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## His Word

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our outward man  
perish, yet the inward  
man is renewed day  
by day.

2 Corinthians 4:16,  
KJV

# Newton man indicted for Alabama bank robbery

By TAYLOR BECK  
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ALBARTVILLE, Ala. — A federal grand jury has indicted a Covington man on a bank robbery charge, U.S. Attorney Prim F. Escalona and FBI Special Agent in Charge Johnny Sharp Jr. announced Thursday.

A one-count indictment filed in U.S. District Court charged Nekyle N. Chaney, 45, of Covington, with bank

robbery, a news re-lease stated. Chaney is accused of robbing a Regions Bank in Albertville, Alabama, on Feb. 18 “by force, violence, or intimidation.”

Chaney and three other Georgia men — Theodore



Nekyle N.  
Chaney

David Kemp, 46, of Decatur; Ronnie Lee Jones, 31, of Atlanta; and Shermaine Nashawn Caison, 32, of Ellenwood — were also arrested after the alleged robbery.

Kemp and Jones were both charged with conspiracy to commit a first-degree theft of property.

Caison was charged with tampering with evidence after he attempted to flush marijuana down the toilet

once he arrived at the Albertville City Jail. He was not charged for any involvement in the robbery.

According to Albertville Police Chief Jamie Smith, Chaney was the only one to enter the bank Feb. 18.

The chief told *The Sand Mountain Reporter*, a local newspaper, Chaney attempted to cash a counterfeit check before forcibly taking cash from the nearest teller

drawer and fleeing.

Smith said a customer saw what happened and chased Chaney into a nearby shopping center until police were able to apprehend him.

After a white Chevrolet Equinox was seen leaving the bank, police in the neighboring city of Boaz soon located the vehicle at Jack’s Restaurant and

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City of Covington

# ‘I’ve enjoyed the ride’

Williams opens up as she prepares to retire from city council

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COVINGTON, Ga. — During the week of qualifying in 2005, Hawnethia Williams said she was hesitant to solidify her candidacy for a seat on the Covington City Council.

She waited and waited before making the trip to city hall, until finally her nerves were calmed by Scripture that echoed throughout her conscience. “For what I do for the least of them, you do unto me,” Williams said, paraphrasing a passage from Matthew 25 in the Bible.

Sixteen years later, as Williams announced she would not pursue a fifth term in office, she’s still living out those words and relying on God to lead her into her next chapter.

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Hawnethia Williams sits on the front porch of her Covington home — a place residents have often brought concerns to the former school teacher during her time on the city council, she said.

Alcovy Judicial Circuit

# Covington gang member sentenced

Judge rules 20 years in prison for Porterdale shooting, gang ties

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COVINGTON, Ga. — A Newton County jury on Aug. 20 found Quentavrius Durham guilty of Aggravated Battery and Violation of the Street Gang Terrorism and Prevention Act in relation to an August 2017 incident in Porterdale.

The jury found that Durham, 26, was a member of the Crips, a criminal street

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Quentavrius  
Durham

# Land conservation trust donates 80 acres for Newton park, nature area



Special to The Covington News

Southern Conservation Trust announced its donation Thursday, Aug. 26, of more than 120 acres of land to Newton and Rockdale counties.

By TOM SPIGOLON  
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Newton County has received a donation of 80 acres of undeveloped land adjoining the Rockdale line for recreational uses.

Southern Conservation Trust announced its donation Thursday, Aug. 26, of more than 120 acres of land to Newton and Rockdale counties.

The property donated to Newton County includes a total of 80.04 acres in two tracts on

the north and south sides of Old Covington Highway at the Rockdale County line.

Newton County has owned the land since December, according to tax records. It includes a 68-acre tract on Old Covington Highway’s south side that adjoins the Rockdale part of the donation, and a 12-acre tract on the north side of the road.

County Recreation Director Dwayne Mask said plans for the land are in the early stages of development. Noth-

ing had been decided about its usage, he said.

However, the Newton County Board of Commissioners recently voted to apply for a Georgia Department of Natural Resources grant totaling \$200,000 for construction of trails — which could be used in the donated area, he said.

A news release from the Trust stated former Board of Commissioners member Nancy Schulz “was essential

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## Weekend Weather Forecast



Saturday, Aug. 28  
High: 89° Low: 71°  
• 20% chance of rain



Sunday, Aug. 29  
High: 91° Low: 70°  
• 20% chance of rain

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## OBITUARIES

### Jeffrey Scott Gouge

*Eternal Hills Funeral Home*

Jeffrey Scott Gouge, age 62, of Covington, Georgia, passed into Heaven on Saturday, July 31, 2021, after a struggle with Parkinson's disease and related complications after being bedridden for months. Scott was born Nov. 27, 1958, Thanksgiving Day, in Atlanta to James Howard and Peggy Jean Gouge. He was a devout Christian who loved Jesus and knew the Bible well. Praying for others was a passion that he always enjoyed. Scott's devotion to his mother after his father passed away in 2011 was always a constant. He was an avid reader and learning was something that came easily to him, leading to his excelling in school and earning an Associate's Degree from Perimeter College. Scott loved their cat Willie and was a huge fan of the Atlanta Braves. Survivors include his mother Peggy Gouge, brothers John Gouge and wife Laverne of Covington and Brian Gouge and wife Monica of Roswell. A visitation for Scott will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 4, 2021, from noon to 1 p.m. at Eternal Hills Funeral Home. Funeral services will occur on Wednesday, Aug. 4, 2021, at 1 p.m. in the Eternal Hills Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Cody McNutt officiating. A burial occurred Wednesday, Aug. 4, 2021, at 2:30 p.m. at Corinth Baptist Church Cemetery, 1836 Rockbridge Rd., Stone Mountain, GA 30087. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at [eternalhillsfuneralhome.com](http://eternalhillsfuneralhome.com) for the Gouge family.

### Douglas Lee "Doug" Banks

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Mr. Douglas Lee "Doug" Banks, age 76, a lifelong resident of Mansfield passed away Tuesday, August 24, 2021. He was born Oct. 23, 1944 in Mansfield to Holland and Lerline Banks who have preceded him in death. Mr. Banks retired from the City of Covington as a Building Inspector after a career that spanned 35 years. He enjoyed old movies, raising rabbits, and chickens, working with horses, and being with his grandchildren. Mr. Banks was a member of Faith Baptist Church in Newborn. Along with his parents he was preceded in death by six of his siblings.

Mr. Banks is survived by his wife Linda Henderson Banks, his daughters and sons-in-law Darlene and Brett Martin, and Sharon and Allen Rhodes all of Mansfield, his grandchildren Westley, Leslie, Brett, Rachel, Seth, and Andrew, his great grandchildren Levi, Azariah, and Olivia, his brother and sister-in-law Wilson and Elsie Banks and a host of nieces, nephews, other family, and close friends.

Funeral services for Mr. Banks will be held at 10 o'clock Saturday, Aug. 28, 2021 at the Chapel of J.C. Harwell and Son Funeral Home with Reverend Mike Scott officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 27, 2021. 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 that you still 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 service or services. If you feel the need to wear a mask, please do so.

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# Newton BOC offers new law department job to county's longtime contract attorney

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COVINGTON, Ga. — Newton commissioners took a step toward hiring a staff attorney for the county government Tuesday by voting to offer the job to someone they have employed on a contract basis since 2015.

However, the Board of Commissioners split on how they wanted to offer the job to Megan Martin, who has been the Jarrard & Davis law firm's main attorney for Newton County.

The Board, during a special called meeting, voted 3-2 to offer a six-month contract to Martin to lead the new department overseeing legal work for most of the county government.



Contributed Photo

**Newton County commissioners held a special called meeting Tuesday to offer attorney Megan Martin a 6-month contract to oversee the county's new law department.**

It voted after District 4 Commissioner J.C. Henderson made a motion for the six-month contract that overrode a motion by District 1 Commissioner Stan Edwards to offer a contract without a time limit attached.

Commissioners

Demond Mason, Alana Sanders and Henderson voted for his plan while commissioners Edwards and Ronnie Cowan supported an open-ended contract offer.

Henderson said after the meeting he wanted a six-month limit

on the contract so the Board could review the attorney, County Manager Lloyd Kerr and longtime County Clerk Jackie Smith when their positions come up for renewal around the same time.

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## Newton school board passes millage rate reduction

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COVINGTON, Ga. — Newton County Board of Education members Tuesday voted to lower the school district's part of the property tax bill by 7.6%.

Members voted 3-2 to lower the property tax rate to 18.288 mills — a 7.6% decrease from the current 19.788 mills.

Board members Trey Bailey of District

1, Shakila Henderson-Baker of District 3 and Abigail Coggin of District 5 voted for the new rate. Eddie Johnson of District 2 and Anderson Bailey of District 4 voted against it.

Superintendent Samantha Fuhrey recommended a rate of 18.5 mills, but Trey Bailey responded that he wanted Fuhrey to consider the rollback rate of 17.737 mills.

State law requires that

a rollback rate be calculated that would produce the same amount of revenue as the previous year if reassessments had not been done. It defines any rate above the rollback as a tax increase.

Trey Bailey said the purpose of the law is to prevent "indirect tax increases" for property owners when values increase "due to inflation."

"We should do our part to roll that rate

back," he said. "For us not to (roll it back) would be for us to miss the opportunity to relieve our tax base."

He noted that since 2009 the tax digest has doubled in value but the student population has remained roughly the same.

Total enrollment was 18,710 in March of this year, compared to 19,637 in the 2009-2010 school year,

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## Porterdale to hold referendum on allowing retail liquor stores

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PORTERDALE, Ga. — Porterdale voters likely will have only one choice when they go to cast ballots Nov. 2 in the city's election.

City Council members voted 3-1 Thursday, Aug. 19, to place a special referendum election on the Nov. 2 ballot asking if Porterdale voters want to allow the city council to issue licenses for the package sale of distilled spirits inside the city.

The ballot also was to include a choice of candidates but only incumbents Michael Patterson in Post 3, newly appointed Jill Minnoia in Post 4 and Lowell Chambers in Post 5 qualified — allowing each to be unopposed, said City Clerk Kathy Boutry.

Unless write-in candidates appear by Friday, Aug. 27, each will qualify for new four-year terms beginning Jan. 1

and their names will not appear on the Nov. 2 ballot, said City Manager Frank Etheridge.

Council members appointed Minnoia earlier this month to complete the term of Mike Harper after he resigned recently. The term ends Dec. 31.

Patterson, Minnoia and Post 2 Councilwoman Linda Finger voted to include the referendum on the Nov. 2 ballot, and Post 1 Councilwoman Kay Piper was the lone "no" vote. Chambers was absent.

The referendum will ask voters to vote yes or no to the question: "Shall the issuance of licenses for the package sale of distilled spirits be approved?"

If approved, it will authorize the Porterdale City Council to consider issuing licenses for retail liquor sales.

State law formerly required at least 35% of the registered voters in

a city or county to sign a petition to initiate a referendum for retail liquor sales.

The Georgia General Assembly approved legislation in May that allowed a governing body to pass an ordinance to place the referendum for retail liquor sales on a ballot.

Council members began considering a referendum earlier this year after Rebekah Ali asked them to consider annexing the site of a convenience store her family operates at the corner of Brown Bridge and Crowell roads.

She said she planned to operate a package store in the same building and prompted city officials to consider placing the question on the ballot.

Liquor by the drink and retail beer sales already are allowed in the city.

Patterson, pastor of a Conyers church, said he had concerns about the

possibility of easier access to liquor for some residents.

However, he said he believed any time the council can give voters a chance to vote on an issue they should do so.

"I can support it, with concerns," Patterson said.

Councilwoman Linda Finger said she supported giving voters the choice rather than the council making the final decision.

"It's their town also," she said. "I think it's the residents' decision."

The council would need to amend its zoning and other ordinances to add package stores and could set the conditions for their operation. Finger suggested using distance requirements to limit the number of stores in the city.

Deadline for registering to vote in the Nov. 2 election is Oct. 4.

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# REGIONAL REPORT

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## Rockdale County to name teen center after Grady Jarrett

A teen center at Johnson Park in Rockdale County will be named the Grady Jarrett Resource Opportunity Center, honoring local graduate and Atlanta Falcons defensive lineman Grady Jarrett.

County officials plan to host a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new center, located at 1781 Ebenezer Rd SW in Conyers, on Aug. 31 at 5 p.m.

At approximately 700-square-feet, the center is expected to have state-of-the-art technology and e-sports equipment.

The center will also serve as a place to help teens register for college, apply for employment and host e-sports tournaments and leagues.

Jarrett was a star at Rockdale County High School before attending Clemson University from 2011-2014. He was selected by the Atlanta Falcons in the fifth round of the 2015 NFL Draft.

— Staff Reports

## Henry County Schools starts bridge teachers program

If in-person learning is interrupted due to COVID-19, Henry County students now have bridge teachers to help keep them on track.

Bridge teachers focus solely on virtual instruction of core content, such as English, math, science and history. Bridge teachers are available for every grade level.

“Student learning remains our core business in Henry County Schools, and we know that the best place for any child to learn is in one of our classrooms,” Superintendent Mary Elizabeth Davis told a local newspaper.

“There was a good bit of disruption in schools last year, but we have learned so many lessons on how to respond, and we were even able to keep schools open 75% of the year.”

— Staff Reports

## Kemp fights virus surge with guardsmen

With COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations still on the rise in Georgia, Gov. Brian Kemp deployed the Georgia National Guard Tuesday to hospitals across the state.

Kemp announced that 105 members of the Guard with medical training will head to 10 hospitals.

“These guardsmen will assist our frontline health-care workers as they provide quality medical care during the current increase in cases and hospitalizations,” the governor said.

“This Georgia National Guard mission is in addition to the 2,800 state-supported staff and 450 new beds brought online I announced last week, at a total state investment of \$625 million through December of this year.”

The Guard personnel will be assigned to the following hospitals:

- Southeast Georgia Health System in Brunswick
- Northeast Georgia Medical Center in Gainesville
- Wellstar Kennestone Hospital in Marietta
- Piedmont Henry Hospital in Stockbridge
- Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital in Albany
- Memorial Health University Medical Center in Savannah
- Navicent Health Hospital in Macon
- Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta
- Piedmont Fayette Hospital in Fayetteville
- Houston Medical Center in Warner Robins

The Georgia National Guard is working with the Georgia Emergency Management Agency and the state Department of Community Health to carry out the mission.

The number of confirmed cases of the virus in Georgia passed 1 million last week and stood at 1,036,304 as of Monday afternoon, according to the state Department of Public Health. COVID-19 has hospitalized 70,777 Georgians and is responsible for 22,263 confirmed or probable

deaths.

— Capitol Beat News

## State Supreme Court hears challenge of tax on strip clubs

Georgia's 1% tax on strip clubs to raise funds to combat child sex trafficking unfairly punishes businesses with no connection to the sexual exploitation of children, a lawyer for the clubs said Wednesday. But a lawyer for the state told the Georgia Supreme Court studies have shown strip clubs are frequented by child sex traffickers to lure customers, and taxing them is less harmful to those businesses than banning them altogether.

The General Assembly passed the Safe Harbor Act in 2015 to create a source of tax revenue to support rehabilitative care and other social services for sexually exploited children. The following year, Georgia voters overwhelmingly approved a referendum adding the act to the state Constitution.

The Georgia Association of Club Executives (GACE) challenged the law in a lawsuit filed in 2017. Last year, Fulton County Superior Court Judge Constance C. Russell declared it unconstitutional because a section of the law that applied the tax to businesses that charge customers to view “persons exhibiting or modeling lingerie” was vague and could resort in arbitrary enforcement.

On Wednesday, Alexander Volokh, a lawyer representing GACE, argued the tax unfairly targets strip clubs to raise money to combat criminal activity for which they are not responsible.

“They’re being blamed and penalized for a problem they’re not involved in and don’t contribute to,” he said.

But Georgia Deputy Solicitor General Ross Bergethon said members of the General Assembly, in passing the law, relied on studies showing that both adult and child prostitution often occur inside strip clubs.

Courts have routinely upheld the right of governments to ban clubs that combine nude dancing with the sale of alcohol from their jurisdictions, Bergethon said.

“There’s no reason to treat this minimal tax on the same combination any differently,” he said.

Volokh cited U.S. Supreme Court rulings that nude dancing is a constitutionally protected form of expression under the First Amendment’s right to freedom of speech. But Chief Justice David Nahmias told Volokh the case doesn’t just involve nude dancing because the clubs are engaged in a combination of nude dancing and the commercial sale of alcohol.

The court is expected to rule on the case later this year.

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Dick Yarbrough columnist

## Remembering a time when negative was positive

I had a COVID-19 test the other day. Even though I have been fully-vaccinated and wear my mask regularly in public, I am sure to some of you that proves I am a liberal weenie commie who loves Nancy Pelosi, watches CNN and glows in the dark. But I digress.



My doctor thought it would be a good idea for me to take the test. The not-so-good idea was ramming a cotton swab up my nose that stopped just shy of my cerebellum. I am happy to report that both my nose and cerebellum survived the ordeal as did I. The results were negative. Unlike flashlight batteries, where negative is negative and positive is positive, in this case negative meant positive.

And so it has been with my life. What some would consider a negative way to have grown up was, in fact, very positive. We just didn't know any better because there was no one around to tell us differently. They, too, were enjoying the positives of their negative lives.

To those who can't imagine life without a daily dose of "dot com" in it, what could be more negative than to live life without the benefit of the Internet. I deem that a positive. If I needed to look something up, I was taught to go to the dictionary or the encyclopedia or to the library – all information sources that could be trusted – where I would find the answer.

Teachers tell me that today's students can write a six-page essay on any subject assigned to them and turn the paper in double-spaced and with no errors. The only problem is they have no idea what they were talking about. They just pulled it off the Internet. No thinking required.

I may not be the brightest bulb in the lamp, but I learned the hard way the dangers of faking it in my school assignments, including the time I tried convincing my English professor Dr. Raymond Cook of the soaring poetic brilliance of Joyce Kilmer's "Trees," which I had not read. Big mistake. Dr. Cook didn't like "Trees." Not at all. I still have the scars to prove it.

No Internet meant no email which meant we wrote letters and cards to each other. This column generates a lot of email re-

sponse, which I greatly appreciate even when I am getting my knuckles rapped. But there is no warmer feeling than to pull out of my Post Office box a handwritten note or card, knowing someone took the time and effort to compose their thoughts and then went to the trouble to mail it to me. I answer all my emails. I am also trying to answer all the cards and letters, as well. You deserve it.

Try convincing today's generation that there was anything positive about having one black rotary-dial telephone in the house with no speed dial, voice mail or Caller ID. If someone called and they got a busy signal or there was no one at home, they just called back. No big deal. Also, we did not have to endure robo-calls trying to get us to renew the warranty on a car we no longer own or restructure the debt on a credit card we don't have.

Today, everyone seems to have a cellphone at their ear, even folks walking their dog. What is so important? Can't it wait? Recently, I observed a well-dressed couple with three teenage sons come into the restaurant where I was dining, all absorbed in tap-tapping on their individual cellphones and not acknowledging each other's presence. They paused long enough to order their food and then went back to their screens. Maybe they were talking to each other. There is probably an app for that.

I grew up in a world without the benefit of a hundred zillion channels of television tripe, featuring zombies and the F-word and biased talking heads yelling at each other. I grew up when spam didn't clog your inbox. Instead, you fried it and served it with eggs and grits. I grew up without the presence of social media where gutless people go to spew their venom anonymously. I grew up when we knelt for prayer and not the National Anthem. I grew up going to church because I believed in God. I still do.

Looking back on those days maybe they weren't as perfect as I make them out to be, there wasn't a whole lot negative about them, either. Of that, I am positive.

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# OPINIONS

The Covington News

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## 'Top dog' Biden all bark, no bite

President Joe Biden has held numerous press conferences since the Taliban completed its swift takeover of Afghanistan, though it took him a minute to actually get in front of the cameras.



Taliban fighters completed the takeover of Afghanistan on Aug. 15, while Biden was on vacation at Camp David. Weeks before, the president said he believed such a takeover was highly unlikely. Boy, was he wrong.

After initially saying he'd address the nation in a few days, Biden spoke publicly the next day, Aug. 16, but only after facing intense, bipartisan backlash.

He's held numerous press events since that time, and each has been memorable, but not in the way that's reassuring or hopeful. In fact, nothing he actually said was noteworthy, because the words he spoke seemed empty, disconnected and incoherent on occasion, as if he were reading it all for the first time.

What strikes me about these events is a continual, resounding image of Biden turning his back on reporters, refusing to take or answer questions. The one time he did try to answer a

question, the audio was cut — a coincidence, I'm sure — making his answer inaudible.

These press events were a prime opportunity to showcase the strength and power the U.S. holds on the world stage. It was an opportunity to let Biden remind the world that "the U.S. does not negotiate with terrorists." It was an opportunity to invoke confidence and hope for Americans trapped in Afghanistan.

Instead, our president — a position so often referred to as the most powerful in the world — appeared weak. He stuck to a script, pointed fingers of blame in some instances, and never shouldered any of the responsibility. Biden also seemed in a hurry to get away from the cameras and avoid all questions. Again, turning his back on the nation.

It wasn't until Thursday, Aug. 26, that Biden finally took a few questions from the media, and that was only after waiting five hours to address the nation after suicide bombings left 12 American troops dead and many other injured in Kabul. And many of his remarks weren't inspiring.

This is our president. But hey, at least he isn't the big, mean orange man, right?

Before he was elected, Biden's slogan was "Build Back Better,"

which was not only geared toward his plan to defeat COVID-19, but also improve the economy and tackling environmental issues. He also ensured American voters that he was the man for the job because he excelled in foreign policy — something the President of the United States must always be ready and willing to do. He promised to put an end to amateurism and once again restore the country's status as a "top dog" on the world stage.

Here we are, now 220 days into his presidency, and it appears Biden was all bark, no bite. In fact, thanks to Biden, we're no longer viewed as "top dog," or even a close second. The U.S. is now seen as that one dog we've all seen on YouTube who, when playing fetch with their owner, doesn't bring back a ball, but somehow manages to fetch a potato instead.

In addition to our foreign failures, we're also facing problems on the homeland. We've reached record inflation rates, which is essentially taking money away from our paychecks. We're still struggling to fight off COVID-19, despite the president's plan to beat the virus, also touted on the campaign trail. Don't forget about the ongoing crisis at the southern border. And let's also not forget

that Biden's decision to end to the Keystone Pipeline, which not only cut hundreds of thousands of jobs but also effectively severed our nation's path to energy independence.

