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#### His Word

Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many

1 Timothy 6:12, KJV

Rotary Club of Covington

# 'AMAZING'

Local civic group delivers 2 million meals across area

By TOM SPIGOLON tspigolon@covnews.com

COVINGTON, Ga. — Covington members were some main coordinators of the Rotary Clubs' north Georgia district's effort that led to 2 million meals being delivered in 10 months to food-insecure

area families.

Rotary District 6910, comprising 73 clubs including the Rotary Club of Covington, partnered with Covington First United Methodist Church Saturday, April 17, to hand out the district's 2 millionth meal to area families since June 2020.

Club District Governor Tina Fischlin of Greensboro said she set a goal for the clubs to work to feed 1 million families — which was 10% of a larger goal set by some other districts — during a time of job layoffs and food insecurity because of COVID-19.

The 1 million goal was met in seven months and



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Rotary District Governor Tina Fischlin (far left) helps volunteers loads food boxes into vehicles Saturday at Covington First United Methodist Church. The 73-club district surpassed donations of 2 million boxes of food to area families during the event.

2 million boxes had been given out 3-½ months later, club officials said.

Fischlin credited Doug Bolton and Tarrence Houston of the Covington club for much of the impetus toward doubling the 12-month goal in only 10 months.

"It has just been an amazing program for our district (and) our community that we serve," she said

"We are providing meals for homes and families
— some who don't know where their next meal is going to come from,"
Fischlin said.

Each Rotary Club financially sponsored a truck, with the help of matching funds from Rotary District 6910 and The Rotary

Foundation, and provided logistical and volunteer support to deliver the meals.

Bolton helped coordinate the program and shipments of the boxes. Houston's company, Sigma Logistics, provided much of the transportation needed, Fischlin said.

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#### COVID-19

# Emory, Oxford require students be vaccinated

University says vaccine optional for faculty, staff



Oxford College

Oxford College students sit socially distanced during the 2021 spring semester. All Emory University students, including those enrolled at Oxford, will be required to get the COVID-19 vaccine ahead of the 2021 fall semester.

By TAYLOR BECK tbeck@covnews.com

OXFORD, Ga. — Officials announced Monday, April 19, that all students of Emory University and Oxford College must receive COVID-19 vaccinations ahead of the fall semester.

Emory University President Gregory L. Fenves unveiled the institution's plan in a letter directed to the "Emory community," later obtained by *The Covington News*.

Within the letter, Fenves stated the rule of requiring students to be vaccinated was to ensure students can to return to campus in a somewhat

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#### City of Covington

# Welcome Center, home to film and history museum, opens

By SARAH DAVIS

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COVINGTON,
Ga. — Covington's
new Welcome Center
opened on Monday,
April 19. The center,
which was originally in
the Chamber of Commerce, is now located
on 1143 Oak St. SE. It
is open from 9 a.m. to
5 p.m. Monday through
Friday and 10 a.m. to 4
p.m. on Saturday.

The new center is

nearly three times the size of the original space. This has allowed for the addition of a Film and History museum, which was made possible through collaboration with the Historical Society.

The museum includes memorabilia from the popular TV shows and movies filmed in the Covington area, such as fan favorites "The Vam-

pire Diaries" and "The Originals," as well as the classic hits "The Dukes of Hazzard" and "In the Heat of the Night."

Welcome Center Coordinator Ron Carter said the addition of the museum was necessary, considering the amount of tourists drawn to the area because of its film history.

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Welcome Center Coordinator Ron Carter stands at the center's visitor help desk.
The city's new Welcome Center opened Monday, April 19.
Sarah Davis

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Covington makes decision on Fourth of July Celebration

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#### **Weather Forecast**



Wednesday, April 21 High: 63° Low: 38° • Sunny, mostly clear.



Thursday, April 22
High: 66° Low: 42°
• Sunny, mostly clear.

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#### COVID-19: A Global Public Health Crisis

### Covington vaccination site returns after 3 months

By TOM SPIGOLON

tspigolon@covnews.com COVINGTON, Ga. — The county's health director says it was just a matter of finding a large enough space for the hundreds of people expected to receive the COVID-19 vaccine before a vaccination site could return to Newton County.

That site beginning Monday, April 19, was the Georgia Piedmont Technical College conference center at 8100 Bob Williams Parkway in Coving-

Dr. Audrey Arona, director of the Gwinnett-Newton-Rockdale Health Departments, said she expects about 600 per day will receive the Pfizer vaccine at the new Covington location.

"We're grateful for this site," Arona said.

She said the department had been "very blessed" both to secure the Covington site and the former Sears store in the old Gwinnett Place Mall in Duluth in Gwinnett Coun-

"With COVID, you have to be very safe," Arona

"It's not easy and very challenging logistically to find a location like this," she said. "Prior to this we didn't really have a good central location that would work for us."

She noted that the timing was good to secure a Covington site. The recent availability of the vaccine to those ages 16 and up will increase demand significantly, she said.

The department moved its vaccination site from its building near the Newton County Library to Rock-



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From left, Georgia Piedmont Technical College President Tavarez Holston, Newton County Chairman Marcello Banes, Gwinnett-Newton-Rockdale Health Departments Director Dr. Audrey Arona and Irvin Clark, the college's vice president of economic development, discuss the impact of the new COVID-19 vaccination site.

dale County in January after finding its Covington health center to be too small to handle the demand, Arona said.

"We're going to run, hopefully, 600 people through here in a day. There's no way we could do that logistically in the smaller health center that we have (in Covington),"

Newton County Chairman Marcello Banes, who helped locate the site for the health department, and Georgia Piedmont President Tavarez Holston said they received their vaccines Monday. Holston, who received

the Pfizer vaccine Monday morning at the Covington site, said he was "proud to partner with the community" to host the vaccine site.

"It didn't hurt a bit," he

He said it was important the college host the vaccine site because "a large portion of the community"

attends classes at Georgia Piedmont.

"We want our community to feel safe," he said. "But I also think it's important to join in the overall effort, to show our support and make this kind of effort happen."

Banes, who received his second dose at another location, said he "wanted to encourage everyone in the community" to get their vaccines to stop the spread of the disease which has resulted in the deaths of 213 Newton County residents through Sunday.

"It's an opportunity right here in Newton County to (get vaccinated). We encourage it. We believe in this to keep our community safe," Banes said.

He thanked the college and the health department for working to establish the vaccine site in the college's Building D on Bob Williams Parkway off City Pond Road.

"It's amazing what you

can do when you come together as a team," he said.

Arona said she hopes the public was encouraged by the Food and Drug Administration's action to halt use of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine when only six had medical issues out of 6 million receiving the vaccine.

"I think it's really representative of our country cares more about safety that anything," she said.

However, Arona said she did not see it having an effect now on the use of the Covington site, where most appointments were full four days after they became available. She said the Covington

site could increase dramatically in popularity after the announcement that 12- to 15-year-olds — middle school-aged students - are eligible for the vaccine. "I think this site is going

to be a very, very busy, busy site throughout the summer," Arona said.

