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RALLY FOR THE STATUE



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Newton County resident Bill Nash (left) helped organize a "Save the Statue Peace Rally" on the Covington Square on Sunday. Among guest speakers was activist H.K. Edgerton (right), a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Event held ahead of Confederate monument removal appeal

> By MASON WITTNER mwittner@covnews.com

COVINGTON, Ga. - Aswarm of spectators gathered on the Covington Square on Sunday afternoon for a "Save the Statue Peace Rally" ahead of this veek's appeal hearing.

Bill Nash, a resident of New-



ton County, helped organize the event. Nash put together a series of similar rallies last July to raise

awareness about the proposed removal of the 115-year-old Confederate monument and to raise funds for legal fees.

After Alcovy Superior Court Chief Judge John Ott dismissed injunctions Sept. 14, 2020, filed against the statue's removal, resident Tiffany Humphries and local and state Sons of Confederate Veterans groups filed for appeals to the judge's decision. The case

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Mississippi grand jury clears officer in fatal shooting of Covington man

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GULFPORT, Miss. — A grand jury says a police officer who fatally shot a Covington man outside a Gulfport, Mississippi, home last year did not commit a criminal act.

A Harrison County, Mississippi, grand jury on April 1 did not find evidence of criminal conduct by the Gulfport officer who shot Leonard Parker Jr., 53, of Covington, on Feb. 1, 2020, at around 3 a.m., WLOX-TV reported.

The officer was walking toward a house from which police had received multiple

911 phone calls when Parker started driving toward him, authorities said. That prompted the officer to fire his weapon, killing Parker, police told WLOX.

The investigation was handled by the Mississippi Bureau of Investigations and the Biloxi Police Department.

Parker died from a single gunshot wound to the head, according to Harrison County Coroner Brian Switzer.

Gulfport Police spokesman Detective Jason DuCré previously had said multiple 911 calls were made from a home on 25th Street, the Biloxi Sun Herald newspaper reported.

As an officer walked toward the home, DuCré said, a car leaving the scene began to

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Georgia General Assembly

Newton County's first-year lawmaker talks 2021 session

By TAYLOR BECK

tbeck@covnews.com COVINGTON,

Ga. — When cheers of "Sine Die!" rang throughout the State Capitol on April 1, it marked the end of Rep. Sharon Henderson's first Georgia General Assembly session as a lawmaker.

Henderson, D-Covington, was sworn into office on Jan. 11 after defeating five-term in-

cumbent Rep. Pam Dickerson for the District 113 seat in the June

Henderson 2020

Democrat Primary. Henderson is the lone Newton County legislator that resides within the county. She represents

portions of Newton and Rockdale counties.

"[The session] ended; however, it does not end for me serving my constituents in the community," Henderson said in a statement to The Covington News. "I will always be there for my constituents voicing issues of concern for the betterment of our community."

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District 113 State Rep. **Sharon Hen**derson of Covington (left) stands with **Chief Justice Harold Melton** (center) and Melton's wife, Kimberly. Special to The **Covington News**





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Covington code enforcement officer talks city's grass rules

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Weather Forecast



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Lenore Vanderpool.

shape."

be costly in more ways than one.

be mindful of grass ordinance

By TAYLOR BECK

COVINGTON, Ga. — Spring is in full bloom, which

that's cause for concern for City Code Enforcement Officer

During the heat of spring and summer months, Vander-

mindful of the city's grass and weed ordinance. She said if

properties aren't adequately cared for, consequences could

take pride in keeping the community we all love in great

"all premises and exterior property shall be maintained free

noxious (harmful/poisonous) weeds shall be prohibited."

rags, shavings, garbage, rubbish and filth."

cases, homeless people.

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For the "health, safety and sanitation of the residents of

If people ignore the rules, Vanderpool said high grass and

Vanderpool said the city recently tore down a home that

was in "disrepair" on Geiger Street, and in doing so they

City of Covington

Weeding out the issues

Richard Gerald Nolan

Caldwell and Cowan

Funeral Home

Richard Gerald Nolan, of Covington, passed away April 8, 2021, at the age of 77. He was of servant heart; being a volunteer

firefighter and founding member of Central Newton Fire Department. Additionally, he volunteered for the FFA Wildlife Camp. Mr. Nolan brought

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joy to the community by shooting off commercial fireworks in the early 90's with Atlanta Pyrotechnics. He loved cook-

ished by his wife, Joyce Nolan; daughter, Kim Blankenship; son, Jody and Tammy Nolan; grandsons, Josh and Morgan Nolan, Rusty and Leanne Blankenship; granddaughters, Brandy Blankenship, Kirstie Nolan;

In an effort to protect friends and family, a celebration of life will be held at a later date.

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Nolan

ing and ran the country kitchen restaurant for 35 years alongside his wife Joyce. Mr. Nolan loved spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Allie Will and Dovie Allene Nolan; and brother, Jimmy Nolan. His memory will be cher-

five great-grandchildren; and other loving family members.

Place online condolences at

Code enforcer requests community **Covington Code Enforcement Offi**cer Lenore Vanderpool says keeping grass at a height within compliance and regularly cleaning yards within the means grass will soon be back to growing at rapid rates, and city is a must. Metro Creative pool said it's important for members of the community to be "We're not trying to be the grass police," Vanderpool said. "We just want people to understand the rules and, really, just The ordinance covering grass and weed regulations states from weeds or plant growth in excess of 12 inches" and "all this city" the ordinance also places focus on keeping properties free of weeds and refuse, such as "growths, trash, paper, a vard littered with refuse could attract rodents and, in some

COMMUNITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

 Community Cleanup for District 2 is set for May 15 at 9 a.m. at Denny

County Commissioner Demond Mason, the Newton County Bicentennial Committee and Keep Newton Beautiful will host the event.

To participate, register by May 7 at keepnewtonbeautiful.org.

For more information, call 770-784-2015 or email newtonclean@ co.newton.ga.us.

• A free drive-in movie, "Diary of a Wimpy Kid," will be shown April 23 at 7 p.m. at Legion Field, 3173 Mill St.

The Newton County Bicentennial Committee presents the film, which was shot in Newton County.

Complimentary popcorn and cotton candy will be available. The audience is welcome to watch from their vehicle or seated on blankets and chairs.

For more information, visit https://www.facebook.com/ events/994222061109570/.

 Bicentennial Service Day District 1 Cleanup is set for April 24, 9 a.m., at Alcovy High School.

Volunteers are needed to clean up roadside litter. Targeted roadways are Pickett Bridge Road, Campbell Road, County Road 213, and Highways 142 and 162.

Register by Friday, April 16. Free T-shirts to participants while supplies last — not available for purchase.

To participate, visit www.keepnewtonbeautiful.org, complete registration forms for an individual or group; photo or scan, then email completed forms to newtonclean@co.newton.ga.us.

For more information, call 770-784-

· Adult league softball registration is now underway for co-ed, church, open and industrial teams. Newton County Parks and Recreation is organizing the league.

Deadline to register is Friday, April 16, and a minimum of six teams must be registered for the season to begin

For more information, call 770-786-4373 or visit www.newtonrecreation.

• Two free, family-friendly, trail-related activities April 17 through 24 will be co-sponsored by four local organizations.

The Celebrate Trails Challenge April 17-23 asks participants to explore at least three of Newton County's many trails and spend at least 150 minutes doing so. Those who complete the Challenge will be entered into drawings for gift cards.

These events are being co-sponsored by Covington Conyers Cycling Club, Covington Family YMCA, Covington Police Department, and Newton Trails. All activities associated with these events are free and open to the public.

The Bike Rodeo, set for April 24, 2 to 4 p.m., at Legion Field in Covington, will offer safety and other instructional stations, group cycle classes, and group trail rides. There will be giveaways as well as raffles for new

Instructions and the entry form for the Challenge may be found at www. newtontrails.org/single-post/celebrate-trails-challenge.

The entry form may be submitted online or printed and dropped off at any one of three locations.



Special to The Covington News

The Lockett family of Monticello was the first to cross the new Cricket Frog Trail bridge over East Bear Creek after volunteers completed work to cover it recently.

 A paper shredding event free for Newton County residents is set for April 19 from 9 a.m. to noon (or until the shred truck is full) at the Newton County Library parking lot at 7116 Floyd St. in Covington.

Keep Newton Beautiful will host the event. Each person is limited to five standard-sized moving boxes.

Because of COVID-19, all participants are asked to remain inside their vehicles and have volunteers remove cardboard boxes with paper from their car trunks or truck beds. For more information, visit keepnewtonbeautiful.

 Snapping Shoals EMC's SSEMC Leadership Experience for high school sophomores or juniors has an April 30 deadline for applications.

Each applicant must be a high school sophomore or junior and be at least 16 years old by June 16.

Three students chosen will receive a \$2,000 scholarship when they begin college.

Snapping Shoals has chosen to host its own leadership program in 2021 in place of the annual Washington Youth Tour, which was canceled due to COVID-19.

The winners will tour SSEMC and learn more about the co-op in a one-day program held at its headquarters at 14750 Brown Bridge Road in Covington. Participants also will hear presenta-

tions from SSEMC employees about the history of the co-op and its day-today operations.

Visit the Our Community page at

https://www.ssemc.com/Community. aspx for more details and to download an application.

 Covington Family YMCA registration for all sessions of summer day camp is open to the public. The YMCA at 2140 Newton Drive,

Covington, will offer camps. Sign-up space is available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Registration can be completed online or in-person at a Y

The Y offers traditional day camps, which include challenging and fun activities featuring weekly themes, arts and crafts, group games, outdoor exploration and indoor learning expe-

Additionally, the Y provides specialty camps focused on sports, art, gymnastics, STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math), teen leadership and swim.

Individuals may register for traditional camps on a daily or weekly basis, while specialty camps require weekly

For registration, visit spiritonline. ymcaatlanta.org. For more information, call 770-787-3908 or visit https://www. ymcaatlanta.org/160.

• Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center at 543 Elliott Trail in Mansfield is offering a variety of programs for all ages and audiences this spring and summer.