I'll give credit where it's due. Biden's administration did help lead a historic infrastructure bill through Congress, which should be helpful for generations to come. But getting our infrastructure to where it needs to be today is going to take a long, long time.

Based on these issues, as well as various others not mentioned, I do not see our country being "built back better," and I don't fully believe Biden's leadership is putting us on the right track to doing so. And based on USA Today's latest presidential approval rating poll, it appears nearly 60% of you agree.

If Biden doesn't take control of the Afghanistan situation and get a grip on the pertinent issues facing our country, not only will the world view of America's governing leaders continue dwindling to that of a sad laughingstock, but don't be surprised when bipartisan calls for Biden's resignation really begin to heat up, too.

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Kasey Carty Jordan guest religious columnist

## Choosing love isn't easy, but it's worth it

My 8 and 10-years-old sons raise chickens, taking care of their flock of 45, and selling their eggs. A lot of the chickens are skittish and don't particularly enjoy interaction, but there are always a couple that do. Watching my 8-year-old cart around one of their favorites, Fluffy, has always been a joy of mine. He doesn't hold her away from his body because her feathers are stained with red Georgia clay. He holds her under his arm and talks to her as if she understands.



Over the course of the year and a half that they have had chickens, several have died, with the most tragic being those caught by dogs as the chickens escape the safety of their pen to wander around and find the greener grass on the other side.

There are also times of betrayal, like when a baby chick that they have raised from just days old turns out to be a rooster. Once the rooster starts strutting around and ringing out his cock-a-doodle-doo, they start carrying a

shovel when they go into the pen, because inevitably, that rooster will fly up at them as he valiantly protects his ladies. But the boys are undeterred in their responsibilities of taking care of these pets of theirs and just learn how to position themselves to not be too close to a rooster.

There have been tears and sadness through this process, but as I watch my sons, I see a genuine joy in them. I have seen them sit for an hour in a chair, just watching the chickens wander around and do their thing. I have also seen them doubled over in laughter as they watch the chickens for a "laugh-a-thon," which is when they throw egg shells into the pen and watch the chickens chase each other around as they all seek a coveted piece of egg shell to eat (yes, kind of strange, but they eat their own egg shells and it gives them calcium for their future eggs). The boys commentate on the "athletes," as a piece of egg shell switches owners and gets raced around the garden until another chicken snatches it from her mouth. The joy in their laughter is pretty

amazing.

There's a lot to learn from their feathered friends, for example, the power of the pecking order. That is a real thing for chickens, and they all know their place in the order. Everyone knows the order of who gets to eat and if you work within the constraints of that order, you can save yourself a peck in the head. Chickens also make friends and are really social. If two chickens are friends, and one dies, the other will be

a loner as they mourn the loss of their friend. Also, at night, when they sit on their roost in the coop, the chicken on each end of the roost is the watch-woman and she sleeps with one eye open to keep watch. They switch spots through the night to give everyone a chance to sleep safely.

Just last week, one of the active watch-women, Fluffy, started to get sick. She is the chicken that my sons love to

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Missy Braden guest columnist

# You can help prevent hot car deaths

Almost 900. That is the number of children who died in the United States since 1998 in hot cars.



All of these deaths were preventable. One good thing about the pandemic was the number of children who died in hot cars was down as people stayed at home. In 2020 there were 24 deaths, compared to 53 in each of 2018 and 2019 — the highest years on record, according to Jan Null at <http://NoHeat-Stroke.org>. For those people who travel with their pets in their cars, the number of reported deaths of pets in hot cars is in the hundreds every year.

Historically, just over half of the deaths were caused by a caregiver forgetting the child in the car. Many people cannot imagine how this happens. Families who lost a loved child thought the same thing, until it happened to them. In 2019, statistics show 32 of the 53 children who died were unknowingly left in the car.

Sometimes it is due to miscommunication between caregivers, fatigue, distraction, or a change in routine. In almost half of the cases the caregiver meant to drop the child off at a daycare or preschool.

The highest number of deaths occur on Thursdays and Fridays, at the end of the workweek.

About a quarter of the deaths occurred when children got into a vehicle on their own, either into an unlocked car or trunk. During 2020 about half of the deaths were due to children gaining access to a parked car as families were at home more.

20% were knowingly left by a caregiver who thought the child or children would be OK if left in the car.

While the most attention is focused on the times an adult caregiver deliberately leaves a child in a hot car with the intent to cause harm to that child, those cases are extremely rare.

Think these deaths only happen in the summertime?

Think again.

Already in 2021 one child in North Carolina died in April when left in the car for several hours on a relatively cool day with temperatures in the 70s. Temperatures inside the car can reach 89 degrees within five minutes and 113 degrees in an hour when the outside temperature is only 70. When outside temperatures hit 90, it only takes five minutes to reach 100 degrees in the car, and 133 degrees in an hour.

Children's and pet's bodies heat up three to five times faster than an adult's so they are much more susceptible

to deadly heatstroke in a short period of time.

What can be done to prevent hot car deaths? A lot.

Campaigns with slogans such as Look Before You Lock and Where's Baby? are designed to remind caregivers to check the car every time before walking away.

Another suggestion is to leave yourself a gentle reminder by keeping a stuffed animal in your child's car seat, then moving that item to the front seat when baby is in the back seat. Or place your phone or wallet in the back seat.

Keep communication clear between the caregivers who transport the child. Daycares and preschools can call the caregiver when the child does not show up at the expected time.

Alterations in typical routines are often cited by caregivers as a cause when a child has been left in a car.

Although there is an increase in technology in cars to alert a caregiver that a child is still in the car, it is not available on all cars and does not take the place of simply checking the back seat every time.

Hyundai just announced the addition of a Rear Occupant Alert system in many of its cars that honks the horn and sends an alert to the driver's smartphone if motion is detected in the back seat after the driver leaves the vehicle and locks the doors.

Nissan, GM, and many other manufacturers have their own alerting systems.

While this technology can help, it is not infallible and is often not standard equipment.

Some child passenger safety seats, or car seats, have built in sensors in the chest clip that trigger an alarm if the child's temperature changes dramatically or have proximity sensors, but again, they are not designed to replace checking the rear seat.

Infants in rear-facing only seats are at a high risk of being left in the car as the adult cannot see them in the car seat without directly looking in the back seat.

Keeping vehicles locked when they are parked can lessen the chance of a child climbing into an unattended vehicle or into a trunk and getting locked inside.

If you have questions about your child's safety in a car seat, contact a local Child Passenger Safety Technician (CPST) for information and a free child seat check.

A limited number of free car seats are available through grants funded by the Department of Public Health and our Juvenile Court system.

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carry around. She started not eating and drinking and wouldn't leave the coop. This can be common behavior for a chicken going broody (which means she is about to start sitting on eggs to try to hatch them), so it took us a couple days to realize something was wrong.

One day as I went in, Fluffy's sister Tufty was lying next to her, and I realized that Fluffy wasn't going to make it. We set up a comfortable spot for her and started giving her water and Gatorade

with a syringe to bring her back to health. But she didn't get better. We dug a grave for her and my son carried her out, as he always had, with no fear of death, and a gentleness as he laid her in her final resting place.

As we talked about Fluffy and all the good memories we had with her, I had the realization that loving is hard. That in loving, we open ourselves up to pain and heartache because we do not have ultimate control over who will live or die or come or go or any of those other

things that free will and the unknown of death brings us. But loving is still worth it.

I think about how God does not make us love him. He gives us a choice, and in that choice comes the beauty of love. As I look at my life and the relationships in my life, I can protect myself and probably save myself a few heartaches, but oh the joy and richness of a life filled with connection and love.

1 John 3:1 tells us "See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be

called the children of God." Now more than ever, the children of God need to shine forth His love. In a world filled with selfishness, distrust, fear and judgment, even amongst Christians, may we love freely and well, knowing that the joy and connection that love brings can shine through pain and sorrow and show the true nature of our loving God.

*Kasey Carty Jordan is a former missionary and resides in Monticello.*

## ROBBERY:

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arrested Kemp, Jones and Cai-son at gunpoint in the parking lot.

Chaney faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000.

The FBI investigated the case with the assistance of the Albertville Police Department. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Catherine Crosby and Michael Royster are prosecuting the case.

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**Councilwoman Hawmethia Williams helped lead the way in getting the Harristown Park senior apartment complex — a development she referred to as her “baby” — built in Covington.**

## WILLIAMS:

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“I’m a little leery, still ... but I know when the Lord says he’s got something else for me to do, I know he’s got it,” she said.

Williams, who was born and raised in Covington, said the decision to retire from public service was not easy, but it was a decision she made for her family.

“Every time my family wanted to do something, they had to consult my calendar,” she said. “But when I also looked around and realized that I was the senior member, that prompted me to start thinking about it.

“I wanted to be able to enjoy the fruits of my labor over the years — both from teaching and serving on the council,” she added. “You know, there are times or seasons in life. Times do to certain things ... a time to do what I can and then a time to step away.”

Having the ability to serve was not a contributing factor to her decision, Williams said. Rather, she believed it was time for her to open the door for others — “younger minds” — which she feels is part of her next chapter in life to serve as a mentor.

“It’s time to move onto another stage while I’m still healthy enough to do it,” she said. “I’ll be supporting from the sidelines.

“I’m still going to be involved and be an advocate for this community,” Williams added. “In the words of the late John Lewis, I told the council that I’ll probably be giving them a little ‘good trouble.’ I still want to be involved in politics as a mentor and be able to sit and talk with younger people to help teach them about this city and the way things work.”

Being an advocate for her community is what reeled her into politics all those years ago, the longtime school teacher said.

Her first taste of politics came shortly after graduating from Clark College, now known as Clark Atlanta University, when she was a teacher in Pike County, before integration. When word got out that a principal, who Williams believed did an excellent job leading the school, wouldn’t be hired on after integration, she said various “civil rights giants”

came to the area.

Protests were held and students even boycotted the school.

“There were days I’d only have five students in class,” she said.

Soon after, Williams accepted a teaching job at Monroe-Area High School. After spending more than 20 years there, she decided to come home and join the staff at “the original” Newton High School.

During this time, Williams became an advocate for the Harristown community — an area she refers to as the “village that raised me.” She said she would often go with residents to city council meetings to voice concerns and petition necessary changes.

At the turn of the century, Williams was approached by a local ministers group with a request: become more than an advocate and run for city council.

With her husband ill at the time, Williams turned down the proposition.

“I felt like the Lord wanted me to devote my time to my husband,” she said. “I felt like that’s where he wanted me to be at that time.”

In 2000, Williams said, her husband passed away. In 2001, she decided to retire from teaching after 33 years in the profession.

After spending time traveling, enjoying time with her family and still advocating for her community, the ministers

group approached her again, Williams said.

“I told them I was going to go out of town and spend some time with my family and think about it,” Williams recalled. “Well, I did just that.”

With the support of her family, she ran for a seat from the West Ward and took office in 2006.

One of the proudest moments of Williams tenure came when she helped lead the effort in bringing the Harristown Park senior apartment complex — a project she calls her “baby” — to Covington.

“[Former Covington Mayor] Kim Carter and I worked very hard to get it here,” she said. “We had to get support from the community ... and we got it.

“I promised to be there and be a part of the building process every step of the way,” Williams continued.

“When it was finished for the grand opening, the company’s leadership group asked me to cut the ribbon ... just thinking about it still brings tears to my eyes ... because I knew how great this was going to be for our community.

“The completion of it was just like, wow,” she said. “At some point, there were about 3,000 applicants on the wait list. It may be around 1,000 now.”

Despite various personal accomplishments, Williams said she was grateful to have served alongside many won-

derful council members, mayors and staff members and being able to “work together as a unit for the good of the city.”

“I’ve enjoyed the ride,” Williams said. “It’s been a roller coaster. You know, there’s been plenty of ups and downs over these last 16 years come November, I guess, but I can honestly say I’ve enjoyed the ride.

“I’m so thankful for the support from not only my constituents in the west side, but also from the entire city,” she continued. “I’ve just enjoyed the Lord allowing me to serve this city with his guidance. And I hope the city feels that way.”

Williams has endorsed Charika Davis in the race for Williams’ seat on the council, but she spared advice for whoever is elected come November.

“Don’t look at people based on their socio-economic status. You want to do the best you can to help everyone,” she said. “Take time to listen to the concerns and questions of residents, and let those concerns be your concerns. Don’t turn people away ... You have to have a love for people. If you’re putting on, they’ll see it.

“If you can’t devote your time, heart and soul into this,” she concluded, “this isn’t the arena for you.”

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200654**  
**8/15,22,29-9/5**

## CITATION

**LANE BRITT** has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **PATSY ANN BRITT** 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 SEPTEMBER 13, 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 #200684**  
**8/15,22,29-9/5**

## CITATION

**LINDA COKER** has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **THOMAS ROBINSON COKER** 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 SEPTEMBER 13, 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 #200650**  
**8/15,22,29-9/5**

## CITATION

**MICHAEL ANTHONY THOMAS** has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **LIZZIE R. THOMAS** deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A 53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objection must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before September 13, 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 #200621**  
**8/15,22,29-9/5**

## CITATION

**MICHAEL HARRIS EARL** has petitioned to be appointed

Administrator of the Estate of **JOHN FRANKLIN EARL, JR** deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A 53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objection must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before SEPTEMBER 13, 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 #200593**  
**8/15,22,29-9/5**

## CITATION

**NANCY KIRBO SILLS** has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **JACOB A. SILLS** 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 SEPTEMBER 13, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200649**  
**8/15,22,29-9/5**

## CITATION

**NATASHA LETRICE JONES** has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **VIVIAN 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 SEPTEMBER 13, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200619**  
**8/15,22,29-9/5**

## CITATION

**NIKOLE SHEMAYNE BROOKS** has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **ERNEST DUWAYNE BROOKS, III** 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 SEPTEMBER 13, 2021, next,

at ten o'clock a.m.

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200653**  
**8/15,22,29-9/5**

## CITATION

**NORMAN GLOVER** has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **MORDEAN GLOVER** 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 SEPTEMBER 13, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200620**  
**8/15,22,29-9/5**

## CITATION

**RE: ESTATE of EDWARD NEEDHAM, FORMER WARD**

**CHARLES J. NEEDHAM** 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 a.m.

**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 #200748**  
**8/29**

## CITATION

**RE: ESTATE of FELECIA YVONNE CHANCEY FORMER WARD**

**TERESA EDWARDS** CONSERVATOR 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 a.m.

**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 #200745**  
**8/29**

## CITATION

**RE: ESTATE of HERMAN ANDERSON GIBBS, JR, DECEASED**

**HERMAN ANDERSON GIBBS, III** , 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 SEPTEMBER 13, 2021, at ten o'clock a.m.

**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 #200716**  
**8/29**

## CITATION

**RE: ESTATE of REBECCA S. WHITE, DECEASED**

**ALICE MARIE WHITE STEPHENSON** 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 SEPTEMBER 13, 2021, at ten o'clock a.m.

**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 #200764**  
**8/29-9/5**

## CITATION

**RE: ESTATE of SYBIL SMITH GIBBS DECEASED**

**HERMAN ANDERSON GIBBS, III** , 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 SEPTEMBER 13, 2021, at ten o'clock a.m.

**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 #200715**  
**8/29**

## CITATION

**RE: ESTATE of THERESA LEABIG STAMPER, DECEASED**

**MARY CHERIE SMITH** , 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 SEPTEMBER 13, 2021, at ten o'clock a.m.

**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 #200686**  
**8/29**

## CITATION

**RE: ESTATE of USHER RUBEN MILLS, FORMER WARD**

**DERWIN DAVIS** CONSERVATOR 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 SEPTEMBER 13, 2021, at ten o'clock a.m.

**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 #200746**  
**8/29**

## CITATION

**RE: ESTATE of VERONICA WEEKFALL, DECEASED**

**CYNTHIA DENISE WEEKFALL**, 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 September 13, 2021, at ten o'clock a.m.

**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 #200655**  
**8/29**

## CITATION

**RE: ESTATE of WILLIAM GREGORY POPE, DECEASED**

**ELIZABETH JANE POPE**, 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 SEPTEMBER 13, 2021, at ten o'clock a.m.

**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 #200747**  
**8/29**

## CITATION

**RE: ESTATE of ZENOBIA HOLBROOK, Deceased**

**DERWIN DAVIS**, AS COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR 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 SEPTEMBER 13, 2021, at ten o'clock a.m.

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



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**FILED WITH** this Court on or before September 13, 2021, at ten o'clock a.m.

**MELANIE M. BELL, JUDGE** By: Marcia Wynne, Clerk  
**PROBATE COURT**  
**NEWTON COUNTY, Georgia**

**NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT**  
**1132 USHER Street- Room 148**  
**COVINGTON, GA 30014-2435**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200573**  
**8/15,22,29-9/5**

**CITATION**

**TO: UNKNOWN FATHER AND ALL INTRESTED PARTIES**

**MICHAEL AND MELLISSA BELCHER** has filed for Temporary Letters of Guardianship of the Person(s) **KALEB ANDERSON** minor(s). All objections must be in writing and filed with this Court on or before SEPTEMBER 8,2021 at ten o'clock, a.m.

**MELANIE M. Bell, Judge**  
**BY: DANYELL Thomas, Clerk**  
Probate Court, Newton, Georgia

**NEWTON COUNTY Probate Court**  
**1132 USHER Street, RM 148**  
**COVINGTON, GA 30014**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200730**  
**8/22,29**

**CITATION**

**TO: JAQUEZ HARDRICK**

**EBONY WHITAKER** has filed for Temporary Letters of Guardianship of the Person(s) **JARIELLE HARDRICK** minor(s). All objections must be in writing and filed with this Court on or before SEPTEMBER 8TH, at ten o'clock, a.m.

**MELANIE M. Bell, Judge**  
**BY: DANYELL Thomas, Clerk**  
Probate Court, Newton, Georgia

**NEWTON COUNTY Probate Court**  
**1132 USHER Street, RM 148**  
**COVINGTON, GA 30014**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200732**  
**8/22,29**

**CITATION**

**TO: UNKNOWN FATHER AND ALL INTRESTED PARTIES**

**JOHN PHILLIPS III AND SONJA PHILLIPS** has filed for Temporary Letters of Guardianship of the Person(s) **JOHNATHAN BATES** minor(s). All objections must be in writing and filed with this Court on or before SEPTEMBER 15TH ,2021 at ten o'clock, a.m.

**MELANIE M. Bell, Judge**  
**BY: DANYELL Thomas, Clerk**  
Probate Court, Newton, Georgia

**NEWTON COUNTY Probate Court**  
**1132 USHER Street, RM 148**  
**COVINGTON, GA 30014**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200763**  
**8/29-9/5**

**CITATION**

**TO: UNKNOWN FATHER AND ALL INTRESTED PARTIES**

**JOHN PHILLIPS III AND SONJA PHILLIPS** has filed for Temporary Letters of Guardianship of the Person(s) **KAI BATES** minor(s). All objections must be in writing and filed with this Court on or before SEPTEMBER 15TH ,2021 at ten o'clock, a.m.

**MELANIE M. Bell, Judge**  
**BY: DANYELL Thomas, Clerk**  
Probate Court, Newton, Georgia

**NEWTON COUNTY Probate Court**  
**1132 USHER Street, RM 148**  
**COVINGTON, GA 30014**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200762**  
**8/29-9/5**

**CITATION**

**TO: UNKNOWN FATHER AND ALL INTRESTED PARTIES**

**MICHAEL AND MELISSA BELCHER** has filed for Temporary Letters of Guardianship of the Person(s) **KY'LANI ANDERSON** minor(s). All objections must be in writing and filed with this Court on or before SEPTEMBER 8TH ,2021 at ten o'clock, a.m.

**MELANIE M. Bell, Judge**  
**BY: DANYELL Thomas, Clerk**  
Probate Court, Newton, Georgia

**NEWTON COUNTY Probate Court**  
**1132 USHER Street, RM 148**  
**COVINGTON, GA 30014**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200731**  
**8/22,29**

**THE PETITION OF LUCY B. COURCHAINE** widow of **JOSEPH J. COURCHAINE** 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 SEPTEMBER 13,. 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 #200651**  
**8/15,22,29-9/5**

**THE PETITION OF SANDRA MARIE MORRIS** widow of **JAMES ALAN MORRIS** 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 SEPTEMBER 13, .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 #200709**  
**8/15,22,29-9/5**

**Corporations**

**NOTICE OF INCORPORATION**

**NOTICE IS** given that articles of incorporation that will incorporate **CHRISTIAN GATHERING-ECG ATLANTA UNTIED INC.** have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Business Corporation Code. The initial registered office of the corporation is located at 135 HELM DR, COVINGTON, GA 30014 and its initial registered agent at such address is DARVIN KELLY

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200727**  
**8/22,29**

**NOTICE OF INCORPORATION**

**NOTICE IS** given that articles of incorporation which incorporate **GRAVES CONSTRUCTION & DRILLING SERVICE INC** have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Business Corporation Code. The initial registered office of the corporation is located at 1585 ACCESS ROAD Covington, Newton County, Georgia 30014. The initial registered agent **OF THE** corporation at such address is ANDREW FRYSLIE.