She said the work to halt the spread of the disease is the "race of the V's, as I call it," which is "vaccine vs. variants" of the disease.

"The more people who get vaccinated, the quicker we head off these variants," Arona said.

She said appointments can be made online at gnrhealth.com or by calling the Georgia Department of Public Health vaccine scheduling resource line at 888-457-0186.

Anyone 16 years and up can receive the Pfizer vaccine while the Moderna vaccine is reserved for those 18 and up.

The Georgia Piedmont site is set to operate Monday through Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

#### City of Covington



Covington has hosted an annual fireworks show to celebrate Independence Day for many years, growing into one of the most highly touted events across the Southeast. Last year's event ended up being cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### Council opts for 'normal' Fourth of July Celebration

By TAYLOR BECK tbeck@covnews.com

COVINGTON, Ga. — The Covington City Council has opted to hold its annual Fourth of July Fireworks Celebration "as normal" on the Covington Town Square but without its regular festival.

During nearly 45 minutes of discussion Monday night, the council had contemplated moving the event to the site of the Covington Town Center. It also thought about hosting the event at the Square while limiting the number of attendees in order to make sure spectators could social distance and prevent a potential COVID-19 outbreak. In the end, the council felt trying to hold the event "as normal" but without a festival was the best option as it pertained to public safety overall. Social distancing and adhering to guidelines concerning COVID-19 will be left up to the discretion of potential

More on the council's decision can be found at CovNews.com and in the next edition of *The Coving*ton News.

#### **COMMUNITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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

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 Friday, 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 Saturday, 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. 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 770-784-2015.

 Two free, family-friendly, trail-related activities through April 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 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 bicycles.

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.

 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 presentations 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 location.

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 experiences.

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 tradition-

al 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.

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

• Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center at

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.

· An American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held at Oxford City Hall, located at 110 West Clark Street, on May 6 and on August 6, from 10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. each day.

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

### S' FIRST RESPONDER OF THE WEEK



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From left are Fred and Dina Gretsch of presenting sponsor Gretsch Guitars; Fred Gretsch Jr., also of Gretsch Guitars and owner of caterer G Brand BBQ in Crawford; and Marty Kemp and Gov. Brian Kemp during the Georgia Music Foundation fundraiser at Five Arrow Farms in Newton County on Saturday. Proceeds benefited the Foundation's Georgia Music Grant program.

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"Doug told me this has been extended through the end of May," she said.

Houston said he donated his company's equipment because "COVID affected us all."

"We have people in need," he said.

The boxes came from the federal Agriculture Department's Farmers to Families Food Box program and Van Solkema Produce of Glenville after Rotary Clubs partnered with local food pantries and the USDA program to deliver boxes of fresh produce, dairy and meat to families in need.

Covington UMC's food ministry worked with Rotary to coordinate Saturday's effort which gave meals to six nonprofits and about 300 families.

Megan Hulgan leads the ministry, which is a mobile pantry that donates food the first Saturday of every month to at least 200 families, she said. The Rotary helped provide the Farmers to Families boxes to the church and are an addition to its regular offerings, Hulgan said.

Margaret Wimberly of Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church said the boxes meant a lot to the six families her church will help.

"People are just so glad to get food, especially people with children," she said.

#### **EMORY:**

said.

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normal capacity.

"Widespread vaccination is crucial for all of us to return to campus in the fall, and I am encouraged to see that increasing numbers of Emory students, staff and faculty are receiving vaccinations," he

Fenves wrote that more than 14,000 Emory students, faculty and staff had already received at least one dose through Emory Healthcare while "many others in our campus community have been vaccinated elsewhere." He said the decision to require all students get the vaccine came after a "thorough review of Emory vaccination policies that was focused on the health of the

"Student vaccinations will create a healthier environment in our classrooms, which will be at full density during the fall," Fenves wrote

campus community."

in the letter. "It will also allow for student life activities including programs, athletics and intramural sports, performances and events, and appropriately-sized gatherings. In addition to vaccinations, we will also continue to employ the public health measures we have embraced over the course of the pandemic including the wearing of face coverings and testing."

Some students may be exempt from the vaccine requirement based on "medical conditions or strong personal objections," Fenves stated.

Fenves said staff and faculty are not required to get the vaccine; however, he "strongly" recommends they do so anyway.

To follow up Fenves' letter, Oxford College Dean Douglas A. Hicks issued his own letter to address Oxford's facul-

ty, staff and students.

"Thanks to the availability of the COVID-19 vaccine, high vaccination rates in the Emory community, and our efficient COVID-19 testing procedures and follow-up protocols, Oxford will offer the vast majority of our courses in person with regular class sizes which, of course, at Oxford tend to be small," Hicks said in the letter. "The ability to gather safely indoors in greater numbers means that such activities as club meetings, dining together, athletic competition, intramural sports, concerts, and lectures can take place once again, although a few restrictions may remain. Students will be able to gather and visit in residence halls, and most students will

have a roommate.

"As the previous messages outlined, having these experienc-

es again on our campus means that all of us share certain responsibilities," the letter continued. "Students must all be vaccinated, barring exceptions for medical conditions or strong personal objections. I am delighted that many, if not most, of the students on campus this semester have received the vaccine at Emory's North Lake site or at the on-campus clinic at Oxford. Those faculty and staff who have not already been vaccinated are strongly encouraged to do so. We plan to continue regular COVID-19 testing and other recommended health and safety protocols."

Each year approximately 1,000 students are admitted into Oxford College, which serves as an undergraduate division of Emory University for first- and second-year students.

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"We have people coming in on a weekly basis for 'Dukes of Hazard' and 'In the Heat of the Night,' but most definitely the biggest influx of people is going to be your 'Vampire Diaries' and the 'Originals,'" Carter said. "We say that film tourism is kind of the highlight of what we can do here. We also offer recreational tourism, cultural tourism and historical tourism, but film is our kind of bread and butter, so to speak."

Before the pandemic, Carter said that the city generally averaged about 40,000 to 45,000 visitors a year.

"Of those, I would say conservatively 75- to 80% of those would be film tourists, and of that 75- to 80%, probably 80% are 'Vampire Diaries' tourists," Carter said. "That's why we

focus so much space to 'The Vampire Diaries' and 'The Originals' right now."

The center is also part of a collaborative called "Treasures along I-20," which provides travelers a guide to cities along I-20, including Conyers, Covington, Social Circle, Rutledge, Madison and Greensboro.

Carter said that in the past couple of years, Covington has become an even more attractive place for visitors.

"We have found that here in Covington we are now becoming the destination place where people come to stay for six and seven days, versus the overnight stays we used to have," Carter said. "... This is like their hub. They're going into Atlanta for the day, like to the aquarium for the day, and then coming

back here and having dinner and staying in our hotels, so that's a good thing for us."

The city of Covington's original Facebook post on April 19 announcing the opening of the Welcome Center stated that the center would require masks and place a limit of 15 visitors inside at one time. While Carter said the center would continue to uphold the mask requirement, they would be more lenient on

the visitor limit.

