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His Word

No weapon that is formed
against thee shall prosper;
and every tongue that shall
rise against thee in judg-
ment thou shalt condemn.
This is the heritage of the
servants of the Lord, and
their righteousness is of
me, saith the Lord.

Isaiah 54:17, KJV

General Election Preview



Get to know who's on the ballot before early voting begins Monday

Senate seats among hotly contested federal races

By **TAYLOR BECK**
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There are more than 78,000 active registered voters in Newton County, and each one will not only have the opportunity to decide who will become the next president, but they will also decide who represents the state of Georgia in the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate.

In the race for the White House, incumbent Republican President Donald J. Trump seeks reelection over Democrat challenger Joseph R. Biden and Libertarian challenger Jo Jorgensen.

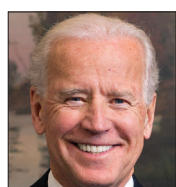
Trump, 74, is the 45th president of the U.S., elected by the people in 2016. If reelected, he intends to



Donald J. Trump

“(continue) his promise to the American people to lower taxes, repeal and replace Obamacare, end stifling regulations, protect our borders, keep jobs in our country, take care of our veterans, strengthen our military and law enforcement, and renegotiate bad trade deals, creating a government of, by and for the people,” according to his campaign website.

Trump's running mate is current Vice President Mike Pence. Biden, 77, is former vice president of the U.S., serving under Barack Obama from 2009 to 2017. He was also a U.S. Senator for the state of Delaware



Joseph R. Biden

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Alcovy Circuit DA headlines state level races

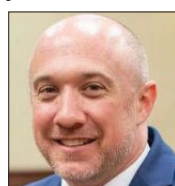
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Several political offices are up for grabs on the state level across Georgia this election cycle. Newton County voters will have the opportunity to decide the Alcovy Judicial Circuit's next District Attorney, as well as which candidates will represent them in the General Assembly.

District Attorney

District Attorney candidates include Randy McGinley, a Republican, and Destiny Bryant, a Democrat.

McGinley is the interim district attorney for the Alcovy Judicial Circuit. He worked as a real estate appraiser before entering law school at Mercer Uni-



Randy McGinley

versity in 2008. He joined the Newton County District Attorney's Office in 2011 and has since served in the Walton County office.

McGinley was appointed chief assistant district attorney by former District Attorney Layla Zon in 2017 after Melanie Bell was elected Newton County Probate Court Judge.

Bryant works as a senior assistant district attorney for Newton County and has spent the last eight years as a prosecutor. Bryant



Destiny Bryant

gained experience through representing the state before the Court of Appeals of Georgia and the Supreme Court of Georgia.

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Ballot breakdown

Constitutional amendments on fee usage, government lawsuits

By **TOM SPIGOLON**
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Voters in the Nov. 3 General Election will have a chance to tell the state government if fees collected for specific purposes should be used only for what was intended by including it in the Georgia Constitution.

They also can vote whether to amend the state Constitution to allow residents to sue the government for state law or constitutional violations.

And they also can choose whether to exempt nonprofits like Habitat for Humanity from paying property taxes on land they own for houses they will eventually sell with zero interest loans in Georgia.

The two constitutional amendments and a statewide referendum are on the ballot for Newton County voters.

Proposed Constitutional Amendment 1

“Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to authorize the General Assembly to dedicate revenues derived from fees or taxes to the public purpose for which such fees or taxes were intended?”

This proposal asks voters if they want to include in the state Constitution a requirement that the state government only use fees it collects for such purposes as cleanup of illegal tire dumps or hazardous waste to be used for those purposes and not placed into the state budget for other uses.

However, it also allows the state to use the money in the event of an economic

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Newton voters to decide county's top offices, sales tax proposal

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COVINGTON, Ga. — Newton voters will see a race for sheriff and a sales tax question on their General Election ballots and can make their choices early beginning Monday during the 16-day advance voting period.

Contested races for top county offices and a special election on a new SPLOST will be part of the lengthy ballot that includes President, two U.S. Senate seats, two U.S. House seats, state

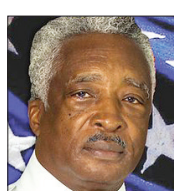
legislative seats, and district attorney.

Newton County voters have 15 weekdays and a Saturday to cast ballots in-person before Election Day on Nov. 3.

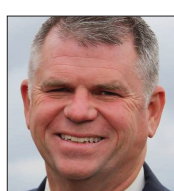
In addition to the sheriff's race are races for coroner and tax commissioner, while a special election will ask if voters want to impose a 1% Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax for transportation needs.

Newton County Sheriff

The sheriff's race features three-term incumbent



Ezell Brown



Ken Malcom

Democrat Ezell Brown and Republican challenger Ken Malcom.

Brown has worked in law enforcement in Newton County for 47 years, including 43 years with the sheriff's office.

Malcom is a captain with

the Covington Police Department, where he has worked for 34 years. He has commanded the Patrol Division, Operations Division, and Criminal Investigative Division, among other roles with the department.

Brown said he has worked to secure grant funding for the office; revamped practices, policies and procedures to align with nationally accepted standards of operation; and fulfilled requirements for three accrediting organizations. He said he also has personally handled internal

and external concerns with the sheriff's office; worked to improve community relations through regular communication; and built partnerships with community institutions, businesses, and civic organizations to help students and adults and help rehabilitate jail inmates.

Malcom has said he plans to establish a citizens' advisory committee; improve response times to calls for service; incorporate new crime-fighting technology;

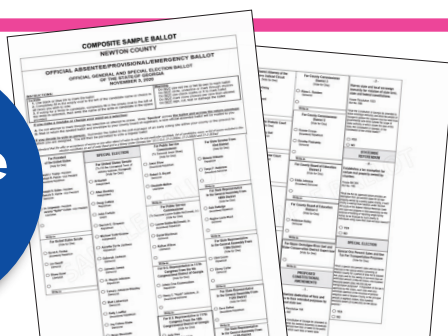
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Advance voting begins Monday

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Data shows women voters outnumber men in Newton County

By **TAYLOR BECK**
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COVINGTON, Ga. — More women are registered to vote in Newton County than men.

There are 78,388 active voters registered to cast their ballot in Newton County, according to the Board of Elections, which is nearly three-quarters of the area's population (111,744 as of 2019, according to the U.S. Census Bureau). Only 4,865 registered voters were considered inactive.

Out of the 78,388 active voters registered to cast their ballot in the Nov. 3 General Election, 43,033 are women. The remaining 35,355 are men.

Of the registered active women voters, 20,239 (47.03%) are Black, not of Hispanic origin, according to data from the board, and 17,509 (40.69%) are white. Nine hundred twenty-one (2.14%) are Hispanic, 271 (0.63%) are Asian or Pacific Islander, 68 (0.16%) are American Indian or Alaskan Native, 717 (1.67%) are other and 3,308 (7.69%) are considered unknown.

Of the registered active men voters, 14,603 (41.30%) are Black, not of Hispanic origin, according to data from the board, and 15,653 (44.27%) are white. Seven hundred twenty-six (2.05%) are Hispanic, 199 (0.56%) are Asian or Pacific Islander, 71 (0.20%) are American

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County keeps park out of downtown events allowing open alcohol use

By **TOM SPIGOLON**
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Newton County commissioners Tuesday night railed against Covington's plans for allowing open drinking of alcoholic beverages during special events before voting to ban them from the park in the center of the Covington Square.

The Newton County Board of Commissioners voted unanimously Tuesday, Oct. 6, against amending an agreement with the city government to allow the county-owned park to be included in plans for future events allowing open alcohol beverage consumption in the historic downtown area.

District 1 Commissioner Stan Edwards said he opposed adding to what he believed was a "chaotic" atmosphere already prevalent on weekends in the area which includes retailers and restaurants.

He said he had traveled to the Square on some Friday nights and it was "absolute chaos" as motorists attempted to move through the area without hitting pedestrians.

"I can't understand why I would want to add another

element," he said.

The board's unanimous vote followed a request from the city for the agreement after Covington City Council approved a special event designed to help promote the area's retail and dining establishments Oct. 17.

An intergovernmental agreement between the city and county allows Covington to control use of the county-owned park.

However, county commissioners must approve the park's inclusion in any public event that includes alcoholic beverages.

The Oct. 17 event is scheduled to include placement of big-screen TVs on some sidewalks showing college football games, and allow purchase of wristbands for use at some restaurants offering alcoholic beverages in clear, specially marked plastic cups.

The amendment the county commission considered Tuesday night stated that open container use would be limited to the "Covington Historic Downtown Entertainment District."

The district is defined as the area within Usher, Elm, Conyers and Brown

streets that includes the park.

County attorney Megan Martin told commissioners the agreement also could allow open container beverage consumption during special events on holidays such as Fourth of July or St. Patrick's Day.

Savannah's St. Patrick's Day celebration traditionally is one of the southeast Georgia city's top annual tourist draws.

But District 4 Commissioner J.C. Henderson said he believed the area already had enough places for revelers to "drink and holler or whatever you want to do."

District 2 Commissioner Demond Mason said he agreed with Edwards about traffic adding "additional chaos" during special events.

He said he wanted to see the amendment apply only to a single event and include requirements for closing the area to motorized traffic.

Edwards said he had "unsolicited input" from some District 1 residents who were "absolutely clear" they did not want the county to allow open alcohol consumption in the area.

OBITUARY

Barbara Ruth Clark Honeycutt
Barbara Ruth

Clark Honeycutt of Covington, Georgia, passed away Oct. 6, 2020, after a brief illness.

She was born Nov. 23, 1940, to Edward and Ruth Clark in Pensacola, Florida, but spent most of her childhood in Birmingham, Alabama, before moving to Georgia with her family. After marrying Jim Honeycutt in 1961, they briefly moved with the Army to West Point, New York, before settling in Covington near her parents and siblings.

After a brief career with the publishing company Progressive Farmer Company, she became a devoted wife and mother who enjoyed traveling with her family, especially to the Smoky Mountains. She was an avid reader, home gardener, and an accomplished embroiderist whose love of Christmas in the South was reflected in a collection of Santa art from all over the Southeastern U.S.

She is survived by her husband; her son James (Ellen); grandchildren Alex (Yan) and Sara; and her beloved great-grandson Max.

Due to COVID-19 a private memorial service will be held at later date. In lieu of flowers, the family encourages you to make a donation to your favorite environmental/conservation charity in her memory.

CDC guidelines recommend social distancing (6 feet apart) and wearing of masks while in public. Caldwell & Cowan Funeral Home requests that you observe these recommendations while in our funeral home attending visitations and/or services. In addition, gatherings are limited to 50 persons or less in our facility at one time. Please honor these restrictions for the safety of the family, yourself, and our staff.

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downturn and prohibits the General Assembly from dedicating money for a specific purpose if it exceeds 1% of total state revenues from the previous year.

It requires establishment of a special fund to include identification of its specific purpose, naming the state agency to administer the funds, providing annual reports of revenues and expenses, and ending the fee or tax within 10 years.

Environmental groups have praised the proposed amendment as "an important step

toward cleaning up Georgia" after years of uncertainty about whether dedicated funds could be steered to other purposes.

Proposed Constitutional Amendment 2

"Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended to waive sovereign immunity and allow the people of Georgia to petition the superior court for relief from governmental acts done outside the scope of lawful authority or which violate the laws of this state, the Constitution of Georgia, or

the Constitution of the United States?"

This would remove sovereign immunity protections from state and local governments, and allow lawsuits against them for alleged violations of state laws and state and U.S. constitutions.

Sovereign immunity is a concept Georgia carried over from British common law that states the government legally can do no wrong.

District 110 State Rep. Andy Welch, R-McDonough, whose district included part of

Newton County, sponsored the resolution for the constitutional amendment in reaction to previous vetoes of similar legislation by two governors.

It would allow lawsuits against governments in superior courts and authorizes superior courts to order state and local officers and employees to cease violations beginning Jan. 1, 2021.

It also requires that such legal actions be against the state or local government entity and not an elected official or individual working in

the government.

The amendment also prohibits any type of monetary award unless the Georgia General Assembly approves it.

The Georgia Supreme Court ruled in 2017 that sovereign immunity protected public officials from being sued.

Statewide Referendum

"Shall the Act be approved which provides an exemption from ad valorem taxes for all real property owned by a purely public charity, if such charity is exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the federal Internal Revenue Code and such real property is held exclusively for the purpose of building or repairing single-family homes to be financed by such charity to individuals using loans that shall not bear interest?"

This proposed law applies to nonprofits like Habitat for Humanity. It will exempt from property taxes land owned by a nonprofit if the property is only used for construction or repair of single-family homes financed by the nonprofit with zero interest loans for individuals.



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and find better ways to recruit new personnel, among other efforts.

The candidates had spent a total of more than \$112,000 from the start of their campaigns until Sept. 30 — with Malcom spending \$86,000 and Brown \$26,000, according to their latest campaign finance reports.

Brown, however, outspent Malcom \$26,000 to \$19,000 in the most recent reporting period, the reports showed.

The reporting period began after the June 9 primary election in which Brown was unopposed for the Democratic nomination. Malcom spent the bulk of his funds — \$67,000 — in his successful campaign against Clay Ivey for the Republican nomination.

The Newton County sheriff is the county's chief law enforcement officer and jailer. He is chiefly responsible for providing law enforcement service in Newton County's unincorporated area; maintains and operates the county jail; provides courthouse security; and serves civil papers and arrest warrants.

Tax Commissioner

Republican incumbent Dana Darby is being challenged by Democrat



Dana Darby



Marcus Jordan

Marcus Jordan for the job of chief tax collector for the county. The tax commissioner oversees billing, collecting, processing and distributing property taxes and serves as an agent of the state Revenue Commissioner for the registration of motor vehicles, according to information on the county website.

Darby is seeking a full four-year term after being sworn in as tax commissioner in September 2019 to complete the term of Barbara Dingler, who

retired after 34 years in the office.

Darby worked in the office for 20 years and served as chief deputy tax commissioner before her appointment.

She and her supporters have cited her experience in the office and her fiscal conservatism as reasons for electing her to a full term.

Jordan has served as chief appraiser in the county tax appraiser's office since 2014. He has worked in the tax appraiser's office for 21 years, including 12 years as the assistant chief appraiser.

Jordan has said he will work to provide better links to the community; satellite locations and more user-friendly website; and lower wait times for the office's services.

Coroner

Three-term incumbent Republican Tommy Davis is facing a challenge from Democrat Dorothea Bailey-Butts for the job Davis has held since 2008.



Tommy Davis



Dorothea Bailey-Butts

The county coroner is required to be notified and investigate deaths that meet criteria specified in state law, including suspicious or unexpected deaths and those caused by violence or suicide.

Davis, who also is a funeral director, served as a deputy coroner for five years before succeeding Bob Wheeler in 2008.

He has cited his experience in doing the work of coroner as a main reason for re-electing him.

Bailey-Butts is a registered nurse and businesswoman. She was the 2016 Democratic nominee for the office but lost to Davis in the General Election.