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200758**  
**8/29-9/5**

**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**

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **ALVIN REED MORRISON.,** 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 30TH day of JULY, 2021.**

**KIMBERLY LANCASTER**  
**741 BILLUPS AVE**  
**MADISON, GA 30650**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200681**  
**8/15,22,29-9/5**

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **AUDREY LOU OWENS** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. **THIS THE 10TH day of AUGUST, 2021.**

**CYNTHIA JESTINGS**  
**607 RICHMOND PL**  
**LOGANVILLE, GA 30052**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200713**  
**8/15,22,29-9/5**

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **BETTY JO BATES MARKS.,** 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 30TH day of JULY, 2021.**

**THOMAS W. MARKS**  
**766 WOODLAWN RD**  
**MANSFIELD, GA 30055**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200674**  
**8/15,22,29-9/5**

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **DONALD EDWARDS MATHEWS** 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 4TH day of AUGUST , 2021.**

**ZACHARY V. MATHEWS**  
**50 BERKSHIRE DR**  
**COVINGTON, GA 30016**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200712**  
**8/15,22,29-9/5**

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

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

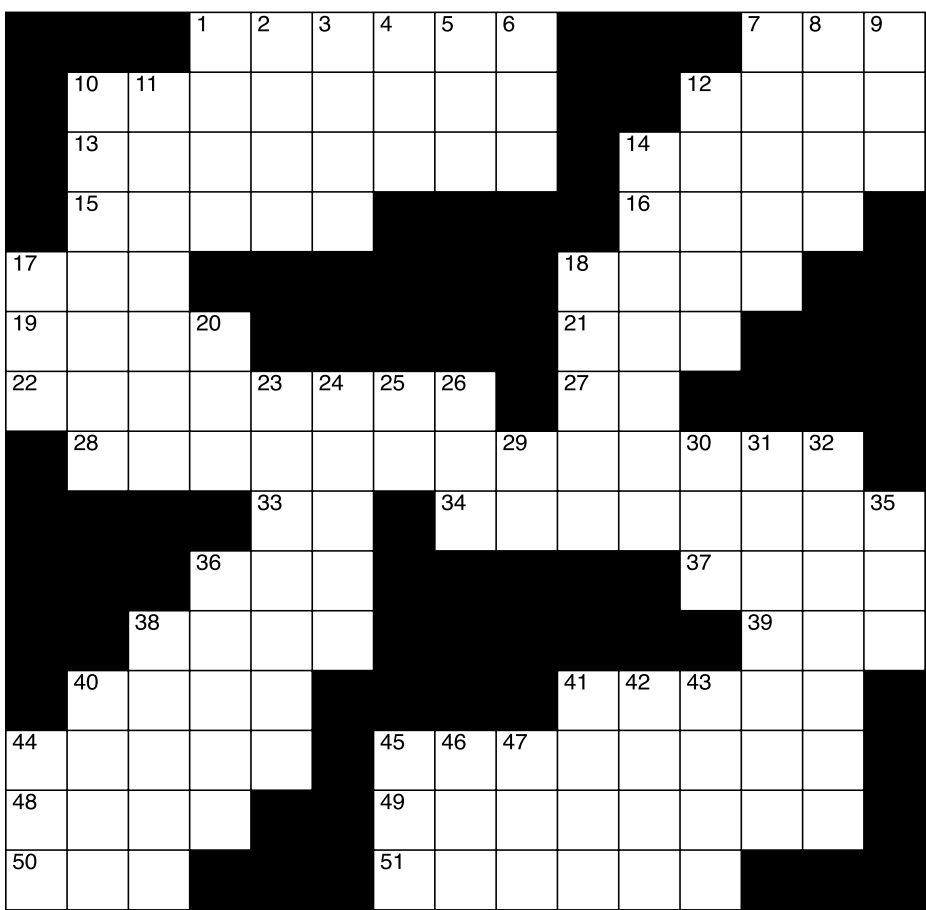
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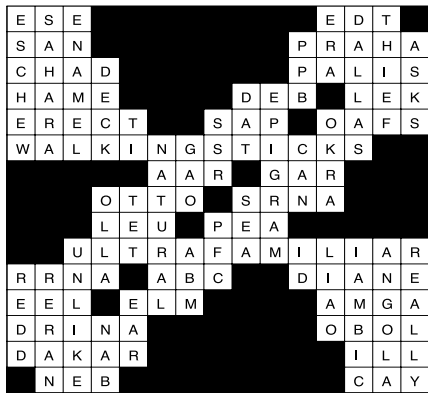
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- Thin, narrow piece of wood
- Modern Israel founder
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- Pounds per square inch
- Veterans battleground
- Hollywood talent agency (abbr.)
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## LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:



Honorable  
**JOHN M. Ott** ,Judge of the Superior Court of Newton County.

**THIS,THE** 26th day of July 2021

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200670**  
**8/8,15,22,29**

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

**MELISSA HARRIS-RITCHIE PLAINTIFF,**  
**V**  
**FREDERICK R. RITCHIE JR. DEFENDANT,**

**ACTION NO.2021-CV-1057-1**

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

**TO FREDERICK R. RITCHIE JR**  
**80 CREEKVIEW BLVD**  
**COVINGTON, GA 30016**

**BY NOTICE** for Publication dated the 3RD day of AUGUST 2021  
**YOU ARE** hereby notified that on the 5TH day of MAY 2021. the Plaintiff, MELISSA HARRIS-RITCHIE filed suit against you for Divorce.

**YOU ARE** required to file an Answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the Notice for Publication with the clerk of Superior Court of the Newton County and to serve a copy of the answer upon the plaintiff (if pro se) or upon the plaintiff's attorney (if represented). Witness the Honorable Cheveda D. McCamy, Judge of the Superior Court of Newton County. **THIS,THE** 4th day of AUGUST, 2021

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200701**  
**8/15,22,29-9/5**

## Foreclosures

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

**PURSUANT TO** the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Nancy L. Holloway** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for COUNTRYWIDE BANK, FSB, its successors and assigns dated 4/25/2008 and recorded in Deed Book 2603 Page 26 and modified at Deed Book 3115 Page 283 and modified at Deed Book 3152 Page 124 and modified at Deed Book 3581 Page 140 Newton County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$201,477.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia (or such other area as designated by Order of the Superior Court of said county), within the legal hours of sale on September 7, 2021 (being the first Tuesday of said month unless said date falls on a Federal Holiday, in which case being the first Wednesday of said month), the following described property: All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 43 of the 10th District, Newton County, Georgia, being Lot 20 of Browning Estates Subdivision, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 43, pages 83-86, Newton County, Georgia Records, which recorded plat is incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this description.

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

given).  
**SAID PROPERTY** is commonly known as **35 Browning Drive, Covington, GA 30016-6216** together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): Nancy L. Holloway or tenant or tenants.

**PENNYMAC LOAN Services, LLC** is the entity or individual designated who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage.  
**PENNYMAC LOAN Services, LLC LOSS MITIGATION**  
**3043 TOWNSGATE Road #200,**  
**Westlake Village, CA 91361**  
**1-866-549-3583**  
**NOTE, HOWEVER,** that such entity or individual is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan.

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

**THE SALE** will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and non-judicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided immediately above.  
**PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC** as agent and Attorney in Fact for Nancy L. Holloway  
**ALDRIDGE PITE, LLP, 15 Piedmont Center, 3575 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 500, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7637.**  
**1120-23192A**  
**THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 1120-23192A**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200631**  
**8/8,15,22,29**

## Name Changes

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

**IN RE** the Name Change of Child(ren):  
**JORDYN ELIZABETH YATES**

**VALINCIA A YATES PETITIONER,**  
**V.**  
**MICHAEL RUE RESPONDENT.**

**CIVIL ACTION NUMBER**  
**2021-CV-1717-4**

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF CHILD**

**VALINCIA YATES** filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on JULY 28, 2021, to change the name of the following minor child  
**FROM: JORDYN ELIZABETH YATES** to **JORDYN ELIZABETH RUE** Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within the time prescribed

in O.C.G.A. §§ 19-12-1(f)(2) and (3).

**VALINCIA YATES**  
**4155 N DEARING ST NE**  
**COVINGTON, GA 30014**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200663**  
**8/8,15,22,29**

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

**IN RE** the Name Change of:  
**ESSENCE CHENELLE MCCRAY PETITIONER,**

**CIVIL ACTION NUMBER**  
**2021-CV-1792-2**

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF ADULT**

**ESSENCE CHENELLE MCCRAY** filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on AUGUST 2, 2021, to change the name of the following minor child  
**FROM: ESSENCE CHENELLE MCCRAY** to **ESSENCE CHENELLE ONI ESEIEH** Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within the time prescribed in O.C.G.A. §§ 19-12-1(f)(2) and (3).

**ESSENCE CHENELLE MCCRAY**  
**125 CRESTFIELD CIR**  
**COVINGTON, GA 30016**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200703**  
**8/15,22,29-9/5**

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

**IN RE** the Name Change of:  
**MORENA G. MENDEZ PETITIONER,**

**CIVIL ACTION NUMBER**  
**2021-CV-1791-1**

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF ADULT**

**MORENA G. MENDEZ** filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on AUGUST 3, 2021, to change the name of the following minor child  
**FROM: MORENA G. MENDEZ** to **MORENA G. AGUIRRE** Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within the time prescribed in O.C.G.A. §§ 19-12-1(f)(2) and (3).

**MORENA G. MENDEZ**  
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**COVINGTON, GA 30016**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200702**  
**8/15,22,29-9/5**

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

**IN RE** the name change of  
**KAMELL ERNESTO FERGUSON PETITIONER**

**CIVIL ACTION File**  
**# 2021-CV-1709-3**

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF ADULT**

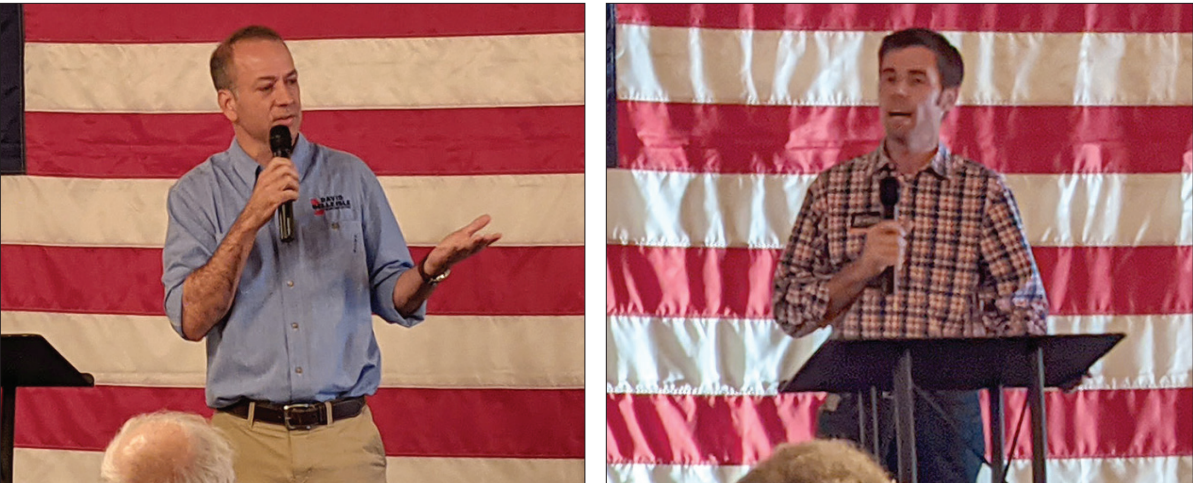
**KAMELL ERNESTO FERGUSON** filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on JULY 15, 2021 to change the name from **KAMELL ERNESTO FERGUSON** to **KAMELL ERNESTO SALAS** Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30







GOP candidates speak to Newton County Republican Party



Special | Brendan Cherry

Announced candidates for state and congressional seats up for election in 2022 were among those attending the Newton County Republican Party’s monthly meeting Tuesday, Aug. 24, at the Reserve at Hendricks in downtown Covington. Speakers included Secretary of State candidate David Belle Isle (left) of Alpharetta, state Labor Commissioner candidate Bruce Thompson of Cartersville, and 10th Congressional District candidate Timothy Barr (right) of Lawrenceville. Others in attendance included 10th Congressional District candidates David Curry of McDonough, Col. Mitchell Swan of Good Hope, and Patrick Witt of Bogart, said party chairman Brendan Cherry.

Newton County Think and Thrive Women’s Expo



The Newton County Chamber of Commerce’s Think and Thrive Women’s Expo Thursday, Aug. 26, at the Reserve at Hendricks in downtown Covington included an expo featuring female-owned companies and nonprofits; and speakers such as Serra Hall of the Newton County Industrial Development Authority. Pictured right, from left, Brooke Dial, Daphne Cofer and Rhonda Roule of the Covington Woman’s Club prepare for attendees of the event.

Tom Spigolon | The Covington News



BOARD:

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according to the Georgia Department of Education.

Meanwhile, this year’s tax digest — the total of assessed values of all real property in the county — is 60% higher than 2016.

“For us not to pull the rate back is not proportional to the increase we’ve seen over the years,” he said.

Henderson-Baker made the motion for the 18.288-mill rate. She said a property tax rate higher than the full rollback rate of 17.737 was needed to produce enough revenue to cover future funding needs.

“To go all the way down (to the rollback rate), you take a chance of having to turn around and disappoint the taxpayers and say, ‘You know what? Now we’ve got to increase it back up,’” Henderson-Baker said.

She said the district is competing with neighboring school districts that offer higher pay for teachers, and the private sector that offers higher pay for bus drivers, she said.

Those who ask why the school system is not approving a decrease as sharp as the 14% the county commission approved may not be aware NCSS has higher funding needs associated with being Newton County’s largest employer.

“There’s no comparison,” she said.

Johnson urged board members to choose a rate higher than 18.288 mills to allow the school district to gain enough extra funding to avoid asking for money if needed in the future.

“You’ve got to speak up with what revenue we’re going to produce. We need

more revenue than your recommendation,” he told Henderson-Baker.

“We can’t risk the performance of the schools on the low rate that we’re talking about,” Johnson said.

He said lack of funding could affect everything from the graduation rate to the school district’s competition for teachers and bus drivers.

“We can’t do this on ‘nickel and dime.’ It’s better to have it and not need it, than to need it and not have it — that’s the principle we should be going on,” Johnson said.

However, a motion to approve a rate of 18.788 mills failed on a 3-2 vote.

Property taxes fund about 29% of the school board’s General Fund budget, which is tentatively set at \$233.8 million in the 2022 fiscal year — up more than \$14 million from 2021.

Board members in June tentatively approved a tax rate of 19.788 mills — the same property tax rate approved for Newton schools the previous three budget years.

If approved, it would have produced significantly more revenue than last year because this year’s county net tax digest is \$3.47 billion — a 14.5% increase from \$3.02 billion last year.

The net tax digest is the total of assessed values of all real property in the county after all exemptions are removed. Real property is generally defined as land and buildings.

Newton County’s tax digest has increased 60% in five years since the 2016 digest totaled \$2.16 billion.



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The Bicentennial Committee reserves the right to deny any submission for a brick that includes vulgar language or hate speech towards any one person or group. These submissions can be denied. All monies raised for the Newton County Legacy Brick Program will be used to cover the cost for the installation of the bricks and to fund Bicentennial events throughout the year.



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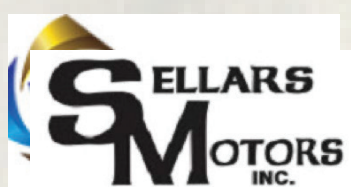
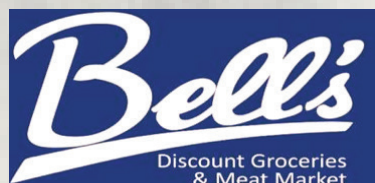


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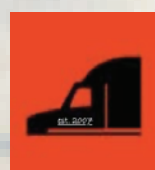
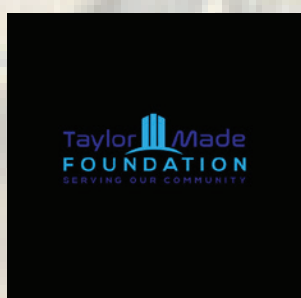
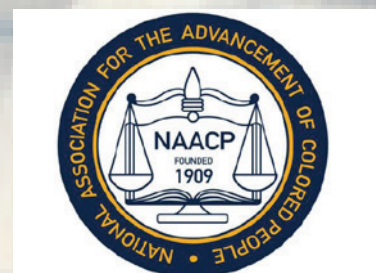
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2021 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Alcovy Tigers

0-1 (0-0)

@ North Forsyth – 7-37, L

8/27-vs.-Newton- Canceled

9/10 @ Eastside (Sharp)

9/24 @ Rockdale County\*

10/1 @ Lowndes

10/8 @ Colquitt County

10/15 vs. Grovetown\*

10/22 @ Lakeside-Evans\*

10/29 @ Heritage-Conyers\*

11/6 vs. Evans\*

Eastside Eagles

1-0 (0-0)

@ Winder-Barrow – 20-8, W

9/3 @ Newton (Sharp)

9/10 vs. Alcovy

9/17 vs. Johnson-Gainesville\*

9/24 @ Apalachee\*

10/1 vs. Clarke Central\*

10/8 vs. Loganville\*

10/22 @ Jackson County\*

10/29 @ Walnut Grove\*

11/5 vs. Greenbrier\*

Newton Rams

1-0 (0-0)

@ Langston Hughes – 7-6, W/OT

8/27@ Alcovy- Canceled

9/3 vs. Eastside (Sharp)

9/17 @ McEachern

9/24 vs. Houston County

10/1 vs. Parkview\*

10/15 @ Brookwood\*

10/22 vs. Mill Creek

10/29 vs. Grayson\*

11/5 vs. South Gwinnett\*

Social Circle Redskins

2-0 (0-0)

George Walton – 40-6, W

Providence Ch. – 21-0, W

9/3 @ Walnut Grove

9/10 @ Putnam County

9/17 vs. Oglethorpe Co.

10/1 @ Washington-Wilkes\*

10/8 vs. Lincoln County\*

10/22 @ Commerce\*

10/29 vs. Towns County\*

11/5 @ Greene County\*

\* – denotes region game.

Schedules are subject to change.

INSIDE:

Rams vs. Tigers canceled

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INSIDE:

Redskins take on Storm

See B4



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Eastside Eagles 20, Winder-Barrow Bulldogs 8

LIGHTNING START



Anthony Banks | The Covington News

Eastside running back Dallas Johnson (3) tries to run through the middle of Winder Barrow's defense during the first quarter of the Eagles' season opener. Shortly after kickoff, both teams were forced to wait out a lightning delay that lasted more than an hour.

Eagles take down Winder-Barrow after thunderstorms cause delay

By GARRETT PITTS

Correspondent

WINDER, Ga. — The Eastside Eagles did not let the rain or lightning stop them from beginning their season as they took on the Winder-Barrow Bulldogs to start their 2021 campaign.

The Eagles were looking to replicate the same outcome as last season, when they opened the year with a 27-14 win over the Bulldogs.

After both teams opened the game with punts, the officials would place the game

under a lightning delay that lasted an hour and a half.


Following a long wait in the locker room, play finally resumed, and the Eagles would waste no time getting on the scoreboard. Senior running back Dallas Johnson ran the rock up the middle and down into Bulldog territory which would lead to a 35-yard field goal from senior Rodney Williams to give the Eagles a 3-0 advantage.

The Bulldogs would not show any signs of rust either as they would quickly

ly march down the field and take the lead on a 19-yard touchdown pass from Conyer Smith to Trevor Summerfield to give Winder-Barrow the 6-3 lead after a missed extra-point attempt.


After multiple empty drives from both teams, the Eagles would stick to the ground and take the lead back on a four-yard rush by Kenia Grier to give Eastside the 10-6 lead halfway through the second quarter.

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Prep Football

# Cougars fall road in opener

**By CHRIS BRIDGES**  
news@covnews.com

WARRENTON, Ga. — It was a case of missed opportunities for the Piedmont Academy football team in its 2021 season opener Friday, Aug. 20.

The Cougars traveled to Briarwood Academy in Warrenton and dropped a 26-0 contest to a strong Buccaneers team. The game was scoreless late in the first quarter when Piedmont rushed the Briarwood punter who then scrambled looking to pass.

Piedmont was called for a roughing the passer penalty, which gave Briarwood possession inside Cougar territory. That helped the host Buccaneers take a 6-0 lead.

Despite having some impressive offensive numbers, missed scoring chances hurt Piedmont.

“The final score was not an indicative of how the game went,” said Cougars head coach Clint Satterfield. “We have to finish drives. We finished the first half at their 8-yard line. We came out and stopped them defensively and then drove down and threw an interception at the 5-yard line.”

Briarwood sealed

with the win with two long touchdowns runs in the second half.

“Defensively we need to line up correctly,” Satterfield said. “If you take away four or five plays it would have been different game. We were not dominated by any means. We competed with them but they were a tough opponent to start the season with.”

Quite simply, the new coach said his team has to finish scoring opportunities.

“We have to reach pay dirt,” he said. “Sometimes in this type of offense you are going to have red zone difficulties occur. We are not in a panic mode. We just have to keep working and preparing.”

Justin Reynolds was 18-of-42 for 143 yards. Brody Anderson had nine catches for 81 yards while Landon Conner caught six passes for 51 yards. Luke Welch and Joe Clark also had receptions.

Clark was the team’s leading rusher with 12 carries for 45 yards. Michael Joseph added 22 yards on six rushes.

Defensively, Connor and Welch both had six tackles while Dalton Wallace recorded five

and Spencer Carter made four tackles. Mason Tanner, Gavin Mask, Cole Wade, Mark Hicks and Clark all had three tackles. Anderson had an interception.

Piedmont was off this week and will travel to John Hancock Academy in Sparta on Sept. 3. While it is something unusual to have an open date after the first week of the season, Satterfield said it is a good thing for his team.

“I am actually glad we have it,” the coach said. “We spent all day watching film with kids on Monday. In a typical week you don’t have that time. With it being an off week, we put in plenty of film study.”

The Cougars are already preparing for the game next week with JHA.

“It looks like we will see the triple option and you never have enough time to work on that,” Satterfield said. “Offensively, we will work on completing drives and executing. We had a couple of costly drops and some receivers go inside on routes instead of outside and it led to a turnover. I would rather it happen now than in November.”

Prep Softball

# Social Circle blanks Lincoln County in region opener



Phillip B. Hubbard | The Covington News

**Starting pitcher Madalyn Spinks (14) threw four innings against Lincoln County on Aug. 24, striking out three batters and allowing no hits.**

**By PHILLIP B. HUBBARD**  
phubbard@covnews.com

Social Circle was aggressive in its 9-0 win versus Lincoln County on Aug. 24. The win gives the Lady Redskins a 1-0 region record.

Five of the team’s nine runs were scored in the bottom of the third inning.

After already leading 2-0, Kaylynn Scaffie scored on a fly ball by Gracie Jones. Through the assistance of a couple of errors by Lincoln County, Halie Richardson also scored to double Social Circle’s lead.

Jones scored the fifth run on a Macy Langley double to left field.

Langley was brought home off a Morgan Chambers double and Chambers later scored when Avery Bedsole singled to center field.

Two more runs were scored by the Lady Redskins to give them a comfortable win.

Receiving multiple contributions impressed head coach Bryan Eades the most.

“I think we go pretty deep in the lineup being able to swing the bat,” Eades said. “If we can get contributions from throughout the lineup, it definitely makes us a more dangerous team.”

In addition to hitting the ball efficiently, the Lady Redskins were very aggressive in their base running. As a matter of fact, that’s how the first run of the game was scored.

Richardson, who was the lead off batter, reached on an error in the bottom of the first inning. After she reached first base, Richardson stole second base then advanced to the third on a Scaffie groundout.