Now open for registration are the Becoming An Outdoors Woman (BOW) program; multiple summer day camps from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day; and family-oriented public programs.

Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center is managed by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources.

For more information and deadlines, visit https://georgiawildlife.com/charlie-elliott-wildlife-center.

Submit your events to news@ covnews.com or mail to 1166 Usher St., Covington, GA 30014.

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Capt. Jeremy Mathis

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was on docket to be heard Tuesday, April 13, in the Georgia Court of Appeals.

According to Nash, Sunday's rally served the same primary purpose as the events he orchestrated last summer: promoting awareness and raising funds for legal defense.

"Our county tax dollars are being spent to try to take a monument down that people don't want down," Nash said. "And for people to not get involved in today's politics, and to let politicians overrun state law, is wrong. If somebody doesn't stop them then we're all doomed."

Among guest speakers at the event was activist H.K. Edgerton. A renowned historian, Edgerton is a Black member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and former president of the Asheville, North Carolina, chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). He spoke to the crowd at

length, dispelling common

criticisms of the Confederate



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A member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans looks on as speaker H.K. Edgerton addresses the crowd during Sunday's "Save the Statue Peace Rally" on the Covington Square.

army and the Confederate battle flag as being symbols of hatred toward the Black community. He also shared stories of several Black members of the Confederacy and told spectators that Covington's statue honored

Black Confederate soldiers as well as white soldiers.

"He's a powerful speaker," Nash said of Edgerton, "and he gives it from a different perspective."

OFFICER:

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drive toward the officer, who fired his weapon, killing the driver.

Parker was pronounced dead on the scene, Switzer told the Sun Herald. The officer was never identified.

For at least 25 years, no grand jury on the Mississippi Gulf Coast has ever indicted an officer for wrongdoing after shooting someone, the Sun Herald has previously reported.

Parker was a father of six, an Army veteran and an employee at the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Chicago attorney Nicolette Ward criticized the grand jury's decision in a statement to the Sun Herald.

"As an attorney, I am terribly disappointed by this decision, as we believe the facts in this case support an indictment and the criminal

courts could and should provide an avenue for justice for the killing of Black citizens by police," Ward said.

"Leonard Parker's family, including his wife and children, deserve full accountability for his unjustified

death."

Ward is with the firm Romanucci & Blandin LLC, which is representing Parker's family.

She also is a member of the legal team representing the family of George Floyd, who was killed by Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin in May 2020.

The team recently won a \$27 million settlement in a civil lawsuit against the city of Minneapolis and the four officers involved in Floyd's death.

Photo of Parker is courtesy of the Sun Herald.

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The 2021 session was relatively quiet for the freshman representative, having only sponsored or co-sponsored two pieces of legislation — one of which never reached the House floor.

Henderson, among three other Newton County legislators, co-sponsored House Resolution 442, which recognized and celebrated Newton County's bicentennial. It was read and adopted in the House on March 22.

The single bill Henderson drafted and sponsored was House Bill 547, which aimed to allow student-led prayer in public schools during the time period dedicated each day for when students recite

the Pledge of Allegiance. The bill stalled in the House Second Readers, never making it to committee or the House Floor for consideration.

Henderson has been somewhat vocal in her opposition of the state's Election Integrity Act of 2021. She posted a video message to her Facebook page, in which she called the bill a way "to keep people from voting and to suppress our votes."

Henderson declined a request from *The Covington* News for additional comments on the issue.

The local pastor served proudly on three different committees — Budget and Fiscal Affairs Oversight, which is responsible for holding hearings to monitor the spending programs within the state's budget; Game, Fish and Parks, which hears legislation that impacts Georgia's wildlife, state parks, and its other natural resources; and Retirement, which is a committee that oversees the Teacher and State Employee Retirement System.

One of the highlights of the session for Henderson did not pertain to any legislation, she said, but rather when she and other lawmakers heard former Georgia Supreme Court Chief Justice Harold D. Melton's final State of the

Judiciary address.

"During his speech, Chief Justice Melton reflected on his upcoming retirement from the Supreme Court, where he has served for the last 16 years," Henderson stated. "He also announced that the Supreme Court unanimously voted to name presiding Justice David Nahmias, who also joined us for the address, as the next chief justice.

"Throughout the pandemic and the Statewide Judiciary Emergency, the courts have remained open to address essential functions and critical cases, such as domestic abuse restraining orders, criminal bond hearings,

mental health commitment hearings and cases where an immediate liberty or safety concern was present," she added. "Under the direction of Chief Justice Melton and the state's Judicial Council, state courts and the Supreme Court have transitioned to video conferencing as a safer alternative to in-person proceedings, among other necessary rule changes to get our courts to a fully functioning capacity during the pandemic. As a result of the pandemic, criminal and civil jury trials have been suspended for most of the last year due to the number of people involved and the length of such trials."

WEEDING:

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storage shed.

discovered a group of eral complaints about homeless people on the property living out of a

"They made it a home, though no access to water or electricity," she said. "The property owners actually lived out of town and had no idea."

Vanderpool said the city had received sevsimilar situations in the

She said poor property care can also have an adverse affect on its value, especially if looking to sell or rent within a residential

If property owners fail to comply with any of the rules, Vanderpool

said the city would notify them and allow them ample opportunity to address the issue at hand. If the property owner still fails to comply after a series of notifications, Vanderpool said they would be given a \$50 citation and a municipal court date. Prior to the court date, Vanderpool said the

to the property with the intention to work with the property owner. She said if the issue had been addressed, they would work to either reduce the citation amount, if possible.

After the first citation, Vanderpool said the amount increases to \$75 on the second

city would go back out offense and \$100 on the rules and have a sense third offense. The cost jumps to \$150 on the fourth offense.

> "We just want people to know that we're watching," Vanderpool said. "And we're not trying to purposely take anyone to court over this, because that's not what we want. We want people to follow these

of community, and that's why we're willing to work with you and get your property cleaned up without a citation."

For more information about the ordinance or code enforcement, reach Vanderpool's office at 770-385-2171.

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OPINIONS

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Kemp, Duncan go opposite ways on controversial voting law

t seems our two highest-ranking state officials are going. in opposite directions in what

they see as the effect of the recent controversial



to the state's voting law. And while the governor believes it's a good political strategy to argue in favor of the changes that prompted derision from major corporations and Major League Baseball, Lt. Gov. Geoff Duncan may take a different approach in 2022.

Duncan may take the highly unusual step of finishing his term without seeking reelection or running for any other office.

Gov. Brian Kemp, meanwhile, was on the ropes in December as Trump criticized him for not stepping in to negate the results of the 2020 election.

Now, Kemp apparently sees a way back and believes that loud and strong vocal objections to the "cancel culture" that he says corporations are involved in to oppose the law will be a winning strategy in a reelection bid against

likely opponent Stacey Abrams in 2022.

But with Georgia so evenly divided now between Republicans and Democrats, are his loud objections a good way to govern all the people?

Why did he think the state's largest companies and the film industry wouldn't object? Shouldn't he have taken a more measured approach that could have prevented all these cancellations and corporate opposition that could cost Georgia millions in sales tax revenue in the process?

I think Duncan is considering all of that as he considers a possible move to give Republicans a chance to lead Georgia through the 2020s and beyond.

Few, if any, lieutenant governors in state history have finished their terms without running either for re-election to their current office or for governor or Congress since the office's creation in 1945.

Of course, one thing that may be prompting Duncan's decision is supporters of former President Donald Trump who vow to back a 2022 primary challenger against the lieutenant governor.

Duncan took the



not stood together on the state's election reform.

Special to The Covington News Gov. Brian Kemp (right) stands with Lt. Gov. Geoff Duncan inside Georgia's State Capitol in Atlanta. The two have

radical step of breaking with other Republicans and openly opposing former President Donald Trump's claims about a rigged election claims that have been disproven over and over.

The lieutenant governor presides over the Senate and Duncan apparently didn't appreciate the fact that some state senators sought to hear more than once from Trump's personal attorney, former New York City mayor Rudy Giuliani, about alleged vote-rigging as Trump attempted to convince the nation in December and January that Georgia's vote was flawed.

Duncan, instead,

continued to openly contradict Trump's claims. This put him on the outs with many Republicans in Georgia who felt he should've joined in the chorus backing the boisterous ex-president no matter what the facts were.

He also left other Republicans to make the changes to Georgia's election laws that began with Trump's false claims.

Duncan even went so far as to refuse to preside over the state Senate last month as it debated limits on who can vote absentee by mail — which was not included in the legislation that became law.

Pundits now say

Duncan may take on more of a role with a group he co-founded called GOP 2.0, which is trying to reshape the party so that it can possibly retake the two U.S. Senate seats it lost in the wake of Trump's continued claims and the demographic shift the state has seen in recent years.

Conservatives in the Republican Party are vowing to back a primary challenger against Duncan, just as rightwing Newton County congressman Jody Hice prepared to challenge embattled Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger who dared to support his office's handling of the legally completed 2020 election against Trump's unsubstantiated objections.

Most recently, Duncan appeared on CNN and said parts of the law were "punitive," or meant to punish Democrats for wins by Democrats Joe Biden for president and Jon Ossoff and Raphael Warnock for Georgia's U.S. Senate seats.

The Republican-dominated General Assembly approved the voting law along party lines March 25. Gov. Brian Kemp signed it quickly into law hours later an unusual step considering he typically takes weeks to sign or veto other bills.

Among its changes are an expansion of weekend early voting opportunities, which Kemp and other supporters have said shows the law is not designed to limit access.

It also includes an overhaul to the absentee voting process and early voting, including requiring mail-in voters to give a driver's license or some other form of ID as they would if voting in person — which is difficult to find fault with.

But it also includes provisions sure to cut down on the number of absentee voters, who voted overwhelmingly for Democrats in 2020

six months to three, the amount of time voters can request absentee ballots. In addition, new

It cuts in half, from

requirements, such as printing a date of birth or including partial Social Security numbers, could get their ballots thrown in the trash.

