would like to see what the board has in mind, at least what the majority does."

Commissioners Demond Mason, Alana Sanders and J.C. Henderson were the three who voted against renewing the contract Nov. 2 and "as far as I know are (still) against the contract being renewed," Kerr said.

Commissioners Stan Edwards and Ronnie Cowan voted for renewal.

He said he may be able to stay in the position after Jan. 1 without a contract if it is not renewed but he will not do so.

"Having a contract at this level position is standard," he said. "The contract is meant to protect whoever is in this position from an emotional response, if you will, because of the

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Lloyd Kerr

Covington Town Center hotel builder donates to churches for holiday events

By **TOM SPIGOLON**
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An area company playing a part in bringing the Covington Town Center to life has donated money that four west Newton churches will use to host holiday events this year.

Premier Petroleum Hospitality has donated \$2,500 to District 2 County Commissioner Demond Mason who is dividing the money between four west Newton County churches as part of a "Newton County Holiday Event," Mason said.

"I have decided to take these funds and partner with four community-driven churches in District 2, to help with our con-

tinued efforts with giving back to our community during the holiday season," Mason said.

The churches include Faith of Jesus Ministries, Good Hope Baptist Church, St. Paul A.M.E. Church and Zion Baptist Church.

Dave Bernd of Premier Petroleum Hospitality said the Duluth-based company has "re-inforced one of its core values" this holiday season by "giving back to the communities it has a presence in."

"In any community we're in, we like to give back to the community," Bernd said.

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From left are Pastor Lewis Logan (St. Paul), Pastor Bryan Alexander (Zion), Pastor Frank Daws (Zion), Commissioner Demond Mason, Dave Bernd, Pastor Eddie Tomlinson (Good Hope), Elsie Bell (Faith of Jesus) and Natarsha Nolley (Faith of Jesus).

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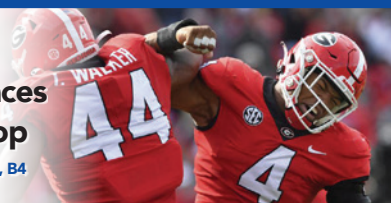


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• Sunny and clear



Sunday, Nov. 14
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• Sunny and clear

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Monday, Nov. 15

• Paper Shred Event from 9 a.m. until truck is full at the Newton County Library parking lot's left side at 7116 Floyd St., NE. Each person will be limited to five boxes of paper. KNB is hosting the community paper shred day as an America Recycles Day event, and all paper collected will be recycled.

Wednesday, Nov. 17

• "Pictures with Santa" hosted by Element Funding at 1108 Clark St. from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 770-728-1993.

Thursday, Nov. 18

• Annual Lighting of the Square, 6 to 7 p.m., Covington Square. Choral performance by the Oxford Singing Children and the Oxford Youth Singers on the stage in front of the historic clock tower starting at 6 p.m., followed by Santa appearing for the ceremonial lighting of the Square.

Friday, Nov. 19

• Covington on Ice: Ice Skating at Legion Field opens for season, 5 p.m., Legion Field, 3173 Mill St. (through Feb. 21). For more information, including pricing and hours of operation, visit <http://icedays.com/covington/>.

Friday, Dec. 3

• Christmas at Porter with the Oxford Singers, 7 to 8:30 p.m., at Porter Performing Arts Center, 140 Ram Drive, Covington. For more information, email info@newtoncountyarts.org or call 770-786-8188.

Friday, Dec. 10-Sunday, Dec. 12

• The Nutcracker with Covington Regional Ballet, 7 p.m. (Friday), 2 and 7 p.m. (Saturday), 3 p.m. (Sunday) at Porter Performing Arts Center, 140 Ram Drive, Covington. Tickets are limited due to COVID-19 policies and social distancing. For more information, visit <https://newtoncountyarts.vbotickets.com/events>.

Saturday, Dec. 11

• The YMCA of Metro Atlanta will host a doubles pickleball tournament for various levels (ages 18 and up) at Covington Family YMCA. The top two teams of beginner, intermediate and advanced divisions will advance to the finals on Dec. 12 at the Carl E. Sanders Family YMCA in Buckhead. Registration is \$35 for members and \$50 for non-members and includes a team shirt. To sign up, visit spiritonline.ymcaatlanta.org.

DEA seizes 1.2 tons of liquid meth in Covington

By TOM SPIGOLON
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Sheriff's deputies joined with state and federal agents to seize more than a ton of liquid methamphetamine embedded in the trailer of an 18-wheeler traveling through Newton County on Wednesday afternoon, a spokesperson said.

Drug Enforcement Administration spokesman Andrew Park said Newton County Sheriff's Office investigators helped his agency discover about 1.2 tons of suspected meth in an inconspicuous place in the otherwise empty trailer of the big rig.

Park said about 1,100 kilos of liquid meth — about 2,400 pounds and enough for thou-



State and federal agents to seize more than a ton of liquid methamphetamine embedded in the trailer of an 18-wheeler traveling through Newton County on Wednesday
U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration

sands of individual doses — lined the ceiling of the trailer and, apparently, the walls.

The suspected liquid meth was not in liquid form but soaked into foam in the lining of the trailer and dried, Park said.

"It's quite stunning the ingenuity of the cartels," Park said.

Three men, all Mexican citizens, were arrested during the Wednesday incident in Covington.

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Newton third grader named honorary firefighter

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Newton County Fire Service firefighters were out in full force at Livingston Elementary School on Nov. 5 to welcome their newest firefighter. The firefighters watched as Fire Chief Michael Conner officially presented third grader Reniya Ritter with a badge and certificate making her an honorary firefighter, in light of her heroic actions that saved her family from a recent house fire. Reniya knew what to do in the event of a fire after attending a lesson at school taught by Newton County Fire Safety Specialist James Franklin.

"I learned how to get out of a house or a truck when there's smoke in there and I learned how to be a good firefighter," said Reniya.

That's exactly the information Franklin hoped Reniya, and her classmates, would take away from his fire safety presentation, which is geared for younger elementary-aged children.

"We taught over a 2-day



Newton County Schools

Reniya J. Ritter, a third grade student at Livingston Elementary School, was named an honorary firefighter after saving her family during a recent house fire.

period," Franklin explained. "We watched a video that kind of taught them what to do in the event of a fire and then we talked about matches and lighters and the importance of not playing with them."

He added, "We talked about the importance of having working smoke alarms in the house.

And then we moved to the back of our trailer, where we can actually practice what we've learned. We fill up the room full of smoke and have the children practice crawling outside to a meeting place. We teach them to go home and ask their parents, 'Where would we meet if there was a fire?'"

Reniya was very excited about the firefighters' visit and eager to share with her mother, Nikia Ritter, the lessons she learned that day.

"When she got home, she explained to me that the fire department came to her school..." said Mrs. Ritter. "She went over the drill, even climbing on her knees to show how to get out of the house..." She also talked about [sparks] that you might see in a fire."

Reniya had in fact learned to report any colorful sparks or the smell of smoke right away — and just a few days later, she did just that when her family home caught fire. As a result of her

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Margaret "Peggy" Jordan Silvia

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Margaret "Peggy" Jordan Silvia, of Covington, passed away Saturday, November 6, 2021, at the age of 83. Ms. Silvia was a devout

Christian and a member of Covington First United Methodist Church. She was employed by Lithonia Lighting as a claims specialist and served in that role since 1980. Ms. Silvia enjoyed spending time gardening, cooking, reading, and watching home improvement shows. Additionally, she loved to craft and sew. Ms.



Margaret Silvia

Silvia cherished her family. She was preceded in death by her parents, Claude and Emaly Jordan; and brothers, John Jordan, Hutch Jordan.

She is survived by her daughters, Cathy Burgoyne, Ashley Hill (John Paul); grandchildren; Nikki Davis, Madeline Hill; great-grandchildren, Matthew, Lexi, Kylee on the way; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A Funeral Service for Ms. Silvia was held Tuesday, November 9, 2021, 3:00 P.M., at

Covington First United Methodist Church, 1113 Conyers Street Southwest, in Covington, with Rev. Dr. Douglas Gilreath and Rev. Dr. Jan McCoy officiating, and interment followed in Covington City Cemetery, in Covington. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Covington First United Methodist Church Food Bank, 1113 Conyers Street Southwest, Covington, Georgia 30014.

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Charlee Grace White, and Family; Addie Jo White,
Cornell White Sr., Broderick Johnson, Cornell White Jr.,
Connie White, Amy Vasques, and Patricia Rogers.

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On Tuesday, November 30th, at 6:00 p.m. the Griffin Regional Educational Service Agency will conduct the South Metro Atlanta GaTAPP (*Georgia Teacher Academy for Preparation and Pedagogy*) Information Session hosted by Griffin RESA virtually via Zoom. The GaTAPP program is designed to attract highly motivated professionals outside the teaching profession who hold a Bachelor's degree or higher from a regionally accredited college/university and are interested in pursuing a teaching career. Human Resources Directors from Butts, Fayette, Henry, Lamar, Newton, Pike, Griffin-Spalding and Thomaston-Upson School Systems will be in attendance at this event to virtually provide information on prospective employment opportunities for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year and for the 2022-2023 school year. Space will be limited and only those with reservations will be admitted.

To reserve your space, please RSVP to TAPP at TAPP@griffinresa.net.

To register, please send an email to TAPP@griffinresa.net

REGIONAL REPORT

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

Max Cleland dead at 79; Biden, others pay tribute to 'American hero'

By **TIM DARNELL**
Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA — Former Georgia U.S. Sen. and Secretary of State Max Cleland died Tuesday at the age of 79.

The Washington Post reported Cleland, who also served as head of the U.S. Veterans Administration, died at his home in Atlanta from congestive heart failure.

President Joe Biden called

Cleland "an American hero whose fearless service to our nation, and to the people of his beloved home state of Georgia, never wavered."

On April 8, 1968, during the Vietnam War, Cleland lost his right forearm arm and both legs after a grenade exploded near his unit during the Battle of Khe Sanh. The grenade had fallen off a flak jacket of one of Cleland's fellow soldiers during a helicopter landing.

"As a 25-year-old serving in the 1st Cavalry Division of the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War, Max lost both of his legs and his right arm in a grenade explosion at Khe Sanh," Biden said. "After grueling months in the hospital, en-



Max Cleland

during multiple surgeries and a long road back to recovery, Max turned his pain into purpose."

Cleland returned to Georgia after his injuries, and served as a state senator from 1971 to 1975. He was the administrator of the U.S. Veterans Administration under President Jimmy Carter from 1977 to 1981.

Cleland then served 14 years as Georgia secretary of state from 1982 to 1996.

When longtime Georgia Sen. Sam Nunn retired, Cleland ran for the seat, defeating Republican Guy Millner. Cleland and Biden served together at that time.

Cleland served one term in the Senate, losing his seat in 2002 to Republican Saxby Chambliss.

"He continued his distinguished public service, becoming a lifelong cham-

See **CLELAND, A7**

Stonecrest mayor arraigned on charges of theft of relief funds

Stonecrest Mayor Jason Lary and a city bookkeeper have been indicted on federal charges related to the alleged theft of COVID-19 relief funds.

Lary and bookkeeper Lania Boone were arraigned in U.S. District Court in Atlanta, prosecutors announced Wednesday.

"Lary allegedly abused the power and trust conferred on him as mayor of Stonecrest to steal hundreds of thousands of dollars intended for COVID-19 relief," acting U.S. Attorney Kurt R. Erskine said. "Instead of providing aid to Stonecrest's deserving citizens, Lary allegedly diverted funds for his own use, including to pay off his taxes and the mortgage on his lakefront home."

Lary, 59, was arraigned on charges of wire fraud, conspiracy and federal program theft. Boone, 60, of Decatur, had been hired for the entity the city hired to disburse the relief money. She was arraigned on a federal charge of conspiring with Lary to steal the relief funds.

President Donald Trump signed the first coronavirus relief package in March 2020, directing the federal government to distribute funds to state and local governments and to individual Americans. DeKalb County got \$125 million and allowed it to further disburse those funds to its cities, and four months later the Board

of Commissioners directed a \$6.2 million grant to Stonecrest.

Lary in September 2020 signed a resolution acknowledging the federal restrictions on money from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act, but allegedly instead of meting out the money as prescribed, the city contracted with Municipal Resource Partners Corp. Inc. to provide accounting services and disburse the relief funds as directed by the city.

Lary allegedly worked behind the scenes to assist MRPC including recruiting its CEO, opening its bank accounts and ensuring Boone would be hired as the bookkeeper.

In about November 2020, Stonecrest published an application on its website for businesses to apply for relief funds under a Small Business Program, including a question of whether the business was willing to allocate 25% of its grant to marketing.

Between November 2020 and February 2021, Boone allegedly signed dozens of checks on behalf of MRPC with Lary allegedly helping to decide where the relief money went.

One church received \$150,000 on the condition \$50,000 be given to a company called Real Estate Management Consultants LLC. Lary didn't disclose he controlled the company. Instead, he allegedly said the money would be used to help with home repairs for people who could not afford them due to the pan-

demic.

In reality, prosecutors claim, Lary used the money for his own purposes, including to pay off tax debts.

Other businesses received relief funds with the stipulation they make contributions to city-related marketing and advertising. Those dollars were directed to entities called Visit Us Inc. and Battleground Media LLC, also controlled by Lary.

Lary also allegedly conspired with Boone to access about \$108,000 in MRPC money for a wire transfer to a mortgage service company, to pay off the mortgage on a lakefront home Lary owned. At the same time, Lary allegedly directed about \$7,600 in stolen relief funds to be paid by Visit Us for Boone's son's college tuition and rent.

Lary became the first mayor of Stonecrest when the south DeKalb County city was founded in 2017.

— *The Walton Tribune*

Senate committee approves expansion of Gwinnett commission

A Georgia Senate committee approved a controversial bill Thursday to almost

double the size of the Gwinnett County Commission, one day after it came under heavy fire from Democrats.

Senate Bill 6EX is sponsored by state Sens. Clint Dixon, R-Buford, and Lee Anderson, R-Grovetown.

The Senate State and Local Governmental Operations Committee approved the bill along party lines after a more than 90-minute hearing Thursday morning.

Democrats unsuccessfully attempted to table the bill for more discussion.

State Sen. Emanuel Jones, D-Decatur, said Dixon's bill is designed to dilute minority voting power in one of the state's most diverse counties.

But Sen. Steve Gooch, R-Dahlonega, said expanding the commission's size is a task that should have been completed years ago.

Along with Dixon, state Rep. Chuck Efstiration, R-Dacula, said the maps are legal and consistent with all federal voting rights laws.

Democrat Nicole Love Hendrickson, chairman of the Gwinnett County Commission, said her county is a model of efficient rep-

resentation and asked the committee to reject the proposal.