Because Richardson was so aggressive, she was in the perfect position to score when Jones lined out to the shortstop.

Despite the shut out, Eades, who is in his first year as head coach, admitted the team has yet to find its identity.

“This was only our fourth game because of so many rain outs and

such,” Eades said. “I’m just trying to still learn and see what these kids can do. I’d love to be aggressive if we can and put pressure on the defense as much as possible.”

The Lady Redskins also defeated Washington-Wilkes in a close 4-3 win in extra innings on Aug. 26. Next, they will play Prince Avenue and Stephens County on Aug. 28.

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**PREP SOFTBALL SCOREBOARD**  
Aug. 23 – Aug. 26

**Eastside (4-0)**  
8/24 – W 10-1 @ Apalachee  
8/26 – W 10-2 vs. Clarke Central (Game 1)  
8/26 – W 15-0 vs. Clarke Central (Game 2)

**Alcovy (5-1)**  
8/25 – W 8-0 @ Putnam County  
8/26 – W 11-5 vs. Heritage

**Newton (3-4)**  
8/23 – L 12-0 vs. Grayson  
8/24 – L 14-0 @ S. Gwinnett  
8/25 @ Morgan County (delayed due to lightning)

**Piedmont Academy (4-2)**  
8/25 – W 3-1 vs. Brentwood

# Newton’s Collins commits to MSU



Phillip B. Hubbard | The Covington News

**On Wednesday, Aug. 25, Newton cornerback Audavion Collins announced his commitment to the Mississippi State football team surrounded by coaches, teammates and family in the Newton High School gymnasium. Collins, who is currently rated a three-star prospect by 247Sports for the Class of 2022, chose the Bulldogs from his final five schools: Michigan State, Tennessee, Indiana and Central Florida.**

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**Eastside defenders D'von Duplessis (16), Damarco Lackey (36) middle and Christian Benson (34) stop Winder-Barrow's Aidan Thompson (9) on its first possession.**

## EAGLES:

Continued from B1

Both defenses would continue to make the necessary stops as the 10-6 score would carry over into halftime. After being forced to punt on the opening drive of the third quarter, the Bulldogs would finally break through on defense as they would get in the backfield and block the Eagles' punt and force the safety to trim the Eastside lead to 10-8 early in the second

half. Running back Dallas Johnson later ripped off a 41-yard touchdown run to put the Eagles ahead 17-8 with 4:30 left in the third quarter. With 7:37 remaining in regulation, Rodney Williams Jr. converted a 41-yard field goal to extend the Eagles lead to 20-8, which would be the final points of the contest.

## Social Circle Redskins 21, Providence Christian Academy 0

# Redskins brace Storm, eye 2-0 start

By **STEPHEN MILLIGAN**  
*The Walton Tribune*  
**SOCIAL CIRCLE** — The Redskins had to wait nearly an hour to take the field due to a passing storm, but once they did, it was a far harder task taking on the Providence Storm.

The Redskins struggled on offense for half the game but finally found its footing, while the defense smothered the Storm, causing seven turnovers and ultimately defeating Providence Christian 21-0.

Providence started with a long drive into Redskins territory, only to give it away on a long interception to KJ Reid.

Social Circle went three-and-out on the gift possession, however, and soon Providence was back deep in Redskins territory again.

Yet a quarterback scramble led to a loose football as the Storm fumbled it into the hands of Mehki Butts for the second turnover of the night.

The Redskins punted after another dud drive but forced the Storm to kick it back after a defensive stand early in the second quarter.

The Redskins earned their first first down of the game on the ensuing drive, but ran out of steam right after and punted yet again.

After another Storm punt, Social Circle gave the ball away with a first down fumble by Kameron Durden, setting Providence up



Cassie Jones | The Walton Tribune  
**Social Circle defender Kam Durden (2) returns an interception for a touchdown against Providence Christian Academy Friday night.**

at the Redskins 44-yard line.

Yet three plays later, Durden intercepted the ball and scrambled through a field of tacklers for a 56-yard pick-six. Xavier Wallace kicked the ball through for a 7-0 lead.

Providence mounted a drive to score before the half, but Mason Moore intercepted the ball at the 11 to end the quarter.

Social Circle started the second half with the ball and drove deep into Storm territory, only to give it up on a punt after several holding penalties.

The Storm, backed up on their own 1, seemed in precarious territory, only to throw a 55-yard pass to shoot past midfield.

The Storm reached the 13 and went for the

end zone when Reid intercepted at the 1 and shot down the field to reach the Storm 32 midway through the third quarter.

The Redskins would surge to the 13 but faced fourth-and-7 there. Rather than settle for a field goal, though, Logan Cross threw a dart to Reid to score the first offensive points of the game. The kick was good for a 14-0 score.

Three plays later, the Redskins punched the ball loose and Tucker Cleary fell on it for the sixth turnover of the night.

The Storm would start another long drive before Moore intercepted, only to be called for pass interference. The Storm looked to push deeper, only for Moore to intercept again, this time cleanly, and end

another Providence possession.

Social Circle went to the running game to burn clock and finally found a rhythm, letting Durden take the ball repeatedly and push down the field. Durden finally scored on a 7-yard touchdown run and the kick made it 21-0.

Another Providence drive started with promise, moving into Redskins territory with help from an interference call, only to see the drive falter and ultimately turn it over on downs with time draining away.

Social Circle was looking for a 2-0 start in on-field play for the first time since 2018. The Redskins play at Walnut Grove on Friday.

# Johnson Ferry spoils Peachtree Academy's season opener

By **PHILLIP B. HUBBARD**  
*phubbard@covnews.com*  
**COVINGTON, Ga.** — Peachtree Academy seemed to always be a step behind in its season opener loss against Johnson Ferry Christian Academy.

It all started with the opening kickoff.

Saints' return man Grant Steele gathered the kick from David Osborne at his own 18-yard line. Steele then found a seam through the Panthers and jetted for an 82-yard touchdown return.

Just 12 seconds into the contest, Johnson Ferry led 6-0.

Things got worse for the Panthers from there. The Panthers surrendered 28 of the Saints'



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**Johnson Ferry Christian Academy played spoiler in Peachtree Academy's home opener Friday night. At the time of The Covington News' deadline, the Saints were leading the Panthers 58-6 in the fourth quarter.**

58 points in the opening quarter.

Peachtree Academy's offensive line allowed

several sacks and tackles for loss throughout the game. Sometimes, the ball wouldn't get

snapped due to a false start.

Then, when they did hold back the Saints'

defensive line, quarterback Connor Boeckman would be a second too late getting the ball to his receivers.

As a result, Boeckman threw two interceptions in the first half alone.

To make matters worse, there were a few times where the Panthers would fumble the ball giving back possession to Johnson Ferry.

But, the moment that was indicative of the entire night came on the Saints' lone score of the second quarter.

Patrick Dean connected with Steele for a 20-yard touchdown pass. On the play, multiple Panthers tried to tackle Steele to no avail.

It even seemed that a host of Panthers

brought Steele to the ground, but he somehow kept his balance down the sideline and made it to the end zone.

All of the Panthers defense hung their heads and slowly walked back to the sideline.

It was, indeed, a long night for the entire squad.

Be that as it may, there were some positive moments for Peachtree Academy.

For instance, Dominic Sampson recovered a fumble in the second quarter when the Saints were threatening inside the five-yard line.

Defensively, the Panthers forced a few turnovers on downs to somewhat keep the Saints' offense at bay.

Nevertheless, the 28-0 first quarter hole was too steep to dig out of for Peachtree Academy.

The Panthers later trailed 58-6 in the fourth quarter.

There'll be a lot to work on in the coming weeks if the Panthers have any inclination to return to state championship glory for the third time in four seasons.

Now, after starting the season 0-1, Peachtree Academy will host Victory Baptist next week, Sept. 3 at Panther Stadium.



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work to help youth. **C8**



### Land for sale

The Monroe City Council will  
consider buying land where  
two busy highways meet in  
hopes of making big  
improvements. **A3**

### Hospitals hurt

Across Georgia, health care  
centers feel the surge from  
the delta variant. **A2**

## Online

### Game canceled over COVID-19

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Newton is  
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### MONROE AREA vs. WALNUT GROVE

Full coverage of Week 2 games in SportsExtra, Section B

## HURRICANES ON PARADE



Monroe Area High School cheerleaders wave to the crowd below from a fire truck at the Hurricane Blowout celebration of local football teams, bands and cheerleaders Thursday night in downtown Monroe. The Purple Hurricanes had their first home game Friday night. David Clemons | The Tribune

## COMMISSIONERS

### A chance to sound off on jail

Board to hold work  
session, hear from  
citizens Thursday night

**David Clemons**  
THE WALTON TRIBUNE

MONROE — Citizens  
will get their chance to  
speak out on where —  
or if — a county jail  
should be built.

The proposed Walton  
County Public Safety  
Complex has been a hot  
topic in recent weeks,  
after county commis-  
sioners voted to enter  
into a donation and  
purchase agreement to  
acquire land off East  
Church Street in Mon-  
roe.

That plan has been  
spiked, but many res-  
idents oppose the new-  
est proposal for a jail  
that's been at least a  
decade in the works.

A work session of the  
Board of Commis-

**Jail » Page A7**



'I'm disappointed in each of you,' Debbie Bouchard of the Stonecreek neighborhood tells county commissioners on Aug. 3. David Clemons | The Tribune

## Crime buffs, this one's for you

Martin Short stars in new Hulu series 'Only Murders in the Building'  
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## COVID-19

# Georgia hospitals feeling the strain

Surge from delta variant drives patient diversion for ambulance cases

**Denise Etheridge**  
THE WALTON TRIBUNE

The delta variant surge among mostly unvaccinated Georgians has caused hospitals across the state to divert patients, including hospitals operated by Piedmont Healthcare — of which Piedmont Walton is a member.

Monroe Mayor John Howard posted this to Facebook earlier this week: “Ladies and gentlemen, our hospital is full. Covid is running rampant, and Piedmont Walton is doing everything they can to care for every patient. Many hospitals are overflowing and have sent many of their cases to Monroe.

“Please keep the men and women of Piedmont Walton and the patients in their care in your prayers.”

On Thursday, Piedmont Healthcare issued this statement: “Piedmont Healthcare COVID-19 patient population continues to reflect trends shown in reports from the state



**Georgians should call 911 for treatment at their local hospital in case of an emergency, the state Department of Public Health said this week, but shouldn't go there just for a COVID-19 test.** David Clemons | The Tribune

of Georgia. As a system, Piedmont Healthcare is closely monitoring and managing the available capacity within our hospitals. Understanding the strain this crisis puts on our resources, like all hospital and health systems nationwide, we review available resources daily related to current COVID volume, and where possible, we continue to shift resources as needed to maintain appropriate capacity — as we have since the pandemic began.”

The Georgia Department of Public Health reported this week that Georgia hospitals, EMS personnel and resources are being stretched “to unprecedented levels” and in many cases are tempo-

rarily unable to provide normal emergency care to patients arriving by ambulance.

“Diversion is a term specific to ambulance transports and is a request to ambulances to transport patients to other local facilities if possible,” DPH spokesperson Nancy Nydam said in a news release. “Diversion does not apply to individuals seeking emergency medical care. Individuals experiencing a medical emergency should call 911 and ask for assistance.”

To reduce the strain on EMS and hospital emergency rooms, Georgians are first being asked to get vaccinated; and second to seek COVID-19 testing at testing locations in

their communities rather than showing up at hospitals to be tested.

Testing sites can be found on the DPH website, [dph.georgia.gov/covidtesting](http://dph.georgia.gov/covidtesting).

Likewise, COVID vaccinations are available statewide and are considered the best means for ending the coronavirus pandemic and easing the burden on EMS, the health care system and health care providers.

The Pfizer vaccine received full approval from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration this week. The Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines currently have emergency use authorizations from the FDA.

To find a vaccination location, visit [dph.georgia.gov/covid-vaccine](http://dph.georgia.gov/covid-vaccine).

“Georgians aged 12 and older are urged to get vaccinated and wear a mask in public settings where social distancing is not possible and wash their hands frequently,” Nydam said.

As of press time Friday, the hospital region that includes Walton County had 571 general inpatient beds in use out of 610 total beds, or 93.61% capacity, according to the Georgia Geospatial Information Office.

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## Calendar Thursday

**Event:** Public Safety Day, celebrating the hard work of men and women in local law enforcement agencies, will be from 5-7 p.m. Thursday at the Town Green, 235 Main St., Loganville. The first 100 people will get free hot dogs.

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## Friday

**Concert:** The final concert of the 2021 First Friday series will be Sept. 3 with The Tams performing at 7 p.m. on the site of the future Downtown Green (306 S. Madison Ave.) in Monroe.

## Sept. 4

**Class:** Monroe-Walton Center for the Arts will have a paint and pizza party with Donna Coffman from noon to 2 p.m. Sept. 4, for children 6 and older. Email [donna@monroeartguild.org](mailto:donna@monroeartguild.org).

**Event:** Volunteer orientation at the Monroe-Walton Center for the Arts will begin at 1 p.m. Sept. 4.

## Sept. 7

**Meeting:** The Walton County Board of Commissioners will meet at 6 p.m. Sept. 7 on the second floor of the Historic Courthouse, 111 S. Broad St., downtown Monroe.

## Sept. 9

**Event:** The September membership luncheon of the Walton County Chamber of Commerce will be the United Way of Walton County campaign kickoff. The luncheon will begin at noon at Grace Monroe, 203 Bold Springs Ave. Register at [waltonchamber.org](http://waltonchamber.org).

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



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## ESP hosting Big Jump here on Saturday

MONROE — Extra Special People will have its annual Big Jump fundraiser from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at Skydive Monroe. The event funds summer camp scholarships, with more than 60 jumpers taking part. That includes local celebrities such as Walker and Chloe Nelson from WNGC.

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MONROE

# City considers land buy along highways

Goal is easing traffic woes on congested US 78, state Route 138

**Denise Etheridge** THE WALTON TRIBUNE

The city of Monroe is considering buying land for a potential transportation project to help ease traffic congestion in the area of U.S. 78 and Georgia 138.

The Monroe City Council will discuss acquiring 34.68 acres from Liberty First Bank at a public hearing scheduled for 6 p.m. Sept. 14, at City Hall, 215 N. Broad St.



**Propes** City Administrator Logan Propes said 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.

“It’s very early in concept right now but we are trying to be proactive by ensuring we stay ahead of traffic growth as much as possible for the long term,” he said. “Land acquisition is the most important aspect of the plan.”

GDOT is proposing to improve roads within Loganville city limits and has asked the public to comment on a draft project.

In a news release, GDOT announced plans to improve state Route 20 at the intersections of Moon Road and Center Hill Church Road, Centerville-Rosebud Road and McCullers Road. The notice also describes GDOT’s intent to widen Highway 20 between Tuck Road and Atlanta Highway (U.S. 78) to an urban four-lane roadway with a raised median to improve traffic operations and reduce crashes.

The Highway 20 rehabilitation project is in the preliminary design phase. The project’s concept report must be approved and environmental studies must be conducted before the preliminary phase can be completed, according to GDOT.

The city of Loganville announced the proposed project on the city’s Facebook page. For more information, visit <http://www.dot.ga.gov/AboutGDOT/PublicOutreach> and click on the “View Info” button under “State Route 20 Reconstruction and Rehabilitation.”

Residents can find a link in the online release where they can provide comments. GDOT will accept comments through Sept. 13.

### Park improvements

Monroe officials also offered an update on park projects.



Land along the southeast corner of the interchange of U.S. 78 and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard (state Route 138) is up for sale, and the city of Monroe is considering buying it. The Monroe City Council will have a public hearing Sept. 14 at City Hall. David Clemons | The Tribune

“The town green is finishing up with engineering now,” Propes told *The Tribune* on Thursday. “We hope to get that to bid fairly soon in time to break ground around the Bicentennial.”

This week the city posted a detailed update on Phase II of its Mathews Park upgrades. The park is located at 1016 E. Marable St.

Plans include adding a 50-by-60-foot pavilion, replacing the metal awning with a 22-by-44-foot pavilion to match the style of the wooden pavilion and providing electricity to the pavilions.

Mathews Park will get picnic tables that comply with the Americans With Disabilities Act, grills of varying sizes and shade structures for the benches around the lake not shaded naturally. Park improvements also include an additional restroom facility, concrete walkways to pavilions and restrooms, decorative fencing and landscaping at the roadside.

“The timing of these elements will be dependent upon the pavilion builds and restroom installation,” states the online post. “At that point paving and walkways can be completed as weather cooperates, followed by entrance fencing and landscaping.”

The John Reid Memorial Disc Golf Course at Mathews Park will receive new signage.

The city aims to complete the improvements by spring 2022.

The city has also moved ahead on other long-term projects.

The Monroe Police Department moved into a larger space in the old Food Lion store on Blaine Street in

July. The Municipal Court shares one side of the renovated space with the MPD.

“The new Police Department is still getting some kinks worked out in the building and we are working on the parking lot,” Propes said. “Then we will look at doing a grand opening of sorts.”

Monroe bought the 8.839-acre property for the new police department and Municipal Court four

years ago for \$1.5 million. Along with the old Food Lion grocery consisting of about 30,000 square feet, the old shopping center property has an old Family Dollar consisting of about 15,000 square feet, and another larger section of old store frontage totaling about 45,000 square feet.

The old Police Department in a downtown building on South Broad Street will eventually be sold.

WALTON COUNTY

## State continues investigation after man found dead in home

The Georgia Bureau of Investigation has not yet identified the man found dead earlier this month at a home in Walton County.

“We are awaiting crime lab results in this case,” Nelly Miles, director of the GBI Office of Public and Governmental Affairs, told *The Tribune* on Friday.

The GBI said the landlord of a home on Jersey-Social Circle Road found the man dead at the home on

Aug. 2. That’s in unincorporated Covington.

The landlord called in the Walton County Sheriff’s Office, which in turn called in the GBI. At the time, the GBI said it wasn’t clear how long the man had been dead.

Anyone with information in the case is asked to call the Sheriff’s Office at 770-267-6557 or the GBI in Athens at 706-552-2309.

— David Clemons

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Our View on the Issue

# Get while the getting's good

Our friends in Oconee County apparently feel railroaded by the Walton County Commission chairman in his efforts to get funding for a Hard Labor Creek Reservoir pumping station.

For sure, David Thompson's management style isn't always one of consensus-building. The term "hard-charging" comes to mind, but that's what you get when you elect based on fiscal management and look for someone who is very much not a politician.

And while some on our editorial board have expressed skepticism about Thompson's hopes of getting federal stimulus funds for the county jail project, we fully support the idea of lobbying our leaders in Washington for our share of infrastructure dollars.

The massive spending — which wouldn't be happening without the swing

votes of Sens. Jon Ossoff and Raphael Warnock, both Democrats of Georgia — is tailor-made for this kind of project. A reservoir like Hard Labor Creek can fulfill the water needs of a growing metro Atlanta and help us land major industrial projects.

We understand Walton, with nearly 100,000 people, is going to need to draw water out of the reservoir well before smaller Oconee does. Walton also has a more than 70% stake in the project.

Reporting in *The Oconee Enterprise* indicates leaders there are worried Thompson will bully through a pumping station, no matter the cost, and stick our neighbors to the east with 28.8% of the bill.

But any money we get out of Washington would reduce the amount of money both counties have

to pay out of their general funds or through future bond issuances (read, paid back by higher property tax rates). Even if there are matching funds required, it still would be less than paying the entire freight ourselves.

If the federal government is going to invest in infrastructure anyway, this is a no-brainer. And if Oconee is concerned, it should consider selling some of its portion of the water that will be pumped to help pay back its share of the debt on this project — and to stop buying from Bear Creek Reservoir in Jackson County.

This hasn't been an easy process, for sure, but it's one that figures to set Walton and Oconee counties — and by extension, all of metro Atlanta — up for success in the decades to come.

*The Enterprise*, in an edi-

torial this week, writes that Thompson's predecessor, Kevin Little, pitched the idea for the Hard Labor Creek Reservoir to an Oconee County colleague over a meal at a Waffle House nearly 15 years ago.

Perhaps Thompson and Oconee Chairman John Daniell should take Ossoff and Warnock out for hash browns and a patty melt to lobby for their help in getting this paid for. They could do it at literally any time of the day and night the senators are available, and there's a store just 26 miles from the Capitol.

The reservoir was a wise investment, but we're only halfway there. Getting the pumping station would finish the job, and it's time we look at how to make that happen.

Our View is the opinion of The Walton Tribune editorial board, which includes Proprietor Patrick Graham and Editor and Publisher David Clemons.

Stephen Milligan  
*An early start to new spooky season*

Fall is nearly upon us. Oh, I know the calendar claims the season doesn't change over until the Autumnal Equinox on Sept. 22, but we all know fall is as much a state of mind as an actual changing of the weather.

And the signs are all there. School is back in session. High school football has kicked off once more, and college football is mere days away from doing the same now. Summer days are gone and fall evenings returning, whether the leaves are changing colors yet or not.

In fact, according to the official records, autumn officially begins on the first day of September, at least as far as meteorologic fall is registered, wherein the autumn months are officially September, October and November. It's only on the astronomic seasonal scale that we have to wait for the equinox to officially consider ourselves back in the fall season once again.

That means we're leaving behind warm summer nights for brisk fall evenings ... eventually, given our wacky climate. But even if the summer heat lasts into October, it won't stop that particular seasonal atmosphere from laying claim to the year.

We were talking about that atmosphere just the other day in the office, as one of my co-workers brought up the unofficial concept of "spooky season," the extended celebration of Halloween that feels no need to wait until All Hallows' Eve actually dawns to start ringing in the scariest time of year.

There's no full agreement on when spooky season starts — some say the beginning of October, while others are ready to start as early as Sept. 1. There are probably some who just never stop and celebrate spooky season all year round, like those people who never take their Christmas decorations down, but with a lot more orange decor involved.

Last year, I marked off all of October as my spooky season celebration, using it as an excuse to work through my backlog of horror novels, scary movies and other assorted pop culture. It was a lot of fun, but left me with a lot of material still to go at month's end.

So, this year, I think it might be nice to start my spooky season shenanigans with the beginning of fall, giving me a full two months to try and work my way through my giant backlog of spooky material.

I doubt it will be long enough to get through ALL of it, even still, but it'll at least give me more of a head start this go round.

Now comes the hardest part, as September looms ahead, mere days away. What book or movie do I kick it all off with?