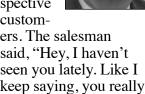
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David Carroll columnist

Forgotten golden nuggets from my pocket

ack in my country store days, an insurance salesman would stop by now

and then. One day, he encountered one of his prospective



oughta buy some life insurance." The customer responded, "I know, I just ain't got around to it." The salesman reached into his pocket and pulled out a small round disc, about the size of a half-dollar. Printed on it, in large black letters, was the word: TUIT. "Here ya go," the salesman said. "Now, you've got a round tuit!"

I was reminded of that while cleaning

out my own pocket. I had stashed a bunch of notes, full of random ideas, each of which was going to turn into a column one day. But, I never got around to writing any of them.

Upon further review, the reason is because I couldn't grow them beyond a sentence or two. Still, they shouldn't go to waste, so allow me to share a few golden nuggets from my pocket.

From the book "Gatekeepers" by Chris Whipple: On a visit to England, President Reagan went horseback riding with Queen Elizabeth. The queen's horse took off with a gallop, passing gas quite loudly. Upon their return, the embarrassed queen said, "Mr. President, I am SO sorry about that." Reagan smiled and said, "That's funny-...I thought it was the horse!"

On the topic of odors, what is it about ladies, and their amazing sense of smell? One day I ate some lasagna, with extra garlic. As soon as I said hello to my wife, she said, "Oh my Goodness! Ugh!! What did you

have for lunch?" And I was talking to her on the phone.

Today's grammar tip: Always proofread carefully before posting, to see if you any words

I heard a weather forecaster say there's an "outside" chance of snow. Isn't that where it always snows?

When I drive past a state trooper who is running radar, and I'm under the speed limit, I always feel like he should pull me over and give me a reward. So far, that has not happened.

I love getting those fancy envelopes in the mail that say: "YOU have been personally selected to receive this incredible prize!" Yet, they're always addressed to "Current Resident."

True story: Burger King has released a new Whopper-scented fragrance. Also a true story: that is what I smell like once a week anyway.

My favorite part of the day is calling the computer repair service line, and the rep says, "I'm sorry, this may take a while. My computer isn't working today."

I asked my wife if she would get up early the next day, on a cold morning, and cook me a hot breakfast. She said her kitchen would be open, but there would be a two hour delay.

I met some nice folks at the restaurant. They were a little older than me. The man wanted a pic of his wife and me. I handed him my phone, and I showed him how to take the pic. He said, "I'll wait for it to warm up." I told him it didn't need to warm up. Sure enough, it didn't work the first time. He handed it back to me and said, "See, I told you it needed to warm up."

From Facebook: "I wish the man on TV would quit talkin' bout the windshield factor, and just say weather or not it will snow."

I just read that Congress has a 15% approval rating. That's lower than hemorrhoids, potholes, and jury duty. Yes it's true, Americans prefer hemorrhoids over Congress. You didn't think I'd sit

on that story, did you? Got a favorite ad slogan? I heard one on a Kentucky radio station that cracked me up.

"At Schmidt Cabinets, we take so much pride in our work, we put our name inside every drawer." At the end of the commercial, they say, "So if you don't see our name in your drawers...you ain't got

Schmidt!" I heard a TV fashion expert say "Kim Kardashian looks like a million dollars today." That made me wonder. If you're worth \$4.5 billion, is that meant as an insult?

Watching the Braves. Wife: "How come the Phillies have such cute players?" Me: "Don't you have something to

do?" Finally, as I was leaving the post office, a nice lady smothered me with compliments. She said she watches me on the news, loves my radio show, and enjoys my stories. My head swelled like a Macy's parade float. I thanked her and walked away. The next guy who saw me yelled out, "Hey, don't you play a news guy on TV?" Suddenly, I'm back to earth.

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resumes to Ms. Candace Morris at hr@bridgestonegolf.com. **HELP WANTED** general laborers and welders

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in Japanese is reqd. Please email

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LEGALS

Public Notices

Adoptions

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

PETITION OF

INRE:

MARY (HLAVSA) DIANA CHAFFEE.

FOR ADOPTION OF CHANEL CHAFFEE TO BE KNOWN AFTER THE ADOPTION AS **AZARIA** CHANEL CHAFFEE, MINOR CHILD.

CIVIL ACTION FILE NO. 2021-AD-12-2

PETITION FOR ADOPTIONNOTICE OF PUBLICATION

UNKNOWN THE BIOLOGICAL FATHER, PUTATIVE FATHER AND ANY JOHN DOES AND/OR ANY OTHER PERSON CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY PARENTAL RIGHTS IN THE REFERENCED FEMALE CHILD

YOU ARE hereby notified that a Petition for Adoption was filed in this Court requesting the termination of your parental rights in the referenced female child.

ALL PARENTAL rights you may have with respect to the referenced female child will be lost, and you will receive neither notice of nor be entitled to object to the termination of your parental rights and the adoption often referenced female child unless. within thirty (30) days of receipt of this notice, you file: (1) a petition to legitimate the referenced male child in the Superior Court

OF NEWTON County, Georgia, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 19-7-22; (2) notice of the filing of such

PETITION TO legitimate referenced male child with Adoption Clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia, at I 132 Usher Street, Room No. 338, Covington, Georgia 30014; and (3) notice of the filing of such petition to legitimate the referenced male child with the Petitioners attorney, William F. Elliott, at 1140 Brown Street, Covington, Georgia 30014.

YOU MUST make known such other objection as you may have to the adoption of the referenced male child within thirty (30) days of receipt of this notice.

THIS NOTICE of Publication shall be published for three (3) consecutive weeks and personal service of said notice is perfected upon the last day

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 25 day of March, 2021 WILLIAM F. Elliott ATTORNEY FOR Petitioner

GEORGIA BAR No. 244905 PUBLIC NOTICE #200162

Debtors Creditors

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND

ALL CREDITORS of the Estate of MICHAEL R. FORD LATE OF Newton

deceased, are hereby notified to rendering their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make IMMEDIATE PAYMENT.

DAY of

(FILE OF completing this form or first publication dote if left blank)

MICHAEL T. Byrne Attorney of the Estate of Michael R. Ford, deceased 2138 EAST Main Street **SNELLVILLE, GEORGIA** 30078

PUBLIC NOTICE #200161

Fun by the Numbers

Here's How It Works:

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND

CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the

debtors and creditors of the **Estate**of CARROL LAWSON MOSS

deceased, late of Newton County,

render your demands and/or make

payments to the undersigned estate

THIS THE 19th day of March, 2021.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND

NOTICE IS hereby given to the

debtors and creditors of the Estate

of CHARLOTTE C. MCMULLEN

deceased, late of Newton County,

Georgia. You are required to

render vour demands and/or make

payments to the undersigned estate

THIS THE 17th day of March, 2021.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND

CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the

debtors and creditors of the Estate of

CYNTHIA M. BRYAN deceased, late

of Newton County, Georgia. You are

required to render your demands and/

or make payments to the undersigned

estate representative according to

THISTHE 15THh day of March, 2021.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND

CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate**

of DOROTHY HUGHES MORRIS

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.

CHARLES ANTHONY MORRIS

PUBLIC NOTICE #200099

3/24,31-4/7,14

706 SOUTH FLETCHER AVE FERNANDINA BEACH, FL 32034

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND

CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the

debtors and creditors of the Estate

of EDD JUNIOR BROADNAX

deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to

render your demands and/or make

payments to the undersigned estate

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND

CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the

debtors and creditors of the Estate

of EDWARD LAMAR JENKINS

deceased, late of Newton County,

Georgia. You are required to

render your demands and/or make

payments to the undersigned estate

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND

CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the

debtors and creditors of the Estate

of HERMAN ANDERSON GIBBS,

JR deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to

render your demands and/or make

payments to the undersigned estate

representative according to law.

DAVID L. JENKINS 110 BENTLEY PLACE WAY

COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #200100

3/24,31-4/7,14

representative according to law.

50 MOUNTAIN CREEK TRAIL

SOCIAL CIRCLE, GA 30025

PUBLIC NOTICE #200103

DAVID BROADNAX

3/24,31-4/7,14

representative according to law.

2071 REEF DRIVE

3/31-4/7,14,21

DAN BRYAN

3/24,31-4/7,14

28 BRIGHTON RD

ATLANTA, GA 30309

PUBLIC NOTICE #200094

ST AUGUSTINE FL 32080

PUBLIC NOTICE #200131

representative according to law.

MARGARET R. MOSS

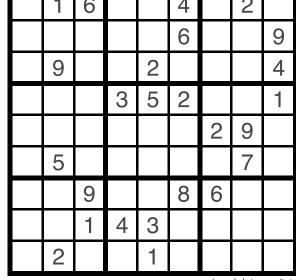
164 PAINE CROSSING RD

PUBLIC NOTICE #200129

3/31-4/7,14,21

SOCIAL CIRCLE, GA 30025

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out



Level: Intermediate

representative according to law THISTHE 11THh day of March, 2021.

HERMAN GIBBS, III 11134 HIGHWAY 278 E COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200094 3/24,31-4/7,14 NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND

CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of HORACE SLAUGHTER JR deceased, late of Newton County, You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law THISTHE 15THh day of March, 2021.

DEMARCUS SLAUGHTER 6954 DIAMOND DR **REX. GA** 30273

PUBLIC NOTICE #200101 3/24,31-4/7,14

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND **CREDITORS**

NOTICE IS hereby given to the CHARLOTTE KAY MCMULLEN JOHN P. GODFREY JR, deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.

THIS THE 19th day of March, 2021.

MARY GODFREY **405 SOULE STREET OXFORD, GA** 30054

PUBLIC NOTICE #200130 3/31-4/7,14,21

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND **CREDITORS**

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of KELLY ALAN HEGWOOD 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.

THISTHE 15THh day of March, 2021.

CALFIGH HEGWOOD 5144 EMORY ST NW **COVINGTON, GA** 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200105 3/24,31-4/7,14

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

THIS THE 11THh day of March, 2021. NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of MARION P. RESTIVO III 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. THISTHE 15THh day of March, 2021.

