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*His Word*

There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

1 John 4:18, KJV

# Woman terminated from area job claims discrimination

Case marks first time US Equal Employment Opportunity Commission takes action related to COVID-19

By TOM SPIGOLON  
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ATLANTA — A woman's termination from her job near Social Circle in 2020 has led to a federal agency's first nationwide action to address workplace discrimination related to COVID-19. The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

sion (EEOC) charged in a federal lawsuit a woman's employer fired her for seeking to work from home because of a lung condition rather than at a Social Circle pharmaceutical plant during the pandemic in 2020. It alleges that ISS Facility Services Inc. unlawfully denied employee Ronisha

**ABOUT THE EEOC:** Established in 1964, the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission that is responsible for enforcing federal laws that make it illegal to discriminate against a job applicant or an employee because of the person's race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability or genetic information.



Moncrief's "reasonable request for an accommodation for her disability" under the

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and then fired her for asking for it.

"This case represents the first lawsuit the EEOC has filed about a request for an ADA accommodation related to COVID-19," the agency said in a news release. ISS is a Denmark-based facility management and maintenance company. Moncrief said in a lawsuit filed in federal court in Atlanta. See CLAIMS, A6

Georgia DOT

## Hwy. 81 bridge construction still on track

State DOT says Newton-Henry connector should be reopened by year's end



Special | GDOT

GDOT announced Thursday the deck of the new Georgia Hwy. 81 bridge over the South River at the border of Newton and Henry counties is complete and work is on pace to reopen it to travel before the end of 2021.

By TOM SPIGOLON  
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Travelers between Newton and Henry counties on Hwy. 81 will have a new bridge open by December. GDOT announced Thursday the deck of the new Georgia Hwy. 81 bridge over the South River at the border of Newton and Henry counties is complete and work is on pace to reopen it to travel before the end of this year. The Georgia Department of Transportation officially awarded a replacement for the 72-year-old structure in August 2020 to Wright Brothers Construction Co. totaling \$4.299 million. The project is replacing a bridge built in 1948 on its existing alignment. It was planned to have two, 12-foot travel lanes and 10-foot shoulders (four feet paved and six feet unpaved) with rural side ditches. The total length of the project is approximately 0.42 miles.

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The Oaks Golf Course



Special | Joe Coleman

World War II veterans James Watkins and Jennings Watkins, who are twins, and Bo Cline, all 101 years old, plan to be at the 32nd Annual Golf Classic for Cure Childhood Cancer at The Oaks Golf Course in Covington on Sept. 24 to help support chief tournament organizer Joe Coleman in his effort to raise funds to fight the disease. From left are James Watkins, Jennings Watkins, Coleman and Cline.

# Swingin' for a cure

Three 101-year-old men supporting Newton County charity golf tournament

By TOM SPIGOLON  
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Joe Coleman remembers being told his 2-year-old daughter had little chance of surviving her leukemia for very long. That was about 34 years ago and his daughter, Shannon, is now 36. "At that time, they were given little chance for survival," Coleman said. But he also became a supporter and board member of Atlanta nonprofit CURE Childhood Cancer, and

has helped organize the annual Golf Classic for CURE Childhood Cancer at The Oaks golf course in Covington since 1989. Three longtime tournament supporters — all 101 years old and World War II veterans — plan to join Coleman during the 32nd annual tournament scheduled for Friday, Sept. 24, at The Oaks golf course at 11240 Brown Bridge Road. The three, Coleman's stepfather Bo Cline and twin brothers James and Jennings Watkins, have attended and participated in almost all of the

tournaments that benefit a nonprofit dedicated to raising funds for research and equipment to treat childhood cancers. The tournament has raised about \$2.5 million for CURE Childhood Cancer in its 31 years of existence, said Coleman, a tournament founder. In addition, in the past decade the nonprofit has raised \$32 million and added financial and emotional support services for patients' families to its task list, as well, according to its

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Board of Commissioners

Newton legislator pushes commissioners to create plan for COVID relief funds



Sharon Henderson

By TOM SPIGOLON  
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COVINGTON, Ga. — District 113 State Rep. Sharon Henderson, D-Covington, asked Newton County commissioners recently to find a way to distribute \$10.8 million in federal American Rescue

Plan funding the county has had since May. Henderson said a number of county residents have contacted her about the money, including some who need the funds to avoid evictions. "The American Rescue Plan is here to rescue the people,"

she said during a speech to the Board of Commissioners Sept. 7. County officials, including County Manager Lloyd Kerr, have said they know generally the money must be used for

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*Weekend Weather Forecast*



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High: 80° Low: 68°  
• 60% chance of rain



Sunday, Sept. 19  
High: 79° Low: 69°  
• 80% chance of rain

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Saturday, Sept. 18

• District 4 Service Day and Community Cleanup is set for Sept. 18 at 9 a.m. at Nelson Heights Community Center at 7200 Lassiter St. in Covington. County Commissioner J.C. Henderson and Keep Newton Beautiful will host the event. To register to participate and for more information, visit [www.KeepNewtonBeautiful.org](http://www.KeepNewtonBeautiful.org) or call 770-784-2015.

### Saturday, Sept. 25

• Covington Regional Ballet's House Party featuring contemporary dance and art show Sept. 25 at Porter Performing Arts Center at 140 Ram Drive in Covington. Art show by Ré Phillips begins at 6 p.m. and dance performances inspired by house, vogue, gospel and jazz music begin at 7 p.m. For more information, visit [www.newtoncountyarts.org](http://www.newtoncountyarts.org).

• Free Kids Fishing Derby for ages 8 to 15 is set for Sept. 25 from 8 a.m. to noon at City Pond Park at 13501 City Pond Road in Covington. Bring pole, bait and container to keep fish in to qualify for prizes. Door prizes will be given. Participants must be accompanied by someone 18 or older. For more information, visit [www.newtonrecreation.com](http://www.newtonrecreation.com) or call 770-786-4373.

• Rivers Alive! 2021 cleanup of local rivers, lakes and streams Sept. 25 at 9 a.m. Participants meet at Longhorn Steakhouse at 6112 Pavilion Way in Covington. Register by Sept. 17 at [www.KeepNewtonBeautiful.org](http://www.KeepNewtonBeautiful.org), print out and complete registration and release forms and email them to Keep Newton Beautiful. For more information, call KNB at 770-784-2015 or email [newtonclean@co.newton.ga.us](mailto:newtonclean@co.newton.ga.us).

• Freedom Fest hosted by March Against Meth Sept. 25 from 2 to 4 p.m. at 2201 Main St. in Porterdale. Music, testimonies and guest speakers planned. For more information, call 678-210-5975.

### Sunday, Sept. 26

• Flu shot clinic hosted by Salem United Methodist Church at 3962 Salem Road in Covington Sept. 26 at 10:30 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. For more information, call 770-786-6027.

### James B. Hutchins

*Caldwell & Cowan Funeral Home*

James B. Hutchins, of Covington, passed away Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2021, at the age of 97. James was born on a farm in Five Forks, Gwinnett County, Georgia on August 1, 1924. He served in the United States Army Air Corps as a bomber pilot during World War II. He was the owner and operator of Hutchins Drug Store, in Covington, which later became Medical Arts Pharmacy, from 1952 until his retirement in 2005. James also owned Hutchins Department Store in Covington, The "Hutch", of Covington, and The "Hutch", of Lawrenceville. He attended Washington University, in St. Louis, Missouri, and was a graduate of the University of Georgia with a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry, and of Mercer University with a B.S. degree in Pharmacy. James left



James B. Hutchins

a long legacy of public service, including serving as an original member of the Housing Authority of Covington, president of Covington Businessmen's Association (later becoming the Chamber of Commerce), founding member of the Board of Directors of First National Bank (now First Nations Bank), and past president of Kiwanis Club of Covington, where he had been a member for over 50 years. He was a certified dialysis technician and a past member of the Board of Directors of the National Kidney Foundation of Georgia. James was a member of First Baptist Church of Covington, where he had served as a deacon, Sunday School Teacher, and superintendent of the young peoples' department for many years. He was preceded in death by his wife of 48 years, Rebecca Alford Hutchins; daughter, Becky Hutchins Digby; son, Jimmy Hutchins; stepdaughter, Renee Hansen; and parents, William Ralph and Bessie Jane Hutchins.

James is survived by his wife,

Beth Meadors Hutchins; son-in-law, Dan Digby; granddaughter, Annie Hutchins; stepchildren, Karen Miller (Danny), Lee Meadors (Joy), Elizabeth Giannce (Rod); step grandchildren, Maria Meadors, Lindsey Miller, Jack Meadors, Caroline Meadors, Libby Hansen, Justin Giannce, Ann Marie Giannce, Sean Teichert; sister-in-law, Martha Frances Hutchins; and several step-grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews

A Funeral Service for James will be held Monday, Sept. 20, 2021, 11 A.M., at First Baptist Church of Covington, 1139 Usher St. NW, in Covington, with Darrell Huckaby officiating. The Committal Service will be held at 2 P.M. at Shadowlawn Cemetery, Atha Street, in Lawrenceville. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the National Kidney Foundation, [kidney.org/donation](http://kidney.org/donation), or National Multiple Sclerosis Society, [nationalmssociety.org/Donate](http://nationalmssociety.org/Donate).

Visit [caldwellandcowan.com](http://caldwellandcowan.com) to place online condolences.

### Robert (Bob) G. Brown

Robert (Bob) G. Brown, age 89, moved to Heaven peacefully surrounded by family on Sunday, Sept. 12, 2021, at the home he shared with his wife, Jean L. Brown.

Bob was born Sunday, March 6, 1932, in Belknap, Illinois, to Thomas B. Brown and Cora Key Brown. After a term as a draftsman in the Air Force serving his country, Bob retired from the Brunswick Corporation after 38 years. During his career, he modernized the bowling alley at Camp David and made custom bowling balls for President George H.W. Bush and Vice President Dan Quayle. He was recognized as #1 salesman for 5 years. Bob was a devoted husband and father and a faithful member of Central Church in Covington, Georgia. He lived as

a God-fearing, moral handsome gentleman, full of integrity and excellence in every area of his life. For 65 years he loved his wife, Jean as Christ loves the church. He was an honorable father, a mentoring grandfather and a doting great-grandfather. He never met a stranger and with a warm welcome he would buy anyone a cup of coffee or share a story in his most eloquent way, anywhere he was able. Love was his seed, joy was his gift, laughter was his voice and his stand was simply "I don't worry about that!"

Bob is survived by his wife, Jean L. Brown; daughter, Terri L. Vaughn and husband, Richard C. Vaughn; son, David A. Brown and wife, Terry A. Brown; daughter, Lori B. Causey; and daughter, Traci L. Reeves and husband, Joe D.

Reeves. Bob is also survived by grandchildren, Victoria Brown Bullard, Steven Bullard, Justin Reeves, Lauren Reeves, Kaytie Vaughn, Kaitlynn Causey Scalabrino, Patrick Scalabrino, Matthew Reeves, Meghan O'Laughlin, Robert Causey, Faith Vaughn, Luke Vaughn and 12 great-grandsons and 1 great-granddaughter.

A Celebration of Life will be held Sunday, Sept. 19, at Central Church, 11157 City Pond Road, Covington, Georgia. The family will receive friends and family between 2 to 3 p.m. The service will be officiated by Pastor Darrell Allen at 3 p.m. following the visitation. In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made to Central Church in honor of Bob Brown.

### Winona Barker

*J.C. Harwell & Son Funeral Home*

Mrs. Winona Barker, age 80, of Covington, Ga passed away Sept. 2, 2021. She was born Dec. 13, 1940, to Oscar and Estelle Wagner who have preceded her in death. Mrs. Barker cherished her birdhouses and bells that she collected over the years. She enjoyed all music especially, country music. Mrs. Barker enjoyed playing Bingo in her spare time. Her biggest love of all were her boys. She took pride in being a "stay at home" mom and loved cooking. Mrs. Barker had a sweet, loving soul and will be missed. Along with her parents, she is also preceded in death by her husband of 63 years, Mr.

Thomas "Chief Barker" Barker, and her sister Alice Newberry.

Mrs. Barker is survived by her children, Billy Barker, Lennie Barker and his wife Annslee; grandchildren, Brandon Barker (Mistie), Chad Barker (Tonya), Miranda Barker, John Barker Jr. (Christina), Patrick Miller, Nicholas Miller; great-grandchildren, Tayler, Reagan, Brynlee, Haley, Storm, Cole, Chloe, Damien, Cameron, Cain, John Michael, Piper Ann, Dalton, Sophia; sister, Ava Campbell, along with other family and close friends.

A memorial service for Mrs. Barker will be Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2021 at 4 o'clock at the Chapel of J.C. Harwell & Son Funeral Home with Preacher Robert

Nash officiating. A gathering of family and friends will be held at the funeral home from 2 PM until 4 PM prior to service.

J.C. Harwell and Son Funeral Home, TE Davis Funeral Services, 2157 East Street, SE, Covington, GA 30014.

As of April 8, 2021, Gov. Brian Kemp has lifted the restrictions for large gatherings and other recommendations throughout Georgia. However, we ask you be respectful of the family and others during this time. If you are sick, not feeling well, or have any symptoms of COVID-19, please do not attend the services. If you feel the need to wear a mask, please do so.

### Elaine A. Anderson

*J.C. Harwell & Son Funeral Home*

Mrs. Elaine A. Anderson, age 74, of Covington passed away Sunday, Sept. 12, 2021. She was born April 21, 1947 at the Porterdale Hospital and grew up in Mansfield. Mrs. Anderson graduated

from Newton County High School and worked 17 years as the Assistant Administrator for Covington Square. She enjoyed planting flowers, working with photo albums of her family, and shopping. Mrs. Anderson was a member of St. Andrews C.E.C. She was preceded in death by her parents John Henry and Ruby Doris Boss Autry, and her brother Stanley Autry.

Mrs. Anderson is

survived by her husband Douglas Anderson, her son Kerry Wells of Covington, her step daughter and son-in-law Valerie Mitchell and Chris of Social Circle, her step grandchildren Cameron and Ryan. She is also survived by 4 step great grandchildren, her siblings John Autry and Joyce of Athens, Ronnie Autry of Covington, Joey Autry and Jennifer of Covington, Emily Cromer and

Greg of Thomaston, and Sally Autry of Covington along with a host of other family and friends.

A memorial service will be held at 11 o'clock Saturday, Sept. 18, 2021 at St. Andrews C.E.C., 375 Old Oxford Road, Covington, GA 30014. J.C. Harwell and Son Funeral Home, TE Davis Funeral Services, 2157 East Street, SE, Covington, GA 30014

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## NOTICE OF ELECTION CANCELLATION

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §21-2-291 and §21-2-325, notice is hereby given that the Oxford Municipal City Election for City Council Posts 4, 5 and 6 scheduled for November 2, 2021 is hereby cancelled. The following candidates have qualified for office and are unopposed:

For City Council Post 4: Michael Ready

The above unopposed candidate shall be deemed to have voted for himself.

For City Council Post 5: Jim Windham (incumbent)

The above unopposed candidate shall be deemed to have voted for himself.

For City Council Post 6: Jeffery H. Wearing (incumbent)

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# Covington police peacefully end knife-wielding man's threat against victim

By **TOM SPIGOLON**  
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COVINGTON, Ga. — A man's attempt to threaten a victim with a knife so police would shoot him ended peacefully after officers ran down the suspect as he attempted to flee.

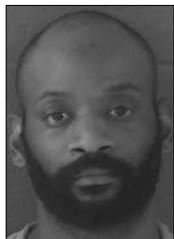
John August Comer, 31, of Columbus, was charged with Aggravated Assault, Battery and Obstruction early Friday, Sept. 10, after he allegedly held a knife to the throat of an unidentified person and asked officers to "shoot" him before he was caught after a short foot chase.

No injuries were reported. Spokesman Capt. Ken Malcom of the Covington Police Department said the officers "did an outstanding job of arresting Comer without the victim, or the perpetrator, being injured."

"It was a very tense situation" Malcom said.

An officer reported being dispatched to an apartment complex at Holmes Court and Turner Lake Road on Sept. 10 about 1 a.m. in reference to a report about an assault with a knife, a report stated.

Other officers joined him and



**John Comer**

they reportedly came upon the 6-foot-3, 230-pound suspect "with a kitchen knife in his hand which was held against" the throat of the victim — who also had called about the incident.

"CPD officers on scene were giving (the suspect) verbal commands to drop the knife and (he) refused to comply and stated, 'Just shoot me,'" a report stated.

One officer already had his department-issued Taser in his hand and told the suspect three times he planned to deploy it on him.

The officer then tried using it twice on the suspect but it failed to connect.

"Once the Taser failed twice (the suspect) then took off on foot around the backside of the residential apartments and came around the front where he then tripped on the wet grass," the report stated.

Two officers then were able to grab the suspect and place him in handcuffs, it stated.

The reporting officer said he searched the suspect and found a bottle containing what appeared to be methamphetamine, two syringes and the knife he allegedly held on the victim.

Officers transported the suspect to Piedmont Newton Hospital where a physician said the suspect was healthy enough

to be transported to the Newton County Detention Center, where he was being held without bond Tuesday morning.

The report did not state the relation between Comer and the victim.

In an unrelated incident Saturday in Covington, police investigated a shooting in the Puckett Street area in which occupants of a 2005 Honda Accord said gunfire narrowly missed a back-seat passenger after striking the vehicle's rear window.

Officers reported investigating the report about 2:45 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 11. They at first believed the Accord was a suspect's vehicle after it took off at a high rate of speed from the area of Puckett Street.

The vehicle stopped at a church parking lot on Georgia Hwy. 36 where occupants flagged down officers, a report stated.

An officer reported finding a round of gunfire had struck the passenger's headrest and became lodged in it.

However, the officer apparently was unsuccessful in finding information about the suspects after "several attempts to speak with the victims were made in an attempt to locate or identify a possible shooter or the location where they were shooting from."

## Newton officials say relationship 'strong' with its law firm

By **TOM SPIGOLON**  
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Newton County officials said recently they have a "strong partnership" with their law firm despite the Board of Commissioners adjourning a recent meeting because no attorney attended.

The county "appreciates the legal advice and guidance" Jarrard & Davis has provided "since the relationship commenced more than five years ago" in which the law firm works on a contract basis for the government, a news release stated.

Ken Jarrard, a founding partner of the firm, said Jarrard & Davis "highly values its professional relationship with Newton County."

"No matter what direction Newton County chooses for its legal representation, be it to remain with Jarrard & Davis or transition to an in-house model, we will support Newton County in all they do," Jarrard

said.

The public clarification of their relationship followed an apparent miscommunication between County Attorney Megan Martin and County Manager Lloyd Kerr which led to no attorney from the firm being present for the Sept. 7 meeting.

In a related action at the same meeting, commissioners voted 3-2 to add to the agenda a plan to reopen the application process to additional candidates for a new in-house attorney position to replace the law firm.

Commissioner Demond Mason said he discussed his desire for additional applicants during an Aug. 24 executive session meeting and wanted it included with Commissioner J.C. Henderson's motion at the same meeting that offered Martin a six-month contract to work as the new in-house county attorney.

Mason said he wanted the county to con-

tinue to receive applications even during the six-month period in which the new attorney was working.

However, when Henderson made the motion Aug. 24 he did not include Mason's request.

Mason said an amendment to the motion that contained his request would clarify it. Henderson said he believed Mason's request could be added to the original motion because the commission had not voted on approving the official minutes of the Aug. 24 meeting.

Commissioner Ronnie Cowan said he did not recall Mason "specifically" saying anything Aug. 24 about including his request with Henderson's motion.

"I'd like to have an executive session to review the record so we can see what was actually said," Cowan said. "It may have been

but I don't recall it right now."

Chairman Marcello Banes noted the amendment dealt with a personnel matter which required the board to agree to go into an executive session.

"We're not talking about personnel," Henderson said. "We're talking about clarifying the motion."

It passed with Henderson, Mason and Alana Sanders voting for it and Cowan and Stan Edwards voting against it.

The request apparently will be considered when the Board of Commissioners takes up the remainder of its Sept. 7 agenda, likely in addition to its Sept. 21 regular meeting.

The work session Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the Historic Courthouse was set to consider long-awaited action on changes to the 2020 Unified Development Ordinance.

## Troopers arrest Covington man after chase ends on I-20

By **TOM SPIGOLON**  
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COVINGTON, Ga. — A Covington man was facing a series of charges after Georgia State Patrol alleged he led troopers on a two-county chase that ended with them using a traffic maneuver to stop his vehicle on I-20 in Rockdale County.

James Senter, 28, was being held without bond Friday in the Newton County Detention Center after being charged with crimes ranging from Fleeing a Police Officer to drug and traffic violations following the Sunday, Sept. 12, chase.

The pursuit report-

edly began when a trooper observed a driver, identified as Senter, run a red light in a Ford Explorer on U.S. Hwy. 278 at West Street in Covington Sunday at 6:23 p.m.

As the trooper attempted to stop the vehicle it kept fleeing, which led to the pursuit, a GSP spokesman said.

The fleeing vehicle continued traveling west on Hwy. 278 before entering I-20 at a high rate of speed and driving recklessly, the spokesman said.

As the vehicle neared Sigman Road in Rockdale County, the trooper was able

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### BRIEFLY

The Covington Planning Commission will hold a work session to discuss Zoning Code updates Wednesday, Sept. 29, at 5:30 p.m. virtually over Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88369364305?pwd=WF0leW-1MOEtIamdPdTd4NHJ4T2VlUT09.>

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# OPINIONS

The Covington News

Dick Yarbrough columnist

## Looking for some good news in these trying times

It is hard to find much good news these days as we relive the horrific events of 9-11 that took the lives of 2,977 innocent souls in the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and a field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania.



And then after some 2,500 American deaths, we have withdrawn our troops from that hellhole called Afghanistan. We will now have to endure those jive-talking, knuckle-dragging Neanderthals dragging their poor inhabitants back to the Dark Ages where women are less than second-class citizens and wonder why we went there in the first place.

At home, we are in a dither over vaccinations (I got mine) and masks (I wear mine) and tearing down statues (I don't have one to tear down. Sorry.) and ignoramuses spouting hate and threatening public officials via social media – anonymously, of course.

Even God's House is not immune. The North Georgia Conference of the United (?) Methodist Church has taken the largest church in their jurisdiction – 10,000 member Mt. Bethel in Cobb County – to court in the latest iteration of an internecine struggle between the bishop and members of the church over money, power and real estate. I suspect Baptists are laughing their heads off at their Methodist brethren. I suspect I am going to get a lot of mail from folks on both sides of the issue taking me to task and talking about everything in this unfortunate happening except what Jesus said in the Sermon on the Mount.

But like the proverbial pony in the pile, there is some good news available if you are willing to dig down for it. So with shovel in hand, I offer you the following, starting with the fact that this month of September is Gospel Heritage Month.

Gospel Heritage Month was the result of the efforts of two Democrats in Congress, Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, of Texas, and Sen. Blanche Lincoln, of Arkansas, back in 2008. That says to me that God just may not be the exclusive province of the Christian Right after all.

I don't think the jive-talking, knuckle-dragging Neanderthals or the anonymous social media ignoramus are aware that this is Gospel Heritage Month. If they were, they wouldn't be acting the way they are. Neither would the Methodists. In my

humble opinion, they all could use a few verses of "Loving God, Loving Each Other," written by my heroes, Bill and Gloria Gaither, or "God Is Good All The Time," sung by the exquisite Babbie Mason, of Carroll County, Georgia, who has the voice of an angel – only better.

The good news is that for me every month is Gospel Heritage Month. I grew up a big fan of gospel music, listening to the LeFevre Trio – Alphus, Urias and Eva Mae – and Hovie Lister and the Statesmen Quartet, as well as The Happy Goodman Family and Lee Roy Abernathy among others.

But there is more good news to follow because October is Country Music Month, thanks to President Richard Nixon declaring it so in 1970. Other than opening up relations with China, this may have been one of Nixon's finest hours. I must add that had he listened to a little gospel music, like "Not by Might, Not by Power," Watergate may never have happened.

By the way, Richard Nixon was the first president to visit the Grand Ole Opry, where he was given yo-yo lessons by the legendary Roy Acuff. Write that down and remember you read it here.

Frankly, today's country music has gotten a bit too slick for my tastes. I've got nothing against Keith Urban and Carrie Underwood and Alison Kraus but I lean toward Ray Price and Johnny Cash, Patsy Cline and Dolly Parton. Of course, at the top of my list is Willie Nelson. Who else would get tired of life and go lie down in the middle of the road, waiting for a car to run over him? Thankfully, none did and the rest is history.

I don't know about you but I feel a lot better already talking about Gospel Heritage Month and Country Music Month instead of that mess in the Middle East, people who want to defend the police and then burn down buildings, those who threaten public officials' families anonymously and a bunch of Christians who are acting like anything but.

The good news is that they will still be there if and when I decide to get back to them. In the meantime, did I tell you that November is Model Train Month?

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Chris Bridges columnist

## Social media overloaded with medical 'experts'

While I am not old enough to remember the polio epidemic, I do have memories of its direct devastation. My great aunt was stricken with polio while in her 20s and remained paralyzed for the remainder of her life. She would pass away when I was 4 years old but I have vivid images of her laying on the couch at her sister's where she lived once polio took its effect.



Through my young eyes she seemed very old. I do remember her smiling and talking to me. It would be years later when I realized she was only in her 40s when she passed away. If only the vaccine had been available a little sooner then my great aunt would have been spared such a tough life and fate. Her children were very young so it was fortunate she had family to help her with what became a life which turned into a daily struggle the likes of which I cannot imagine.

I've heard numerous stories about my great aunt from my mother. I can tell it is still tough for my mother to talk about, even decades later. Seeing a family member in that horrible of a condition had to be extremely tough.

Last year we were faced with yet another deadly virus which caused a waiting game for a vaccine to be manufactured and approved for us. In the meantime, thousands of Americans died. Americans are still dying from COVID-19. Similar to many of you, I have known people who have passed away from the virus.

What has been outright baffling is the reaction some people are having to COVID-19 and the vaccine which is now available. You see, we have so many people today who obtained their pretend medical degree from Facebook, Twitter and opinioned television and radio talk show hosts.

These "informed" people know all there is to know about medicine. They certainly know more than actual doctors and health workers. They have turned a health crisis

into a pretend political one.

These so-called experts aren't afraid to let you know they will never get vaccinated. They will never wear a mask. They have done so under the guise of "freedom," but, in reality, it is the definition of stupidity.

Your freedom ends when it violates my freedom or, in this case, my right to be healthy and not obtain a virus which can certainly be deadly to anyone, especially those like myself with various medical issues.

Personally, I am not for a federal or state law which requires anyone to do anything. We should control our own bodies. However, one has to wonder if those in the anti-vaccine crowd put any faith in the medical field. Do they never go to a doctor? Do they never take any type of medicine, even over-the-counter brands?

It has become so ludicrous that you see heated arguments about wearing a mask. It's become known as "mask shaming" and it has to be one of the most asinine things one can do.

At one of my work places, it is now re-

quired that employees wear a mask. That is the company policy. If I want to work there then I must follow that rule. Yet, at times, customers can be heard telling employees they are "dumb" for wearing a mask.

How did we end up on the current path we are on? When did people become experts in areas in which they truly know very little or anything about?