The difficulty of that decision may be the scariest part of it all...

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The Hard Labor Creek Reservoir is shown in a 2018 aerial photo. Cy Nunnally | Special to The Tribune

Another View Oconee Enterprise

## Walton is trying to railroad Oconee County

In 2007, then-Walton County Board of Commissioners Chairman Kevin Little met with Oconee Commissioner Chuck Horton at a local Waffle House to convince him that a regional reservoir was worth the investment.

At the time, nearly 50% of Georgia land was classified as D4, the highest category of drought, according to the National Integrated Drought Information System. That year, the Georgia Environmental Protection Division banned outside water use. Oconee formed a drought contingency committee that led to water conservation initiatives like retrofitting public toilets and even a community-wide prayer service. (Yes, the drought was so bad that citizens gathered at the high school stadium and prayed for rain.)

But Horton remained skeptical because of the power imbalance between the two counties. Walton, which has more members on an oversight board, would have a 71.2% investment in the reservoir, whereas Oconee's share would be 28.8%. And while Oconee only needs 28.8%

of the water, debt from capital costs falls on both counties. (Oconee rate-payers are currently paying off a \$20 million, 40-year loan through the Governor's Water Supply Program.)

"We're setting ourselves up for a financial mugging on a long-term scale," read an editorial published in *The Oconee Enterprise* on Aug. 23, 2007. "Walton County has the last word. It has a blank check that can empty our wallets and those of our grandchildren. We won't control our own water future. Walton County will."

Fourteen years later, Walton County is attempting to expedite construction of a water treatment facility that Oconee County won't need for several more decades.

A reservoir is no good without a treatment plant, but it looks like Walton County doesn't have the luxury of waiting 25 more years to draw from the reservoir pool.

Newly elected Walton County Commission Chairman David Thompson took the lead on applying for a federal infrastructure

grant. How much Oconee and Walton may need to contribute remains to be seen. If it's millions of dollars, Oconee's water and sewer customers may have to pay off the debt without getting anything in return. Horton said he doesn't want Oconee to have to raise water rates for something that's not needed for quite some time.

The Hard Labor Creek Regional Reservoir in Walton County is a multigenerational water source. But so is Bear Creek Reservoir in Jackson County.

Bear Creek, which supplies Oconee with up to 4.5 million gallons of water per day, also provides water for Jackson, Athens-Clarke and Barrow counties. In the midst of the 2016-18 drought, the county was warned spigots would run dry by 2015.

"We are expected to need water before 2014, aren't we?" Oconee BOC Chairman Melvin Davis asked in September 2007.

Oconee County actually did look at other alternatives for a reservoir, such as Barnett Shoals and Lake Oconee. An engineering consulting firm found a

reservoir at Hard Labor Creek reservoir would have lower capital costs.

The Hard Labor Creek Regional Reservoir has the capability of supplying 52 million gallons of water per day to both Oconee and Walton counties.

But in 2018, former Oconee County Water Resources Director Wayne Haynie suggested upgrading Bear Creek's treatment plant and purchasing more water from other counties pulling from that reservoir.

"The treatment plant currently has a capacity of 21 million gallons per day and may be expanded in the future to 42 [million gallons per day]," according to the website of the Upper Oconee Water Basin Authority.

The Hard Labor Creek Regional Reservoir may have seemed like smart planning at the time, but maybe Oconee jumped the gun and should have had more faith in the Bear Creek Reservoir. Maybe we were too blinded by the chicken-little fear of a drought to see that the answer was right in front of us the whole time.

This editorial appeared Thursday in The Oconee Enterprise in Watkinsville.



# OTHER OPINIONS

Web poll WaltonTribune.com

## Who will have the best season in local high school football this year?

Monroe Area Purple Hurricanes.....	43%
Loganville Red Devils.....	31%
Social Circle Redskins .....	13%
Walnut Grove Warriors.....	8%
George Walton Academy Bulldogs .....	3%
Loganville Christian Academy Lions .....	1%

Results recorded from 9 a.m. Aug. 20 to 1:45 p.m. Friday. Results do not equal 100% due to rounding.

This week’s question: **What kind of season will Georgia have in 2021?** Vote now at WaltonTribune.com.



### Letters to the editor

## How did we get to this point in Afghanistan?

How? How did we as a once-great nation get to where we are today?

My answer has its basis upon the Pareto Principle. It states that 80% of consequences come from 20% of the causes. While its origin was derived from economics, it can also be used statistically and be applied to the current situation in Afghanistan.

How? Well, 80% of the consequences without doubt can be laid at the feet of President Biden. The 20% of causes can be spread at the feet of former Presidents George W. Bush, Barack Obama and Donald Trump.

Now, my premise is to use this tool not just to identify both causes and consequences. It is also written to motivate readers to give ample, reasonable thought to what I have written.

Let me provide some of my thoughts to the situation. First and foremost, in the last week what has occurred? The commander-in-chief has not commanded and, therefore, he should no longer be the chief. Recall how he hunkered down in his basement in Delaware during the campaign, hiding so as not to be exposed for what he really was. He was a 50-year career politician without significant performance or results. However, he was touted by the press as an expert in foreign policy. Take a glimpse for yourself to the withdrawal from Iraq and its aftermath. The aftermath was not good.

Check for yourself! He was, in fact, personally given this responsibility.

The unplanned and uncoordinated premature withdrawal of troops from Afghanistan yielded a colossal debacle. In my 80 years I have witnessed some debacles, e.g., the Bay of Pigs. It was ill-conceived and it was also a major blunder of foreign policy. One main difference: John F. Kennedy took responsibility quickly.

Biden choose to return to his basement in Wilmington and/or his new hiding spot at Camp David. What happened to transparency? There were a few press briefings or statements, but those that occurred were worthless. Plus, while defiant and strongly defending his actions, he seemingly ignored any semblance of leading his administration, both the secretaries of Defense and State were not on the same page, so to speak.

Regardless of whether any of what I have written you agree with or not, please think about it!

Because it will have lasting negative impact on these United States for years to come. Consider our standing in the world and what our allies such as NATO will do in the future.

Can they count on us? Don't forget during the first few days there was no communication with heads of state elsewhere in the free world.

What will China and Russia do? And, these are just a few of the questions facing us in the near future.

Oh, yeah, I almost forgot.

What will the Taliban do? Will they escalate their terror as we near the Aug. 31 deadline? Will we successfully get all Americans out without further incident? What about all the Afghans who served and helped us?

Are we as a nation susceptible to another terror attack on our homeland?

This is certainly not the once great country I grew up in.

Chuck Leathery, Monroe

### Herschel Walker should think this over carefully

Herschel, The media is already assembling any negative remarks or past mistakes you have made.

You are respected as a hardworking, Christian, conservative thinking man who happens to be one of the greatest football running backs ever to play the game.

Do your Georgia citizens and fans a favor and put your full support behind the U.S. Senate candidate of your choice.

No need to muddy your current status for this cause. At the very least you will split the Republican votes for nomination and then face an ugly race against the Democratic smear assault.





You can help your state the most by not entering this upcoming ugly campaign.

DW Pyles, Loganville

Submit letters to the editor by email to david.clemons@waltontribune.com, or by writing Editor and Publisher David Clemons at The Walton Tribune, P.O. Box 808, Monroe, GA 30655. Letters must be signed with the writer's address and telephone number, for verification purposes.

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## 'Dawg has his day

**Alan Verner of Morgan County announced Thursday he was retiring from the Joint Development Authority of Jasper, Morgan, Newton and Walton Counties after 22 years, including the last 15 as chairman. He is one of two original members left from its 1999 beginnings and led the Authority through recruitment of Takeda and**

**Facebook at Stanton Springs and the acquisition of land for Stanton Grove in Social Circle. Verner receives a retirement gift representing his favorite college football team, the University of Georgia Bulldogs, from Authority attorney Andrea Gray of Monroe during a meeting at the Covington Airport. Tom Spigolon | Covington News**

### WALTON COUNTY

## County honored for financial reporting

Walton's finance department earns honor for the 10th year in a row

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MONROE — The Walton County government has again received top honors for financial reporting.

The Government Finance Officers Association of the U.S. and Canada awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to Walton County for its comprehensive annual financial report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020.

An impartial panel judged the re-



Cronheim

port to meet the program's high standards, including demonstrating a "spirit of full disclosure" to communicate the county's financial story.

The GFOA awarded Walton its Certificate of Achievement for its report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011, and each year following.

Milton Cronheim is the chief financial officer of the county, a position he has held since May 2020. He succeeded Linda Hanna.

## ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be received for the Sanitary Sewer System Improvements, CDBG No. 20p-x-147-2-6160 at the City Hall, 166 North Cherokee Road, Social Circle, Georgia 30025 until 11:00 A.M. (Local Time), on September 30, 2021, at which time they will be publicly opened and read.

The work under this Contract will consist generally of the following:

The project construction includes ± 1,546 LF ccTV heavy clean and televise existing gravity sewer mains, ± 40 EA reconstruct manhole inverts, ± 115.1 VF existing manhole coating, ± 1,546 LF of 8" CIPP, ± 4,912 LF of 8" SDR 26 gravity sewer main construction, ± 100 EA sanitary sewer connections with 4"PVC laterals, erosion and sediment control and appurtenances.

All work on the Project must be completed within 210 consecutive calendar days of date of notice to proceed.

This is a Section 3 Covered Project under the HUD Act of 1968 and Section 3 Residents and Business Concerns are encouraged to apply. More information on the following pages.

The City is committed to providing all persons with equal access to its services, programs, activities, education, and employment regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, disability or age.

Bid shall be submitted on Bid Proposal Forms furnished for that purpose, in accordance with the Contract Documents and the Plans and Specifications, which are on file and may be reviewed at the office of the City Hall, 166 North Cherokee Road, Social Circle, Georgia 30025 and the office of Hofstadter and Associates, Inc., Consulting Engineers, 4571 Arkwright Road, Macon, Georgia 31210.

Copies of Bid Forms, Plans, Specifications and Contract Documents may be obtained from Hofstadter and Associates, Inc., 4571 Arkwright Road, Macon, Georgia 31210, upon deposit of \$300.00 per set. No refund will be made for returned documents.

No bid will be considered unless sealed and filed with Social Circle prior to the time set forth above, and accompanied by a Bidder's Bond, payable to Social Circle, for 10 percent of the amount of the bid; to be forfeited as liquidated damages in the event that the bid be accepted and the bidder fail to enter promptly into a written contract and furnish the required Payment Bond and Performance Bond and Insurance Certificates. Bids arriving after the designated time will be returned unopened.

No bids shall be withdrawn for a period of 60 days after the opening of bids. Social Circle reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to overlook and/or disregard informalities or irregularities in the proposals.

### EDUCATION

## Local districts buck trend of slumping Milestones scores

Participate rates higher locally due to emphasis on in-person learning

**Stephen Milligan** THE WALTON TRIBUNE

The numbers were down for the Georgia Milestones tests around the state, both in scores and participation, but local schools saw gains in many areas despite the COVID-19-based interruptions witnessed in numerous places during last year's pandemic conditions.

Scores were slightly lower across Georgia last spring compared to previous years, and fewer students took the tests than previously, trends state schools Superintendent Richard Woods attributed to pandemic conditions and disruptions.

"Georgia Milestones was designed to measure instruction during a typical school year, and 2020-2021 was anything but," Woods said. "Rolling quarantines, rising case counts and shifting instructional models impacted the educational experience for students throughout the state. Given all this — along with statewide differences in participation — we expected some decreases this year. Georgia educators and students have worked extremely hard, and these results do not reflect or diminish their efforts.

"With educators already working on getting students back on track and the vast majority of school districts offering five days a week of in-person instruction this year, I'm confident students will receive the support they need to make up any lost ground."

Yet the Walton County School District and Social Circle City Schools posted increases in many areas, with Walton County students matching or exceeding the state in all tested grade levels and subjects.

Social Circle produced gains in three out of the four content areas assessed.

Participation levels did drop in all systems, due in part to schools not requiring students to come in and take the tests if quarantined and due to state changes to testing weight for the last year.

The DOE sought a waiver from the U.S. Department of Education twice during the last year to scrap the tests for the 2020-21 school year because of the pandemic but was denied. The Georgia Board of Education responded to the federal decision by approving Woods' proposal to temporarily lower the weight the test scores counted toward students' final grades from 20% to just 0.01%.

Yet numbers were higher locally than statewide, as local systems never closed down or returned to digital learning only models in the last year. Participation rates in the WCSD ranged from 65% to 90% in elementary grades, compared to 59% to 79% statewide, while high school rates ranged from 78% to

88% locally, compared to 55% to 60% statewide.

"Due in part to our team's ability to offer an in-person learning option all year, Walton County saw significantly higher participation rates than the State," Nathan Franklin, the district's superintendent, said.

Compared to the Georgia Milestones tests administered during the 2018-19 school year, scores declined statewide by an average of 6 points in grades 3-8 and a range of 4-15 points in high school.

Yet local systems averaged higher than the state in most areas.

At elementary levels, WCSD students performed higher than state averages in all subjects, besting the state by 8 percentage points in fifth grade English, 12 percentage points in fifth grade mathematics, 17 percentage points in eighth grade science and 7 percentage points in eighth grade social studies.

High school had similar numbers, including 14 percentage points in American literature, 11 percentage points in algebra, 12 percentage points in U.S. history and 1 percentage point in biology.

SCCS students saw similar numbers over state averages, as high as 14 percentage points over the state in fifth grade English; 11 percentage points in fifth grade math; 9 percent in fifth grade science; 19 percentage points in American literature; and 13 percentage points in U.S. history.

Concerns remain over learning loss, as schools work to catch students up with where they'd ideally be had the pandemic not interrupted schooling.

"In a year that is unprecedented for students and teachers on a myriad of levels, we continue to exemplify an 'All In' focus on student engagement, student learning and high-quality instruction in every classroom," Robbie Hooker, the Social Circle schools superintendent, said.

"In the 2021-2022 school year, there is a renewed emphasis on literacy, math, effective use of technology for learning and supporting all students' social emotional learning. The Board of Education in Social Circle City Schools continues to commit the resources necessary to promote success for all students."

Still, local officials are pleased overall with where they are compared to region and state numbers around them.

"Despite the learning disruptions caused by COVID-19, our students have continued to excel at high levels," Franklin said. "I commend our teachers, students and staff for their continued hard work and excellence."

*Dave Williams, the bureau chief of the Capitol Beat News Service, contributed from Atlanta.*

## NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC CITY OF MONROE

The Mayor and the City Council of the City of Monroe, Georgia will hold a public hearing to consider the purchase and acquisition of that certain property commonly known as 830 Highway 138, Monroe, Walton County, Georgia, Map/Parcel No.: M0060017, containing 34.68 acres, more or less, from Liberty First Bank pursuant to a multiyear purchase contract in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 36-60-13 and 36-60-15. At the time of the public hearing the City Council of the City of Monroe, Georgia shall consider the terms and conditions of the commercial multiyear purchase and sale agreement for said property as well as any financing conditions related thereto. The public hearing will be held before the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Monroe on September 14, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the City Hall building located at 215 N. Broad Street, Monroe, Georgia 30655.

All those having an interest concerning this matter should be present.





## Monroe man injured, facing charges after crash

**Cantrell Deshun Smith, 36, of Monroe, was charged with driving under the influence after a head-on crash Aug. 19 on Sandy Creek Road in Morgan County. State troopers said Smith was driving a 1986 Nissan truck westbound and crossed over the centerline,**

**hitting a 2013 Toyota van driven by Lee Kennedy, 58, of Madison. The vehicles came to rest on the south shoulder of the road. Both Smith and Kennedy were taken to hospitals. The road was closed for about two hours.** Patrick Yost | Morgan County Citizen

### MORGAN COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

# 50-year sentence for child molestation

Morgan jury needs just half an hour to find Monroe man, 62, guilty of touching a 6-year-old girl in 2020

**Patrick Yost** MORGAN COUNTY CITIZEN

MADISON — A Morgan County Superior Court jury on Thursday found a Monroe man guilty of child molestation.

Arnold Merle McDonald, 62, was sentenced to 50 years by Superior Court Judge Alison T. Burleson of Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit following the guilty verdict.

According to Morgan County Superior Court documents, Burleson ordered that McDonald spend the

first 49 years of his sentence in incarceration and the last year on probation. McDonald is to be given credit for time served in incarceration at the Morgan County Detention Center since February 2020. The sentence essentially orders the 62-year-old man to spend the rest of his life in detention.

Court records state Madison police Sgt. Wes Thompson arrested McDonald on Feb. 21, 2020. A warrant alleged that between 7 and 7:30 p.m. the day before, McDonald enticed a 6-year-old girl by pulling the child into a closet and then removing



**McDonald**

his pants and the child's pants, then inappropriately touched the child.

The incident took place at a Micha Way residence. McDonald has remained incarcerated since his arrest.

McDonald was charged with one count of child molestation and two counts of enticing a child for indecent purposes. The jury returned a guilty verdict on all counts.

The one day trial ended Thursday. The jury deliberated about an hour and a half before returning the verdict. McDonald was sentenced to 20 years for child molestation and another 30 years for the two counts of enticing a child for indecent purposes.

## Jail: County commissioners will talk about their plans for a Walton Public Safety Complex

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sioners has been scheduled for 6 p.m. Thursday at the Historic Courthouse, 111 S. Broad St., Monroe. The meeting will include a public hearing, and anyone who wishes to speak may submit a public comment form to the chairman's office by 4 p.m. Wednesday.

The 1125 E. Church St. property, adjacent to the county Government Building, would have meant a new jail that gave deputies easy access for transporting inmates to court. But many people in Monroe balked after *The Tribune* first reported the news the night of the board's vote July 6.

Sheriff Joe Chapman has said a new jail is needed to improve inmate and jailer safety, and to alleviate overcrowding. Part of the 2011 Spe-



**Commissioner Kirklyn Dixon voted against a contract for getting a site plan on a new jail near the Government Building.** David Clemons | The Tribune

cial Purpose Local Option Sales Tax was supposed to pay for the project, but it was never built when officials couldn't agree if the jail could be renovated, or if a new one was to be built, what site should be used.

David Thompson became the chairman of the Board of Commissioners in January and has said he wants to take care of the jail issue. However, he caved to public pressure — including a resolution by the Monroe City Council condemning

the plan — and said by the end of July he was backing away from the East Church Street site.

Still, Thompson favors putting the jail near the Walton County Government Building. He's turned his attention to property off Georgia Avenue and Baker Street near the building that houses the state Division of Children and Family Services and Division of Child Support Services offices.

On a split vote Aug. 3, the Board of Commissioners voted to spend up to \$15,000 for Precision Planning Inc. to study a jail on the newly considered site.

Eleven people spoke at that meeting, the first since the July vote to

consider the East Church Street site. All 11 were opposed to the plans, even though Thompson already had announced he'd changed his mind.

At the Aug. 3 meeting, Thompson changed the rules to allow unlimited time for comments instead of the usual three-minute cap. He also moved the public comments to the end of the agenda instead of their usual spot before the call to order.

"We need to take care of county business ... then we'll stay to midnight if we have to," he said.

As it was, the meeting was gavelled in at 6:09 p.m. and adjourned at 8:14 — well short of midnight but still longer than most meetings of the Board of Commissioners.

## OBITUARY

**The Rev. James G. Webb**  
Monroe, Georgia

The Rev. James G. Webb, 95, of Monroe, passed away Tuesday, Aug. 24, 2021.

Funeral Services began at 3 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26, at Corinth Christian Church in Loganville with the Rev. Don Hardison officiating.

Burial followed at the Good Hope Christian Church cemetery.

The Rev. Webb was a World War II Marine Corps veteran and a member of Helping Hands, the Civitan Club and also the Pilot Club.

He is survived by his two daughters, Gwen (Joe) Babb of Monroe and Judy Johnston of Acworth; son, Jimmy Webb of Monroe; two brothers, Charles E. Webb of San Diego and Raymond L. Webb of Frankfort, Kentucky; grandchildren, Joey Babb, Ryan Babb, Leah Trimble, Jordan Johnston, Kyle Johnston and Lauren Webb; and six great-grandchildren.

Flowers are accepted, or if you prefer, memorials can be made to Corinth Christian Church, 1635 Highway 81, Loganville, GA 30052.

The family received friends from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 25, at 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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### More online



Check out this story at [WaltonTribune.com](http://WaltonTribune.com) to download the form to request time to speak at the Board of Commissioners work session and public hearing Thursday.

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# A month later, 'It's rough on us'

Neighbors continue to feel the effects after lightning sparks fire at inert landfill

Stephen Milligan THE WALTON TRIBUNE

The fire continues to smoke and smolder at the Holder Inert Landfill and nearby residents are getting increasingly irate as the ash and smoke continues to drift over their homes.

The fire, ignited by a lightning strike back on July 27, has been ongoing for nearly a month, despite efforts to water down the landfill and bury much of the flames under drifts of soil and dirt.

The flames have mostly been beaten underground, where they continue to smolder under piles of driftwood and dry tree stumps, but the smoke has risen continually due to the blaze and it has left the residents of the nearby neighborhood of Squirrel Hollow complaining of the unending miasma floating through the streets.

Jerry Page, a resident of Squirrel Hollow, said he's tired of the conditions and feels more should be done to address the fire after almost a month of smoky air outside his home.

"This is affecting us bad over here," Page said. "It's a constant smell. You can smell it coming through the vents in the house. It's giving us symptoms like COVID, too. We all have sore throats, coughing fits, tightening of the chest. My girlfriend went and got a COVID test but it was just because of all the smoke."



Work began this week to move dirt at the Holder Inert Landfill in an effort to tamp down the smoke that has been omnipresent since a lightning strike last month started a fire. 'Low ceilings bring the smoke to ground level at night, and there are virtually no winds aloft,' Assistant Chief Craig League of Walton County Fire Rescue said. 'This wind pattern is why the burn ban is in effect during the summer months.' Stephen Milligan | The Tribune

Page said he felt little was being done to contain the fire after early efforts to smother and drown the flames in the first week of the blaze.

"I hauled dirt for a living for eight years," Page said. "I think they should have been able to end this in a couple of weeks if they were doing all they could. The rumor around town is they're just letting it burn so when they open back up there'll be more room in the landfill."

Page said the isolated nature of the area, at the southern edge of town, has many in his neighborhood feeling they've been neglected.

"I feel there'd be more urgency to put an end to this if the fire was closer to a richer neighborhood in town," he said.