MARION P. RESTIVO IV

687 STARRSVILLE RD **COVINGTON, GA** 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200097

3/24,31-4/7,14

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND

CREDITORS

THISTHE 15THh day of March, 2021. NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate** of QUIGG D. PIPER deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/ or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to

THISTHE 12THh day of March, 2021.

DEBORAH WHITSITT 4145 DORCHESTER DR COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200098 3/24,31-4/7,14

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND **CREDITORS**

THISTHE 15THh day of March, 2021. NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of ROBERT J. LANGE deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/ or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to

THISTHE 16THh day of March, 2021. **NEAL LANGE**

20 LOGANS RUN COVINGTON, GA 30016 PUBLIC NOTICE #200106

3/24,31-4/7,14

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND **CREDITORS**

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of SANDRA D. SWAIN deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/

or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to THIS THE 17th day of March, 2021.

JEFFREY SWAIN **COVINGTON, GA** 30016

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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PUBLIC NOTICE #200132 3/31-4/7,14,21

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND **CREDITORS**

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of SHIRLEY BRAMLETT JOHNSON deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render vour demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. THIS THE 18th day of March, 2021.

RAY JOHNSON, JR. 135 TURNER DR MCDONOUGH, GA 30252 PUBLIC NOTICE #200133

3/31-4/7,14,21

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND **CREDITORS**

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

THISTHE 12THh day of March, 2021.

STEPHEN BIGGERS 422 POPLAR HILL R COVINGTON, GA 30014 **PUBLIC NOTICE #200095**

3/24,31-4/7,14 NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND

 $\begin{tabular}{lll} \textbf{NOTICE} & \textbf{IS} & \textbf{hereby} & \textbf{given} & \textbf{to} & \textbf{the} \\ \end{tabular}$ debtors and creditors of the Estate of TIMOTHY LEE BLANKENSHIP 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. THISTHE 15THh day of March, 2021.

ELMER BLANKENSHIP 846 COOPER RD SOCIAL CIRCLE, GA 30025

PUBLIC NOTICE #200104 3/24,31-4/7,14

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND **CREDITORS**

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

THISTHE 15THh day of March, 2021. PENNY THRASHER

90 WYNFIELD WAY COVINGTON, GA 30016 PUBLIC NOTICE #200102

3/24,31-4/7,14

Divorces IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF

NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

AMAN DAVIS PLAINTIFF KATRINA DAVIS DEFENDANT

CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 2020-CV-1989-4 NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: KATRINA DAVIS

COVINTON, GA 30014 BY ORDER of the court for service

45 KRISTAIN PLACE

by publication dated MARCH 23 2021 you are hereby notified that on MARCH 22, 2021 (date of filing)
AMAN DAVIS (plaintiff) filed suit against you for Divorce . YOU ARE required to file an answer

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

D. MCCAMY, Judge Superior Court of Newton County. THIS, THE 23rd day of MARCH

WITNESSTHE Honorable CHEVEDA

LINDA D. Hays **CLERK OF Superior**

PUBLIC NOTICE #200138 3/31-4/7,14,21

> IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF **NEWTON COUNTY** STATE OF GERORGIA

MARCELLA S. DABNEY **PLAINTIFF**

SEAN W. DABNEY SR **DEFENDANT**

CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 2021-CV-664-1

TO: SEAN W. DABNEY

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

BY ORDER of the court for service by publication dated APRIL 6 2021 you

UNKNOW ADDRESS

are hereby notified that on MARCH 24, 2021 (date of filing) MARCELLA S. DABNEY (plaintiff) filed suit against you for Divorce YOU ARE required to file an answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for publication with the clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County and to serve a copy

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

of the answer upon the plaintiff (if pro

se) or upon the plaintiff's attorney (if

represented).

THIS, THE 6th day of MARCH 2021. LINDA D. Hays CLERK OF Superior

PUBLIC NOTICE #200185 4/14,21,28-5/5

DUI - Second SECOND/SUBSEQUENT DUI



DOUGLAS NAME: STEVEN LAWTON

ADDRESS:155 COLSER DR ,LOT 299,COVINGTON,GA 30016

DATE OF ARREST: SEPTEMBER

DATE OF OFFENSE: SEPTEMBER

PLACE OF OFFENSE: BARSHAY

TIME OF OFFENSE: 11:00 PM

DISPOSITION: PLEA OF GUILTY - DEFENDANT IS SENTENCED TO A TOTAL OF 12 MONTHS W/ THE FIRST 48 HOURS TO BE SERVED IN CONFINEMENT
IN THE NEWTON COUNTY JAIL
AND THE REMAINDER TO BE
SERVED ON PROBATION \$300.00 IN FINES PLUS ALL APPLICABLE STATUTORY FEES AND SURCHARGES - DEFENDANT SHALL PERFORM 40 HOURS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE & SHALL

SENTENCE DATE: MARCH 25,

NAME OF COURT: SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

PUBLIC NOTICE #200188

Foreclosures NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

CONTAINED IN SECURITY DEED STATE OF GEORGIA, COUNTY OF NEWTON

PURSUANT TO a power of sale contained in a certain security deed executed by Tydev Enterprises, LLC, hereinafter referred to as Grantor, to Charleston Real Estate, LLC recorded in Deed Book 2948 beginning at page 524, of the deed records of the Clerk of the Superior Court of the aforesaid state and county, and by virtue of a default under the terms of said security deed, and the related note, the undersigned attorney-in-fact for the aforesaid Grantor (which attorney-in-fact is the present holder of said security deed and note secured thereby) will sell at the usual place of conducting Sheriffs sales in said county within the legal hours of sale, for cash, to the highest bidder on the first Tuesday in May 2021, all property described in said security deed including but not limited to the following described property:

ALL THAT tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 119 and 120 of the 101 District, Newton County, Georgia and being more particularly described as follows: TO FIND the TRUE PLACE OR POINT

OF BEGINNING, commence at the intersection of the northwesterly rightof-way of Browns Bridge Road (rightof-way varies) and the northeasterly right-of way-line of Charleston Place; run thence along the northeasterly right-of-way of Charleston Place following the arc of a curve to the left an arc distance of 19.12 feet to a point (said arc having a radius of 372.32 FEET and being subtended

by a chord bearing North 44 degrees 34 minutes 55 seconds West a distance of19.12); continue thence along said right-of-way North 46 degrees 03 minutes 12 seconds West, a distance of 376.32 feet to a point marked by an iron pin set, said point being the TRUE PLACE OR POINT OF BEGINNING. From said point of beginning as thus established, continue thence long said right-ofway North 46 degrees 03 minutes 12 seconds West a distance of 154.49 feet to a point marked by an iron pin set; continue thence along said rightof-way following the arc of a curve to the left an arc distance of 54.99 feet to a point marked by an iron

pin set (said arc having a radius of 231.50 feet and being subtended by a chord bearing North 52 degrees 51 minutes 32 seconds West a distance of 54.86 feet); continue thence along said right-of-way following the arc of a curve to the left an arc distance of 11.66 feet to a point marked by an iron pin set (said arc having a radius of76.50 feet and being subtended by a chord bearing Nort 64 degrees 01 minutes 48 seconds West a distance of 11.65 feet); depart from said right-of-way run thence North 21 degrees 36 minutes 16 seconds East a distance of 60.95 feet to a point marked by an iron pin set; run thence North 41 degrees 08 minute 12 seconds East a distance of 304.09 feet to a point marked by an iron pin set; run thence South 46 degrees 09 minutes 12 seconds East a distance of 258.12 feet to a point marked by an iron pin set, run thence South 43 degrees 56 minutes 48 second West a distance of 350.45 feet to a point, said point being the TRUE PLACE

BEGINNING. SAID tract of land contiains 2.00 acres and is shown as Tract 1 on ALTA/ACSM Survey for Discovery Development, Inc. and Lawyers Title Insurance Company dated November 5, 2004, last revised November 29,2004 and prepared by Harkleroad and Associates and certified by Donald W. Harkleroad, Georgia Registered Land Surveyor No. 1578. SAID LEGAL description being

controlling, however, the Property is more commonly known as: 80 Charleston Place, Covington, Georgia 30016 SAID PROPERTY will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the

undersigned. The sale will be subject to the following items which may affect the title: 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, and all other matters of record superior to the said Security The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confinnation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final

best of the undersigned's knowledge and belief, the party in possession of the property is believed to be Tydev Enterprises, LLC, or tenant(s).

CHARLESTON REAL Estate, LLC,

AS HOLDER and Secured Creditor

AS ATTORNEY-IN-FACT for the aforesaid Grantor WINTER CAPRIOLA Zenner, LLC Attorneys at Law **ONE AMERIS** Center

PUBLIC NOTICE #200137

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

contained in that certain Security Deed from **HOWELL H. WATSON** to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC AS NOMINEE FOR SOUTHSTAR FUNDING, LLC, dated March 30, 2007, recorded April 12, 2007, in Deed Book 2417, Page 569, Newton County, Georgia Records, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of Fifteen Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Eight and 00/100 dollars (\$15,778.00), with interest thereon as provided for therein, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned and transferred to Real Time Resolutions, Inc, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the Newton County Courthouse, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in May, 2021,

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 169, 10TH DISTRICT,
NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA,
BEING LOT 157, UNIT ONE,
RESERVES AT LAKEWOOD
ESTATES SUBDIVISION, AS PER
PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 14, PAGES 73-99, REVISED AT PLAT BOOK 45, PAGES 169-195, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS, WHICH PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN AND BY

SUBJECT TO ANY RIGHT OF WAY

SAID LEGAL description being controlling, however the property is more commonly known as 745 BARSHAY DRIVE, COVINGTON, GA

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

are a lien, whether or not now due and payable); the right of redemption of any taxing authority; matters

confinnation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed. Charleston Real Estate, LLC is the entity with authority to negotiate, amend and modify the tenns of the Note and Security Deed. Charleston Real Estate, LLC's address is 1140 Old Peachtree Rd., Suite A, Duluth, Georgia 30097. Charleston Real Estate, LLC may be contacted by telephone at 770-622-2112. To the

3490 PIEDMONT Road, Suite 800 ATLANTA, GA 30305 (404) 844-

4/7,14,21,28 **GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY**

ATTEND AND COMPLETE A DUI RISK REDUCTION COURSE

REFERENCE AND MADE A PART

the terms of the Security Deed. SAID PROPERTY will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The sale will also be subject to the following items which may affect the title: any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which

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all property described in said Security Deed including but not limited to the following described property:

HEREOF.