"We actually had almost 30 people in this morning with a tour, and they were able to socially distance," Carter said.

"So we're not going to be as stringent as limiting people as coming in. We're going to kind of play it by ear, and if we feel it's too many we will have them wait outside."



# City of Porterdale Rezoning & Future Land Use Map Amendment Request

Infinity Homes and Development, LLC of 1121 Floyd Street, Covington, Ga 30014 has submitted the following rezoning requests to the City of Porterdale:

Map P044 Parcel 050, 11240 Brown Bridge Road, 5.26 acres from R-2 (Single Family Residential) to Commercial

Neighborhood Map P044 Parcel 056, Crowell Road (Undeveloped), 263.24 acres from R-2 (Single Family Residential) and CN (Commercial

Neighborhood) to R-2 (Single Family Residential), R-3 (Multi-Family Residential, and CG (Commercial General)

Map P044 Parcel 061, 216 Crowell Road, 1.5 acres from R-2 (Single Family Residential) to R-3 (Multi-Family Residential)

Concurrently, Infinity Homes and Development, LLC of 1121 Floyd Street, Covington, Ga 30014 has submitted the following future land use map amendment requests to the City of Porterdale:

Map P044 Parcel 050, 11240 Brown Bridge Road, 5.26 acres from Commercial Node to Commercial Node

Map P044 Parcel 056, Crowell Road (Undeveloped), 263.24 acres from Commercial Corridor, Conservation, and Active Recreation to Active Recreation, Conservation, Mixed Use and Commercial Corridor

Map P044 Parcel 061, 216 Crowell Road, 1.5 acres from Active Recreation to Mixed Use

The public hearings are scheduled as follows: The Zoning Commission will hear and consider this request at their May 10, 2021 meeting at 6:30 pm at the Old Porterdale Gymnasium at 2201 Main Street. The City Council will consider this request at their May 20, 2021 meeting at 6:30 pm at City Hall; located at 2800 Main Street.

Anyone needed accommodation please contact City Hall at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

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# **OPINIONS**

The Covington News

Tom Spigolon news editor

# Vernon Jones' political history very different from Trump's

f Georgians want someone who reminds them of the last occupant of the White House, with all the same self-confidence and overall

pah, look no further than the newest nounced

publican candidate for governor. He may just be the

best fit of all for some who believe the 2020 election was stolen from Donald Trump.

Vernon Jones has run for offices at the local, state and congressional levels in Georgia.

His current political position — very public support for Trump and his announced candidacy to unseat incumbent Gov. Brian Kemp in 2022 -would seem to run counter to his past words and actions in public office.

Jones is similar to Trump in that both had publicly supported a number of positions some consider left-leaning or moderate before winning their respective offices.

However, Jones

differs from Trump because Jones comes in as a seasoned political veteran.

He has won state House seats representing south DeKalb County districts in two different decades. He also was elected in 2000 as the first Black chief executive officer (sort of the equivalent of chairman) of DeKalb County government.

As a Georgia lawmaker, Jones helped sponsor the measure to remove the Confederate battle emblem that dominated the state flag at the time.

Support for the removal without buy-in from rural Georgia is credited as a major reason the state's first Republican governor since Reconstruction, Sonny Perdue, ousted the state's last Democratic governor, Roy Barnes, in 2002.

Jones as CEO also helped bring about then-controversial domestic partner benefits for DeKalb employees.

But Jones also was credited with maintaining a healthy bond rating and economic position for the often financially-troubled DeKalb.

He is credited with



AP Photo | John Bazemore

Then-Georgia State Rep. Vernon Jones gestures during a news conference at Georgia Republican Party headquarters Nov. 5, 2020, in Atlanta.

a number of initiatives that helped minority and socially maligned DeKalb residents, such as a major redesign of a highway that made the high-speed thoroughfare safer and more pedestrian-friendly in a heavily Latinx part of north DeKalb.

At what arguably may have been his political height upon re-election in 2004, longtime Clayton County Chairman and former Atlanta Police Chief Eldrin Bell serenaded Jones after his swearing-in.

But his personal life also has been tumultu-

A woman claimed

Jones raped her in 2004 in his Lithonia home after an encounter with the then-CEO and his ex-girlfriend. She later decided not to pursue the case.

In public statements as CEO, he railed during county commission meetings against the heavily Republican and all-white Dunwoody City Council, saying there was not "a lot of diversity there."

Jones also expressed public support for the Rev. Arthur Allen in a speech to a group of parents during a sixth-grade graduation ceremony.

Allen was an Atlanta pastor who spent

two years in prison, from 2003 to 2005, for having children at his church disciplined with belts and whips in 2001 in front of his congregation when they misbehaved.

Voters also have rejected Jones three times. He would have been the Democratic nominee for U.S. Senate in 2008 if the state didn't have the runoff requirement for candidates not winning a majority in a multi-candidate race.

He also got beat badly in a challenge to U.S. Rep. Hank Johnson in 2010.

In a 2014 run for DeKalb sheriff, Jones lost in even more spectacular fashion to Jeff Mann by gaining only 24% of the vote.

Mann would go on three years later to be arrested for allegedly exposing himself in an Atlanta park and running from a police officer.

But Jones found an opening to return to public office in 2016 when he won an open seat in the Georgia House of Representatives.

He then became the first elected Democratic official in Georgia

to endorse Trump's re-election bid in April 2020 and was a speaker during the 2020 Repub lican National Convention.

Then, Jones decided not to seek re-election and announced a switch to the GOP.

Earlier this month, he announced he would seek the governor's

"Now more than ever, the Republican Party is in desperate need of leaders that know how to fight. We are in the midst of a battle that will determine not just the future of Georgia, but the future of America and our great experiment known as democracy," he said.

"It was very simple to me. President Trump's handling of the economy, his support for historically black colleges and his criminal justice initiatives drew me to endorse his campaign."

It will be up to the voters to decide where Jones' political allegiances are today.

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**David Carroll** columnist

# Our nation has complainers of all kinds

remember an older lady from my youth. .We'll call her Mrs. Ballyhoo. She and her

fairly well off, and didn't seem to have a



the world. But there was one question you did not ask Mrs. Ballyhoo. Very simply, it was, "How are you feel-

ing?" If you made that mistake, you might as well pull up a chair. She would respond with a lengthy list of aches, pains, and complaints. In lengthy detail, she would list every ailment. No one doubted her. We just didn't want to hear her complete medical history.

Despite her professed frailties, she lived a long life. She didn't quite make it to the Facebook era, which is where most people choose to air their

grievances these days. Social media sites

are filled with people whose goal in life is to be contrary. If I post, "What a sunny, beautiful day we're having," reflecting my view of the world from southeast Tennessee, some friend in Illinois will reply, "Not where I live!" as if I had just ruined their day with a bald-faced lie.