Page said he's somewhat pleased to see new equipment out at the landfill moving dirt once more this week and a talk with Walton County Fire Rescue has partly convinced him more is being done to contain the fire than it seems. But he still is concerned over the health of his neighbors, the wildlife around the neighborhood and his own household, and feels even more could be done to end the ongoing smoke threat.

"I think they should have it under control by now," he said. "They should be fined every day until it's out, if that's what it takes."

Until then, he said, he and his neighbors will continue to tough it out as best they can as the smoke swirls down into their community day and night.

"It's rough on us," Page said.

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# Thunderstruck

### Region 8-AAAAA

Team	Region	Overall
Eastside	0-0	1-0
Clarke Central	0-0	0-1
Greenbrier	0-0	0-1
Jackson County	0-0	0-1
Johnson	0-0	0-1
Loganville	0-0	0-1
Apalachee	0-0	0-2
Walnut Grove	0-0	0-2

**Friday's results**  
 Apalachee **7-27** Habersham Central  
 Buford **16-3** Clarke Central  
 East Jackson **0-26** Jackson County  
 Eastside **8-20** Winder-Barrow  
 Harlem **29-25** Greenbrier  
 Walnut Grove **0-35** Monroe Area  
**Idle:** Johnson, Gainesville; Loganville

**Next week's games**  
 Eastside at Newton  
 Greenbrier at Lakeside, Evans  
 Jackson County at Stephens County  
 Loganville at Forsyth Central  
 Madison County at Apalachee  
 Oconee County at Clarke Central  
 Social Circle at Walnut Grove  
**Idle:** Johnson, Gainesville

### Region 8-AAA

Team	Region	Overall
Hart County	0-0	2-0
Monroe Area	0-0	2-0
Stephens County	0-0	2-0
Franklin County	0-0	1-0
Oconee County	0-0	1-0
East Jackson	0-0	0-2

**Friday's results**  
 Cedar Shoals at Oconee County, late  
 East Jackson **0-26** Jackson County  
 Franklin County at Banks County, ccd.  
 Hart County **49-13** White County  
 Stephens County **42-0** North Hall  
 Walnut Grove **0-35** Monroe Area  
**Next week's games**  
 Banks County at East Jackson  
 East Hall at Franklin County  
 Jackson County at Stephens County  
 Monroe Area at Morgan County  
 North Hall at Hart County  
 Oconee County at Clarke Central

### Region 8-A (Public)

Team	Region	Overall
Social Circle	0-0	2-0
Towns County	0-0	2-0
Lincoln County	0-0	1-0
Commerce	0-0	1-1
Greene County	0-0	0-1
Washington-Wilkes	0-0	0-1

**Friday's results**  
 Bryan County **0-22** Lincoln County  
 Commerce **8-37** Pickens  
 King's Ridge **27-15** Greene County  
 Providence Christian **0-21** Social Circle  
 Towns County **14-31** Armuchee  
 Lake Oconee Acad at Pinecrest Acad, late  
**Idle:** Washington-Wilkes  
**Next week's games**  
 Athens Academy at Commerce  
 Social Circle at Walnut Grove  
 Twiggs County at Greene County  
 Washington-Wilkes at Cross Creek  
 Westside, Augusta at Lincoln County  
**Idle:** Towns County

### Region 8-A (Private)

Team	Region	Overall
Athens Christian	0-0	2-0
Athens Academy	0-0	1-1
Prince Ave Christian	0-0	0-1
George Walton	0-0	0-2
Loganville Christian	0-0	0-2

**Friday's results**  
 Athens Acad **33-9** Charlotte Country Day  
 Bethlehem Chr **3-0** Loganville Christian  
 St. Francis **22-23** Athens Christian  
 Stratford Acad **47-7** George Walton Acad  
 Christian Acad of Knoxville at PACS, late  
**Next week's games**  
 Athens Academy at Commerce  
 Athens Christian at Oglethorpe County  
 Prince Avenue Christian at Providence Christian  
 Strong Rock Christian at Loganville Christian  
**Idle:** George Walton Academy



Alan Jones rushes for a 14-yard touchdown Friday night, helping Monroe Area to a 35-0 victory over Walnut Grove. The game, like others in Walton County, was delayed as thunderstorms moved through the area just before kickoff. Read the game story on Page B4. Brett Fowler | The Tribune



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Social Circle 21, Providence Christian 0

SC makes the best of Storm miscues in win

Redskins start season 2-0 for first time since 2018 with WG up next

Stephen Milligan  
THE WALTON TRIBUNE

SOCIAL CIRCLE — The Redskins had to wait nearly an hour to take the field due to a passing storm, but once they did, it was a far harder task taking on the Providence Storm.

The Redskins struggled on offense for half the game but finally found its footing, while the defense smothered the Storm, causing seven turnovers and ultimately defeating Providence Christian 21-0.

Providence started with a long drive into

Redskins territory, only to give it away on a long interception to KJ Reid.

Social Circle went three-and-out on the gift possession, however, and soon Providence was back deep in Redskins territory again.

Yet a quarterback scramble led to a loose football as the Storm fumbled it into the hands of Mehki Butts for the second turnover of the night.

The Redskins punted after another dud drive but forced the Storm to kick it back after a defensive stand early in the second quarter.

The Redskins earned their first first down of the game on the ensu-



Social Circle senior Kam Durden (2) returns an interception for a touchdown in the first half of Friday night's game against Providence Christian. The Redskins were looking to start their season 2-0. Cassie Jones | MAK Photography



Tucker Cleary and Sean Crews team up to bring down the Providence quarterback Friday night in Social Circle. Cassie Jones | MAK Photography

ing drive, but ran out of steam right after and punted yet again.

After another Storm punt, Social Circle gave the ball away with a first down fumble by Kameron Durden, setting Providence up at the Redskins 44-yard line.

Yet three plays later, Durden intercepted the ball and scrambled through a field of tacklers for a 56-yard pick-six. Xavier Wallace kicked the ball through for a 7-0 lead.

Providence mounted a drive to score before the half, but Mason Moore intercepted the ball at the 11 to end the quarter.

Social Circle started the second half with the ball and drove deep into Storm territory, only to give it up on a punt after several holding penalties.

The Storm, backed up on their own 1, seemed in precarious territory, only to throw a 55-yard pass to shoot past mid-field.

The Storm reached the 13 and went for the end zone when Reid intercepted at the 1 and shot down the field to reach the Storm 32 midway through the third quarter.

The Redskins would surge to the 13 but faced fourth-and-7 there. Rather than settle for a

field goal, though, Logan Cross threw a dart to Reid to score the first offensive points of the game. The kick was good for a 14-0 score.

Three plays later, the Redskins punched the ball loose and Tucker Cleary fell on it for the sixth turnover of the night.

The Storm would start another long drive before Moore intercepted, only to be called for pass interference. The Storm looked to push deeper, only for Moore to intercept again, this time cleanly, and end another Providence possession.

Social Circle went to the running game to

burn clock and finally found a rhythm, letting Durden take the ball repeatedly and push down the field. Durden finally scored on a 7-yard touchdown run and the kick made it 21-0.

Another Providence drive started with promise, moving into Redskins territory with help from an interference call, only to see the drive falter and ultimately turn it over on downs with time draining away.

Social Circle was looking for a 2-0 start in on-field play for the first time since 2018. The Redskins play at Walnut Grove on Friday.

Eastside 20, Winder-Barrow 8

The elements can't stop Eagles in opening win over the Bulldogs

Garrett Pitts  
SPECIAL TO THE TRIBUNE

WINDER — The Eastside Eagles did not let the lightning and rain stop them from beginning their season as they took on the Winder-Barrow Eagles to start their 2021 high school football campaign.

The Eagles were looking to replicate the

same outcome as last season, when they opened the year with a 27-14 win over the Bulldogs.

After both teams opened the game with punts, the officials put the game on a lightning delay that would last for an hour and a half.

Following a long wait in the locker room, play finally resumed, and

the Eagles wasted no time getting on the board. Senior running back Dallas Johnson ran the rock up the middle and down into Bulldog territory which led to a 35-yard field goal from senior Rodney Williams to give the Eagles a 3-0 lead.

The Bulldogs did not show any signs of rust either as they quickly marched down the field and take the lead on a 19-yard touchdown pass from Conyer Smith to Trevor Sum-



Eastside running back Dallas Johnson (3) fights for yards against Winder-Barrow defense in the first quarter Friday night in Winder. Anthony Banks | Covington News

merfield to give Winder-Barrow the 6-3 lead after a missed extra-point attempt.

After multiple empty drives from both teams, the Eagles stuck to the ground and took the lead back on a 4-yard rush by Kenia Grier to give Eastside the 10-6

lead halfway through the second quarter.

Both defenses would continue to make the necessary stops as the 10-6 score would carry over into halftime.

After being forced to punt on the opening drive of the third quarter, the Bulldogs would finally break through on defense as they would get in the backfield and block the Eagles' punt and force the safety to trim the Eastside lead to 10-8

early in the second half.

Running back Dallas Johnson later ripped off a 41-yard touchdown run to put Eagles ahead 17-8 with 4:30 left in the third quarter.

With 7:37 remaining, Rodney Williams Jr. converted a 41-yard field goal to extend the Eagles lead to 20-8. That's how it ended.

Winder-Barrow (1-1) plays at Glynn Academy next week. Eastside plays host to Newton.

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Stratford Academy 47, George Walton Academy 7

# Bryan makes history in Bulldog loss

First girl to score in varsity football game for GWA

Greg Yarman CORRESPONDENT

MONROE — George Walton Academy junior Sara Bryan made school history Friday night, becoming the first GWA player to score a point for the Bulldogs football program.



Bryan

Bryan, who was an all-region selection at midfielder on the GWA soccer team this spring, came out for football this fall.

She got her first extra point attempt Friday night with 9:20 remaining in the second quarter as the Bulldogs played host to Stratford Academy.

After a 2-yard touchdown run by Caleb Fortunat, Bryan's PAT was true.

That cut Stratford's lead to 28-7, but the Eagles continued to pour it en route to a 47-7 victory.

After an hour's delay following lightning strikes in the vicinity of Don Williams Stadium, George Walton got possession but gained just 4 yards.

On its first play from scrimmage after a punt, Shaun Wilmore dashed 42 yards for a touchdown. Na-



George Walton Academy head coach Logan Beer watches from the sidelines during his first home game as head coach of the Bulldogs program Friday night in Monroe. David Clemons | The Tribune

than Haskell kicked it to 7-0.

Keondre Glover recovered a GWA fumble, giving Stratford a short field. After a 15-yard run by Glover, Nate Slappey took in the touchdown from 3 yards out and a 14-0 lead.

Shaun Wilmore picked off a pass and returned it to the GWA 31-yard line about midway through the quarter, setting up Glover's

8-yard touchdown run. Stratford led 21-0 after a quarter. The Eagles added to it in on a 24-yard touchdown pass to Keondre Glover from Lawson Cole just 10 seconds into the second quarter.

A face mask penalty tacked on to Fortunat's kickoff return set up 28- and 2-yard runs by Fortunat, the second giving GWA its touchdown.

But Stratford added an 8-yard touchdown run by Slappey and 15-yarder by Glover before halftime.

The teams played with a running clock in the second half. Stratford struck just once, on a 1-yard touchdown run by John Wade, and led 47-7 going into the fourth. That's where it ended.

Stratford put two players in triple-digits for rushing.

Wilmore ended at 109 yards while Slappey had 103.

Glover pitched in 57.

GWA (0-2) will be off next week and look for its first victory Sept. 10 at Crawford County in Roberta.

Stratford (1-0) will be back home in Macon next week to welcome Westfield, a 51-21 winner Friday night over Trinity Christian.

## Bethlehem Christian at Loganville Christian

# Rivals trade hard hits, but not scores, in the first half

LCA, Bethlehem Christian have intense first 24 minutes in early-season meeting of old GISA rivals

Chris Bridges CORRESPONDENT

LOGANVILLE — The ongoing rivalry between Loganville Christian Academy and Bethlehem Christian Academy continued Friday night although it took an extra 90 minutes to get the festivities started due to a lightning delay.

The delay did not dampen the intensity of the rivalry, however, as

several personal foul penalties were called and several crunching tackles delivered.

The game was scoreless at halftime. Look for full coverage at WaltonTribune.com.

The teams traded punts to start the game. The visiting Knights moved from their 19 to the Lion 42 on the team's second series before punting again.

LCA started its third possession of



Kemp



Ruder

the first half inside BCA territory at the 42. The drive stalled leading to a 29-yard field goal attempt by Andrew Wen-gryn.

The attempt was wide left but the Knights were called for running into the kicker. The Lions went for it on fourth-and-2 and converted a first down.

On the next play, however, Cody Craft recovered a fumble for BCA at its 6-yard line to stop the drive.

LCA alternated Gerrit Kemp and Josh Ruder at quarterback in the first half.

The rivalry between the neighboring county schools began when both were members of the Georgia Independent Schools Association.

Although LCA is now in the Georgia High School Association, the teams have continued the series.

Friday's game was much more than the two previous seasons when LCA won by a combined 81-7 score.

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Monroe Area 35, Walnut Grove 0

# 'Canes continue to roll with shutout

Monroe tops county rival Walnut Grove for second straight win

David Johnson  
CORRESPONDENT

MONROE — Monroe Area entered the season unranked, unheralded and under the radar, picked at best to finish runner up in its region.

But for the second straight week, the Hurricanes played over their heads — two classifications to be exact — and emerged victorious.

A week after trouncing arch-rival Loganville by three touchdowns, Monroe returned to the Purple Pit and routed local foe Walnut Grove 35-0, giving the Class AAA Hurricanes a pair of wins over Class AAAAA opponents.

It was Monroe's fifth straight victory over the Warriors.

For the second week in a row, they were dominant on both sides of the ball. Junior running back Alan Jones led the attack with 10 carries for 117 yards and two touchdowns, all in the first half.

Senior quarterback Selatian Straughter had another solid performance with a pair of scores, one rushing

and one passing. He closed out his career against the Warriors with 573 all-purpose yards and 10 touchdowns.

Meanwhile, on defense, the Hurricanes held the Warriors to just 18 yards in the first half. The second half was played with a running clock as both head coaches emptied their benches.

After a one-hour storm delay, the game got off to a sloppy start with both quarterbacks throwing interceptions. But while the Warriors could never get moving, the Hurricanes rolled, scoring on four straight possessions and getting a special teams touchdown.

Sophomore safety Blake Raffield got things started for Monroe when he picked off Warriors quarterback Ashton Adams on the Walnut Grove 30. A penalty pushed the ball to the 15 and one play later, Straughter sprinted around the right end for his first score.

The Hurricanes defense forced a three-and-out and the offense drove 64 yards in 10 plays, culminated by a 7-yard run by Jones.

Monroe began its next drive at its own 37



Monroe Area quarterback Selatian Straughter looks for room to run during Friday night's 35-0 win over cross-county Walnut Grove. Brett Fowler | The Tribune

to start the second quarter and went the distance in six plays, with Jones carrying four times for 52 yards and Straughter connecting with Jeremiah Anderson from 13 yards out for the score.

Walnut Grove picked

up its initial first down on the ensuing possession but was forced to punt three plays later. Monroe's Bernard Manga blocked the kick and Jakyri Jones picked it up at the 20 and rambled in for a touchdown.

The Hurricanes finished out the first half with a nifty run by Jones, who took the ball moving left, reversed his field and sprinted down the right sideline for a 36-yard TD run.

The Hurricanes im-

proved to 2-0 and will travel to Madison Friday to face Morgan County for the 52nd renewal of the long-time rivalry. Walnut Grove fell to 0-2 and will return home to face cross-county foe Social Circle.



## Better Health is a Team Sport.

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## Eagle flight



**Timothy Simmons, 16, stands in front of the scaffolding to erect the rest of the bandstand for his Eagle Scout project.** Stephen Milligan | The Tribune



**Timothy Simmons, in the yellow jacket, supervises the application of sealant on the wood that will form part of the final bandstand on the Loganville High School band practice field.** Stephen Milligan | The Tribune

# Boy Scout builds bandstand

Timothy Simmons, 16, puts up marching band platform for Eagle project

LOGANVILLE

**Stephen Milligan**  
THE WALTON TRIBUNE

Several times a week, the Loganville High School Marching Red Devils head out to the edge of campus to practice in a vacant field, working long hours to perfect marching routines and nail down patterns while playing their instruments.

With a large number of students on the field, it's necessary for band director Josh Brandon to be visible to as many of his musicians

as possible, so he stands on a platform to give him oversight of the entire area and make him a clear landmark to all his students.

The only problem with this solution was the platform itself was not in the best of shape.

"The old platform was barely holding together," 16-year-old Timothy Simmons, a junior at LHS and a saxophone player in the marching band, said. "It was extremely rickety and dangerous. It could have fallen apart at any time."

Timothy decided to do what he could to rectify the situation, talking with his band director, parents and Boy Scout Troop leader and ultimately deciding to

make the rescue operation double as his Eagle Scout project.

So, this summer, Timothy and a host of volunteers, parents and young men, from Troop 536 out of Loganville First United Methodist Church, found themselves standing in the overgrown field, doing their best to erect a new, permanent stand for the band director that would serve as a much safer place for the band leader to perch and guide practices for years to come.

The first step was to secure access from the school itself, reaching out not only to his band director, but the principal and school board for all the necessary per-

missions.

Next up was the need for supplies, particularly the four support posts that would serve as the foundation of the project design.

Timothy reached out to local businesses and got a bite from Walton Electric Membership Corp.

"Walton EMC donated the telephone poles for the project," Timothy said.

The Scout took the poles in hand and, with help from his father, cut them to size to serve as the four corner poles of his 15-foot-tall bandstand.

Then, with help from his entire troop, the poles were loaded up and brought to campus, where they were erected, scaffolding put up

and further work done, from creating the actual platform to putting up crossbars to bear weight to building a staircase around the outside of the structure to give easy access to the top without relying on ladders or less reliable steps.

Timothy said he's happy to see it all coming together with the help of his fellow Scouts and the various fathers in the Troop who lent a hand with tools, equipment and labor.

Now that the project's done, it's just a matter of getting it reviewed so he can earn his Eagle Scout rank.

"It's exciting," Timothy said. "And it's a bit nerve-wracking."

**Gary Hobbs** George Walton Academy head of school

## Here we grow again with new greenhouse at George Walton

Thanks to the support of George Walton Academy families and the generosity of one of the school's

founders, GWA is adding a new sustainable living greenhouse to expand learning opportunities for students of all ages.

The greenhouse is named for John Sorrells, one of the founders of the Academy. Sorrells has seen three daughters and three grandchildren graduate from the school, and his grandson will earn his diploma next spring.

Being raised on a farm and knowing the challenges

of growing seasons, Sorrells and his wife, Perry Nell, made the needed gift to enable GWA to cross the finish line for the Sustainability Greenhouse Classroom.

The couple supported the idea of having a facility that will give students hands-on experience through planting and nurturing vegetables, fruits, and flowers.

"We love that GWA students of all ages can use the greenhouse as a living classroom to run experiments, test out engineering projects such as irrigation systems, and even have a place to make botanical sketches," Mrs. Sorrells said.

Most of all, the Sorrellses

see the value in students being able to learn basic skills for planting in a controlled environment.

"As a young man growing up on a farm, I remember that not all crops were successful due to the weather. I appreciate that the greenhouse classroom enables students to study and practice what it takes to grow vegetables without having to worry about weather conditions ruining a project," Mr. Sorrells said.

"Having been a part of GWA since its beginning, we have seen the school continue to strengthen and grow with each passing year. Supporting the students has always been first

and foremost in our minds. We are glad for this opportunity to leave a legacy to the Academy by investing in a program that provides a long-lasting impact with students now and into the future."

The idea for the greenhouse came to Brian Cole, associate head of school for fine arts, as he was researching information for his sustainable living class.

Entering the third year of the class, Cole has led explorations in crafting chairs out of recycled cardboard, designing and planting a school garden, creating prototype shelters that could be distributed to the homeless population, building

beehives to raise honeybees, composting and setting up hydroponic spaces to start seedlings and grow plants inside his classroom.

His real-life approach to teaching encourages students to learn practical skills while thinking about the world around them.

"It is our duty as teachers to try to teach students to be better citizens," Cole said. "Between the outdoor garden and the greenhouse, students will now have a full range of opportunities to learn about food production, crop rotation and sustainability."

Gary Hobbs is the head of school at George Walton Academy. His email address is [ghobbs@gwa.com](mailto:ghobbs@gwa.com).





# Focus on Education Walton County School District

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## Welcome back



Loganville High School fall sport athletes and band members welcome Sharon Elementary students to school.

## Inchworm pals



Walnut Grove Elementary School first graders practiced writing words with the short-‘i’ sound with their new friend, Icky I the Inchworm!

## Digital reading



A Harmony Elementary School second grader reads a virtual book before summarizing the text.

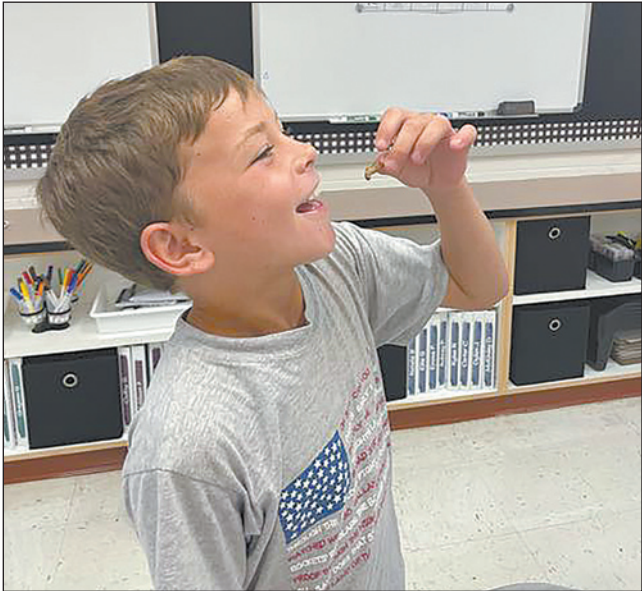
## Code breakers



Mrs. Townley’s language arts classes at Loganville Middle School reviewed phrases and clauses by playing a ‘Crack the Code’ game.

## Creepy crawlers

After analyzing the article ‘Creepy Crawlers – Save the World’ and writing constructed responses in regards to the topic, Walker Park Elementary School’s third and fourth grade Focus students found out that insects are high in protein, low in fat and more than 2 billion people eat them worldwide! Although this doesn’t appeal to most, this definitely captured their attention and led to a volunteer taste-testing of crickets! The majority who tried the crickets gave them a thumbs up! Bon Appetit!