In talking with my mother recently I asked if there was any kind of negative outcry when the polio vaccine was finally available. She said it was the opposite. There was such relief that a vaccine for a deadly disease had been created. Compare that to what we have seen in 2020 and 2021.

With progress and the wisdom that comes from the passage of time, how have so many become an expert at being so down right ignorant?

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Your Letters to the Editor

## Readers warns 'unbridled tourism' could have downside

**Dear Editor:**  
As a friend and I settled outdoors for a glass of wine downtown, my adorable little dog rested on my lap. A passerby stopped to say, "Oh, how cute!" Around his neck hung several cameras, and we learned he was in town from Brunswick with a partner to shoot video and stills for the Chamber of Commerce. He said he'd been in numerous towns around the state on similar business, but this was his first time in Covington. He was simply captivated and remarked that our little town, unlike most, he emphasized, has "soul."

I don't disagree. In remarks recently, Mayor Steve Horton used an evocative phrase to describe Covington as "the corner of yesterday and tomorrow." And thousands upon thousands of tourists from around the world testify annually to the allure of Covington: its picturesque Square, extensive trails, leafy streets, an established film and television history, attractive homes, popular restaurant options, charming shops and old-fashioned Southern hospitality.

In those same remarks, Horton recounted the hand wring-

ing of 20 years ago — when he was city manager — as officials groped for ways to attract tourists. Today's film and television tourism turned out to be the answer and now is the fastest growing sector of our economy. (Our Chamber wisely trademarked the phrase "Hollywood of the South" some years ago.) The mayor also reported that in 2019, pre-COVID, these tourists spent an estimated \$153 million locally resulting in \$4.63 million in tax revenue. That's not chicken feed.

Hotels built not long ago are at capacity, and new ones are going up. A recent development is the wild proliferation of private homes being converted into short term rental AirBnB's going for hundreds of dollars a night. The city council, I am told, is looking into whether and how to regulate them while residents wonder if one or more will change the nature of their comfortable neighborhoods.

No one can dispute the financial benefits of tourism on our local economy and the many small businesses

and restaurants that are thriving as a result. Many of the tourists — and many of them whole families - who wander our streets spending several days here begin to envision themselves moving here. In my own neighborhood, a couple relocated here several years ago because the wife liked the look of Covington on the TV screen.

There is a warning in the shadows, however. Covington has a small geographic footprint, and tour-

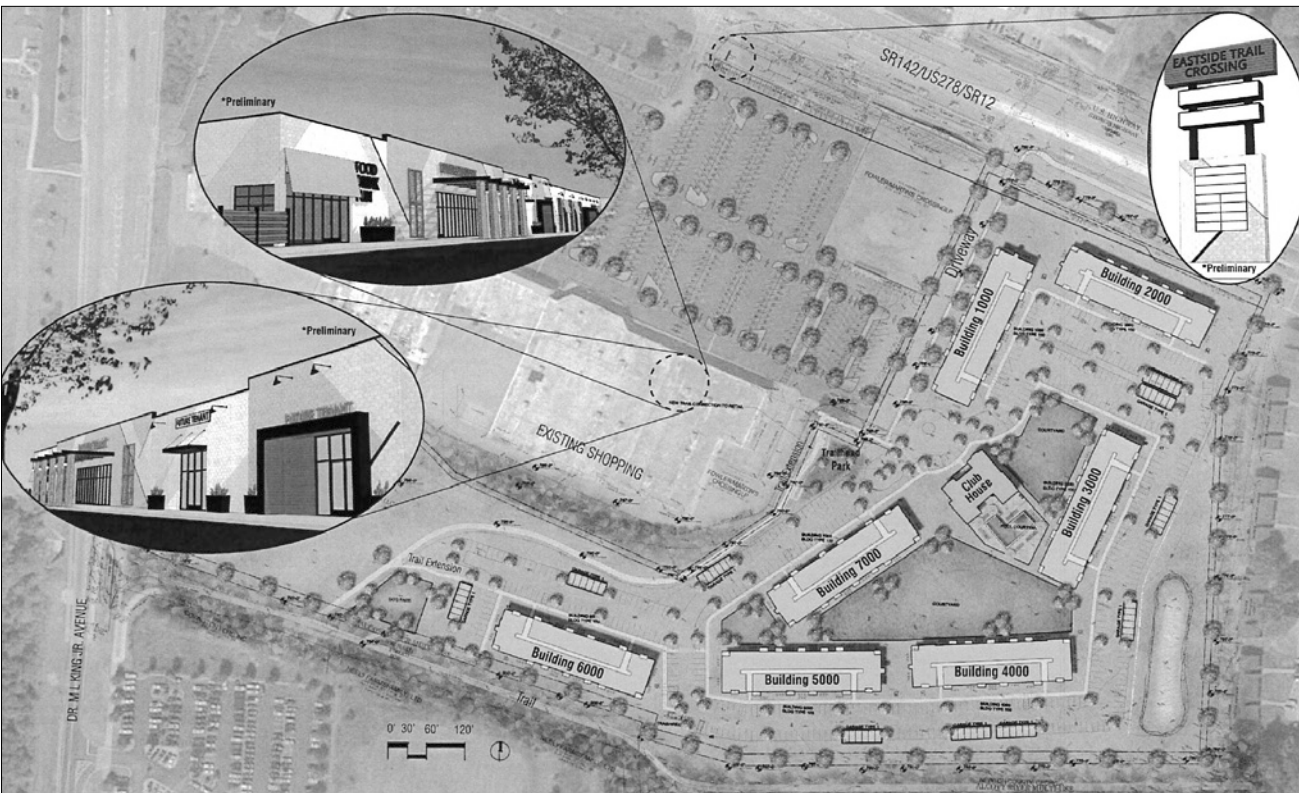
ists, not to mention its citizens, find themselves jockeying for space on city streets and corners. Just forget parking downtown which, some say, ought to be turned into pedestrian-only. Gawkers often halt traffic mid-block to pop out of cars and snap photos. Can we, a small town, continue to safely absorb an increasing number of visitors, their cars, tourist buses and rented golf carts? Is there

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**Pictured is the conceptual master plan for a 315-unit apartment complex to be built on a 19.6-acre tract neighboring the Martin's Crossing shopping center in Covington.**

# Covington OKs permit for apartment complex plan

Council approval greenlights mixed-use development project at former Walmart site

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COVINGTON, Ga. — Plans to redevelop the home of a former Walmart, located next to Ingles in The Shoppes at Martin's Crossing at the corner of Hwy. 278 and Covington Bypass Road, are a "go."

Members of the Covington City Council voted unanimously Tuesday night, Sept. 7, to approve a special-use permit to construct an "upscale" apartment complex on a 19.6-acre tract neighboring the shopping center.

Plans for the complex meet all the city's zoning requirements, but due to the project's size, a special-use permit was needed.

"Our code splits projects under five acres versus over five acres into two different levels of use," Planning and Zoning Manager Marc Beechuk previously told The Covington News. "My understanding on this is to allow smaller developments by right, but to have an extra level of attention, or front end planning, on larger developments."

Development company Crescent Communities currently owns the property and intends to build an apartment complex with 315 units. Former land owner and Newton County resident Sam Hay III previously shared the company's plans for the property in late August during a public town hall event.

"We feel that this is a great opportunity for this property and really for the community, too," Hay said. "We all know that our employment growth [and] our industrial growth has exceeded our housing growth, really, for a good many years now. And there are a good

many folks who work in our community who really haven't been able to find suitable housing."

Hay said his family had owned the property for about 50 years, but last year they decided to pursue advice about the property and how it could be best developed. Not long after, that's when Crescent Communities came into play.

According to the "conceptual master plan," Crescent Communities intends to build six three-story buildings across the 19.6 acres, constructed to an "appropriate scale" based on the surrounding area. There will be options for one-bedroom rentals starting at \$1,200 per month, two-bedroom rentals starting between \$1,800-\$1,900 per month, and a limited offering of three-bedroom rentals starting at more than \$2,000 per month.

Amenities include a pool and club house, and there are plans to build a trailhead for the Eastside trail.

Hay believed the project would transform the area into "a destination for our community, a trailhead for the Eastside trail, and, really, an eastern entrance and gateway to the community that we can all be proud of and all will enjoy."

As for the remainder of the 40-acre tract, Hay has not disclosed specific plans for the redevelopment of the current shopping center area, but he remains "excited" for the potential.

"We have had a significant amount of interest in the shopping center just in the last year or so," Hay said. "We have several plans for the center, but unfortunately we can't disclose any of

those specifics tonight. But suffice it to say, the combination of first-class market rent apartments, a trailhead and mixed-use activity, we think, are going to combine along with a revitalized shopping center to create a really nice gateway and destination for our community."

Hay said he planned to invest proceeds of the 19.6-acre land sale to Crescent Communities back into the redevelopment of the shopping center and retain ownership of the shopping center "for the long haul."

In other business, the council:

- Approved the first reading of an amendment to an ordinance pertaining to lodging tax. Proposed amendments would change definitions terms such as "hotel" and "marketplace facilitator," among others, to better regulate rentals across the city and ensure all lodging providers are being properly taxed.
- Approved the bid for a bucket truck for the Telecommunications Department from TEREX in the amount of \$109,034.
- Approved to enter an agreement with Friends of Covington Fireworks to contract out and provide the city at least a \$50,000 show on July 4 at a \$20,000 expense to the city.
- Approved a bid amount of \$20,500 for an assessment of Conyers Street Gym to determine the con-

dition of the property; in addition, a budget amendment and budget resolution was approved.

• Voted 5-0 (Councilwoman Fleeta Baggett abstained) to approve an RFP in the amount of \$62,000 for engineering and design of a water line for the company Process Equipment and Controls. The city applied on behalf of the company, but the company alone will be obligated to pay for the services, not the city.

• Approved a bid in the amount of \$54,400 from Mason Tractor to purchase a mini excavator for the Water and Sewer Department.

• Approved a \$1.96 million bid from Stewart Brothers Inc. for the 2021 Local Maintenance Improvement Grant project for the city's asphalt resurfacing projects. A \$168,986.32 grant from GDOT will fund a portion of the project. The remaining \$1.79 million will be paid for with SPLOST funds.

• Approved a \$499,000 bid from GWES for engineering work for the Downtown Square utility relocation and improvement project. Design prep is expected to take nine months; construction would take about six months. Work would be completed at night.

• Approved a bid in the amount of \$24,500 to assist in updating the city's Water and Sewer Standards and Specifications.

*Read more at CovNews.com*

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a point at which quality of life, particularly for residents, begins to be impacted not in a positive way?

Right now, we are both a popular and welcoming town, but I suggest that city planners acknowledge at some point that unbridled tourism could have a downside. How can that be averted? We may be a few years away from reaching

that point, but the idea shouldn't be dismissed as illogical. For now, we are the envy of dozens of towns and cities across the state, and we should work to protect that status.

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# Newton commissioners to consider next step on parks master plan

By **TOM SPIGOLON**  
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COVINGTON, Ga. — County commissioners are scheduled to receive information about their recently approved Parks and Recreation Master Plan during a work session before their regular meeting Tuesday, Sept. 21.

The Newton County Board of Commissioners is set to meet at 6 p.m. for a work session with facilitator Aaron

St. Pierre of Lose Designs to discuss the master plan, including a series of community meetings, for the county’s 12 parks and recreation facilities.

Board members Aug. 17 voted unanimously to approve a contract with Tennessee-based planning firm Lose & Associates for a Comprehensive Master Plan for the Recreation Department. Lose Designs is part of Lose & Associates.

County Manager Lloyd Kerr said board members’ interest earlier this year in doing new park projects led him to recommend a comprehensive plan to determine what facilities existed, where new projects were needed and how they could be funded.

The plan will include information on expected county population growth patterns, an assessment of existing facilities, and

recommendations for future park construction and staffing and financing, said county projects director Jeff Prine.

A series of community meetings in each commission district also are planned to determine residents’ desires for recreation facilities in unincorporated Newton County, Prine said.

“We’re opening it up for ideas from the community,” he said.

According to the contract, work on the master plan is to be completed by Dec. 7. The recommendations from Lose Designs will be combined with suggestions from the public and commissioners to create a final report to be given to the Board, he said.

Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax funds will be used to pay the \$93,500 cost of the plan, officials said.

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website.

Coleman cited statistics showing cancer is the second-leading cause of death in children. However, the cure rate for childhood cancer patients has increased from 50% to

90% since his daughter was diagnosed because of medical advances, he said.

“Our goal is to find a cure for childhood cancer in our lifetimes,” Coleman said.

Coleman and others have worked over the years to maximize the amount of money they raise during the tournament.

In addition to corporate donors, such as Coleman’s own company, the tournament also has received in-kind donations from such local businesses as Bradley BBQ, Chick-fil-A and QuikTrip, Coleman said.

It features raffles, goodie bags and other extras for participants,

which could total as many as 200 golfers by the end of registration, Coleman said.

He said he hopes to raise at least \$100,000 for CURE — after raising \$70,000 from the 2020 event done virtually because of the pandemic.

“It’s a really great time,” he said.

The number of participants prompted organizers to separate them into two groups — one beginning with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start and the other with a 1:30 p.m. start, he said.

Jennings Watkins, an Army veteran and retired Atlanta businessman, said he will not be among those out on the greens at The Oaks.

“My golfing days are over,” he said. “Two years ago I did some

putting and some short drives.”

He said he and his brother wanted to attend the event to show their support for Coleman and CURE.

“Joe is a personal friend of mine,” Watkins said. “We’ve been knowing one another for 40 years.”

Watkins watched out for invading Nazi ships and submarines while stationed in Newfoundland on the Atlantic coast of Canada during World War II.

He and his brother founded Atlanta Motor Lines soon after each returned from the war. Their trucking company saw Atlanta’s road system evolve from surface highway-based to one dominated by interstate highways before they sold it.

Coleman operates a truck maintenance company in Lithonia and lives in DeKalb County. However, he has organized the tournament for 31 years in Covington because of his lifelong friendship with course operator Richard Schulz — with whom he grew up in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

In 1989, Coleman tapped into his friendship with Schulz — the then-new operator of the golf course on Brown Bridge Road — to create the major fundraiser for CURE.

Schulz and wife, Nancy, now operate The Oaks course. Mrs. Schulz said the beneficiary of the tournament holds a place in her heart “for personal reasons.”

Her first job out of nursing school was at Egleston Hospital in Atlanta where she was assigned to the floor for cancer patients under age 2, she said.

“We think we’re making a difference,” she said.

Organizers are still seeking players and sponsors for the Golf Classic tournament. Though the morning session beginning at 8:30 a.m. is full, organizers are taking registrations for the 1:30 p.m. session of the tournament through Thursday, Sept. 23.

Cost is \$150 for one golfer or \$600 for a foursome, with all proceeds going to CURE Childhood Cancer. For more information, call 770-313-5626.



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# Judge considers murderer’s request for appeal of 2017 conviction

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COVINGTON, Ga. — A Newton County judge last week reportedly was still considering a convicted murderer’s motion to allow an appeal of his conviction following his negotiated guilty plea in August 2017.

Nathaniel Lamar Barnes, 30, asked Superior Court Judge Ken Wynne Sept. 8 for the action after alleging his attorney at the time he entered the guilty plea gave him ineffective counsel, said Chief Assistant District Attorney Amber Dally.

Barnes was convicted and sentenced to life in prison and has resided in Calhoun State Prison since August 2017.

State law requires appeals to be filed within 30 days of a judge’s decision. The Georgia Supreme Court has ruled that an “out of time” appeal request

beyond 30 days can be granted in cases in which ineffective counsel can be proven.

His case stems from the July 4, 2016, murder of a man on Grosslake Parkway in an apartment complex formerly named Enclave.

Barnes and a friend were buying marijuana at the complex. During the course of the deal, Barnes shot and killed the victim, according to testimony in Newton County Superior Court.

The murder weapon was later recovered at Barnes’ home, Dally said.

In a separate case involving the Newton County District Attorney’s Office, the Geor-



Nathaniel Barnes

gia Court of Appeals on Sept. 1 upheld the July 2019 conviction of Jose Galarza on a charge of Trafficking Methamphetamine.

Galarza’s appeal follows his arrest in April 2017 in Covington. He claimed that the evidence presented at trial in July 2019, such as text messages, was insufficient.

The Court of Appeals rejected Galarza’s argument and pointed to both direct and circumstantial evidence against him, according to the Newton County District Attorney’s Office.

The court stated that a fellow defendant’s testimony was sufficient evidence of guilt, and it rejected his claim the evidence “failed to exclude every other reasonable hypothesis except guilt.”

Galarza was sentenced to 30 years,

with the first 20 years in prison, based on the amount of methamphetamine he had (16 ounces) and his criminal history, according to the district attorney’s office and the court’s summary of the case.

Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney Jillian Hall represented the state during the appeal process and at the trial level.

The Newton County District Attorney’s Office also tried two cases in front of juries recently with both ending in guilty verdicts.

On Aug. 31 a jury convicted Justin C. Phillips on two counts of felony Terroristic Threats and one count of Criminal Trespass.

The case stemmed from a January 2019 incident in Porterdale. A judge ordered a pre-sentence investigation and set sentencing for a later date.

Just before the trial,

in a separate case Phillips entered a guilty plea to Interference with Government Property. He was sentenced to five years with the first two in prison with the remainder on probation.

In a Sept. 1 jury trial, Timothy Haynes was convicted on charges of DUI, Obstruction of an Officer, and Failure to Yield.

Haynes was charged after causing a motor vehicle crash in the area of Crowell and Brown Bridge roads in March 2018.

Haynes was eventually sentenced to a total of 36 months with the first 45 days in jail followed by probation and numerous conditions.

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to halt it by performing a pursuit intervention technique maneuver.

Senter was charged with Fleeing or Attempting to Elude a Police Officer, a felony; and misdemeanor crimes including Reckless Driving, Speeding (90 mph in 70 Zone), Disobeying a Traffic Control Device, Driving While License Suspended or Revoked, No Insurance, Failure to Stop at Stop Sign, Open Container, Possession of Marijuana less than 1 ounce; Improper Lane Change, No or Expired Tag, and Passing on Shoulder of Road.

The suspect also was found to have two active warrants for his arrest from Cobb and Wilkinson counties.

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something specifically tied to lost income from COVID-19.

However, Kerr has said the county has not received final guidelines on how to distribute the money and he cautioned the federal government could require repayment of any funds it deems improperly spent.

He said Georgia’s county government advisory group, the Association County Commissioners of Georgia, has advised counties to “move slowly” on use of the funds.

Kerr also said that once the county has the rules, he wanted to use some of the funds to hire a third-party manager to administer the funds.

He said the county does not have the personnel needed to manage such a large sum. An administrator could perform such tasks as developing a project list and budget, and give



State Rep. Sharon Henderson speaks to the Newton County Board of Commissioners on Sept. 7 inside the Historic Courthouse in Covington.  
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periodic reports to the Board of Commissioners through the end of the program, likely in 2026.

The Board would have final say on any use of the funds, he said.

Henderson, though, criticized Kerr’s recommendation for hiring a consultant because it would require spending money which could go to residents in need.

She also said she wanted the Board to manage the funds and devise a plan for sending the money to those who need it.

District 3 Commissioner Alana Sanders should head up its collaborative effort because “women get the job done,” Henderson told The Covington News.

Henderson said the funding is needed for those residents like a woman who said she was facing eviction from her home after the U.S. Supreme Court overturned the Centers for Disease Control’s order for an eviction moratorium.

“Not everyone has family members who will take them in,” she

said.

The enabling legislation that formally established the Board of Commissioners stated it should provide for the protection of county residents’ safety and health, she said.

“Let’s show our people some love,” Henderson said.

After Chairman Marcello Banes interrupted her speech because of previously scheduled and advertised public hearings on zoning matters, he later asked her to return and finish her remarks.

## BRIDGE:

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The assigned state highway detour on roads around the site totaled 34 miles.

GDOT selected the off-site detour method and duration to reduce environmental and prop-

erty impacts, while expediting construction and reducing cost, officials said.

Additional bridge width would be constructed on the east side of the existing bridge, and the

new profile raised, GDOT said.

A temporary turn-around area will be constructed during the off-site detour to facilitate school bus traffic on the Henry County side.

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## CLASSIFIEDS

## Announcements

## Personals

**TO RALPH** Fullers children my first cousin, I would ask them to call me 770-367-8559 Ralph was the son of Ludie Cook-Fuller and Brodnaik Fuller and the brother of Susan Lee Fuller-Clark who was my mother. Myra Lee Clark- Smith

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## LEGALS

## Public Notices

## Bids

**THE CITY** of Covington is seeking bids for the purchase of one (1) Utility Tractor as specified in exhibit "A" of the bid packet **SEALED BIDS** must be delivered to City Hall, 2194 Emory Street NW, Covington, GA 30014, Attn: Scott Cromer no later than 10:00am on Thursday, September 30, 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.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200852 9/19,26**

**THE CITY** of Covington is seeking bids from contractors for the removal of vegetative material, limbs, leaves, and yard debris, currently stockpiled at our Solid Waste transfer facility. **SEALED BIDS** must be delivered to City Hall, 2194 Emory Street NW, Covington, GA 30014, Attn: Scott Cromer no later than 10:00am on Tuesday, October 5, 2021. A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at 10:00 am at the council / court room located at 2116 Stallings Street NW, Covington, Georgia 30014.

**REQUEST FOR Bids** and additional information may be obtained by accessing the request for proposals on the City's website at <https://www.cityofcovington.org/index.php?section=business-opportunities> **THE CITY** of Covington reserves the right to reject any and all bids

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200851 9/19,26**

**THE CITY** of Covington is seeking professional consultant services to envision an autonomous public transportation network tailored to the city's diverse transportation needs including bicycle, golf carts, and public transportation users. The project will provide the city with a recommendation for the design and implementation of a public transportation system with accessible crossing for bicycle and golf carts along the identified corridor.

**REQUEST FOR Bids/Proposals** and additional information may be obtained by **ACCESSING THE** request for proposals on the City's website at <https://www.cityofcovington.org/index.php?section=business-opportunities> **PROPOSALS MUST** be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. on October 4th, 2021.

**RESPONSES RECEIVED** after this time and date will not be considered. **PLEASE ADDRESS** responses to: **SCOTT CROMER PURCHASING DEPT. 2194 EMORY Street NW COVINGTON, GA 30014**

**THE CITY** of Covington reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200820 9/12,19**

## Citations

## CITATION

**ALICIA BAILEY** has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **FELICE S. BAILEY** 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

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**MELANIE M. Bell, Judge By: Marcia Wynne, Clerk Probate Court NEWTON COUNTY, GA**

**NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT 1132 USHER STREET COVINGTON, GA 30014**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200855 9/19**

## CITATION

**RE: ESTATE of JACKIE RAY CONNER A/K/A JACK CONNER, DECEASED**

**MARJORIE ANN LEATHERS, EXECUTRIX** has petitioned to be discharged from Office and all Liability. All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause as to why said petition should not be granted. All objections must be in writing and filed with this Court on or before OCTOBER 4, 2021, at ten o'clock am.

**MELANIE M. Bell, Judge By: Marcia Wynne, Clerk Probate Court NEWTON COUNTY, GA**

**NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT 1132 USHER STREET COVINGTON, GA 30014**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200856 9/19**

## CITATION

**RE: ESTATE of MARTHA JANE ROBERTS, DECEASED**

**DEBORAH JEAN ROBERTS, EXECUTRIX** has petitioned to be discharged from Office and all Liability. All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause as to why said petition should not be granted. All objections must be in writing and filed with this Court on or before OCTOBER 4, 2021, at ten o'clock am.

**MELANIE M. Bell, Judge By: Marcia Wynne, Clerk Probate Court NEWTON COUNTY, GA**

**NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT 1132 USHER STREET COVINGTON, GA 30014**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200854 9/19**

## CITATION

**RE: ESTATE of OLGA NIKITAOVNA DECEASED**

**VALENTIN YALOVEGA EXECUTOR** has petitioned to be discharged from Office and all Liability. All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause as to why said petition should not be granted. All objections must be in writing and filed with this Court on or before OCTOBER 4, 2021, at ten o'clock am.

**MELANIE M. Bell, Judge By: Marcia Wynne, Clerk Probate Court NEWTON COUNTY, GA**

**NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT 1132 USHER STREET COVINGTON, GA 30014**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200804 9/19**

## CITATION

**RICHARD FRANKLIN CRANE** has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **MARTHA ANN CRANE** 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 OCTOBER 4, 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 #200742 9/5,12,19,26**

**THE PETITION of DESSIE R. PULLIAM widow of DELBERT WILLIAM PULLIAM** 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 OCTOBER 4, 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- RM 148 COVINGTON, GA 30014**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200796 9/5,12,19,26**

**THE PETITION of VIVETTE MATTHIE widow of FRANCHOT EDISON HENRY** 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 OCTOBER 4, 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- RM 148 COVINGTON, GA 30014**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200799 9/5,12,19,26**

## Corporations

**NOTICE IS** given that articles of incorporation that will incorporate **Ripple Effect Ministries Incorporated** have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code. The initial registered office of the corporation is located at 114 Longstreet Cir, Oxford, GA, 30054 and its initial registered agent at such address is Terry Shepherd.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200822 9/12,19**

## Debtors Creditors

## NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

**ALL CREDITORS** and Debtors of the Estate of **Arrilla Delamar Freeman**, deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia, [Probate File No. 21-P-300] are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, including any right of setoff or counterclaim, and all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment. Done this 20th day of August, 2021.

**ESTATE OF Arrilla Delamar Freeman c/o Kimberly F. Wallace, Executor 50 JENNA Lane COVINGTON, GA 30016**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200757 8/29-9/5,12,19**

## NOTICE TO Debtors and Creditors

**ALL CREDITORS** of the estate of **William Charles Maxwell, Jr.** late of Newton County, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment. **THIS 19TH** day of September, 2021 **NAME: TAMMY** Hodge and **Chyenenne Belle Hodge TITLE: CO-ADMINISTRATORS ADDRESS: 118 Calmes Boulevard, Winchester, Kentucky 40391**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200790 9/19,26,-10,3,10**

## NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

**ALL CREDITORS** of the estate of **JACK R. GIBSON**, deceased, a resident of Newton County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render in

See LEGALS, A9

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filed with this Court on or before OCTOBER 4, 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 #200798 9/5,12,19,26**

## CITATION

**BIONCA SIMS** has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **JULIA MAE JACOBS** 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 OCTOBER 4, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

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

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200797 9/5,12,19,26**

## CITATION

**GABRIELLA JONES** has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **BELKY JONES** 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 OCTOBER 4, 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 #200743 9/5,12,19,26**

## CITATION

**NETTIE G. BAKER** has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **LENA MAE GRIGGS** 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 OCTOBER 4, 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 #200744 9/5,12,19,26**

## CITATION

**RE: ESTATE of ELIZABETH BODEN MCGEHEE, DECEASED**

**ELIZABETH HATHHORN MCGEHEE, EXECUT**



# LEGALS:

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**THEIR DEMANDS** to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.  
**THIS 31<sup>st</sup>** day of August, 2021.

**MELISSA D.** Sheldon Executor of the Estate of Jack R. Gibson  
**C/O MICHELLE** Chaudhuri, Esq. Talley & Associates, P.C.  
**1892 GA Hwy 138, SE CONYERS, GA 30013 770-483-1431**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200787**  
**9/5,12,19,26**

## NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **ARNOLD DALE TINGLER** 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 7TH** day of **SEPTEMBER**, 2021.