In recent years of course, America has been divided into two camps: you're either

a Donald Trump fan, or you're not. Now the same thing can be said for Joe Biden. In 2020, the rap on Biden was, "He's been in Washington for 47 years, and hasn't done a thing." Perhaps in response to the complainers, he has ramped up vaccine distribution, pushed the COVID-19 relief and stimulus package through Congress, and proposed a massive infrastructure program that could impact the nation for generations to come. So now the complainers who derided "Do Nothing Biden"

are angry that he is doing something. Trump can't

catch a break either. "I never want to see his face again!" shouted many Never-Trumpers when he left the White House in January. Yet when Trump (who was vaccinated earlier this year) did not appear in a vaccination promo with other former presidents, those same people yelled, "Where's Trump?" But I thought you said....well, never mind.

There's nothing like the weather to bring out the angry people. As a television newsroom employee, I'm often the person who answers the phone, dodging the verbal bullets when our meteorologists take over the airwaves in an effort to save lives.

CALLER: "Do you realize that your station is not showing 'Days of Our Lives' all because someone in northeast Alabama is getting a little wind?"

ME: "Ma'am, I do apologize but it is actually a tornado watch. We are tracking a storm that is picking up strength as it moves rapidly into our viewing area, with the potential to topple trees, take down power lines, and do severe damage

to homes." CALLER: "Well, apparently you are not the least bit concerned that Belle and Shawn are in serious danger!"

ME: "Are you talking about your family members?"

CALLER: "No, you moron, I'm talking about 'Days of Our Lives!' If you're going to keep interrupting my show, we had better get a bad storm out of this!"

Yes, we get complaints if the feared storm fizzles out, or takes a slight turn, sparing most of our viewers from major losses. By golly, they have been told to prepare for the worst, and when their home remains intact, they actually seem disappointed. Never mind that their neighbors 20 miles to the west are removing a tree from their kitchen.

One can only imagine the complaints if our weather forecasters sat back and said, "Well. this storm will probably only affect a few hundred of our viewers. So let's just relax in the break room until it blows through." At least those complaints would be valid ones.

Besides, I have tried to explain to some complainers that Belle and Shawn have been in serious danger for about six months,

because the plot lines on soap operas advance like a caterpillar in

quicksand. I know I am not alone. Anyone who works in retail deals with complainers every day, and "the customer is always right."

Pity the poor highway department. If there are daily delays and traffic jams, social media and talk radio are jammed with people who wonder why our roads and bridges are narrow and outdated. Then as soon as construction workers begin a widening and repair project, the complaints grow louder because of more delays and traffic jams.

I often wonder how many thank-you messages, cards and letters pour in to that same highway department when the job is complete, and traffic is flowing better than ever. I think we know the answer to that one.

The complainers have moved on to something else. And whatever you do, don't ask them, "By the way, how are you feeling?"

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# CLASSIFIEDS & LEGALS

The Covington News

#### **CLASSIFIEDS**

#### **Yard Sales**

Yard & Estate Sales

**BARN & GARAGE SALE** 

FURNITURE, DISH washer, double recliner and cabinet cradle Lots of other items. 500 Browning Shoals Rd Social Circle. Located Near Reservoir Dam, April 23 & 24 from 9am Until.

#### Real Estate

#### For Rent

APARTMENT FOR RENT

IN-LAW apartment, completely furnished, 1BR, 1BA, kitchen & living room area, Cable & Utilities included. Very neighborhood. \$725/month, \$100/ deposit. No Pets 678-558-5478

#### **LEGALS**

#### **Public Notices**

#### **Adoptions**

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

PETITION OF DIANA (HLAVSA) CHAFFEE,

FOR ADOPTION OF AZARIA 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

BIOLOGICAL FATHER,

PUTATIVE FATHER AND ANY JOHN DOES AND/OR ANY OTHER TO HAVE PERSON CLAIMING 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

#### **Bids**

THE COVINGTON Housing Authority

(CHA) is soliciting sealed bids to furnish all labor, material and equipment for the repair of several buildings damaged by a tornado. The buildings are located near Turner Lake Road in Covington, Georgia. The contractor will also be responsible for securing the building, proper disposal of any waste materials as well as any fees associated for utility usage A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held at 10:00 am Wednesday, April 28th, 2021 at CHA's main office, located at 5160 Alcovy Road, Covington, GA 30014. Site visits can be scheduled via email at stucker@covha.com. Sealed bids must be delivered to CHA's main office, located at 5160 Alcovy Turner Lake Project, no later than 5:00 pm Thursday, May 13th, 2021. Request for Bids and additional information may be obtained at the main office or by accessing the request for proposals on the CHA's website at https://www.covha.com. The Covington Housing Authority

reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

PUBLIC NOTICE #200211 4/21,28

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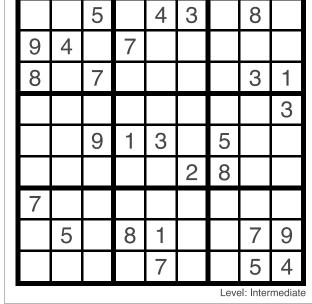
RE: ESTATE of JOAN NOWELL LEJEUNE, Deceased

STEVEN MICHAEL Bailey, Executor has petitioned to be discharged from Office and all Liability. All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause as to why said petition should not be granted. All objections must be in writing and filed with this Court on

## Fun by the Numbers

Here's How It Works:

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



the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

#### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

3	1	6	5	9	4	8	2	7
4	7	2	1	8	6	5	3	9
8	9	5	7	2	3	1	6	4
9	6	7	3	5	2	4	8	1
1	3	4	8	6	7	2	9	5
2	5	8	9	4	1	3	7	6
5	4	9	2	7	8	6	1	3
6	8	1	4	3	9	7	5	2
7	2	3	6	1	5	9	4	8

#### CITY OF COVINGTON COVINGTON JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

The City of Covington is currently accepting applications for an Information Systems Specialist in the Data Processing/MIS **Department** with a starting hourly rate of \$19.68 to a maximum hourly rate of \$33.52 depending upon qualifications. This position will investigate and resolve phone and computer software/ hardware problems, construct, install, monitor, repair and maintain communications systems and equipment. Minimal education and experience qualifications include a two-year degree from an accredited college or technical school with a major in computer science or programming, or a high school graduate with extensive experience in computer programming, computer application and software installation. Qualified applicants may apply on our website by downloading an application packet at cityofcovington.org or may apply in person at the City of Covington, 2194 Emory Street, Covington, Georgia 30014. This position will remain open until 4:00 PM on Thursday, April 29, 2021. The City of Covington is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

or before May 3, 2021, at ten o'clock

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

COUNTY PROBATE NEWTON 1132 USHER STREET

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200199** 

COVINGTON, GA 30014

#### **Debtors Creditors**

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

MICHAEL R. FORD LATE OF Newton County, 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

DAY of 20. (FILE OF completing this form or first publication dote if left blank)

IMMEDIATE PAYMENT.

MICHAEL T. Byrne Attorney of the Estate of Michael R. Ford, deceased 2138 EAST Main Street SNELLVILLE, GEORGIA 30078 770-979-4300

PUBLIC NOTICE #200161 4/7,14,21,28

#### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate** of CARROL LAWSON MOSS deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. THIS THE 19th day of March, 2021.