She has publicly cited her experience in the medical field as a reason for supporting her

candidacy.

County Commissioner, District 1

Voters in southern and parts of southeastern and southwestern Newton County will have a choice between incumbent



Stan Edwards



Catalata Hardeman

Republican Stan Edwards and Democratic challenger Catalata Hardeman for the seat representing them on the Newton County Commission.

Edwards is seeking a second term. He was elected in 2016 after serving two years on the Newton County School Board.

He is an insurance agency manager who retired from AT&T after 34 years.

Hardeman is a mother of four and currently finishing her bachelor's degree in business at Strayer University, according to her campaign Facebook page.

County Commissioner, District 5

Voters in northeastern and central Newton County will choose

between incumbent Republican Ronnie Cowan and Democratic challenger Dorothy Piedrahita.



Ronnie Cowan



Dorothy Piedrahita

Cowan is seeking a second term. He is an attorney who also has served as a police officer, human resources director and administrative services director with the city of Covington.

Piedrahita has worked in business and in several roles in government in two states, including with the city of Atlanta and the state of Alabama.

Unopposed Candidates

Candidates on the Nov. 3 ballot who are unopposed include incumbent Clerk of Superior Court Linda D. Hays, who has served 37 years in the position; and County Chairman Marcello Banes and Probate Court Judge Melanie Bell, who are each seeking second terms.

Others include District 2 county school board member Eddie Johnson, who is unopposed for a fourth term; District 4 school board member Anderson Bailey, who recently was appointed to the board and is unopposed for his first full term; and Alana Sanders, who is unopposed for her first term in the county commission District 3 seat.

TSPLOST

Special Election

Voters countywide will be asked if they want to approve a 1% Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax for transportation, and a bond issue of \$18.9 million, all for transportation projects.

The sales tax can only be imposed for five years and produce a maximum of \$56.1 million for transportation projects in the cities and unincorporated area. The bond issue will be used to more quickly begin work on projects in the county and Covington as they await the collection of tax revenues, officials have said.

The Newton County ballot will have a "yes" or "no" choice to the following question:

"Shall a special 1% sales and use tax be imposed in the special district consisting of Newton County for a period of time not to exceed five years and for the raising of not more than an estimated amount of \$56,100,000 for transportation purposes? If imposition of the tax is approved by the voters, such vote shall also constitute approval of the issuance of general obligation debt of Newton County in the principal amount of \$18,900,000 for the above purpose."

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the Supreme Court of Georgia.

Formerly, Bryant served as the assistant district attorney for DeKalb County before transitioning back to Newton County, where she lives with her husband and 2-year-old son.

Bryant is a cum laude graduate of Xavier University in Ohio and a graduate of William & Mary Law School in Virginia.

State House of Representatives
In the state House of Representatives, there are four seats Newton County will vote to fill Nov. 3.

For the 109th District, Republican incumbent Dale Rutledge faces off against Democratic challenger Regina Lewis-Ward.

Rutledge is a business owner in McDonough.

Lewis-Ward is a political science adjunct instructor from McDonough.

Republican candidate Clint Crowe and Democratic candidate Ebony Carter square off to represent the 110th District.

Crowe is a real estate broker from McDonough.

Carter is an auxiliary operations coordinator from McDonough.

For District 112, incumbent Republican Rep. Dave Belton is running unopposed. Belton is a pilot from Buckhead in east Georgia.

And in District 113, Sharon Henderson also runs unopposed as the Democratic candidate. Henderson works as a local pastor. She won the primary election in May against Democratic incumbent Rep. Pam Dickerson.

State Senate

For Newton County's representation in the state Senate, incumbent Republican Brian Strickland seeks reelection against Democratic challenger Kelly Rose for District 17.

Strickland is an attorney from McDonough.

Rose is a post production producer from McDonough.

For the 43rd District in the state Senate, incumbent Democrat Tonya Anderson seeks to retain her position against Republican challenger Melanie

Williams.

Anderson is a certified life coach and consultant from Lithonia.

Williams is a multi-family property manager/realtor from Lithonia.

Public Service Commission

For the two seats on the public service commission, Republican incumbent Jason Shaw seeks reelection against two challengers — Democrat candidate Robert G. Bryant and Libertarian candidate Elizabeth Melton.

Shaw is a businessman and farmer from Lakeland.

Bryant is an educator from Savannah. Melton is a writer and native of Columbus.

Republican incumbent Lauren "Bubba" McDonald, Jr., seeks reelection in District 4 against Democratic challenger Daniel Blackman.

McDonald is a businessman from Clarkesville.

Blackman is a business manager. In 2016, he was the first African-American to run for office in Forsyth County.

Community Calendar

TUESDAY, OCT. 13

- Snapping Shoals Electric Membership Corp. will host its Annual Meeting as a drive-through event only from 8 a.m. to noon at the Georgia International Horse Park in Conyers. Registration will start at 8 a.m. and end at noon. All members who register will be entered into a prize drawing for a Ford Ranger Pickup retired from the Snapping Shoals fleet and also have a chance to win a \$50 bill credit. Only Snapping Shoals EMC members (electric customers) are eligible to register or be entered into the prize drawing. Traditional yellow buckets (3.5 gallons each) will be given out to the first 1,500 members to register in person. The Georgia International Horse Park is at 1996 Centennial Olympic Parkway NE, off Ga. Hwy. 138, in Conyers. A map of the route for attendees is available by visiting ssemc.com/AnnualMeeting.aspx. Call 770-786-3484 to learn more.

THURSDAY, OCT. 15

- The Arts Association hosts Concert on the Square starting at noon.

SATURDAY, OCT. 17

- Octoberfest Sales Event in the Downtown District, "Saturday Sideline Sale," from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Details to be announced.

THURSDAY, OCT. 22

- The Arts Association hosts Concert on the Square starting at noon.

SATURDAY, OCT. 24

- Covington Christian Church on the Round, located at 141 Highway 142 in Covington, will host its Fall Festival from 5 to 9 p.m. Enjoy the season in backyard family style! Everyone is invited to attend for an evening of hay rides, photo stations, food trucks and a bonfire. Break out your best recipes, because there will be an Apple Pie Contest, complete with blue ribbon and a gift card to Applebee's for the winner! Come enjoy s'mores and guitars around the fire, then finish the festivities with a small fireworks display. Admission is free. Visit covingtonchristian.org to learn more.

THURSDAY, OCT. 29

- The Arts Association hosts Concert on the Square starting at noon.

THROUGH OCT. 30

- New Beginnings art show is an art exhibit of original art by members of Southern Heartland Art Guild. The public is invited to view this new show at Southern Heartland Visual Art Center and Gallery, Monday through Saturday.

SATURDAY, OCT. 31

- Octoberfest Sales Event in the Downtown District, "Sweets on the Square," from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. participating businesses will be handing out free treats throughout the day.

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OPINIONS

The Covington News

Our View on the Issue

Exercise your right to vote

Whether in-person or mailed in, early or on Election Day, be sure to exercise your right to vote.

We’ve watched debates. We’ve seen all the ads. We’ve read and heard where nearly every candidate stands on a variety of issues, so now it’s time to decide.

It’s been said that there’s much at stake this November, and it’s true. But we aren’t just talking about the presidential election.

There are several local races to be decided Nov. 3, most notably the position of Newton County Sheriff and several seats on the Newton County Board of Commissioners.

While the president is often described as the most powerful position in the world, the winners of our local races will arguably have the most impact on our lives.

Speaking of impact, don’t forget about the amendments and special referendums we’re voting on. Inside today’s edition of *The Covington News*, you’ll find an overview and “translation” for what each amendment means, and what happens if you vote “yes” or “no.”

The most impactful of the referendums is the Special 1 Percent Sales and Use Tax for Transportation Purposes for Newton County that voters will find at the bottom of the ballot.

Voting is not only the best way to create change, but it’s also the best way to prevent change.

If you feel the need for change, now’s the time to vote. And if you like how things are going, vote to make sure they stay this way.

And despite the ongoing health crisis, everyone has been provided the opportunity to cast their vote.

Advance voting begins Monday, Oct. 12. At the Newton

County Administration Building, located at 113 Usher St. in Covington, residents may cast their vote from Oct. 12 to Oct. 30. Hours for Oct. 12-23 are Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Hours for Oct. 26-30 are Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday voting will be Oct. 24 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Porter Memorial Branch Library, located at 3612 Salem Road in Covington, will also serve as an advance voting poll location Oct. 26-30 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

If residents prefer to vote by mail, there are two drop box locations for Newton County residents to turn their ballots in: the north entrance of the Newton County Administration Building and Newton County’s Westside Precinct, located at 3612 Salem Road (Kroger Shopping Plaza) in Covington. Ballots must be received by 7 p.m. on Election Day.

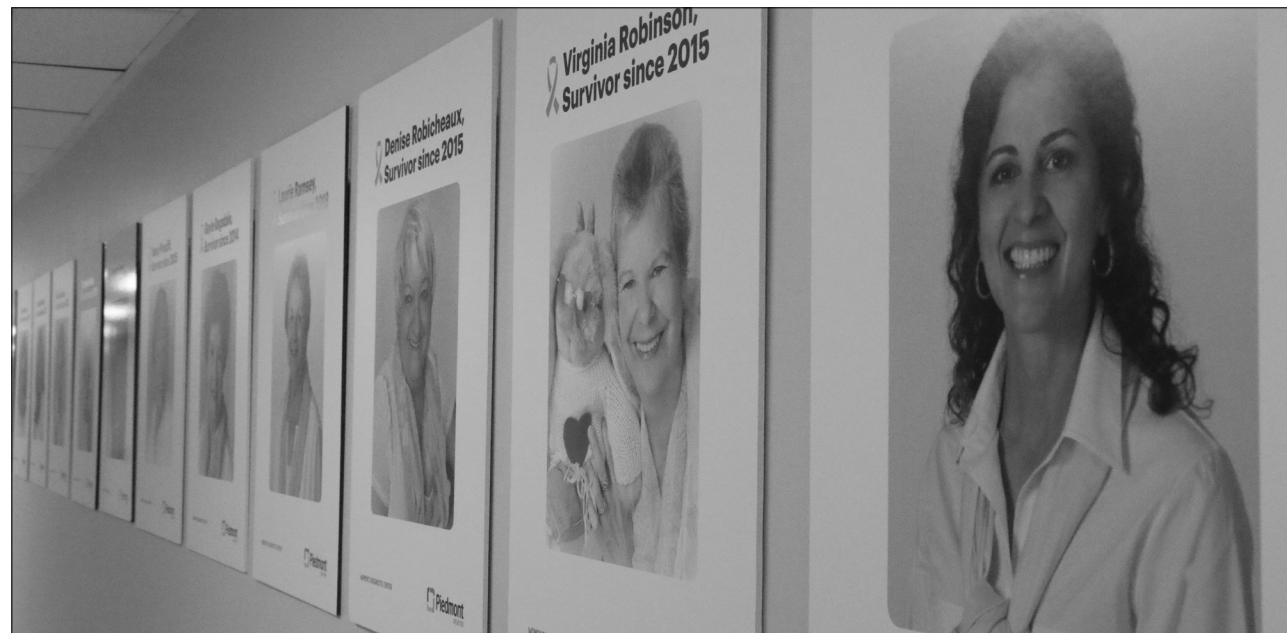
Of course, Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 3, when in-person polls will be open from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. at every county precinct.

For more information or questions about the election, contact the Newton County Board of Elections and Registration at 770-784-2055 or visit co.newton.ga.us/167/ Board-of-Elections-Registration. We’re proud to see that Newton County has more than 78,000 registered voters for this election. But don’t sit back and hope for a preferred outcome without casting a ballot.

Believe it or not, every vote matters, and it only takes one to change the outcome.

Our View on the Issue is an opinion of The Covington News editorial board, which includes Owner Patrick Graham and Editor and Publisher Taylor Beck.

Taylor Beck publisher and editor



Taylor Beck | The Covington News

Nearly 100 photos featuring breast cancer survivors of Newton County are currently hanging on the walls of Piedmont Newton Hospital. The spectacle provided a new outlook on the dreadful disease.

‘1 in 8’ is more than a number

As I walked the halls of Piedmont Newton

Hospital recently in preparation for our Breast Cancer Awareness special to be published Wednesday, Oct. 14, I was overwhelmed by the number of eyes peering down at me.

Those eyes belonged to the women of Newton County who have defeated breast cancer and survived the agony and affliction



that comes with it. And it was in that moment, my own eyes were opened.

I know the dangers of breast cancer and realize the disease is one of the leading killers among women across the globe.

I know the dreadful disease has touched nearly everyone’s life in some shape or form.

According to BreastCancer.org, about 1 in 8 American women will develop invasive breast cancer over the course of their life.

In 2020, more than 275,000 new cases of breast cancer are ex-

pected to be diagnosed in women in the U.S., along with more than 48,000 non-invasive cases.

But when I saw the dozens of beautiful, strong, courageous faces of our survivors in Newton County, I was provided a new outlook: there’s a lot more to breast cancer than a clipboard of statistics.

That “1 in 8” is a person.

“1 in 8” has a name, a family, a life.

She’s someone close to you — your mother, grandmother, sister, daughter and wife. She is your lovely neighbor

across the street. She is your waitress at your favorite eatery that always serves you with a smile. She’s your Sunday School teacher. She’s your best friend of 15 years.

She’s also the person you’ve never met, sitting across the room or standing next to you.

The unfortunate truth is “1 in 8” is much more than a number, and I hope we’ll never forget it.

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Chris Bridges columnist

There’s a candidate for everyone’s taste

Like all crowded political races, the jungle primary for one of two US Senate seats from Georgia

has its upper tier and then those who would be classified as “also running.”

We all know Kelly Loeffler was appointed to the seat by Gov. Brian Kemp after respected statesman Johnny Isakson stepped down for health reasons. Even with President Trump urging Kemp to appoint someone else, the governor went his own way and was no doubt influenced, at least partly, by Loeffler’s incredible wealth.

Kemp also figured having a female on the ballot this November would help turn out more women voters in the key general election.

Loeffler has the power of incumbency despite never being elected or even on a ballot before Georgia voters.

Republican Doug Collins, a long-time congressman from Northeast Georgia, has also received a good bit of attention since entering the race. Collins was the person President Trump wanted in the position.

On the Democratic side, party leaders and insiders have pushed Raphael Warnock as their choice. They

have even gone as far as calling for other Democrats in the race to drop out. It’s an absurd request and so far, none of the “other” seven Democrats in the jungle primary have thrown their hat outside of the ring.

With so many candidates representing all areas of the political spectrum, it is probably a good time to look at others in the race. This race, as much as any in recent state history, gives voters a true choice with 21 official candidates in the race. We are now less than a month until election day.

Other Democrats in the race besides Warnock include:

- Deborah Jackson, an attorney and former mayor of Lithonia.

- Jamesia James, a businesswoman and United States Air Force veteran.

- Tamara Johnson-Shealey, a businesswoman.