DEEDS OR OTHER EASEMENTS OF RECORD.

Neighbors air fears about projects proposed in two parts of county

By TOM SPIGOLON

COVINGTON, Ga. — Residents in two different parts of Newton County said recently that proposed projects near them would be detrimental to their properties.

As a result, Newton County planning commissioners unanimously voted to recommend denial of a rezoning for a warehouse on the county's western edge; and delayed action on a conditional use permit for a special events facility in the Starrsville community.

The county Planning Commission at its monthly meeting March 23 voted to recommend that the Board of Commissioners deny a rezoning for a speculative warehouse — one built on the developer's belief it will attract a tenant.

The 32-acre site at 2001 Dogwood Drive is located across I-20 from the Lidl distribution center under construction adjacent to the Rockdale County

Warehouse developer Joseph McGorrey of Native Development Group had first requested a rezoning of the 32-acre site which sits in both Newton and Rockdale counties — in late January but planners delayed action until a traffic study could

The site runs for 1,300 feet along Almon Road and its southeast corner is adjacent to an I-20 overpass connecting Dogwood Road and Access

It includes four acres inside Rockdale County and is a former farm that is now vacant and zoned only for residential uses. Landowner Cleveland Stroud

said he had numerous purchase offers over the years but they all came from industrial develop-

Stroud — a longtime basketball coach at Rockdale County High School — told planning commissioners the land had been in his family for a century and he wanted the money from its sale for his retirement.

McGorrey included a site plan for a 372,060-square-foot warehouse with 200 parking spaces in his presentation to the planning commission during the meeting conducted virtually through the Zoom platform.

He said it would initially lack a tenant but would have one within a year, based on heavy demand for other nearby warehouse space.

In addition, McGorrey introduced traffic engineers who said they had submitted a traffic study to county officials.

Opponents of the rezoning included residents of Iris Brook subdivision adjacent to the Lidl development. They said they did not want another warehouse in the area adding traffic and noise congestion already imposed by the Lidl project.

Earlene Barney said "no one told us" about Lidl and other industrial projects planned for

Cornelia Floyd questioned the need for a new warehouse when she said others nearby had available space.

Sandra Hines of Covington, who was a recent, vocal opponent of planned residential development in other parts of Newton County, said the area already had enough warehouse

She said she heard plenty of construction noise from the Lidl project on a recent Sunday visit to Iris Brook.

"Listen to your citizens," Hines said. "We do not want this warehouse."

Commissioners voted 4-0 not to recommend the Board of Commissioners rezone the site from single-family residential to M1-Light Industrial.

The recommendation goes to the county commission at its Tuesday, April 20, meeting.

In other action at the planning commission's March 23 meeting, commissioners voted to delay action until April 27 on a request for a conditional use permit for an event facility at 19 Poplar Hill Road.

Applicant Ayala Ramos said

she wanted an existing building on her 45-acre tract to host events like private parties and festivals that included live However, neighboring land-

owners and residents complained the noise and traffic likely would affect their rural way of life that includes farm-Alexis Prosser said she had

collected hundreds of signatures on a petition opposing the permit. She said noise had been excessive from a previous private event Ramos hosted. Mario Ninfo said he had con-

cerns because of the potential traffic on narrow roads in the "I'm sure none of you would

want to live next to this," he told planning commissioners. Among the planning staff's recommendations were a study of Poplar Hill Road to see if a deceleration lane was warrant-

ed. They also said they needed

more information on hours of operation. The planning commission voted to "table" the request until their April 27 meeting and asked neighbors and applicants to

meet to resolve differences.

Also March 23, planning commissioners approved a preliminary plat for a 158-lot subdivision on 209 acres at Ga. Highway 162 and Pickett Bridge Road in south Newton County.

Developers of Twin River Valley seek to use a plan similar to one approved in 2008 for the site. Former developers installed some infrastructure, including roads, before stopping work on the subdivision in the late 2000s, staff members said. The planning commission

gives final approval on preliminary subdivision plats, while the county commission decides if final approval should be given on zoning matters.

The Twin River Valley plan could be considered because it was submitted before a current residential moratorium was imposed earlier this year, officials **County Commissioners**

Newton BOC to host 2022 budget workshops

By TOM SPIGOLON tspigolon@covnews.com

COVINGTON, Ga.

 The Newton County **Board of Commission**ers will host a series of workshops this week as board members begin the task of approving a Fiscal Year 2022 budget. During the work-

shop, the Board of Commissioners (BOC) will hear budget information from elected county officials and department heads and hear requests from outside agencies for county appropriations for the upcoming 2022 budget year which begins July 1.

The workshops were set to begin Tuesday with presentations from county departments including Finance, Elections, Information Systems, GIS, Human Resources and others, as well as E-911 and the Water Department.

The remaining sched-

 Wednesday, April 14, 9 am - 5 pm, Con stitutional officers and other elected officials, including Sheriff's Office, Clerk of Courts, Tax Commissioner, Probate Court, Superior Court, District Attorney and Coroner. Thursday, April

15, 9 am - 12:15 pm,Appropriation requests from DFACS, Health Department, Library, View Point Health, Economic Development, CASA and others.

• Thursday, April 15, 6 pm - 7 pm, Citizen Budget Workshop. All meetings will be in the Commissioners

Boardroom on the second floor of the Historic Courthouse at 1124 Clark St. in Covington. In addition, the **Board of Commis-**

sioners will meet for a retreat Friday, April 16, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at 6185 Turner Lake Road.

The topic will be Roles, Responsibilities and Governance presented by County Attorney Megan Martin.

Districts 1, 2 schedule **Bicentennial Service Days**

Bicentennial Service Day District 1 Cleanup is set for April 24, 9 a.m., at Alcovy High School. Volunteers are

needed to clean up roadside litter. Targeted roadways are Pickett Bridge Road, Campbell Road, County Road 213, and Highways 142 and 162.

Register by Friday, April 16. Free T-shirts to participants while supplies last — not available for purchase.

To participate, visit www.keepnewtonbeautiful.org, complete registration forms for an individual or group; photo or scan, then email completed forms to newtonclean@ co.newton.ga.us.

 Community Cleanup for District 2 is set for May 15 at 9 a.m. at Denny Dobbs Park.

To participate, register by May 7 at www. keepnewtonbeautiful. org. For more information, call 770-784-2015 or email newtonclean@co.newton.

ga.us.

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WHICH WOULD be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; all zoning ordinances; assessments; liens; encumbrances; restrictions; covenants, and any other matters of record superior to said Security Deed.

belief of the undersigned, the owner and party in possession of the property is HOWELL H. WATSON, or tenants(s). THE SALE will be conducted subject

TO THE best of the knowledge and

(1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed.

PLEASE NOTE that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, you are not entitled by law to an amendment or modification of the terms of your loan. The entity having full authority to negotiate, amend or modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is: Real Time Resolutions, Inc., Loss Mitigation Dept., 1349 Empire Central Drive, Suite 150, Dallas, TX 75247-4029, Telephone Number: 877-469-7325.

REALTIME RESOLUTIONS, INC AS ATTORNEY in Fact for HOWELL H. WATSON

THE BELOW LAW FIRM MAY BE HELD TO BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, UNDER FEDERAL LAW. IF SO. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

ATTORNEY CONTACT: Rubin Lublin, LLC, 3145 Avalon Ridge Place, Suite 100, Peachtree Corners, GA 30071 TELEPHONE NUMBER: (877) 813-

PUBLIC NOTICE #200163 4/7,14,21,28

Name Changes IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF

NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA IN RE the Name Change of

Child(ren):

0992 Case No. RTR-20-03824-2

KRISTAN SHANESE HOWARD-

COOPER PETITIONER. **OBJECTOR**

CIVIL ACTON Number

RESPONDENT

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME(S) OF CHILD(REN)

KRISTAN SHANESE HOWARD-COOPER filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on MARCH 23 , 2021 to change the name(s) of the following minor child(ren) from: JAXSON LIAM MCLENDON o: JAXSON LIAM HOWARD-COOPER ANY INTERESTED party has the

right to appear in this case and file objection within the time prescribed 19-12-1(f)(2) and (3)

KRISTAN SHANESE Howard-185 LAKESIDE Point **COVINGTON, GEORGIA** 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #200139 3/31-4/7,14,21

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

IN RE the Name Change of Child(ren): ROMAN PATTERSON

TIFFANY ALLEN PETITIONER,

STEPHEN MCCULLOUGH RESPONDENT. CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 2021-CV-

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF CHILD

TIFFANY ALLEN filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on APRIL 2, 2021, to change the name of the following minor child
FROM: ROMAN MARK
PATTERSON to ROMAN MARK MCCULLOUGH ANY INTERESTED party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within the time prescribed

in O.C.G.A. §§ 19-12-1(f)(2) and (3).