**RITA TINGLER**  
**5429 DAVID CIRCLE COVINGTON, GA 30014**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200834**  
**9/12,19,26-10/3**

## NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **DANE SCOTT SCHNARR** 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 **SEPTEMBER**, 2021.

**FERN BYERLY**  
**77115 TAUNTON DRIVE GREENSBORO, NC 27410**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200832**  
**9/12,19,26,-10/3**

## NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **EVA MARIE CROSBY-PARKER** 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 7TH** day of **AUGUST**, 2021.

**ALETHEA PARKER BOWEN**  
**474 BOBCAT TRAIL MANSFIELD, GA 30055**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200837**  
**9/12,19,26-10/3**

## NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **EVELYN BELCHER** 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 **SEPTEMBER**, 2021.

**LISA BAKER**  
**35 BROOKWOOD DR COVINGTON, GA 30014**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200835**  
**9/12,19,26-10/3**

## NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **JAMES CLAXTON 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 7TH** day of **SEPTEMBER**, 2021.

**MICHAEL K. JONES**  
**1161 KATHRYN CIRCLE FOREST PARK, GA 30297**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200836**  
**9/12,19,26-10/3**

## NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **JOANN FAVERO PRESTON** 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 **SEPTEMBER**, 2021.

**JAMES DANIEL PRESTON, JR**  
**1 BEACH CLUB DRIVE MIRAMAR BEACH, FL 32550**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200833**  
**9/12,19,26-10/3**

## NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

**STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF NEWTON**  
**ALL CREDITORS** of Estate of **JERRY JOE NEAL** of Newton County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payments to the undersigned.

**THIS 9TH** day of September, 2021.

**TAMMY DENISE** Neal  
**P.O. BOX 65 OXFORD, GA- 30054**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200858**  
**9/19,26-10/3,10**

## Foreclosures

### 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 **Patrick Harkness** to Mortgage Electronic Registration

Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Guaranteed Rate Affinity, LLC, its successors and assigns, dated June 28, 2018, recorded in Deed Book 3723, Page 249, Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper by assignment recorded in Deed Book 3824, Page 450, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$180,775.00), 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 October, 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.

**NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC** d/b/a Mr. Cooper is the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-162.2.

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

**TO THE** best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Patrick Harkness and Shawandra Lashon Pittman or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **115 Heatherstone Way, Covington, Georgia 30016**.

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

**NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC** d/b/a Mr. Cooper  
**AS ATTORNEY IN FACT** for **PATRICK HARKNESS**  
**MCCALLA RAYMER** Leibert Pierce, LLC  
**1544 OLD Alabama Road ROSWELL, GA 30076**  
**WWW.FORECLOSUREHOTLINE.NET**  
**EXHIBIT "A"**

**LL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 108 OF THE 9TH DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 18, OF HEATHERSTONE SUBDIVISION, PHASE II, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 37 PAGES 272-276, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS, WHICH RECORDED PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE AND MADE PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION.**  
**SAID PROPERTY BEING KNOWN AS 115 HEATHERSTONE WAY, ACCORDING TO THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF NUMBERING PROPERTY IN NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA.**  
**R/MEH 10/5/21**  
**OUR FILE** no. 5453119 - FT2

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200756**  
**9/5,12,19,26**

### 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 **Courtney Burrell** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS") as nominee for Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., dated April 27, 2006, and recorded in Deed Book 2176, Page 577, Newton County, Georgia records, having been re-recorded at Deed Book 2942, Page 162, aforesaid records, and as last transferred to The Bank of New York Mellon as Trustee for the Certificateholders of CWABS, Inc. Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-8, by Assignment recorded in Deed Book 2918, Page 289, Newton County, Georgia records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of \$171,750.00, 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 October, 2021, to wit: October 5, 2021, the following described property:  
**ALL THAT** tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 40 of the 10th District of Newton County, Georgia, being Lot 59 of Glen Echo Subdivision, Phase One, as per plat recorded in Plat Book 42, Pages 195-198 (more particularly described in Page 197), Newton County, Georgia records, which plat is incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof.

**THE DEBT** secured by said Deed to Secure Debt has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Deed to Secure Debt. 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 **40 Glen Echo Drive, Covington, GA 30016**, together with

### CLUES ACROSS

- Religion native to some in China
- Nursemaids
- Coats a porous surface
- Garment of long cloth
- Containing a broader message
- University of Dayton
- Patti Hearst's captors
- Insane
- Bristlelike structures in invertebrates
- Taxi
- Trainee
- Comedian Carvey
- Some couples say it
- Belong to he
- High schoolers' test
- Young goat
- You drive on one
- Denotes a time long ago
- Space between two surfaces
- By and by
- A way to sell
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- Indicates near
- Where wrestlers compete
- Prosecutors
- Body part
- Soluble ribonucleic acid
- Indicates silence
- NFL's Newton
- Ancient Roman garments
- Drunkard
- Expression of satisfaction
- Thus
- Noisy viper
- Plants of a particular region
- Communicated with
- Latches a window
- Swarm with

### CLUES DOWN

- Split pulses
- Brew
- Ask humbly
- Distinctive smells
- Digressions
- Partner to cheese
- Father of Araethyrea
- Made a cavity
- Tin

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): Courtney Burrell or tenant or tenants.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

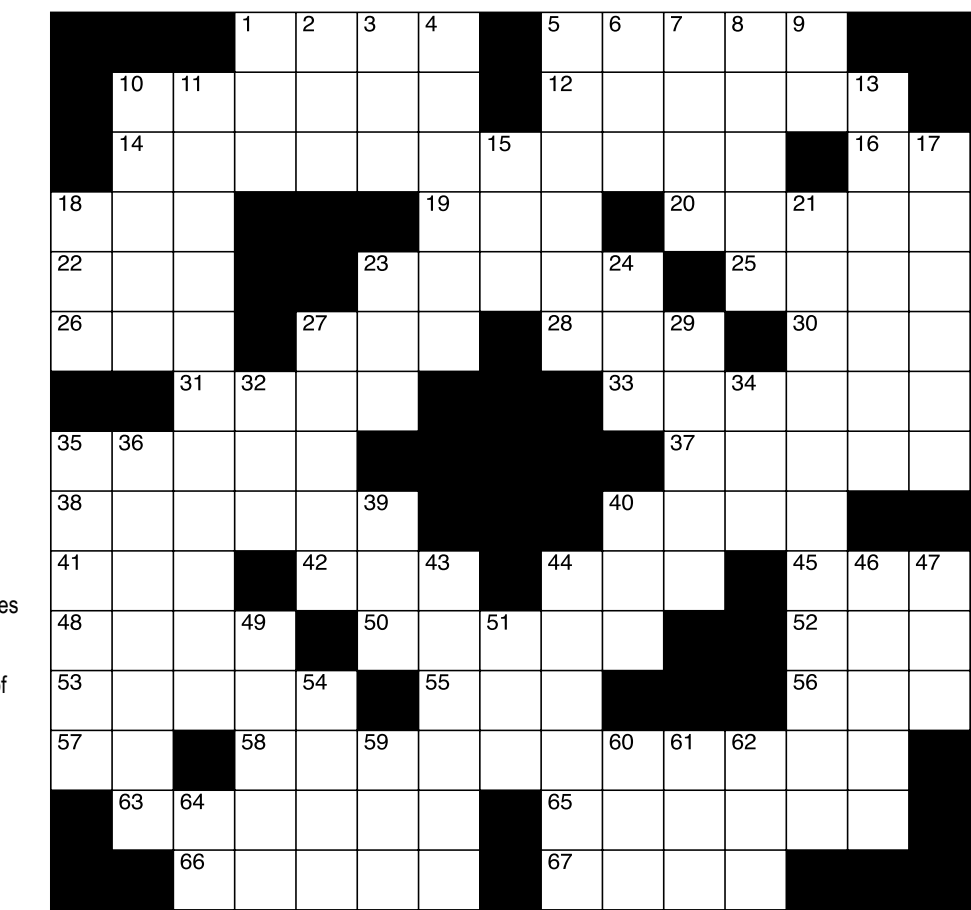
**THE BANK** of New York Mellon as Trustee for CWABS, Inc. Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-8  
**AS ATTORNEY IN FACT** for **COURTNEY BURRELL**  
**RICHARD B. Maner, P.C.**  
**180 INTERSTATE N Parkway, Suite 200 ATLANTA, GA 30339**  
**404.252.6385**

**THIS LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.**  
**FC21-023**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200779**  
**9/5,12,19,26-10/3**

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

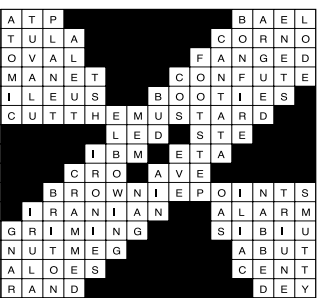
**BY VIRTUE** of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from **Antoinette Pringle** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee, as grantee for Broker Solutions, Inc. dba New American Funding, dated June 30, 2017 and recorded on July 10, 2017 in Deed Book 3584, Page 45, 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 Seventy-Two and 00/100 dollars (\$232,072.00) with interest thereon as provided therein, as last transferred to Broker Solutions, Inc. d/b/a New American Funding, recorded in Deed Book 3805, Page 426, 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,



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- Car mechanics group
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- A command to list files

### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:



LOT 126 OF THE 10TH DISTRICT OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND BEING KNOWN AS LOT 1, WOODLAND RIDGE SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 27, PAGE 107, NEWTON COUNTY RECORDS, WHICH PLAT IS BY REFERENCE INCORPORATED HEREIN AND MADE A PART HEREOF.

**BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO BOBBIE ANN KEY AND TIMOTHY KEY BY DEED FROM COUNTRY WOODS DEVELOPMENT CORP. RECORDED 12/18/1995 IN DEED BOOK 579 PAGE 311, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA**

**TAX ID# 0045 107**  
**SAID PROPERTY** being known as: **15 WOODLAND RIDGE CIRCLE, COVINGTON, GA 30016**

**TO THE** best of the undersigned's knowledge, the party or parties in possession of said property is/are **TIMOTHY L. KEY AND BOBBIE ANN KEY** or tenant(s).

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

**SAID PROPERTY** will be sold subject to the following: (1) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, whether or not yet due and payable); (2) the right of redemption of any taxing authority; (3) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and **20-010774 - SaH**

**INSPECTION OF** the property; and (4) any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.

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

**THE NAME**, address, and telephone number of the individual or entity who has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage is as follows:

**NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC** d/b/a Mr. Cooper 8950 Cypress Waters Blvd. Coppell, TX 75019 1-888-480-2432

**NOTE THAT** pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, the above individual or entity is not required by law to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the mortgage.

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

**U.S. BANK** NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR ASSET BACKED SECURITIES CORPORATION HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST, SERIES MO 2006-HE6,  
**ASSET BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES MO 2006-HE6, as Attorney-in-Fact for**  
**TIMOTHY L. KEY AND BOBBIE ANN KEY**  
**ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ,** Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC 10700 Abbott's Bridge Road Suite 170 Duluth, GA 30097 Phone: 470.321.7112  
**FIRM FILE NO.** 20-010774  
**20-010774 - SaH**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200793**  
**9/5,12,19,26**

### Public Hearings

#### CITY OF COVINGTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**NOTICE IS** hereby given, per the City of Covington's Code of Ordinances Chapter 16.52.270, that the Historic

Preservation Commission (HPC) will hold a meeting on October 6, 2021 @ 6 PM at the City Hall Council Chambers, 2116 Stallings Street, Covington, GA. Purpose of this meeting is for the HPC to consider the submitted application below for a Certificate of Appropriateness at the following property:

**A. COA# -** PMINOR21-0016  
**REQUEST: REPLACEMENT** of garage doors and all windows with like materials

**LOCATION: 1177** Reynolds St.,  
**TMP#: C026** 0027 002

**PROPERTY OWNER(S)/ APPLICANT(S):** Grey Realty Co./ James Maddox

**B. COA# -** PMOD21-0002  
**REQUEST: SNOW** cone business with the addition of a bathroom accessory structure for employees.

**LOCATION: 1174** Clark St.,  
**TMP#: C026** 0003 003

**PROPERTY OWNER(S)/ APPLICANT(S):** W.K. Campbell/ Kendall James

**C. COA# -** PCA21-0021  
**REQUEST ADDITIONAL** storage/ walk-in cooler for Mystic Grill Location: 1116 Clark St., TMP#: C026 0001 003

**PROPERTY OWNER(S)/ APPLICANT(S):** 2 by 4 Holdings, LLC/John Beszborn

**D. COA# -** PMAJ21-0001  
**REQUEST: ROOM** addition to rear of home

**LOCATION: 6114** Floyd St.,  
**TMP#: C005** 0002 008

**PROPERTY OWNER(S)/ APPLICANT(S):** Fleeta Smith/ Baggett

**ALL INTERESTED** parties are invited to participate, meeting will be held in person. For additional information, contact Renee Criswell, at rcriswell@cityofcovington.org, or 770-385-2178. Due to circumstances necessitated by emergency conditions involving public safety and preservation of public services, public access to this meeting is limited to teleconference and video access. THE PUBLIC MAY ACCESS THIS MEETING USING THE FOLLOWING LINK: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84222378349>

BY CALLING 1-646-558-8656, Meeting ID: 842 2237 8349

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200848**  
**9/19**

### Public Notice

#### NORTH CAROLINA IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE WILKES COUNTY DISTRICT COURT DIVISION

**FILE NO.** 20 JT 000040

**IN RE: C.A.T., MINOR JUVNEILE** NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

**TO: JENNIFER** LUCINDA TINER, MOTHER AND **JOSHUA** EUGENE TINER, FATHER OF A FEMALE CHILD BORN ON FEBRUARY 21, 2020 in **WILKES COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**, RESPONDENTS  
**PLEASE TAKE** NOTICE that a Petition seeking to terminate your parental rights with regard to a female child born to Jennifer Lucinda Tiner on February 21, 2020 in Wilkes County, North Carolina has been filed in the above matter. You are to answer the Petition no later than October 22, 2021. Upon your failure to answer the Petition by the date specified, an Order may be entered terminating your parental rights with regard to the above-named juvenile. Any counsel appointed previously and still representing you in an abuse, neglect, or dependency proceeding involving the child shall continue to represent you unless otherwise ordered by the Court.

**IF YOU** are indigent and not already represented by appointed counsel, you are entitled to appointed counsel. You should contact Debbie Freeman in the Clerk of Superior Court's office for Wilkes County, North Carolina, immediately. Her telephone number is (336) 651-4461, and her address

See LEGALS, A10



# LEGALS:

Continued from A9

**IS 500** Courthouse Drive, Wilkesboro, North Carolina, 28697.  
**THE DATE**, time, and place of hearing for pre-trial hearing on the Petition will be mailed by the Clerk of Superior Court upon your filing an Answer or 30 days from October 22, 2021 if no Answer is filed. You are entitled to attend all hearings and should keep the Clerk of Superior Court informed of your current mailing address. Failure to attend may result in the Court terminating your parental rights in your absence.

**THIS 12TH** day of September, 2021.  
**ERIKA LEIGH Hamby**  
**ATTORNEY FOR** Wilkes County Dept. of Social Services  
**304 COLLEGE** Street  
**WILKESBORO, NC 28697**  
**TELEPHONE: (336) 903-7689**  
**FAX: (336) 990-0409**  
**N.C. STATE Bar: 39726**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200818**  
**9/12,19,26**

## Public Sales Auctions

### ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE PETITION ADVERTISEMENT

**YOU ARE** hereby notified, in accordance with O.C.G.A. Section 40-11-19.1, that petitions were filed in the Magistrate Court of Newton County to foreclose liens against the vehicles listed below for all amounts owed. If a lien is foreclosed, the Court shall order the sale of the vehicle to satisfy the debt. The present location of the vehicles is: 125 Old Hwy 138 Loganville, GA 30052-4814

**ANYONE WITH** an ownership interest in a vehicle listed herein may file an answer to the petition on or before:10/08/21 Answer forms may be found in the Magistrate Court Clerk's office located at: 1132 Usher St Room

**COVINGTON, GA**  
**FORMS MAY** also be obtained online at [www.georgiamagistratecouncil.com](http://www.georgiamagistratecouncil.com).

**VEHICLE MAKE** Year Model  
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<b>NISSAN</b>	<b>2010</b>	Altima
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**PUBLIC NOTICE #200819**  
**9/12,19**

**NOTICE OF** Public Sale of Personal Property: Notice is hereby given that Covington Stor-It, located at 8165 Washing St SW, Covington, GA 30014; intends to sell the personal property according to the Georgia Self Storage Act, 10-4-210 through 10-4-215 to satisfy the owner's lien. All bids will be accepted online through [www.storageauctions.com](http://www.storageauctions.com). The auction will end on or after 1 October 2021, 3PM. Covington Stor-It reserves the right to withdraw units from such a sale and reject any bid. Terms of sale are cash or money order only.

**BRENDA BLACKWELL**, 133, appears to contain: Television, Vacuum cleaner, toys, dresser, refrigerators, dolly  
**ERIC SCOTT**, 192E, appears to contain: Artwork, elliptical, television, boxes, totes, treadmill

**CRAIG JACKSON**, 241, appears to contain: boxes, fan, bags, gym bag, crockpot.

**LAMONE JOHNSON**, 258, appears to contain: DVD holder, bins, plant, boxes, sound bar, cooler (full)

**JERRY STANLEY**, 300, appears to contain: artwork, totes, stained glass, pictures.

**JENNIFER CHRISTIAN**, 407, appears to contain: luggage, totes, clothing, plastic containers, camping gear, trash can.

**LINDA WHITE**, 418, appears to contain: dresser, chair, car battery, tires, bedframe, clothing, totes, headboard, punching bag.

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

**PATRICIA DANIELS**  
**PROPERTY MANAGER**  
**COVINGTON STOR-IT**  
**8165 WASHINGTON St. S.W.**  
**COVINGTON, GA 30014**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200853**  
**9/19,26**

## Trade Names

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

**TO WHOM** It may Concern:  
**PLEASE BE** advised that **TAZAQU ENTERPRISES LLC** whose address is 85 STONEWALL DR., COVINGTON GA 30016 and the owner(s) of the certain business now being carried on at 85 STONEWALL DR in the following trade name, to-wit: **MOORE ESSENTIALS** that the nature of said business is: **WELLNESS AND PERSONAL CARE** This statement is made in conformity with O.C.G.A. §10-1-490 et seq, requiring the filing of such statement with the Clerk of Superior Court of this county.  
**THIS THE 25TH** day of **AUGUST**, 2021.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200847**  
**9/19,26**

# Are You Ready to Be The MVP of Your Tailgate Party?



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If you purchase a six-month subscription, you will receive 6 chances to win. Purchase a one-year subscription and receive 12 chances to win.

Paid subscriptions must be received by 5 p.m. Friday, October 1, 2021 to qualify. You must be 18 years or older to enter and must be a resident of Newton County or reside within the newspaper's coverage area. Employees of The Covington News and their immediate family are not eligible to win.

The drawing for the Traeger Pro 575" Pellet Grill will be held Monday, October 4, 2021. The winner will be announced in the October 10-11 weekend edition of the newspaper.

Subscribe today by submitting the entry form, along with payment, to the newspaper office or call us at 770-787-6397 and you could be our Traeger Grill winner!



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**THE COVINGTON NEWS**  
**1166 USHER STREET, COVINGTON, GA 30014**

Completed forms along with payment **MUST** be received by 5pm on Friday, October 1, 2021 to qualify.

You must be 18 years or older to enter and must be a resident of Walton County or East Gwinnett County. Employees of The Covington News and their relatives are not eligible to win. No purchase necessary to win. Contest forms are available at The Covington News office.



# EDUCATION

The Covington News

## NCSS announces finalists for Teacher of the Year

**SPECIAL TO THE NEWS**  
news@covnews.com

COVINGTON, Ga. — Samantha Greco of West Newton Elementary, Clayton Hammonds of Veterans Memorial Middle and DeAnna O’Brien of Eastside High were named finalists today for Newton County School System Teacher of the Year.

The selections were made by a panel of

judges that spent two days interviewing each of the 23 school-level Teachers of the Year and reading essays submitted by them.

The three candidates earning the highest point totals were named finalists.

Newton County School System Superintendent Samantha Fuhrey surprised each of the finalists with flowers and balloons at

their respective schools Thursday, Sept. 16, to tell them they were finalists for Newton County Teacher of the Year. Family mem-

bers of the teachers were also included in the surprise visits.

On Tuesday, Sept. 21, the Teacher of the Year selection committee

will observe each finalist teach in their classrooms. The person with the highest combined score on the essay, interview, and observation will be announced as the 2022 Newton County Teacher of the Year during a ceremony at Newton High School on Sept. 30 at 4:45 p.m.

Finalists include:

- Samantha Greco, a fifth-grade teacher at West Newton Elemen-

tary School. She began her career as a teacher at West Newton in 2007 and has been teaching fourth and fifth grade at the school ever since.

Greco earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish from the Defense Language Institute in 1998 and her Bachelor of Arts degree in Biblical Education from Beulah Heights

See FINALISTS, A12



Samantha Greco



Clayton Hammonds



DeAnna O'Brien



Special Photo

Students walk around the Newton Campus of Georgia State University's Perimeter College. Georgia State University was ranked No. 2 most innovative university in the country and No. 2 for best undergraduate teaching in the 2022 edition of the national magazine "Best Colleges from U.S. News & World Report."

## Area colleges' parent institutions highly rated in U.S. News' annual ranking

**SPECIAL TO THE NEWS**  
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OXFORD, Ga. — Two universities with Newton County campuses recently were listed among the top institutions in the country in a national magazine's annual review.

Emory University ranks 21st among the nation's top universities in the 2022 edition of Best Colleges from U.S. News & World Report. Emory was founded in Oxford but moved its main campus to Atlanta while keeping its Oxford campus as a two-year college.

Meanwhile, Georgia State University is ranked the No. 2 most innovative university in the country and No. 2 for best undergraduate teaching in the 2022 edition of the magazine's Best Colleges.

Emory President Gregory L. Fenves said the university "offers a distinctive undergraduate experience, built on the breadth and rigor of an exemplary liberal arts education and elevated by the resources and opportunities of a world-class research university.

"These rankings are a reflection of the efforts of our exceptional faculty, dedicated staff, and of course, the talent and energy of our

students, all of whom embody the Emory mission to serve humanity," Fenves said.

In a new ranking this year, U.S. News cited Emory as fourth for best undergraduate nursing degree program.

Additionally, Emory's Goizueta Business School placed 14th for undergraduate business programs. Both rankings are based on surveys of deans and senior faculty from schools and departments around the country.

The rankings also list Emory as 21st among national universities offering the best value to students based on academic quality and cost. In addition, Emory is included in lists for ethnic diversity, most international students and best colleges for veterans.

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that we discover who we are and who we want to be," said Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Ravi V. Bellamkonda.

Georgia State improved its position in the categories by ranking No. 3 for both innovation and undergraduate teaching in the 2021 survey.

The Newton campus in east Newton County opened in 2007 as part of Georgia Perimeter College. Georgia State has operated the campus since it consolidated with Georgia Perimeter in 2016.

This is the fourth year in a row Georgia State has been ranked by the magazine in the top three among national universities for its "unusually strong commitment to undergraduate teaching."

Georgia State is the top-ranked public university in the category.

The innovation and undergraduate teaching rankings are based on a survey of presidents, provosts and admissions deans at colleges and universities across the country.

"We continue to improve our position among higher education institutions across the

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## Newton BOE approves one-time pay adjustment for all employees

By TAYLOR BECK  
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COVINGTON, Ga. — In wake of a labor shortage, Newton County Schools Board of Education members approved a one-time pay adjustment Tuesday night for teachers and staff to recognize "their dedication and commitment to students."

The action included a temporary adjustment for teachers who cover classes during their planning time, temporary adjustments for substitute teachers, bus drivers and school nurses, and hiring and referral incentives.

As part of the board's action:

- All employees will receive an additional \$500 in October and November.
- Substitute teachers will receive an additional \$50, and teachers will receive \$25 per class covered during their planning period.
- Pay adjustment for school bus drivers will include a wage increase, raising the salary range to \$19.01-\$22.04 per hour. Current starting rate was \$18.35 per hour.
- Pay adjustment for school nurses will include a wage increase, raising the salary range to \$20.56-\$33.05. Current starting rate was \$17.81.
- Hiring incentives

for nurses and bus drivers for FY 2022 will amount to \$500 per hire.

- Referral incentives for nurses and bus drivers for FY 2022 will amount to \$500 per referral.

The board action totals \$2.45 million. Roughly \$2 million is earmarked to be paid from ESSER III funds.

"Hiring and referral incentives along with a salary adjustment are included in an effort to recruit candidates for high-demand jobs which include school bus drivers and nurses," Superintendent Samantha Fuhrey's

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University in 2007. Greco also holds a gifted endorsement. “Being named a finalist for Teacher of the Year is an honor,” Greco said. “I have loved and lived in Newton County for years. I have been here in the county school system for almost 15 years. “To be able to represent Newton County is an honor because these are our future leaders. To be able to pour into them on a daily basis is a dream and Newton County has offered that opportunity to me for the last 15 years.”

- Clayton Hammonds is a sixth-grade science teacher at Veterans Memorial Middle School. He joined the Newton County School System team in 2018 at Veterans Memorial and has been teaching science at the school ever since. He previously taught at Valdosta Middle School for one year.

Hammonds earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Middle Grades Education from Valdosta State in 2017 and his Master in Education degree from Walden University in 2019. He is on track to earn his Education Specialist in Teacher Leadership from Thomas University in 2023. “I am speechless,” said Hammonds when he was informed that he was a finalist for Teacher of the Year. “I think it’s amazing and it’s an honor and I feel honored. I just come in here and do what I do. I didn’t really think people were noticing but apparently they do. I just have no words.”

- DeAnna O’Brien is a special education teacher at Eastside High School. She previously taught in both the Morgan County and Rockdale County school systems. O’Brien also taught hospital bound patients

with traumatic brain injuries at Scottish Rite Children’s Hospital. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Special Education from Georgia Southern University in 1995 and is currently working on her Master’s in Education degree from the same institution. “I just want to say how honored I am to be selected as a finalist for Newton County School System’s Teacher of the Year,” said O’Brien. “The people that I work with here at Eastside and all of my fellow teachers here in Newton County are amazing, amazing teachers and I just want to say thank you for recognizing the work that we all do and thank you for recognizing the successes of our students because that is what makes all of us teachers of the year.” Fuhrey said, “It always gives me great pleasure to recognize

and honor our outstanding teachers of the year. “To have been selected as one of the top three candidates is certainly an exceptional honor. Congratulations to each of these extraordinary educators. Individually and collectively, they represent all that is special with regard to teaching and learning. I am proud of their dedication, expertise, and creativity, as each of them impact their students far greater than they know,” Fuhrey said. Newton County’s Teacher of the Year program would not be possible without the support of the community. As a result, the Newton County School System and the Newton County Chamber of Commerce gives special thanks to the Chamber Champions, sponsors of the 2022 Teacher of the Year program; Abbey Hospice;

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proposal stated. Chief Academic Officer Benjamin Roundtree said staff shortages had gotten so bad recently that even administrators were having to cover classes. “Just to illustrate how it has gotten with us needing subs so badly, I called a principal today and he did not answer,” Roundtree said. “He called me back and said, ‘Mr. Roundtree, I’m sorry I wasn’t able to answer. I’ve been covering classes all day

today.’ “We just do not have enough substitute teachers,” he added. Board member Shaki-la Henderson-Baker reminded the public that this issue wasn’t limited to just substitute teachers and Newton County Schools. “This is every school across the state of Georgia and every school system across the nation,” she said. “This is bus drivers as well ... There’s a labor shortage, and it’s hard

to compete.” In other business, board members also took action during its regularly scheduled work session to approve the purchase of a Nutanix Solution V4 network storage system from PC Solutions and Integration Inc., of Miami, Florida, in the amount of \$197,209.01. The Newton County Board of Education will hold its regular session meeting Tuesday, Sept. 21, at 6:30 p.m.