— *Capitol Beat News*

Remington to set up global HQ in Georgia

America's oldest firearms manufacturer will locate its global headquarters in Georgia and open a new advanced manufacturing operation in the Peach State, Gov. Brian Kemp announced Monday.

Remington Firearms will invest \$100 million and create 856 jobs in LaGrange over a five-year period on the two

projects.

Founded in 1816, Remington Firearms is one of the United States' largest producers of shotguns and rifles. Several of the company's strategic products will be manufactured in Georgia. The new headquarters will also become home to an innovative research and development center.

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OPINIONS

The Covington News

Jody Hice guest columnist

Honoring our nation's heroes

All throughout our nation's history, our veterans have answered the call to faithfully serve our country. We all owe a deep



Contributed Photo

Pictured are Congressman Jody Hice, veteran Louis Graziano and former President Donald Trump.

to thank our veterans for their service.

While we can never fully repay our veterans for putting their lives on the line to protect our freedoms, we are forever indebted to them.

Here in Georgia's 10th District, we are blessed to have thousands of veterans who selflessly answered the call to serve. It has been humbling to get to know many of them over the years, and let me tell you, they exemplify bravery and

courage like no other.

Among our 10th District heroes, I've had the pleasure of getting to know Louis Graziano, a World War II veteran from Thomson, Georgia. Graziano joined the Army at age 20, landed with the third wave on D-Day on Omaha Beach, fought in the Battle of the Bulge, and is the last survivor to witness the German surrender at the Little Red Schoolhouse. His story is truly an incredible one,

and in September, my staff and I were able to set up a long-awaited meeting with President Donald Trump.

To Mr. Graziano and all our courageous veterans, from the bottom of my heart and on behalf of our grateful nation, thank you for your dedicated service to our country.

Please know, if you are a veteran who is ever having trouble with the VA, my office is here to help. Please call my district office in Monroe at (770) 207-1776 or Greensboro at (762) 445-1776 for assistance.

May God bless each and every one of our veterans, and may God continue to bless the United States of America!

U.S. Rep. Jody Hice, R-Greensboro, represents Georgia's 10th Congressional District.

Dick Yarbrough columnist

God's involvement in wife's portrait was no coincidence



Contributed Photo

Above is a portrait Dick Yarbrough painted of his late wife, Jane. He says God's involvement was no coincidence.

This week, I am going to forego any discussion of politics and share a personal experience with you. It involves art, Ray Charles, the



Righteous Brothers, a refrigerator magnet and me.

I have just finished a portrait of my beloved wife, Jane, who passed away in December. It will hang in her heaven on earth at St. Simons, known to family and friends as Grandma's Beach House.

As I began the project, I had to convince myself that I would try as best I could to not think about who I was painting and focus on the how-to part. I once asked a doctor how he could cut on and operate on a fellow human being. He said, "I become a mechanic, the patient becomes an automobile and I must repair the engine. In other words, I have to detach myself from the fact that I have someone's life in my hands."

I decided that I would do the same. I would focus on the technical aspects I had been taught in art class and detach myself from the subject.

Art is a relatively new experience to me. I was late coming to the discovery that I had a functioning right brain after having spent most of my adult life squeezing all the juice I could from my left brain in order to survive the corporate world in which I lived and worked.

There wasn't a lot of need for creativity in big business, except how to get up the next rung of the management ladder without being knocked off by someone who thought that rung belonged to them. And then, once you got there, staying there. Corporate politics are not for the timid of soul and paint brushes aren't a part of the arsenal.

After turning in my corporate suit and finding there was another world out there that did not involve bottom lines, annual reports and

mind-numbing management conferences, I looked around for something to occupy my time. The Woman Who Shares My Name had made it clear that she neither wanted nor needed my management expertise in helping her run the house.

In truth, she was delighted to see me take to painting after years of watching me dig into my brief case after a dinner that I was usually late getting to because I was held up at the office for reasons that escape me today.

Under the tutelage of an outstanding art instructor, Kristopher Meadows, the art began to flow — landscapes, seascapes, still life, portraits, a painting hanging at the College of Coastal Georgia in Brunswick and one at the State Capitol.

And then it all came crashing down. My wife's slowly and inescapable physical and mental decline became my sole focus. The brushes were put away. Art was no longer important. Losing my soul mate extinguished whatever creative spark I may have had.

It was my good friend, Pam Malone, who convinced me finally to get back on the horse. With some reluctance, I did and slowly got the artistic juices flowing again. First, a simple rose, followed by a camellia and then a decision to tackle the most important painting I will ever do. My wife's portrait.

Surprisingly, it was all going well. I was applying all the lessons I had been taught in class about shapes, values and edges and dealing with my subject matter in an objective and detached manner. And then it happened.

As we paint, our class enjoys the Ray Charles channel on satellite radio, all upbeat and spirited. And so it was with the portrait until the day I got to her eyes. This was no longer simply subject matter. This was my wife. I was looking at her and she was looking back.

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Your Letters to the Editor

Reader sad to see The Oaks Golf Course close

Dear Editor:

In the 1930s Bibb Manufacturing created nine holes of golf along the banks of the Yellow River near Porterdale. As this era was before free money, times were hard and the gift a benevolent and generous gesture by Bibb to spend the money required to give its employees recreation in the form of a golf course.

The course was nine holes and said to have been designed by the most respected name in golf — Bobby Jones. The course had sand greens impregnated with oil to prevent wind erosion of the sand instead of the manicured grass greens we are familiar with today. Sounds so primitive, but as one who caddied and played on these sand greens golfing was fun. After everyone was on the "green" a smooth surface was created using an iron pipe about 2 feet wide attached to a handle.

Then all balls were placed equidistance from the respective lies on the "paved" surface. Putting only required calculations for speed as breaks were small and if you were lucky enough to putt second you saw the break clearly.

On a personal note, I fell in love with the course while a student at Newton County High School and spent many days (some days when I skipped school) there caddying for players mostly from Newton County. Resident legends such as Joe Heard, Charlie Elliott, Albert "Foots" Norton, Otis Spillers, Howard Sullivan, Cotton Harwell, Bud Blair, the Smith brothers, Carl, Peaches and Charlie, and many others who influenced my life so positively. The big caddy days were Wednesday after the noon hour when all the businesses closed and the owners and managers would head for the golf course. Often on

Wednesdays, Homer Sharp, the principal at Newton, would send Ms. Clara Hays out to the course to round up all the students laying out of class. We would see her coming and hide out in the woods until she gave up. Back in those days of wonder and honor, the caddies were paid \$1 for nine holes. I often carried two bags that weighed as much as I did and often caddied 45 holes in a day and played nine. On the weekends, the scat games were played — each scat worth a quarter and would mount up as all carryovers were paid to the winner — often Albert Norton took the bacon home. There were so many side bets that a secretary was needed to keep up with how much was owed.

Two of the local players worthy of mention in this tribute, not obituary, of the old Porterdale course were Drs. Peaches Smith and Vernon Cowan — both dentists who played major roles in my dental care and hygiene awareness. They both noticed that my teeth were being neglected and cavities forming. Back in these days of fillings instead of crowns, both these fantastic players and gentlemen would charge me \$4 per filling and allow me to caddy the charge off. They would always pay me a little on the side so would not go home broke. They will be in my heart forever.

There were many caddies and players who became my lifelong

friends — friends such as John and Charles Womack, Jack Loyd, Billy Crowell (a great man by anyone's standards), Clifford Capps, Earl Tollerson, Gerald McGibboney, Billy Dean Rutledge, Jeff Dial and so many others, too many to name but all will always be remembered. All my ushers at my wedding were players and friends from the old Porterdale course.

The old Porterdale course has many stories to tell — some good and some not so good but all worthy of a fine memory bank for me personally. It later became an 18-hole course with grass greens as fine as anywhere with names such as Silo Cay, Fox Run and, now, The Oaks. It has been The Oaks since 1990 — 31 years and managed by Mr. Dick Schulz who has provided the local area a really fun and nice course with reasonable fees equal to anywhere. Dick has put his life into the course and his heart must break as does mine that the story of the Porterdale course will now end. In the next couple of days no tees will ever be stuck into the ground nor balls hit again — sadly it is over. Once not so long ago I had thought about having my ashes spread over this land that I had trod so many hundreds of times. But not now.

I do not believe that the course is closing due to finances and that it is still profitable, but the land not as profitable as it could be. It is surprising and sad that the county or the city could not step in and buy the course.

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Covington council members voice concern over lack of code enforcement

Request made to have open meeting with municipal court judge to discuss process, 'his vision'

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COVINGTON, Ga. — Councilwoman Hawnethia Williams believes some areas within the city are “deplorable” due to a lack of code enforcement and a slow-paced court system, and said it was past time to find a resolution.

However, the city is limited in what it can do because of state and federal restrictions. Williams, who represents Covington’s West Ward in Post 2, said she’s heard of problems with the city’s code enforcement “trying to get things resolved through court.” She said it seemed as



Covington City Council members discuss code enforcement during a Nov. 1 meeting.
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though the process was taking such a long time and nothing was being accomplished. Williams asked the council to collectively take interest and look into the issue because it was becoming a matter of quality of life.

“Quality of life of those who want to do right are affected by those who don’t want to,” she said during a

Nov. 1 Covington City Council meeting.

Councilman Kenneth Morgan quickly voiced his support and agreement with Williams’ comments, but he went a step further by requesting Municipal Court Judge M. Qader A. Baig be scheduled to speak with the council about the issue.

Baig was appointed by the city council and

sworn in as municipal court judge in December 2018 by former mayor Ronnie Johnston.

The Covington resident was chosen from a field of applicants to fill the position after the death of Judge Billy Waters.

Baig is the founder and managing partner of Conyers-based law firm M. Qader A. Baig

& Associates, LLC. He has served as a special prosecutor in Covington and Porterdale, and is also the county attorney for Rockdale County. Baig has also spent time as assistant district attorney for Cobb County, assistant district attorney for Rockdale County, and solicitor general for DeKalb County.

City Manager Scott

Andrews said he and staff members could coordinate with Baig and the council to set up a work session for the discussion, but Morgan said he’d prefer the discussion be had during a council meeting to allow residents the opportunity to hear what is said and be completely transparent.

“We’ve got to get a handle on this,” Williams reiterated. Councilwoman Susie Keck asked if a list of addresses for the areas of discussion could be given to be reviewed. Williams replied that a list of addresses had been given in the past

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Covington seeks public safety pay supplement grant

By **TAYLOR BECK**
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COVINGTON, Ga. — City leaders are seeking more bonus pay for its public safety employees.

During its recent Nov. 1 meeting, the Covington City Council unanimously approved a resolution to apply for a public safety officials and first responders pay supplement grant that would provide a \$1,000 bonus to its employees.

Councilman Don Floyd, who is Covington’s former fire chief, first brought up the idea of applying for the grant at the end of the council’s Nov. 18 meeting.

“If anybody deserves this, those folks deserve it,” Floyd said.

Assistant Finance Director

Ashlan Webb said the grant program was created by Gov. Brian Kemp after the state received its allocation of federal funds through the American Rescue Plan Act. If awarded, Webb confirmed the pay supplements would be a gross \$1,000 per employee on record as of Aug. 31. The city may be subject to providing a match amount, Webb said, but exact details were still forthcoming.

“It’s essentially a bonus — kind of like hazard pay — a ‘thank you’ for working through COVID,” Webb told the council.

Should the city be awarded the grant, \$1,000 supplements would be the second of its kind since the pandemic began.

In June 2020 — during the height of COVID — the council

approved a one-time, monetary hazard incentive payment in the amount of \$625 per public safety employee to boost morale and help avoid potential turnover during “a time of civil unrest.”

“That’s for their continuous efforts and everything that they are going to continue to do for us,” City Manager Scott Andrews said in June 2021. “Because during all of this, I’d be lying if I said it didn’t take a toll on morale. I think this is a gesture that would go a long way.”

In other business, the council:

- Approved the appointment of Rev. Barbara Brown, nominated by Councilman Anthony Henderson, to the Citizen Review Board. Brown takes the place

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It was then on the Ray Charles channel that I hear the Righteous Brothers and Unchained Melody. This was Our Song. The one in which we fell in love as teenagers and knew that it was for real. I had never heard

anything closely resembling a ballad on the Ray Charles channel before then and haven’t since. And it was playing as we were locked onto each other’s eye in art class. It was an unbelievable moment.

Oh, and the refrigera-

tor magnet I mentioned earlier? It says, “Coincidence is God’s way of remaining anonymous.” What happened that day was no coincidence. No way. It was God’s way of saying that Jane is with you and always will be.

Love never dies.

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If \$75,000 can be spent on an unauthorized study for the feasibility of building condos and apartments on the space now occupied by Baker Field and the old Covington Gymnasium, and supposedly without the knowledge of the City Council with goofy explanations that the money came from bonds (that surprisingly as if the bonds were money from trees that did not need redemption or paid interest), then this piece of history could and should have been saved.

As I drive on I-20 into Covington I see signs saying Historic Covington. With the County Commission’s drive to rewrite history in the insanity of removing the statue of Johnny Reb on Covington’s square and now the closing of our 90-year-old historical golf course, I now wonder what is historic about Covington besides the local lore about Sherman’s march through Covington on the way to Savannah.

The closing of the old Porterdale course should be a day of

sorrow for all who love this town and county. It is for me. Money now trumps everything else.

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Area woman able to flee carjack attempt

By TOM SPIGOLON
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Two men shot at a Covington woman as she drove her SUV away from their attempt to carjack her Tuesday night in an east Newton neighborhood, she told deputies.

The Newton County Sheriff's Office was investigating after the 44-year-old victim said she was attacked as she drove into the River Walk Farm subdivision Nov. 9 at about 6:47 p.m.

She told deputies she was driving her 2019 Jaguar F-Pace SUV in the area of Waterbrush Way and Snapdragon Lane when she noticed a burnt orange sedan following her.

"Moments later she saw a male with a gun that started shooting at her," the report stated.

The suspect's vehicle had two Black males inside. The

passenger had a "thin build" with "a lot of hair" while no additional description was given for the driver, said sheriff's office spokesperson Caitlin Jett.

The suspects fled once she turned her vehicle into the neighborhood, Jett said. The victim did not know her attackers, the report stated.

A neighbor told The Covington News the suspects "blocked her in," started shooting and "told her to give them her car." However, the incident report did not confirm those details.

It stated three projectiles were located on the ground and two bullet holes were located in the vehicle. Damage was found to the back hatch, seats and lower part of the vehicle near the tail pipe, the report stated.

In an unrelated incident, a Covington man told deputies his juvenile stepson used the pointed end of a

yard light to stab him in the forearm Tuesday at about 5 p.m.