- Matt Lieberman, a businessman, former teacher and son of former U.S. Senator and vice-presidential candidate Joe Lieberman.

- Joy Felicia Slade, a physician.

- Ed Tarver, a former U.S. attorney, former state senator and Army veteran.

- Richard Wingfield, a college professor, author and former candidate for U.S. representative.

Of these Democrats, Lieberman actually polled the highest until recent weeks when the

Warnock campaign overtook him. Lieberman’s name gave him credibility in the race although some have repeatedly demanded he end his campaign.

There was early talk of Tarver being a possible contender but he has only polled in single digits.

Other Republicans besides Loeffler and Collins include:

- Derrick Grayson, a minister, network engineer and US Navy veteran.

- Annette Davis Jackson, a businesswoman and former state senate candidate.

- Wayne Johnson, a former US Education Department official, educator and businessman.

- Kandiss Taylor, a south Georgia educator.

Of these Republicans, Taylor has likely logged more miles than anyone covering almost every county in the state. Taylor has spoken to any gathering which has extended an invitation and has gained a grass roots following.

Johnson actually ended his campaign last week but he will still be on the ballot. He had endorsed Collins in the race.

Grayson has run for office multiple times and at one time sought the Libertarian Party nomination for president. He ran for the U.S. Senate in the Republican primary in 2014.

Other non-Democrat and non-Republican

candidates include:

- Libertarian Brian Slowinski, a retired real estate developer who ran for Congress as a Republican in the 2014 primary when Jody Hice was first elected. He also has the endorsement of the Georgia Constitution Party.

- Green Party candidate John Fortuin, a property manager and the first from his party to be on a statewide Georgia ballot.

- Independent Al Bartell, an Air Force veteran who had run for statewide office multiple times, including primaries as a Republican.

- Independent Allen Buckley, an attorney and accountant who has run for statewide office as a Libertarian.

- Independent Michael Todd Greene, a retired teacher.

- Independent Valencia Stovall, an elected Democratic state representative and a businesswoman.

- Rod Mack, official write-in candidate who is a former congressional aide. Being an official write-in candidate means Mack’s votes will be tabulated.

This slate of candidates covers the entire political spectrum so there is certainly someone for everyone’s political tastes.

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from 1973 to 2009. If elected, Biden said he would support a health care plan that would build on the ACA, including an expansion of the public option. The plan would also not allow pharmaceutical corporations to avoid negotiating with Medicare over drug prices. On immigration, the former vice president has pledged to protect Dreamers, or people brought to the U.S. illegally as children. On climate change, Biden supported the Paris climate accords, which the Trump administration abandoned in 2017. In June 2019, Biden released a proposal to spend \$1.7 trillion on green energy technologies over the next 10 years, with the ultimate goal of putting the U.S. on track to eliminate net greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.

Biden's running mate is Kamala Harris, a U.S. senator from Oakland, California.

Jorgensen, 63, was the Libertarian party's nominee for vice president in the 1996 U.S. presidential election as the running mate of Harry Browne. She was also the Libertarian nominee for South Carolina's 4th Congressional District in 1992. On healthcare, Jorgensen believes Americans should be in charge of their own health dollars, according to her campaign website. This would give patients the opportunity to shop for care the same way they do with any other product or service, and costs would go down as a result, she said. Jorgensen also vowed to get rid of the FDA's efficacy requirement, "if not the entire FDA," so that new medicines and procedures get to patients as "quickly and safely as possible," and she would also make more drugs available over the counter.

Jorgensen's running mate is Jeremy "Spike" Cohen, an entrepreneur and podcaster from Baltimore, Maryland.

In the races for the U.S. House of Representatives, Newton County voters will elect candidates to represent Districts 4 and 10.

In District 4, Democrat Hank Johnson is the incumbent seeking reelection against Republican challenger Jodie Cruz Ezammudeen.

Johnson is currently in his seventh term representing Georgia at the nation's capital. Johnson was named one of the most effective Democrats in Congress in a study conducted by the University of Virginia and University of Vanderbilt. As part of the House Judiciary Committee, Johnson introduced, co-sponsored

and passed measures to protect consumers and citizens' civil liberties, including the FAIR Act and the Stop Militarizing Law Enforcement Act. As a former member of the House Armed Services Committee, Johnson became a leading national voice for the demilitarization of local law enforcement agencies in 2014. Prior to taking his seat in Congress in 2006, Johnson practiced criminal defense law in Georgia for 27 years. He served 12 years as a magistrate judge and five years as a DeKalb County commissioner.

Ezammudeen currently works at The Meridian Group, a health care insurance company that specializes in providing services to a small business as well as acting as VP of RACI - Red Alternativa Capitalista de Información (The Alternative Network of Capitalistic Information). As a member of the Georgia GOP, Ezammudeen supports small government "that allows the private sector to grow and create sources of employment, pushing our economy forward."

In 2016, she was part of a grass-roots movement known as Latinos for Trump of Georgia, which brought 39% of the Latino vote for Trump up from an initially projected 9%. Ezammudeen also participated in the Latinos for Kemp movement in 2018. According to her campaign website, she views herself as "a moderate conservative, defender of the Judeo-Christian values the nation was founded upon, 100% pro-life and fervent defender of the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights to be the prevailing law of the land."

In District 10, Republican Jody Hice is the incumbent seeking reelection against Democrat challenger Tabitha Johnson-Green.

Hice took office in 2015 as the representative of Georgia's 10th Congressional District and serves on the House Committee on Oversight and Reform and the House Natural Resources Committee. For the 116th Congress, he serves as Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Government Operations for the Committee on Oversight and Reform. Hice was born in Atlanta and raised in Tucker. He graduated from Asbury University, earned his master's degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, as well as a doctor of ministry from Luther Rice College and Seminary. Hice served as pastor in three Georgia counties for almost 25 years and later went on to launch the Jody Hice

Show, a conservative talk radio program.

Johnson-Green born and raised in Washington County. According to her campaign website, she is a "Christian, wife, mother, registered nurse" and "business owner."

"Many of the deep societal issues that we face today, including the rising costs of healthcare, housing, and education, epidemics of gun violence and mass incarceration, a lack of economic opportunity and basic necessities like clean air and water, and struggles for fundamental equality, are rooted in our failure to provide the basic building blocks for a successful life for all of us," she stated on her campaign website. "When members of our community are afforded the basic decency of clean air and water, education, healthcare, safe communities, economic opportunity and fairness, they have a chance to become productive, thriving citizens. We must make sure that we treat the disease, not just the symptoms."

In the U.S. Senate, two seats representing the state of Georgia are up for grabs.

The first is held by Republican incumbent David Perdue. Challengers on the ballot include Democrat Jon Ossoff and Libertarian Shane Hazel.

Born in Macon, and raised in Warner Robins on his family's farm, Perdue is the former CEO of Reebok athletic brand and Dollar General stores. He earned a degree in industrial engineering and a master's degree in operations research from Georgia Tech. Perdue was elected to the U.S. Senate in 2014. On his campaign website, Perdue is described as "a champion for term limits for politicians, reinventing in out-of-control spending, growing the economy, and tackling our nation's debt crisis." Perdue serves on the Armed Services, Banking, Budget, and Foreign Relations committees for the 116th Congress.

Ossoff is a Georgia native, media executive, investigative journalist and small business owner. Since 2013, Ossoff has served as the CEO of Insight TWI, a now 30-year-old media production company that investigates corruption, organized crime and war crimes for international news organizations. Ossoff earned a bachelor's degree from

Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service and a master's degree from the London School of Economics. Before his career in journalism, Ossoff worked as a national security aide for U.S. Rep. Hank Johnson, handling defense, foreign affairs, intelligence and economic policy.

Hazel is a U.S. Marine Corps veteran from Cumming. He grew up in Lawrenceville. He earned a Bachelor of Applied Science degree in international affairs from the University of Georgia. Hazel joined the Marine Corps after the terrorist attacks on 9/11.

"My mission is to bring people together while preserving the freedom of every individual, regardless of skin color, age, faith, gender, love and every other nuance which make us unique. We must come together and remove the government/corporate cabals from the lives of peaceful people here in the US and around the world."

The other U.S. Senate seat up for special election is current held by Republican incumbent Kelly Loeffler. She was appointed by Gov. Brian Kemp when former Sen. Johnny Isakson resigned for health concerns at the end of 2019. Loeffler was sworn in on Jan. 6, 2020. The election will fill the remaining two years of the six-year term Isakson was elected to in 2016.

On the special election ballot are 21 candidates, including eight Democrats, six Republicans, five independents, one Green Party candidate and one Libertarian candidate. If no candidate garners a majority of the vote Nov. 3, a runoff between the top two voter-getters will be held Jan. 5, 2021.

According to polls, Republicans candidates Loeffler and Doug Collins and Democratic candidates Raphael Warnock and Matt Lieberman reportedly lead the pack.

Loeffler is a businesswoman who moved to Georgia in 2002 to help build a startup company, Intercontinental Exchange, which later grew to become a Fortune 500 company. In 2010, she became co-owner of the WNBA Atlanta Dream. Most recently, Loeffler was the CEO of a financial technology firm she helped found. As senator, she is a member of the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry, and the Joint Economic Committee.

Collins currently

serves in the U.S. House of Representatives for the state's 9th Congressional District — a position he's held since 2013. Collins has ministered to the U.S. military as a U.S. Air Force Reserve chaplain since 2002. In the 116th Congress, Collins has served on the U.S. House Committee on the Judiciary, working on a variety of issues that include fighting to uphold and safeguard the Second Amendment, protecting the lives of unborn children, defending religious liberty, and overseeing the nation's law enforcement agencies.

Warnock graduated from Morehouse College, earning a doctorate, and was ordained in the ministry. He has served as senior pastor at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta for the last 15 years, the former pulpit of Martin Luther King, Jr. Warnock was the youngest pastor selected to serve in that leadership role at the historic church. As senator, Warnock states on his campaign website that he "will focus on fighting for quality,



Doug Collins



Shane Hazel



Raphael Warnock

affordable health care, for the dignity of working people who are paid too little as our government works more for Wall Street, and to make sure every voice is heard."

A resident of Cobb County, Lieberman — the son of former Democratic Vice Presidential nominee Joe Lieberman, who was Al Gore's running mate in 2000 — graduated from Yale and got his J.D. from Yale Law School. After two years of practicing law, he decided to become a school teacher. Lieberman developed a program to help fight hunger and homelessness, and later launched a local "I Have a Dream" program to provide college scholarships to low-income kids.

If elected, Lieberman pledges to lower the cost of insurance premiums and prescription drugs. He also believes there should be a new Voting Rights Act. Lieberman is a "longtime booster of Planned Parenthood," according to his campaign website, and supports women's right to choose. He also said Congress should pass "a real, meaningful, universal background check law to keep guns out of the hands of those who shouldn't have them."



Matt Lieberman



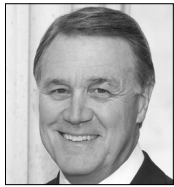
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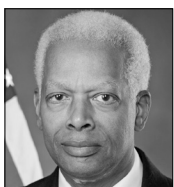
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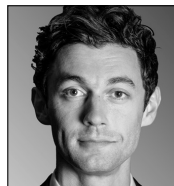
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City Pond - 1,817
Town - 4,312
Almon - 4,958
Alcovy - 4,583
Covington Mills - 3,095
Brewers - 3,521
Brick Store - 2,603
Cedar Shoals - 2,816
Livingston - 4,567
Downs - 6,179
Gum Creek - 4,098
Beaverdam - 5,388
Leguinn - 2,165
Mansfield - 1,501
Newborn - 781
Oxford - 2,386
Rocky Plains - 3,624
Buck Creek - 4,812

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NEWTON COUNTY

OFFICIAL ABSENTEE/PROVISIONAL/EMERGENCY BALLOT

OFFICIAL GENERAL AND SPECIAL ELECTION BALLOT
OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA
NOVEMBER 3, 2020

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3. If voting for a Write-in candidate, completely fill in the empty oval to the left of the Write-in selection, then write the name of the write-in candidate in the space provided