MARGARET R. MOSS 164 PAINE CROSSING RD **SOCIAL CIRCLE, GA 30025** 

PUBLIC NOTICE #200129 3/31-4/7,14,21

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND **CREDITORS** 

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 your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. THIS THE 17th day of March, 2021.

CHARLOTTE KAY MCMULLEN ROGERTSON 2071 REEF DRIVE ST AUGUSTINE FL 32080

PUBLIC NOTICE #200131 3/31-4/7,14,21

#### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the

debtors and creditors of the Estate of JOHN P. GODFREY JR., deceased. late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative

THIS THE 19th day of March, 2021

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200130** 

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** 5790 HWY 212 COVINGTON, GA 30016

**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 your 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

#### Divorces

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

**AMAN DAVIS PLAINTIFF** KATRINA DAVIS DEFENDANT

**CIVIL ACTION NUMBER** 

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: KATRINA DAVIS **45 KRISTAIN PLACE** COVINTON, GA 30014

BY ORDER of the court for service 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

WITNESSTHE Honorable CHEVEDA D. MCCAMY, Judge Superior Court of Newton County.

THIS, THE 23rd day of MARCH 2021. LINDA D. Hays **CLERK OF Superior** 

PUBLIC NOTICE #200138

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF

**NEWTON COUNTY** STATE OF GERORGIA

MARCELLA S. DABNEY **PLAINTIFF** SEAN W. DABNEY SR

**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 are hereby notified that on MARCH

**UNKNOW ADDRESS** 

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

of the answer upon the plaintiff (if pro

se) or upon the plaintiff's attorney (if

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

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

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

represented).

#### **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 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 of-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 including attorneys' fees (notice to collect same having been given) and by a chord bearing North 44 degrees 34 minutes 55 seconds West a all other payments provided for under 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

way 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 OR POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID tract of land

of beginning as thus established,

continue thence long said right-of-

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

SAID LEGAL description 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 Deed. 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 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 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 3490 PIEDMONT Road, Suite 800 ATLANTA, GA 30305 (404) 844-

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200137** 4/7,14,21,28

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

**BY VIRTUE** of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from HOWELL H. WATSON 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 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 169, 10TH DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 157, UNIT ONE, RESERVES AT LAKEWOOD ESTATES SUBDIVISION, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 44, PAGES 73-99, REVISED AT PLAT BOOK 45, PAGES 169-195 NEWTON COUNTY, RECORDS, WHICH GEORGIA INCORPORATED HEREIN AND BY REFERENCE AND MADE A PART SUBJECT TO ANY RIGHT OF WAY DEEDS OR OTHER EASEMENTS

OF RECORD. 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,

the terms of the Security Deed. SAID PROPERTY will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The sale will also be

subject to the following items which may affect the title: any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, whether or not now due and payable); the right of redemption of any taxing authority; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; all zoning ordinances assessments; liens; encumbrances; restrictions; covenants, and any other matters of record superior to said Security Deed. TO THE best of the knowledge and

belief of the undersigned, the owner property is HOWELL H. WATSON, or tenants(s). THE SALE will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not

prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy

Code and (2) to final confirmation and

audit of the status of the loan with the

holder of the Security Deed.

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

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

THE BELOW LAW FIRM MAY BE

HELD TO BE ACTING AS A DEBT

Telephone Number: 877-469-7325.

COLLECTOR, UNDER FEDERAL 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) 813-0992 Case No. RTR-20-03824-2

PUBLIC NOTICE #200163

#### **Juvenile Court**

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF **NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF** 

IN THE INTEREST OF: SEX: MALE DOB: 03/25/2009 CASE#: 107-21J-0046 MINOR CHILD Under 18 Years of Age

#### SUMMONS

TO: TAMEKA Freeman and John **Does**, parent(s) of said minor child born to Tameka Freeman on the

YOU ARE hereby notified that on January 29,2021, a Petition for Dependency was filed in this Court requesting that the minor child be placed in the care, custody and control of the Maternal Aunt. The petition alleges dependency based as defined in O.C.G.A. 15-11-2 (22). A Petition for Appointment of Permanent Guardian was filed with this court on January 29, 2021. You are hereby commanded and required to appear before the court on the 3rd day of June, 2021 at 2:00pm, to answer the allegations of the petition alleging dependency.

A COPY of said Petition for Dependency can be obtained from the Clerk of the Newton County Juvenile Court, at the Judge Horace J. Johnson Jr. Judicial Center, 1132 Usher Street, Covington, GA

#### **READ CAREFULLY**

30014.

THIS SUMMONS requires you to be present at a formal hearing in the Juvenile Court. THE CHILD or other parties involved

may be represented by a lawyer at all stages of these proceedings. IF YOU want a lawyer, you may choose to hire your own lawyer. If you vant to hire a lawyer,

PLEASE CONTACT your lawyer immediately. IF YOU want a lawyer but are not able to hire a lawyer without undue

financial hardship, you MAY ASK for a lawyer to be appointed to represent you. The Court would inquire into your financial circumstances and if the Court finds you to be financially unable to hire a lawyer, then a lawyer will be appointed to represent you.

IF YOU want a lawyer appointed to represent you, you must let the Court or the officer of the COURT HANDLING this case know that you want a lawyer immediately.

WITNESS THE Honorable Hillary W. Edgar, Associate Judge of said Court This the 16th day of April, 2021.

PUBLIC NOTICE #200213 4/21,28-5/5,12

#### Name Changes

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

IN RE the Name Change of Child(ren): KRISTAN SHANESE HOWARD-COOPER PETITIONER,

OBJECTOR RESPONDENT

**CIVIL ACTON** Number 2021-CV-653-1

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

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 of JAXSON LIAM HOWARD-COOPER ANY INTERESTED party has the right to appear in this case and file objection within the time prescribed

KRISTAN SHANESE HOWARD-

See LEGALS, A6

**US Supreme Court** 

### Newton congressman co-sponsors bill to add 4 court seats

By TAYLOR BECK tbeck@covnews.com

WASHINGTON One Newton congressman has joined an effort to add four seats to the U.S. Supreme

Court. U.S. Rep. Hank Johnson, D-Lithonia, joined



Markey, D–Mass., Rep. Jerry Nadler (D-N.Y.) and Rep. Mondaire Jones (D-N.Y.) on Thursday to hold a press conference at the U.S. Capitol to introduce the Judiciary Act of 2021, which would "restore balance to the nation's highest court after four years of norm-breaking actions by Republicans led to its current composition

and greatly damaged

the Court's standing in

the eyes of the Ameri-

can people," according

to a statement from

Johnson's office.

The bill's introduction came only days after President Joe Biden created a 36-member commission to study potential structural changes to the Supreme Court.

Johnson, who represents portions of Newton and Rockdale counties, said the bill would create a 13-justice Supreme Court, which is the same number of circuit courts

of appeals.