The deputy reported answering a call at a residence on Ridge Pointe Drive in reference to a "juvenile problem."

He said he met with the 60-year-old complainant who said at around 4:55 p.m. "his juvenile stepson was being belligerent and combative."

"When he was attempting to restrain the juvenile by grasping his shirt, the juvenile picked up a yard light and stabbed him in the left forearm with the pointed end of the light stem," the report stated.

Though the report said the victim received "severe lacerations," the wound was listed as "superficial."

"Juvenile Services were contacted and a juvenile complaint was completed," it stated.

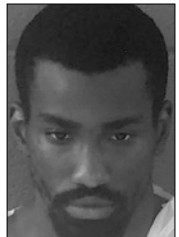
Bond denied for suspect in murder of Fulton deputy, her brother

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COVINGTON, Ga. — A Newton County judge denied bond Wednesday for the husband of a Fulton County sheriff's deputy charged with murdering the deputy and her brother Oct. 27 in the couple's Covington residence.

During a hearing Wednesday, Superior Court Judge Ken Wynne denied a request to set a bond for Jaquavia Jackson, 28, to allow his possible release from the Newton County Detention Center before facing hearings on the charges.

Jackson is charged with two counts each of Murder, Aggravated Assault and Pos-



Jaquavia Jackson

session of a Firearm During the Commission of a Crime for allegedly shooting and killing his wife, Fulton Deputy Shakeema Brown Jackson, and her brother, Levoy Brown, 30, of Covington.

The case is currently set for a Dec. 1 preliminary hearing in Magistrate Court.

District Attorney Randy McGinley said the case could be presented to the December or January grand juries. A grand jury decides if there is enough evidence for issuance of indictments against the accused on the charges.

A Newton County Sheriff's Office report stated the incident occurred Oct. 27 about 10:30 p.m. in the Windcrest Drive home the Jacksons shared with their 17-month-old child, who was not harmed.

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Eastside student charged after pulling Taser during school fight

By TOM SPIGOLON
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COVINGTON, Ga. — An Eastside High School student is facing charges of carrying a weapon on school grounds and assault after a Taser was pulled during an altercation between two teen girls in the school's student parking lot this week.

Julie Jasmin Portillo, 17, was arrested and charged with Carrying Weapons within School Safety Zones and Affray, which is fighting in a public place, following the Monday, Nov. 8, incident.

The other girl in the fight, Bria Kathryn Ham, 17, also was charged with Affray.

The two were booked into the Newton County Detention Center Tuesday and later released on bond, according to jail records.

A Newton County Sheriff's Office report stated Principal Jeff

Cher called School Resource Officer Earl Nesbitt to a fight in the student parking lot.

The report on the 3:15 p.m. incident did not name the weapon but classified it as "other firearm" and not a handgun.

Newton County School System spokesperson Sherri Partee said two students "engaged in an altercation after hours in the parking lot at Eastside High School" and "one of the participants involved discharged a Taser."

No injuries were reported, she said.

"In addition to possible legal charges, both students will be disciplined for violating the student Code of Conduct," Partee said.

Conviction on the weapons charge, which is a felony, could bring a fine of up to \$10,000 and imprisonment between two and 10 years, according to state law.

In addition, the school's district's Code of Conduct states that violation of its illegal weapons prohibition makes the student subject to at least 10 days of suspension and

referral to a formal hearing, while violation of the fighting prohibition includes a 10-day suspension and referral for a hearing, the Code states.

"Misbehavior governed by the code may occur during school hours, outside school hours, on school grounds or campus, off school grounds or campus, at school-sponsored activities whether on or off school grounds/campus, and/or on school-sponsored transportation."



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political nature of the position.

"I would venture to say there is not an administrator or county manager in the state that does not have a contract or ... agreement that protects from the whim of a political body."

Commissioners also reportedly were informed about the law's impact. County Attorney Patrick Jaugstetter declined to comment because it was a matter between an attorney and client. Mason declined comment because it was a "personnel matter," he said. Sanders deferred a question about the law's impact to the county attorney. Henderson could not be reached for comment before Friday's deadline.

Before the Nov. 2 vote, the three commissioners who opposed the renewal had been at odds with Kerr on a number of issues — most recently his cautious approach to giving out more than \$10 million in COVID relief funds the county has held since May.

Some commissioners and District 113 State Rep. Sharon Henderson, D-Covington, had publicly questioned Kerr's unwillingness to expedite county efforts to issue the federal American Rescue Plan funds to county residents needing money to cover rent and utilities due to COVID-related illnesses and job losses.

Kerr maintained the county needed to wait for final guidance from the U.S. Treasury Department to issue the money for fear of having to pay back any funds the federal gov-

ernment found had not been issued according to its changing guidelines.

He also in recent months publicly admonished commissioners for directly contacting employees under Kerr's supervision about work projects — which he said was counter to what were defined duties in the county's operating charter. However, some commissioners took issue with his statement because of what they said were delays in Kerr returning calls and the need for contacting county department heads in a more timely manner.

Banes said Nov. 2 he was vetoing the 3-2 vote not to renew Kerr's contract because of the financial "leadership" Kerr had shown since his hiring in 2016.

Banes said Kerr had overseen a county government budget that increased its reserves from less than one month's worth of oper-

ating funds in 2016 to more than five months' worth this year.

Commissioner Alana Sanders said she had problems with Kerr's job performance, such as his "insensitive" approach to dealing with the public — referring to audience members needing rent assistance hearing Kerr try to convince commissioners to wait on the funding because the eviction problem was not as widespread as reported.

Sanders also said she objected to the terms of Kerr's contract because they put the county at "financial risk." Among its requirements are payment of 75% of annual salary if the Board terminates the manager before the end of the contract.

Kerr was promoted from planning director to interim county manager in January 2016 and named to the permanent position in August 2016. His contract was renewed in early 2019.

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pion of the dignity and rights of working people and America’s wounded veterans,” Biden said. “His leadership was the essential driving force behind the creation of the modern VA health system, where so many of his fellow heroes have found lifesaving support and renewed purpose of their own thanks in no small part to Max’s lasting impact.”

Cleland supported fellow Vietnam vet John Kerry in his 2004 presidential bid.

In 2009, President Barack Obama nominated Cleland to serve as secretary of the American Battle Monuments Commission. Cleland served in that position until Obama left office.

Upon news of Cleland’s passing, tributes immediately began pouring in from elected officials and others across the country.

“Senator Cleland was a hero, a patriot, a public servant, and a friend. His advice as I entered the Senate and in the early months of my tenure have been invaluable. Georgia and the nation will deeply miss him. Ali-sha and I are keeping Senator Cleland’s family in our prayers.” — U.S. Sen. Jon Ossoff, D-Ga.

“Marty, the girls, and I join Georgians in mourning the loss of a great patriot, Max Cleland. Senator Cleland’s service to our state, nation, and his fellow veterans was defined by his optimism, grit, and determination to give hardworking Georgians a better chance to achieve the American dream. Max’s example of persevering through adversity will continue to inspire generations of Georgians for years to come.” — Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp

“The indefatigable Senator Max Cleland of Lithonia, Georgia, was a giant of a human being who, in overcoming all adversity, showed us how to build a winning life. Although our paths did not cross frequently, often when we saw each other Max would grab me and bestow a big hug, and I would hug him right back. Highly accomplished, Max also exuded warmth and positivity, and treated all with kindness. I salute Max for a life well lived, and we will miss him greatly. My prayers go out to his entire family.” — U.S. Rep. Hank Johnson, D-Stone Mountain

“Max Cleland was a hero of mine. I am very sad we have lost such an amazing American. He said, ‘To live is to suffer. To survive is to find meaning in the suffering.’” — U.S. Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse, D-R.I.

“U.S. Senator Max Cleland will be deeply missed. He was a pillar in the Democratic Party, a defender of democracy, and an advocate for our veterans. A treasure has moved on to glory. Praying for his family and friends and all those whose lives he touched.” — Felicia Moore, Atlanta City Council president, mayoral candidate

“Senator Cleland epitomized the values of service and patriotism. As a Georgian and as the daughter of a veteran, I know that our nation is better for his leadership. Praying for his family and loved ones.” — State Sen. Jen Jordan, D-Atlanta

“U.S. Senator Max Cleland sacrificed for and served Georgia and our nation with true integrity. He defended democracy, spoke up for veterans and embodied a quiet dignity that lifted all who knew him. God’s peace to his family and friends as he takes rest from his labors.” — Stacey Abrams, former Georgia gubernatorial candidate

“The nation has lost a true giant of public service, and Georgia has lost one of our fiercest champions. My prayers are with Senator Cleland’s family and all those who loved him. Senator Cleland was a passionate patriot with a big heart for our veterans, and he always put the people of Georgia first. Georgians will long remember and admire his honorable life, legacy and contributions to our state and nation.” — U.S. Sen. Raphael Warnock, D-Georgia

ton, he said.

No other details were available, Park said.

The operation to arrest the men involved numerous local, state and DEA agents, he said.

“Our folks are trained to combat these threats,” he said.

It was a Department of Homeland Security-led event aided by the DEA, GBI and sheriff’s office, said

spokesperson Caitlin Jett. She deferred comment to the DEA about other parts of the operation.

Park said agents also uncovered a suspected meth conversion lab operating in a house in a Duluth neighborhood Tuesday and had discovered another in Ellenwood in recent weeks.

The tractor-trailer — en route from Mexi-

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quick thinking, Reniya and her family were able to escape the fire without sustaining any injuries. Although they have lost their home, the family still have each other.

“I’m proud of my baby. She’s an attentive listener,” said Mrs. Ritter. “She’s very helpful. She wants to see people win. She helped us. She really, really saved us by listening and paying attention. I told her that was an A+ for me because not everybody pays attention and utilizes and brings it home. Everything she learned from Mr. Franklin, she brought it home and shared it with her family. We were able to put that into perspective and she saved us.”

Franklin said he was extremely proud of Reniya.

“It definitely made my day that she took the lesson to heart and brought that home to her family and not only did she learn it, but she passed it on to them and put it into use, so I’m very proud of her,” he said.

Livingston Elementary School Principal Yoli Howard said she, too, was very proud of Reniya for not only paying attention to this life-saving information but also putting it to use to save her family.

“The fact that I have a third grader who came in, took it seriously, brought it home to her mother and was

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Pastor Lewis Logan of St. Paul A.M.E. Church said the money will help it buy 100 holiday meals it will offer to the community as part of its work to ease food insecurity in the area.

Pastor Bryan Alexander of Zion Baptist said it will help the church buy toys for the annual Toys for Tots campaign, give gift cards to the less fortunate and partner with area schools on holiday assistance efforts.

Premier Petroleum Hospitality is investing \$50 million to build the Residence Inn and Courtyard by Marriott hotels within the mixed-use Covington Town Center development at I-20 and Alcovy Road in Covington, he said.

Bernd, who formerly led the Newton County Industrial Development Authority in recent years, said his familiarity with Mason’s community work prompted him to contact the commissioner when deciding how to distribute the money.

Mason has led and organized such recent projects as “Clean Up Newton,” a job and housing initiative for the homeless, a free movie series and bi-monthly food giveaway at Denny Dobbs Park, and a mentoring effort through Newton Mentoring Inc. that was founded by the late Judge Horace Johnson.

“These community activities propelled him and Premier Petroleum to partner with me on a community holiday event,” Mason said.

co — may have been going to the Duluth lab or some other location.

The meth would be extracted from the foam, cooked to remove impurities, and converted into a drug to be sold on the street, Park said.

He said Mexican drug cartels were now producing most meth in much more sophisticated ways than portrayed on TV shows like

“Breaking Bad,” which often showed crude American labs which formerly primarily produced the drug.

The drug now also is often being produced in labs found in “quiet residential neighborhoods” but still contain chemicals that are “just as dangerous,” Park said.

able to explain everything,” said Howard. “It filled my heart as a principal just knowing that we are doing the right things, bringing the programs in, and allowing the kids to have all of these different experiences. It fills my heart to know that she really did get it.”

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but not much had been done, but she was open to having another list provided.

Williams said it would be good to speak with Baig to better “understand what is his vision for what it is he’s doing in line with what it is we want to have done in this city.”

“Because some areas of our city are just deplorable as result of a lack of us as a city cracking down on these landlords,” Williams said. “[Just] because we’re doing well does not eliminate our

responsibility of assuring the quality of life of other people in our community, and that is not happening.

“It bothers me when I hear people crying, concerned about their neighborhood going down, people not following ordinances and never getting any repercussions for it,” she added. “That hurts. It really hurts ... We’ve got to get a handle on this.”

Mayor Steve Horton agreed and supported Williams’ request to have Baig speak with

the council was a good idea, but he believed talking with the judge about specific cases and residences was inappropriate.

“I don’t think it’s appropriate for us as individuals, whether we are on the council or not, to talk about specific locations that may already be on the court docket or have been reviewed ... because I don’t think it’s our job to tell the judge or even inquire how he’s adjudicating cases that are pending,” Horton said. “But I do think you can talk about general code enforcement and how the judge functions on that and seek comments from him ... on what does it take to speed up that process or get things fully reviewed and discussed.

“But the one thing I do know: once the case is written it becomes his, and he’s the judge,” he added. “If you’re not happy with the judge, there’s a process for dealing with the judge.

“Perhaps having that conversation can help us understand, again, you know, how he approaches a case,” Horton continued. “Is it a warning the first time, or a second time, or is there some severity level he may be looking at for how he starts off with it? What he’s thinking when he sends somebody back out to do some work or whatever. I think we have some important questions to get answers to, but in the same sense, he has a job to do and we need to be respect-

County area.

Deputy Veronica Williams and probation and parole officers hosted this annual event Oct. 31 to ensure high-risk sex offenders were appropriately supervised while families participate in Halloween festivities.

The NCSO’s Sex Offender Compliance

Check was initiated in 2006 and became part of the Georgia Sheriffs’ Association’s annual initiative, Operation Watchful Eye, in 2015.

This year, Operation Watchful Eye involved 66 Georgia sheriffs. There was a total of 35 sex offenders arrested and 51 warrants issued across the state of

Georgia from Oct. 25, through Nov. 1, 2021.

In Newton County, there are currently 325 registered sex offenders. No arrests were made in the community during this year’s event.

A current list of registered sex offenders can be accessed on the NC-SO’s website at www.newtonsheriffga.org.

fix plumbing because we get them at the lowest rent in the city’ ... There was a 6-year-old girl in [one house] living there, and a lady came to me and said, ‘You see the outside of this house?’ Want to come in and see the inside?’ I did. It was falling apart. The whole place was falling apart, and she’s a renter. That shouldn’t happen.”