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For President of the United States (Vote for One)	SPECIAL ELECTION	For Public Service Commissioner (To Succeed Jason Shaw) (Vote for One)	For State Senator From 43rd District (Vote for One)
<input type="radio"/> Donald J. Trump - President Michael R. Pence - Vice President (Incumbent) Republican	For United States Senate (To Fill the Unexpired Term of Johnny Isakson, Resigned) (Vote for One)	<input type="radio"/> Jason Shaw (Incumbent) Republican	<input type="radio"/> Melanie Williams Republican
<input type="radio"/> Joseph R. Biden - President Kamala D. Harris - Vice President Democrat	<input type="radio"/> Al Bartell Independent	<input type="radio"/> Robert G. Bryant Democrat	<input type="radio"/> Tonya P. Anderson (Incumbent) Democrat
<input type="radio"/> Jo Jorgensen - President Jeremy "Spika" Cohen - Vice President Libertarian	<input type="radio"/> Allen Buckley Independent	<input type="radio"/> Elizabeth Mellon Libertarian	<input type="radio"/> Write-in
<input type="radio"/> Write-in	<input type="radio"/> Doug Collins Republican	<input type="radio"/> Write-in	For State Representative In the General Assembly From 109th District (Vote for One)
For United States Senate (Vote for One)	<input type="radio"/> John Fortuin Green	For Public Service Commissioner (To Succeed Lauren Bullock McDonald, Jr.) (Vote for One)	<input type="radio"/> Dale Rutledge (Incumbent) Republican
<input type="radio"/> David A. Perdue (Incumbent) Republican	<input type="radio"/> Derrick E. Grayson Republican	<input type="radio"/> Lauren Bullock McDonald, Jr. (Incumbent) Republican	<input type="radio"/> Dale Rutledge (Incumbent) Republican
<input type="radio"/> Jon Ossoff Democrat	<input type="radio"/> Michael Todd Greene Independent	<input type="radio"/> Daniel Blackman Democrat	<input type="radio"/> Regina Lewis-Ward Democrat
<input type="radio"/> Shane Hazel Libertarian	<input type="radio"/> Annette Davis Jackson Republican	<input type="radio"/> Nathan Wilson Libertarian	<input type="radio"/> Write-in
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	<input type="radio"/> Jamesia James Democrat	For U.S. Representative in 117th Congress From the 4th Congressional District of Georgia (Vote for One)	<input type="radio"/> Clint Crowe Republican
	<input type="radio"/> A. Wayne Johnson Republican	<input type="radio"/> Joele Cruz Ezamudeen Republican	<input type="radio"/> Ebony Carter Democrat
	<input type="radio"/> Tamara Johnson-Shealey Democrat	<input type="radio"/> Henry C. "Hank" Johnson, Jr. (Incumbent) Democrat	<input type="radio"/> Write-in
	<input type="radio"/> Matt Lieberman Democrat	<input type="radio"/> Write-in	For State Representative In the General Assembly From 111th District (Vote for One)
	<input type="radio"/> Kelly Loeffler (Incumbent) Republican	For U.S. Representative in 117th Congress From the 10th Congressional District of Georgia (Vote for One)	<input type="radio"/> Dave Bolton (Incumbent) Republican
	<input type="radio"/> Joy Felicia Slade Democrat	<input type="radio"/> Jody Hice (Incumbent) Republican	<input type="radio"/> Write-in
	<input type="radio"/> Brian Slowinski Libertarian	<input type="radio"/> Tabitha Johnson-Green Democrat	For State Representative In the General Assembly From 113th District (Vote for One)
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<p>For District Attorney of the Alcolty Judicial Circuit (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Randy McGinley Republican</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Destiny Bryant Democrat</p> <p><input type="radio"/> _____</p> <p>Write-in</p>	<p>For County Commissioner District 3 (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Alana L. Sanders Democrat</p> <p><input type="radio"/> _____</p> <p>Write-in</p>	<p>- 2 -</p> <p>Waives state and local sovereign immunity for violation of state laws, state and federal constitutions.</p> <p>House Resolution 1023 Act No. 596</p> <p>"Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended to waive sovereign immunity and allow the people of Georgia to petition the superior court for relief from governmental acts done outside the scope of lawful authority or which violate the laws of this state, the Constitution of Georgia, or the Constitution of the United States?"</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES</p> <p><input type="radio"/> NO</p>
<p>For Judge of the Probate Court (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Melanie McCrory Bell (Incumbent) Republican</p> <p><input type="radio"/> _____</p> <p>Write-in</p>	<p>For County Commissioner District 5 (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Ronnie Cowan (Incumbent) Republican</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Dorothy Pindrahita Democrat</p> <p><input type="radio"/> _____</p> <p>Write-in</p>	<p>STATEWIDE REFERENDUM</p> <p>- A -</p> <p>Establishes a tax exemption for certain real property owned by charities.</p> <p>House Bill 344 Act No. 149</p> <p>"Shall the Act be approved which provides an exemption from ad valorem taxes for all real property owned by a purely public charity, if such charity is exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the federal Internal Revenue Code and such real property is held exclusively for the purpose of building or repairing single-family homes to be financed by such charity to individuals using loans that shall not bear interest?"</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES</p> <p><input type="radio"/> NO</p>
<p>For Clerk of Superior Court (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Linda D. Hays (Incumbent) Republican</p> <p><input type="radio"/> _____</p> <p>Write-in</p>	<p>For County Board of Education District 2 (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Eddie Johnson (Incumbent) Democrat</p> <p><input type="radio"/> _____</p> <p>Write-in</p>	
<p>For Sheriff (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Ken Malcolm Republican</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Ezell Brown (Incumbent) Democrat</p> <p><input type="radio"/> _____</p> <p>Write-in</p>	<p>For County Board of Education District 4 (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Anderson Bailey Democrat</p> <p><input type="radio"/> _____</p> <p>Write-in</p>	
<p>For Tax Commissioner (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Dana Darby (Incumbent) Republican</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Marcus Jordan Democrat</p> <p><input type="radio"/> _____</p> <p>Write-in</p>	<p>For Upper Ocmulgee River Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> _____</p> <p>Write-in</p>	<p>SPECIAL ELECTION</p> <p>Special One Percent Sales and Use Tax For Transportation Purposes (Vote for One)</p> <p>"Shall a special one percent sales and use tax be imposed in the special district consisting of Newton County for a period of time not to exceed five years and for the raising of not more than an estimated amount of fifty-six million, one-hundred thousand dollars (\$56,100,000.00) for transportation purposes?" If imposition of the tax is approved by the voters, such vote shall also constitute approval of the issuance of the general obligation debt of Newton County in the principal amount of eighteen million, nine-hundred thousand dollars (\$18,900,000) for the above purpose."</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES</p> <p><input type="radio"/> NO</p>
<p>For Coroner (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Tommy Davis (Incumbent) Republican</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Dorothea Bailey-Butts Democrat</p> <p><input type="radio"/> _____</p> <p>Write-in</p>	<p>PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS</p> <p>- 1 -</p> <p>Authorizes dedication of fees and taxes to their intended purposes by general state law.</p> <p>House Resolution 164 Act No. 597</p> <p>"Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to authorize the General Assembly to dedicate revenues derived from fees or taxes to the public purpose for which such fees or taxes were intended?"</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES</p> <p><input type="radio"/> NO</p>	
<p>For County Commissioner Chairman (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Marcello Banes (Incumbent) Democrat</p> <p><input type="radio"/> _____</p> <p>Write-in</p>		
<p>For County Commissioner District 1 (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Stan Edwards (Incumbent) Republican</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Catalata Hardeman Democrat</p> <p><input type="radio"/> _____</p> <p>Write-in</p>		



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EXCELLENCE AT HEART

Future soldiers sworn in

By TAYLOR BECK
tbeck@covnews.com

COVINGTON, Ga. — More than one dozen young men and women participated in a future soldier swear-in ceremony Thursday, Oct. 8, at the Covington Square, committing to join the U.S. Army.

Capt. Thomas J. Brown, Commander of the U.S. Army Recruiting Company, Peachtree City, conducted the official Oath of Enlistment.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the men and women pledging to join the Army were unable to have their families and friends witness their enlistment ceremony prior to Thursday.

Covington Mayor Steve Horton was on hand for the ceremony.

After the ceremony concluded, Mystic Grill offered a free lunch to each person who enlisted.



Capt. Thomas Brown (right), commander of the U.S. Army Recruiting Company, Peachtree City, conducts the official Oath of Enlistment during a swear-in ceremony for future soldiers from Newton County and surrounding areas on Thursday, Oct. 8, at the Covington Square.

Taylor Beck | The Covington News

Covington City Council puts stop to traffic issues

By TAYLOR BECK
tbeck@covnews.com

COVINGTON, Ga. — A phone call from a former legislator sparked action from the Covington City Council to approve the placement of various stop signs across the downtown area to improve traffic flow and safety.

Mayor Steve Horton said Thursday, Sept. 24, he got a call from former state Rep. Denny Dobbs with concerns about the intersection of Floyd and East streets.

While traveling through the area near J.C. Harwell Funeral Home, Dobbs said a vehicle collided with a dog running across the roadway. He thought the dog was OK, but his biggest concern was a child that appeared to step out onto the edge of the road.

Dobbs told the mayor he was leery of Floyd Street and Dearing Street. According to an email provided by Horton, Dobbs said he encouraged the city to install stop signs, four-way stops

or speed bumps “because vehicles are just flying up and down Floyd Street from one end to the other, and a child or an elderly person or someone else may get run over and hurt.”

After receiving the message, Councilwoman Susie Keck presented the mayor with concerns about other streets, including Conyers Street.

Horton later charged City Manager Scott Andrews and Police Chief Stacey Cotton

to come up with potential solutions that were presented to the council Monday, Oct. 5.

During the meeting, Cotton said the issues Dobbs and others expressed concerns about likely stem from U.S. Hwy. 278.

“I see people using a lot of our streets as cut-throughs because there’s not traffic control — there’s not anything that would dissuade people from using these streets to get from point A to

point B,” Cotton said.

The chief suggested a traffic study be conducted, but in the meantime, installing four-way stops at questionable intersections could help, he said. It could also keep traffic from “stacking up” at the Covington Square, Cotton said.

“We recommend using stop signs at certain intersections to ... keep people from using them as cut-through

See STOP, B6



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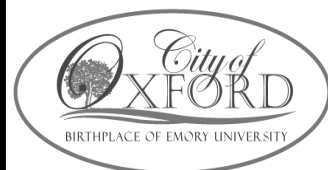
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POSITION AVAILABLE: ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK

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POSITION AVAILABLE: GROUNDSKEEPER

The City of Oxford is accepting applications for the position of Groundskeeper. This position is responsible for operating mowing equipment to maintain grounds of parks, trails, and city properties, and maintaining trees and plantings. Minimum qualifications include experience with equipment such as lawn mowers, debris blowers, and weed eaters. Other requirements are listed in the job description available from the City Clerk. A background investigation including criminal history check will be conducted on all applicants. Applications will be accepted through Monday, October 26th, 2020 at Oxford City Hall, 110 W. Clark St., Oxford, Georgia 30054. The City of Oxford is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

LEGALS

Public Notices

Abandoned Vehicles

ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE

YOU ARE hereby notified, in accordance with OCGA § 40-11-19(a) (2), that each of the below-referenced vehicles are subject to a lien and a petition may be filed in court to 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.

THE VEHICLES are currently located at 2481 Old Covington Hwy SW Conyers, GA 30012

THE VEHICLES subject to liens as stated above are identified as:

2006 FORD Explorer Blue (Dk) TAG# <unknown> V.I.N. # 1FMEU73E36ZA13156 removed from 9159 Access Rd NW Covington GA 30014.

ANYONE WITH an ownership interest in any of these vehicles should contact the following business immediately:

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 2481 OLD Covington Hwy SW
 CONYERS GA 30012
 678-210-0245

PUBLIC NOTICE #117359
 10/4,11

ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE (TOWING OR STORAGE COMPANY)

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YOU ARE hereby notified, in accordance with OCGA 40-11-19 (a) (2), that the above-referenced vehicle is subject to a lien and a petition may be filed in court to 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.

THE VEHICLE is currently located at 3195 Hwy 81 South, Covington, GA 30016. Anyone with an ownership interest in this vehicle should contact the following business immediately.

BUSINESS NAME: King's 24 Hour Towing and Repair, LLC
ADDRESS: 3195 Hwy 81 South
 COVINGTON, GA 30016
TELEPHONE#: 770-787-6243

PUBLIC NOTICE #117415
 10/11,18

ATTENTION!!!
CONTACT HILL TOP TOWING, INC.
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ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE NOTICE

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PUBLIC NOTICE #117355
 10/4,11

Alcoholic Beverage

NOTICE – APPLICATION ALCOHOL LICENSE

NOTICE IS hereby given that an application has been made to the he Mayor and Council of the City of Covington to obtain a license for alcoholic beverages for Beer and/or Wine Retail Amenity only for:

SOUTHERN HEARTLAND Gallery & Frame Shop
 1132 MONTICELLO Street

APPLICANT'S NAME: Elise Hammond

THE APPLICATION will be heard on October 19th, 2020 at 6:30 PM, at City of Covington Council Room located at 2116 Stallings Street, NW, Covington, GA. This notice is published pursuant to the provisions of Section 5.12.080(C), Covington Municipal Code.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #117411
 10/11

NOTICE – APPLICATION ALCOHOL LICENSE

NOTICE IS hereby given that an application has been made to the Mayor and Council of the City of Covington to obtain a license to sell alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption only for:

INGLES MARKET Inc.
 DBA INGLES Markets # 439
 9167 HWY 278 NE

APPLICANT: EDGAR Glover

THE APPLICATION will be heard on October 19, 2020 at 6:30 PM at City of Covington Council Room, 2116 Stallings Street, NW, Covington, GA. This notice is published pursuant to the provisions of Section 5.12.080(C), Covington

Municipal Code.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #117410
 10/11

NOTICE – APPLICATION ALCOHOL LICENSE

NOTICE IS hereby given that an application has been made to the Mayor and Council of the City of Covington to obtain a license to sell alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption only for:

QUICK LIQUOR Inc.
 DBA BEVERAGE Mail
 7254 WASHINGTON Street, SW

APPLICANT: CIBI Chacko

THE APPLICATION will be heard on October 19, 2020 at 6:30 PM at City of Covington Council Room, 2116 Stallings Street, NW, Covington, GA. This notice is published pursuant to the provisions of Section 5.12.080(C), Covington Municipal Code.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #117407
 10/11

NOTICE – APPLICATION ALCOHOL LICENSE

NOTICE IS hereby given that an application has been made to the Mayor and Council of the City of Covington to obtain a license to sell alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption only for:

WALGREEN CO
 DBA WALGREEN'S # 13760
 3188 HWY 278 NE

APPLICANT: SCOTT R. Downs

THE APPLICATION will be heard on October 19, 2020 at 6:30 PM at City of Covington Council Room, 2116 Stallings Street, NW, Covington, GA. This notice is published pursuant to the provisions of Section 5.12.080(C), Covington Municipal Code.

ATTEST:
JENNIFER HISE, PERMITTING AND LICENSE SPECIALIST
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PUBLIC NOTICE #117413
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- Play
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- Small constellation
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- Psychedelic amphetamine
- Very long period of time
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- At a specific prior time
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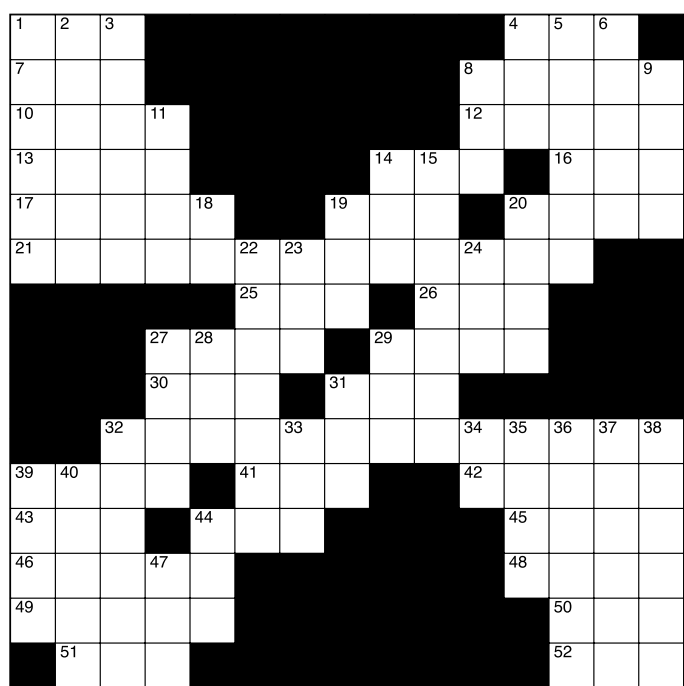
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- Time zone
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- In name only
- 007's creator
- No (Scottish)
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- Pound
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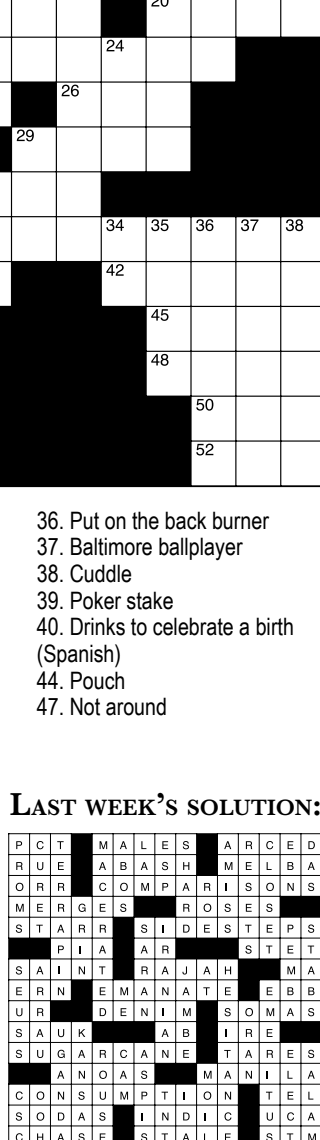
application has been made to the Mayor and Council of the City of Covington to obtain a license to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption only for:

HAN BAO Bao Inc
 DBA NAGAYA Japanese Steakhouse
 1065 ACCESS Road

APPLICANT'S NAME: Qiang



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:



THE APPLICATION will be heard on October 19, 2020 at 6:30 PM at City of Covington Council Room, 2116 Stallings Street, NW, Covington, GA.