260 HEATON PLACE TRAIL **COVINGTON, GA** 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #200186

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

IN RE the name change of ANDREA STINCHCOMB **PETITIONER**

CIVIL ACTION File # 2021-CV-

ANDREA STINCHCOMB filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on March 22, 2021 to change the name from Andrea Channing Stinchcomb to Andrea Channing Parker. Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after the Petition was filed DATE: 3-22-21

ANDREA STINCHCOMB 97 HELEN Rd **COVINGTON, GA** 30016 PUBLIC NOTICE #200135

3/31-4/7,14,21 **Public Notice**

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF

Newton County STATE OF GEORGIA COOPERS LAKE Community Association, Inc., PLAINTIFF,

NICHOLAS A. Tate DEFENDANT. CIVIL ACTION NUMBER SUCV2020001318

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION TO: NICHOLAS A. Tate 235 WINNSTEAD Place

COVINGTON, GEORGIA 30016 BY ORDER of the Court for service by publication dated February 16, 2021, you are hereby notified that on _ July 7, 2020 (date of filing), Coopers Lake COA, Inc.

you for money damages

(PLAINTIFF) FILED suit against

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

WITNESS. THE Honorable Judge of the Superior Court of LAYLA H. Zon

NEWTON COUNTY. THIS, THE 16th day of February,

PUBLIC NOTICE #200114

3/24,31-4/7,14 NOTICE OF DETOUR APPROVAL

P. I. 0013602 **NEWTON COUNTY** NOTICE IS hereby given that Georgia Department

Transportation has approved the use of and the routing of a detour for this

THE DATE of detour approval is: March 22, 2021

THE PROJECT proposes to replace

the existing bridge on PR1/Frontage

Road at Yellow River in Newton County, located 2 miles west of Covington, GA. The proposed project begins approximately 550 feet west of the existing bridge and extends east 550 feet, for an approximate length of 1,400 feet (0.27 miles). Proposed is a new 320-foot long by 43.25-foot wide bridge over Yellow River that will be constructed in place. Two walls are proposed along the approaches south of the road to protect and minimize impacts to the pump station and trailer park. Traffic will be detoured along I-20 during construction. This project would include an off-site detour with a 270day road closure to build this bridge. THE PROPOSED detour route will utilize I-20 until Exit 90 for eastbound

traffic and Exit 88 for westbound traffic for the duration of the bridge and roadway construction. DRAWINGS OR maps or plats of the proposed project, as approved, are on file and are available for public inspection at the Georgia Department of Transportation: For

information or questions regarding

the Detour Route, please contact: ROBERT ROWLAND **ASSISTANT AREA** Engineer DISTRICT 2, Area 5 RROWLAND@DOT.GA.GOV 1570 BETHANY Boad MADISON, GA 30650

PUBLIC NOTICE #200140 3/31-4/7,14,21

DESIGN APPROVAL P. I. 0015672 **NEWTON COUNTY** NOTICE IS hereby given in

NOTICE OF LOCATION AND

compliance with Georgia Code 22-

2-109 and 32-3-5 that the Georgia

Department of Transportation has approved the Location and Design of this project. The date of location and design approval is: March 3, 2021 THE PROPOSED project will construct a roundabout at the intersection of County Road 1840 (Brown Bridge Road) and County Road 13 (Magnet Road) in Newton County, Georgia. This project is located between the intersection of SR 20/212, 0.73 miles SW and SR 162, 3.24 miles NE of the intersection. The proposed length of the project is 0.4 mile (0.2 mile on SR 20 and 0.2 mile on SR 162). There are no major structures within the project area. The project is located in land lot 1821 of land district 10 in Georgia Militia District 461. DRAWINGS OR maps or plats of the proposed project, as approved,

ROWLAND, DISTRICT 2. Area 5 RROWLAND@DOT.GA.GOV 1570 BETHANY Road MADISON, GA 30650

are on file and are available for

public inspection at the Georgia

Department of Transportation:

(706) 343-5837 ANY INTERESTED party may obtain a copy of the drawings or maps or plats or portions thereof by paying a nominal fee and requesting in writing to: KIMBERLY W. Nesbitt

OFFICE OF Program Delivery ATTN: PREMIAH Gwinn PGWINN@DOT.GA.GOV 600 WEST Peachtree St. NW

From staff reports

communication in reference to this project or notice SHOULD include the Project and P. I. Numbers as noted at the top of this notice.

PUBLIC NOTICE #200111 3/24,31-4/7,14

Public Sales Auctions

PUBLIC AUCTION: Sellars Wrecker Services, In accordance with the OCGA (40-11-2) the following vehicle will be sold to the highest bidder at public auction that will be held on April 24, 2021. Sealed bids will be accepted from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at **Sellars** Wrecker Services, 295 Hwy 162, Covington Ga. 30016.

 2016 HYUNDAI ACCENT KMHCTAE0GU241793 • 2011 HYUNDAI SONATA 5NPEC4AC8BH081915

• 2013 CHEVROLET TAHOE C1500 1GNLC2E07DR260459 • 2019 CHEVROLET EQUINOX

3GNAXKEVAKS559196 2008 CHEVROLET EQUINOX 2CNDL33F986020109 • 2006 DODGE DURANGO

1D4HD48N76F166104 • 2011 DODGE JOUNEY 3D4PG1FG7BT518510

• 1981 FORD LGT 2FTCF10E8BCB22050

 2016 HONDA ODYSSEY 5FNRL5H4XGB075352 • 2001 HYUNDAI ELANTRA

KMHDN45D51U034639 • 1997 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE 1J4FX58SXVD616975

• 2002 KAWASAKI ZX900 JKAZX2F132A001813 2004 TOYOTA CAMRY 4T1BF30K04U577020

• 2003 TOYOTA CAMRY 4T1BE32KX3U135411 2011 TOYOTA CAMRY 4T1BF3EK8BU192309 • 2002 VOLKSWAGEN JETTA GLS

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WVWHV71K77W234592 **PUBLIC NOTICE #200167**

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Wednesday, April 14, 2021

SPORTS

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Newton County Prep Baseball **Standings**

Region 4-AAAAAAA Team Region Overall Grayson 8-2 21-3 Parkview 5-2 14-10 Brookwood 4-3 15-10 Newton 3-4 9-13 South Gwinnett 0-9 4-18

Newton's Remaining Schedule

4/14 - vs. Parkview* 4/16 - @ Parkview* 4/19 - vs. Brookwood* 4/21 - @ Brookwood* 4/22 - vs. Brookwood* *Denotes region contest

Region 3-AAAAAA Team Region Overall

Lakeside-Evans 8-1 11-8 Evans 6-2 10-12 Grovetown 5-4 9-11 Heritage 4-5 6-13 Alcovy 3-5 8-15 Rockdale County 0-9 6-14

Alcovy's Remaining Schedule

4/13 - vs. Lakeside-Evans* 4/15 - vs. Grovetown (DH)* 4/20 - vs. Heritage* 4/23 - vs. Evans (DH)* *Denotes region contest

Region 8-AAAAA Team Region Overall

Greenbrier 9-1 18-4 Loganville 9-1 19-5 Walnut Grove 8-2 16-7 **Eastside 6-4 17-7** Jackson County 4-6 15-9 Apalachee 1-7 9-11 Clarke Central 1-7 8-14 Johnson 0-10 1-17

Eastside's Remaining Schedule

4/13 - @ Jackson County* 4/15 - vs. Jackson County* 4/19 - vs. Loganville* 4/21 - @ Loganville* *Denotes region contest

Region 8-A Public Team Region Overall Social Circle 11-1 14-9

Commerce 10-1 15-7 Washington-Wilkes 9-3 14-7 Lake Oconee Academy 10-5 11-8 Towns County 3-11 6-14 Lincoln County 1-11 1-14 Greene County 0-12 0-12

Social Circle's Remaining Schedule 4/13 - @ Washington-Wilkes*

4/16 - vs. Washington-Wilkes (DH)* 4/20 - @ Commerce* 4/22 - vs. Commerce (DH)*

*Denotes region contest

Note: Standings updated as of April 13 2021. Schedules are subject to change.

Prep Baseball

Rams suffer tough out



Mason Wittner | The Covington News

Parkview senior left-hander Mason Brown (pictured) tossed four shutout against Newton on Monday evening. The southpaw struck out eight rams, allowing just one hit and issuing one walk over four innings of work. Fellow senior Sam Smith came on to pitch in the fifth inning and closed out the mercy rule-shortened victory with a spotless frame on 11 pitches.

Newton records one hit in 12-0 loss to Panthers

> By MASON WITTNER mwittner@covnews.com

LILBURN, Ga. — Newton's losing skid continued Monday evening as the Rams paid a visit to Hugh Buchanan Field to take on No. 4 Parkview.

Facing senior lefthander Mason Brown, the Rams were off-balance at the plate all night, collecting just one hit. Newton's pitching kept the club in the game early, but the Panthers slowly chipped away before a grand slam blew the doors open in a 12-0 victory.

Since opening Region 4-AAAAAA play with a three-game sweep of South Gwinnett, the Rams (9-13, 3-4) have won just one of their last nine games. Monday's defeat pushed the current losing streak out to eight.

"Whenever you've got a team like Parkview, they're a very solid, well-put-together team. They're just like most teams in this region," Newton head coach Darrell Helm said. "I think the first inning we came out a little bit intimidated because of who they are, but it's the same pitching we've seen a lot this year. We've just got to be more confident in our ability at the plate and jump on the pitches they give us."

Brown struck out the

side in the first inning, leaving the first two batters he faced looking at a called strike three. Just two at-bats into the home half of the inning, the Panthers gave the southpaw a lead to work with.

Senior Ryan Spikes, a former Alcovy Tiger, led off the game with a double to deep center field. Sophomore Colin Houck then connected on a 2-0 pitch, lining it up the middle to drive in Spikes for the first run of the day. The Panthers tacked on another pair of runs behind sacrifice flies off the bats of seniors Cade Sadler and Dobbs Bowden to extend their lead to 3-0.

Newton applied pressure with a pair of baserunners in the second inning due to a walk and a hit-by-pitch, but nothing came of the opportunity as both were ultimately stranded.

After two quick outs were recorded in the bottom of the second, Spikes stepped up to the plate once again and crushed a solo home run to left field, making it 4-0.

In the third inning, Sadler belted a home run of his own — a two-run blast — to give the Panthers a 6-0 lead. He'd do more damage an inning later by following up Spikes' RBI double with a grand slam to straightaway center field to put his team ahead 11-0.

The final run of the inning was an RBI single from senior Sam Smith, rounding out the dozen on series.

the day for the Panthers. Newton will get two more cracks at upsetting the Panthers this week. Parkview will travel to Covington for the second game of the series Wednesday before the Rams return to Lilburn for the series finale Friday.