During the same forum, Councilwoman Susie Keck said the stories were true, saying there were people living with dirt floors. But, Keck said there were limitations in place that prevented the city from taking action.

“When you hear these horror stories about these rental properties around Covington, it’s true,” Keck said. “There are people living on dirt floors. But did you know we, as a city, cannot walk across that threshold. The state of Georgia keeps us from going into that house and inspecting it unless we’re invited. If we’re invited, we can go in and we can make the landlord go do something. But what do you think happens when the landlord is told they have to raise the utilities, fix the plumbing and fix the wiring? They raise the rent, and the people can’t pay.”

City Attorney Frank Turner Jr. confirmed to The Covington News that the city was, in fact, limited as to what actions could be taken.

“There are federal and state constitutional

limitations on what the city take regarding private property and procedure that have to be followed in order to comply with the owner’s constitutional right to due process,” he said.

As for what legal options the city does have:

“Georgia law allows the city to cite properties which are unfit for human habitation or for commercial, industrial or business use if the city code enforcement finds conditions exist which are dangerous to health or safety of the occupants,” Turner said. “Such conditions include defects that increase fire hazards, lack of adequate ventilation, light of sanitary facilities, dilapidation, disrepair, structural defects or uncleanness.”

Turner said warrants could be obtained for inspection of a property if the municipal court judge determined there was cause for such an inspection.

“Following service of a complaint upon the owners and a hearing in municipal court, the municipal court judge has the power to order repairs or to order demolition of the structure if repairs would cost more than one-half the value of the structure,” Turner said. “If the owner fails to comply, the court can authorize the city to repair or demolish the property with a lien against the property for the cost.”

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of Michael Syphoe. Syphoe chose to resign due to a conflict with work obligations, Mayor Steve Horton said.

The board’s first meeting is set for Wednesday, Nov. 16, at 6:30 p.m.

- Approved 5-1 (Councilman Kenneth Morgan opposed) the final reading of an ordinance amendment to Section 16.16.020 (Permitted Uses) and adoption of Section 16.20.615 (Recreational Goods Rental).

- Approved 4-2 (Councilwoman Fleeta Baggett and Floyd opposed) consent to an access and temporary construction and slope easement between the Covington Housing Authority and TRG Washington Street LLC. Per the city attorney, apparently the CHA has some land that the city, by title search, is

the lien holder on, and so for the easement to be signed between CHA and TRG Washington Street LLC, the city had to consent to it, Horton said.

- Approved license to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption only for City Pharmacy, El Chaparro, Mystic Grill, OSAKE and Tello’s Mexican Grill.

- Approved license to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption only for Beverage Mall and Hester Package Store.

- Approved 5-1 (Morgan opposed), pending legal review, a contract with Darnel Quick Recovery, Inc., to provide collection services for and through the city’s finance department.

- Approved a Build Back Better Regional Challenge Application Approval Letter expost fac-

to. If awarded, the grant would be up to \$28 million and could fund a plethora of infrastructure needs, Public Works Director Kevin Sorrow said.

- Approved a resolution asking to apply for a grant from the 2022 TIP Solicitation program to fund the utilities and construction portion of Phase I of the Hwy. 278 CID Master Plan from Exit 90 to Emory St.

- Approved a ECG Fiscal Year 2021 (FY21) Year-End Settlement (YES) and Contract Payment Reimbursement totaling \$9,940.23.

- Approved 5-0 (Councilwoman Hawnethia Williams abstained) the Covington City Council meeting calendar for 2022.

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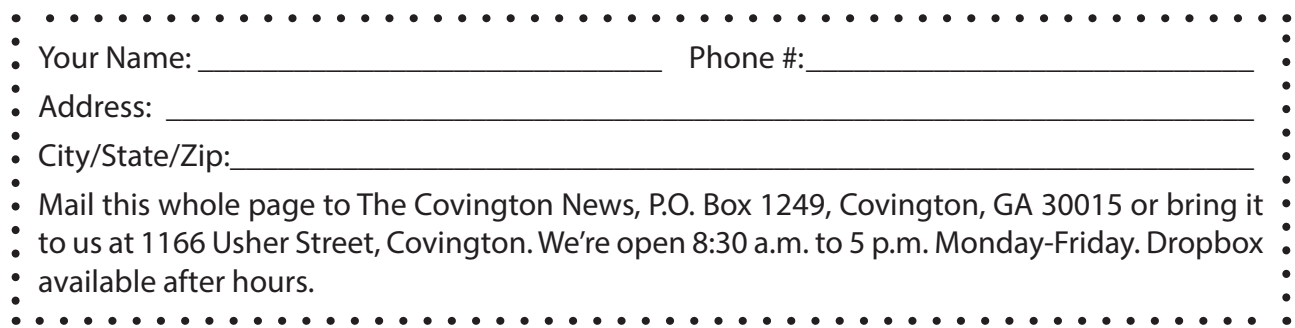
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Boy Scouts of America: State Representative honors former Troop 222 scoutmaster



Special Photo

Members of Troop 222 of Covington stand with State Rep. Dave Belton and Lee Aldridge with the state resolution in honor of Jerry Aldridge, who was the scoutmaster for Troop 222. The proclamation honors Jerry Aldridge for his volunteerism through Scouting, Kiwanis Club, Lions Club and Piedmont Newton Hospital. Jerry Aldridge died in March at the age of 82.



Special Photo

From left, District 112 State Rep. Dave Belton presents a state resolution honoring the late Jerry Aldridge to Lee Aldridge, his wife of 60 years; daughter Cindy Aldridge Norton; and son, Austin Aldridge.

City of Covington revs up for Christmas season

Lighting of Square set for Nov. 18; ice rink at Legion Field set for return

By TAYLOR BECK
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COVINGTON, Ga. — With Thanksgiving only days away and Christmas just around the corner, the city of Covington is full speed ahead and getting into the holiday spirit.

Next week, Thursday, Nov. 18, the city will hold its annual Lighting of the Square event to officially kick off the holiday season. Festivities are set to begin at 6 p.m. Community Development Director Trey Sanders said it would be a spectacular event for all to enjoy.

“The 2021 Lighting of the Square is going to be the perfect opportunity for a couple things,” Sanders said. “It is a great occasion

to usher in the Christmas season and share some time with friends and family while enjoying a magnificent light display on the Square. The Lighting of the Square, and the weeks leading up to Christmas also afford, citizens an opportunity to support our local merchants on the Square. That group of small business owners was hit hard by COVID and can still use all of the support we as a community can give them.”

With the help of the Newton County Arts Association, Sanders there would be musical performances by the Oxford Youth Singers and Oxford Singing Children. Mayor Steve Horton and Newton



County Board of Commissioners Chairman Marcello Banes are also expected to make remarks. There will also be a smores station manned by members of the fire department, Sanders said, and a special appearance by Santa Claus.

Sanders said there would be a full closure of the Square for this year’s event, unlike last year, which he said was a “a step in the direction of returning to normal.” Closures will begin as early as 8:45 a.m. when the city’s street department will

close Clark Street from Hendrick to Hay. Closer to the event’s start time, full closure of the Square will begin at 4 p.m. and allow vehicles to exit. Following the lighting, the Square will be reopened by 8:30 p.m., but Clark Street may remained closed to break down the stage and setup.

In years past, the event had been accompanied with fireworks, horse-drawn carriage rides, a parade with an after-party, a live nativity scene, a Christmas scavenger hunt and a movie night. In 2019,

Organizers of this year’s Lighting of the Square look forward to returning to a resemblance of normal. Last year’s event had to be scaled down due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
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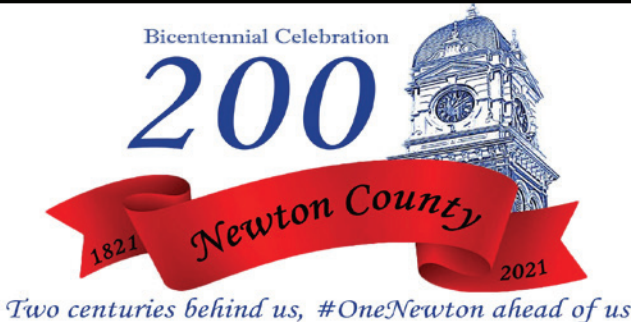
the Lighting of Downtown Covington was recognized as one of the “Top 10 Tree Lighting Events in Georgia” by Trips to Discover. But in 2020, the event was scaled down due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In addition to the Lighting of the Square, Sanders said the ice rink would be returning to Legion Field this winter. The tentative opening date was set for Nov. 19 but was subject to change depending on the weather. If it temperatures are unseasonably high,

making ice becomes more difficult and in turn, delays the opening. Conyers-based Ice Days will maintain its covered 5,500-square-foot ice rink at Legion Field until Feb. 21, 2022.

The ice rink will be available for all ages to enjoy; however, anyone under the age of 13 years old must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, including prices and hours of operation, visit icedays.com/covington.

Last year, amenities around the ice rink included fire pits, gingerbread house decorating and other family-friendly activities. Sanders said static displays illuminating holiday characters like Santa, reindeer and a snowman would be in place this year for the public to take photos.



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Eastside's Jayden Barr (21) scores on a fumble recovery from a botched snap by New Manchester.

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from nine yards out to make the score 41-35 with only 24 seconds remaining.

Eastside's Kaden Elkins recovered New Manchester's onside kick attempt, and E'Sean Arnold took a knee to conclude the contest.

Multiple people made contributions on offense.

Dallas Johnson and Kenai Grier each scored two touchdowns and Williams went 2-for-3 on field goals connecting from 26 and 21 yards out.

Advancing to the second round, Eastside will face the winner between Griffin and Jones County next Friday, Nov. 19.

Piedmont Academy Cougars 49, Fullington Academy Trojans 15

Cougars punish Trojans in first round matchup

By CHRIS BRIDGES
Correspondent

MONTICELLO, Ga. — Piedmont Academy took control early of its opening-round state playoff contest with visiting Fullington Academy on Friday and never looked back.

The Cougars (8-3) scored early and often in the first half to quickly seal the 49-15 win against the visiting Trojans (1-9).

Piedmont advances to the GISA Class A semifinals next Friday against Georgia Christian in Valdosta. The Generals received a bye in the first round.

Cougar quarterback Justin Reynolds was sharp in the passing game with three first half touchdown tosses. Reynolds spread the wealth with scoring tosses to Ryan Holder, Landon Conner and Ryan Kennemore.

The Cougars wasted little time getting on the scoreboard taking the game's opening series and marching 60 yards in six plays. Michael Joseph reached the endzone on a 20-yard run with 9:29 left in the first. Conner added the point-after kick. The senior was 6-of-6 for the night.

The Trojans had to start their initial possession at their own 1-yard line after slipping on



Taylor Beck | The Covington News
Piedmont Academy receiver Landon Conner (10) accounted for three touchdowns against Fullington Academy on Friday, including a 61-yard TD reception, 75-yard kickoff return for a touchdown and a 100-yard pick-six.

the kickoff. Piedmont's defense forced a three-and-out to start and then took over at the Fullington 27-yard line.

It took only play for the Cougars to reach the endzone again on a 27-yard pass from Justin Reynolds to Ryan Holder with 7:20 remaining in the first.

Piedmont's defense allowed one first down on the Trojans second possession of the first

half before forcing another punt. The Cougar offense struck again on a 61-yard pass from Reynolds to Conner with 4:01 still left in the opening quarter.

Reynolds struck again on a 9-yard pass to Ryan Kennemore with 10 seconds to play in the opening quarter.

Fullington reached paydirt on a 70-yard reception by Shiloh Kehayes with 9:45 re-

maining in the first half to pull within 28-7. The play capped a 75-yard drive of five plays.

Conner quickly answered by returning the ensuing kickoff 75 yards for a 35-7 lead with 9:33 remaining in the second quarter.

Holder's punt return put Piedmont in scoring position again at the 4-yard line. Gavin Mask carried the football in this time to widen the advantage to 42-7.

The Trojans threatened again before halftime before Conner intercepted a pass and returned it 100 yards for another Cougar score with 38 seconds left in the second quarter. Mark Myles stepped in and handled the point-after kick.

Defensively, Piedmont also had a strong quarterfinal game. Several players had stand-out games on the defensive side of the football including Ridge Stroud, Mason Tanner, Cole Wade, Dalton Wallace, Mason Owens, Conner and Mask.

Fullington added its second score with one minute remaining in the third quarter. With a running clock, the Trojans used the entire quarter for a 2-yard score and 2-point conversion.

Unity Christian Lions 44, Peachtree Academy Panthers 8

Peachtree Academy season ends with blowout loss to Union Christian

By GARRETT PITTS
Correspondent

The Panthers season came to an end Friday night with a 44-8 loss to Unity Christian in the first round of the playoffs.

Peachtree Academy finished the regular season with a 3-4 record overall and a 0-2

record in the region, but the Panthers were still looking to create a spark going into the playoffs as they matched up with the 7-3 Lions.

The Panthers struggled for majority of the game to create any offense as the Lions were able to penetrate the

backfield often to blow up numerous plays.

The Lions struck first on their opening drive, scoring on a 37-yard rush from Nate Giddens.

Following a turnover on downs from the Panthers, the Lions would score again in a big way as quarterback

John Nance took it himself for the 67-yard score.

The next Panthers' drive did not fare any better as it resulted in another turnover on downs. The Lions capitalized once again as Nance connected with Bailey Mohler for the 31-yard passing

touchdown to put Unity Christian up 24-0 going into halftime.

The Panthers stuck to the run game for the full quarters, not passing the ball on a single down.

A few plays for the Panthers broke up for yardage but the lack of blocking up front prevented them from keeping it close with a high scoring Lions' offense.

During the third quarter, Nance scored two more times.

First, he connected with Cooper Giddens from seven yards out for the score. On the next drive he took the ball in himself for the 25-yard touchdown.

The Lions' last score of the game would come in the fourth quarter as C. Giddens took the carry outside for the nine-yard touchdown.

During the last two minutes of the game, the Panthers scored



Garrett Pitts | The News
Peachtree Academy's Kore Haynes accounted for 190 rushing yards and a score on 26 carries in Friday's loss to Union Christian.

their lone touchdown as junior Kore Haynes broke off for the 56-yard touchdown to put Peachtree Academy's only points on the board. Haynes led the team with 190 yards rushing on 26 carries.

On the next Lions' drive following the Panthers' touchdown, the clock ran out and Unity Christian advanced to the next round with the 44-8 victory.



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Special to The Covington News
Alcovy's MJ Stroud, via his Twitter, his commitment to Georgia Southern on Nov. 11. The 6'3, 230-pound athlete is committing to the Eagles as an outside linebacker. Stroud chose them over the University of Louisiana, Virginia Tech, Tulane and Middle Tennessee State.