"It's easy to take for granted that the number of justices on the Supreme Court must be nine," said Johnson, who chairs the Judiciary Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property and the Internet. "But it is not written in the Constitution and has changed seven times over the course of this country's history. Thirteen justices would mean one justice per circuit court of appeals, consistent with how the number of justices was originally determined, so each justice can oversee one circuit. It's time that we start thinking about the

Supreme Court like we

think about the rest of

the federal government

and consider whether

composition allows it

to effectively do what

we need it to do — ef-

administer justice and

ficiently and effectively

and how its current

uphold the rule of law. I am pleased to join my colleagues, Senator Markey, Chairman Nadler, and Representative Jones in taking an important step in that direction today with the introduction of the Judiciary Act of 2021."

Six of the nine current justices are considered conservative-leaning, including three of which were appointed by former President Donald J. Trump during only one term in office.

Other sponsors of the bill also made remarks during the news conference. "Republicans stole

the Court's majority, with Justice Amy Coney Barrett's confirmation completing their crime spree," Markey said. "Of all the damage Donald Trump did to our Constitution, this stands as one of his greatest travesties. Senate Republicans have politicized the Supreme Court, undermined its legitimacy, and threatened the rights of millions of Americans, especially people of color, women, and our immigrant communities. This legislation will restore the Court's balance and public standing and begin to repair the damage done to our judiciary and democracy, and we should abolish the filibuster to

ensure we can pass it." The number of justices that sit on the Supreme Court is reportedly set by a simple act of Congress and can be changed the same way without requiring a constitutional amendment. Congress has adjusted the size of the court seven times throughout its history, a spokesperson for Johnson's office stated, ranging from six to 10 justices and establishing a substantial historical precedent for the legislation.

Despite the group's initiative, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., has told multiple news sources she did not plan to bring the bill to the floor.

Newton County's other congressman, U.S. Rep. Jody Hice, R-Greensboro, stated his opposition to the bill in a column released hours after the bill's introduction, describing it as a "power grab" by Democrats.

"Power grabs don't get much more blatant than this," he wrote.

Covington

### Local man held for shooting in Ohio mall

By TOM SPIGOLON tspigolon@covnews.com

COVINGTON, Ga. - ACovington man recently was arrested and held for Ohio police after being suspected

of exchanging gunfire with another man inside a Columbus, Ohio-area shopping mall in early March and fleeing to Georgia. Anthony



Anthony Truss

Deshawn Truss was arrested April 7 in Covington while the person with which he allegedly exchanged gunfire, Levon Sommerville, was arrested in Tucker in DeKalb County April 12, said U.S. Marshal Peter Tobin.

Truss, 21, of Pleasant Hills Court in Covington, was being held without bond in the Newton County Detention Center today, according to information from the Newton County Sheriff's Office.

He was arrested at a location on Griffin Lane in Newton

County.

Truss and Sommerville were wanted by the Columbus Police Department on separate warrants issued March 3 that charged both with Felonious Assault, the Columbus Dispatch newspaper reported.

Columbus police had issued warrants for both men's arrest after they identified the men as the two suspects.

The charges stem from an incident in which Truss and Sommerville allegedly used handguns to shoot at each other inside the Polaris Fashion Place mall in Columbus.

The shootout occurred after the two got into an argument inside the Carter's/Osh Kosh B'Gosh store around 12:30 p.m. on March 3, the Dispatch reported.

Somerville is suspected of firing inside the store at Truss at close range before departing. Truss then followed Sommerville out into the mall and fired at Sommerville as he walked away, the Dispatch reported.

No one was struck by gunfire or otherwise injured in the shooting.

Following the shooting, Columbus police indicated they knew the identities of the gunmen and advised that they turn themselves in.

However, police soon sought the public's assistance in identifying the suspects with the release of surveillance images of the shooting, according to the

Dispatch. Truss was the first to be identified publicly by police on

Once investigators determined that Truss and Sommerville had most likely fled Ohio, a multi-agency fugitive task force — the Southern Ohio Fugitive Apprehension Strike Team — led by U.S. Marshals began searching for the two suspects at the request of the Columbus Division of Police.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives later announced the offer of a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the arrests and convictions of Truss and Sommerville, according to the Dispatch.

City of Social Circle

### Deadline for city manager applicants Friday

By TOM SPIGOLON tspigolon@covnews.con

SOCIAL CIRCLE, Ga. —

An April 23 deadline has been set for applications for the city manager position in Social

Circle to replace Adele Schirmer.

Schirmer, who has served as city manager for five and a half years, will not be rehired after her contract expires June 30, Mayor David



Adele Schirmer

Keener said in February.

Interviews for the position will begin in late May, according to an ad for the position on the Georgia Municipal Association website.

The salary for the position will be between \$110,000 and \$127,000.

Social Circle's manager oversees a staff of 60 full-time workers and some part-time employees and volunteers in 12 departments. It operates on a \$15.1 million budget, including a \$6 million general fund, the

The ad for the position stated that city officials wanted a manager "who will be an experienced, ethical and dedicated leader who can quickly gain the confidence of the community."

It stated the city manager "must possess the ability to build community trust through the development of partnerships with various stakeholders and other government entities."

"The ideal candidate will demonstrate the ability to embrace change and focus on continuous improvement.

"He/she will be expected to articulate a vision of excellence, establish credibility and consistency in delivery of services, as well as be a creative problem

solver and excellent communicator in response to unique opportunities in Social Circle."

In April 2020, the City Council met in a lengthy executive session before voting not to automatically renew the city manager's contract for another year, The Walton Tribune reported.

The contract would have automatically renewed last fall if the council had not taken the action.

Keener told *The Tribune* in February that, "It appears that the criteria necessary to extend the contract of the current city manager does not exist."

"Out of an abundance of caution, the city will start an exhaustive search to fill the position," he said. "To wait any later in the year to start the recruiting process would not allow the City Council adequate time to find a qualified replacement."

Keener congratulated Schirmer on her "excellent leadership" as Social Circle's chief administrative officer.

"She has made a real difference and accomplished a great deal for our citizens," the mayor said.

Schirmer came to Social Circle from Blacksburg, Virginia, after being the lone finalist out of 43 applicants for the city manager position in 2015.

She succeeded Ross Hubbard, who was interim city manager for four months after longtime City Manager Doug White was terminated. Schirmer told the Tribune she

wishes, "nothing but the best for the city of Social Circle." "The skill set needed from a city manager in 2015 was, in the perspective of the mayor

and council, that which I could best provide," Schirmer said in an email. "At this time, I respect that

the mayor and council are seeking a different skill set going forward."

Schirmer began the job with Social Circle in October 2015 after serving as director of engineering and geographic information systems for Blacksburg, where she had worked for

She said the staff worked collectively to expand Stanton Memorial Library, establish Friendship Park and improve the water, sewer and gas systems. She also said the city improved its fire ISO rating from a 4/10 to a 2/10.

She also touted Social Circle's Vision 2020 comprehensive plan, sidewalk and trails master plan and participation in the Georgia Initiative for Community Housing.