# Sunday Comics

**Popeye Hy Eisman**



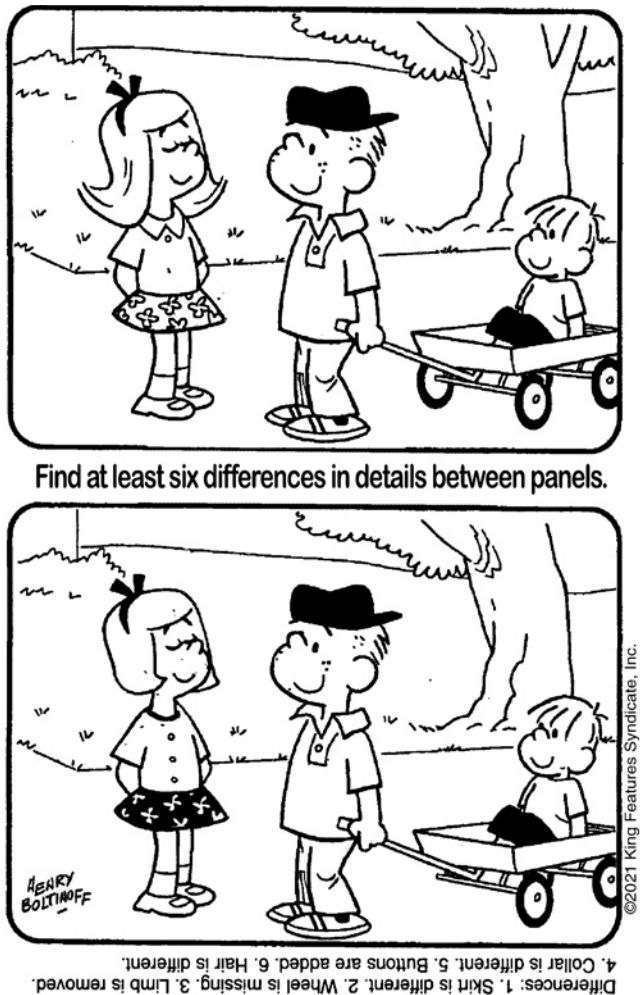
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**Sudoku**

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**Birthdays**

<b>8/29</b> Liam Payne singer, 28	<b>8/30</b> Cameron Diaz author, 49	<b>8/31</b> Jeff Hardy wrestler, 44	<b>9/1</b> Gloria Estefan singer, 64	<b>9/2</b> Keanu Reeves actor, 57	<b>9/3</b> Kaia Gerber model, 20	<b>9/4</b> Beyoncé singer, 40
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**Amber Waves Dave T. Phipps**



**Flash Gordon Jim Keefe**



**Just Like Cats & Dogs Dave T. Phipps**



**The Garden Bug**

**Spider lilies**

Native to Japan, these perennials exhibit large, striking flowers on slender 2-foot stalks that appear in late summer and early fall. They love very rich and well-drained soil, with only a moderate watering schedule needed. They grow well in both full-sun and partly-shady garden areas, and will also tolerate being potted for use as a patio accent. Spider lilies are quite resistant to diseases and pests, and attract pollinators.

— Brenda Weaver

Sources: [www.gardenia.net](http://www.gardenia.net) [www.southernliving.com](http://www.southernliving.com)

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**Wishing Well**

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**GO FIGURE!** by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

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**Horoscopes Aug. 29–Sept. 4, 2021**

**ARIES**

March 21 to April 20

Aries, this week will challenge your flexibility. It's possible you will have to change plans on the fly to accommodate developments at work or at home.

**TAURUS**

April 21 to May 21

Taurus, rather than trying to figure out why everyone is acting as they are, accept things and go with the flow. You will be much happier for it.

**GEMINI**

May 22 to June 21

You are capable of dealing with intense emotional energy most of the time, Gemini. So when someone needs a friend to confide in, you are the right person for the job.

**CANCER**

June 22 to July 22

Cancer, normally you are an easygoing person. But something this week has you rattled and you may be all fired up about it. Redirect that energy to some projects around the house.

**LEO**

July 23 to Aug. 23

Leo, try to stay away from conflict this week; otherwise, you may be pulled in one direction or another. It is important to remain neutral, especially at work.

**VIRGO**

Aug. 24 to Sept. 22

Virgo, don't worry too much about what other people consider to be right and wrong. Stick to your ideals and you won't be guided off course. You will find someone in your corner.

**LIBRA**

Sept. 23 to Oct. 23

This is a great week to bring your mind into focus and set a firm plan for the next several months, Libra. Now is the time to make an important decision.

**SCORPIO**

Oct. 24 to Nov. 22

Scorpio, if your emotions suddenly seem more intense, you may need to change your social circle and find one that aligns better with your point of view.

**SAGITTARIUS**

Nov. 23 to Dec. 21

Strong forces may be working against you, Sagittarius. But you won't let them derail your plans. Stay the course and things will work out just fine.

**CAPRICORN**

Dec. 22 to Jan. 20

Capricorn, keep conversations light and away from any controversial topics as you meet new people in the days ahead. Let them take the lead in conversation.

**AQUARIUS**

Jan. 21 to Feb. 18

There is a great deal of opportunity and potential to follow through on some major projects this week, Aquarius. It's up to you whether you're looking for work or fun.

**PISCES**

Feb. 19 to March 20

Pisces, this may be an eventful week marked by some disruptions to your normal routine. Stay calm in the face of conflict.





# 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)

As we move toward the fall season, please note that Word of Life ministries for K-4 through 12th grade youth are scheduled to resume at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 1. All area youth are invited to attend the weekly meetings. Adult Bible study will also continue each Wednesday at 7 p.m.

In addition, please join us on Sundays for Bible Fellowship classes at 10 a.m., morning worship at 11 a.m. and evening worship at 6 p.m. Our "Music With A Message" radio broadcast can be heard each Sunday at 7 a.m. on WMOQ, 92.3 FM.

More information, including directions to the church campus, can be found at [www.biblebapt.org](http://www.biblebapt.org) or by calling the church office at 770-267-6711.

Choice Silver: "Even in the valley God is good; Even in the valley, He is faithful and true. He carries His children through, like He said He would, Even in the valley God is good." — Rebecca J. Peck and Amy Marie Zika

## Calvary Baptist Church

655 Highway 11, Monroe  
770.267.3224  
[cbcmonroe.com](http://cbcmonroe.com)

God is alive and well!

Last Sunday at Calvary, our choir director, Mr. Don Johnson, led the choir to sing "Days of Elijah" and "What a Day That Will Be." Our congregation sang "Trust and Obey."

Pastor Matt's message was, "Do

## 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.

Not be Deceived," sharing from 1 Corinthians 10:1-13. His points were

- 1) The Blessings of God on Israel
- 2) Enslaved by Freedom
- 3) How to Use Your Freedom.

In conclusion, he said, we are saved but still have the fleshly desires come into our mind. You have to be careful; you cannot constantly expose yourself to situations that could compromise. Don't ignore the Spirit telling you to avoid something; don't sear your conscience.

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.

## Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church

2483 Whitney Road, Monroe  
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"I'm a living testimony."

All praises go to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for another glorious day for worship.

The laywomen opened with a powerful devotion. Sister Diana Brown read the Scripture from John 16:10 and Dr. Wendy Dyer offered the prayer.

The presider was the Rev. David Hyman Jr. Brother Deon Sorrells put a big smile on his face and extended a warm welcome.

Our very own the Rev. Charlie Hyman brought a soul-stirring sermon titled "I Will Bless the Lord All the Time." The Scripture reading came from Psalm 34:1-10.

Our wonderful pastor, the Rev. Clinton Sorrells Sr., offered some remarks and He also blessed the finances.

The deacons will meet in person at 8:30 a.m. Sept. 11.

— Flora Brown

## 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 uploaded 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), 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 Blessing of Comfort" from Matthew 5:6-12.

The second half of the Beatitudes leads us to see our way through the struggles of indignity, injustice and evil. Jesus' promise is not only God's care of us, but God's promise of triumph over evil and all its tentacles in this world.

Wednesday night activities have resumed with dinner at 5:30 and Bible studies at 6:30. A love offering will be taken and all FUMC pre-school families eat free. To make reservations, contact [office@fumcmonroe.org](mailto:office@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.

## Saint Alban's Episcopal Church

210 N. Broad St., Monroe  
770.267.2893 | [saint-albans.org](http://saint-albans.org)

We are planning for our annual picnic to begin at 5 p.m. Sunday, at the Robertses' farm. Please start thinking about your favorite side dishes. Special thanks to Roy and Suzanne Roberts for hosting this wonderful event again this year! The address is 54 Nunnally Farm Road, Monroe, GA 30655.

Join us at the Southern Brewing Co. for a "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](mailto: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 is being planned. Starting Wednesday, Sept. 15, and 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 at [sue.clayton54@gmail.com](mailto: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 Libby at [libmartin2@hotmail.com](mailto: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.

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"For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations." ~ Isaiah 61:11



# Walton Ways: Churches offer services in person and online in these trying times

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We encourage everyone to visit our website at [www.saint-albans.org](http://www.saint-albans.org). The livestreamed worship services can be accessed via the top box on the right side of the website's home page labeled: WORSHIP SERVICES Live Streaming. 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.

In addition to the Sunday worship service, John Henderson's "Answering God's Call to Discipleship" lecture series, and children's Bible stories are all available on the homepage of our website. Please share the website info with persons around Monroe as it truly reveals who and what St. Alban's is within the community and the world.

John Henderson continues to lead us in the Bible study of becoming His beloved, "Answering God's Call to Discipleship" every Saturday at 10 a.m. on YouTube, our Facebook page (St.AlbansEpiscopal),

and our website, [www.saint-albans.org](http://www.saint-albans.org). Please join John for a great insight into the Bible. If you have missed an episode, you can catch up through archives on our Facebook page or YouTube channel (see [www.saint-albans.org](http://www.saint-albans.org)).

If you wish to celebrate Eucharist while joining the worship service online, drop by the church and pick up your individual communion kits between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Just knock at the office door on East Highland Avenue or call Shirley Morgan to let her know you are here to pick up the kit(s).

— Chris Sherlock

## St. Anna's Catholic Church

1401 Alcovy St., Monroe  
770.267.7637  
[st-annas.com](http://st-annas.com)

Deepen your relationship with God through the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola and forms of reflective or imaginative prayer. Come to Ignatius House for a day or stay overnight. Visit <https://www.ignatiushouse.org/registration>.

We are looking for someone to

help with our youth group. It is a part-time paid position. We need a female high school and a female middle school minister. We are hoping to build these groups up. So far our middle school attendance has been increasing, we do not want it to stop. Please if you can or if you know anyone let us know.

Father Dan is offering a bereavement group for all those in need if there is interest. Please contact him for more information.

Adoration is a wonderful way to grow in relationship with Christ during this season. Adoration is offered Fridays from 6 a.m. to noon. There is no set format for making a personal holy hour. You can simply look or talk with the Lord. Read Scripture or a spiritual book. Journal. Pray the rosary. How you prayerfully spend time with the Lord is up to you.

Our new audio and visual equipment is installed and streaming! We would like to train people at each Mass to help operate the equipment much like our other liturgy ministries. If you are inter-

ested in learning a new skill, please email Delilah Tanner at [secretary@stannas.com](mailto:secretary@stannas.com).

St. Anna's officially has an app! Join us by downloading the MyUCD app on the Apple or Google app store today! Our Identifier Code is BuZqzzOSQk.

St. Anna's Meal Ministry needs YOU! The meal ministry is a great way to serve other members of our parish. We will be the hands and feet of Christ by delivering meals to those who have been sick, had a baby, had surgery, lost a loved one, etc. You do not have to be a chef to be a part of this ministry. Meals do not have to be homemade.

In times of need, a friendly face and a meal can speak volumes. Please contact Miranda Marlowe at [st.annasmeals@gmail.com](mailto:st.annasmeals@gmail.com) or 678-758-2905 if you are interested in being a part of this ministry.

Join RCIA today! For more information please contact Deacon John Duffield 404-423-7988 or [jpduff@bellsouth.net](mailto:jpduff@bellsouth.net) or Deb Farabaugh 814-602-7668 or [debfarabaugh@gmail.com](mailto:debfarabaugh@gmail.com) for more information.

# Walton County Directory of Churches

If your church would like to be included here, please submit written information to:

Church Directory, c/o The Walton Tribune, P.O. Box 808, Monroe, GA 30655 or fax to 770-267-7780 or e-mail [community@waltontribune.com](mailto:community@waltontribune.com).

## AME ZION

Cargle Chapel AME Church  
300 Poplar Ave., Social Circle  
770-464-2343  
Mount Zion AME Zion Church  
135 Sorrells Drive, Monroe  
770-554-9027  
Prospect AME Zion  
1690 Gratis Road, Monroe  
770-267-4176  
Smith Memorial AME Zion  
405 N Broad St., Monroe  
770-267-0305  
Spring Hill AME Zion  
1179 Spring Hill Road, Monroe  
770-267-4944

## ANGLICAN

Holy Cross Anglican Church  
3836 Oak Grove Road,  
Loganville | 770-466-2888

## APOSTOLIC

Bethel Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ  
2405 Mountain Creek Church Road, Monroe | 404-349-7832  
Monroe Apostolic Church  
406 Mayfield Drive, Monroe  
770-267-3738  
Pentecostal Lighthouse  
3885 Rosebud Road, Loganville  
770-466-3731

## ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Cornerstone Fellowship of Monroe  
628 Camp Lake Road, Monroe  
770-267-2992  
New Song Church  
628 Camp Lake Road, Monroe  
770-788-8311  
Praise Center Assembly Of God  
1857 Highway 78, Monroe  
770-267-7834

## BAPTIST

1025 Church  
1025 E. Spring St., Monroe  
770-266-1013  
Alcovy Mountain Baptist  
2680 HD Atha Road, Monroe  
770-267-8602  
Annie Mary Baptist  
327 Highway 11, Monroe  
770-464-0303  
Arnold Chapel Baptist  
1400 Rowe Road, Monroe  
770-267-2816  
Baptist Church of Between  
2081 Highway 78, Monroe  
770-786-9602  
Bethany Baptist  
2200 Bethany Church Road,  
Monroe | 770-267-4752  
Bethel Baptist Church  
999 Bethel Church Road,  
Good Hope | 770-267-2679  
Bible Baptist  
1180 Old Monroe-Madison  
Highway, Monroe | 770-267-6711  
Bold Springs Baptist  
5018 Bold Springs Road, Monroe  
770-267-1124  
Braswell Baptist  
5021 Highway 83, Good Hope  
770-207-1705

Brown Hill Baptist  
350 Brown Hill Church Road,  
Social Circle | 770-267-7589  
Calvary Baptist  
655 Highway 11, Monroe  
770-267-3224  
Calvary Baptist  
6320 Sandy Creek Road,  
Loganville | 770-466-3663  
Campton Baptist  
1345 Shoal Creek Road, Monroe  
770-267-3555  
Carter Hill Missionary Baptist Church  
1810 Thompson Mill Road,  
Loganville | 770-466-1583  
Center Hill Baptist Church  
2940 Gratis Road, Monroe  
770-267-6311  
Center Hill Baptist Church  
6372 Highway 20, Loganville  
770-466-4335  
Central Oakwood Baptist  
3064 Oak Grove Road,  
Loganville | 770-466-7799  
Chestnut Grove Baptist Church  
3890 Prospect Road, Rutledge  
706-343-1242  
Corinth Missionary Baptist  
813 S. Cherokee Road, Social  
Circle | 770-464-2949  
Dallys Chapel Baptist Church  
4317 HD Atha Road, Covington  
404-520-6725  
Ebenezer Baptist  
3861 Ebenezer Church Road,  
Social Circle | 770-267-4025  
Faith Baptist Church  
1789 Highway 11 NW, Monroe  
770-267-6603  
Fellowship Baptist  
2483 Whitney Road, Monroe  
770-464-2977  
First AB Baptist Church  
130 Tyler St., Monroe  
770-267-5819  
First Baptist Church Monroe  
202 McDaniel St., Monroe  
770-267-5904  
First Baptist Church Loganville  
680 Tom Brewer Road  
770-466-4250  
First Baptist Church of Youth  
2655 Broadnax Mill Road,  
Loganville | 770-466-7526  
First Baptist Church of Social  
Circle, 195 N Cherokee Road  
770-464-3474  
Friendship Baptist Church  
165 Line St., Loganville  
770-466-6947  
Good Hope Baptist  
176 Highway 83, Good Hope  
770-207-4369  
Grace Monroe  
315 N. Madison Ave., Monroe  
404-944-7992  
Gresham Grove Baptist Church  
1861 Hardeman Mill Road, Good  
Hope | 706-343-1342  
Harmony Baptist  
1310 Harmony Church Road,  
Monroe | 770-267-5717  
Harvest Baptist  
1020 S. Madison Ave., Monroe  
770-267-4650

Hickory Grove Baptist  
127 Hickory Grove Church Road,  
Monroe | 770-267-9832  
Horizon Fellowship  
2080 Highway 78, Monroe  
770-207-1566  
Jersey Baptist Church  
1891 Alcovy Station Road,  
Covington | 770-464-2028  
Knox Chapel Baptist  
679 Knox Chapel Road, Social  
Circle | 770-464-2361  
Landmark Missionary Baptist  
160 Rock St., Loganville  
770-466-8135  
Liberty Hill Baptist  
2671 Liberty Hill Church Road,  
Monroe | 770-267-8189  
Lifespring Baptist Church  
126 C.S. Floyd Road, Loganville  
770-634-9833  
Loganville Baptist  
132 Church St., Loganville  
770-466-1579  
Macedonia Baptist  
1519 Macedonia Church Road  
NW, Monroe | 770-267-9230  
Mars Hill Baptist  
387 W. Hightower Trail, Social  
Circle | 770-464-0000  
Mountain Creek Baptist  
685 Mountain Creek Church  
Road, Monroe | 770-207-6470  
Mount Enon Baptist Church  
3791 Mount Enon Church Road,  
Monroe | 770-267-2124  
Morning Star Baptist Church  
223 Tommy Lee Fuller Drive,  
Loganville | 770-554-4688  
Oasis Faith Baptist Church  
2504 Highway 278,  
Social Circle | 770-464-4331  
New Beginning Baptist Church  
3235 Highway 11 NW, Monroe  
678-684-8465  
New Testament Baptist  
2165 Broadnax Mill Road,  
Loganville | 770-554-9027  
Providence Baptist Church  
480 Cooper Road, Loganville  
770-466-9494  
Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church  
5900 Highway 81, Loganville  
Smith Chapel Baptist  
1049 Smith Chapel Road,  
Monroe | 770-307-0234  
South Gwinnett Baptist Church  
3400 Rosebud Road, Loganville  
770-978-3532  
Summit Baptist  
3080 Highway 81, Loganville  
770-466-6133  
Tabernacle Baptist  
202 N. Jackson St., Monroe  
770-207-0041  
Victory Baptist  
150 Clark McCullers Drive,  
Loganville | 770-466-4040  
Walker Baptist  
1150 Good Hope Road, Monroe  
770-267-2363  
Walton Community Church  
110 Mears St., Monroe  
678-345-0998  
West End Baptist  
455 N. Cherokee Road,  
Social Circle | 770-464-3965

Willow Springs Baptist  
Highway 229, Social Circle  
770-464-2607  
Woodlake Baptist Church  
3940 Highway 138, Covington  
770-385-7777

## CATHOLIC

St. Anna's Catholic Church  
1401 Alcovy St., Monroe  
770-267-7637  
St. Michael's Independent Old  
Catholic Church  
3152 Oak Grove Road, Loganville  
678-682-5539

## CHRISTIAN

Corinth Christian  
1635 Highway 81, Loganville  
770-466-4373  
First Christian Church of Monroe  
206 S. Hammond Drive, Monroe  
770-267-2087  
God's Glory Church  
2890A Highway 78, Suite F,  
Loganville | 470-219-5419  
Good Hope Christian  
176 High Shoals Road  
770-267-3506  
The Journey  
3706 Highway 20, Loganville  
770-979-7863  
LifeBridge Christian Church  
2080 Highway 78, Monroe  
770-267-3806  
Loganville Christian Church  
4339 Atlanta Highway  
770-466-0863  
Mount Vernon Christian Church  
Mount Vernon Road Northwest,  
Monroe | 770-267-5104  
Spirit & Truth Worship Center  
255 Main St., Loganville  
678-639-1481

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

Monroe Church of Christ  
813 N. Broad St., Monroe  
770-267-9877

## CHURCH OF GOD

LifePoint Community Church  
3625 Brookview Dr., Loganville  
770-846-8311  
Loganville Church of God  
168 Church St., Loganville  
770-466-2763  
Monroe Church of God  
1204 Church St., Monroe  
770-267-4581  
Social Circle Church of God  
2599 Whitney Road  
770-464-2195

## EPISCOPAL

St. Alban's Episcopal  
210 N. Broad St., Monroe  
770-267-2893

## METHODIST

Bold Springs UMC  
7625 Bold Springs Church Road,  
Monroe | 770-267-9635  
Campton UMC  
1345 Shoal Creek Road, Monroe  
770-267-6342  
Jersey UMC  
115 Social Circle-Jersey Road,

Covington | 770-464-1247  
Loganville First UMC  
221 Main St., Loganville  
770-466-8511  
Monroe First UMC  
400 S. Broad St., Monroe  
770-267-6525  
Pleasant Valley UMC  
526 Highway 11, Monroe  
770-267-2028  
St. Stephen UMC  
113 Mill St., Monroe  
770-267-6724  
Social Circle UMC  
261 S. Cherokee Road,  
Social Circle | 770-464-3854  
The Orchard Church  
1950 Highway 81, Loganville  
770-554-3533  
Union Chapel UMC  
2625 Pannell Road, Monroe  
770-267-7844  
Walnut Grove UMC  
915 Church Way, Loganville  
770-787-1166

## NONDENOMINATIONAL

Graystone Church  
723 N. Broad St., Monroe  
770-466-3159

## PRESBYTERIAN

Monroe Presbyterian Church  
*Meets at Saint Alban's Episcopal Church*  
210 N. Broad St., Monroe 770-554-9590  
First Presbyterian Church  
500 Breedlove Drive, Monroe  
770-267-3404  
Trinity Evangelical  
Presbyterian  
4402 Hwy. 20, St. 201, Loganville  
678-794-1842