See LEGALS, B3

THIS NOTICE is published pursuant to the provisions of Section 5.12.080(C), Covington Municipal Code.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #117406
10/11

Bids

NEWTON COUNTY School System Current Solicitations

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THE NEWTON County School System is soliciting sealed bids to obtain a qualified vendor to provide third party bus inspection services for its Pupil Transportation department.

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IF YOU have any questions, please contact the Newton County School System's procurement department at 770-385-6874.

PUBLIC NOTICE #117412
10/11

THE CITY of Social Circle is accepting RFPs for Municipal Court Judge. Please go to socialcircuitga.gov under Bids Opportunities and Proposals to review the ad.

PUBLIC NOTICE #117356
10/4,11

Citations

CITATION

ZACHERY D. BROOKS has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of LINDA MARIE MOORE**, 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 objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before NOVEMBER 2, 2020, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

MELANIE M. Bell, Judge
BY: MARCIA Wynne
CLERK, PROBATE Court
NEWTON COUNTY, GA

PUBLIC NOTICE #117379
10/4,11,18,25

CITATION

DAVID ALAN DINGLER has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of HARVEY JAMES DINGLER**, 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 objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before NOVEMBER 2, 2020, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

MELANIE M. Bell, Judge
BY: MARCIA Wynne
CLERK, PROBATE Court
NEWTON COUNTY, GA

PUBLIC NOTICE #117377
10/4,11,18,25

CITATION

DAVID M. BOUNDS has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of JOHN W. BOUNDS**, 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 objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before NOVEMBER 2, 2020, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

MELANIE M. Bell, Judge
BY: MARCIA Wynne
CLERK, PROBATE Court
NEWTON COUNTY, GA

PUBLIC NOTICE #117378
10/4,11,18,25

CITATION

DOROTHY BRANTLEY has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of WILLIE BERNARD BRANTLEY, 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 objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before NOVEMBER 2, 2020, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

MELANIE M. Bell, Judge
BY: MARCIA Wynne
CLERK, PROBATE Court
NEWTON COUNTY, GA

PUBLIC NOTICE #117299
10/4,11,18,25

CITATION

JACQUELINE E. RAINEY has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of MELVIN AUTHUR HENRY LESTER**, 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 objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before NOVEMBER 2, 2020,

next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

MELANIE M. Bell, Judge
BY: MARCIA Wynne
CLERK, PROBATE Court
NEWTON COUNTY, GA

PUBLIC NOTICE #117376
10/4,11,18,25

CITATION

JOHN L. DYKES has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of JOHN LEE DYKES, 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 objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before NOVEMBER 2, 2020, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

MELANIE M. Bell, Judge
BY: MARCIA Wynne
CLERK, PROBATE Court
NEWTON COUNTY, GA

PUBLIC NOTICE #117374
10/4,11,18,25

CITATION

KIMBERLY R. SMILEY-DENSLEY has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of HENRY SMILEY, 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 objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before NOVEMBER 2, 2020, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

MELANIE M. Bell, Judge
BY: MARCIA Wynne
CLERK, PROBATE Court
NEWTON COUNTY, GA

PUBLIC NOTICE #117373
10/4,11,18,25

CITATION

LOURIE WILLIAMS has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of GEORGE WILLIAMS**, 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 objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before NOVEMBER 2, 2020, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

MELANIE M. Bell, Judge
BY: MARCIA Wynne
CLERK, PROBATE Court
NEWTON COUNTY, GA

PUBLIC NOTICE #117372
10/4,11,18,25

CITATION

MICHAEL A. HIGHT has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of BETTY HIGHT DEVOE**, 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 objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before NOVEMBER 2, 2020, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

MELANIE M. Bell, Judge
BY: MARCIA Wynne
CLERK, PROBATE Court
NEWTON COUNTY, GA

PUBLIC NOTICE #117375
10/4,11,18,25

CITATION

SONYA L. POWERS has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of MILDRED ARIE HEARD**, 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 objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before NOVEMBER 2, 2020, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

MELANIE M. Bell, Judge
BY: MARCIA Wynne
CLERK, PROBATE Court
NEWTON COUNTY, GA

PUBLIC NOTICE #117380
10/4,11,18,25

CITATION

THE PETITION of **BALINDA E. MILLS**, widow/widower of **FREDERICK LEE MILLS**, 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 November 2, 2020, next at ten o'clock a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #117381
10/4,11,18,25

CITATION

THE PETITION of **MARY H. PINSON**, widow/widower of **JAMES F. PINSON**, 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 November 2, 2020, next at ten o'clock a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #117383
10/4,11,18,25

CITATION

THE PETITION of **SHARON LEFTWICH**, widow/widower of **MICHAEL ROYSTER LEFTWICH**, 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 November 2, 2020, next at ten o'clock a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #117382
10/4,11,18,25

CITATION

TO: UNKNOWN FATHER & ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

DONNA REID has filed Temporary Letters of Guardianship of the Person(s) **CAIDEN SIMMONS** minor(s). All objections must be in writing and filed with this Court on or before October 26, 2020 at ten o'clock, a.m.

MELANIE M. Bell, Judge
BY: DANYELL Thomas
CLERK, PROBATE Court
NEWTON COUNTY, Georgia

PUBLIC NOTICE #117419
10/11,18

NOTICE

RE: PETITION of Nancy Gail Blalock, to Probate Will in Solemn Form, Estate of Zelma Jayne Clary, Deceased

TO: RAQUEL Riley Tillman

THIS IS to notify you to file objection, if there is any, to the Petition of Nancy Gail Blalock to Probate **WILL IN** Solemn Form, Estate of Zelma Jayne Clary.

BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All pleadings/objections must be signed before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings/objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel at the following address/telephone number for the required amount of filing fees. All objections must be filed by November 2, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

MELANIE M. BELL
PROBATE JUDGE

BY: MARCIA Wynne
CLERK OF PROBATE COURT
1132 USHER STREET
COVINGTON, GA 30014
770 784 2045

PUBLIC NOTICE #117384
10/4,11,18,25

Corporations

NOTICE IS given that articles of incorporation that will incorporate **Agape Deliverance HQ, Inc** have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the **Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code**. The initial registered office of the corporation is located at 45 Shadowbrook Ct, Covington, GA, 30016 and its initial registered agent at such address is **Pamela Witcherd**.

PUBLIC NOTICE #117357
10/4,11

NOTICE IS given that articles of incorporation that will incorporate Vision of Faith, Inc. have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Non-Profit Corporation Code. The initial registered office is located at 9171 Scarlett Drive, Covington, GA 30014 of Newton County and its initial registered agent at such address is Beverly Johnson.

PUBLIC NOTICE #117353
10/7,14

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF CORPORATE NAME

NOTICE IS given that articles of amendment which will change the name of Trust Security, Inc. to DMK Jasper, Inc. have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Business Corporation Code. The registered address of the corporation is PO Box 114, Mansfield, GA, 30055.

PUBLIC NOTICE #117408
10/11,17

NOTICE OF Intent TO INCORPORATE

NOTICE IS given that Articles of Incorporation, which will incorporate Mark & Kim's Restorations 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 will be located at 6128 Green Acres Drive SW, Newton County, Covington, GA, 30014, and its initial registered agent at such address is Mark Logan.

PUBLIC NOTICE #117358
10/11,18

Debtors Creditors

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

ALL CREDITORS of the Estate of Joyce Vaughn Tingley, late ofNewton County, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.

THIS 181H day of September, 2020.

VICKI A. Hennecy, Executor for **THE ESTATE** of Joyce Vaughn Tingley
822 COOPER Way
LAWRENCEVILLE, GEORGIA
30046

PUBLIC NOTICE #117354
10/4,11,18,25

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of BETTY ZANE EDWARDS**, 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 22nd** day of

September, 2020.

WALLACE E. EDWARDS, JR.
2780 BROUGHTON RD
NEWBORN, GA 30056

PUBLIC NOTICE #117327
9/27,10/4,11,18

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of CLAUDE MCKENZIE CAMPBELL**, deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. **THIS THE 21st** day of September, 2020.

DEANNA TAMARA CAMPBELL
371 SUMMIT VIEW DRIVE
MCDONOUGH, GA 30253

PUBLIC NOTICE #117334
9/27,10/4,11,18

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of CLYDE MARVIN BOWEN**, 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 22nd** day of September, 2020.

ELIZABETH POPE
2173 CONYERS ST.
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #117331
9/27,10/4,11,18

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of DARYL JOHANNESON**, 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 22nd** day of September, 2020.

WARD DALE WEIBE
6 NORWOOD BAY
MITCHELL, MANITOBA
R5G 0Y7

PUBLIC NOTICE #117336
9/27,10/4,11,18

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

THIS THE 16th day of September, 2020.

MARIO S. Ninfo, Attorney for **PAIGE STODDARD**, Administrator
1198 CLARK St., NW
COVINGTON, GA 30014
770 784 8000

PUBLIC NOTICE #117320
9/27,10/4,11,18

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of EMORY SPENCER**, 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 September, 2020.

BONNIE KITCHENS
5121 SWANN ST, SW
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #117418
10/11,18,25, 11/1

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of ERNESTINE T. SILVERMAN**, deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. **THIS THE 15th** day of SEPTEMBER, 2020.

DERWIN BRYAN Davis, Esquire, CFP
P.O. BOX 82870
CONYERS, GEORGIA 30013

PUBLIC NOTICE #117311
9/27,10/4,11,18

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of GARY JOSEPH SPRINGSTON**, deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. **THIS THE 17th** day of September, 2020.

SHAWN SPRINGSTON
205 EWING DRIVE
SOCIAL CIRCLE, GA 30025

PUBLIC NOTICE #117329
9/27,10/4,11,18

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of GENEVIEVE M. JONES**, deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. **THIS THE 28th** day of September, 2020.

ALAN D. JONES
121 HEATON ROAD
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #117369
10/4,11,18,25

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND

CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of HENRY JAMES CLARK**, 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 25th** day of September, 2020.

MYRTIS W. CLARK
10 WINDSONG DRIVE
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #117370
10/4,11,18,25

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of JAMES BOYCE HOWARD**, deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. **THIS THE 10th** day of SEPTEMBER, 2020.

RITA F. FRIX
3109 WOODCHUCK WAY
CONYERS, GA 30094

PUBLIC NOTICE #117304
9/20,27,10/4,11

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of LARRY KENNETH GREENE**, 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 September, 2020.

ROGER GREENE
2399 WOODLEAF LANE
DECATUR, GA 30033

PUBLIC NOTICE #117417
10/11,18,25, 11/1

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of LESTER RAY CROY**, deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. **THIS THE 17th** day of September, 2020.

ZACHERY S. CROY
290 BETHANY ROAD
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #117333
9/27,10/4,11,18

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of LORENZO MATTEO MARINELLI**, 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 September, 2020.

CYNTHIA MARINELLI
10 MAGNOLIA DR
OXFORD, GA 30054

PUBLIC NOTICE #117416
10/11,18,25, 11/1

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of PATRICIA A. WHITE**, deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. **THIS THE 17th** day of September, 2020.

HAROLD C. WHITE
145 AVONLEA DRIVE
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #117328
9/27,10/4,11,18

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS

IS:
JOHN L. Strauss
JOHN L. Strauss, PC
1132 CONVERS Street, SE
COVINGTON, GA 30014

AN ANSWER to the complaint which is herewith served upon you, within 30 days after service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If this action pertains to a Protective Order, the Answer is to be filed and served on or before the scheduled hearing date attached. If you fail to do so, judgement by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

THIS 17TH day of September, 2020.

CLERK OF Superior Court
LINDA D. Hays
NEWTON COUNTY, Georgia

PUBLIC NOTICE #117388
10/11,18,25,11/1

Foreclosures

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

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

UNDER AND by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Charles R Davis** to Newton Federal Bank, dated July 27, 2012, recorded in Deed Book 3029, Page 571, Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to HVRML Trust 2019-1 by assignment recorded in Deed Book 3927, Page 563, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of FIFTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$50,000.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in November, 2020, the following described property:

SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED
HERE TO AND MADE A PART
HEREOF

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

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

HVRML TRUST 2019-1 is the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-162.2.

THE ENTITY that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: BSI Financial Services, 11350 McCormick Road, EP II, Ste 903, Hunt Valley, MD 21031, 866-581-4495.

TO THE best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is **Charles R Davis** or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **88 McGiboney Road, Covington, Georgia 30016**. **THE SALE** will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed.

HVRML TRUST 2019-1
AS ATTORNEY IN Fact for
CHARLES R Davis
MCCALLA RAYMER Leibert Pierce, LLC

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

EXHIBIT "A"
ALL THAT tract of parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 102, 10th District of Newton County, Georgia, per plat of survey for Sidney E. Bailey by Robert M. Buhler, L.S. #1403, dated December 22, 1981, said plat being incorporated herein and made a part hereof by reference, and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING AT a nail and cap set in pavement, said nail and cap being North 01 degree 30 minutes East 895 feet along the east paved edge of McGiboney Road extended straight to the center of Salem Road (80' right-of-way); thence from said nail and cap, North 03 degrees 56 minutes East 70.00 feet to a point; thence North 84 degrees 30 minutes East 23.0 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set; thence North 84 degrees 30 minutes East 175.00 feet to an iron pin found; thence South 03 degrees 56 minutes West 70.00 feet to an iron pin found; thence South 84 degrees 30 minutes West 175.00 feet to a 1/2 iron rod set; thence South 84 degrees 30 minutes West 23.0 feet to the nail and cap which is the said POINT OF BEGINNING. Located hereon is a one story frame residence known as 88 McGiboney Road.

THIS BEING the same property deeded to Sidney E. Bailey by deed recorded at Deed Book 161, page 603, Newton County Records.

MUR/CA 11/3/20
COUR FILE no. 5410019 - FT17

PUBLIC NOTICE #117360
10/4,11,18,25,11/1

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER
POWER, NEWTON COUNTY

PURSUANT TO the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **John W. Gordon and Barbara L. Gordon** to Option One Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation dated 9/21/2006 and recorded in Deed Book 2322 Page 152 Newton County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by Deutsche Bank National Trust Company as Trustee for HSI

Asset Securitization Corporation Trust 2007-OPT1, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-OPT1, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$94,240.00, 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 November 3, 2020 (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 of parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 50 of the 10th District of Newton County, Georgia, being Lot 23, West Forest Estates Subdivision, Section Three, according to plat recorded in Plat Book 22, page 285, Newton County, Georgia Records, which plat is incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof for a more particular and complete 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 **15 W Bradford Ct, Covington, GA 30016** together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): John W. Gordon or tenant or tenants.