Special to The Covington News
Newton's Kyla Stroud has committed to further her softball career at Auburn University. Stroud is currently a junior for the Lady Rams. She has earned All-Region honors over multiple seasons for her dominance at the plate.



File | Phillip B. Hubbard | The Covington News
Newton senior Hayden Pearson made a special announcement on Nov. 10. She committed to Augusta State College to further her softball career. Pearson has mainly served as a pitcher for the Lady Rams during high school.



Special to The Covington News
Marquavious Brown announced on his Twitter account that he was committing to play college basketball at the University of Georgia. Brown, a 4-star athlete, according 247Sports, chose the Bulldogs from a final four list that included Missouri, UAB and Texas Tech.

Prep Football

Eastside's Johnson races into record books

Senior running back sets new single-season record for total yards rushing

By PHILLIP B. HUBBARD
phubbard@covnews.com

COVINGTON, Ga. - The Eastside Football Twitter account released some exciting news about the Eagles' senior running back.

Dallas Johnson set the single season rushing record for Eastside. He concluded the regular season with 1,517 yards and 17 rushing touchdowns. While accomplishing this, Johnson averaged eight yards per carry.

When he found out the news, Johnson was very happy, but he didn't hog all the glory that comes with this achievement.

"I wouldn't be able to do it without my team," Johnson said. "My offensive line and wide receivers do a great job blocking."

Previously holding the record was former Eastside running back, Git Aiken in 2008.

Head coach Jay Cawthon has coached both Johnson and Aiken.

Ironically, Cawthon highlighted the similarities between both running backs.

"Dallas runs just as physical as Git," Cawthon said. "Dallas has got more speed than Git, but he mainly



File | The Covington News
Dallas Johnson (3) has accumulated more than 1,500 rushing yards this season. The total gives him the single season rushing record for Eastside football.

reminds me of Git with his vision on the field."

Johnson has become the central focus of the Eagles' offense this year.

Whether it's in the backfield next to E'Sean Arnold or in the Wildcat formation, the Eagles get Johnson involved in various ways.

That has helped propel Johnson to setting a new school record.

But that was never Johnson's intention heading into his senior year.

"My goal was just to come out and perform as best as I could," Johnson said.

And, while Cawthon places Johnson in historic company,

Johnson stressed that he wouldn't be the player he is today without Cawthon as his coach.

That, in large part, has motivated and kept Johnson moving forward during his record-setting senior season.

"He's been very beneficial to my career," Johnson said. "If it wasn't for him, I probably wouldn't be playing, because he gave me a chance to show what I can do."

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APPLICANT: TIMHERT Tinney
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ATTEST:
JENNIFER HISE, PERMITTING AND LICENSE SPECIALIST
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6129 HWY 278, NW

ATTEST:
JENNIFER HISE, PERMITTING AND LICENSE SPECIALIST
CITY OF Covington, Georgia

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THE APPLICATION will be heard on December 13, 2021 at 6:30 PM at City of Covington Council Room, 2116 Stallings Street, NW, Covington, GA. This notice is published pursuant to the provisions of Section 5.12.080(C), Covington Municipal Code.

ATTEST:
JENNIFER HISE, PERMITTING AND LICENSE SPECIALIST
CITY OF Covington, Georgia

PUBLIC NOTICE #300129
11/14

NOTICE – APPLICATION
ALCOHOL LICENSE

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DBA MS. Tonya's Soul Food
8105 WASHINGTON Street
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SIRLOIN SALOON Inc.
DBA JIM Stalvey's Restaurant & Lounge
3132 HWY 278, NE
APPLICANT'S NAME: Sharon W. Stalvey
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ATTEST:
JENNIFER HISE, PERMITTING AND LICENSE SPECIALIST
CITY OF Covington, Georgia

PUBLIC NOTICE #300130
11/14

NOTICE – APPLICATION
ALCOHOL LICENSE

NOTICE IS hereby given that an application has been submitted to the Mayor and Council of the City of Covington to obtain a license for alcoholic beverages for Personal Service Beer and/or Wine License only for:
MELON SALON, LLC
1123 CHURCH Street, Ste 102

APPLICANT'S NAME: Sadie Huff
THE APPLICATION will come before the Mayor and Council, City of Covington, Georgia, for consideration December 14, 2021 at 6:30 PM Council Room located 2116 Stallings Street, NW, Covington, GA. This notice is published pursuant to the provisions of Section 5.12.080(C), Covington Municipal Code.

ATTEST:
JENNIFER HISE, PERMITTING AND LICENSE SPECIALIST
CITY OF COVINGTON

PUBLIC NOTICE #300161
11/14

NOTICE APPLICATION FOR
ALCOHOL LICENSE

NOTICE IS hereby given that an application has been made to the Newton County Board of Commissioners to obtain a license to sell alcoholic beverages (beer & wine) for off premises consumption by: Walmart #4558 Shanta Latrell White 4200 Salem Rd Covington, GA

PUBLIC NOTICE #300178
11/14,21

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #300113
11/7,14

Bids

THE CITY of Covington is accepting bids for the purchase of LED Lighting Fixtures as specified in Exhibit "A" attached in the bid packet. Sealed bids must be received by the Purchasing department, Attn: Scott Cromer in City Hall by 10:00 AM on Tuesday, November 30, 2021 at which time the bids will be opened. **REQUEST FOR** Bids and additional information may be obtained by accessing the request for proposals/ bids on the City's website at <https://www.cityofcovington.org/index.php?section=business-opportunities> **THE CITY** of Covington reserves the right to reject any and all bids

PUBLIC NOTICE #300180
11/14,21

THE CITY of Covington is soliciting for sealed bids to furnish all labor and equipment to preform tree & brush cutting removal services for the electric utility right-of-ways. **A MANDATORY** pre-bid meeting will be held on Monday, December 6, 2021 at 10:00 am at the council / court room located at 2116 Stallings Street NW, Covington, Georgia 30014. **SEALED PROPOSALS** must be delivered to City Hall, 2194 Emory Street NW, Covington, GA 30014, Attn: Scott Cromer no later than 10:00am on Thursday, December 16, 2021. **REQUEST FOR** Bids and additional information may be obtained by accessing the request for proposals on the City's website at <https://www.cityofcovington.org/index.php?section=business-opportunities> **THE CITY** of Covington reserves the right to reject any and all bids / proposals

PUBLIC NOTICE #300181
11/14,21

Citations

CITATION

AMANDA SALLEY has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **GEORGE ERNEST HOUGH** 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 DECEMBER 6, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

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

NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT

CLUES ACROSS
1. Taxis
5. Mega energy unit (abbr.)
8. Single-strand break
11. Combinations of countries
13. Cutting tool
14. Small bay in Gulf of Maine
15. Actress Lathan
16. Chatter incessantly
17. Energy, style and enthusiasm
18. Simple shoe
20. Woman (French)
21. Abnormal rattling sound
22. Able to change
25. Future butterfly
30. Used in cooking and medicine
31. A street for nightmares
32. French modernist painter
33. Dishonors
38. Integrated data processing
41. Frameworks
43. Apply new materials
45. Where merch is displayed
48. American figure skater
Lipinski
49. Cycles per second
50. Oohed and ____
55. Dark olive black
56. Peyton's little brother
57. Plant in the bean family
59. A wife: ____ covert
60. Born of ____
61. Arranges balls on the pool table
62. Title of Italian monk
63. Tooth caregiver
64. American feminist poet

CLUES DOWN
1. Dan Rather's old network
2. Expression of sorrow or pity
3. ____ fide (Latin)
4. Sign of healing
5. Warm-blooded vertebrate
6. Model
7. Of or relating to plants
8. Plant of the heath family
9. Where to weigh something
10. Internal structure
12. ____ Paulo, city
14. South Slavic person
19. A way to record

COURT
1132 USHER STREET-148
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #300011
11/7,14,21,28

CITATION

ANGELA AIKENS MCGEE has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **TIMOTHY WAYNE MCGEE** 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 DECEMBER 6, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #300049
11/7,14,21,28

CITATION

CYNTHIA B. MILLIGAN has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **WILLIE LEE MILLIGAN** deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A 53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objection must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before DECEMBER 6, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #200986
11/7,14,21,28

CITATION

EDDIE JERELL JOHNSON has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **SONYA SIMONE HARPER JOHNSON** 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 DECEMBER 6, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

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

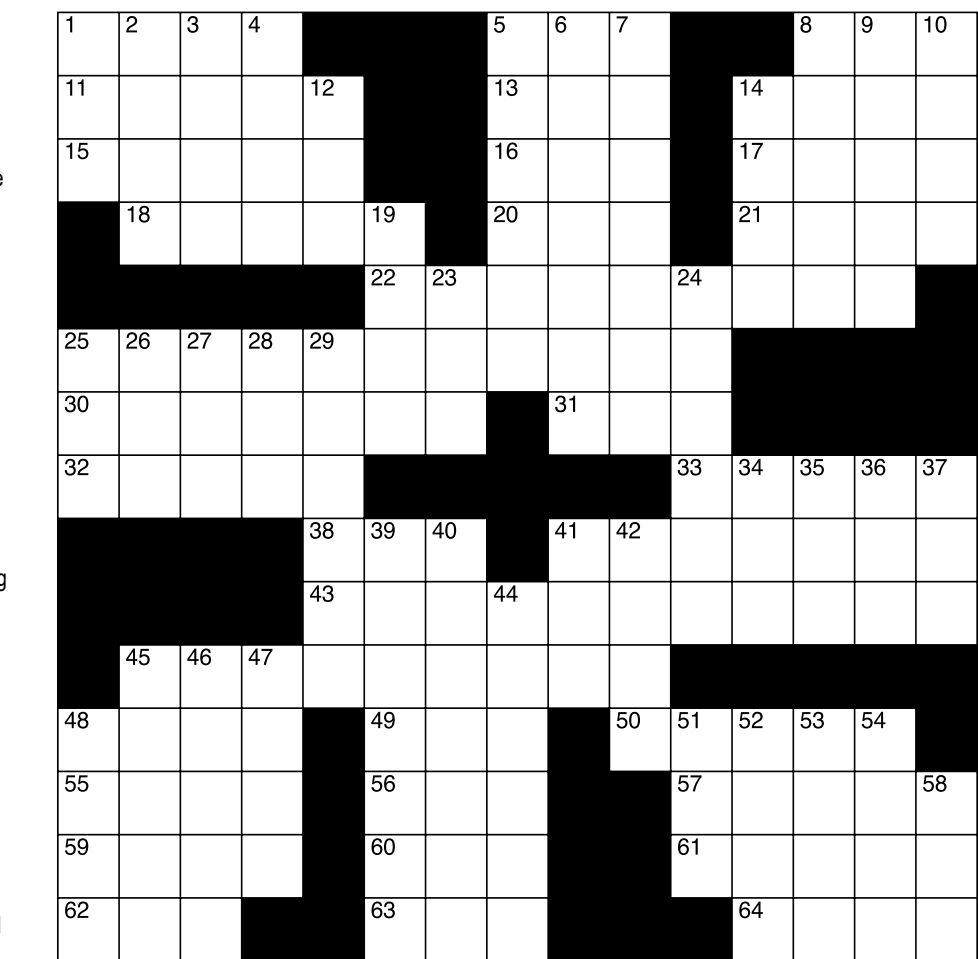
NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT
1132 USHER STREET-148
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200982
11/7,14,21,28

CITATION

ELLA TURNER has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **ELASIE W. DELAMAR** 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 DECEMBER 6, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT



23. Have already done
24. As much as one can hold
25. Auburn legend Newton
26. Comedienne Gasteyer
27. Beloved dog Rin Tin ____
28. Midway between east and southeast
29. Call it a career
34. Former CIA
35. American time
36. Confederate general
37. Soviet Socialist Republic
39. Travel downward
40. Made red-blue
41. Vietnamese revolutionary
Le Duc
42. Capital of Italy

at ten o'clock a.m.

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #200987
11/7,14,21,28

CITATION

ELLIS S REYNOLDS has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **ROBERT LAMAR REYNOLDS** 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 DECEMBER 6, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #300050
11/7,14,21,28

CITATION

GARY MERRITT has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **MARGIE LEE MATHIS** 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 DECEMBER 6, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #300156
11/7,14,21,28

CITATION

JACOB LASSITER has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **JAMES D. LASSITER** 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 DECEMBER 6, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #300012
11/7,14,21,28

CITATION

JAMES HUNTER WARREN has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **MICHAEL OMAR WARREN** 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

44. Small bunches of flowers
45. Calvary sword
46. A distinctive, pleasant odor
47. A well-defined track or path
48. Cereal used to make flour
51. Retrospective analysis (abbr.)
52. Grayish white
53. Engrave
54. Famed men's basketball program
58. Midway between south and southeast

not be granted. All objection must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before DECEMBER 6, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #300043
11/7,14,21,28

CITATION

JAMES THOMAS RHODES has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **MANDIE MAE THOMAS** 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 DECEMBER 6, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #200981
11/7,14,21,28

CITATION

JANE F. BARBER has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **ARTHUR BOWERS BARBER** 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 DECEMBER 6, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #300014
11/7,14,21,28

CITATION

JOHN DOUGLAS MOYERS has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **GILBERT WAYNE MOYERS** 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 DECEMBER 6, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #300047
11/7,14,21,28

CITATION

KAREEN M. HUTCHINSON has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **KENYANA HUTCHINSON** deceased. (The applicant has also

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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 DECEMBER 6, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #300046
11/7,14,21,28

CITATION

KEAIRA KELLY has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **DIANNA R. 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 DECEMBER 6, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

MELANIE M. BELL, JUDGE
MARCIA WYNNE,

LEGALS:

Continued from C2

CITATION

MARSHA A. ITKIN has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **ROBERT ITKIN** 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 DECEMBER 6, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #200984
11/7,14,21,28

CITATION

MICHAEL JAMAL THORNE has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **MICHAEL THORNE** 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 DECEMBER 6, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #300095
11/7,14,21,28

CITATION

ROBERT THORNTON has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **CASSANDRA E. THORNTON** 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 DECEMBER 6, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #300045
11/7,14,21,28

CITATION

RUTHIE GOODMAN GREEN has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **LEILA GOODMAN** 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 DECEMBER 6, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #200983
11/7,14,21,28

CITATION

SUSAN ANN SPIKES has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **TIMOTHY JOHNSON** 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 DECEMBER 6, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #300044
11/7,14,21,28

CITATION

THE PETITION of **CARLA RODMAN** widow of **DANIEL L. RODMAN**, 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 DECEMBER 6, at ten o'clock a.m.