Helm pointed to confidence and an aggressive approach at the plate as keys for his club turning things around in the

"When they're going to throw a first-pitch strike, we can't let them get in the count. We've got to jump on the first-pitch strikes and make the pitcher work," he said. "If you get in that 0-2 count, they've got a lot of nasty off-speed [pitches] and they know how to throw them, so give yourself a chance with that first- or second-pitch fastball and jump on it."



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Former Alcovy Tiger Ryan Spikes (right) had a superb day at the plate against his former Newton County adversary Monday. The senior infielder went 3-for-3 with a pair of doubles and a home run in the blowout victory.



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Up Next

Alcovy Baseball takes on Lakeside-Evans, Grovetown

By MASON WITTNER

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Pick up a copy of our weekend edition for more local prep baseball coverage, including a recap of Alcovy's action against Region 3-AAAAA opponents Lakeside-Evans and Grovetown.

Coming into the week, the

Tigers find themselves just one came out of the fourth playoff spot in their region. They're fighting to earn a spot in the postseason for the first time since 2013.

In addition to our print editions, extensive coverage of all Newton County prep athletics can be found online at CovNews.com.

Prep Golf

Piedmont golf wins region championship

By CHRIS BRIDGES Correspondent

GRIFFIN, Ga. Piedmont Academy's golf team outplayed the field on Monday as the Cougars brought home a region championship

Competing at The Club at Shoal Creek in Griffin, Piedmont was led by low medalist Ryan Holder with a round of 94. The top four scores for the Cougars were very close which helped the team emerge as region champion, coach Will Johnson said.

Banks Benton had a round of 95 followed closely by Ridge Stroud at 96. Landon Conner completed the course with a 99. Teammate Anthony Brown finished at 115.

"The championship was a team effort," Johnson said. "Our top four golfers were

almost identical with their scores. They went out and played a consistent round and let others make the mis-

Oak Mountain was region runner-up followed by St. George, LaGrange Academy and Windsor. Benton, Stroud, Conner and Holder were each named All-Region for the 2021 season.

Johnson said it was the first region golf title for the school since the 1990s.

"Our golfers just go out and have fun," their coach said. "They enjoy competing together. It's great to see them earn this honor." While the Cougars

will compete in some additional regular season matches, the 2021 GISA state golf tournament will be Monday, April 26, at Brunswick Country Club.



Special to The Covington News

Piedmont Academy captured a region title Monday at The Club at Shoal Creek in Griffin. The Cougars will now begin gearing up to compete in the 2021 GISA state golf tournament, which will begin April 26 at Brunswick Country Club.

The Masters at Augusta National

Matsuyama becomes first Japanese golfer to don green jacket

By DOUG FERGUSON

The Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — The pressure was even more than Hideki Matsuyama could have imagined when he stood on the first tee Sunday at Augusta National. So was the emotion when he walked off the 18th green as the first Masters champion from golf-mad Japan.

His arms securely inside the sleeves of the green jacket, he thrust them in the air.

10 years after he made a sterling debut as the best amateur at the Masters, the 29-year-old Matsuyama claimed the ultimate prize and took his place

Whether he's Japan's greatest player is not his concern.

in history.

"However, I'm the first to win a major," he said through his interpreter. "And if that's the bar, then I've set it."

Staked to a four-shot lead, the nerves stayed with Matsuyama from the time he hit his opening tee shot into

the trees to back-toback birdies that led to a six-shot lead to a few nervous moments at the end when Xander Schauffele made a late run at him.

Only when he belted his drive down the 18th fairway and twirled the club in his hands could he feel this victory was in hand. He played so well for so long that three bogeys over the last four holes made this Masters look closer than it was.

He closed with a 1-over 73 for a oneshot victory over Masters rookie Will Zalatoris (70).

Schauffele ran off four straight birdies to get within two shots with three holes to play, only to hit 8-iron into the water on the par-3 16th for a triple bogey that ended his hopes. He shot a 72 with a triple bogey and a double bogey on his card and tied for third with Jordan Spieth (70).

"Man, he was something else. He played like a winner needs to play," Schauffele said.



AP Photo | Gregory Bull

Hideki Matsuyama, of Japan, celebrates after putting on the champion's green jacket after winning the Masters golf tournament on Sunday in Augusta, Ga.

"Sixteen, I really would have loved to have put more pressure on him there, but basically gave him the tournament at that point."

Then his thoughts turned to the significance of what Matsuyama achieved. Schauffele's mother was raised in Japan and his grandparents still

live there. "No one really wants to talk about how much pressure is on him," Schauffele said. "You look at the media that follows him. You look at what he's done in his career. He's a topranked player with a ton of pressure on him, and that's the hardest way to play. He's able to do it."

And he did it. The emotion for a player who says so little was never more evident. Moments before Dustin Johnson helped him into the green jacket, Matsuyama needed

no interpreter in Butler Cabin when he said in English, "I'm really

happy.' So masterful was this performance that Matsuyama stretched his lead to six shots on the back nine until a few moments of drama. With a four-shot lead, he went for the green in two on the par-5 15th and it bounded hard off the back slope and into the pond on the 16th

hole. Matsuyama did well to walk away with bogey, and with Schauffele making a fourth straight birdie, the lead was down to two shots. And then it was over.

Schauffele was in the water. Matsuyama made a safe par on the 17th and ripped one down the middle of the 18th fairway. He made bogey from the bunker to finish at 10-under 278, soaking in the moment with a few thousand spectators on

their feet to celebrate a career-changing mo-

Spieth has competed in Japan and has played alongside Matsuyama on his home turf. He could relate to having a four-shot lead, which Spieth had when he won the Masters in 2015. He can't relate to the expectations of an entire country.

"He's got a lot of pressure on himself," Spieth said. "I remember the feeling on a four-shot lead, and he's got Japan on his back and maybe Asia on his back. I can't imagine how that was trying to sleep on that, even with somebody who's had so much success."

Matsuyama won for the 15th time worldwide, and it was his sixth PGA Tour title. He had gone 93 tournaments without winning, the longest drought for a Masters champion since 1987, and went to No. 14 in the world.

He becomes the second man from an Asian country to win a major. Y.E. Yang of South Korea won the 2009 PGA Championship at Hazeltine over Tiger Woods.

Matsuyama won in Japan as an amateur, and four times after he graduated college and turned pro in 2013.

His first PGA Tour victory was at the Memorial in 2014, prompting tournament host Jack Nicklaus to say, "I think you've just seen the start of what's going to be truly one of your world's great players over the next 10

to 15 years." That moment came

Sunday. Matsuyama is not big on emotion, and he speaks even less even when cornered after every round by the large contingent of Japanese

media. Most of the media was absent this year due to COVID-19 travel restrictions, and Matsuyama had said on the eve of the final round that it has been a lot less stress.

There was plenty on the golf course, right from the start.

"I felt really good going to the first tee, until I stood on the first tee, and then it hit me that I'm in the last group of the Masters Tournament and I'm the leader by four strokes. And then I was really nervous," he said. "But I caught myself. And the plan today was just go out and do my best for 18 holes. And so that was my thought throughout day, just keep doing my best."



For the 15th consecutive year, Caldwell & Cowan Funeral Home, Covington, has been named a recipient of the National Funeral Directors Association Pursuit of Excellence Award. This Award is presented by

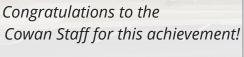
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Before dusting off and lighting up the grill this spring and summer, read the truth about a few myths concerning barbecues.

Grilling, barbecue myths debunked

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

Grillmasters and pitmasters work hard to produce mouth-watering fare. Many may develop secret recipes, rubs, sauces, and cooking techniques all in the name of flavorful

Certain myths about grilling and barbecuing have prevailed through the years. Such misconceptions may discourage newcomers from picking up their tongs and spatulas. Setting the record straight about common grilling myths can be just what people need to embrace cooking foods over an open

Myth #1: Hosting a barbecue is the same as cooking barbecue.

flame.

Fact: Barbecue is the process of cooking foods slowly with low heat, typically in a smoker. Having a barbecue is an informal backyard party where foods cooked over a grill are served.

Myth #2: You can tell the temperature of the grill by placing your hand over the grates.

Fact: Everyone reacts differently to heat, so the best way to gauge temperature is by using a thermom-

Myth #3: Grilled chicken is done when the juices run clear. Fact: Even well-done chicken can form juices that are pinkhued. It's from a protein called myoglobin, according to the book "Meathead: The Science of Great Barbecue and Grilling." Use a cooking thermometer to learn when poultry is safe to eat, typically at 160 to 165 degrees.

Myth #4: Marinating is best for grilling and tenderizing.

Fact: It seems that marinades really do not penetrate much beyond the surface of the meat and can keep the outer surface of the food wet, preventing searing and browning. Rubs and salts can be more effective at adding flavor. Serve a dipping sauce for additional flavor if people desire.

Myth #5: Light up the whole grill for best cooking.

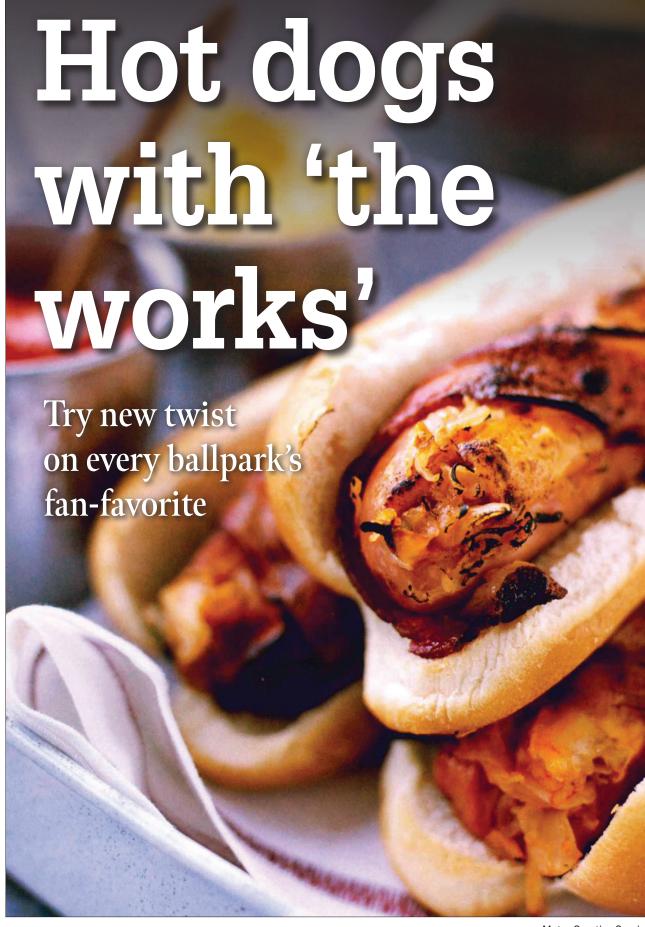
Fact: Temperature control is a key component of effective grilling and barbecuing. Having two temperature zones direct, radiant heat for searing, and an indirect zone for grilling meat evenly and preventing burning — can make food more tasty.