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

PHH MORTGAGE Corporation

ONE MORTGAGE Way

MOUNT LAUREL, NJ 08054

(800) 750-2518

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.

DEUTSCHE BANK National Trust Company as Trustee for HSI Asset Securitization Corporation Trust 2007-OPT1, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-OPT1 as agent and Attorney in Fact for John W. Gordon and Barbara L. Gordon

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

1017-4541A
THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING
AS A DEBT COLLECTOR
ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT
A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION
OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR
THAT PURPOSE. 1017-4541A

PUBLIC NOTICE #117367
10/4,11,18,25,11/1

Juvenile Court

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF
NEWTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE INTEREST OF:
B.B.J. SEX: Male D O B : 03/23/2020 CASE #107-20J-0356
A CHILD Under 18 Years of Age

SUMMONS

TO: MALORIE CAROL JOHNSON, mother; **JOHN DOE**, and any unknown, unnamed biological father or other persons claiming to have a parental interest in the minor child named above born to Malorie Carol Johnson on the date above-listed.

A PETITION to Terminate Parental Rights has been filed in this Court on September 18, 2020, by the Georgia Department of Human Services, by and through the Newton County Department of Family and Children Services, concerning the above child. In accordance with O.C.G.A. §15-11-281, you are hereby notified that this proceeding and the hearing(s) specified herein is/ are for the purpose of terminating your parental rights and to place permanent custody of said child with the Georgia Department of Human Services, by and through the Newton County Department of Family and Children Services, pending adoption. The Court shall mail a copy of said Petition to the last known address of the above-named parent(s) within fifteen (15) days of filing the Order of Service by Publication. This is a summons requiring you to be in Court. If you fail to come to court as required, you may be held in contempt of court and punished accordingly.

NOW, THEREFORE, you, the party(ies) named above, are commanded to be and appear on the date and time stated below,

and to remain in attendance from hour to hour, day to day, month to month, year to year, and time to time, as said case may be continued, and until discharged from the Court, and you are commanded to lay any and all business aside and to be and appear in said Court at the time and place below stated, each of you then and there to make defense thereto and to show cause why the said child and all parties named herein should not be dealt with according to the provisions of the law.

NOTICE OF EFFECT OF
 TERMINATION JUDGMENT

GEORGIA LAW provides that you can permanently lose your rights as a parent. A Petition to Terminate Parental Rights has been filed requesting the Court to terminate your parental rights to your child. A copy of said Petition to Terminate Parental Rights can be obtained from the Clerk of the Newton County Juvenile Court. A Court hearing of your case has been scheduled for the 17th day of December, 2020, at 1:00 p.m., at the Newton County Juvenile Court, Newton County Judicial Center, 1132 Usher Street, NW, Covington, Georgia 30014.

IF YOU fail to appear, the Court can terminate your rights in your absence.

IF THE Court at the trial finds that the facts set out in the Petition to Terminate Parental Rights are true and that termination of your rights will serve the best interests of your child, the Court can enter a judgment ending your rights to your child.

IF THE judgment terminates your parental rights, you will no longer have any rights to your child. This means that you will not have the right to visit, contact, or have custody of your child or make any decisions affecting your child or your child's earnings or property. Your child will be legally freed to be adopted by someone else.

EVEN IF your parental rights are terminated:

(1) YOU will still be responsible for providing financial support (child support payments) for your child's care unless and until your child is adopted; and

(2) YOUR child can still inherit from you unless and until your child is adopted.

PURSUANT TO statute, you are put on notice that as a biological father you may lose all rights to your child named above and will not be entitled to object to the termination of your rights to such child unless, within 30 days of receipt of notice, you file:

(1) A petition to legitimate such child; and

(2) NOTICE of the filing of the petition to legitimate with the Court in which the termination of parental rights proceedings is pending.

THIS IS a very serious matter. A party is entitled to an attorney in the proceedings. You should contact an attorney immediately so that you can be prepared for the court hearing. You have the right to hire an attorney and to have him or her represent you. If you cannot afford to hire an attorney, the Court will appoint an attorney if the Court finds that you are an indigent person. Whether or not you decide to hire an attorney, you have the right to attend the hearing of your case, to call witnesses on your behalf, and to question those witnesses brought against you.

IF YOU have any questions concerning this notice, you may call the telephone number of the clerk's office which is 770-784-2060.

THIS IS a summons requiring you to be in Court. If you fail to come to court as required, you may be held in contempt of court and punished accordingly.

WITNESS THE
 Honorable Jenny S. Carter, Judge of said Court, this 18th day of September, 2020.

/S/ JANELL Gaines
CLERK, JUVENILE Court of Newton County, Georgia

PUBLIC NOTICE #117323
9/27,10/4,11,18

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF
NEWTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE INTEREST OF:
BABY BOY Doe, a/k/a Baby Boy Foundling SEX: Male D O B : 04/23/2020 Case #107-20J-0373
CHILD UNDER 18 Years of Age

SUMMONS

TO: JANE DOE, Mother; **JOHN DOE**, and any unknown, unnamed biological father or other persons claiming to have a parental interest in the minor child named above born to JANE DOE on the date above-listed.

A PETITION to Terminate Parental Rights was filed in this Court on October 2, 2020, by the Georgia Department of Human Services, by and through the Newton County Department of Family and Children Services, concerning the above child. In accordance with O.C.G.A. §15-11-281, you are hereby notified that this proceeding and the hearing(s) specified herein are for the purpose of terminating your parental rights and to place permanent custody of said child with the Georgia Department of Human Services, by and through the Newton County Department of Family and Children Services, pending adoption. The Court shall mail a copy of said Petition to the last known address of the above-named parent(s) within fifteen (15) days of filing of the Order of Service by Publication. This is a summons requiring you to be in Court. If you fail to come to court as required, you may be held in contempt of court and punished accordingly.

NOW, THEREFORE, you, the party(ies) named above, are commanded to be and appear on the date and time stated below, and to remain in attendance from

hour to hour, day to day, month to month, year to year, and time to time, as said case may be continued, and until discharged from the court, and you are commanded to lay any and all business aside and to be and appear in said Court at the time and place below stated, each of you then and there to make defense thereto and to show cause why the said child and all parties named herein should not be dealt with according to the provisions of law.

NOTICE OF EFFECT OF
 TERMINATION JUDGMENT

GEORGIA LAW provides that you can permanently lose your rights as a parent. A Petition to Terminate Parental Rights has been filed requesting the Court to terminate your parental rights to your child. A copy of the Petition to Terminate Parental Rights can be obtained from the Clerk of the Newton County Juvenile Court. A court hearing of your case has been scheduled for the 7th day of January, 2021, at 1:00 p.m., at the Newton County Juvenile Court, Newton County Judicial Center, 1132 Usher Street, NW, Covington, Georgia 30014.

IF YOU fail to appear, the Court can terminate your rights in your absence.

IF THE court at the trial finds that the facts set out in the Petition to Terminate Parental Rights are true and that termination of your rights will serve the best interests of your child, the court can enter a judgment ending your rights to your child.

IF THE judgment terminates your parental rights, you will no longer have any rights to your child. This means that you will not have the right to visit, contact, or have custody of your child or make any decisions affecting your child or your child's earnings or property. Your child will be legally freed to be adopted by someone else.

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(1) YOU will still be responsible for providing financial support (child support payments) for your child's care unless and until your child is adopted; and

(2) YOUR child can still inherit from you unless and until your child is adopted.

PURSUANT TO statute, you are put on notice that as a biological father you may lose all rights to your child named above and will not be entitled to object to the termination of your rights to such child unless, within 30 days of receipt of notice, you file:

(1) A petition to legitimate such child; and

(2) NOTICE of the filing of the petition to legitimate with the Court in which the termination of parental rights proceeding is pending.

THIS IS a very serious matter. A party is entitled to an attorney in the proceedings. You should contact an attorney immediately so that you can be prepared for the court hearing. You have the right to hire an attorney and to have him or her represent you. If you cannot afford to hire an attorney, the Court will appoint an attorney if the Court finds that you are an indigent person. Whether or not you decide to hire an attorney, you have the right to attend the hearing of your case, to call witnesses on your behalf, and to question those witnesses brought against you.

IF YOU have any questions concerning this notice, you may call the telephone number of the clerk's office which is 770-784-2060.

THIS IS a summons requiring you to be in Court. If you fail to come to court as required, you may be held in contempt of court and punished accordingly.

WITNESS THE
 Honorable Jenny S. Carter, Judge of said Court, this 2nd day of October, 2020.

JANELL GAINES
CLERK, JUVENILE Court of **NEWTON COUNTY, Georgia**

PUBLIC NOTICE #117401
10/11,18,25,11/1

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF
NEWTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE INTEREST OF:
E.C. SEX: Male
DOB: 10/08/2018
CASE #107-20J-0360
A CHILD Under 18 Years of Age

SUMMONS

TO: AYRIKA LYRIC COLEMAN mother; **LAMONTE MALONE**, putative father; **DYWUNTRAE HOWARD**, putative father; **JOHN DOE**, and any unknown, unnamed biological father or other persons claiming to have a parental interest in the minor child named above born to Ayrika Lyric Coleman on the date above-listed.

A PETITION to Terminate Parental Rights has been filed in this Court on September 25, 2020, by the Georgia Department of Human Services, by and through the Newton County Department of Family and Children Services, concerning the above child. In accordance with O.C.G.A. §15-11-281, you are hereby notified that this proceeding and the hearing(s) specified herein is/ are for the purpose of terminating your parental rights and to place permanent custody of said child with the Georgia Department of Human Services, by and through the Newton County Department of Family and Children Services, pending adoption. The Court shall mail a copy of said Petition to the last known address of the above-named parent(s) within fifteen (15) days of filing the Order of Service by Publication. This is a summons requiring you to be in Court. If you fail to come to court as required, you may be held in contempt of court and punished accordingly.

NOW, THEREFORE, you, the party(ies) named above, are commanded to be and appear on the date and time stated below,

and to remain in attendance from hour to hour, day to day, month to month, year to year, and time to time, as said case may be continued, and until discharged from the Court, and you are commanded to lay any and all business aside and to be and appear in said Court at the time and place below stated, each of you then and there to make defense thereto and to show cause why the said child and all parties named herein should not be dealt with according to the provisions of the law.

NOTICE OF EFFECT OF
 TERMINATION JUDGMENT

GEORGIA LAW provides that you can permanently lose your rights as a parent. A Petition to Terminate Parental Rights has been filed requesting the Court to terminate your parental rights to your child. A copy of said Petition to Terminate Parental Rights can be obtained from the Clerk of the Newton County Juvenile Court. A Court hearing of your case has been scheduled for the 12th day of January, 2021, at 9:00 a.m., at the Newton County Juvenile Court, Newton County Judicial Center, 1132 Usher Street, NW, Covington, Georgia 30014.

IF YOU fail to appear, the Court can terminate your rights in your absence.

IF THE Court at the trial finds that the facts set out in the Petition to Terminate Parental Rights are true and that termination of your rights will serve the best interests of your child, the Court can enter a judgment ending your rights to your child.

IF THE judgment terminates your parental rights, you will no longer have any rights to your child. This means that you will not have the right to visit, contact, or have custody of your child or make any decisions affecting your child or your child's earnings or property. Your child will be legally freed to be adopted by someone else.

EVEN IF your parental rights are terminated:

(1) YOU will still be responsible for providing financial support (child support payments) for your child's care unless and until your child is adopted; and

(2) YOUR child can still inherit from you unless and until your child is adopted.

PURSUANT TO statute, you are put on notice that as a biological father you may lose all rights to your child named above and will not be entitled to object to the termination of your rights to such child unless, within 30 days of receipt of notice, you file:

(1) A petition to legitimate such child; and

(2) NOTICE of the filing of the petition to legitimate with the Court in which the termination of parental rights proceedings is pending.

THIS IS a very serious matter. A party is entitled to an attorney in the proceedings. You should contact an attorney immediately so that you can be prepared for the court hearing. You have the right to hire an attorney and to have him or her represent you. If you cannot afford to hire an attorney, the Court will appoint an attorney if the Court finds that you are an indigent person. Whether or not you decide to hire an attorney, you have the right to attend the hearing of your case, to call witnesses on your behalf, and to question those witnesses brought against you.

IF YOU have any questions concerning this notice, you may call the telephone number of the clerk's office which is 770-784-2060.

THIS IS a summons requiring you to be in Court. If you fail to come to court as required, you may be held in contempt of court and punished accordingly.

WITNESS THE
 Honorable Jenny S. Carter, Judge of said Court, this 25th day of September, 2020.

S/JANELL GAINES
CLERK
JUVENILE COURT of Newton County, Georgia

PUBLIC NOTICE #117361
10/4,11,18,25

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF
NEWTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE INTEREST OF:
J.T. SEX: Male D O B : 08/23/17 CASE #107-20J-0350
CHILD(REN) UNDER 18 Years of Age

SUMMONS

TO: JANET THOMPSON, mother; **COREY COLLISION**, putative father; **ANTOINE HOWARD**, putative father; **GEWAY SALEEN**, putative father; **JOHN DOE**, and any unknown, unnamed biological father or other persons claiming to have a parental interest in the minor child named above born to Janet Thompson on the date above-listed.

A PETITION to Terminate Parental Rights has been filed in this Court on September 15, 2020, by the Georgia Department of Human Services, by and through the Newton County Department of Family and Children Services, concerning the above child(ren). In accordance with O.C.G.A. §15-11-281, you are hereby notified that this proceeding and the hearing(s) specified herein is/are for the purpose of terminating your parental rights and to place permanent custody of said child(ren) with the Georgia Department of Human Services, by and through the Newton County Department of Family and Children Services, pending adoption. The Court shall mail a copy of said Petition to the last known address of the above-named parent(s) within fifteen (15) days of filing the Order of Service by Publication. This is a summons requiring you to be in Court. If you fail to come to court as required, you may be held in contempt of court and punished accordingly.

NOW, THEREFORE,

you, the party(ies) named above, are commanded to be and appear on the date and time stated below, and to remain in attendance from hour to hour, day to day, month to month, year to year, and time to time, as said case may be continued, and until discharged from the Court, and you are commanded to lay any and all business aside and to be and appear in said Court at the time and place below stated, each of you then and there to make defense thereto and to show cause why the said child(ren) and all parties named herein should not be dealt with according to the provisions of the law.

NOTICE OF EFFECT OF
 TERMINATION JUDGMENT

GEORGIA LAW provides that you can permanently lose your rights as a parent. A Petition to Terminate Parental Rights has been filed requesting the Court to terminate your parental rights to your child(ren). A copy of said Petition to Terminate Parental Rights can be obtained from the Clerk of the Newton County Juvenile Court. A Court hearing of your case has been scheduled for the 8th day of December, 2020, at 9:00 a.m., at the Newton County Juvenile Court, Newton County Judicial Center, 1132 Usher Street, NW, Covington, Georgia 30014.