MELANIE M. BELL, JUDGE
BY: MARCIA Wynne, Clerk
PROBATE COURT
NEWTON COUNTY, Georgia

NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT
1132 USHER ST- RM 148
COVINGTON, GA 30014-2435

PUBLIC NOTICE #300040
11/7,14,21,28

CITATION

THE PETITION of **KIMBERLY MCGINNIS** widow of **JACOB S. MCGINNIS**, JR deceased, for Twelve Month's Support for having been

CITATION

THE PETITION of **Monica Hannah on behalf of Journey Williams**, minor child of **George Williams** deceased, for Twelve Month's Support for having been duly filed, all interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections must be in writing and filed with this Court on or before DECEMBER 6, 2021, at ten o'clock a.m.

MELANIE M. Bell, Judge
BY: MARCIA Wynne, Clerk
PROBATE COURT, Newton County, Georgia

NEWTON COUNTY Probate Court
1132 USHER Street - Room 148
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200989
11/7,14,21,28

CITATION

THOMAS WILLIAMS BARKER, JR has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **WINONA BARKER** 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 DECEMBER 6, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #300016
11/7,14,21,28

CITATION

TONYA L. NEWBERRY has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **ROY JACKSON NEWBERRY, 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 DECEMBER 6, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #200985
11/7,14,21,28

CITATION

VICTORIA S. GILES has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **CHELSEY MARISE GILES** 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 DECEMBER 6, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #300015
11/7,14,21,28

NOTICE

RE: PETITION of **DERWIN DAVIS** , for Letters of Administration, Estate of **ROBERT HUGHES**, UPON WHICH AN ORDER FOR SERVICE WAS GRANTED BY THIS COURT ON October 4, 2021

TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS

THIS IS to notify you to file objection, if there is any, to the Petition of Derwin Davis to Probate Will in Solemn Form, Estate of Robert Hughes.

BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All pleadings/objections must be signed before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings/objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel at the following address/telephone number for the required amount of filing fees. All objections must be filed by December 6, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

MELANIE M. BELL, JUDGE
BY: MARCIA Wynne, Clerk
CLERK OF PROBATE COURT
1132 USHER STREET
COVINGTON, GA 30014
770 784 2045

PUBLIC NOTICE #300097
11/7,14,21,28

NOTICE

RE: PETITION of **EDDIE L. STINSON**, to Petition for Appointment of a County Administrator for the Sole Purpose of Commencing or Continuing a Lawsuit Against an Estate, Pursuant to O.C.G.A. 53-6-40(b), Estate of **BENNIE E. SMITH**, UPON WHICH AN ORDER FOR SERVICE WAS GRANTED BY THE COURT ON October 25, 2021.

TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS

THIS IS to notify you to file objection, if there is any, to the Petition of Eddie L. Stinson Petition for Appointment of a County Administrator for the Sole purpose of Commencing or Continuing a Lawsuit Against an Estate, Pursuant to O.C.G.A. 53-6-40(b). Estate of **BENNIE E. SMITH**.

BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All pleadings/objections must be signed before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings/objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel at the following address/telephone number for the required amount of filing fees. All objections must be filed by December 6, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

MELANIE M. BELL, PROBATE JUDGE
BY: MARCIA Wynne, Clerk
CLERK OF PROBATE COURT
1132 USHER STREET
COVINGTON, GA 30014
770 784 2045

PUBLIC NOTICE #300157
11/7,14,21,28

Corporations

NOTICE OF INCORPORATION

NOTICE IS given that articles of incorporation that will incorporate **LOVELY EYES HAS IT, LLC**. 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 180 Upper River Rd, Covington, GA 30016 and its initial registered agent at such address is Tiphani A. Prater.

PUBLIC NOTICE #300170
11/14,21

NOTICE OF INCORPORATION

NOTICE IS given that articles of incorporation which incorporate **JEFFRIES MACHINE EMPLOYEE COMPANY, 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 5413 SALEM ROAD, COVINGTON, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA 30016 The initial registered agent of the corporation at such address is SHARON H. MCCULLOUGH

LISA M. GABLE
ROBERTSON & GABLE, LLC
5875 PEACHTREE Industrial Blvd.,
Suite 170
PEACHTREE CORNERS, GA 30092 (770) 736-5182

PUBLIC NOTICE #300174
11/14,21

Debtors Creditors

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF NEWTON
ALL CREDITORS of the Estate of **HOLLY ANN BAUMSTARK** late of Newton County, Georgia, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.

THIS 1ST day of Nov, 2021.

ROBERT LEE Blasingame, II, Executor of the Estate Holly Ann Baumstark, Deceased

KAREN C. Gainey, Attorney for the ESTATE OF Holly Ann Baumstark, Deceased
LAW OFFICE of Karen Gainey, P.C.
430 PRIME Point, Suite 105
PEACHTREE CITY, GA 30269

PUBLIC NOTICE #300139
11/7,14,21,28

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA,
COUNTY OF NEWTON.

ALL CREDITORS of the Estate of **CHELSEY MARISE GILES**, Deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia, Estate number 2021-P-521, are hereby notified to render their demands by filing same with the Probate Court of Newton County, 1132 Usher Street, Room 148, Covington, Georgia 30014, according to law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
THIS 19TH day of October, 2021.

J. MARK BRITTAIN
ATTORNEY AT Law
STATE BAR #083260
245 COUNTRY Club Drive, Suite 200H
STOCKBRIDGE, GEORGIA 30281
TELEPHONE: (770) 389-3356

PUBLIC NOTICE #300036
10/24,31-11/7,14

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

ALL CREDITORS of the estate of **Raymond Hinkle**, deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia, are hereby notified to submit their claims to the undersigned, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the

undersigned

DATE: OCTOBER 25, 2021

BY: BRENDA Ann Hinkle, Executor
225 RIVER Cove Meadows
SOCIAL CIRCLE, Georgia 30025

PUBLIC NOTICE #300112
11/7,14,21,28

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

ALL CREDITORS of the Estate of **EDWARD WALTER NEEDHAM** late of Newton County, are notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to this estate are required to make immediate payment.

CHARLES JOSEPH Needham, Executor
C/O ROBERT J. Waddell, Esq.
CHAMBERLAIN, HRDLICKA, White, Williams & Aughty
191 PEACHTREE St, N.E.
FORTY-SIXTH FLOOR
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303

PUBLIC NOTICE #300077
10/31-11/7,14,21

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **BELKY JONES** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.
THIS THE 13TH day of OCTOBER, 2021.

GABRIELLA JONES
12 SNOW GOOSE COURT
MONTICELLO, GA 31064

PUBLIC NOTICE #300021
10/24,31-11/7,14

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **BILLIE VIRGINIA HOWARD** 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 6TH day of OCTOBER, 2021.

TIMOTHY HOWARD
23 VALLEY TRAIL
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #300023
10/24,31-11/7,14

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **BOBBETTE S. KLAASSEN** 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 NOVEMBER, 2021.

GINA RODGERS
135 KING RICHARD DR
GRIFFIN, GA 30223

PUBLIC NOTICE #300165
11/14,21,28-12/5

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **DONOVAN GLOVER** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.
THIS THE 2ND day of NOVEMBER, 2021.

JULIE JAMES
120 MUIRFIELD DRIVE
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #300166
11/14,21,28-12/5

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **ERVINA K. CAMPBELL** 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 OCTOBER, 2021.

DAVID MOODY
195 GUM CREEK RD
OXFORD, GA 30054

PUBLIC NOTICE #300051
10/31-11/7,14,21

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **EVA NELL JOHNSTON** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.
THIS THE 13TH day of OCTOBER, 2021.

BOBBY D. HAMBY
PO BOX 697
PORTERDALE, GA 30070

PUBLIC NOTICE #300022
10/24,31-11/7,14

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **JULIA MAE JACOBS** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.
THIS THE 13TH day of OCTOBER,

2021.

BIONCA SIMS
255 SIMS RD
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #300019
10/24,31-11/7,14

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **KATHERINE C. OWENS** 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 6TH day of OCTOBER, 2021.

CHARLES OWENS
20 AVALON RD
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #300024
10/24,31-11/7,14

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **LENA MAE GRIGGS** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.
THIS THE 13TH day of OCTOBER, 2021.

NETTIE BAKER
1691 CANTERBURY POINTE
CONYERS, GA 30013

PUBLIC NOTICE #300018
10/24,31-11/7,14

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **NANCY MURDY** 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 14TH day of OCTOBER, 2021.

MARTHA ORLANDO
3689 DR. NW
KENNESAW, GA 30144

PUBLIC NOTICE #300054
10-31-11/7,14,21

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **RICHARD LOUIS DAVIS** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.
THIS THE 15TH day of OCTOBER, 2021.

DEBRA CATO DAVIS
190 CLEAR SPRING LANE
OXFORD GA 30054

PUBLIC NOTICE #300053
10/31-11/7,14,21

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **TIMOTHY JAMES BICE** 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 6TH day of OCTOBER , 2021.

JUDY BICE
620 MASON DR
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #300020
10/24,31-11/7,14

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **WILLIS RAY BRITT** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.
THIS THE 18TH day of OCTOBER, 2021.

ALLISON DIAZ
P.O. BOX 1173
DUNCAN, SC 29334

PUBLIC NOTICE #300052
10/31-11/7,14,21

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF NEWTON
ALL CREDITORS of the ESTATE OF **BRADLY JOSEPH JORDAN**, late of Newton County, Georgia, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.

THIS 18TH day of October, 2021.

HANNAH MARIE JORDAN, Administrator
C/O CASSANDRA F. Ceron, Esq.
GA ESTATE Planning & Probate
BY CERON and Hoipkemier, Attorneys at Law, LLC
800 JOHNSON Ferry Road NE, Suite B Atlanta, Georgia 30342

PUBLIC NOTICE #300032
10/24,31-11/7,14

Divorces

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF

GEORGIA

ADRIANA MURENO-MENDOZA
PLAINTIFF,
V
NICOLAS MORALES
DEFENDANT,

ACTION NO.2021-CV-2243-1

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO NICOLAS MORALES
12641 BROWN BRIDGE RD #23
COVINGTON, GA 30016

BY NOTICE for Publication dated the 27TH day of OCTOBER 2021 you are hereby notified that on the 9/29/2021 the Plaintiff, ADRIANA MURENO-MENDOZA filed suit against you for Divorce. You are required to file an Answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the Notice for Publication with the clerk of Superior Court of the Newton County and to serve a copy of the answer upon the plaintiff (if pro se) or upon the plaintiff's attorney (if represented). Witness the Honorable JEFFERY L. FOSTER, Judge of the Superior Court of Newton County. THIS, THE 27TH day of OCTOBER, 2021

PUBLIC NOTCE #300163
11/14,21,28-12/5

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

LINELL HARMON
PLAINTIFF,
V
PATRICK HARMON
DEFENDANT,

ACTION NO.2021-CV-2146-5

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION


TO PATRICK HARMON
65 COPELAND CIRCLE
COVINGTON, GA 30016

BY NOTICE for Publication dated the 26TH day of OCTOBER 2021 you are hereby notified that on the SEPTEMBER 15, 2021 the Plaintiff, LINELL HARMON filed suit against you for Divorce. You are required to file an Answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the Notice for Publication with the clerk of Superior Court of the Newton County and to serve a copy of the answer upon the plaintiff (if pro se) or upon the plaintiff's attorney (if represented). Witness the Honorable W. KENDALL WYNNNE, JR, Judge of the Superior Court of Newton County. THIS, THE 26TH day of OCTOBER, 2021

PUBLIC NOTICE #300164
11/14,21,28-12/5

DUI - Second

SECOND/SUBSEQUENT DUI CONVICTION




NAME: ANECIA LYNETTE HILL
ADDRESS 285 EASTWOOD FOREST, COVINGTON, GA 30014
DATE OF ARREST: SEPTEMBER 23, 2021
DATE OF OFFENSE: SEPTEMBER 23, 2021
TIME OF OFFENSE 12:46 PM
PLACE OF OFFENSE: HWY 81 AT/ON HWY 212
DISPOSITION: PLEA OF GUILTY- DEFENDANT IS SENTENCED TO A TOTAL 1 YEAR AND 48 MONTHS W/ THE FIRST 1 YEAR TO BE SERVED IN CONFINEMENT AND THE REMAINDER TO BE SERVED ON PROBATION- \$2,300.00 IN FINES PLUS ALL APPLICABLE STATUTORY FEES AND SURCHARGES- DEFENDANT SHALL PERFORM 40 HOURS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE & SHALL ATIEND AND COMPLETE A DUI RISK REDUCTION COURSE & SHALL NOT DRIVE OR OPERATE ANY MOTORIZED VEHICLE WHILE ON PROBATION WITHOUT PERMISSION OF THE COURT

OCTOBER 28, 2021
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

PUBLIC NOTICE #300173
11/14

SECOND/SUBSEQUENT DUI CONVICTION



NAME: DEMONTRAVIOUS QUINYOUS GRIER
ADDRESS 85 MOUNTAIN VIEW CIR COVINGTON, GA 30016
DATE OF ARREST: AUGUST 19, 2018
DATE OF OFFENSE: AUGUST 19, 2018
TIME OF OFFENSE 1:57AM
PLACE OF OFFENSE: HWY 36 AT/ON COVINGTON BYPASS ROAD
DISPOSITION: PLEA OF GUILTY- DEFENDANT IS SENTENCED TO A TOTAL 36 MONTHS W/ THE FIRST 20 DAYS TO BE SERVED IN CONFINEMENT IN NEWTON COUNTY JAIL AND THE REMAINDER TO BE SERVED ON PROBATION- \$1,600.00 IN FINES PLUS ALL APPLICABLE STATUTORY FEES AND SURCHARGES- DEFENDANT SHALL PERFORM 240 HOURS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE & SHALL ATIEND AND COMPLETE A DUI

See LEGALS, C4

LEGALS:

Continued from C3

RISK REDUCTION COURSE & SHALL NOT DRIVE OR OPERATE ANY MOTORIZED VEHICLE WHILE ON PROBATION WITHOUT PERMISSION OF THE COURT

**OCTOBER 18, 2021
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300172
11/14**

**SECOND/SUBSEQUENT DUI
CONVICTION**



**NAME: MAURICE ELLIOT BROWN
ADDRESS 315 STONECREEK PKWY , COVINGTON, GA 30016
DATE OF ARREST: JUNE 15, 2019
DATE OF OFFENSE: JUNE 15, 2019
TIME OF OFFENSE 12:36 AM
PLACE OF OFFENSE: BROWN BRIDGE ROAD
DISPOSITION: PLEA OF GUILTY- DEFENDANT IS SENTENCED 36 MONTHS W/ THE FIRST 10 DAYS TO BE SERVED IN CONFINEMENT AND THE REMAINDER TO BE SERVED ON PROBATION- \$1,200.00 IN FINES PLUS ALL APPLICABLE STATUTORY FEES AND SURCHARGES- DEFENDANT SHALL PERFORM 240 HOURS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE & SHALL ATTEND AND COMPLETE A DUI RISK REDUCTION COURSE**