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nation because we are focused on what matters to our students: success in the classroom and after graduation,” said Georgia State President M. Brian Blake. “Our place at the top of U.S. News’ rankings for innovation and undergraduate teaching recognizes our continued commitment to serving students and providing them with the tools and technologies they need to succeed.” Georgia State also once again ranked highly in the Social Mobility and Academic Programs to Look For categories. The Top Performers on Social Mobility rankings are based on how well a school advances equity among low-income families and families with stronger financial backgrounds. Georgia State ranked 11th in the category on the 2022 survey. In the Academic Programs to Look For category, Georgia State ranked sixth for its first-year experience. The indicator measures how well a university builds into its curriculum first-year seminars or other academic programs that regularly bring small

groups of students together with faculty or staff. For the third year in a row, the university ranked fifth in the Learning Communities category. College and university presidents, chief academic officers, deans of students and deans of admissions rank these programs, which offer students opportunities to take two or more linked course as a group. Georgia State also remains among the most diverse campuses in the nation, according to U.S. News’ diversity index, which gives only 12 institutions a higher score. The university’s J. Mack Robinson College of Business is 49th this year, up from 53rd, in the magazine’s ranking of undergraduate business programs. Its Risk Management & Insurance program remained at fourth in the rankings. Robinson’s Computer Information Systems program ranked eighth. The business school and program rankings are based on a survey of deans and senior faculty at institutions across the country.

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**Eastside head coach Jay Cawthon speaks to an official during the Eagles' game against Johnson on Friday.**

## EAGLES:

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and even still, their trip didn't last long. Johnson turned the ball over on downs after giving up a sack. Later in the first quarter, the Eagles widened their lead to 16-0 after junior quarterback E' Sean Arnold, who started the game, delivered a 26-yard strike to Grier for a touchdown. On the Eagles' next offensive drive, senior running back Dallas Johnson, who accounted for four touchdowns against rival Alcovy one week ago, reached the end zone from nine yards out to give Eastside a 23-0 lead with 11:57 remaining in the second quarter. Grier delivered a stellar offensive performance for the Eagles, as he accounted for two more touchdowns (four total) in just the first half. After the defense forced another Knights three-and-out, Grier turned on the jets one play later and took the football 60 yards for a touchdown to widen

the Eagles lead to 30-0 with 10:53 left in the second quarter. He later scored his fourth touchdown on a 48-yard run. After Eagles junior defender Saabir Berrian recovered a fumble, Johnson took the handoff on the next play at the Knights 38-yard line and made his second trip to the end zone to widen the Eagles' lead to 44-0 with 7:37 remaining in the first half. Senior Jonathan Wright also joined the first half scoring explosion when he reached the end zone on a 10-yard carry. In the second half, freshman Jayden Barr and junior Eryis Brown also scored touchdowns as the Eagles raced on to their 65-0 victory. With the win, Eastside improves to 3-1 overall, and Johnson drops to 0-3, marking the 12th loss in a row for the Knights. Next week, Eastside hits the road to continue region play against Apalachee in Winder.

Newton Rams 39, McEachern Indians 21

# Rams start 3-0 with win over Indians



Anthony Banks | The Covington News  
**Newton's Audavion Collins (32) stops McEachern's Jaylon Brown (23) during the second quarter of a non-region game between the schools Friday night.**

**By PHILLIP B. HUBBARD**  
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POWDER SPRINGS, Ga. - The Newton Rams hold off the McEachern Indians' attempt at a comeback win and defeat the Indians 39-21 at Walter H. Cantrell Stadium on Friday night, McEachern was opportunistic in its scoring in Friday's game. Its first two scores of the contest were set up by two muffed punts from Newton's return man, Montarious Reed. Then, late in the contest, the Indians took advantage of the Rams' soft coverage when Charles Gordan ripped off a 60-yard touchdown run. There were some anxious moments for the Rams down the stretch, but they persevered through it all. A host of Rams were able to string together consistent runs to burn the closing minutes off of the clock and solidify the win. Running the ball consistently was the norm for the Rams throughout most of the contest, though.

Whether it was Rontravious Perry, Zion Johnson, Jehden Robinson or Jevarra Martin Jr., the Rams' run game preserved the Rams lead and brought home the win. Perry put the game on ice with a score from three yards out with just 1:27 remaining in the game by scoring from three yards out. That score put the game away for the Rams. For the majority of the contest, too, the Rams defense was dominant and they made their presence known early, too. After both teams went three-and-out on their opening drives, Newton downed Perry's first punt of the game at the Indians own 1-yard line. Operating under the shadow of his own goal post, McEachern quarterback Bryce Archie dropped back to attempt a pass two plays later. When he did, the front four of the Rams defense greeted him with a sack in the end zone. For the second time this season, Newton forced a safety to

score an additional two points. Particularly in the second half, the Rams' running game just busted open. Perry and Johnson began the second half scoring with 89 and 47-yard touchdowns, respectively. Their scores on back-to-back drives seemed to provide the separation needed for the Rams win. But the Rams' kept up their dominating performance throughout the contest. Whenever McEachern got anything going, Newton would make a play to stop its momentum. By both running the ball efficiently and dominating on defense, the Rams were in the driver's seat for most of Friday's game. After the win, Newton improves to 3-0 overall in 2021. Next week, they host Houston County at Sharp Stadium and they begin region play on Oct. 2 when they host Parkview.

Social Circle Redskins 21, Oglethorpe County Patriots 14

# Social Circle edges past Oglethorpe County, improves to 3-2 overall

**By GARRETT PITTS**  
Correspondent

SOCIAL CIRCLE, Ga. — Social Circle found their way back in the win column Friday night as they took down Oglethorpe County on the back of a solid outing from the Social Circle defense. Social Circle would take down the Patriots by a score of 21-14 as the Redskins' defense would be a thorn in the side of the Oglethorpe offense for all four quarters.

After starting the game slow to open the first two drives, Cross would begin to heat up as the junior quarterback connected on multiple pass that ultimately led to a 21-yard touchdown pass to senior wideout K.J. Reid to put Social Circle up 7-0. Social Circle's front seven would be dominant from start to finish, and their first big play would come on the Patriots' second drive as the would force the



Special | Garrett Pitts  
**Redskins quarterback Logan Cross aims downfield against the Patriots.**

fumble and give Cross the ball back deep

inside of Oglethorpe County territory. Following the turnover, Cross and sophomore running back Kam Durden would help the Redskins drive down the shortened field. With the ball near the goal-line, Cross would connect with junior Grayson Jenkins for the 5-yard touchdown pass to put Social Circle up 14-0 near the end of the first quarter. With the Social Circle defense shutting down the Patriots' offense,

Cross would continue to test the secondary of Oglethorpe County, as he would find junior Dashon Hyman down the sideline for the 44-yard touchdown pass to extend the lead to 21-0 for Social Circle nearing the end of the half. It would not be until two minutes left in the half for the Patriots to find the endzone, as they would run the ball in from five yards out to shorten the Social Circle lead to 21-7 going into halftime. Going into halftime it was clear that the Social Circle defense was providing all the time that Cross needed to find the holes in the Patriots' secondary. After a quiet third quarter from both teams, the Social Circle defense would finish the quarter with their second turnover of the game as Reid would get the interception to stop a marching Patriots offense.

Following a quick Social Circle drive that

resulted in a punt, the Patriots would begin to march down the field and eventually score on a 12-yard quarterback keeper from Will Sampson to shorten the Social Circle lead to 21-14 with seven minutes left in the game. With the Patriots marching with just over a minute left in the game, Social Circle pulls off a perfect goal line stand, as junior Mason Moore gets the interception in the endzone to secure the win foe Social Circle. "Our goal right there was to just not let them push it in," Patton said. "Our guys stepped up, the defensive line and the backers made the plays. Mason Moore is another guy who plays both ways and he is another warrior for us." After the 21-14-win, Social Circle moves to 3-2 on the season after a spectacular showing from the defense. After getting a much-needed win at home, Social Circle will get a week off before going back on the road to face the Washington-Wilkes Tigers Friday, October 1.

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Prep Softball

# Seniors lead Lady Rams to win over South Gwinnett

By PHILLIP B. HUBBARD  
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COVINGTON, Ga. — The Newton Lady Rams sent their seniors home with a 10-0 win over South Gwinnett on senior night Tuesday.

Ironically, it was largely due to the seniors' contributions that the Lady Rams earned the shutout win. And it all started with the play of Hayden Pearson both hitting and pitching.

Dominating on the mound first, Pearson pitched five total innings. In her outing, she only allowed two hits, one walk while striking out eight batters. At the plate, Pearson went 3-for-3 and accounted for two runs scored.

Pearson's fellow seniors performed admirably as well on their senior night.

Sidney Lindsey scored one run while D'Myia Jackson went 1-for-3 with two RBIs. Katelynn Anglin went 3-for-3 with one RBI and Chasidah Parker went 2-for-3 with one RBI, too.

Overall, the five seniors recorded a .600 batting average and accounted for nine of the Lady Rams' 10 runs. They also recorded four RBIs.

The five seniors' contributions made it a celebratory postgame senior night ceremony. Along with the softball coaches, NHS Principal Shannon Buff and Athletic Director Vincent



Phillip Hubbard | The Covington News  
**Newton's Hayden Pearson (1) dominated on the mound pitching five innings while only allowing two hits and one walk against South Gwinnett. She finished the contest with eight strikeouts.**

Byams were on hand to celebrate each senior's dedication to the softball program.

Family members

were also present to help commemorate the occasion by escorting each senior onto the field.

After all the festivities concluded, head coach Virginia Tucker-Smith described the group of five seniors as

a "historical" group that will be hard to replace.

"I won't ever forget this group," Smith said. "If nothing else, they've put [Newton High School softball] in people's minds and mouths. They made a name for us."

"I actually started back coaching when they were freshmen. So, they'll definitely have a special place in my heart."

Be that as it may, there's still a lot of softball left for Newton to play in 2021.

The Lady Rams return to .500 at 8-8 with their dominant win on Tuesday. Now, Newton began a tournament on Friday, Sept. 17 at Morgan County High School where the Lady Rams will play five games this weekend.

Smith had challenged her team to string together wins and build up a winning streak as the season progresses.

"Our positivity and our negativity are contagious," Smith said. "I keep telling them that we've got to keep that positive energy and excitement up, because that's when we play our best softball."

## Football Schedule

### NCAA

#### Saturday, Sept. 18

- Albany State @ Valdosta State at 7 p.m. (92.1 FM)
- Berry College @ Wisconsin-Whitewater at 1 p.m.
- Clark Atlanta vs. Shorter University at noon
- Fort Valley State vs. Lane College at 2 p.m. (ESPN+)
- Georgia vs. South Carolina at 7 p.m. (ESPN/Georgia Bulldog Sports Network-IMG)
- Georgia State vs. Charlotte at 7 p.m. (ESPN+)
- Georgia Southern @ Arkansas at 4 p.m. (SECN)
- Georgia Tech @ Clemson at 3:30 p.m. (ABC)
- Kennesaw State @ Wofford at 6 p.m. (ESPN+)
- Lagrange College @ Southern Virginia at 1 p.m.
- Morehouse College vs. Miles College at 2 p.m.
- Point University vs. Ave Maria at 7 p.m.
- Reinhardt vs. Campbellsville at noon
- Savannah State vs. Benedict College at 6 p.m.
- West Georgia vs. Delta State at 6 p.m. (102.7 FM)

### NFL

#### Sunday, Sept. 19

- Atlanta Falcons vs. Tampa Bay Buccaneers at 4:05 p.m. (FOX/92.9 The Game FM)
- New Orleans Saints @ Carolina Panthers at 1 p.m. (FOX)

— From staff reports

## Prep Football



Special Photo

**Jalen Farmer announced Sept. 10 his commitment to play football at the University of Florida upon the conclusion of his high school career. According to 247Sports, the 6'5" 325-pound offensive lineman from Eastside High School is rated as a three-star recruit. Farmer chose the Gators after receiving offers from East Carolina and Georgia Tech.**

## NOTICE TO PUBLIC: NEWBORN PUBLIC HEARING, OCTOBER 4, 2021 AT 7 P.M., NEWBORN TOWN HALL, 4224 HWY 142.

Town of NEWBORN has received a request from Carlos Rhodes for a variance at 4660 Hwy 142 N00100000002B00 to allow a residence to be constructed on a 1.5 acre existing lot of record in which there is a 2 acre requirement. The request is for a variance for relief under Division 210: Section 210-010 entitled "RE-1 & RE-2 Rural Estate Districts," from the following Zoning Ordinance provision about acreage minimums Division 200: Division of Town into Districts:

Per OCGA Title 36 and the Zoning Ordinance, a Public Hearing will be held by the NEWBORN Council in the NEWBORN Town Hall at 4224 Highway 142 in NEWBORN, at 7 p.m. on OCTOBER 4, 2021, to solicit public comment on this. A decision will be made on this by the Mayor and Council on said date or a later date to be announced at said hearing.

All persons having an interest should be at this public hearing to voice their interest and provide comments for or against. Interests or concerns may also be submitted by letter via mail to Town Hall at 4224 Hwy 142 or via email to nbornga@bellsouth.net.

Copies of the request are available for review and inspection by the public during normal business hours. It is available electronically or hard copy upon request. Call 770-787-1660 or email nbornga@bellsouth.net for more details.

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By: Town Clerk Lisa Rowe

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Notice is hereby given that the logic and accuracy testing on the absentee central scanning unit for the November 02, 2021 **Municipal General Election - City of Covington** will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 28, 2021. Testing will continue from day to day until complete and members of the public are entitled to be present during testing. Said testing and preparation will be conducted at 1113 Usher Street, Suite 103, Covington, Georgia.

**ANGELA WHITE-DAVIS  
Election Superintendent  
Newton County**



# BULLDOGS *Extra*

The Covington News



University of Georgia Athletics

Georgia quarterback Stetson Bennett (13) stepped in for injured starter JT Daniels on Saturday, Sept. 11, against UAB and shined. He completed 10-of-12 passes for 288 yards and a school-record-tying five TDs en route to a 56-7 win over the Blazers.

## Dawgs begin SEC play

### Muschamp faces old team when No. 2 Georgia hosts Gamecocks

By **PAUL NEWBERRY**  
The Associated Press

ATHENS, Ga. — The last time Georgia faced South Carolina, Will Muschamp had just been fired as the Gamecocks’ coach.

He didn’t take long to land a new gig.

Muschamp is now part of Kirby Smart’s staff at No. 2 Georgia (2-0), which hosts South Carolina (2-0) on Saturday in the Southeastern Conference opener for both teams.

Muschamp coached at South Carolina for almost five years and recruited the vast majority of players on the Gamecocks’ roster.

But Smart shrugged off any suggestion that Muschamp can provide a lot of valuable inside information.

“It’s not that big a deal,” Smart said. “He’s not in their meetings, he doesn’t know their game plan.”

Muschamp never had much success as a head coach in the SEC, going 28-21 at Florida before he was fired in 2014 and struggling to a 28-30 mark at South Carolina, where he was ousted after the seventh game of the 2020 season.

He quickly found a new job at Georgia, his alma mater. Muschamp initially came aboard as a defensive analyst and was promoted to a full-time job as special teams coordinator in late July.

In an interesting

twist, perhaps his biggest victory as a head coach came the last time South Carolina visited Sanford Stadium in 2019.

A huge underdog, the Gamecocks stunned the third-ranked Bulldogs 20-17 in double overtime — a game that appeared to signal Muschamp finally had his program headed in the right direction.

Instead, he didn’t even make it to the next meeting against the Bulldogs. The Gamecocks managed only one victory in their last six games of 2019, and Muschamp was fired after they started 2020 with a 2-5 mark.

Former Georgia quarterback and assistant Mike Bobo was South Carolina’s interim coach when they faced Georgia last November. The Bulldogs got their revenge with a 45-16 victory.

New Gamecocks head coach Shane Beamer isn’t thinking about any reunions. He’s more concerned about facing a group he calls “the most talented football team in the history of Georgia football.”

“That’s not coach-speak,” Beamer said. “The depth they have, the size, the physicality, the speed.”

Muschamp will get a chance to say hello to his former players before and after Saturday’s game.

Jamon Dumas-Johnson



#### The Matchup

Who: No. 2 Georgia (2-0) vs. South Carolina (2-0)  
When: Saturday, Sept. 18, 7 p.m. ET kickoff  
Where: Sanford Stadium in Athens  
Watch: ESPN  
Listen: Georgia Bulldogs Sports Network (IMG)

#### Quick Facts

The Bulldogs lead the series with South Carolina 52-19-2, and they have won five out of the last six in the series that dates back to 1894. First-year Gamecock head coach Shane Beamer was on Smart’s staff at Georgia in 2016-17 as tight ends coach and special teams coordinator. After serving in several roles for Oklahoma from 2018-20, Beamer took over at South Carolina prior to this season.

Otherwise, it’s all business for both teams. “I’ll be excited to see him after the game,”

South Carolina receiver Dakereon Joyner said.

Some other things to watch for when the Bulldogs host the Gamecocks:

#### DANIELS’ STATUS

Georgia quarterback JT Daniels didn’t play in last week’s 56-7 victory over UAB because of an oblique injury.

Stetson Bennett got the start and turned in a dazzling performance, completing 10-of-12 passes for 288 yards and a school record-tying five touchdowns.

Daniels is expected to reclaim the starting job if healthy. Bennett, for his part, was dealing with a back issue.

“JT feels much better,” Smart said. “I don’t know if he’s 100%, but he’s certainly getting closer to that.”

#### QB QUANDARY

Zeb Noland was supposed to be a graduate assistant at South Carolina. Instead, he started the first two games at quarterback, leading the Gamecocks to victories over Eastern Illinois and East Carolina. Noland filled in for Luke Doty, who is recovering from a foot sprain sustained in practice last month. Beamer did not say who will start against Georgia.

#### HOMECOMING

When Noland began discussing with Beamer the possibility of switching from staffer to player, one appealing aspect was the chance

to play in front of a hometown crowd.

Noland went to high school in nearby Watkinsville.

“One of the things that he did mention was how cool it would be to go back to play at Sanford Stadium in the town he went to high school in and his family lives in,” Beamer said.

Smart is good friends with Noland’s father. “This guy was a GA, and he jumped in and played quarterback, played winning football, and made good decisions,” Smart said. “It’s got to be very cool for him.”

#### STOUT DEFENSE

With a dynamic front seven filled with players who are likely to become first-round NFL draft picks, Georgia’s defense has yet to give up a touchdown.

The Bulldogs allowed only a field goal to Clemson in a 10-3 victory to open the season. Last week, UAB’s lone score came on an interception return for a TD. In fact, Georgia’s defense has outscored its opponents, producing a pair of pick-six touchdowns in the first two games.

#### RUN, DAWG, RUN

Georgia is looking for more explosive plays out of its running game.

The Bulldogs have yet to break a run longer than 22 yards. Last week against UAB, their biggest run was a 20-yard scramble by Bennett.



vs. Clemson  
FINAL: 10-3



vs. UAB  
FINAL: 56-7



Sept. 18  
vs. South Carolina



Sept. 25  
@ Vanderbilt



Oct. 2  
vs. Arkansas



Oct. 9  
@ Auburn



Oct. 16  
vs. Kentucky



Oct. 30  
vs. Florida (Jacksonville)



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vs. Missouri



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# ‘We pray that God bless and unite our community with His grace.’

— Monroe Mayor John Howard  
Councilman David Dickinson  
Councilman Ross Bradley  
Councilman Tyler Gregory

## After 75 years, Monroe officials acknowledge pain caused by Moore’s Ford atrocity. **PAGE A3**

The Apalachee River is pictured off the Moore’s Ford bridge Thursday. Four people were killed by a mob there in a still-unsolved case in July 1946. David Clemons photo illustration | The Tribune





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5 Walton County schools have home games in Week 5 action

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### Celebrate!

Monroe honors its Olympic medalist, track star Javianne Oliver, this weekend

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### Local case will set a national precedent

Feds take up the cause of a woman who said she was fired last year over medical needs related to the pandemic

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**Brenda Gail Thompson Anderson** Covington  
**Dianne Lorraine Jackson Baker** Monroe  
**Patsy Lama Sorrells Fuller** Monroe  
**Sara Catherine Hester** Social Circle  
**Maurice Earl Holt** Social Circle  
**Ruby Lee Giles Jarrell** Athens  
**Gunnar Winston ‘Gunny’ Samuelson** Monroe  
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### CONSTITUTION WEEK



From left, Mayor John Howard presents the proclamation for Constitution Week to members of the Matthew Talbot chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Jane Camp, Lynne Horton, Betty Bowers, Teresa Thompson, Eleanor Prather, Martha Atkinson and Nancy Poss. Stephen Milligan | The Tribune

## HONORING AMERICA'S HISTORY

Talbot Chapter, NSDAR, recognizes Constitution Week with city honor

SPECIAL TO THE TRIBUNE

The Constitution of the United States was signed by delegates to the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia on Sept. 17, 1787, at 4 p.m.

To commemorate the signing of this important document, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a con-

gressional resolution was signed in 1956, establishing Sept. 17 as Constitution Day and Sept. 17-23 of each year as Constitution Week.

Sept. 17, 2021, marks the 234th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution. Many bells ring out across America at 4 p.m. on Constitution Day in honor of this historic occasion.

The purpose of this observance is to pro-

mote public awareness as well as a greater knowledge of the Constitution and its special significance in our nation's history. The purpose, as well, is to emphasize our responsibility as citizens for protecting and preserving this great document for future generations of Americans.

The Matthew Talbot Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Rev-

olution was established in Monroe in 1914 by a distinguished local group of dedicated, patriotic women who were dedicated to these patriotic purposes.

Chapter members who are following today in their footsteps are striving to maintain the same quality of leadership concerning our patriotic responsibilities.

Therefore, the Matthew Talbot Chapter NSDAR has asked the mayor of Monroe, John Howard, to issue an official proclamation recognizing Sept. 17-23, 2021, as Constitution Week in Monroe.

The Matthew Talbot Chapter NSDAR encourages citizens to use these special designated days to gain a greater personal understanding of our Constitution and its significance to our heritage and its foundation to our way of life in the United States of America.

### 'Old Guard' veteran to speak here

MONROE — Herb Smith, a veteran of one of the most prestigious and elite units of the U.S. military, will address local residents later this month.

Smith, a native of Conyers, served with the 3rd Infantry Regiment, also known as the "Old Guard." Since 1784, its soldiers have been dedicated to the nation's service.

Lewis trained for guarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery by standing watch over the grave of the late President John F. Kennedy.

He'll speak to members of the Matthew Talbot Chapter, National Society DAR, at 10:30 a.m. Sept. 28 at First United Methodist Church.

— From staff reports

### HEALTH CARE

## Experts warn the flu could be bad this year

State medical group president urges shots for COVID-19, more

Tim Darnell CAPITOL BEAT

ATLANTA — The president of the Medical Association of Georgia said Wednesday this flu season could be worse than last year's, and again stressed the importance of getting a COVID-19 vaccine.

"COVID-19 is a respiratory infection, so co-infection can bring a much higher risk of mortality," Dr. Lisa Perry-Gilkes said. "Getting vaccinated is the best way to protect yourself from the COVID-19 and flu viruses, period."

Perry-Gilkes said patients should "not to get lulled into a false sense of security because last year's flu season was so mild. This could be a worse flu season, which is why I am encouraging every Georgian to get vaccinated as soon as possible, and no



Garrison

later than the end of October." Dr. Joel Garrison, with Piedmont Physicians in Monroe, agreed the flu rates may be worse this year.

"This will be in part to last year, more people were actively social distancing and wearing masks due to COVID-19, which those preventive measures conferred benefit to the influenza virus as well," he said.

"Now that COVID-19 vaccines are readily available, we have been able to enjoy looser restrictions, less mask wearing, less social distancing when appropriate; however these continued behaviors will increase risk of flu during colder months/classic flu season, and the best way to prevent this is to get the flu vaccine."

David Clemons contributed from Monroe.

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### Calendar

#### Saturday

**Event:** Monroe will celebrate Olympic silver medalist Javianne Oliver with a parade, followed by presentations, at 10 a.m. Saturday. The parade will go on Broad Street between Church Street and Highland Avenue, then have presentations and photo opportunities on the lawn of the Historic Walton County Courthouse. In case of rain, the parade will be canceled and the presentations will take place inside the Historic Courthouse, at 111 S. Broad St.

**Attraction:** The William Harris Homestead will be open on the first and third Saturday of the month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with tours on the hour at 10 and 11 a.m., noon and 1 p.m. General admission is \$6, seniors (55 and up) \$5 and children younger than 5 admitted free.

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#### Friday

**Event:** The Walton County School District is responsible for identifying, locating, and evaluating all children with disabilities who are in need of special education and related services who reside within the district's boundaries. Walton County School District offers free screening for children ages 3-5, who may need help talking, walking, seeing, hearing, moving, or learning. A free screening is scheduled for Friday by appointment only. For an appointment and screening location, contact Melanie Cooksey at 770-266-4502.

#### Sept. 28

**Meeting:** The Matthew Talbot DAR Chapter in Monroe will meet from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sept. 28 at First United Methodist Church, 400 S. Broad St. Visitors are welcome. Contact [matthewtalbot.gadar@gmail.com](mailto:matthewtalbot.gadar@gmail.com). Future meetings will be Oct. 26, Jan. 25, Feb. 22, March 22 and April 26.

The calendar is a free listing for local groups and their events. Please mail information to The Walton Tribune, P.O. Box 808, Monroe, GA 30655, fax to 770-267-7780 or email information to [community@waltontribune.com](mailto:community@waltontribune.com).

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MONROE CITY COUNCIL

# Officials acknowledge Moore's Ford lynching

Mayor Howard, 3 councilmen sign on to letter noting pain caused by murders 75 years ago at bridge

**Denise Etheridge** THE WALTON TRIBUNE

A handful of Monroe City Council members signed a letter Tuesday publicly acknowledging the brutal, unsolved murders of four Black Walton County residents 75 years ago.

Mayor John Howard and Council Members David Dickinson, Ross Bradley and Tyler Gregory signed the acknowledgment letter after the meeting ended. The signatures of Vice Mayor Larry Bradley, Councilman Norman Garrett and Councilwoman Lee Malcom did not appear on the letter of which *The Walton Tribune* received a copy. Councilwoman Myoshia Crawford was not present at Tuesday's council meeting.

Bradley told *The Tribune* on Thursday he did not sign the letter because the crime, as terrible and tragic as it was, did not occur in the city or involve Monroe citizens. He clarified that the city government should focus on those events that do.