File | The Covington News The City of Social Circle is looking to hire a new

leader for city hall. City manager Adele Schirmer's contract is set to expire June 30.

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CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 2021-CV-

TIFFANY ALLEN PETITIONER,

STEPHEN MCCULLOUGH RESPONDENT.

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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 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

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

CIVIL ACTION File # 2021-CV-

STINCHCOMB ANDREA 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** 

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NOTICE IS hereby given that Georgia Transportation has approved the use of and the routing of a detour for this

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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

and roadway construction. DRAWINGS OR maps or plats of the proposed project, as approved, 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

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# BUSINESS

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**COVID-19 Pandemic** 

# **Piedmont Newton offers** onsite vaccine clinics to industry partners

**SPECIAL TO THE NEWS** 

COVINGTON, Ga. Piedmont Newton Hospital has partnered with local manufacturing and industry business to offer onsite COVID-19 vaccine clinics providing nearly 350 vaccines to employees within the first two weeks.

Organizations that have offered the onsite clinic option to their employees include Michelin, Bridgestone Golf, Beaver Manufacturing, and Veresence.

"Piedmont Newton doesn't want to just make people healthier; we want to keep people healthy," said Jeremiah Bame, RN, chief nursing officer at Piedmont Newton Hospital and administrative lead for the employer vaccine clinics. "Our mission is to benefit the communities we serve by increasing access to healthcare and improving our community's health. Preventing transmission of COVID-19 in the workplace is a key

element in helping us to live that mission."

With the state of Georgia expanding eligibility to all adults, Piedmont Newton is working with many of the larger businesses to schedule onsite vaccine clinics. The clinics enable business leaders to provide an efficient and convenient way for their teams to get vaccinated.

To learn more about COVID-19 vaccines, visit www.piedmont. org/covidvaccine.

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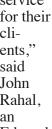
**STAFF REPORTS** news@covnews.com

COVINGTON, Ga. — Stuart Hamilton, who has been an Edward Jones financial advisor in Covington since 1984, recently qualified for the Edward Jones Managing Partner's Conference, which honors the top 400 of the firm's more than 19,000 financial advisors.

The achievement recognizes and celebrates Edward Jones' most successful financial advisors and provides them with the opportunity to hear from keynote speakers from both inside and outside the firm and to share best practices for serving clients.

"These financial advisors have demonstrated exceptional standards for delivering tailored advice and

personalized service for their clients, said John Rahal, an



Edward Jones partner responsible for the firm's recognition events.

Stuart

**Hamilton** 

"While this conference will be held virtually this year, we are looking forward to recognizing and celebrating these financial advisors for their extraordinary contributions to our clients."

This is the 25th time Hamilton has been invited to this event.

"I am honored to have qualified for this recognition conference," Hamilton said. "It is the result of the close relationships we

share with our clients, and the trust they place in us to help them feel informed, understood, secure and in control of their financial picture. We value these relationships."

Edward Jones, a Fortune 500 company headquartered in St. Louis, provides financial services in the U.S. and, through its affiliate, in Canada. Every aspect of the firm's business, from the investments offered to the location of branch offices, caters to individual investors. The firm's 19,000-plus financial advisors serve more than 7 million clients with a total of \$1.3 trillion in client assets under care. Visit edwardjones.com or the recruiting website at careers.edwardjones.com. Member SIPC.

#### SBA releases Restaurant Revitalization Fund information

To help bring jobs back and revive the restaurant industry affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, the American Rescue Plan, signed into law by President Joe Biden, established the \$28.6 billion Restaurant Revitalization Fund at the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). The SBA will administer funds to the hardest-hit restaurants. Applications and guidelines can be found at sba. From staff reports

#### Central Georgia



Gov. Brian Kemp, left, speaks during an April press conference at the state capitol building in Atlanta.

# Kemp announces plan for rural broadband expansion

By BEAU EVANS Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA - Gov.Brian Kemp unveiled plans Friday to expand broadband access for thousands of Georgians in Middle Georgia, marking the latest move to boost high-speed internet in rural parts of the state.

Washington EMC is set to partner with the Kansas City-based fiber optic company Conexon to build a 3,000-mile fiber network serving more than 12,000 homes in several counties, the governor announced at a news conference in Tennille.

Those counties include Baldwin, Emanuel, Glascock, Hancock, Jefferson, Johnson, Laurens, Warren, Washington and Wilkinson.

"The announcement we are making today will have a real impact on hard-working Georgians by providing new job opportunities, improved education tools and access to telemedicine," Kemp said in a news release Friday.

Communities in rural and other underserved parts of the state have struggled to increase broadband access amid infrastructure and funding shortfalls, a situation highlighted by internet troubles many local businesses and schools have faced during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The latest partner-

ship will include more than \$54.5 million in investments to boost internet reliability and bring high-speed access to all households in the Washington EMC network within the next three years, the governor's office said.

Under the new deal, Washington EMC will own the fiber network and lease excess capacity to Conexon, the governor's office said. Conexon will handle service setup, operations, billing and troubleshooting for the roughly 12,000 homes. "For too long, Wash-

ington EMC members, like many others living in the beautiful rural areas of our state, have gone without necessary services like quality, high-speed internet,' said Wendy Sellers, Washington EMC's president and CEO. "It's impossible to comprehend the impacts and frustrations that come with no access to broadband."

The new partnership follows separate plans announced in February

by Conexon to build a \$210 million, 6,890mile fiber network for 80,000 customers of two other utilities, Central Georgia EMC and Southern Rivers Energy.

Those utilities serve households in Bibb, Butts, Clayton, Coweta, Crawford, Fayette, Henry, Jasper, Jones, Lamar, Meriwether, Monroe, Morgan, Newton, Pike, Putnam, Spalding and Upson counties.

Kemp credited legislation the General Assembly passed in 2019 authorizing local electric membership cooperatives (EMCs) to provide broadband services. Several EMCs in rural areas across the state have taken advantage of the opportunity since then.

"The legislation is doing exactly what it was intended to do: Encourage EMCs and community leaders to work together on developing creative solutions to close the gap on the digital divide in our state," Kemp said.



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**Prep Baseball** 

# DOWN GO THE RED DEVILS

Eastside upsets No. 1 Loganville

By MASON WITTNER mwittner@covnews.com

COVINGTON, Ga.

— Less than 15 minutes before Eastside's
Cade Mitchell threw his first pitch against No. 1
Loganville on Monday, senior catcher Tanner
Middlebrooks came trotting into the home

Middlebrooks, who'd just finished catching Mitchell's warmup throws, was asked by head coach Brandon Crumbley how his senior southpaw looked.

dugout.

"He didn't miss a spot," he replied, inciting a look of surprise from Crumbley.

"Usually you don't get that from a catcher on a warmup with him because either Cade's got it or he doesn't, and he'll just battle through it," Crumbley explained after the game. "When Cade's on, he's on. And he was on [Monday.]"