IF YOU fail to appear, the Court can terminate your rights in your absence.

IF THE Court at the trial finds that the facts set out in the Petition to Terminate Parental Rights are true and that termination of your rights will serve the best interests of your child(ren), the Court can enter a judgment ending your rights to your child(ren).

IF THE judgment terminates your parental rights, you will no longer have any rights to your child(ren). This means that you will not have the right to visit, contact, or have custody of your child(ren) or make any decisions affecting your child(ren) or your child(ren)'s earnings or property. Your child(ren) will be legally freed to be adopted by someone else.

EVEN IF your parental rights are terminated:

(1) YOU will still be responsible for providing financial support (child support payments) for your child(ren)'s care unless and until your child(ren) is/are adopted; and

(2) YOUR child(ren) can still inherit from

THE ABOVE-LISTED address – in which case, public call-in information will be published in advance of the meeting. The purpose of the public hearing shall be for public review. All Newton County residents and any other affected and/or interested persons are invited and encouraged to attend. For more information on this case please contact Tracy Hernandez at 770-784-2018, Shena Applewhite at 678-625-1231 or Judy Johnson at 678-625-1656. Updated information will also be posted at the following link as it becomes available <https://www.ncnboc.com/196/Development-Services>

PUBLIC NOTICE #117414
10/11

Public Notice
CITY OF COVINGTON
NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

NOTICE IS hereby given, per the City of Covington's Code of Ordinances Chapter 16.52 that applicant Zapata Construction Services LLC has submitted a Certificate of Appropriateness Application to be considered by the Covington Historic Preservation Commission.

THE APPLICANT proposes to construct a garage at the rear of the property to match the house located within a historic district on a 0.375 acre site. The property is located at 5118 Floyd Street, Tax Parcel Identification Number C010 0001 004, Covington, Georgia. The Covington Historic Preservation Commission will hold a virtual Special Called Meeting on October 26, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

DUE TO circumstances necessitated by emergency conditions involving public safety and preservation of public services, public access to this meeting is limited to teleconference

and video access. **THE PUBLIC MAY ACCESS THIS MEETING BY CALLING** 1-929-436-2866, use the following Meeting ID Number: 336-686-1958. To view online use the following link: **336-686-1958.**

ALL INTERESTED parties are invited to attend. For more information, contact Tres Thomas, at thomas@cityofcovington.org, or 770-385-6831.

PUBLIC NOTICE #117420
10/11

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 3rd day of November, 2020, an election will be held at the regular polling places in all the election districts of Newton County, Georgia (the "County"), at which time there will be submitted to the qualified voters of the County for their determination the question of whether a one percent transportation special purpose local option sales and use tax (the "Sales and Use Tax") shall be imposed on all sales and uses in the special district created in the County for a period not to exceed five years commencing on April 1, 2021 for the raising of approximately fifty-six million, one-hundred thousand dollars (\$56,100,000.00) for the funding of transportation purposes.

IF IMPOSITION of the tax is approved by the voters, such vote shall also constitute an approval of the issuance of general obligation debt of the County secured first by the Sales and Use Tax in the aggregate principal amount of eighteen million, nine-hundred thousand dollars (\$18,900,000) (the "Debt"). The proceeds of the Debt, if issued, shall be used to pay the costs of (i) all or a portion of the County's and the City of Covington's transportation purposes, (ii) capitalized interest on the Debt and

(iii) the costs of issuing the Debt.

THE DEBT, if so authorized, may be issued by the County in whole or in part and in one or more series and shall bear interest at rates not exceeding 5% per annum from the first day of the month during which the Debt is to be issued or from such other date as may be designated by the County prior to the issuance of the Debt. The actual rate or rates shall be determined in a supplemental resolution to be adopted by the County prior to the issuance of the Debt. The amount of principal to be paid in each year during the life of such Debt shall be as follows:

YEAR	MAXIMUM Principal Payable in Such Year
2022	\$3,295,000
2023	\$3,620,000
2024	\$3,800,000
2025	\$3,990,000
2026	\$4,195,000

ANY BROCHURES, listings, or other advertisements issued by the Board of Commissioners by any other person, firm, corporation or association with the knowledge and consent of the Board of Commissioners, shall be deemed to be a statement of intention of the Board of Commissioners concerning the use of the proceeds of the Debt, and such statement of intention shall be binding upon the Board of Commissioners in the expenditure of such Debt or interest received from such Debt to the extent provided in Section 36-82-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

THE PRINCIPAL and interest on

the Debt are expected to be paid from proceeds of the Sales and Use Tax and shall be payable in lawful money of the United States of America.

PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. 36 82 100, the County notifies all interested parties that no independent performance audit or performance review (the "Audit") will be conducted with respect to the Debt. However the County will continue to ensure that Debt proceeds are expended efficiently and economically, as intended by the Audit.

THE BALLOTS to be used at the Election shall have written or printed thereon substantially the following:

"() Yes. () No.
SHALL A special one percent sales and use tax be imposed in the special district consisting of Newton County for a period of time not to exceed five years and for the raising of not more than an estimated amount of fifty-six million, one-hundred thousand dollars (\$56,100,000.00) for transportation purposes? If imposition of the tax is approved by the voters, such vote shall also constitute approval of the issuance of general obligation debt of Newton County in the principal amount of eighteen million, nine-hundred thousand dollars (\$18,900,000) for the above purpose."

THE SEVERAL places for holding said election shall be at the regular and established voting precincts of the election districts of the County, and the polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on the date fixed for the election.

THIS NOTICE is given pursuant to a resolution of the Board of Elections and Registration of Newton County,

adopted on July 27, 2020.

BOARD OF Elections and Registration of Newton County

PUBLIC NOTICE #117319
9/27,10/4,11,18,25

Public Sales Auctions
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

IN ACCORDANCE with the GA Self Service Storage Facilities Act notice is hereby given that the undersigned will be sold at public sale to the highest bidder in order to satisfy lien of the owner. Bidding to take place on lockerfox.com ending Thursday the 22nd day of October, 2020 at 10:00 AM. Said property is Space Shop Self Storage, 6177 Jackson Hwy, Covington, GA, 30014

WILSON, JERRY B70 wooden furniture mattress blanket gas tank.
MCINTYRE, J C L20 Rims, gas can, pet cage.
GOOSLBY, MARY L11 boxes, rugs, chairs, small table, dresser, bags, cooler, pictures.

THE AUCTION will be listed and advertised on lockerfox.com. Space Shop Self Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.

PUBLIC NOTICE #117341
10/4,11

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

A PUBLIC Auction for the non-PAYMENT OF storage fees at Speedy
STORAGE WILL take place on Saturday, **OCTOBER 17, 2020 AT 10am** located at **2222 HWY 212, Covington, GA.**

30016
THE PERSONAL effects and household
GOODS BELONGING to the following
TENANTS, HAVING been properly notified,
WILL BE sold for CASH to the highest
BIDDER TO satisfy the owner's lien for
RENT DUE, in accordance with the
GEORGIA SELF Storage Act, Section
10-1-210 TO 10-4-215
THE PERSONAL effects and household goods belonging to
THE FOLLOWING tenants:

DANNY GLENN.....UNIT 13
MICHEAL DICK.....UNITS 140, 141
KRISTIN GREITMAN.....UNIT 91

PUBLIC NOTICE #117351
10/4,11

PUBLIC AUCTION: Sellars Wrecker Services, In accordance with the **OCSA (40-11-2)** the following vehicle will be sold to the highest **BIDDER AT** public auction that will be held on September 27, 2020. **SEALED BIDS** will be accepted from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at Sellars **WRECKER SERVICES**, 295 Hwy 162, Covington Ga. 30016.

- **2005** Harley Davidson Motorcycle 1HD1BWB165Y086557
- **2002** LEXUS ES300 JTHBF30G920022747
- **1998** JEEP CHEROKEE SPORT 1J4FT68S6WL125435
- **2007** SATURN AURA 1G8ZS57NX7F201941
- **2006** FORD FOCUS 1FAHP34N66W194535

PUBLIC NOTICE #117404
10/11,18



Special to The Covington News

Piedmont Academy recently celebrated the addition of their newest sport, Piedmont Equestrian, during Friday night's home football game against Robert Toombs. To kick off the inaugural season of Piedmont Equestrian, there was a special performance during the opening ceremony by Elizabeth Dabney of the Diamond D Cowgirls and her horse Accolade. Also, the members of both the Western and English teams were introduced during halftime. Piedmont Equestrian is a member of the Interscholastic Equestrian Association and has partnered with A Step Away Stables for the 2020-2021 season. English riders compete in equitation on the flat and over fences. The Western team competes at separate shows in the areas of Horsemanship and Reining. Each rider draws their horse at random for each show and is judged based on their ability to perform specific maneuvers, patterns and rail work. The English team is coached by Leslie Williams, of A Step Away Stables, and Erica Peden, of Piedmont Academy. The English roster of riders includes Saylor Berry, Cora Hood, Lyleigh Thompson, Madison Swann, Madalynn Bryant and Isabel White. The Western team is coached by Lauren McLendon of Piedmont Academy. The Western roster includes McKayla Arnold, Lendon Reeder and Noel Pickle. The Piedmont Equestrian Team is sponsored by Social Circle Ace Hardware Installed Sales Inc.

Georgia teachers group sues state over school reopenings

By DAVE WILLIAMS
Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA — An organization representing Georgia teachers has filed a lawsuit accusing Gov. Brian Kemp and State School Superintendent Richard Woods of mishandling the reopening of public schools amid the coronavirus pandemic.

The suit, filed by the Georgia Association of Educators (GAE), seeks a ruling that public-school students have a constitutional right to attend schools that meet basic health and safety standards and that public school districts have a duty to provide a safe work environment for their employees.

“Georgia’s 1.8 million public school students deserve to be safe and healthy in all school settings,” said Lisa Morgan, a kindergarten teacher and the GAE’s president. “Decisions by some of our leaders have led to classroom and school environments that endanger our children.”

Kemp ordered public schools across Georgia to shut down last March as COVID-19 began spreading throughout the state. Students completed the spring semester online.

During the summer, the governor expressed a preference for reopening the schools to in-person instruction but left that decision up to local school districts.

School systems opened in August for the 2021-22 term under various scenarios, from completely virtual to fully in-person to a combination of the two. In many cases, parents within the same schools were given a choice of whether to keep their kids at home or send them to school.

“Educators fully understand the preferred option of in-person instruction,” Morgan said. “We want to be in our classrooms interacting with our students and providing them the instructional experiences we know provide them the best learning opportunities. However, our overriding concern is the welfare and safety of our students.”

The suit names as co-defendants the superintendent and school board members in the Paulding County School District, citing a video a student shot there in August that went viral showing crowded high school hallways.

“Public health experts across the country and the world have issued extensive recommendations regarding whether and how schools should reopen,” the suit states. “Schools should only be opened for in-person instruction where levels of COVID-19 transmission in

the surrounding community are low.”

The governor’s office doesn’t usually comment on pending litigation, Kemp spokesman Cody Hall said Thursday.

At a news conference Wednesday, Kemp said new positive cases of coronavirus in Georgia have dropped more than 60% at their peak in July, and the two-week positivity average – a key marker to assess the virus’ spread – has fallen by half since August.

The GAE suit was filed in Fulton County Superior Court.

Jury trials in Georgia set to resume for first time in 7 months

By DAVE WILLIAMS
Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA — Jury trials are about to resume in Georgia for the first time since the coronavirus pandemic took hold back in March.

Georgia Chief Justice Harold Melton announced Wednesday he will sign an order Oct. 10 lifting the suspension of jury trials across the state.

Melton issued an order last month authorizing the resumption of grand jury proceedings at the discretion of the chief judge of each superior court after consulting

with the district attorney.

Similarly, the new order gives the chief judge of each trial court the discretion “to resume jury trials, if that can be done safely and in accordance with a final jury trial plan.”

For the last five months, a statewide task force made up of judges and lawyers appointed by Melton has been developing guidelines for the safe reopening of in-person court proceedings.

Topics taken up in the guidelines include the use of masks, the reconfiguring of courtrooms and chairs,

installation of plexiglass barriers, and the use of markers to ensure social distancing. Also covered are plans for guaranteeing public access to court proceedings, including setting up areas where the public can watch remotely from within the courthouse.

“From the beginning of this emergency – and even earlier – we have been preparing for this day,” Melton said. “We have put into place rigorous safety protocols for grand jury proceedings and jury trials because we understand that the public must have confidence to come and

serve on juries. It is paramount to all our judges that our citizens realize that their safety has been thoroughly considered.”

Melton’s order points out that due to the time required to summon potential jurors for service, grand jury hearings and jury trials will not actually start until a month or longer after the process for resuming them begins.

Also, due to substantial backlogs of undicted and untried cases, as well as public health precautions, proceedings will not occur at the speed they occurred

before the pandemic.

“The right to a trial by a jury of our fellow citizens, in both civil and criminal cases, is fundamental to the American justice system,” Melton said.

“To delay that process has made a difficult time more difficult for everybody involved in our justice system – litigants, victims, witnesses, lawyers, judges, and jurors. We must move forward, and I am confident that due to the hard work of so many judges, lawyers, and support staff, we are ready to do so.”

Covington council opts for no Halloween restrictions, again

By TAYLOR BECK
tbeck@covnews.com

COVINGTON, Ga. — Halloween will carry on as normal in Covington.

The Covington City Council, again, chose not to take action Monday, Oct. 5, and place restrictions on the holiday's activities.

During its Sept. 21 meeting, the council initially voted not to enforce any regulations on Halloween activities by a count of 4-2 (councilwomen Susie Keck and Hawnethia Williams opposed).

Hours after the Sept. 21 meeting, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released a set of guidelines on how to safely celebrate Halloween, encouraging people not to participate in traditional trick-or-treating among other activities to avoid spreading COVID-19.

The CDC listed the

following activities as "high-risk for spreading viruses":

- Participating in traditional trick-or-treating where treats are handed to children who go door to door.
- Having trunk-or-treat where treats are handed out from trunks of cars lined up in large parking lots.
- Attending crowded costume parties held indoors.
- Going to an indoor haunted house where people may be crowded together and screaming.
- Going on hayrides or tractor rides with people who are not in your household.
- Using alcohol or drugs, which can cloud judgement and increase risky behaviors.
- Traveling to a rural fall festival that is not in your community if you live in an area with community spread of COVID-19.

"Moderate-risk" activities included:

- Participating in one-way trick-or-treating where individually wrapped goodie bags are lined up for families to grab and go while continuing to social distance (such as at the end of a driveway or at the edge of a yard). The CDC recommends if preparing goodie bags, wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds before and after preparing the bags.
- Having a small group, outdoor, open-air costume parade where people are distanced more than 6 feet apart.
- Attending a costume party held outdoors where protective masks are used and people can remain more than 6 feet apart. The CDC states "a costume mask (such as for Halloween) is not a substitute for a cloth mask. A costume mask

should not be used unless it is made of two or more layers of breathable fabric that covers the mouth and nose and doesn't leave gaps around the face." The CDC also recommends to "not wear a costume mask over a protective cloth mask because it can be dangerous if the costume mask makes it hard to breathe."