"This was just not one of them," Bradley said.

Community activists who spoke in support of the letter and a proposed monument to the victims at the start of the meeting said these actions are small steps toward healing collective trauma caused by the racially motivated mass lynching. However, racial divisions still exist here, activists said, and building trust will take more time and effort.

George and Mae Murray Dorsey and Roger and Dorothy Dorsey Malcom were killed by a white mob on July 26, 1946. Roger Malcom, who was arrested following an argument with a local farmer, was bailed out of the county jail in downtown Monroe. Malcom's wife and the Dorseys were in the vehicle with him when they were driven out of town and ambushed by the mob on a bridge over

the Apalachee River at the Walton/Oconee county line.

Howard read an earlier draft of the letter last week, during a council work session, and presented the final version to council members during Tuesday's regular meeting. The city's Diversity Advisory Board made revisions to Howard's final letter.

"When he showed it to us we didn't think it was good enough and we made a number of suggestions for him to change it," said Diversity Advisory Board member Gareth Fenley. "He wanted this (letter) to come out a long time ago. Time has a way of moving along."

Fenley, along with board Chairman Rashaad Ansley and Vice Chairman Carlos Thompson, spoke in favor of the acknowledgment letter.

Ansley, a licensed funeral director and 2019 Young Gamechanger, said the Diversity Advisory Board was created to give a voice to those in the community who didn't have a voice. The board works to help African Americans and other disenfranchised citizens address the daily challenges they face, he said. The board accomplishes this, in part, by trying to provide improved health care and business opportunities, according to Ansley.

"I ask that you approve this letter," Ansley said. "We have to move forward. We have to get to a place where I can say, 'This is my brother, this is my sister.'"

Thompson said he had told the mayor — whom he considers a friend — that he had hoped for more than an acknowledgment of the murders.

"We don't want an acknowledgment," Thompson said. "We want a full-fledged apology."

"Look, I'm not saying that you all are directly responsible," he continued. "But somewhere, indirectly, we all share some responsibility. For example, I never owned any slaves. (Councilman) Dickinson never owned any slaves. But somewhere your ancestors owned some slaves.



**Rashaad Ansley, the chairman of the Monroe Diversity Advisory Board and a licensed funeral director, speaks to the City Council on Tuesday night in favor of a letter publicly acknowledging the 1946 Moore's Ford murders. See the letter with this story at WaltonTribune.com.** Denise Etheridge | The Tribune

And indirectly, you have benefited from those whose land was stole, body was raped, somewhere. I'm not saying directly, I'm saying indirectly. There is a cloud over Monroe that has to be dealt with.

"I want some healing, I want some closure."

Diversity board members clarified that the timing of the letter was not politically motivated and had nothing to do with the mayor's reelection campaign. Councilman Garrett had questioned the timing of the letter during last week's work session.

Howard told the council he would sign the letter and hoped they would follow his lead. He added that the idea of constructing a monument to

the Moore's Ford victims would be brought back to the council later this year once a policy for erecting monuments on city grounds was established.

Dickinson, who last week commented that the city should make a public apology for the crimes, declared he would continue to work to "build bridges" in the community.

"I worked on this for 25 years of my life," Dickinson said. "I will work on this for the rest of my life; whether or not I get reelected. That's not what this is about."

Dickinson said his Christian faith urges him to strive to make the world a better place and encouraged others to do the same.

## City greenlights land buy off 138

**Denise Etheridge** THE WALTON TRIBUNE

The Monroe City Council voted Tuesday to purchase land for a potential transportation project to help ease traffic congestion in the area of state Route 138 and U.S. 78.

The council discussed acquiring the 34.68-acre property from Liberty First Bank at a cost of \$1.15 million during the public hearing portion of the regular meeting.

City staff recommended the council approve the purchase to proactively "stay ahead" of future traffic growth.

City Manager Logan Propes told *The Walton Tribune* that the property, which is set back behind Chick-fil-A, could be used for protective right of way and provide a way to alleviate traffic jams in the area near highways 138 and 78. Propes said the recommended project would be "locally driven," but that city officials would welcome assistance from the Georgia Department of Transportation because of the benefit to state roads.

The City Council also discussed amending the city's land use regulations for its industrial zoning district (M-1) by adding indoor food crop production and biodiesel fuel production

as permitted uses. Council members listened to a first reading of the proposed ordinance amendment, and will take action on Oct. 12, following a second reading.

Council members reviewed a preliminary plat for 319 S. Madison Ave. New Leaf Georgia LLC hopes to develop townhomes on the site.

In other city business, the council approved the following:

- A resolution to submit an application to the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority for a more than \$2.9 million loan to extend the city's water system and construct a new elevated water storage tank.

- The \$278,673 emergency purchase of an automated side loader truck from Carolina Environmental Systems for the public works department.

- An \$117,800 bid from Great Southern Recreation to replace a 22-foot-by-44-foot pavilion and addition of a 30-foot-by-60-foot pavilion at Matthews Park.

- A resolution to accept \$32,000 in funding from the federal COVID-19 relief funds for reimbursement costs and operating expenses at Cy Nunnally Memorial Airport.

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Patrick Graham

## Local athletes excel in a bright spotlight

There were two days this summer that put proud Monroe Area High School graduates at the epicenter of the world of sports.

Literally the entire world.



How cool is that?

On July 29, the eyes of the nation

were on two Purple Hurricanes as they squared off in the only football game in town — anywhere. The Hall of Fame game, which kicks off the NFL's preseason each year and is held in conjunction with the annual enshrinement of football legends in Canton, Ohio, pitted the Dallas Cowboys against the Pittsburgh Steelers this year.

It also pitted Cowboys wide receiver Michael Gallup (Class of 2014) against Steelers defensive lineman Stephon Tuitt (Class of 2011), who just missed being teammates together during their time at Monroe Area.

Not to be outdone, the very next day Monroe Area's Javianne Oliver (Class of 2013) won a silver medal in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics as a member of our country's 4x100-meter

### In case of rain ...

Should the rain in Saturday's forecast affect the plans for a parade to honor Javianne Oliver, a presentation to recognize her still will take place. It would be held inside the Historic Courthouse, 111 S. Broad St., at 10:15 a.m.

— David Clemons



relay team. Oliver played a key role on the second-fastest relay team on the entire planet that day, and her hometown and the rest of the country couldn't have been more proud of her and her teammates.

And the world, again literally, was watching. How very cool is that?

Here at the paper we have chronicled the exploits of local student-athletes for 121 years. I can't speak to all those many years, but I can say that since I first came to Monroe in 2003 we have tried to provide next-level coverage of high school sports. During that time, we've had the good fortune to be able to cover a number

of state champions, from George Walton Academy in football to Loganville in baseball (multiple times) to Social Circle in wrestling (multiple, multiple times).

We've also had the opportunity to continue covering local athletes who made it to the pros, with Loganville baseball big leaguers Brandon Moss and Clint Frazier immediately coming to mind.

But in all those years, I can't remember this kind of spotlight on this many local athletes at the same time.

All from right here in little Monroe, Georgia.

We are certainly Walton Proud of all of them.

If you want to show some

of that Walton pride, come out Saturday to a parade and ceremony honoring Oliver and her tremendous accomplishment, becoming only the second local woman to medal in the Olympics after Patricia Roberts won silver in basketball in 1976. The parade will start at 10 a.m. and will be held in downtown Monroe.

And if you want to also show a little Walton love for Gallup and Tuitt, keep watching them on the gridiron the rest of what will be the NFL's longest-ever regular season.

Go 'Canes!

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Stephen Milligan

## 'S' stands for Supergirl, via my niece

Growing up as a young boy, I never noticed how much of the pop culture I consumed was designed to appeal specifically to me.

It was natural that all the superhero cartoons I watched were about male



characters, that the Mighty Morphin' Power Rangers had a 3:2 ratio of

guys to gals (better than the 4:1 ration in the original Japanese version, though), that there were no girls in the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles lineup.

There were quite a few women on the X-Men, granted, but even for a show that presented a true ensemble, Wolverine got a lot more focus than Storm, on average.

Most of my diet of fantasy and science fiction novels tended to star men, as well, and I blithely accepted this as normal.

Franchises that did skew female — I wondered how they had the temerity to do so. Why, I would wonder, didn't Disney make more cartoons about boys instead of all those princess movies?

It wasn't until I grew older that I started to notice the imbalance, but especially recently. Due to my siblings' inability to produce male offspring, I have four nieces, all of them, so far, quite feminine indeed. Pink and purple are their colors, unicorns and mermaids and rainbows their personal emblems.

Sure, they like a good swordfight or magical battle just as I did when I was young, but they want to see the girls doing it. Even better if said girl is a princess.

It's meant I've had to think carefully about what works to recommend them, whether film or written material. A book all about a young boy learning to fight evil interests them not at all ... unless there's a girl fighting alongside him. But better if it's her story all along, they feel.

Much to their advantage, they live in a time when stories about active girls with agency are far more common. Kara, the only niece who reads on her own so far, is a voracious reader and seeks out any story she can find about girl warriors and magical princesses saving the day.

This past week, sharing miniature Hershey bars with the girls, we noticed these were superhero themed, with each little rectangle bearing a superhero crest rather than the Hershey name.

I asked Kara if she could identify each of them and she rattled them off with ease. Wonder Woman. Batman.

And how about this "S" in the Kryptonian shield?

"Supergirl."

She didn't hesitate. She wasn't being coy. She didn't even think of Superman. To her, that symbol means Supergirl, first and foremost.

I'm glad she can feel that way. I just hope she never loses faith in that confidence.

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Terry Queen Georgia Right to Life

## Only a personhood law truly would protect preborn

The Texas abortion law, which took effect on Sept. 1, has made headlines all across our country and in Congress.

This new law bans abortions after six weeks when a fetal heartbeat can be detected. Before this law was passed, Texas permitted abortions up to 20 weeks.

The Supreme Court did not rule on the constitutionality of the law before it went in to effect, but in a 5-4 decision, the court voted against blocking the implementation of this law before legal challenges could be heard in court.

This new Texas abortion law has produced a lot of false hope as well as a lot of criticism. All pro-lifers want Roe v. Wade, the Supreme Court decision of 1973 which made abortion legal, and a companion case, Doe v. Bolton, which expanded the right of abortion up to the point of birth, to be overturned and all life from "the womb to the tomb" to be respected and protected.

Various groups, including the Justice Department and Planned Parenthood are trying to overturn the Texas law and continue to use Roe v. Wade as the law of the land regarding abortions.

There are obvious prob-



lems with the Texas abortion law, as it would be almost impossible

to enforce. It would be up to private citizens to enforce this law, which means it won't be enforced at all.

How are private citizens supposed to know if the abortionist was able to detect a heartbeat or if the abortion was for some supposed medical emergency?

They can only sue an abortion provider (or someone who aided and abetted an abortion) if they can prove the baby had a detectable heartbeat when the mother was in the clinic. How is someone outside the clinic going to know if the baby had a detectable heartbeat?

The challenge isn't proving preborn babies in general have a heartbeat after six weeks. The challenge is proving a specific baby had a heartbeat at the moment the abortionist began the procedure. How would someone outside the clinic prove that?

All pro-lifers would love to see this law prevent all abortions in Texas, but how can this happen when only private citizens can bring charges against an abor-

tionist?

Since Roe v. Wade in 1973, there have been more than 63 million preborn babies killed in the womb in our country! Never forget a pre-born child dies every time in an abortion, a fact that cannot be disputed.

Justice Harry Blackmun, in his written decision for the court in the Roe v. Wade decision, said "that if it's ever proven that the 'fetus' is a person, the case collapses as the 14th Amendment to our Constitution 'guarantees equal protection of laws' and thus protects all innocent life."

It all comes down to "personhood." What is personhood?

Dan Becker, former president of Georgia Right to Life, wrote a book on the subject that defines personhood as "The recognition by our culture and our government that each individual life has an unalienable right to life from its earliest biological beginning. This right to life extends to natural death, regardless of one's disability, gender, race, dependency or manner of conception. The unalienable right to life comes from God by virtue of the fact that we have been created in His image and are thus imbued with a unique

worth and dignity not found in the rest of creation."

Well, is the preborn child a person? Science has proven over and over the preborn child is indeed a person. Anyone who has seen the image of the pre-born baby in an ultrasound knows it is a person without a doubt. While it can be denied by individuals who have their own agenda, it cannot be denied by science or by expectant mothers who get the opportunity to see their preborn child in an ultrasound.

Overturning Roe v. Wade would give Georgia the ability to pass a personhood amendment to the state Constitution which would protect all innocent life from earliest beginning through natural death. Georgia Right to Life is committed to passing such an amendment. Then, and only then, can we expect the murder of the preborn in Georgia to be punishable by the laws of our state.

While we pro-lifers in Georgia (and other states, I'm sure) appreciate the effort of the government of Texas to reduce the number of abortions, we believe that a personhood amendment to each state's constitution is the only way to stop the murder of "the least of these."

Terry Queen of Monroe is the president of the Walton County chapter of Georgia Right to Life.



# OTHER OPINIONS

Nowell Briscoe

## A ‘good man,’ the late Mayor Booth Williams

Continuing with my series of “Movers and Shakers of Monroe,” I want to focus on one of the most important members of any city organization, the mayor.

Monroe has long had a distinguished list of men who have taken the title of mayor for the city. While researching the list of gentlemen who have served Monroe, I came upon an interesting tidbit: Seven men who served as mayor all resided at one time on Walton Street or Walton Circle.

Going all the way back to 1912, Paul McDaniel Felker was the youngest man to serve in this capacity when he was 21. Others who served were Marshall Pollock, Jake Launius, Eugene Kelly, L.C. McGarity, Booth Williams and Knox Bell.

One distinguished mayor of our town lived off Walton Street on Jackson Street was Ed L. Almand Jr., who served from 1944-47 leading his city.

There have been several men who served our city with distinction over the years in the mayor’s office who have served longer than the usual two terms. Greg Thompson served the city for 12 years, from 2006-17. Knox Bell also served for 12 years, from 1978-1985 and from 1988-91. Dr. James F. Matthews served for 10 years, from 1968-77. Harry Knight served for 10 years, from 1992-97 and from 2000-05; Dr. George P. Hammond served for nine years, from 1934-39 and from 1962-65.

One man from Walton Street who served only one term but came from a prominent family and held the city close to his heart in word, manner and deed was James Booth Williams.

Booth Williams was born on May 26, 1904, in Bold Springs, the son of Emmett Mitchell and Floy Booth Wililams.

He was born into a pioneer Walton County family. His grandfather, Charles M. Booth, was a county surveyor for many years. The Booth Militia District derived its name from him. Both Charles M. Booth and his son-in-law, Emmett Williams, represented Walton County in the state legislature.

The Williams family moved to Monroe when Booth was 5 years old. Emmett Williams debated the wisdom of moving the family. In later years Mr. Williams recalled how he came to the county seat and asked several of the town’s citizens and businessmen what they thought of the idea. All but one urged him to remain on his farm. The person who urged him to move to town was the Methodist minister, who was desirous of increasing his congregation.

Mr. Williams took the minister’s advice and moved to Monroe where Booth entered first grade and graduated from high school in 1921. In recalling his childhood in Monroe, Booth recalled the happiness and enjoyment of watching the carnivals unload and the summer swims in the Alcovy River at Dickinson’s Bridge.

Booth Williams enrolled at



Georgia Tech and from there he went to the Alabama Polytechnic

Institute, where he received a mechanical engineering degree in 1926. He earned a civil engineering degree from the University of Georgia in 1928. In the summer of 1926, Booth completed a business course at Columbia University.

Beginning work as a young engineer, Booth went to work for his father’s construction business. For several years they worked side by side constructing bridges, roads, buildings in Augusta, Elberton, Columbus, Hartwell, Decatur and Monroe.

It was while working in Augusta he met Miss Frances Verdery and they were married on June 19, 1930. The couple lived in Fort Valley and Cedartown before returning to Monroe to live.

For 26 years Booth was the local agent for Standard Oil Co. He was mayor of Monroe from 1960-61, served on the City Council for nine years and was a chairman of the city board of education along with serving on the Water, Light and Gas Commission.

He also served as chairman of the Farm Credit Board of Columbia, South Carolina.

Other organizations he was a member of included the Kiwanis Club; the Generous Warren Masonic Lodge 20 F&AM Monroe, of which he was a member for over 50 years; director of the Monroe Savings and Loan Association; a member of the Official Board of the First United Methodist Church, where he also served as trustee; and president of the Federal Land Bank of Madison, where he also served on its board of directors for a long number of years.

In 1959, after being an integral part of the Monroe community for so long, Booth decided to use his business acumen and run for mayor. He served his city for two years as mayor with the best interest of Monroe always in the forefront.

At the Aug. 21, 1975, meeting of the directors of the Federal Land Bank Association of Madison, Booth was awarded a plaque designating him as a director emeritus, of the company honoring his service as a director since 1941.

Back in November 1978, *Walton Tribune* columnist Wayne Shields remembered his longtime friend in a humorous but generous column showing the depth of service Williams cared for his city. Wayne recalled:

When I first came to Monroe, homes were heated by oil. I realize some homes are still heated by oil and that’s all right. Natural gas was not available here so every home had a big old tank stuck close to the house or in a hole in the ground and periodically a truck would come by and fill it up. Woe to your warmth if you gave out!

So, Monroe said, “Let’s have natural gas whereby we rip up the streets and



James Booth Williams, 1904-80

put in pipes to each home that wants it.” What a mess that was. Streets torn up, mud, new types of heaters to buy, et cetera.

In all this transitional period, Booth Williams, who ran an oil business and sold oil to heat houses, came out in favor of natural gas! What was the gimmick?

At the time I didn’t know Booth Williams. Now I know the kind of man he is; honest, straight in ways and a public servant. I even asked him why he favored losing money. “Monroe’s betterment must come first,” he said. That was it?

Booth Williams is what we call a good man.

When Booth Williams died on Sept. 3, 1980, his loss was deeply felt throughout Walton County. *The Tribune* remembered him in an editorial along with *Tribune* General Manager Jimmy Milhous recalling the associations he had with “Mr. Booth” and the concern and appreciation he had for his town.

The editorial honoring Booth Williams read: “Booth era ends,” and went on to say:

With the death of Booth Williams, an era has come to an end in Walton County. The list of his accomplishments in government and civic activities is long and impressive and he will go down in the town’s history as one of the county’s most dedicated community leaders.

Those who knew him will also remember Booth as a kind, thoughtful and intelligent man who treated his fellow citizens with respect and dignity. He always gave the impression he was more concerned about others than himself.

There are men and women who make important contributions to the physical welfare of their communities; there are men and women who offer their neighbors friendship. Booth Williams managed to do both during his lifetime, and Walton County is a better place because of him.

Ever the consummate neighbor, friend, civic leader and church steward, Booth Williams knew the importance of these words: family, friend and town, which were always at the forefront of his life.

Booth was survived by his wife, Frances; their three children, Elizabeth “Libba” Williams McDonald, Louise Williams Baker, James Booth Williams Jr.; and seven grandchildren.

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## George Walton Academy



**Michael Chick, left, and Ella Rowan, both seniors at George Walton Academy, work on their drafting exercises as part of the private school's newest elective, Introduction to Drafting and Design, an architecture-themed career class that has become the school's newest success story.** Stephen Milligan | The Tribune

# Drawing up something different

Students at Monroe private school learn tricks of the architecture trade

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**Stephen Milligan**  
THE WALTON TRIBUNE

Kellie Watts knew exactly what she could do when asked what elective she might want to teach at George Walton Academy this year.

Although Watts left it behind for teaching, she earned a degree in engineering and design before leaving the field for education, instead.

Now, she's simply combining the two as the new instructor of GWA's latest career-oriented class, Intro-

duction to Drafting and Design.

"It's going well," Watts said of her new class. "The kids are all taking it seriously."

It's early days so far for the class, which is still focusing on the most basic aspects of drafting and design work.

"On the first day, we learned how to draw a line," Watts said. "We've focused a lot on lettering. Drafting is a language and we're working on learning that language."

Lettering, the students said, has been one of the strangest hurdles they've faced so far.

"I had no idea lettering was a thing," Michael Chick, a senior at GWA, said. "That

was a shock."

Each student has spent time learning how to write in the anonymous block lettering style of architecture, designed to make each drafting project look uniform no matter who creates it.

"At the end of a class, I should be able to look at the projects and not be able to tell them apart," Watts said.

It wasn't the easiest thing to learn, senior Ella Rowan said.

"I didn't know what all went into it," she said. "It's all part of what an architect does."

Watts said her students are coming along well, though, with even those with the worst natural

handwriting picking up the knack.

"Still, we're just ankle-deep into things," Watts said.

There's a lot to learn ahead, she added, as the students work to expand their drafting skills, work on their math and eventually tackle the computers for digital drafting work.

Michael said he's glad to have found the class.

"I've been looking for something I'd like and I was drawn to architecture," he said. "When I was a kid, my parents used to joke I should be an engineer, but that has maybe too much math. Architecture is a good mix for me."

Still, it's been a real deep

dive for him.

"I was sort of shocked by how many tools we had just for drafting," he said, motioning at a plastic tub full of items used for design work.

Ella said she's glad to see GWA adding more career option classes to give students a chance to try different things.

"I like it," she said. "This has everything I like. It gives me a real opportunity to explore everything architecture has to offer."

Watts hopes to keep the class going to draw more students in.

"Everyone here wants to be here," she said. "It'd be great to find more students who want to give it a try going forward."



**Michael Chick works to make sure everything lines up in his latest drafting project.** Stephen Milligan | The Tribune



**Kellie Watts, teacher of the drafting and design class, looks over Ella Rowan's work and makes suggestions to improve her efforts.** Stephen Milligan | The Tribune





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## Drama studies



Before the written word, stories were shared in casual settings, like around a campfire. These stories were often recollections of real life occurrences, at least when they were first told. Life experiences were shared and passed down, often changing as they went from teller to teller. Although the first written record of a theatrical performance was found in Egypt dating back to 2000 B.C., it is widely thought that these types of gatherings around a campfire are the 'first performances' that triggered the start of theater. In GWA's Introduction to Drama class, students gather around a 'campfire' to tell stories about their life, creating different traits for each character in their story. They were then challenged to re-tell a story someone else shared to show how stories can change over time.

## GOAL award



George Walton Academy is the recipient of the 2020 GOAL Achiever Award! Congratulations to GOAL program manager Jenni Cole. Through Georgia's Education Expense Credit, the GOAL Scholarship Program allows taxpayers to play a vital role in improving K-12 educational opportunities.

## YouScience



GWA upper school students began their journey to discover and understand their respective talents through YouScience during LINX/advisory this past Wednesday. YouScience is a tool and resource to help connect students to their best-fit pathways, careers, and postsecondary opportunities. It consists of a series of assessment modules that helps measure students' hard-wired aptitudes and natural talents with real-world opportunities. It connects their results with the latest data in careers, some they have never heard of or knew existed. These results will help students discover new careers where they can gain real-life experience as juniors and seniors through the Winter Term Internship program. The GWA College Counseling office uses YouScience results to help students on a personal level make long-term career goals, and shape a college search process that aligns with their goals.



## Design class

This year the GWA middle school added several new elective options, including Introduction to Computer Aided Design. This course gives students a basic introduction to the world of digital 3D design using Autodesk TinkerCAD. In addition to learning to create digital models, students are currently building a 3D printer which they will use to print their unique designs.



U.S. DISTRICT COURT

# Case involving local firm will be national landmark

EEOC joins claim of woman who says her firing was discrimination in face of pandemic-related issues

Tom Spigolon COVINGTON NEWS

A woman's termination from her job near Social Circle in 2020 has led to a federal agency's first nationwide action to address workplace discrimination related to COVID-19.

The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission charged in a federal lawsuit a woman's employer fired her for seeking to work from home because of a lung condition rather than inside a Walton County biopharmaceutical plant during the pandemic in 2020.

It alleges that ISS Facility Services Inc. unlawfully denied employee Ronisha Moncrief's "reasonable request for an accommodation for her disability" under the Americans With Disabilities Act and then fired her for asking for it.

"This case represents the first lawsuit the EEOC has filed about a request for an ADA accommodation related to COVID-19," the agency said in a news release.

ISS is a Denmark-based facility management and maintenance company. Moncrief worked as a health safety and environmental quality manager for the company at the Takeda Pharmaceuticals facility near Social Circle, according to the lawsuit.

She was diagnosed with obstructive lung disease in early March 2020 which made it difficult for her to breathe. She then asked for a reasonable accommodation — including a request from her physician — under the ADA that included working from home and taking frequent breaks from working when at the Takeda site.

At the same time, ISS changed its work schedule because of the COVID-19 pandemic for all employees at Moncrief's facility and allowed them to work from home four days a week and in-person one day.

Then around June 2020, ISS told its employees at Takeda it was requiring they work in-person five days per week. Moncrief again asked ISS to allow her to work from home two days per week with frequent rest breaks while working at the facility, according to the lawsuit.

"In the documentation Moncrief submitted to (ISS), it was noted that Moncrief needed the accommodation because her past and recent bouts with severe pulmonary disease made her a high-risk for contracting COVID-19.

"In the performance of her job duties, Moncrief had close contact with many employees and often shared a desk with co-workers," the lawsuit stated.



ISS Facility Services operates as the health safety and environmental quality manager for Takeda, which is not part of a suit filed by the EEOC. Patrick Graham | 2019 File | The Tribune

But ISS denied her request despite other managers with the same duties being allowed to work from home, EEOC says in the lawsuit. It also claims Moncrief could perform all the essential functions of her position with the requested accommodation.

On Aug. 13, 2020, Moncrief's supervisor contacted human resources recommending Moncrief be fired due to "performance issues," according to the suit.

"At the time she was terminated, Moncrief had not been informed by management that her job performance warranted termination," the lawsuit states.

The EEOC said in a news release it first attempted to reach a pre-litigation settlement with ISS before filing suit in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia's Atlanta Division.

Darrell Graham, district director of the Atlanta office, said, "The EEOC is committed to enforcing the ADA to protect the rights of such aggrieved employees."

Marcus G. Keegan, regional attorney for the EEOC's Atlanta District Office, said, "The ADA requires employers to provide reasonable accommodations to employees with disabilities to ensure those with disabilities have an equal opportunity to work to their full ability.

"Denying a reasonable accommodation and terminating an employee because of her disability clearly violates the ADA at any time. In light of the additional risks to health and safety created by COVID-19, it is particularly concerning that an employer would take this action several months into a global pandemic."

Its lawsuit seeks back pay, compensatory damages, and punitive damages for Moncrief, as well as injunctive relief to prevent future discrimination, the release stated.

The agency declined further comment, a spokesman said.

ISS did not immediately return a phone call and email for comment on the allegations Thursday.

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**Gunnar Winston Samuelson**  
Monroe, Georgia

Gunnar "Gunny" Winston Samuelson of Monroe passed away unexpectedly Sunday, Sept. 5, 2021, at the age of 21, in Tampa, Florida. He now resides in Heaven.

Gunnar loved and excelled at sports, especially basketball. Throughout his youth, whether on the diamond, a field, or the hardwood, Gunnar played with great passion and determination.