**OCTOBER 20, 2021
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300171
11/14**

**SECOND/SUBSEQUENT DUI
CONVICTION**



**NAME: TERRY BERNARD
PRINTUP
ADDRESS 10 ROBERTS LN, COVINGTON, GA 30014
DATE OF ARREST: OCTOBER 3, 2021
DATE OF OFFENSE: OCTOBER 3, 2021
TIME OF OFFENSE 11:46 PM
PLACE OF OFFENSE: I-20E
DISPOSITION: PLEA OF GUILTY- DEFENDANT IS SENTENCED TO A TOTAL 12 MONTHS W/ THE FIRST 60 DAYS TO BE SERVED IN CONFINEMENT AND THE REMAINDER TO BE SERVED ON PROBATION- \$950.00 IN FINES PLUS ALL APPLICABLE STATUTORY FEES AND SURCHARGES- DEFENDANT SHALL PERFORM 240 HOURS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE & SHALL ATTEND AND COMPLETE A DUI RISK REDUCTION COURSE**

**OCTOBER 20, 2021
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300183
11/14**

**SECOND/SUBSEQUENT DUI
CONVICTION**



**NAME: TERRY BERNARD
PRINTUP
ADDRESS 30 TROTTERS CT, COVINGTON GA 30016
DATE OF ARREST: NOVEMBER 5, 2018
DATE OF OFFENSE: NOVEMBER 5, 2018
TIME OF OFFENSE 8:47 PM
PLACE OF OFFENSE: LOWER RIVER RD AT/ON MORINGSIDE DR
DISPOSITION: PLEA OF GUILTY- DEFENDANT IS SENTENCED TO A TOTAL 36 MONTHS W/ THE FIRST 60 DAYS TO BE SERVED IN CONFINEMENT AND THE REMAINDER TO BE SERVED ON PROBATION- \$1750.00 IN FINES PLUS ALL APPLICABLE STATUTORY FEES AND SURCHARGES- DEFENDANT SHALL PERFORM 240 HOURS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE & SHALL ATTEND AND COMPLETE A DUI RISK REDUCTION COURSE**

**OCTOBER 20, 2021
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300182
11/14**

Foreclosures

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

BECAUSE OF a default under the terms of the Security Deed executed by **Doris Smith** to First Franklin A Division of Nat. City Bank of IN dated March 24, 2005, and recorded in Deed Book 1878, Page 465, Newton County Records, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed to **WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-FF6**, securing a Note in the original principal amount of \$134,900.00, the holder thereof pursuant to said Deed and Note thereby secured has declared the entire amount of said indebtedness

due and payable and, pursuant to the power of sale contained in said Deed, will on the first Tuesday, December 7, 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 Deed, to-wit:

ALL THAT tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 153 of the 10th District of Newton County, Georgia and being Lot 37, Creekview Heights, Phase One, as per plat of same filed for record at Plat Book 36, pages 270 through 274, Newton County, Georgia records. The description of said Lot as shown on said plat is by reference, specifically incorporated herein.

SAID PROPERTY is known as **40 Kirkland Meadows, Covington, GA 30016**, together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any.

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

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

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

THE PROPERTY is or may be in the possession of , successor in interest or tenant(s).

WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-FF6 as Attorney-in-Fact for Doris Smith
**FILE NO. 14-050381
LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP*
ATTORNEYS AND Counselors at Law
211 PERIMETER Center Parkway, N.E., Suite 300
ATLANTA, GA 30346
(770) 220-2535/SCD
HTTPS://WWW.LOGS.COM/
*THE LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300086
11/7,14,21,28**

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF
RIGHT TO REDEEM
[REF. O.C.G.A., Section 48-4-5 et seq.; 48-4-45 & 48-4-46]**

**TO: DIV TAX VENTURE II, LLC OR ITS UNKNOWN SUCCESSORS, ASSIGNS OR SHAREHOLDERS;
ALL PARTIES KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HAVING OF RECORD IN NEWTON COUNTY ANY RIGHT, TITLE, INTEREST IN, OR LIEN UPON O SYCAMORE TRAIL, INCLUDING ANY TENANT / OWNER / OCCUPANT OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY;**

**RE: FORECLOSURE OF EQUITY OF REDEMPTION FOR TAX SALE DEED (REF. O.C.G.A. § 48-4-45, 46)
TAKE NOTICE that:
THE RIGHT** to redeem the following described property, to wit will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred as of four o'clock (4 p.m.) on and after December 15, 2021, or within 30 days after legal service of the Notice pursuant to OCGA 48-4-45 et seq., whichever date is later:

ALL THAT tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 189 of the 10th District, Newton County, Georgia being Lot 6A containing 1.2 acres, more or less and being more particularly described in Deed book 238, Page 574, Newton County Land Records. Said property is also known as Map and Parcel No. 0043B00000062000 in the Newton County Tax Assessors Office. TOGETHER WITH all right, title, and interest running with the above-described property; and TOGETHER with all rights, members, privileges and appurtenant easements.

THE TAX deed to which this notice relates is dated August 4, 2020, and is recorded at Deed Book 4087, Page 599 in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia. This notice also constitutes a demand for possession of the property described herein on and after the foreclosure date and time set out above in the event the property is not timely redeemed.

THE PROPERTY may be redeemed on or before the time and date stated above by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address:

**TRAVIS MOSS
C/O JOHN Coleman, Esq.
COLEMAN LAW, LLC
675 SEMINOLE Avenue, Suite 302
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30307
404.974.4537
PLEASE BE** governed accordingly.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300125
11/14,21,28-12/5**

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF
RIGHT TO REDEEM
[REF. O.C.G.A., Section 48-4-5 et seq.; 48-4-45 & 48-4-46]**

**TO: OXFORD VENTURES, INC. OR ITS UNKNOWN SUCCESSORS, ASSIGNS OR SHAREHOLDERS;
HAZELBRAND ENTERPRISES INC. OR ITS UNKNOWN SUCCESSORS, ASSIGNS OR SHAREHOLDERS;**

**ALL PARTIES KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HAVING OF RECORD IN NEWTON COUNTY ANY RIGHT, TITLE, INTEREST IN, OR LIEN UPON O MOORE STREET, INCLUDING ANY TENANT / OWNER / OCCUPANT OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; RE: FORECLOSURE OF EQUITY OF REDEMPTION FOR TAX SALE DEED (REF. O.C.G.A. § 48-4-45, 46)
TAKE NOTICE that:
THE RIGHT** to redeem the following described property, to wit will expire

and be forever foreclosed and barred as of four o'clock (4 p.m.) on and after December 15, 2021, or within 30 days after legal service of the Notice pursuant to OCGA 48-4-45 et seq., whichever date is later:

ALL AND only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0042000000033A00, being all that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 193 of the 10th District of Newton County, Georgia and being 1.09 acres, more or less, and being that property bounded on the west by property described in Deed Book 2864, Page 620, Newton County records; on the north by property described in Deed Book 4049, Page 591, aforesaid records; on the north and east by property described in Deed Book 635, Page 566, aforesaid records; and on the south by Moore Street. TOGETHER WITH all right, title, and interest running with the above-described property; and TOGETHER with all rights, members, privileges and appurtenant easements.

THE TAX deed to which this notice relates is dated August 4, 2020, and is recorded at Deed Book 4087, Page 607 in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia. This notice also constitutes a demand for possession of the property described herein on and after the foreclosure date and time set out above in the event the property is not timely redeemed.

THE PROPERTY may be redeemed on or before the time and date stated above by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address:

**MOSS ELITE Trucking Service, LLC
C/O JOHN Coleman, Esq.
COLEMAN LAW, LLC
675 SEMINOLE Avenue, Suite 302
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30307
404.974.4537
PLEASE BE** governed accordingly.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300118
11/14,21,28-12/5**

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

UNDER AND by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Janaee T. Heard and Jada Heard** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., As Grantee, As Nominee For Amerihomekey, Inc., dated March 2, 2009, and recorded in Deed Book 2698, Page 278, Newton County, Georgia Records, subsequently modified by a Loan Modification Agreement recorded August 3, 2016 in Book 3463, Page 527 in the amount of Two Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Seven and 34/100 (\$225,457.34) Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust by assignment recorded on December 18, 2014 in Book 3286 Page 551 in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of One Hundred Fifty-Seven Thousand One Hundred Two and 0/100 dollars (\$157,102.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on December 7, 2021, the following described property:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 106 AND 119 OF THE 10TH DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 177, LEGENDS OF ELLINGTON SUBDIVISION, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 42, PAGE 80-95, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS, WHICH RECORDED PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY THIS REFERENCE AND MADE A PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION, SUBJECT TO ANY EASEMENTS OR RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD.

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

THE ENTITY having full authority to negotiate, amend or modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is: Selene Finance they can be contacted at (877) 735-3637 for Loss Mitigation Dept, or by writing to 9990 Richmond Avenue, Suite 400 South, Houston, Texas 77042, to discuss possible alternatives to avoid foreclosure.

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

TO THE best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Janaee T. Heard and Jada Heard or tenant(s); and said property is more commonly known as **55 Harrison Cir, Covington, GA 30016.**

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

WILMINGTON SAVINGS Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust as Attorney in Fact for Janaee T.

Heard and Jada Heard.
**BROCK & Scott, PLLC
4360 CHAMBLEE Dunwoody Road SUITE 310
ATLANTA, GA 30341
404-789-2661
B&S FILE no.: 20-04926**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300160
11/14,21,28-12/5**

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

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

UNDER AND by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed given by **Phyllis Johnson** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Mortgage Lenders Network USA, Inc. dated 03/29/2006 and filed 04/06/2006, recorded in Deed Book 2155, Pages 318-328, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of Thirty Five Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Eight Dollar and Forty Cents (\$35,788.40), (later assigned to Reliant Loan Servicing, LLC), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on Tuesday, December 7, 2021, the following described property:

ALL THAT Tract or parcel of land lying and being in land Lot 156, 10th district, Newton County, Georgia, being Lot 58, Oakwood Manor Subdivision, unit I, as per plat recorded at plat Book 43, Pages 154-160, Newton County records, said Plat being incorporated herein by reference thereto.

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 unpaid water or sewage bills that constitute a lien against the property whether due and payable or not due and payable and which may not be of record, any right of redemption of any taxing authority, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above including but not limited to that certain Security Deed given by Phyllis Johnson to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc as nominee for Mortgage Lenders Network USA, Inc. dated 03/29/2006 and filed 04/06/2006, recorded in Deed Book 2155, Pages 295-317, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the above-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$143,153.60.

TO THE best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Phyllis (Estate) Johnson and Kim C. Johnson or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **45 Lakeview Crossing Drive, Covington GA 30016.**

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

**FAY SERVICING, LLC
1601 LBJ Freeway
STE 150
FARMERS BRANCH TX 75234
312-610-7096
THE SALE** will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed. to any rights of rescission of the party conducting this foreclosure sale pursuant to Georgia law including, but not limited to O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and non- judicial sales in the state of Georgia.

PLEASE NOTE that the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided immediately above and final review by the party conducting this foreclosure sale for compliance with contractual and legal obligations pursuant to the terms of the loan documents and State and Federal law, including but not limited to any and all rights of rescission.

RELIANT LOAN Servicing , LLC, as Attorney in Fact for Phyllis Johnson and Kim C. Johnson

**BY: ANDREW D. Gleason
ATTORNEY FOR** Reliant Loan Servicing , LLC
**LEFKOFF, RUBIN, Gleason, Russo & Williams, P.C.
5555 GLENRIDGE Connector SUITE 900
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30342
(404)869-6900
(404)869-69**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300079
11/7,14,21,28**

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

BY VIRTUE of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from **DOYLE WEST, JUDITH WEST, ADA C. MCDUFFIE LIFE ESTATE** to SAFEWAY MORTGAGE, INC., dated November 23, 2005, recorded December 6, 2005, in Deed Book 2065, Page 85, Newton County, Georgia Records, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of One Hundred Ninety-Eight Thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$198,000.00), with interest

thereon as provided for therein, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned and transferred to Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. as Trustee for Mortgage Assets Management Series I Trust, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the Newton County Courthouse, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in December, 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 249, 9TH DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA AND BEING SHOWN AS LOT 1, BLOCK A, COVINGTON LUMBER COMPANY SUBDIVISION, ON A PLAT OF SURVEY OF SAME RECORDED ON PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 148, PUBLIC RECORDS OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, WHICH PLAT IS BY REFERENCE THERETO INCORPORATED HEREIN AND MADE A PART HEREOF FOR A MORE PARTICULAR AND COMPLETE DESCRIPTION.

SAID LEGAL description being controlling, however the property is more commonly known as **3133 REBECCA STREET, 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 **DOYLE WEST, JUDITH WEST, ADA C. MCDUFFIE LIFE ESTATE** , 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: PHH Mortgage Corporation, Loss Mitigation Dept., 14405 Walters Road, Suite 200, Houston, TX 77014, Telephone Number: 866-503-5559.

BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT SERIES I TRUST

AS ATTORNEY in Fact for **DOYLE WEST, JUDITH WEST, ADA C. MCDUFFIE LIFE ESTATE**

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: Ruben Lublin, LLC, 3145 Avalon Ridge Place, Suite 100, Peachtree Corners, GA 30071
TELEPHONE NUMBER: (877) 813-0992 Case No. RMU-21-02443-1

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300029
11/7,14,21,28**

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

BY VIRTUE of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from **MEAGAN B PORCH** to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS GRANTEE, AS NOMINEE FOR PINNACLE BANK, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, dated October 6, 2017, recorded October 16, 2017, in Deed Book 3621, Page 281 , 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 Thirty-Five Thousand Twenty-Seven and 00/100 dollars (\$135,027.00), with interest thereon as provided for therein, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned and transferred to Citizens Bank NA, 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 December, 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 54 OF THE 10TH DISTRICT OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 180 OF BERKSHIRE SUBDIVISION, UNIT TWO AS SHOWN ON PLAT OF BERKSHIRE SUBDIVISION-UNIT TWO AS SAME IS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 34, PAGES 189-192, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS . THE DESCRIPTION OF SAID PROPERTY AS CONTAINED ON SAID PLAT IS HEREBY INCORPORATED HEREIN AND MADE AN ESSENTIAL PART HEREOF BY REFERENCE.

SAID LEGAL description being controlling, however the property is more commonly known as **100 BERKSHIRE KEEP, COVINGTON, GA 30016.**

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

the terms of the Security Deed.