## PRIMITIVE BAPTIST

Jacks Creek Primitive Baptist  
Jacks Creek Road, Good Hope  
770-267-2820, 770-267-0026  
Mount Paran Primitive Baptist  
3749 Mount Paran Church Road,  
Social Circle | 706-717-8171  
Sorrells Springs Primitive Baptist  
3164 Bold Springs Road  
Monroe | 706-543-4005

## SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST

Monroe Seventh-day  
Adventist Church  
1627A S. Broad St.  
239-243-1028

## OTHER

Braswell Congregational  
Holiness Church  
3368 Braswell Church Road,  
Monroe  
Christ Church  
3977 Atlanta Highway,  
Loganville | 678-951-7409  
Christ Community Church  
2350 Highway 138, Monroe  
770-267-0007  
Church of Jesus Christ of  
Latter-day Saints  
2637 Youth-Monroe Road,  
Monroe | 770-267-9763  
Church At The Grove

1050 Walnut Grove Parkway,  
Loganville | 678-729-8501  
Elevation Point Church  
3977 Atlanta Highway,  
Loganville | 770-972-4222  
Eternal Word Church  
197 Vine St., Monroe  
678-871-8770  
Faith Development Center  
1311 Gratis Road, Monroe  
770-266-7118  
First Congregational Holiness  
1113 S. Broad St., Monroe  
770-267-8870  
Free Spirit Worship Tabernacle  
2860 Highway 78, Loganville  
770-266-6486  
Full Gospel Holiness Church  
3170 Highway 138, Monroe  
770-787-1633  
House of Praise Ministries  
110 W. Spring St., Monroe  
770-266-0218  
Hope Community Fellowship  
4037 Bailey Circle, Loganville  
770-554-1191  
Jersey Holiness  
3439 Monroe-Jersey Road,  
Covington | 770-464-2301  
Light House World Outreach  
609 Gene Bell Road, Monroe  
770-267-4365  
Living Way Fellowship  
Pentecostal Holiness  
1114 S. Madison Ave., Monroe  
770-266-6118  
Monroe Outreach Ministry  
1857 Highway 78, Monroe  
770-267-7834  
New Life-Hope Christian  
Ministries  
118 Carver Drive, Monroe  
770-207-0846  
New Life Ministries' Church  
Flat Rock Business Park  
2887 Highway 78, Loganville  
678-639-0001  
Straight Street Family Center  
1006 S. Madison Ave., Monroe  
770-266-0434  
The Church  
118 W. Spring St., Monroe  
404-345-7038  
The Cross Church  
3275 Tig Knight Road,  
Loganville | 770-554-3322  
The Monroe Church  
1113 S. Broad St., Monroe  
770-267-8870  
The Pointe at Providence  
4370 Bold Springs Road,  
Monroe | 770-267-0911  
Saints Tabernacle Pentecostal  
1021 Laboon Road, Monroe  
770-267-8121  
Sandy Ford Holiness  
399 Social Circle-Fairplay Road,  
Social Circle | 770-464-4122  
Sardis Full Gospel  
1910 Sardis Church Road,  
Monroe | 770-207-8861  
Truth Chapel  
3425 Loganville Highway,  
Loganville  
Voice of Hope Church  
1150 Pannell Road, Monroe  
770-267-7984





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## Homes For Sale By Owner 2010

**368 CANNON**  
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## Help Wanted 6010

**DELIVERY DRIVER/ WAREHOUSE ASSOC.**  
Position is full-time and requires clean MVR. Delivering product and light maintenance work in Warehouse.  
**706-557-8397**

**EXP. F/T PROJECT MGR.**

Responsible for all shipping, receiving and tracking of open records. Reference req'd  
**706-557-8397**

**KENNEL TECH NEEDED**  
Must work weekends. Please call  
**Bay Creek Kennel, Loganville GA. 770-466-8944**

**FULL-TIME MECHANIC**  
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**\$17.00 an hour call/text**  
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**9189**

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Licensed Practical Nurses & Nursing Asst. We do the Training. Call Ken Murray 404-925-0889 For More Information

## Public Notice 8010

Georgia Department of Transportation Requests Feedback & Comments  
For P.I. Nos. 0016386 and 0016387  
Walton County

The Georgia Department of Transportation (Georgia DOT) is planning project information for review and feedback into an internet platform to allow citizens to review and comment on the proposed project. We appreciate your participation in this process.

Georgia DOT has posted information at <http://www.dot.ga.gov/AboutDOT/PublicOutreach> related to the proposed State Route 20 at Three Intersections project (PI No. 0016386) and the proposed State Route 20 from Tuck Road to State Route 10/United States Highway 78 project (PI No. 0016387).

This project proposes

to make improvements on SR 20 at the intersections of Moon Road and Center Hill Church Road, Centerville-Rosebud Road, and McCullers Road, and would widen SR 20 to an urban four-lane roadway with a raised median to improve traffic operations and reduce crashes. Median openings, RCUT intersections, U-turn facilities, and turn lanes are proposed at various locations to maintain access throughout the corridor. Intersection improvements are proposed at SR 20 and US 78/SR 10 to provide additional left- and right-turn lanes. Tuck Road is proposed to be realigned with N Sharon Church Road at SR 20 to tie into a proposed multi-lane roundabout. Fesco Way is proposed to be realigned to increase intersection spacing and to reduce conflicting traffic movements. The project begins about 1000 feet west of the existing intersection of County Route (CR) 118/Tuck Road and SR 20 and ends at the intersection of SR 20 and Covington Street for a total project length of approximately 1.3 miles.

The purpose of this internet posting is to replace an in-person meeting, while allowing the public to review the proposed project, provide feedback, or write in with questions.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Information:

To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities contact the District Preconstruction Engineer, Ms. Sue Anne Decker at [SDecker@dot.ga.gov](mailto:SDecker@dot.ga.gov) or (770)533-8490.

Comments will be accepted concerning this project until Monday, September 13, 2021. Written statements may be submitted to:

Mr. Eric Duff  
State Environmental Administrator  
Georgia Department of Transportation  
600 West Peachtree Street, NW - 16th Floor  
Atlanta, Georgia 30308  
**9154**

## Notice of Public Auction Online

**BOARDWALK STORAGE-LOGANVILLE** will be holding a public auction online at [Lockerfox.com](http://Lockerfox.com), on September 1, 2021 at 11:00 am. This is a CASH ONLY sale. Please bring a money order. All sales are final and the units must be cleaned out completely in 48 hours. A \$100.00 cash cleaning deposit is required and will be refunded upon unit inspection.

We currently have 5 Units.

**Unit-A021 Morris D=** mattress/boxsprings, nightstand, boxes, totes, toys, microwave, flat screen, recliner, table & chairs.

**Unit-E158 Williams T=** Mattress/Boxsprings, Pressure Canner, Sheets, Metal tub clothes/basket, table top fan, head wood/leather, screen tv, pillows, boxes, bags.

**Unit-G217 Magalie J=** mattress, king head/footboard, lawn chairs, marble table top, artwork, flat screen tv, handbag, mirror.

**Unit-H291 Jackson D=** assorted boxes, totes, bags, fishing poles, shoes.

770-466-1919  
4138 Pecan St  
Loganville Ga 30052

08/21/2021 8/28/2021

**9171**

## 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 Walton 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: **417 E SPRING ST MONROE GA 30655**  
Anyone with an ownership interest in a vehicle listed herein may file an answer to the petition on or before: **9/14/2021**

Answer forms may be found in the Magistrate Court Clerk's office located at: **303 S. HAMMOND DR MONROE GA 30655**  
Forms may also be obtained online at [www.georgiamagistratecouncil.com](http://www.georgiamagistratecouncil.com)

1985 CHEVROLET C/K 1 0 2  
2GDCD14N2F1184522

1998 HONDA ACCORD - 1HGGC5656WA082927

1984 FORD F-150-1FTCF1SY2ENA34936

2008 DODGE AVENGER - 1B3LCS6K78N137656

2005 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE - 1J4GR48K95C607807

2004 PONTIAC MONTANA - 1GMDX03E74D120151

2000 FORD EXPLORER - 1FMZU63EYZA59207

2015 MERCEDES BENZ CLA - WDDSJ4EB9FN202487

2016 BUICK ENCORE - KL4CJASBOG722138

2008 HONDA CIVIC-2HGFG12618H567503

2013 KIA SOUL-KND-JT2A54D7630442

2006 MAZDA MAZDA6 - 1YVHP80DS65M23789

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the "Georgia Self Storage Act", BBI Mini-Warehouses, **955 East Hightower Trail, Social Circle, GA**, will have a sealed bid auction to sell the contents belonging to the following individuals.

**Tim Pittman, #3 & #7 Arilious Pittman/ Tim Pittman**

All Bids must be delivered to PO Box 914, Madison, GA 30650 (or hand delivered to 266 W Washington St, Madison, GA 30650).  
by **NOON ON AUGUST 31, 2021.**

High Bidders will be no-

tified **5 PM ON AUGUST 31, 2021.** Said sale is for the purpose of selling property for the payment of rent past due, the cost of sale and other costs of notice in a contract governing the disposal of said property upon failure to pay rent. BBI Mini-Warehouses reserves the right to reject any bids and to withdraw any items from such sale.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

A Petition has been filed with the Walton County Board of Appeals requesting the following Variance/Special Exceptions/Appeal:

1. A21080005- Appeal Ordinance to be able to use Manufactured Home as home office & storage-Applicant: Kenneth Cleveland/Owner: Patricia Grizzell Executor - Property Located at 5610 Hillview Dr - Map / Parcel C0300025 - District 3

2. A21080020- Appeal Ordinance to be able to build a 1,440 sq ft storage building in R1 zoning -Applicant: James Lohstroh/Owners: Laurie Barfield & Jamie Lee Frady - Property Located at 905 Ashland Falls Dr - Map/Parcel N060L015 - District 1

3. V21070022- Variance to request storage building to be in front yard - Applicant: John Cox/Owners: John & Neita Cox - Property Located at 4240 Grady Smith Rd - Map/Parcel C0380012 - District 1.

4. V21080006- Variance to reduce required roof pitch from 6:12 to 4:12 on existing building - Applicant/Owner: Donald A Hovde II - Property located at 5994 Center Hill Church Rd - Map / Parcel C0110021B00 - District 3

5. V21080014- Variance to reduce lot width from 150' to 30' to create a 5 acre buildable

lot - Applicant/Owner: Johnny Broach - Property Located at 2227 Bethany Church Rd - Map/Parcel C1640080 - District 4.

6. V21080017- Variance to reduce required roof pitch from 6:12 to 3:12 on manufactured home - Applicant: Tammy Grant/Owner: Jerry & Tammy Grant - Property located at Preston Rd - Map/Parcel C2010029A000 - District 4.

7. V21080019- Variance to reduce non-buildable buffer - Applicant: David R Bryant/Owners: David R & Billie Jo Bryant - Property located at 501 S Mokerise Dr - Map/Parcel N121B001 - District 6.

Public hearing will be held on Tuesday September 21, 2021 at 6:00 PM in the Walton County Board of Commissioners Meeting Room located on the 3rd floor in the Government building located on 303 S. Hammond Dr., Monroe, Georgia. All persons having an interest in this petition should be present to voice their interest and/or objection. If you are an individual with a disability and require special assistance at this meeting, Please contact our office at 770-267-1485 and arrangements will be made.

Walton County Planning & Development 22PV7400.039

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1. 2006 SATURN VUE-5GZCZ33D06S855585

2. 2001 VOLVO C70-YV1NC56D61J023955

3. 1996 FORD RANGER - 1FTCR10A9TUA73351

4. 2012 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN-2C4RDGCG3CR284540

5. 2017 NISSAN VERSA - 3N1CN7AP4HL906561

6. 2001 DODGE RAM 1500 - 3B7HC13Y21G723900

7. 2014 HOMEMADE CAR TRAILER- T902005

8. 1998 FORD EXPLORER - 1FMZU34E1WB89891

9. 1996 FORD EXPLORER - 1FMDU34XXTUD39937

10. 2006 CHEVROLET COBALT - 1G1AK15FX67604133

11. 2013 HYUNDAI SONATA - 5NPEB4ACXDHS26564

12. 2004 Mercury Mountaineer - 4M2DU86W34ZJ05014

13. 2006 FORD FUSION - 3FAHP08116R126510

14. 2007 HONDA ACCORD - 1HGCM72777A000202

15. 2013 RAM 1500-1C6RR7FT3DS574018

## Sunday Crossword

## 'Leaves and Sheds'

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**WALTON COUNTY  
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OFFENDER**

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 16-5-110 Publication of Notice as Pertains to Sex Offender Registration and Code Section 42-1-12:

**SEX OFFENDER  
NAME:** Fernando Deandre Carr

**ADDRESS:** 838 B Store House Court Monroe, GA 30655

**CONVICTED:** July 7, 2021

**CRIME(S):** Aggravated Child Molestation Obscene Internet Contact/Communication

**CASE:** 21-B-01002-7

**COUNTY/STATE OF  
CONVICTION:** Gwinnett / Georgia

Additional information regarding the sexual offender registry may be obtained from the Walton County Sheriff's Office at <http://waltonsheriff.com> and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation at <https://gbi.georgia.gov/>

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**SEX OFFENDER  
NAME:** Raheem Ekeef Carson

**ADDRESS:** 2014 Atha Woods Drive Monroe, GA 30655

**CONVICTED:** 02-26-2008

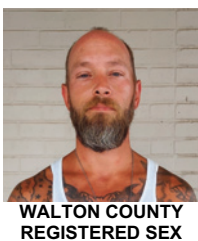
**CRIME:** Sexual Assault 2nd Degree Victim >16

**CASE:** 07-10-1741

**COUNTY/STATE OF  
CONVICTION:** Ocean / New Jersey

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Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 16-5-110 Publication of Notice as Pertains to Sex Offender Registration and Code Section 42-1-12:

**SEX OFFENDER  
NAME:** Matthew Douglas Hewatt

**ADDRESS:** 5277 Wapakonata Trail Oxford, GA 30054

**CONVICTED:** 03-09-2009 / 09-06-2005

**CRIME:** Statutory Rape / Child Molestation

**CASE:** 08-CR-0651 / 05-CR-1486

**COUNTY/STATE OF  
CONVICTION:** JACKSON/GA / STEPHENS/GA

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Vehicle Make: FORD  
Year: 2005 Model:  
F250SD  
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ID#1FTSW21P95ED36  
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Year: Model: TTR125  
Vehicle  
ID#E309E040008  
Vehicle License # NO  
TAG State: GA

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5	4	1	3	4
3	4	3	1	5
4	4	2	3	3
2	1	5	4	4

- No number appears in a row or column more than once.
- Shaded (black) squares do not touch each other vertically or horizontally.
- When completed, all un-shaded (white) squares create a single continuous area.

5	4	6	3	1	1
5	5	5	1	3	3
3	1	5	2	6	2
5	3	5	4	5	6
4	2	3	6	5	1
6	2	2	5	5	4

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UNC KBQCFU DGFMYCKU GZ

GYVKCQPCK; WFJ XBUNGYU

UNWU UNC DGFMYCVGV BK

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## COUNCIL OF JUVENILE JUSTICE ADMINISTRATORS

# Oliver earns President's Award for work of helping youth

## Former Social Circle police chief leads Department of Juvenile Justice

SPECIAL TO THE TRIBUNE

BRAINTREE, Mass. — Tyrone Oliver, who is the commissioner of the Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice, was announced Aug. 14 as the recipient of the Council of Juvenile Justice Administrators' 2021 President's Award.

Gov. Brian Kemp issued a statement about Oliver and his job performance since he tapped the Newton County native as commissioner in July 2019.

“Commissioner Oliver has proven himself to be a strong leader in our state’s service to youth in the criminal justice system,” Kemp said. “He has rightfully earned the CJJA President’s Award because of his genuine commitment to bettering the lives of countless youth and fostering safe communities across our state.

“The Kemp family and the state of Georgia are thankful to Commissioner Oliver, and we congratulate him on this great achievement.”



**Council of Juvenile Justice Administrators Steve Lafreniere, left, who is also the executive director of the Alabama Department of Youth Services, stands with Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice Commissioner Tyrone Oliver and Mike Dempsey, the CJJA executive director, earlier this month as Oliver is named the CJJA President's Award winner for 2021.**

Oliver, who is the former chief of the Social Circle Police Department, is responsible for the daily operation of the state agency that includes more than 3,500 employees. Its mission is “to transform young lives by providing evidence-based rehabilitative treatment services and supervision, strengthening youth and families' well-being, and fostering

safe communities.”

The department serves the state's justice-involved youth up to 21 years of age.

“It was my pleasure to award Commissioner Tyrone Oliver the President’s Award for 2021,” said Steve Lafreniere, president of CJJA and executive director of the Alabama Department of Youth Services. “If you have spent any time with him, then you know he is genuine and authentic. He took over during a challenging transition in his department and while learning his state system, he also stepped up when asked to assume additional responsibilities within CJJA.”

The CJA President's Award was created in 2013 to recognize a member who has made a significant contribution through participation in the organization's activities, ac-

cording to the state DJJ. Awardees reflect a dedication to improving the youth's outcomes in their care and display an approach to leadership that values their staff and empowers them to be agents of change.

"I am honored to receive this award from the Council of Juvenile Justice Administrators," Oliver said. "I am truly grateful for the opportunity to serve the juvenile justice system as a member of this organization."

Oliver is a 20-year veteran of law enforcement who began his career in 1999 as a detention officer with the Newton County Sheriff's Office. Oliver was one of the first employees of the Brookhaven Police Department when the new city was formed in 2013. Oliver was named Social Circle's chief of police in January 2016.

In November 2018, he was appointed Social Circle's deputy city manager and served in both roles until Kemp tapped him for the state-wide appointment.

Oliver is a graduate of Columbus State University's Law Enforcement Professional Management Program. He also completed the FBI's Law Enforcement Executive Development Program, FBI Leadership Trilogy, and attended the Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange to Israel.

While in Social Circle, Oliver served on the board of Communities In Schools of Walton County, later the Student Success Alliance.

He and his wife, Aimee, have five children and one granddaughter.



# We have NEW Classified, Legal & Retail Deadlines!

- Wednesday Edition: Monday at 9:00am
- Tribune Advertiser: Monday at 9:00am
- Weekend Edition: Thursday at 10:00am

*Please, note that these new deadlines will be effective immediately.*



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City of Good Hope

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters in the City of Good Hope that there will be no need for an Election to fill the vacancy in the office of Council Member Post 4, due to only having one qualifying candidate. John T. Robison Jr. qualified on August 17, 2021 and his term ends December 31, 2025.

Qualifying for candidates was held in Good Hope City Hall, located at 169 Highway 83 Good Hope Ga., on Monday, August 16, Tuesday August 17, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00p.m., and Wednesday August 18 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

This 25th day of August 2021.

Missy Daigle  
Good Hope  
City Clerk

# WALTON COUNTY PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE**      **8010**



**WALTON COUNTY REGISTERED SEX OFFENDER**

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 16-5-110 Publication of Notice as Pertains to Sex Offender Registration and Code Section 42-1-12:

**SEX OFFENDER NAME:**  
Steven Wayne Palmer

**ADDRESS:**  
2030 Broadnax Mill Road  
Loganville, GA 30052

**CONVICTED:**  
05-18-2004

**CRIME:**  
Child Molestation

**CASE:**  
02-CR-959621

**COUNTY/STATE OF CONVICTION:**  
Newton / Georgia

Additional information regarding the sexual offender registry may be obtained from the Walton County Sheriff's Office at <http://walton-sheriff.com> and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation at <https://gbi.georgia.gov/>

**PUBLIC NOTICE**      **8010**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Walton County Board of Commissioners will hold a Work Session on Thursday, September 2, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Historic Walton County Courthouse, 111 South Broad Street, Monroe, Georgia to discuss the proposed Walton County Public Safety Complex.

The Board will also hold a public hearing at this meeting. Anyone wishing to speak should submit a Public Comment Form by Wednesday, September 1st at 4:00 p.m.

The Work Session is open to the Public  
22PV1517.03

**ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLES PETITION ADVERTISEMENT**

**Vehicle Make:** HONDA  
**Year:** 2004 **Model:** ELEMENT  
**Vehicle License # NO TAG State:** GA

**Vehicle Make:** FORD  
**Year:** 1991 **Model:** F250  
**Vehicle License #** ID#IFTHX26G7MKB32 374  
**Vehicle License # DUC547 State:** GA

**PUBLIC NOTICE**      **8010**

**Vehicle Make:** CHEV-ROLET  
**Year:** 2003 **Model:** Monte Carlo SS  
**Vehicle License #** 2D2GIWXI2K1393135 38  
**Vehicle License #** #RNZ2816 State: GA

**Vehicle Make:** HONDA  
**Year:** 2002 **Model:** AC-CORD  
**Vehicle License #** IHGCG165X2A061727  
**Vehicle License #** RZF4732 State: GA

**Present Location of vehicle:** 800 North Broad Street, Monroe Ga 30655

you are hereby notified that a petition was filed in the Magistrate Court

**PUBLIC NOTICE**      **8010**

**Vehicle Make:** CHRYSLER  
**Year:** 2005 **Model:** PT CRUISER  
**Vehicle License #** ID#3C8FY68B75T5174 93  
**Vehicle License #** AVV6261 State: GA

**Vehicle Make:** HONDA  
**Year:** 1995 **Model:** AC-CORD  
**Vehicle License #** TBC7291 State: GA

**Vehicle Make:** CHEV-ROLET  
**Year:** 2006 **Model:** EQUINOX  
**Vehicle License #** ID#2CNO43F86601993 8  
**Vehicle License #** RXC4153 State: GA

**PUBLIC NOTICE**      **8010**

of Walton County foreclose a lien for all amounts owed. If the lien is foreclosed, a court shall order the sale of the vehicle to satisfy the debt.

Anyone with an ownership interest in this while may file an answer to this petition on or before September 21, 2021.

Answer forms may be found in the Magistrate Court Clerk's office located at: 303 S. Hammond Drive #335 Monroe, Ga 30655

Forms may also be obtained online at [www.georgiamagistratecouncil.com](http://www.georgiamagistratecouncil.com)

**Incorporate/Trade Name**      **8070**

the nature of the business is **Retail/Clothing** and that the names and addresses of the persons, firms or partnership owning and carrying on said trade or business are:

**Regina M. Perkins**  
143 Tara Blvd.  
Loganville, GA 30052

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
This 6 day of **August**, 2021.

**Meghan L Phelts**  
Notary Public  
Walton County

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