Much like his sporting prowess, Gunnar possessed that same passion when it came to helping others. That was his purpose and his special gift from God. His personality, smile, and laugh could instantly break down any barrier and bring joy and comfort. He especially loved the children in his life and never met a dog he did not love or loved him. His calling was to use his life experience to help those in need, especially at-risk youth. He shined brightest when he could be of service. His love for, and loyalty, to his family and friends was beyond measure.

Although he only had 21 years on this earth, Gunnar made an impact on everyone that knew him. He lived a life full of hope and love and would want everyone to carry on that message.

Gunnar was preceded in death by his grandparents, Wayland and Lynn Sermons and a grandfather, Lee Samuelson.

He is survived by his parents, Frank and Carol Samuelson; brothers, Frank Samuelson III (his best friend) and Matthew McCoy and his daughter Alivia McCoy; a grandmother, Gayle Samuelson; uncle, Keith Samuelson, and his wife, Martha, and their children, Tara Schellhorn and Mary Ashley Samuelson; uncle, Marshall Samuelson and his wife, JoAnn; uncle, Joel Samuelson; aunt, Sue Tarlton and her children, David Mathison Jr., Elizabeth Maricich and husband, R.J., Caroline Mathison, and Will Mathison; uncle, Wayland Sermons Jr., his wife, Penny, and their children, Aaron Ghaffari and husband Aria, and Wayland Sermons III and wife Lauren; uncle, Cappy Sermons; godmother, Liz Partrick; fiancé, Macrae Marshburn and her daughter, Dylan; life-long friends, Dean Shaffer and Blake Atwood; his beloved dogs, Melly, Loki, and Forest and a large extended family.

*Child of God, you will be missed by all, until we meet again.*

*Psalms 23*

A Celebration of Life will be held at First United Methodist Church of Monroe, 400 S. Broad St., Monroe, GA 30655, at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18.

A family visitation will precede the service at noon.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Walton County Animal Control (shelter), 1411 S. Madison Ave., Monroe, GA 30655 (telephone 770-267-1322) or FISH (Faith In Serving Humanity), P.O. Box 1838, Monroe, GA 30655 (telephone 770-207-4357).

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**Robert Thomas Stephens**  
Athens, Georgia

Robert Thomas "Tommy" Stephens, 67, of Athens, passed away on Friday, Sept. 10, 2021, at Piedmont Athens Regional Medical Center.

Tommy was born February 12, 1954, in Monroe. He was a 1972 graduate of Monroe Area High School. While he spent most of his adult life working in the construction industry, he spent the latter part of his life working at Barrette Outdoor Living in Jefferson, Georgia. At the time of his death he was working at Walmart on Lexington Road in Athens.

Tommy was a faithful Georgia Bulldog fan. He loved watching and rooting for them on Saturdays in the fall. He made many friends throughout the Bulldog Nation over the years. Although his love and respect for the Dawgs ran deep, he would be the first to tell you that The Potter's House in Jefferson held his utmost respect. It was there that he rededicated his life to the Lord, freed himself from addiction and really began living his life by inspiring others with his faith and testimony.

Tommy was known by many on Facebook as the friend who constantly shared his testimony of sobriety and for posting daily inspirations each morning. He touched many lives, hundreds he never met personally, by sharing the gospel and his personal struggles that he overcame with Christ.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John Robert (Freck) and Audrey Stephens.

He is survived by his sister and brother-in-law, Betty and Allen Ferguson; nephew, Andy Adams and his wife Amanda; nieces, Kelly Bryan and her husband, Chris, Kacey Wommack and the late Dwayne Wommack; and several great- and great-great-nieces and -nephews.

Visitation was from 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 15, at Meadows Funeral Home in Monroe. The funeral service was immediately following in the Chapel of Meadows Funeral Home.

Burial followed at Hill Haven Memory Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that donations be made to The Potter's House. Donations can be made online at [give.atlantamission.org](http://give.atlantamission.org) or directly to The Potter's House at 655 Potter House Road, Jefferson, GA 30549.

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## LOCAL AND STATE NEWS

# Candidate for local seat in Congress to speak at Jan. 6 'justice' rally

FROM STAFF REPORTS

COVINGTON — One of the dozen or so Republicans running for Georgia's 10th Congressional District seat in 2022 was scheduled to be among the two main speakers at a planned rally in Washington, D.C., this weekend.

Mike Collins, a Butts County trucking company owner, is scheduled as a speaker during the planned #JusticeforJ6 rally at the U.S. Capitol on Saturday, according to news sources and rally organizers.

Collins, of Jackson, announced his candidacy June 8 to represent the 25-county congressional district that includes Walton County.

He was to formally kick off his campaign Thursday at the Rivers

Ranch in Jackson.

The rally was organized to support those accused of actively taking part in the Jan. 6 riot by supporters of former President Donald Trump at the Capitol.

Organizers say accused rioters suffer harsh treatment in jails and are being denied due process in the legal system.

The rally's main organizer, Matt Braynard, is a political consultant for Collins who also worked in Trump's campaign. Collins and Washington state congressional candidate Joe Kent are scheduled as the main speakers.

One person died and dozens were



Collins

injured — mostly police officers — in the Jan. 6 riot. An additional four deaths have been linked to the incident which occurred on the day Congress met to certify the Electoral College vote declaring Joe Biden the winner of the 2020 presidential election over Trump.

— Tom Spigolon

### GAINESVILLE

#### Hall doctor charged with fraud

A Gainesville psychologist was charged with medicaid fraud and false statements, the Georgia attorney general's office announced Friday.

A Hall County grand jury returned indictments against Dr. Guy Jordan on Wednesday.

### VALDOSTA

#### Dog finds meth, leading to man's lengthy prison sentence

A Meigs, Georgia, man was sentenced to more than six years in prison after pleading guilty to possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine in U.S. District Court.

A dog in Thomas County found a bag with a large quantity of methamphetamine and brought it home to the dog's owner, who reported it to the local authorities.

The satchel also contained lottery tickets, which were stolen and traced to Timothy Bernard Reese, who was arrested in December 2019 and sentenced recently.

— From staff reports



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## Carolyn Acuff

Loganville, Georgia

Carolyn Acuff, 90, of Loganville, passed away on Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2021.

Funeral services will begin at 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19, at Corinth Christian Church with Minister Don Hardison officiating.

Burial will follow at Corinth Memorial Gardens.

The family will receive friends from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. before the service at the church.

Carolyn was preceded in death by her husband, Earl Acuff, and a son, Keith Acuff.

She is survived by her children, Jerone and Margaret (Cissy) Acuff of Ellenwood, and Perry and Lisa Acuff of Loganville; daughter-in-law, Katrina Acuff of Plant City, Florida; sister, Fran Lane of La Mesa, California; 10 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Corinth Christian Church Prayer Garden, 1635 Highway 81, Loganville, GA 30052.

Arrangements by Tim Stewart Funeral Home, 670 Tom Brewer Road, Loganville, GA 30052. Telephone 770-466-1544.

Please sign the online guest registry at [www.stewartfh.com](http://www.stewartfh.com).

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## Sara Catherine Hester

Social Circle, Georgia

Sara Catherine Hester, 82, of Social Circle, passed away on Thursday, Sept. 9, 2021.

She was born in Walton County on Sept. 2, 1939, to Clara Kilgore Durden and Lunnie Durden. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, the late Jackie Hester.

She is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Susan and George Howard of Social Circle, and Mandy and Richard Behringer of Jersey; sons and daughter-in-law, Robert Hester of Social Circle, and Carey and Fayth Hester of Rutledge; sister, Martha McDougal of Social Circle; brother and sister-in-law, Marcus Lynn and Tammy Durden of Tennessee; nine grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services began at 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12, at Church at the Grove in Social Circle with the Rev. Nathan Boyd officiating.

Burial followed at Social Circle City Cemetery.

Meadows Funeral Home Inc. was in charge of the arrangements. Please sign the guest book online at [www.meadowsfuneralhomeinc.com](http://www.meadowsfuneralhomeinc.com).

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## Dianne Lorraine Jackson Baker

Monroe, Georgia

Dianne Lorraine Jackson Baker was born in Eatonton on Aug. 4, 1955, to Margenice and Coolidge Jackson.

In the late hours of Tuesday, Aug. 31, 2021, her husband Ted, son Jason and her parents met her at Heaven's gates along with her brother David and countless other family and friends.

She loved her daughter Melanie, daughter-in-law Julie, her sisters Esther and Shirley, brother Stevie, nieces and nephews, extended family, and friends so intensely that her heart gave out and could no longer carry her. Since the early 1980s, she could be found waitressing and cooking at Campton Restaurant and Baker's Family Restaurant. There was little she could not do in the kitchen, particularly her peanut butter cake, strawberry shortcake and fried chicken. You could always taste the love and care in every bite even if she probably cussed while preparing. She was a mama to all her kids' friends. She was always there with a hug, to hold your hand, give guidance and offer an unfiltered opinion even when not prompted.

Besides her family, her greatest love was music and going to concerts. She had seen more than 200 different artists over the years ranging from George Strait and James Taylor to Madonna and Lady Gaga. Her favorite concert experiences were Cher, Michael Jackson, Garth Brooks, Paul McCartney, Tina Turner and P!nk. However, the ultimate artist for her was Alan Jackson, whom she had seen in person close to 50 times.

The sun shines less bright for those she leaves behind but oh how lucky was everyone to know her and be loved by her. Her daughter has no doubt that after she loved on her lifelong love Ted and son Jason, she asked the manager where she could find Elvis.

The family received friends from 10-11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 4, prior to the memorial service at 11 a.m. in the Monroe Chapel of Tim Stewart Funeral Home, 209 S. Hammond Drive, Monroe, GA 30655. Telephone 770-267-2594.

You may sign the online guest registry at [www.stewartfh.com](http://www.stewartfh.com).

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## Ruby Lee Giles Jarrell

Athens, Georgia

In the early morning hour of Wednesday, Sept. 8, 2021, Ruby Lee Giles Jarrell quietly departed this earthly existence.

Funeral service will begin at noon Saturday, Sept. 18, at Young-Levett Funeral Home, 129 W. Washington St., in Monroe.

Public viewing was from noon until 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17, at Young-Levett Funeral Home.

Burial will follow the funeral at East Lawn Memorial Cemetery, 825 Winterville Road, Athens.

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## Brenda Gail Anderson

Covington, Georgia

Brenda Gail Thompson Anderson, 69, of Covington, passed away on Saturday, Sept. 11, 2021.

Brenda attended Monroe Area High School in Monroe, graduating in 1970. While in high school, she was a member of the Monroe Girls Corps (all girl marching band) for four years. The Monroe Girls Corps participated in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

In 1999 Brenda met and married the love of her life, Michael Anderson, of California. Together they moved in 2005 to Mt. Juliet, Tennessee, where she was a contracts administrator for Actus Land-Lease Corp. until 2014. She enrolled at Bethel University and earned a bachelor's degree in management.

She is preceded in death by her parents, David Lee and Betty Sue Thompson, and her brother, Mike Thompson.

Mrs. Anderson was survived by her husband, Michael Anderson; three children from a previous marriage, Jeni (Steve) Wixel, Rob Lyons and Ben (Yesenia) Lyons; and a grandchild, Everly Rose Lyons.

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## Maurice Earl Holt

Social Circle, Georgia

Maurice Earl Holt, 88, of Social Circle, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Saturday, Sept. 11, 2021.

He was born March 14, 1933, to Thomas and Grace Holt in Gloster, Georgia, and was raised in Tucker.

He was a Korean War veteran and served proudly as a U.S. Marine. He retired from the Atlanta Fire Department in September 1985, fulfilling a lifelong dream of serving and protecting his community. He was an active member of the First Baptist Church of Social Circle and was part of the JOY seniors group. His favorite pastime was spending time with and enjoying his family who loved him immensely.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife of 43 years, Jewell Miranda Holt; brothers, Frank, Harold, Billy, Doug, and Dennis; sister, Annette Holt; a daughter, Delores Vandeford; and a great-grandson, Everton Holt Salers.

Left to carry on his legacy are daughters Lisa (John) Rice of Covington and Carol Holt and Patricia (Justin) Lester of Grayson. He had eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews he loved with all his heart.

A funeral service will begin at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19, in the Chapel of Meadows Funeral Home with the Rev. Jeff Clegg officiating.

Burial will be at 1 p.m. Monday, Sept. 20, at Floral Hills Memory Gardens in Tucker.

Meadows Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements. Please sign the guest book at [meadowsfuneralhomeinc.com](http://meadowsfuneralhomeinc.com).

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## Patsy Lama Sorrells Fuller

Monroe, Georgia

Patsy Lama Sorrells Fuller, 72, went to be with the Lord in the early morning hours of Sunday, Sept. 12, 2021, in her home of 45 years, in the Walker Park area of Monroe.

She was surrounded by her family.

Patsy is survived by her husband of 55 years, Ray W. Fuller; daughters and sons-in-law, Sandy and Mike McMahon and Shelli and Dennis Johnson; sister and brother-in-law, Connie and Gary McMillan; grandchildren, Britni Stephens, Tyler Stephens, Dusten and Madeline Johnson, Luke and Elizabeth Johnson and Lilly and Dean Sheldon; and great-grandchildren: Kinsley, Jocee, Paisley, John Hollis, Jennings, Chealse Jayne and Timmy.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Thomas Watson Sorrells and Evelyn Edwards Sorrells, and her beloved great-granddaughter Chealse La'Rae Lockhart.

Patsy was a lifetime resident of Monroe, growing up on Church Street as a child. She attended Monroe Area High School. She married her high school sweetheart and started her family early, which became the center of her world throughout the duration of her life.

She believed family was the most important thing this side of Heaven and although her family grew to be quite large, she had a unique and genuine relationship with each one, leading everyone to think they were her "favorite."

She enjoyed the ocean, good music, comfy clothes, puzzles, solitaire, candles, Christmas lights, grapefruit, tomato sandwiches and salt (lots of salt). She made the best pan of cornbread you ever put in your mouth.

She was who everyone called for advice and although she was not one to tell you exactly what you wanted to hear, she would always tell you what you needed to hear, which ultimately would always show itself to be true. She loved to hug and to be hugged. She was the earthly example of love in "Grandma" form.

Visitation began at 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 16, at Meadows Funeral Home in Monroe followed by a service in the chapel at 3 p.m.

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DOWNTOWN MONROE

# ‘2020-ish’ arrives for The Roe

Customers get their first look inside the revamped Mike Cash space, now a market and much more

Stephen Milligan THE WALTON TRIBUNE

For more than two years, the curtain has remained down at the corner of South Broad and West Spring streets, where the doors have been sealed on the burgeoning project known as The Roe. The logo repeated across the barricades hiding away construction originally promised the grocery/eatery combination business was coming in 2020, until pandemic delays turned that promise into false optimism and blown deadlines. Early this year, as construction resumed at last, the 2020 arrival date was altered to say it was coming in “2020-ish” with an additional shout-out to COVID-19 for the late arrival.

But at last the curtain is up and the doors open at The Roe.

At least, on one side of the building.

“It feels wonderful,” Tyler South, co-owner of The Roe, said on finally opening the long-awaited downtown business. “It’s been a long time and a lot of effort, but everyone involved has given their maximum.”

The Roe isn’t entirely done — the restaurant part of the business is still under construction, with a chef to be hired, menus to be devised and, most of all, final renovations to be done on the space where the Mike Cash Megastore used to be.

But the grocery side of the business is open at long last, offering fresh-cut meats from a full-time butcher, freshly made sourdough bread, locally sourced produce, carefully selected beers and wines



Ryan Pinkerton works Monday at The Roe in downtown Monroe. He’ll serve as the bar manager as the establishment builds out over the next few weeks. Stephen Milligan photos | The Tribune

and a variety of other ingredients for a number of meals.

Co-owner Daniel South said the inspiration for this side of the building came from an overseas excursion he and his spouse took.

“My wife and I visited overseas and she was really inspired by the places we saw over there,” South said. “Little shops that offered everything you could need to make delicious meals. It was very fresh, very old world.”

Soon, they started to wonder if they could bring such an experience to Monroe and began to envision The Roe.

“We wanted a place that showed the roots of where it started,” South said. “This would be something new in the city, a small, eclectic



An outdoor bar, facing Wayne Street, is coming later for The Roe.

place that shows off its history.”

It does just that, as South said they repurposed as much as they could from the previous layers of the building to demonstrate what used to be in the downtown space. Certain floors use wood from removed upper layers. A marble wall in the unfinished restaurant repurposes rediscovered tile from the building’s past existence as a bank.

“We’re paying homage to what it was,” South said. “We’ve re-used everything we could possibly use.”

Currently, South said The Roe is taking things slowly as it builds up to full opening. It held a soft opening this past week, welcoming friends and family as well as any passerby who noticed the doors were open. They expect more to arrive this week as normal operations kick in, and to expand as time goes on.

Bar staff is being trained now to open the outdoor patio to customers in the near future. Restrooms are being decorated by local artists to give each one a unique feeling. A back room for rented gatherings will be available once food is on the menu, with the restaurant the last thing on the itinerary at the moment.

“The idea is to live with this a bit,” South said. “We’ll add a little at a time. We plan to start offering

sandwiches soon, for instance.”

South wants the restaurant to serve food made with things found in the store, so anyone could make the same meals with what they could buy in the shop.

“We really want this place to be a learning experience,” South said.

The actual menu will be left up to the chef, once hired, but South expects sandwiches, burgers, charcuterie boards and other offerings using their meats, cheeses and breads to be available eventually.

South said it’s been a struggle having to delay opening for so long.

“It’s hard,” he said. “You want to just put the open sign up and go forward. But we also want everything to be right. We’ve done all these things and taken care of all these details, we don’t want something marring that if we can avoid it.”

So slow and steady remains the key to winning the race at The Roe. For now, the butcher shop will be the forward-facing portion of the building while the rest builds up behind the scenes, but Tyler South said they’re thrilled to have something to offer the public at long last.

“Everyone’s been clamoring for it,” he said.

“Knowing the community was behind us and supportive has been great.”



Fresh fruits and a wide selection of meats are just part of what’s available at The Roe, at 100 S. Broad St. in downtown Monroe.



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# Jovie Robinson



Jovie Claire Robinson celebrated her 10th birthday on September 1st, 2021 with a family & friends get-together party at her home in Bristol, New Hampshire on September 4th, 2021. Jovie is the daughter of Gary & Ashley Robinson of Bristol, New Hampshire.

Jovie is the granddaughter of Pete & Julie Nostrand of Bristol, New Hampshire and Doc & Pam Robinson of Alexandria, New Hampshire. She is the great granddaughter of Donny & Sybil Walls of Monroe, GA and FeFe Robinson of Mujeres, Mexico. Jovie is the great great granddaughter of Ernest Walls of Monroe, GA. She has a sister, Zoey, age 6, and a brother, Boston, age 5.





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### Region 8-AAAAA

Team	Region	Overall
Eastside	1-0	3-1
Loganville	1-0	2-2
Walnut Grove	1-0	2-2
Clarke Central	1-0	1-2
Apalachee	0-1	1-3
Jackson County	0-1	2-2
Greenbrier	0-1	1-3
Johnson	0-1	0-3

**Friday's results**  
Apalachee **17-31** Clarke Central  
Greenbrier **34-35** Loganville  
Jackson County **14-16** Walnut Grove  
Johnson-Gainesville **0-65** Eastside  
**Next week's games**  
Clarke Central at Jackson County  
Eastside at Apalachee  
Loganville at Johnson-Gainesville  
Walnut Grove at Greenbrier

### Region 8-AAA

Team	Region	Overall
Monroe Area	0-0	4-0
Stephens County	0-0	4-0
Oconee County	0-0	4-0
Hart County	0-0	4-1
Franklin County	0-0	2-1
East Jackson	0-0	2-3

**Friday's results**  
Crescent (Iva, S.C.) at Franklin County, late  
East Jackson **49-21** East Hall  
Hart County **63-28** Westside (S.C.)  
Stephens Co at Habersham Central, late  
Thomasville **8-20** Oconee County  
Clarkston at Monroe Area, ccd.  
**Next week's games**  
Lakeside-Evans at Monroe  
Oconee County at Veterans  
**Idle:** East Jackson, Franklin County, Hart County, Stephens County

### Region 8-A (Public)

Team	Region	Overall
Towns County	0-0	3-1
Lincoln County	0-0	2-1
Washington-Wilkes	0-0	2-1
Social Circle	0-0	3-2
Greene County	0-0	2-2
Commerce	0-0	1-2

**Friday's results**  
Greene County at Jasper County, late  
Lakeview Academy **17-38** Towns County  
Lincoln County at Harlem, late  
Oglethorpe County **14-21** Social Circle  
Washington-Wilkes **0-0** Elbert County  
**Idle:** Commerce  
**Next week's games**  
Elbert County at Lincoln County  
Hancock Central at Washington-Wilkes  
Mount Paran Christian at Commerce  
Towns County at Bethlehem Christian Academy  
**Idle:** Greene County, Social Circle

### Region 8-A (Private)

Team	Region	Overall
Prince Ave Christian	0-0	4-1
Athens Christian	0-0	3-1
Athens Academy	0-0	3-1
George Walton	0-0	1-3
Loganville Christian	0-0	0-3

**Friday's results**  
Hebron Christian Acad **0-42** GWA  
Holy Innocents' **56-0** Loganville Christian  
Mount Vernon **35-14** Athens Christian  
Wesleyan **10-35** Prince Avenue Christian  
**Idle:** Athens Academy  
**Next week's games**  
George Walton Academy at Mount Vernon, 4:15  
Athens Academy at Hebron Christian Academy  
Athens Christian at Holy Innocents'  
Loganville Christian at Wesleyan  
**Idle:** Prince Avenue Christian

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WEEK 5: Walnut Grove 16, Jackson County 14

# Warriors 1-0 in region after beating Panthers



Kendall Lee (13) and Chris Mull (50) celebrate after recovering an inside kick for Walnut Grove during the first half of the Warriors' 16-14 victory over Jackson County on Friday night in Walnut Grove. Brett Fowler | The Tribune

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GWA (1-3, 0-0)

8/20 .....Social Circle 40, GWA 6  
8/27 .....Stratford Academy 47, GWA 7  
9/10 .....GWA 24, Crawford County 19  
9/17 .....Hebron Christian 42, GWA 0  
9/24 .....@ Mount Vernon (4:15 p.m.)  
10/1 .....Holy Innocents\*  
10/8 .....Athens Christian\* (HC)  
10/15 .....@ Prince Avenue Christian\*  
10/29 .....@ Athens Academy\*  
11/5 .....Loganville Christian\*

LCA (0-3, 0-0)

8/20 ..Providence Christian 40, LCA 10  
8/27 .....Bethlehem Christian 3, LCA 0  
9/3 .....Strong Rock Christian, ccd.  
9/17 .....Holy Innocents\* 56, LCA 0  
9/24 .....@ Wesleyan  
10/1 .....Mount Vernon  
10/15 .....Athens Academy\* (HC)  
10/22 .....@ Prince Avenue Christian\*  
10/29 .....Athens Christian\*  
11/5 .....@ George Walton Academy\*

Loganville (2-2, 1-0)

8/20 .....Monroe Area 28, LHS 7  
9/3 .....LHS 28, Forsyth Central 24  
9/10 .....Parkview 26, LHS 3  
9/17 .....LHS 35, Greenbrier 34\*  
9/24 .....@ Johnson, Gainesville\*  
10/1 .....Jackson County\* (HC)  
10/8 .....@ Eastside\*  
10/22 .....Clarke Central\*  
10/29 .....Apalachee\*  
11/5 .....@ Walnut Grove\*

Monroe Area (4-0, 0-0)

8/20 .....MA 28, Loganville 7  
8/27 .....MA 35, Walnut Grove 0  
9/3 .....MA 30, Morgan County 0  
9/17 .....MA 1, Clarkston 0  
9/24 .....Lakeside, Evans (HC)  
10/1 .....@ Stephens County\*  
10/8 .....East Jackson\*  
10/22 .....@ Oconee County\*  
10/29 .....@ Franklin County\*  
11/5 .....Hart County\*

Social Circle (3-2, 0-0)

8/20 .....SC 40, George Walton Acad 6  
8/27 .....Providence Christian 21, SC 0  
9/3 .....Walnut Grove 13, SC 6  
9/10 .....Putnam County 42, SC 22  
9/17 .....SC 21, Oglethorpe County 14  
10/1 .....@ Washington-Wilkes\*  
10/8 .....Lincoln County\* (HC)  
10/22 .....@ Commerce\*  
10/29 .....Towns County\*  
11/5 .....@ Greene County\*

Walnut Grove (2-2, 1-0)

8/20 .....Miller Grove 24, WG 7  
8/27 .....Monroe Area 35, WG 0  
9/3 .....WG 13, Social Circle 6  
9/17 .....WG 16, Jackson County 14\*  
9/24 .....@ Greenbrier\*  
10/1 .....Johnson, Gainesville\* (HC)  
10/8 .....@ Clarke Central\*  
10/22 .....@ Apalachee\*  
10/29 .....Eastside\*  
11/5 .....Loganville\*

Loganville 35, Greenbrier 34

4 score

Leslie rushes for 4 TDs in fourth quarter to lead Red Devils' comeback

Greg Yarman  
CORRESPONDENT

LOGANVILLE — Solomon Leslie's fourth touchdown of the night came in the final minute and lifted Loganville to a 35-34 victory over Greenbrier on Friday night.

It was the Region 8-AAAAA high school football opener for both teams.

Devin Pugh's point-after kick broke a tie to give the Devils a 1-0 mark in the region and improve their overall record to 2-2 midway as the season nears the



Leslie

halfway point. A relatively se-date game changed in a big way during the

fourth quarter as the teams played keep-away with the lead.

The Wolves led 21-7 midway through the second half, but Loganville began chipping away with Davis Roesler's 45-yard pass to Jzon Hawkins. That set up a 5-yard touchdown run by Leslie.

But a minute later, Greenbrier quarterback Brooks Pangle's 61-yard pass to Malik Leverett set up a 20-yard touchdown run by Jackson



Davis Roesler fights for yardage in the first half of Loganville's victory over Greenbrier on Friday night. Roesler ran for a touchdown in the second quarter. Melinda Pease | MP Sports Pics

Clayton.

But the Red Devils marched right back, capping their drive with a 22-yard run by Leslie to cut it within 7 again, 28-21, just beyond the halfway mark of the fourth quarter.

Loganville's defense

stopped Greenbrier on its next possession, forcing a punt which the specialist dropped. Loganville recovered at the 19-yard line, leading to another touchdown by Leslie, this one a 9-yarder.

But just 11 seconds later, the Wolves answered with an 80-yard TD pass to AJ Trupp from Pangle.

Greenbrier missed the extra point at the 4-minute mark, opening the door for the Red Devils' go-ahead drive.

Loganville tied it on Leslie's 13-yard touchdown run with 38 seconds to go in regulation. Pugh's kick put the Red Devils on top 35-34.

Loganville iced the victory with a sack of

the Greenbrier quarterback.

The Wolves (1-3, 0-1) got on the board with Leverett's 38-yard touchdown run and a Wilson Donnelly PAT with a little under three minutes to go in the first quarter.

Loganville answered with a drive that ended on a 2-yard touchdown run by Roesler. Pugh's kick tied it 7-7.

Greenbrier went back on top with a little trickery, a double pass by Pangle to Leverett, who threw to Davin Driskell for a 23-yard touchdown midway through the second quarter. The Wolves led 14-7 at halftime.