Myth #6: More smoke equals better food.

Fact: When cooking, faint wisps of blue smoke are better because blue smoke is made of tiny invisible particles and gases created by small, hot, fast-burning fires. White smoke generally comes from smoldering wood that is starved for oxygen, states the cooking site Food52. All of that white smoke can affect the flavor of the food.

Myth #7: Oil the grates to prevent food from sticking.

Fact: This may or may not work, depending on the temperature of the grates when the oil is applied. A better method is to oil the food, which will be cold so the oil will keep from burning and cracking.



Metro Creative Services

Next time cokking up hot dogs, try packing them with 'the works' for a flavorful punch.

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

Backyard barbecues simply would not be the same without hot dogs. While many people may not eat hot dogs during much of the year, come summertime when the grills are fired up, hot dogs take center

Hot dogs make great additions to backyard barbecues because they can be tinkered with to provide a host of different flavors. Those who really want their hot dogs to pack a flavorful punch can try the following recipe for "Hot Dogs Stuffed with the Works" from Andrew Schloss and David Joachim's "Mastering the Grill" (Chronicle

Books).

Hot Dogs Stuffed with the Works

Makes six servings Ingredients: 2 teaspoons spicy

brown mustard 2 tablespoons ketchup 1 cup refrigerated sauerkraut, drained, rinsed and coarsely

chopped 4 large hot dogs, such as knockwurst

1/2 ounce cheddar cheese, cut into 4 small

sticks 4 slices bacon

Oil for coating grill 4 long hot dog buns

or small sub rolls, split

The Grill Gas: Direct heat, medium high (425 to 450

degrees); Clean, oiled

grate

Charcoal: Direct heat, light ash; 12-by-12-inch charcoal bed (about three dozen coals); Clean, oiled grate on lowest setting

Wood: Direct heat, light ash; 12-by-12-inch bed, three to four inches deep; Clean, oiled grate set two inches above the fire

Directions:

1. Heat the grill as directed.

2. Mix the mustard, ketchup and sauerkraut in a small bowl.

3. Slit the hot dogs lengthwise, forming a deep pocket end to end in each one. Fill the pockets halfway with

the sauerkraut mixture. Put a stick of cheese in the center of each and top with the remaining sauerkraut mixture. Wrap a bacon slice around each hot dog to hold it together, and secure the ends of each bacon strip with wooden toothpicks.

4. Put the grill screen on the grill and coat it with oil. Wait a minute or two, until the surface is hot. Grill the hot dogs until the bacon is cooked through and the hot dogs are browned on all sides, about two minutes per side.

5. To toast the buns, put them cut-sides down directly over the fire for the last minute of cooking. Serve the hot dogs on the buns.

Must-have supplies you'll want for every outdoor event

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

Outdoor venues boast certain advantages over indoor facilities. That is why many concerts, movies, dramatic productions, and other types of entertainment frequently take place outside when the weather cooperates.

One advantage to outdoor events is space. Parks or fields typically can hold many more participants than theaters or auditoriums. Cost is another factor. Less maintenance and fewer amenities translates to lower ticket prices — with some outdoor events even being free.

Attending music festivals, outdoor movies or other

events outdoors requires careful planning. To increase comfort, certain must-haves are par for the course.

Somewhere to sit Depending on space, the venue may allow lawn or beach chairs. Bring something lightweight that is easy to carry. Beach chairs with built-in backpack straps can make it less of a chore to take chairs along. Otherwise bring along a blanket that easily can be rolled up into a bag. Some are even water-resistant so they can be placed on damp grass.

Sunscreen and bug protection Sunscreen is a must-have for daytime events, no matter

the temperature. When the sun begins to set, insects may become prevalent. Keep away biting mosquitoes, gnats and more with insect repellent. If you'll be trekking through trees or high grass, bring a repellent that works against ticks.

Binoculars and/or hearing protection

Dust off those binoculars because you may need them for an outdoor concert if you want to see the stage and performers.

If you attend a loud event, such as a fireworks display or a rock concert, using ear protection is a smart idea. You'll still hear what's going on, but at lower decibels.

Plus, you won't head home with incessant ringing in your ears.

Water and snacks Concessions may be expensive and far away from your seating area. Pack nonperishable refreshments that will satisfy your hunger and thirst. Water is always best for staying hydrated. Avoid alcoholic and caffeinated beverages, which can make you even more thirsty.

Hand sanitizer and flushable wipes

Outdoor venues often are serviced by outdoor restrooms. Those portable toilets, depending on maintenance and the size of crowds, may not be the cleanest

nor the best stocked. Avoid germs by packing an alcohol-based hand sanitizer and a package of flushable toilet

wipes. Child identification In addition to having mobile phones to keep in touch with other members of your party, bring along photos (or take a recent one with said phone) of children in attendance. Should kids get lost or separated, you'll have a means to identifying them to others who are helping in the search. Children also can wear temporary tattoos featuring parents' phone numbers. Designate a visible meeting spot if anyone gets lost.

Bood Depot

OUR COST PLUS 10% ADDED AT REGISTER!





USDA Inspected Cubed **Steak**



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USDA Inspected, Fresh **Rib Half Pork Loin Chops**

The Covington News



USDA Select Beef, Boneless Chuck **Roast**

Food Depot Watch Your \$avings Grow!

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Great Quality Brands!



125½ Coca-Cola **Products**









7.75-8 Ounce, Assorted Frito-Lay's Chips







Detergent

Farm Fresh Produce



6-10 Ounce Bag **Fresh Express Hearts of Romaine or Sweet Butter** Salad \$069



Food Depot Russet Potatoes



Green Cabbage



Good Health Veggie Straws conn





Ritz **Crackers** 900

Low Prices — Name Brand Meats



Q457

Select Varieties Kool-Aid Canisters Q47/1

8 Quart,



Grape Tomatoes



Large Bartlett Pears



Zucchini Squash



Red Plums



JUMBOS

12 Ounce **Swaggerty's** Sausage **Patties or** Links

16 Ounce

Sunnyland

Jumbo **Franks**

98¢



Hot or Mild Carolina Pride **Smoked** Sausage \$253 EA

24 Ounce,



24 Ounce **Sunset Farm Thick Sliced Bacon \$/148**

16 Ounce,



Roma Tomatoes



Turnip & Mustard Greens







Carolina **Pride** Cooked Ham or **Turkey**

10 Ounce



Regular or Thick Hormel **Black Label Sliced Bacon** \$408 EA

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Family Pack **Small Split Buffalo** Wings 53.99_{LB.}



Boneless Whole **Pork Loin**



Premium **Ground** Sirloin



CAB Choice Sirloin Tip Roast



Wesson Vegetable or **Canola Oil**



Coca-Cola **Products**



Extra Large Slicing Tomatoes



10 Pound Bag Idaho **Potatoes**



Baked **Beans**

28 Ounce, Selected

Bush's



8 Ounce, Shredded or Bar **Crystal Farms** Cheese



14.72 Ounce **Daisy** Squeeze Sour Cream



Center Cut Pork Chops

Family Pack, Boneless



Wafer Thin Pork Chops

Fresh

Yellow

Squash or

Family Pack, Boneless



Family Pack, Boneless Cubed **Pork Chops**



Broccoli **Florets**





8-10 Ounce, 4x6



Zucchini USDA Select, Family Pack



Gwaltney Jumbo **Hot Dogs**

CAB Choice,

Family Pack

1 Pound











Steak CAB Choice, Family Pack



T-Bone Steak



Thick Cut Pork Chops



Stir Fry



Sirloin Tip Steak



CAB Choice Stew Meat, Diet Lean or Stir Fry Beef CA AA



Cube Steak

CAB Choice, Family Pack



Boneless **Pork** Roast



Family Pack, Boneless Country Style Pork Ribs

6 Ounce, Fresh



Romaine, Green or Red Leaf Lettuce



resh Express **Salad Mix**





Blueberries, Blackberries r Raspberries



Fresh, 4 Pound Bag Navel Oranges



California Celery

Fresh



Tide

8 Ounce

Kraft

Salad

Dressing

115 Ounce

Simply



Kellogg's **Pop Tarts**

18 Ounce

8 Pack



4 Pack, Vanilla or Chocolate Snack Pack **Pudding**

7.25 Ounce

Kraft



24 Ounce Castleberry's Beef Stew

20 Ounce

Castleberry's

Brunswick

Stew



10 Ounce Castleberry's **Hot Dog**

Chili Sauce



1 Pound, 31/40 Count, IQF **Nature's Best EZ Peel** Shrimp



Mac & Cheese 1 Pound, 30/40 Count,

CPD, IQF

Shrimp

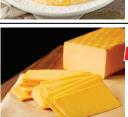
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Brown Sugar, Hickory Smoked, Smoked Honey, Tavern, Black Forest or Virginia Honey (retschmar Ham



Deli Made Chicken Salad



Kretschmar Mild Cheddar Cheese

yer Sharp Cheddar..\$6.99LE



Kretschmar Oven Roasted Turkey Breast

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