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

TO THE best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owner and party in possession of the property is **MEAGAN B PORCH** 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: Citizens Bank, N.A.Loss Mitigation Dept., 10561 Telegraph Road, Glen Allen, VA 23059, Telephone Number: (800) 234-6002.

**CITIZENS BANK NA
AS ATTORNEY** in Fact for **MEAGAN B PORCH**

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: Ruben Lublin, LLC, 3145 Avalon Ridge Place, Suite 100, Peachtree Corners, GA 30071
TELEPHONE NUMBER: (877) 813-0992 Case No. CBN-21-02359-1

**PUBLIC NOTICE #300010
11/7,14,21,28**

**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 **Frederick F Scales** to Primary Residential Mortgage, Inc., dba Element Funding, dated May 12, 2011, recorded in Deed Book 2910, Page 132, Newton County, Georgia Records and as modified by that certain Loan Modification Agreement recorded in Deed Book 3595, Page 402, Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Georgia Housing and Finance Authority by assignment recorded in Deed Book 3395, Page 401, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FIFTEEN AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$133,115.00), 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 December, 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.

GEORGIA HOUSING and Finance Authority 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: State Home Mortgage, 60 Executive Park South, Atlanta, GA 30333, 404-679-4908/-3133. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Frederick F Scales or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **9150 Bandywood Way SW, Covington, Georgia 30014.**

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

GEORGIA HOUSING and Finance Authority

AS ATTORNEY in Fact for **FREDERICK F Scales
MCCALLA RAYMER** Leibert Pierce, LLC

**1544 OLD Alabama Road
ROSSELL, GA 30076
WWW.FORECLOS**

LEGALS:

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MADE A part of this description.
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OUR FILE no. 5128916 - FT17

PUBLIC NOTICE #300030
10/24,31-11/7,14,21,28

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 **Harold L Stapp, Sr., Paula Hearn Stapp and Harold Stapp** to American General Financial Services, Inc. (DE), dated February 23, 2005, recorded in Deed Book 1855, Page 32, Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Trustee for the CIM TRUST 2020- NR1 Mortgage-Backed Notes, Series 2020-NR1 by assignment recorded in Deed Book 4274, Page 117, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of FIFTY-THREE THOUSAND AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$53,000.00), 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 December, 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.

U.S. BANK National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Trustee for the CIM TRUST 2020- NR1 Mortgage-Backed Notes, Series 2020-NR1 is the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-162.2.

THE ENTITY that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: Nationstar Mortgage, LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper, 8950 Cypress Waters Blvd, Coppell, TX 75019, 888-850-9398x3705.

TO THE best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Harold L Stapp, Sr., Paula Hearn Stapp and Harold Stapp or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **32 South Broad St, Porterdale, Georgia 30070.**

THE SALE will be conducted subject to (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.

U.S. BANK National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Trustee for the CIM TRUST 2020- NR1 Mortgage-Backed Notes, Series 2020-NR1

AS ATTORNEY in Fact for **HAROLD L Stapp, Sr., Paula Hearn Stapp and Harold Stapp**

MCCALLA RAYMER Leibert Pierce, LLC

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

EXHIBIT "A"
ALL THAT TRACT AND PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN THE CITY OF PORTERDALE, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND BEING SHOWN AS LOT 503 ON A PLAT ENTITLED "VILLAGE SUBDIVISION, BIBB MANUFACTURING COMPANY, PORTERDALE, GEORGIA" PREPARED BY DALTON AND NEVES ENGINEERS, DATED OCTOBER, 1963, WHICH SAID PLAT IS OF RECORD IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF NEWTON SUPERIOR COURT IN PLAT BOOK 3, FOLIO 219, 221 AND 232.; BY SAID PLAT WHICH BY THIS REFERENCE THERETO IS INCORPORATED HEREIN AND MADE A PART HEREOF.

MR/MEH 12/7/21
OUR FILE no. 5785619 - FT2

PUBLIC NOTICE #300090
11/7,14,21,28

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 **Ronald Cochran, Jr** to Bayrock Mortgage Corp., A Georgia Corporation, dated September 30, 2003, recorded in Deed Book 1549, Page 519, Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, successor in interest to Bank of America, National Association, as successor by merger to LaSalle Bank National Association, as Trustee for Certificateholders of Bear Stearns Asset Backed Securities, Inc. Asset Backed Certificates, Series 2003-HE1 by assignment recorded in Deed Book 3149, Page 543, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-TWO THOUSAND AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$122,000.00), 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 December, 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.

U.S. BANK, National Association, as Trustee for the Bear Stearns Asset Backed Securities Trust 2003-HE1, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2003-HE1 is the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-162.2.

THE ENTITY that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc., 3217 S. Decker Lake Dr., Salt Lake City, UT 84119, 888-818-6032.

TO THE best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Ronald Cochran, Jr or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **385 Branchwood Drive, Covington, Georgia 30016.**

THE SALE will be conducted subject to (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.

U.S. BANK, National Association, as Trustee for the Bear Stearns Asset Backed Securities Trust 2003-HE1, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2003-HE1

AS ATTORNEY in Fact for **RONALD COCHRAN, Jr**

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 72 of the 10th District of Newton County, Georgia, being Lot 21, Unit Five, Dove Point, as per plat recorded in Plat Book 29, Page 80, Newton County Records. Reference to said plat is hereby made for a complete description of the property herein described. Said property is improved property known as 385 Branchwood Drive, according to the present system of numbering property in Newton County, Georgia.

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MR/CA 12/7/21
OUR FILE no. 5354315 - FT1

PUBLIC NOTICE #300090
11/7,14,21,28

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

BY VIRTUE of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from **Antoine Gordon** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for HomeBridge Financial Services, Inc., dated August 24, 2017 and recorded on August 28, 2017 in Deed Book 3602, Page 486, in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date, in the original principal amount of Two Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Seventy and 00/100 dollars (\$232,570.00) with interest thereon as provided therein, as last transferred to NewRez, LLC fka New Penn Financial dba Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing , recorded in Deed Book 3899, Page 413, aforesaid records, will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia, or at such place as has or may be lawfully designated as an alternative location, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in December, 2021, **ALL** property described in said Security Deed including but not limited to the following described property:

ALL THAT tract and parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 136 of the 10th District of Newton County, Georgia, being Lot 9, Forest Heights Subdivision, as recorded in Plat Book 47, Pages 208-215, Newton County, Georgia Records, which plat is incorporated herein and made a part hereof by reference.

SAID PROPERTY may more commonly be known as **90 Mary Jane Lane, Covington, GA 30016.**

THE DEBT secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, non-payment of the monthly installments on said loan. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).

THE INDIVIDUAL or entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the loan is NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, 55 Bellpoint Place, Suite 100 MS 561, Greenville, SC 29601, 1-800-365-7107.

SAID PROPERTY will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The sale will also be subject to the following items which may affect the title: a) zoning ordinances; b) matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; c) any outstanding ad valorem taxes, including taxes, which constitute liens upon said property whether or not now due and payable; d) special assessments; e) the right of redemption of any taxing authority; f) all outstanding bills for public utilities which constitute liens upon said

property; g) all restrictive covenants, easements, rights-of-way and any other matters of record superior to said Security Deed. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owners and party in possession of the property are Antoine Gordon and or tenant(s). The sale will be conducted subject to 1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy code and

2) FINAL confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed. NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing as Attorney-in-Fact for Antoine Gordon

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #300110
11/7,14,21,28

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

UNDER AND by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Deed to Secure Debt given by **Lia M. Bostic** to HomeBanc Mortgage Corporation, dated May 31, 2005, and recorded in Deed Book 1930, Page 280, Newton County, Georgia records, as last transferred to U.S. Bank National Association, as Indenture Trustee, in trust for Holders of the HomeBanc Mortgage Trust 2005-4, Mortgage Backed Notes by Assignment recorded in Deed Book 2664, Page 79, Newton County, Georgia records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of \$166,800.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in December, 2021, to wit: December 7, 2021, the following described property:

ALL THAT tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 154 of the 10th District, Newton County, Georgia, being Lot 71, Block B, The Meadows at Saddlebrook, Phase 2, as per plat recorded in Plat Book 40, Page 210-214, Newton County, Georgia records, said plat being incorporated herein and made reference hereto.

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

SAID PROPERTY is commonly known as **210 Meadowbrook Court, Covington, GA 30016**, together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): Lia M. Bostic or tenant or tenants.

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

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

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

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

SELECT PORTFOLIO Servicing, Inc.

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

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

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

U.S. BANK National Association, as Indenture Trustee, in trust for Holders of the HomeBanc Mortgage Trust 2005-4, Mortgage Backed Notes

AS ATTORNEY in fact for **LIA M. Bostic**

RICHARD B. Maner, P.C.
180 INTERSTATE N Parkway, Suite 200
ATLANTA, GA 30339
404.252.6385

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE #300128
11/7,14,21,28-12/5

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

PURSUANT TO the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Adam R. Lockhart** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for American Financial Network, Inc, its successors and assigns dated 6/5/2018 and recorded in Deed Book 3711 Page 495 Newton County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by PENNYMAC LOAN

SERVICES, LLC, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$103,098.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia (or such other area as designated by Order of the Superior Court of said county), within the legal hours of sale on December 7, 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 46 OF THE 10TH DISTRICT OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 26, DEER RIDGE SUBDIVISION, UNIT ONE, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 26, PAGE 228, NEWTON COUNTY RECORDS, WHICH PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN AND MADE A PART HEREOF BY REFERENCE.

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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 **495 Robin Rd, Covington, GA 30016** together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): Adam R. Lockhart or tenant or tenants.

PENNYMAC LOAN Services, LLC is the entity or individual designated who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage.

PENNYMAC LOAN Services, LLC

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

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

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

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

PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC as agent and Attorney in Fact for Adam R. Lockhart

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

2120-23215A

THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 1120-23215A

PUBLIC NOTICE #300091
11/7,14,21,28

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

PURSUANT TO the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Alexandro Ray Hill to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc as nominee for First Magnus Financial Corporation dated 8/26/2005 and recorded in Deed Book 1995 Page 414 Newton County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee for Towd Point Master Funding Trust 2021-PM1, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$103,377.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia (or such other area as designated by Order of the Superior Court of said county), within the legal hours of sale on December 7, 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 220, in G.M.D. 1513, of the 9th District, Newton County, Georgia, being Lot 119, Indian Creek Subdivision, as per plat recorded in Plat Book 12, Page 346, Newton County, Georgia Records. Which Plat is incorporated herein and made a part hereof by this reference.

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

SAID PROPERTY is commonly known as **875 Navajo Trail, Covington, GA 30016, Covington, GA 30016** together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if

any. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): Alexandro Ray Hill or tenant or tenants.

CARRINGTON MORTGAGE Services, LLC is the entity or individual designated who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage.

CARRINGTON MORTGAGE Services, LLC
1600 SOUTH Douglass Road
SUITE 200-A
ANAHEIM, CA 92806
(800) 561-4567

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 Trust National Association, as Trustee for Towd Point Master Funding Trust 2021-PM1 as agent and Attorney in Fact for Alexandro Ray Hill

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

2191-2303A

THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 2191-2303A

PUBLIC NOTICE #300151
11/7,14,21,28

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

PURSUANT TO the power of sale contained in the Security Deed executed by **RICHARD SHEFFER** to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR HIGHTECHLENDING INC., its successors or assigns, in the original principal amount of \$262,500.00 dated October 31, 2018 and recorded in Deed Book 3767, Page 598, Newton County records, said Security Deed being last transferred to PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION in Deed Book 4191, Page 603, Newton County records, the undersigned will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, before the Courthouse door in said County, or at such other place as lawfully designated, within the legal hours of sale, on December 07, 2021, the property in said Security Deed and described as follows:

REAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF OXFORD, COUNTY OF NEWTON, STATE OF GEORGIA, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LOT 253 OF THE 10TH DISTRICT OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING SHOWN AS 1.86 ACRES ON A PLAT OF SURVEY PREPARED BY ROBERT M. BUHLER, GEORGIA RLS NO. 1403, DATED JANUARY 22, 1991, WHICH PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE THERETO FOR A MORE ACCURATE AND COMPLETE DESCRIPTION, AND IS FURTHER DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT AN IRON PIN ON THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF COOK ROAD (80 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY) A DISTANCE OF 1208.26 FEET NORTHERLY AS MEASURED ALONG THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF COOK ROAD FROM THE INTERSECTION OF THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF COOK ROAD AND THE SOUTHERLY LAND LOT LINE OF LAND LOT 253, 10TH LAND DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA; THENCE, NORTH 07 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 55 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 124.99 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF COOK ROAD; THENCE, NORTH 08 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 23 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 68.86 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE, SOUTH 86 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 22 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 120.0 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE, SOUTH 17 DEGREES 43 MINUTES 02 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 193.85 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE, NORTH 88 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 05 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 453.17 FEET TO AN IRON PIN THE POINT OF BEGINNING. THIS BEING IMPROVED PROPERTY CONTAINING 1.86 ACRES, ACCORDING TO SURVEY.

TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF INGRESS AND EGRESS TO AND FROM THE PROPERTY HEREINABOVE DESCRIBED IN GRANT OF EASEMENT RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 229, PAGE 862, AFORESAID RECORDS.

LESS AND EXCEPT:
ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 253 OF THE 10TH DISTRICT OF NEWTON COUNTY, STATE OF GEORGIA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

TO FIND THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING BEGIN AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE EASTERN SIDE OF COOK ROAD AND LAND LOT 253; THENCE, PROCEED

ALONG THE RIGHT OF WAY OF COOK ROAD IN A NORTHERN DIRECTION FOR A DISTANCE OF 1208.26 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE, LEAVING COOK ROAD SOUTH 88 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 05 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 230.00 FEET TO A POINT AND BEING THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

THENCE, NORTH 06 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 23 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 188.27 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE, SOUTH 86 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 22 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 185.00 FEET TO A 1/2 INCH IRON PIN; THENCE, SOUTH 17 DEGREES 43 MINUTES 02 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 193.85 FEET TO A 1/2 INCH IRON PIN; THENCE, NORTH 88 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 05 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 223.17 FEET TO A 1/2 INCH IRON PIN, ALSO, BEING THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID PROPERTY CONTAINS 0.86 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

COMMONLY KNOWN AS:1290 COOKS RD, OXFORD, GA 30054
APN #: 0041000000031000

SAID PROPERTY being known as: **1290 COOK ROAD, OXFORD, GA 30054**

TO THE best of the undersigned's knowledge, the party or parties in possession of said property is/are **RICHARD SHEFFER** or tenant(s).

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

SAID PROPERTY will be sold subject to the following: (1) any