Greenbrier added to its margin with a long drive capped by Lever-

ett's 8-yard touchdown run late in the third quarter. The Wolves threatened again after Loganville failed to convert a fourth-and-3 near midfield, but Mason Lawson recovered a fumble that led to the drive with Leslie's 5-yard touchdown run.

Hamilton ended the night with 130 yards rushing, Chase Shelton 106 and Leslie 54.

Leverett paced Greenbrier with 95 yards rushing.

Loganville travels to Hall County next week to face winless Johnson, which fell 65-0 at Eastside on Friday.

Greenbrier will be back home in Evans to welcome Walnut Grove (2-2, 1-0).



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18 9:05 @ Giants Bally Sports South	19 4:05 @ Giants Bally Sports South	20 9:40 @ D-backs Bally Sports South	21 9:40 @ D-backs Bally Sports South
Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
22 9:40 @ D-backs Bally Sports South	23 3:40 @ D-backs Bally Sports South	24 8:10* @ Padres Bally Sports South	25 7:15 @ Padres Fox 5

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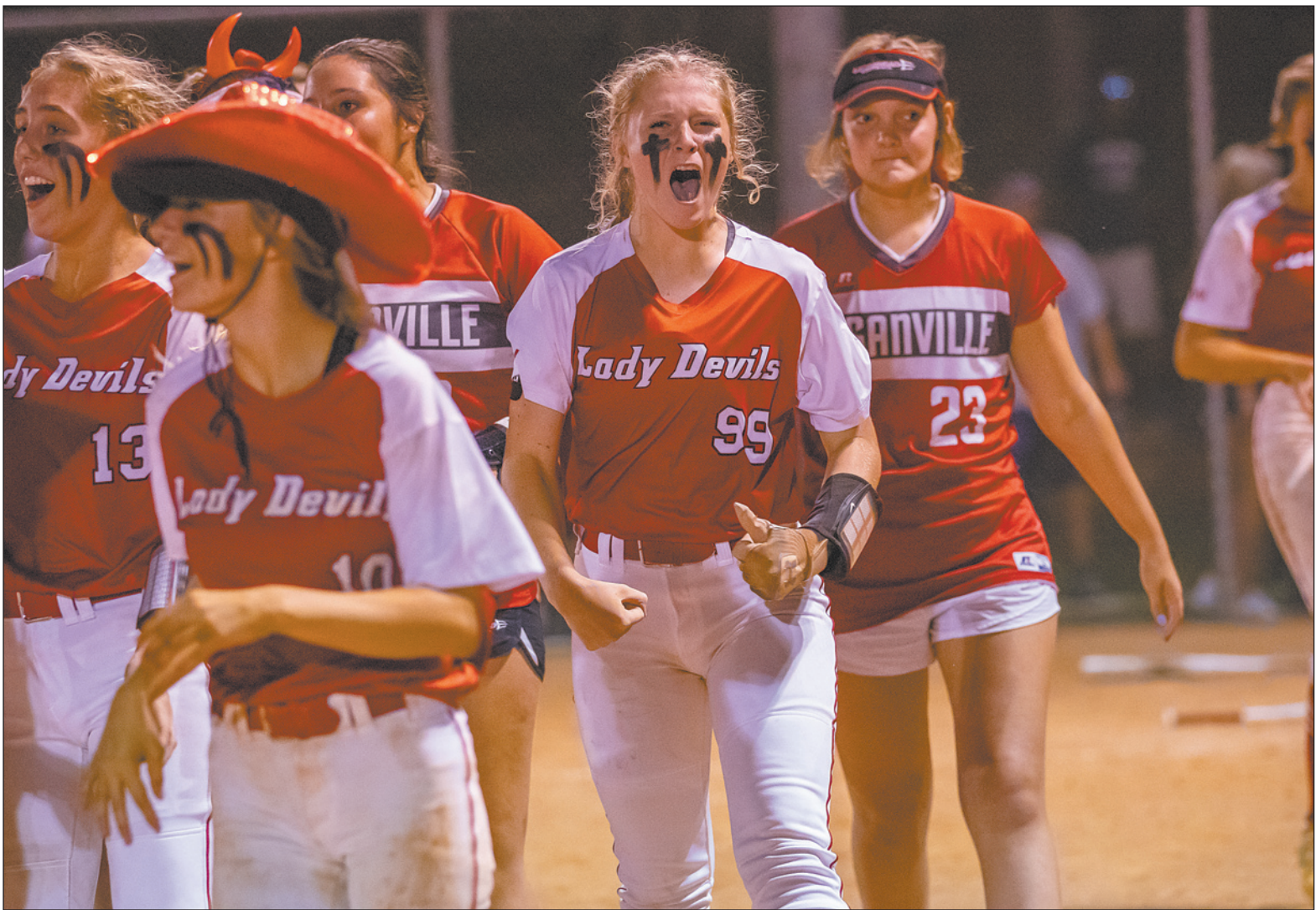
# Lady Devils win battle of top-2 teams

No. 2 Loganville uses walkoff to win against top-ranked Walnut Grove  
LOGANVILLE

**Brett Fowler**  
THE WALTON TRIBUNE

The rivalry between Walnut Grove and Loganville is always intense, but the stakes were even higher Tuesday when two teams clashed in a battle of No. 1 and No. 2 in Class AAAAA softball. Second-ranked Loganville came out on the winning end, 9-8, thanks to a walkoff double by Shelby Coffey to give the Lady Devils an edge in the Region 8 standings.

With two runners on in the bottom of the seventh, Coffey took the first pitch she saw down the left field line and drove in Megan Waites before Katie Plummer was waved around third and dived into home to clinch the win. “That was an incredible ball game,” Loganville head coach Alan Maddox said. “I felt confident where we were at in the lineup. I knew we had ou4 4, 5, 6 kids coming up and thought we were in a good



Loganville's Shelby Coffey (99) celebrates with teammates after hitting a walkoff double that drove in two runs to defeat rival Walnut Grove, the top-ranked team in Class AAAAA, 9-8 Tuesday evening in Loganville. Brett Fowler | The Tribune

position to at least tie it. Then Shelby came up big with that hit down the line to win it.” Just four hours prior to the game, *The Atlanta*

*Journal-Constitution* released its weekly state rankings. Walnut Grove was in the top spot despite two losses to Eastside last week. Loganville was set-

**‘Anybody can beat anybody in this region. You just have to be the last one to score.’**

– Alan Maddox, Loganville coach

bled in right behind the Lady Warriors at No. 2. Walnut Grove got on the board first in the fourth with a monster two-run shot from Cassie Boatright. However, Loganville took the lead in the bottom half of the inning with a two-run double by Rivers Sampson and an RBI single by Plummer.

The Lady Warriors bounced back ahead in the fifth with another home run, this time a three-run shot by Haley Carroll. However, Loganville was able to answer once again in the bottom half of the inning thanks to an RBI double by Lindsey Lumsden and an RBI single by Sampson. Loganville retook the lead in the sixth with a single by Brooklin Lippert that drove in Cheyenne Anderson.

Walnut Grove looked like it would take the lead for good in the top of the seventh when the Lady Warriors went up 8-6 thanks to an RBI single by Carroll as well as some smart base-

running by Emma Folds before Gracie Folds hit a sacrifice bunt that scored Nova Wright. But Loganville’s comeback began when Sampson grounded out to Boatright and was able to drive in Anna Waites to make it 8-7 in favor of the Lady Warriors. The Lady Devils’ win was the second of the week after Loganville run-ruled Apalachee 11-3 on Monday. “Anybody can beat anybody in this region. You just have to be the last one to score,” Maddox said of the depth in Region 8-A. “It’s a huge benefit for us to play in these types of games with the kind of intensity we had tonight. Huge crowd that was loud on both sides. But when the pressure got big, we stepped up and I reminded them that we’ve been here before and to just do what we do.” Loganville returns to action Saturday on the road for a doubleheader at Greenbrier before returning home to face the Lady Wolfpack on Tuesday. Walnut Grove defeated Greenbrier 5-1 on Thursday and was set to face Hillgrove on Friday night in Powder Springs. The Lady Warriors will be on the road all next week.



Walnut Grove's Haley Carroll blasted a three-run homer in the fifth, but it wasn't enough for the Lady Warriors to get past Loganville. Brett Fowler | The Tribune

Middle school football

# Loganville ekes out win over Warriors

Red Devils escape with a 8-6 win over rival Youth while Carver dominates SC

FROM STAFF REPORTS

WALNUT GROVE — The annual rivalry in middle school football action between Loganville and Youth took center stage Wednesday at Walnut Grove High School. Loganville came out on the winning end with a 8-6 victory over the Warriors. Despite clear weather through the day, rain wound up settling over Walnut Grove for the duration of the game.

Early mistakes proved to be the downfall for the Warriors. Two blunders on kickoffs in the first half, in combination with a pick-six by the Loganville defense proved to be too much to overcome. The Warriors received the first kickoff, but a blunder by a returner gave the ball to the Red Devils in the red zone. However, a strong defensive stand kept the Red Devils from scoring. Backed up at their own goal line and facing third-and-long due to a penalty, Warriors quarterback Ezra Harrison threw an inter-

ception to Loganville’s Qwyntin Hopkins, who returned it for a touchdown, followed by a successful 2-point conversion by the Loganville offense. The game was physical and led by strong defensive play from both squads. Youth got on the board in the third quarter on a quarterback sneak by Harrison. It was the exclamation mark on a drive led by strong running from Youth’s Clint Robinson. The Warriors’ 2-point conversion try failed. Youth had a chance to take the lead with less than a minute to play, but could-

n’t capitalize, resulting in the Red Devils winning 8-6. Loganville (3-0) takes on Carver (2-1) next week at home. The Warriors (1-2) travel to Putnam (1-2) next week. Both games have strong playoff implications. **Carver 50, Social Circle 0** Carver moved back up toward the top of the Piedmont Athletic Conference standings with a resounding 50-0 win over Social Circle. The win improved Carver’s record to 2-1 on the year. Social Circle

Piedmont Athletic Conference		
Team	Record	
Loganville	3-0	
Morgan County	3-0	
Carver	2-1	
Putnam County	1-2	
Youth	1-2	
Jasper County	0-2	
Social Circle	0-3	

dropped to 0-3 on the season with the loss. The Wildcats return to action next week on the road at Loganville while Social Circle travels to Jasper County.



# Cross tosses 3 TDs in win over Pats

Social Circle picks up its third win of the season against former region foe

**Garrett Pitts**  
FOR THE COVINGTON NEWS

SOCIAL CIRCLE — Social Circle found its way back in the win column Friday night as the Redskins took down Oglethorpe County 21-14 on the back of a solid outing from a Social Circle defense that was a thorn in the side of the Oglethorpe offense for all four quarters.

After starting the game slow to open the first two drives, Social Circle quarterback Logan Cross began to heat up as the junior quarterback connected on multiple pass that ultimately led to a 21-yard touchdown pass to senior wideout K.J. Reid to put Social Circle up 7-0.

Social Circle's front seven dominated from start to finish, and their first big play came on the Patriots' second drive as they forced the fumble and give Cross the ball back deep inside of Oglethorpe County territory.

Following the turnover, Cross and sophomore running back Kam Durden led the Redskins drive down the shortened field. With the ball near the goal line, Cross connected with junior Grayson Jenkins for the 5-yard touchdown pass to



Social Circle's Kam Durden (2) streaks down the field on a long run during the Redskins' 21-14 win over Oglethorpe County Friday night at Redskins Stadium. Garrett Pitts | The Covington News

put Social Circle up 14-0 near the end of the first quarter.

With the Social Circle defense shutting down the Patriots' offense, Cross continued to test the Patriots' secondary, finding junior Dashon Hyman down

the sideline for a 44-yard touchdown pass to extend the lead to 21-0 for Social Circle nearing the end of the first half.

It wasn't until two minutes left in the half that the Patriots found the end zone, scoring from 5 yards

out to shorten the Social Circle lead to 21-7 going into the locker room for halftime.

After a quiet third quarter from both teams, the Social Circle defense finished the quarter with their second turnover of the game when

Reid pulled down an interception to stop a marching Patriots offense.

"[Reid] is an absolute warrior; he has not come off of the field almost all year," coach Rob Patton said.

Following a quick Social Circle drive that resulted in a punt, the Patriots began to march down the field and eventually scored on a 12-yard quarterback keeper from Will Sampson to shorten the Social Circle lead to 21-14 with seven minutes left in the game.

With the Patriots marching with just over a minute left in the game, Social Circle pulled off a goal line stand, with junior Mason Moore snagging an interception in the end zone to secure the win foe Social Circle.

"Our goal right there was to just not let them push it in," Patton said. "Our guys stepped up, the defensive line and the backers made the plays. Mason Moore is another guy who plays both ways and he is another warrior for us."

With the win, Social Circle moves to 3-2 on the season before heading into region play.

Social Circle will get a week off before going back on the road to open Region 8-A Public play against the Washington-Wilkes Tigers on Oct. 1.

## Holy Innocents' 56, Loganville Christian 0

# Bears dominate Loganville Christian

Holy Innocents' puts up 42 points on the Lions before heading in for halftime

**Mason Wittner**  
CORRESPONDENT

LOGANVILLE — Loganville Christian is still in search of its first victory of the season after suffering a 56-0 loss to Holy Innocents' at Hawkins Field on Friday.

The Golden Bears (3-1) came into the matchup looking to exorcise the demons of a 49-0 rout suffered at the hands of defending Class A-Private state champion Prince Avenue Christian a week ago.

They deemed the Lions (0-3) a suitable opponent for taking out their frustration.

Holy Innocents' scored on each of its six drives in the opening half. After exiting the locker room with a commanding lead in tow, the Golden Bears continued to pile it on by returning the second half kickoff 90 yards for a touchdown, making it 49-0.

On their ensuing possession, the visitors put the final stamp on their blow-out victory.

A 20-yard rushing touchdown from sophomore Nehemiah High pushed the



Kyler Giddons (11) tried to make a tackle for Loganville Christian Friday night during the Lions' 56-0 loss to Holy Innocents'. Brett Fowler | The Tribune

Holy Innocents' advantage out to 56-0 at the 7:19 mark in the third quarter.

LCA marched inside the red zone in the waning seconds of the fourth quarter. However, the team was unable to cross the goal line and spoil the shutout.

The Lions' first drive of the night ended with a punt. While it appeared the LCA defense would force a punt of its own, the Golden Bears converted a fourth-and-short at midfield to keep their opening possession alive. On the next play, junior quarterback William

Wright broke off down the left sideline for a 48-yard rushing touchdown to give the Bears an early 7-0 lead.

Holy Innocents' needed just two plays to find the end zone on its next drive. Following a run for a short gain, Wright connected with sophomore Zach Jackson for a 43-yard touchdown to make it 14-0 with 4:54 to go.

The Golden Bears' final score of the first quarter came on a 10-yard bruising run from senior Joe Hingson.

Holy Innocents' would

strike thrice more in the opening half.

First, High broke through the middle of the field for a 28-yard rushing score. Then, junior Drew Bomar took a toss sweep on fourth down and found the edge for a 14-yard scamper.

The final touchdown came on a 32-yard passing connection between Wright and sophomore Nick Morgan.

The Lions will aim to collect themselves before hitting the road for another tough test against Wesleyan next Friday.



Loganville Christian quarterback Josh Ruder looks for an open man during Friday night's loss to Holy Innocents'. Brett Fowler | The Tribune



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	Conference	All games
	W L PF PA	W L PF PA
Kentucky	1 0 35 28	2 0 80 38
Florida	0 0 0 0	2 0 77 34
Georgia	0 0 0 0	2 0 66 10
South Carolina	0 0 0 0	2 0 66 17
Tennessee	0 0 0 0	1 1 72 47
Vanderbilt	0 0 0 0	1 1 27 44
Missouri	0 1 28 35	1 1 62 59

Western Division

	Conference	All games
	W L PF PA	W L PF PA
Alabama	0 0 0 0	2 0 72 27
Arkansas	0 0 0 0	2 0 78 38
Auburn	0 0 0 0	2 0 122 10
Mississippi	0 0 0 0	2 0 97 41
MissSt	0 0 0 0	2 0 59 44
TexasA&M	0 0 0 0	2 0 51 17
LSU	0 0 0 0	1 1 61 45

Southeastern Conference

Chattanooga at Kentucky, noon

New Mexico at No. 7 Texas A&M, noon [SEC Network]

Southeast Missouri State at Missouri, noon

Tennessee Tech at Tennessee, noon

No. 1 Alabama at No. 11 Florida, 3:30 [46]

Georgia Southern at No. 20 Arkansas, 4 p.m. [SEC Network]

Mississippi State at Memphis, 4 p.m. [ESPN2]

South Carolina at No. 2 Georgia, 7 p.m. [ESPN] (FM 95.5, FM 106.1)

No. 22 Auburn at No. 10 Penn State, 7:30 [2]

Central Michigan at LSU, 7:30 [SEC Network]

Stanford at Vanderbilt, 8 p.m. [ESPN]

Tulane at No. 17 Mississippi, 8 p.m. [ESPN2]

Top 25

No. 8 Cincinnati at Indiana, noon [ESPN]

No. 16 Coastal Carolina at Buffalo, noon [ESPN2]

Michigan State at No. 24 Miami, noon [2]

Nebraska at No. 3 Oklahoma, noon [5]

Northern Illinois at No. 25 Michigan, noon [Big Ten Network]

No. 15 Virginia Tech at West Virginia, noon [FS1]

Purdue at Notre Dame, 2:30 [11]

Georgia Tech at No. 6 Clemson, 3:30 [2] (AM 680)

Kent State at No. 5 Iowa, 3:30 [BTN]

Tulsa at No. 9 Ohio State, 3:30 [FS1]

Stony Brook at No. 4 Oregon, 7:30 [Pac 12 Network]

Virginia at No. 21 North Carolina, 7:30 [ACC Network]

No. 19 Arizona State at No. 23 BYU, 10:15 [ESPN]

No. 14 Iowa State at UNLV, 10:30 [CBS Sports Network]

Fresno State at No. 13 UCLA, 10:45 [Pac 12 Network]

State Teams

Albany State (2-0): at Valdosta State, 7 p.m.

Berry (2-0): at Wisconsin-Whitewater, 1 p.m.

Clark Atlanta (1-1): Shorter, noon

Fort Valley State (1-1): vs. Lane College at Peach County High School, 2 p.m.

Georgia Southern (1-1): at No. 20 Arkansas, 4 p.m. [SEC Network]

Georgia State (0-2): Charlotte, 7 p.m. (FM 88.5)

Georgia Tech (0-1): at No. 6 Clemson, 3:30 [2]

Kennesaw State (1-1): at Wofford, 6 p.m.

LaGrange College (0-2): at Southern Virginia, 1 p.m.

Mercer (1-1): idle. Next: at Furman, Sept. 25.

Morehouse (0-2): Miles College, 2 p.m.

Point (0-2): at Ave Maria, 7 p.m.

Reinhardt (1-1): Campbellsville, noon

Savannah State (1-1): Benedict College, 6 p.m.

Shorter (1-0): at Clark Atlanta, noon

Valdosta State (1-0): Albany State, 7 p.m.

West Georgia (1-0): Delta State, 6 p.m.

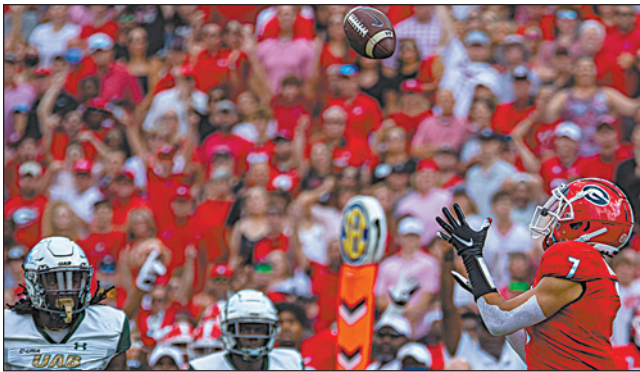
Dawgs looking ahead, not back to '19 stunner

Drew Hubbard  
THE RED & BLACK

ATHENS — With a chance to tie the game, former Georgia kicker Rodrigo Blankenship stared down a 42-yard field goal in double overtime against South Carolina. What happened next put the first blemish on the Bulldogs' 2019 season. Blankenship, who won the 2019 Lou Groza Award as the nation's top place-kicker, missed just outside the goal post. The Gamecocks flooded Sanford Stadium in celebration after defeating Georgia 20-17.

Now, with South Carolina returning to Athens, the Bulldogs aren't thinking about the sting of their last meeting with the Gamecocks. They're focusing instead on the upcoming challenge.

"That was brought up some last year. I think it was more relevant last year, a lot more similarities in their team last



Jermaine Burton hauls in a pass during Georgia's win over UAB on Sept. 11 in Athens. Brett Fowler | The Tribune

year and their staff," head coach Kirby Smart said. "What happened last time they were here was really about us, not about them."

At the time of the upset at the hands of South Carolina, Georgia was ranked No. 3 and 5-0 on the season. The Gamecocks were 2-3 and unranked, coming off a 24-7 win over Kentucky. One week after beating Georgia, South Carolina lost to Florida 38-27.

Despite the conference loss, Georgia still went to the SEC championship game.

"Playing an SEC team is going to be tough every week," running back Kenny McIntosh said. "We always have

that in the back of our heads because we never want to have that feeling. That has nothing to do with this team."

This year, both teams are entering the game undefeated and looking to start their SEC schedule with a win. Georgia enters the game as a heavy favorite at home, with a 94.9% chance to win, according to ESPN's Football Power Index.

Most of Georgia's roster was not a part of the 2019 team, with 67 underclassmen players and 10 players transferring in before the 2021 season. That means the majority of this year's

Bulldogs have only played South Carolina in 2020, a 45-16 win for Georgia in Columbia, South Carolina. In the last meeting between these two teams, quarterback JT Daniels threw for 139 yards, two touchdowns and one interception. James Cook and Zamir White both rushed for two touchdowns while McIntosh had 79 yards. Similar to the last

time South Carolina visited Sanford Stadium, the Bulldogs are highly ranked and looking to continue their strong start to the season. This time, the team is focused and hoping to avoid déjà vu in their matchup against the Gamecocks.

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Warriors begin region play with close win

Walnut Grove clings to victory with  
onside kicks to prevail over  
Panthers in tight 8-AAAAAA contest

WALNUT GROVE

Chris Bridges CORRESPONDENT

With the arrival of region play, both Walnut Grove and Jackson County clearly sensed the urgency of Friday's 8-AAAAAA opener.

In a game which went down to the wire, the Warriors (2-2, 1-0) held on for a 16-14 win as the battle for the high school football post-season began.

It marks the first time Walnut Grove won its region opener in school history.

Leading 13-7 at halftime, Walnut Grove's defense continued to play well in the second half and held that advantage into the fourth quarter.

Chris Mull, Tytus Valentine, JT Rainey and Caesar Futch each made several defensive stops in the region opener for the Warriors.

Jackson County (2-2, 0-1) had good starting field position on its first three possessions of the second half but could not add any points. The Panthers actually reached the end zone on their third series, but an offensive penalty negated the potential score and they would ultimately turn the football over on downs.

With 9:49 remaining the Walnut Grove, offense took possession at its own 30-yard line looking to chew up valuable minutes off the clock. A key pass from Ashton Adams to Zack Ford put the Warriors inside Jackson County territory.

The drive was capped by a 44-yard field goal from Hamrick with 5:50 left increasing the lead to two



Skyler Jones runs down the field pursued by multiple Panthers as he works his way down the field for additional yards. Brett Fowler | The Tribune

possession at 16-7. The Walnut Grove offensive line of Collin Ginn, Nick Landrum, Maleek Wong, Gabriel Dominguez and CJ Garrett helped clear the way up front.

The Panthers were not finished, however, and jumped right back in the content on a 55-yard hookup from Brice Rogers to Jaden Cofer with 4:27 remaining. Rogers added the extra point to bring the score to 16-14.

The Warriors recovered an attempted onside kick at their own 47-yard line but could not gain a first down allowing Jackson County one final chance.

Taking over at their own 38, the Panthers took possession with 3:12 left with no timeouts. An illegal

block pushed Jackson County back to the 29. Facing a fourth-and-6 at the 43, the Panthers came up a yard short with 1:16 left.

Walnut Grove went three-and-out on the opening series of the contest. Jackson County took over on downs at its own 34 and marched down the field for the game's first points. The drive lasted eight plays and covered 66 yards.

Walnut Grove had a scoring opportunity on its third series of the half, starting the possession at the Panther 46. On the third play of the drive Skyler Jones bounced off a tackle at the line of scrimmage and outran the Jackson County defense for a 30-yard touchdown.

The point-after attempt was

blocked leaving the score 7-6 with 32 seconds left in the first quarter.

The Warriors then caught the Panthers off guard with a successful onside kick giving them possession again inside JCHS territory at the 48.

Using an up-tempo offense, Walnut Grove reached paydirt again on a 3-yard run by Kendall Lee with 8:09 left in the first half. Hamrick's PAT gave the Warriors a 13-7 advantage. The drive took 11 plays as the Warriors controlled the line of the scrimmage.

The Warriors will travel to Greenbrier next Friday and look to improve 2-0 in region play.