- Going to an open-air, one-way, walk-through haunted forest where appropriate mask use is enforced, and people can remain more than 6 feet apart. If screaming will likely occur, the CDC advises greater distancing. "The greater the distance, the lower the risk of spreading a respiratory virus."
- Visiting pumpkin patches or orchards where people use hand sanitizer before touching pumpkins or picking apples, wearing

masks is encouraged or enforced, and people are able to maintain social distancing.

- Having an outdoor Halloween movie night with local family friends with people spaced at least 6 feet apart.

Low-risk activities included:

- Carving or decorating pumpkins with members of your household.
- Carving or decorating pumpkins outside, at a safe distance, with neighbors or friends.
- Decorating your house, apartment or living space.
- Having a virtual Halloween costume contest.

Mayor Steve Horton said Monday night he thought it was best to bring the guidelines to the council's attention for re-discussion in case their views on the matter had changed.

Councilman Don Floyd said he was in favor of not allowing any street closure permits, but he said he wasn't in favor of restricting trick-or-treating.

"As far as saying we prohibit kids from going door to door trick-or-treating, there's no way in the world I could agree with that," Floyd said.

Councilman Anthony Henderson also said he was not willing to support enforcement of regulations. He said it would be best for the city to share the CDC's guidelines and allow people to make their own decision concerning trick-or-treating and other Halloween activities.

When Horton asked if there was a motion to the adopt CDC guidelines, the question garnered only silence and died for a lack of motion.

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streets and kind of slow and minimize traffic through there," he said.

"If you want to come (to the Square) to eat dinner, you don't mind going through several intersections to get there, because that's your destination. But if you're just trying to go from point A to point B, trying to take the path of least resistance — I think we're getting a lot of 'least resistance.'"

Andrews said he would also like to see a

traffic study conducted, but it would need to wait until next year so the cost could be factored into the budget.

"So what's gonna happen is everyone's going to say, 'Well what about this intersection or this intersection.' And my fear is the knee-jerk reactions — you're doing something and creating a bigger issue," the city manager said. "So we did speak earlier ... I do think we need a

comprehensive traffic study — whether that's partnering with the county or going on our own — at some point, putting that into next year's budget. Saying that, those are not cheap. I'd say anywhere from \$80,000 to \$120,000. But between now and then, the team did identify some places, a few that we want to put stop signs, and if it doesn't work, we move it, basically."

Andrews proposed

intersections that would immediately become four-way stops to include Floyd and East, as well as Brown and Conyers.

"Others that the city will look at for installation include Washington and Lee, Washington and Hendrick, Davis and Conyers, and Clark and Hendrick," Andrews said. "I'm sure there's a lot more that could fall into that category, but we're scared that if we put six


(stop signs) out all at once, we won't feel any trickle down affects. Certainly we're open to suggestions, but that's what team came up (Monday)."

Keck said she would also like to see "rumble strips" placed at trail crossings, "because when I walk the trail coming across Floyd (Street), it's scary and you just have to watch."

After a moment of brief discussion, the

council unanimously adopted a resolution to place stop signs or four-way stops at the six intersections "as identified by the city manager," as well as rumble strips and other safety measures on Dearing Street, at the golf cart tunnel and trail street crossings throughout the city.





Andrews was also instructed to make budget considerations for a traffic study in the next budget cycle.



SHERIFF BROWN IS THE ONLY PERSON WHO CAN HOLD TOGETHER THE FABRIC OF THIS COMMUNITY. BECAUSE OF HIM, WE HAVE GAINED PROMINENCE AMONG OTHER AGENCIES. YES, I'M SUPPORTING SHERIFF BROWN'S RE-ELECTION.

- ROB FOWLER

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A full-page photograph of a football game. In the foreground, a player in a grey jersey with 'EASTSIDE' and the number '8' is being tackled by a player in a grey jersey with 'EAGLES' and the number '10'. The player with '8' is holding a football. Both players are wearing silver helmets and pink socks. The background shows a grassy field and a white fence.

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EASTSIDE HOMECOMING



Newton County Schools
Aralyn Everett (left) and Isaac Casola were crowned Eastside's 2020 Homecoming Queen and King during the Eagles' game Thursday night.

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Apalachee's offense quiet all night by flying around and smothering Wildcats in open space, as well as in the backfield.

"[Our defense] has been playing really well all year, and they're continuing to get better," Hoff said. "We've got some guys that had limited experience to start the year. Now that they've got a

few games underneath them, they're playing good football."

Eastside will be back on the road for the second time in three weeks next Friday, Oct. 16, when it travels to Athens to face Clarke Central. The Gladiators are the defending Region 8 champions and off to a 2-2 start in 2020.

South Forsyth War Eagles 39, Alcovy Tigers 7

War Eagles down Alcovy

By **GARRETT PITTS**
Correspondent

COVINGTON, Ga. — South Forsyth's defense was too much for sophomore quarterback Ashton Evans and the Alcovy offense as the Tigers fell to the South Forsyth War Eagles on a rainy Friday night.

The Tigers lost to the War Eagles by a score of 39-7, and it was the South Forsyth defense that was constantly causing problems for the Alcovy offense from start to finish.

The Tigers' defense came out on the attack to open the game, forcing two fumbles on the opening drive as well as a sack that would force a big fourth and long for the War Eagles to start the game.

Despite excellent field position to start the next offensive drive for the Tigers, the War Eagle defense held Alcovy to a quick punt three plays later.

Though the Tigers gave a good first impression on defense, the War Eagles got revenge on the next drive, scoring quick on a 79-yard touchdown pass from junior quarterback Kyle Durham to senior wide receiver Mitch Thompson. The long touchdown pass gave South Forsyth the early 7-0 lead.

After holding the Tigers to another punt, South Forsyth duplicated their previous offensive drive by marching down the field and scoring on a 30-yard touchdown pass to Thompson, extending the War Eagle lead to 14-0.

On the next Alcovy drive, the South Forsyth punt returner dropped the punt and allowed senior wide receiver MJ Stroud to fall on it and give the Tigers the ball inside the 30-yard line.

Alcovy would not let the



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Alcovy receiver Jamel Johnson (16) battles against Austin Uidel (4) of South Forsyth for the football during Friday night's matchup at Sharp Stadium.

good field position go to waste, marching down into the red zone and capping off the short drive with a 3-yard touchdown pass from Evans to Armani Russ to bring the Tigers closer by a score of 14-7.

Late in the second half, after holding the Tigers to a fourth down, the War Eagles special teams blocked the Alcovy punt and returned it for a touchdown to extend the South Forsyth lead to 20-7 at the half. The PAT was no good.

Going into halftime, it looked like the pass game was going to be the only key back into the game for the Tigers, as the South Forsyth defense held Alcovy to only 14 yards rushing on 13 carries so far.

On the War Eagles' second drive of the half, the Tigers defense halted a marching South Forsyth offense by forcing a fumble and getting the ball back on their own 3-yard line to give Evans the ball back with the whole field to go.

The South Forsyth front seven

collapsed on the box the next play after the change of possession, tackling junior running back Tristan Mayweather in the endzone for the safety to extend the War Eagles lead to 22-7 and give the War Eagle offense the ball back.

As time expired in the third quarter, the War Eagles run game struck again, this time on a 33-yard touchdown run, giving South Forsyth the 29-7 lead.

Before the final quarter could come to a close, the War Eagles added some extra cushion to their lead, scoring their third rushing touchdown of the game, as well as tacking on a 21-yard field goal.

The War Eagles eventually ran the clock out and delivered the Tigers their fifth loss of the season by a score of 39-7.

Alcovy will look to turn their 0-5 season around next week but it will not be easy as they head down to Valdosta to play the south Georgia powerhouse Lowndes next Friday, Oct. 16.

Houston County Bears 21, Newton Rams 7

Bears run past Rams for second straight loss

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WARNER ROBINS, Ga. — When it rains, it pours.

On a wet and soggy Friday night at Freedom Field, Newton couldn't wash away the negative impact of its miscues as it suffered a 21-7 loss to Houston County. The Rams have now dropped back-to-back games after starting the season 2-0.

Newton has scored just 14 points over the last eight quarters. While it takes execution in every phase of the game to sustain success over an extended period of time, the Rams' offensive ineptitude has becoming a cause for concern this fall.

"We've got to find some answers on offense," Newton head coach Camiel Grant Jr. said. "I know we've got a lot of guys banged up right now, and that's part of it, but we've got to do a better job up front. We've got to do a better job creating some explosive plays."

Trailing by a touchdown midway through the third quarter, it appeared as though Newton's luck was about to turn. A high snap on a punt forced the Bears to turn the ball over deep inside their own territory, giving a struggling Rams offense a short field to work with.

But Newton couldn't capitalize on the mistake. Instead, the Rams put the ball on the ground just two plays later and the Bears recovered.

"I think that was the difference right there," Grant said. "We had the opportunity to tie the ball game up, and then we shot ourselves in the foot by turning it over."

After the teams swapped punts, Houston County took



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Houston County junior Simeon Askew (21) races to the end zone for a touchdown run in the first quarter against Newton on Friday night. The Bears used a power run game to wear down the Rams in a 21-7 victory.

over once again on its own 23-yard line with 10 minutes left in the fourth quarter. The Bears proceeded to chip away with their power run game, milking nearly four minutes off the clock before senior running back Tyler Williams raced in for a 15-yard touchdown to make it 21-7.

Houston County leaned on its offensive line in the fourth

quarter, pounding the ball on the ground to ice the game. But the boys in the trenches were also instrumental in setting the tone for the Bears early on Friday.

Incrementally advancing downfield with short run plays on its opening drive, Houston County's offensive line eventually opened up a hole for junior running back

Simeon Askew. Askew did the rest, juking past defenders and twirling out of a tackle on his way to the end zone for a 40-yard touchdown.

The score gave the Bears a 7-0 lead with 6:56 to go in the first quarter.

Newton struggled to provide an answer offensively. The Rams' drives repeatedly stalled out, oftentimes due to an

inability to set themselves up for short-yardage conversions on third and fourth downs.

"We're doing a horrible job on first down," Grant said. "We're just not getting anything on first down, and that's putting us in some bad situations."

With time winding down in the first half, it was Newton's special teams — the unit integral in the Rams' demise at McEachern last week — that stepped up. Newton blocked a punt inside the Houston County 20-yard line and senior Tyrell Floyd corralled the loose ball before trotting into the end zone for the score.

The touchdown evened things up on the scoreboard with 3:09 left in the first half. Unfortunately for Newton, however, that proved to be ample time for Houston County to recapture all momentum.

On the ensuing drive, Williams got loose for a 62-yard run that positioned the Bears in the red zone. Williams later finish the job, punching it in from three yards out to put Houston County in front, 14-7, with 40 seconds to go.

Newton will try to right the ship before beginning Region 4-AAAAAA play next week on the road against Parkview.

"The four ball games we've played up to this point — no matter what our record is — you throw them out of the window. None of those games are going to get you into the playoffs," Grant said. "It's these next five coming up that are going to be important to finding that playoff spot. That's got to be the message."

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- 10/25
Detroit, 1 p.m.
- 10/29
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- 11/22
@ New Orleans, 1 p.m.
- 11/29
Las Vegas, 1 p.m.
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@ LA Chargers, 4:25 p.m.
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- 12/27
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Struggling Falcons to face surging Panthers

By CHARLES ODUM
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ATLANTA — With Teddy Bridgewater showing promise as a long-term replacement for Cam Newton and Mike Davis flourishing as a short-term substitute for Christian McCaffrey, the Carolina Panthers are emerging as a surprise in the NFC South.

It’s just the sort of resiliency that has escaped the Atlanta Falcons, who have been unable to recover from a rash of injuries in their 0-4 start entering Sunday’s NFC South rivalry game.

Led by Bridgewater’s accurate passing, the Panthers (2-2) have won two straight games. Bridgewater has completed 73% of his passes, third best in the NFL. He is disproving doubters who may have thought he would be outclassed in a division Falcons coach Dan Quinn labeled “Quarterback South.”

Tampa Bay’s signing of Tom Brady gave the NFC South three of the league’s top 10 career passers. Drew Brees, Brady and Atlanta’s Matt Ryan are on that list while Bridgewater, the former backup to Brees in New Orleans, was just trying to prove



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A flock of Falcons defenders tackle the ball carrier during Monday night’s game against the Green Bay Packers. Atlanta fell to 0-4 on the season with a 30-16 loss.

he could handle a starting role.

Bridgewater’s accuracy has the Panthers winning. The matchup with the struggling Falcons provides an opportunity to add to his modest total of only four TD passes. Atlanta has allowed 13 touch-down passes, the most in the NFL.

A Falcons secondary already depleted by injuries must overcome the loss of safety Damontae Kazee, who will miss the remainder of the season with a torn Achilles tendon. Defensive coordinator Raheem Morris hopes to have defensive end Takk McKinley and possibly safeties Keanu

Neal and Ricardo Allen back this week.

“We’ve got to do a better job of surviving and advancing and playing the right way,” Morris said.

Carolina’s young defense, which starts three rookies, is on the upswing.

After allowing 67 points and failing to get a sack in their first two games, the Panthers gave up 37 points in the past two games. The unit is beginning to get pressure on opposing quarterbacks.

Brian Burns remains Carolina’s top pass rusher, but rookie Yetur Gross-Matos had a big sack-fumble last week that led to a touch-

down.

“I thought the defense has really bought into playing hard and playing fast,” Carolina coach Matt Ruhle said. “I’m beginning to hear that from people all across the league, like ‘hey, I watched your tape, you guys are flying around,’ which is a credit to our players.”

Injuries have played a major role in a regression for the Atlanta defense which showed improvement in the second half of the 2019 season. The Falcons won their last four games last season to save coach Dan Quinn’s job. Quinn’s job status again is the subject of weekly speculation.

Quinn hopes a turnaround begins with Atlanta’s first division game.

“Honestly it really comes down to us and all of the things that we need to do,” Quinn said. “We have to stop beating ourselves.”

Julio Jones missed the second half against Green Bay after aggravating a hamstring injury that caused him to miss the previous week against Chicago. Jones has a history of finding a way to play games after missing practice time because of injuries, but he is finding it is difficult to play through this hamstring injury.

The Falcons on Thursday signed safety J.J. Wilcox to the practice squad, adding depth. It is a return for Wilcox, who was signed by the Falcons last year before spending the season on injured reserve. The team released safety Jamal Carter from the practice squad on Wednesday. Safeties Ricardo Allen (elbow) and Keanu Neal (hamstring) and rookie cornerback A.J. Terrell (COVID-19 reserve list) were held out in Monday night’s game at Green Bay.

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