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## 9198

**NOTICE OF ELECTION TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF WALTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND CITY OF SOCIAL CIRCLE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Pursuant to a joint resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the Walton County (the "Walton County Board of Education"), the managing and controlling body of the independent School District of the City of Social Circle (the "Social Circle School District"), on July 13, 2021 and by the Board of Education of the City of Social Circle (the "Social Circle Board of Education"), the managing and controlling body of the independent School District of the City of Social Circle (the "Social Circle School District"), on July 15, 2021, and a call of election issued by the Board of Elections and Registration of Walton County, as Election Superintendent, **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** as follows:

On the 2nd day of November, 2021, an election will be held at the regular polling places in all the elec-

tion districts of the Walton County School District and the Social Circle School District (which embraces all of Walton County), at which time there will be submitted to the qualified voters of Walton County for their determination the following question:

( ) YES

( ) NO

Shall a total of \$75,000,000 in maximum aggregate principal amount of Walton County School District General Obligation Bonds (the "Walton County School District Bonds") be issued for the purpose of providing funds for (a) capital outlay projects (the "Walton County School District Projects") in the Walnut Grove, Monroe, and Loganville clusters consisting of adding to, renovating, repairing, improving, furnishing, and equipping existing school buildings and other buildings and facilities; the potential acquisition of land for future school sites; the potential construction of new school buildings and related facilities; capital expenditures associated with the Rutland psychoeducational center; the acquisition of school buses and/or other vehicles; making information technology improvements, including, but not limited to, one-to-one upgrades, projection, computer upgrades, instructional software and associated capital costs, and infrastructure at all schools and selected other facilities; and replacing, purchasing, upgrading or supplementing capital outlay equipment including, but not limited to, desks, chairs, copiers, tables, school buses, security and safety equipment, signage, band instruments, playgrounds, and laboratory equipment; and paying expenses incident thereto, (b) paying capitalized interest on the Walton County School District Bonds, and (c) paying the costs of issuing the Walton County School District Bonds and shall a total of \$18,000,000 in maximum aggregate principal amount of City

of Social Circle School District General Obligation Bonds (the "Social Circle School District Bonds") be issued for the purpose of providing funds for (a) capital outlay projects (the "Social Circle Projects") consisting of adding to, renovating, repairing, improving, furnishing, and equipping existing school buildings and other buildings and facilities; the potential acquisition of land for future school sites; the potential construction of new school buildings and related facilities; the acquisition of school buses and/or other vehicles; making information technology improvements, including, but not limited to, one-to-one upgrades, projection, computer upgrades, instructional software and materials associated capital costs, and infrastructure at all schools and selected other facilities; and replacing, purchasing, upgrading or supplementing capital outlay equipment including, but not limited to,

desks, chairs, copiers, tables, school buses, security and safety equipment, signage, band instruments, playgrounds, and laboratory equipment; and paying expenses incident thereto, (b) paying capitalized interest on the Social Circle School District Bonds, and (c) paying the costs of issuing the Social Circle School District Bonds and shall a one percent sales and use tax for educational purposes be reimposed in Walton County for a period of time not to exceed twenty calendar quarters, commencing on January 1, 2023 or upon the earlier expiration of the sales and use tax now in effect, and for the raising of not more than \$140,000,000, (a) approximately \$123,808,390 (88.43%) of which shall be received by the Walton County School District for the following purposes: (1) retiring outstanding general obligation debt of the Walton County School District previously incurred and

issued with respect to capital outlay projects in the maximum principal and interest amount of \$15,000,000, comprised of portions of the Walton County School Districts General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2012, coming due in the years 2023 through 2025; (2) paying a portion of the debt service on the Walton County School District Bonds, and (3) paying a portion of the costs of the Walton County School District Projects not financed with the proceeds of the Walton County School District Bonds; and (b) Approximately \$16,191,610 (11.57%) of which shall be received by the Social Circle School District to be used for the following purposes: (1) paying a portion of the debt service on the Social Circle School District Bonds and (2) paying a portion of the costs of the Social Circle School District Projects not financed with the proceeds of the Social Circle School

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## Sunday Crossword

## 'Pairs Off'

Solution on Page C2

### ACROSS

- 1 Gallery display  
8 Bits of fabric, e.g.  
14 "Quit that!"  
20 Low-cost and inferior, informally  
21 Apple ad catchphrase  
22 For a short period  
23 Actress Freeman who lived in a European gambling mecca?  
25 Cello relative  
26 Classic Ford  
27 Animated one, in brief  
28 Like some radio shows  
30 Cereal grass  
31 Palmist, e.g.  
32 General — s chicken  
33 Two-masted sailboat  
35 Oahu beach  
38 IV flow  
39 Land of ska  
43 King or czar  
47 Fluctuate  
51 Really hurt the feelings of?

- 54 Aquatint, e.g.  
55 Quaint newspaper sections  
56 Very little  
57 Enter gently  
60 Actor Ron  
61 Golf club  
62 Saints' org.  
64 Like someone who has moved to America again?  
66 Coup group  
68 Like a black chimney  
70 Nothing, in Latin  
71 Parasite on a passenger flight?  
74 Mil. rank  
75 Sonar sound  
78 Groom's vow  
79 Hound breed  
80 Laugh loudly  
82 Cut off with scissors  
83 T-man Eliot  
85 Be too busy for a health-resort visit?  
89 Stun guns  
92 Go to bed  
93 Acclimated  
94 Essence  
96 Making a snug home

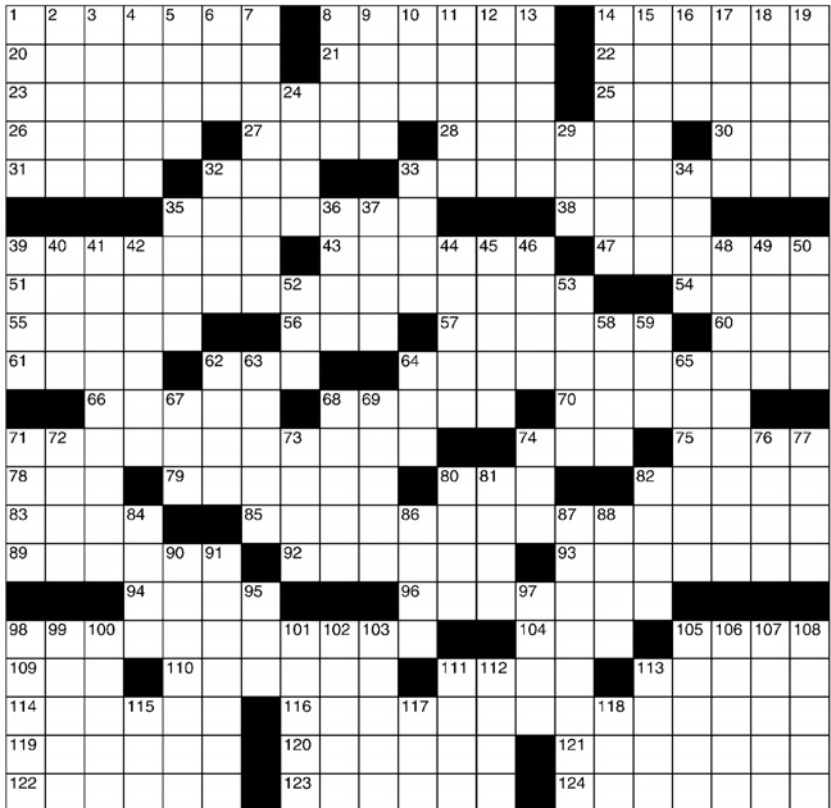
- 98 "Alice" waitress who specialized in serving Dad's soft drinks?  
104 Styled after  
105 Peat source  
109 Indisposed  
110 Sporty Chevy  
111 Clay lump  
113 Vixen's boss  
114 Sight-related  
116 Apt. getaway spelled by this puzzle's missing pairs of last two letters  
119 Get even for  
120 Follows  
121 Discharge an egg  
122 Usurer, e.g.  
123 Typists in trials  
124 Rode a bike

### DOWN

- 1 Zeniths  
2 — Island (part of New England)  
3 Edgy  
4 Ocean filler  
5 German car  
6 Ocacek of the Cars  
7 Of the "Ode on a Grecian Urn" poet  
8 Fodder storer  
9 "Move it!"  
10 Bighorn male  
11 BP gas brand  
12 Carrier founded in 1927  
13 La — (opera house)  
14 Rescuers  
15 Hostess classic  
16 "So that's your game!"  
17 Stove light  
18 Of a pelvic bone  
19 Extra inning  
24 Chess piece  
29 Classic Ford  
32 Burrito's kin  
33 Very little  
34 Sword sort  
35 Nintendo game consoles  
36 Not engaged  
37 Petty of NASCAR  
39 Actress Ryan of "Boston Public"  
40 God of love  
41 Bikers' competition on a dirt trail  
42 In no key, musically  
44 Take — (plop down)

- 45 Actor Keach of "Man With a Plan"  
46 Errand, e.g.  
48 Most hard and cold  
49 Rights gp.  
50 Reasons  
52 Poking tool  
53 Essence  
58 Monogram letter; Abbr.  
59 Final degree  
62 Papa's ma  
63 Edible fruit part  
64 — choy  
65 Rap genre  
67 Chest protector, of sorts  
68 Holey utensil  
69 Musical piece for eight  
71 — life grand?  
72 Brain flash  
73 Old autocrat  
74 Slalom, say  
76 Neck area  
77 Alum  
80 Bygone days  
81 Former foes of Navajos  
82 Forest buck  
84 Labor Day mo.  
86 Madre's boy  
87 Postal slot

- 88 Actress Best of "The Man Who Knew Too Much"  
90 Chest protector, of sorts  
91 Thieving type  
95 Dress border  
97 Southwest art mecca  
98 Foe  
99 Antipasto bit  
100 Cindy Brady player Susan  
101 Goes very quickly  
102 Facade  
103 Mature nit  
105 "The Practice" actress Sokoloff  
106 "Barry Lyndon" star Ryan  
107 Situation  
108 Filled fully  
111 Singer Laine  
112 A smaller amount of  
113 Valuable  
115 Conjunction in Cologne  
117 Wordplay bit  
118 Actress Best of "Nurse Jackie"



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District Bonds?	2028 7,500,000	District Bonds are to be issued or from such other date as may be designated by the Social Circle School District prior to the issuance of the Social Circle School District Bonds, at a rate or rates not to exceed 5.50% per annum, payable semiannually on the first days of March 1 and September 1 in each year, commencing September 1, 2022, and the amount of principal to be paid on March 1 in each year during the life of such debt shall be as follows:
The Walton County School District Bonds, if so authorized, may be issued by the Walton County School District in whole or in part and shall bear interest from the first day of the month during which the Walton County School District Bonds are to be issued or from such other date as may be designated by the Walton County School District prior to the issuance of the Walton County School District Bonds, at a rate or rates not to exceed 5.50% per annum, payable semiannually on the first days of March and September in each year, commencing September 1, 2022, and the amount of principal to be paid on March 1 in each year during the life of such debt shall be as follows:	2029 7,590,000	
	2030 7,680,000	
	2031 7,790,000	
	2032 7,890,000	
	2033 8,000,000	
Year Amount		The Social Circle School District Bonds, if so authorized, may be issued by the Social Circle School District in whole or in part and shall bear interest from the first day of the month during which the Social Circle School
2024 \$6,430,000	2024 \$1,430,000	
2025 7,310,000	2025 1,640,000	
2026 7,370,000	2026 1,650,000	
2027 7,440,000	2027 1,665,000	
	2028 1,690,000	
	2029 1,930,000	
	2030 1,960,000	
	2031 1,980,000	
	2032 2,015,000	
	2033 2,040,000	

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In accordance with the constitution and laws of the State of Georgia, net proceeds of the Educational Sales Tax shall be distributed between the Walton County School District and the Social Circle School District according to the ratio the student enrollment in the Walton County School District and the Social

Circle School District each bear to the total of such student enrollment. Student enrollment is to be based on the latest FTE count prior to November 2, 2021, referendum. The March 4, 2021, FTE count is the latest FTE count prior to the adoption of said joint resolution, and is expected to be the latest FTE count prior to the referendum. The March 4, 2021, FTE count shows the Social Circle School District had 1,748 students (11.57%) and the Walton County School District had 13,366 students (88.43%).

To the extent available, the Walton County School District and the Social Circle School District may combine available funds from the State of Georgia with proceeds from the Educational Sales Tax and general obligation debt, if any, and any

other funds available to each school district, to pay the costs of capital outlay projects, and the board of education of each school district may choose which capital outlay projects to undertake or not undertake or to delay until additional funding is available to the extent that proceeds of the Educational Sales Tax and general obligation debt, if any, together with other available funds actually received by the Walton County School District or the Social Circle School District, are insufficient to complete any of the capital outlay projects described in the ballot question set forth above.

Plans and specifications for the capital outlay projects have not been completed and bids have not been received. Depending upon acquisition and

Crossword solution



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# Walton Ways

## 1025 Church

1025 E. Spring St., Monroe  
770.266.1013  
1025church.org

You are invited to join us every Sunday at 9 or 11 a.m. for in person worship. We would love to see you. You're also invited to join us on Wednesday nights at 6:30 for Bible study for all ages — 316 Kids, students, adults and senior adults.

If you do not feel safe coming back to church at this time, we will still have a livestream on 1025 Facebook and 1025 YouTube. Our desire is for you to feel safe in the environment the Lord has in place for us.

1025 Church has been cleaned from top to bottom and is sanitized each week between services. You will feel very safe. And we are blessed with a large foyer and a large worship center to easily abide by the "social distancing" rules.

Please visit our website at [www.1025church.org](http://www.1025church.org) or find us on Facebook to stay informed. 1025 Church is located at 1025 E. Spring St. Our pastor is Tommy Fountain Sr.

## Bible Baptist Church

1180 Old Monroe-Madison Highway, Monroe | 770.267.6711  
[biblebapt.org](http://biblebapt.org)

Sept. 26, will be the date of our annual Homecoming Day observance. Following the 10 a.m. Bible fellowship classes, worship will begin at 11 a.m. with special musical guests the Mylon Hayes Family.

At 6 p.m. this family will join the Bible Baptist Church Choir for a full concert. Please accept our invitation to join us for the day. More information is available at [www.biblebapt.org](http://www.biblebapt.org) or by calling the church office at 770-267-6711.

Choice Silver: "However dark the night may be, morning is coming." — C.H. Spurgeon

## Calvary Baptist Church

655 Highway 11, Monroe  
770.267.3224  
[cbcmonroe.com](http://cbcmonroe.com)

Today at Calvary our Congregation sang "At the Cross" and "Stand up, Stand up for Jesus." Our new group, the Greys (Matt Warson, Don Johnson and Allen Richardson) sang "Blessed Assurance."

Chris Conner shared with us from Titus 2:11-14. If you want a real relationship with God, you must spend time with Him and in His Word. He will transform us by His Spirit, if we will allow Him too. We cannot get in His glory without His Glory getting in us.

We would love to see you at Calvary Baptist Church. Our services are at 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. every Sunday. If you cannot come to Calvary, please feel free to go to Calvary's Facebook page and watch Pastor Matt's message. Hope to see you soon.

## About Church News

The Walton Tribune welcomes submissions for our Church News section, which is published each Sunday. Because of the large number of correspondents who submit information each week, we ask you to keep your church submissions as brief as possible. The deadline for submissions each week is 1 p.m. Tuesday. We ask the submissions be kept to 100 words or fewer. Items may be edited before being published.

Walton Ways submissions can be dropped off at The Tribune office at 121 S. Broad St. in Monroe, faxed to 770-267-7780 or emailed to [community@waltontribune.com](mailto:community@waltontribune.com). Daily Planner items about church events should be submitted separately.

## Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church

2483 Whitney Road, Monroe  
770.464.2977  
[fellowshipsc.com](http://fellowshipsc.com)

"Jesus can work it out."

The youth ministry was back again for praise and worship service. Deacon Danny Echols read the scripture from Psalm 1:1-6 and Deacon Patrick Malcom offered the prayer for devotion.

Sister Thanessa Sorrells presided. Brother Nicholas Carswell is back and singing his heart out for Jesus.

Deacon David Hyman III stepped up and extended a heartfelt welcome, read the announcements and along with the congregation saluted the flags, reciting the Youth, Christian, American and Bible pledges.

The speaker of the hour was the Rev. Jarvis Brooks of Mount Enon Baptist Church. He brought a soul-stirring sermon titled, "Who Do You Say I Am?" The Scripture reading came from Matthew 16:13-17.

For closing, the youth directors, Sister Tiffany Sorrells and Deacon David Hyman III, along with our wonderful pastor, the Rev. Clinton Sorrells Sr., offered some remarks before the benediction.

— Flora Brown

## First African Baptist Church

130 Tyler St., Monroe  
770.267.5819

First African Baptist Church will be celebrating Pastor Edwin Beckles and First Lady's eighth pastor's anniversary on Sunday, Oct. 10, during our 10 a.m. Park and Praise worship service.

Everyone is invited to attend.

## First Christian Church of Monroe

206 S. Hammond Drive, Monroe  
770.267.2087 | [fccmonroe.org](http://fccmonroe.org)

First Christian welcomes you to worship with us on Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

Pastor Danny Shoemake started a new series this past Sunday titled "When a Nation Forgets God." He pointed out that when God is separated from government, judgment follows. Note Deuteronomy 8:11 and 17-20 where God's people are warned not to forget the Lord or think their wealth has been produced by their own strength and power.

In one lifetime America has progressed from being a Christ-honoring nation, to being Christ-free, to swiftly becoming hostile to Christ and Christians. How are we to respond?

Christ expects us to be salt and light in this world, making people thirsty to know Christ and lighting the darkness with his love and power.

## First Presbyterian Church of Monroe

500 Breedlove Drive, Monroe  
770.267.3404 | [fpcmonroe.com](http://fpcmonroe.com)

Consider joining us for worship and study on Sundays. We have three Sunday school classes that begin at 9:45 a.m. Worship begins at 11 a.m. We also have a children's sermon and a staffed nursery.

The service will broadcast live on Facebook page First Presbyterian Church Monroe and is also up-loaded for viewing at a later time.

New Day Circle meets the first Monday of each month at 10 a.m. at the church. Joy Circle meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at various locations. Bible study meets Tuesdays at 10 a.m. at the church.

The Saints Alive dinner group meets the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at various locations. Viticulture wine tasting group meets the second Thursday each month at 6:30 p.m. at various locations. Sanctuary Sisters fellowship group meets the first Thursday of each month.

Jess Mulkey Man Cave meets every Thursday at 10 a.m. at the Church. Boy Scout Troop 705 meets on Mondays at 7 p.m. in the Scout Hut located at FPC.

We are a close group of fun and loving folks who would love to share the fun and fellowship with others, so please consider joining us as we seek to grow in faith.

Please visit our website, [www.fpcmonroe.com](http://www.fpcmonroe.com).

[fpcmonroe.com](http://fpcmonroe.com), for more information.

## First United Methodist Church of Monroe

400 S. Broad St., Monroe  
770.267.6525 | [fumcmonroe.org](http://fumcmonroe.org)

Services Sunday morning will begin at 9 (contemporary, in the fellowship hall) and 11 (traditional, in the sanctuary).

A sermon series, "Jesus Confidential," on the Sermon on the Mount continues this week. The Rev. John Purrington's sermon will be "The Discipleship Catalyst" from Matthew 5:21-26.

This lesson begins what has been called the anti-thesis part of the sermon. It is characterized by the phrase, "You have heard it said, but I say to you..." This first teaching ultimately guides us in embrace of the rest.

It's not merely a teaching about anger, it's a teaching about initiative. The disciple doesn't wait for sin to grow full into view and destruction in their own life. He takes initiative to change no matter the cost upon first discovery. This willingness to change immediately and completely becomes for us the catalyst that leads to incredible transformation in the life we live with Jesus. Conversely, surrender delayed is affliction accelerated.

Wednesday night activities include dinner at 5:30 and Bible studies at 6:30. A love offering will be taken and all FUMC preschool families eat free. To make reservations, contact office@[fumcmonroe.org](http://fumcmonroe.org) or 770-267-6525.

Purrington will lead a Bible study at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary and 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship each Wednesday.

## Loganville First United Methodist Church

221 Main St., Loganville  
770.466.8511  
[loganvillefumc.org](http://loganvillefumc.org)

"Engage all, Embrace all, Heal all."

The Scripture this week was James 3:1-12.

Our chancel choir sang, "Just a Little Talk with Jesus."

Valliere Kelly served as liturgist. The Rev. Owen Skinner delivered the sermon, "Bless the Lord and One Another."

Olivia Noone led the children's moment.

Opportunities for worship service come at 8:30 a.m. in the parking lot and 11 a.m. in the sanctuary and livestreamed via YouTube for worship at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCegcVUKxnXin6QU17s4ZAsw>. Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m.

Choir practice is at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays. Al-Anon/Alateen meet in person at 7 p.m. on Thursdays and Shade Tree Ladies Devotion.

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Father Dan Toof St. Anna's Catholic Church

# Receiving the children

A child, in “my place” in modern American culture, has “star” status. The birth of a child in “my world” is proudly announced and the infant’s birth eagerly awaited. This was also the case at the time 2,000 years ago in the Jewish culture when Jesus taught us, “Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me ... and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me.”

Back then children, both boys and girls, were loved and recognized as human beings before their birth. It’s true boys were preferred but only in the sense that they didn’t leave with their spouse (like the daughter did) after their marriage but stayed with the family to help with the work.

Do you see a common denominator that “explains” why some mothers today welcome their babies and others refuse to receive them?

Why babies are welcome in my relatively affluent cultural place, why parents in Jesus’ day welcomed children and why a single mother, who finds herself pregnant at an undesirable time — considering career or finances — all too often succumb to the tempter’s lie and decide to pay (or have their fellow citizens pay) someone to kill her child in her womb? This is not the case every time but, very often, what seems to make the difference in a mother’s decision to keep or to kill her baby boils down to money. If she has access to a reasonable amount of money on an ongoing basis, the



mother is likely to acknowledge the infant person who is in her womb awaiting his/her birth.

Undoubtedly, we are to value babies conceived and growing in their mother’s womb more than money but, honestly, that is not precisely Jesus’ point today.

In answer to the question “Who is the greatest?”, Jesus sets before them a child and says, “Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me.”

Welcoming a child, who is practically helpless and is almost totally dependent on others, requires a readiness to serve in many, many important and often unexpected ways. To be willing to be that person, say a mother, for another person who truly needs you, say your child, is to have, in Spirit and truth, received Christ and His Father.

That is how to be great in Jesus’ opinion.

*Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, “If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.”*

*Taking a child he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it he said to them,*

*“Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me.”*

See Mark 9:30-37.

## Walton Ways: Local churches’ activities

Continued from C4  
tional Fridays are at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel. We welcome anyone seeking a church home.

— Sandra Richards

### Saint Alban’s Episcopal Church

210 N. Broad St., Monroe  
770.267.2893 | saint-albans.org

We need people to help in the following areas: lay readers, ushers, greeters, coffee hosts and choir. If you are interested in helping with any of these important duties, please contact Riley Tucker at 770-605-1962 or newmoon52@yahoo.com.

Our contract is up with the current maid service we have been using. If anyone is interested or knows of someone who would be interested in cleaning our church building, please contact Tucker.

Join us at the Southern Brewing Co. for Prayer and a Pint the first Tuesday of every month at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome and each gathering will probably last no longer than one hour. For more information, please contact Bob Emmons at 404-406-1228 or bobemmons210@gmail.com. Southern Brewing Co. is located at 123 N. Lumpkin St. in Monroe.

To kick off a new beginning for our Episcopal Church Women group, a ladies lunch day began Wednesday. Every third Wednesday following, we will connect at a designated local eatery for lunch and fellowship. If you are interested, please call or text Sue Clayton at 469-261-4326 or email

sue.clayton54@gmail.com.

Libby Martin is organizing the Coffee Hour and asks for two volunteer hosts per Sunday. The offerings will be limited and all snacks will be individually wrapped. Please sign up to host a Sunday Coffee Hour on the sheet provided on the round table in the Narthex. Please contact libmartin2@hotmail.com if interested.

The first Saturday of each month, members of the Vitality Committee distribute complimentary water to the patrons of the Monroe Farmers Market on Court Street. This ministry is a continuation of last year’s efforts to introduce downtown visitors to our parish, St. Alban’s of Monroe, and invite them to church. We need volunteers to assist with handing out water bottles to those downtown visitors who wish to quench their thirst. We meet at the Parish Hall around 10:15 a.m. on the first Saturday of each month, then split up into a couple of teams and serve our downtown neighbors. Many thanks, Sue Clayton, Marvin Gray and Mallory Sanders.

Please join us in the Nave every Wednesday at 10 a.m. for prayer.

We encourage everyone to visit our website at [www.saint-albans.org](http://www.saint-albans.org). The livestreamed worship services can be accessed. Please feel free to make suggestions and recommend additions as the committee continues to evangelize and connect with those pursuing a church home in the greater Monroe area.

— Chris Sherlock

# WALTON COUNTY PUBLIC NOTICES

## Public Notice 8010

construction costs and available funds, the Walton County Board of Education and the Social Circle Board of Education may each add to, modify, or delete specific projects.

Any brochures, listings, or other advertisements issued by the Walton County Board of Education or the Social Circle Board of Education, or by any other person, firm, corporation, or association with the knowledge and consent of the Walton County Board of Education or the Social Circle Board of Education, shall be deemed to be a statement of intention of the Walton County Board of Education or Social Circle Board of Education concerning the use of the proceeds of the Walton County School District Bonds and the Social Circle School District Bonds.

The last day to register to vote in the referendum is Monday, October 4, 2021. Anyone desiring to register may do so by applying in person at the voter registration office located at 1110 E. Spring Street, in Monroe, Georgia, or by any other method authorized by the Georgia Election Code. The referendum will be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2021. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Those residents of Walton County qualified to vote at such election shall be determined in all respects in accordance with the election laws of the State of Georgia.

This notice is given pursuant to resolutions of the Walton County Board of Education, the Social Circle Board of Education and the Board of Elections and Registration of Walton County.

Chairman, Board of Elections and Registration of Walton County

## 9156 PUBLIC NOTICE

**Destruction of Special Education Records**  
Walton County School District

The Walton County School District, Department of Special Education, announces its intention to destroy specific data. Records will be destroyed that were collected, maintained or used in the provision of a free appropriate public education for special education students in the Walton County

## Public Notice 8010

School District. This notice is in compliance with the system’s comprehensive plan for special education required by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

Records on students enrolled in a special education program with a birth date prior to September 1, 1996 are no longer needed for educational planning purposes. These records may be needed by the student or parent for Social Security or other reasons. The system plans to destroy these records on October 1, 2021, unless there has been a request for a due process hearing, under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act or a complaint filed with the Office of Civil Rights, under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

If you, as the interested student or parent/guardian of the student, desire these records prior to destruction, contact the Walton County School District, Department of Special Education at (770) 266-4503. You will be required to produce identification or provide verification data.

## 9229 NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

**A & A Mini Storage Inc.** will hold a public auction to enforce a lien on said property, as described below pursuant to the GA Self Storage facility Act Georgia Code 10-4-210 to 10-4-215.

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products and performing all labor necessary for the construction of approximately 16,227 L.F. of 24-inch raw water main, 3,714 L.F. of 20-inch finished water main, 800 L.F. of 36" & 30" jack and bores, 3-gate valves, 12-air/vacuum release valves and 4-fire hydrants, including all necessary and required appurtenances and erosion and sedimentation control. Pre-qualification of Bidders is required for the **24-Inch Raw Water Main & 20-Inch Finished Water Main Extension** project. Beginning on **Monday, September 13, 2021**, a copy of the application and qualification requirements can be obtained, via email from Peter Johns, P.E. at [pjj@wiedeman.com](mailto:pjj@wiedeman.com). Completed pre-qualification applications must be received by Wiedeman and Singleton, Inc. by **4:00 p.m., local time, Friday, October 15, 2021**, to be considered for pre-qualification. All applicants will be notified of their status by Friday, **October 29, 2021**. Drawings and Contract Documents will be available digitally after pre-qualification. The tentative Bid date for the project is **Thursday, December 2, 2021**. For more information visit [www.monroega.com](http://www.monroega.com) "Current Bids and Proposals".

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## 9241

## PUBLIC NOTICE:

Notice is hereby given that a hearing will be held by the Walton County Board of Commissioners at the Historic Walton County Courthouse, 111 S. Broad Street, Monroe, Georgia at 6:00 p.m. on the **5th day of October, 2021** on the following applications:

**1. Conditional Use – CU21080003–** Conditional Use for outside storage & waive 8 ft fence requirement– Applicant: Jeff Henson/Owner: Lock-n-Roll Storage LLC – Property located on 1801 Highway 78 / Map / Parcel C0750128A00 – District 1.

**2. Rezoning – Z21070021–** Rezone 1.00 acre from A1 to R1 to create a buildable lot with an existing house and a Variance to reduce frontage on remaining 4.62 acres from required 150' to 31.51' to create a buildable lot with an existing house – Applicant/Owner: Edward Harry Overcash, Jr. – Property located on 3765/3755 Grady Smith Rd / Map / Parcel C0420045 – District 1.

## 9270

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The vehicles will be sold at Jay’s Wrecker & Towing, 800 North Broad Street, Monroe, Ga 30656 on Friday, October 1, 2021 10 a.m. pursuant to Official Code of Ga. Annotated Section 40-11-5. May call 678-618-6992 to inquire.

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