Mitchell set the tone for the day with a first-pitch strike. He went on to pitch a gem, with the Eagle offense providing enough run to support to make his innings stand up, and led Eastside to a 4-0 upset victory over the



Mason Wittner | The Covington News

Eastside junior Kyle Shivers (right) inched closer to the all-time state record for doubles in a single season with a pair of two-baggers in Monday's 4-0 victory over top-ranked Loganville.

top-ranked Red Devils at the Eagle's Nest.

"Those guys have been No. 1 from day one," Crumbley said of Loganville, "and this shows that we can play with anybody in the state."

Mitchell displayed brilliance as he tossed a complete game. He walked off the mound with 14 strikeouts and three walks after allowing just one hit in the shutout. He threw 107 pitches, 71 of which were thrown for strikes.

"It's just another Cade Mitchell outing," Crumbley said with a smile. "That's probably the second-best performance I've seen him have in his career."

Monday's shutout was topped only by a shutdown outing against Jones County earlier this year, when the lefty struck out 16 while giving up just one hit over six innings of work.

After Mitchell worked his way around a two-out walk in the first inning, Eastside wasted little time providing their ace with run support. Junior

Kyle Shivers and senior Sambo Button notched back-to-back two-out doubles, the latter of which scored Shivers to put the Eagles up 1-0.

With two outs recorded in the third inning and senior Mason Poole on third base, Loganville intentionally walked Shivers and Button to load the bases. Junior right-hander Trenton Burnett then attempted to pick Button off at first, but an errant throw sailed

out of play and resulted in the second run of the game crossing the plate.

With two gone in the fifth inning, a Middlebrooks walk and Shivers double — No. 23 for him on the year — put a pair of runners in scoring position. The pressure resulted in another costly error as Loganville second baseman William Cawthon fielded a ground ball and threw it away, allowing a pair of runs to score and make it 4-0

"We played clean baseball, we didn't make any mistakes and had some timely hits. They made mistakes and we got some runs across," Crumbley said. "We've got a lot of young guys in the dugout whom this game shows what happens when you play clean baseball."

Eastside will travel to Loganville for a rematch Wednesday. First pitch is slated for 5:55 p.m.

"It's going to be another dogfight because we just spoiled their 11-game win streak," Crumbley said. "And their environment, it's going to be packed with lot of noise, a lot of music, but it's going to be fun. That's what you want going into the playoffs. You want to play these types of games."



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# Helm steps down at Newton

By MASON WITTNER mwittner@covnews.com

COVINGTON, Ga.

— Darrell Helm has stepped down as head baseball coach at Newton High School.

Helm resigned from the position Thursday, April 15. He confirmed his announcement of the decision Monday afternoon.

"Due to personal reasons, I decided that what was best for the team at this time, and what's best for my family at this time, is to step aside," Helm told *The Covington News*.

David Scharff, current coach of Newton's junior varsity baseball team, stepped in to coach the Rams during their doubleheader against Parkview on Friday. According to Helm, Scharff is expected to finish out the 2021 season as interim head coach.

"He'll be a good fit for what they need for the rest of the season," Helm said of Scharff.



File | Mason Wittner | The Covington News

Darrell Helm stepped down from his position as head baseball coach at Newton on Thursday. Helm took over for the Rams in 2020 after previously serving as an assistant coach

"He's a good guy."

Newton Athletic Director Vincent Byams could not immediately

rector Vincent Byams could not immediately be reached for comment.

Helm was tabbed head coach of the Rams

ahead of the 2020 campaign after previously serving as an assistant coach. He compiled a 15-19 record over two seasons.

seasons. The Rams (9-15, 3-6 Region 4-AAAAAAA) will close out the regular season this week with three games against region opponent Brookwood (16-11, 5-4). They've locked up a spot in the state playoffs and will enter the postseason as either a No. 3 or No. 4 seed, dependent upon the results of their series with the Broncos.



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# FOOD & ENTERTAINMENT

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"Lentils with Spinach" from Monisha Bharadwaj's "India's Vegetarian Cooking" checks all the boxes and will no doubt surprise those who feel the most flavorful dishes are those with meat.

#### Vegetarian dish packed with complex flavors

**SPECIAL TO THE NEWS** 

Vegetarian dishes are often loaded with flavor, which might come as a surprise to those who do not adhere to vegetarian

In fact, many dishes that originated in India, a country known for its flavorful, spicy cuisine, are vegetarian dishes that are popular the world over, among vegetarians and meat-eaters alike.

For those who want to try something simple, flavorful and vegetarian, the following recipe for "Lentils with Spinach" from Monisha Bharadwaj's "India's Vegetarian Cooking" (Kyle Books) checks all the boxes and will no doubt surprise those who feel the most flavorful dishes are those with meat.

#### **Lentils with Spinach**

Serves 4 Ingredients:

3/4 cup yellow lentils (toor dal), washed

3 large handfuls spinach,

chopped

2 tablespoons sunflower oil, divided

1 teaspoon coriander

3 dried red chiles

1/4 cup freshly grated

1 teaspoon tamarind concentrate, diluted in 1/4

cup water 1/2 teaspoon turmeric

Salt, to taste 1 medium onion, sliced

#### Directions:

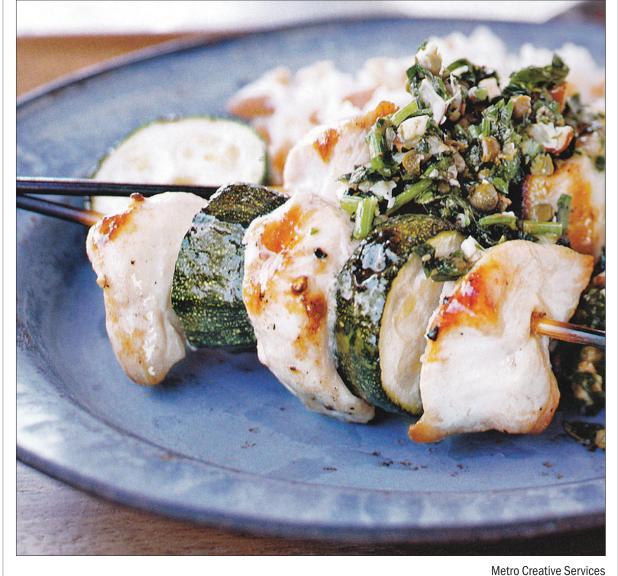
1. Put the lentils and 1 1/2 cups of hot water into a saucepan and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat and simmer until the lentils are mushy, about 35 minutes.

2. In the meantime, place the spinach in a pot along with a little hot water and heat it for a couple of minutes. Add it to the lentils.

3. In a separate pan, heat half the oil and fry the coriander seeds until they turn dark, then add the chiles and coconut. Reduce the heat and stir for a couple of minutes. Remove from the heat, let it cool slightly, then tip it into a blender along with the tamarind and a few tablespoons of water and blend until you get a fine paste.

4. Add this to the lentils, along with the turmeric and the salt.

5. Heat the remaining oil in a small saucepan and fry the onions until golden, then add them to the lentils. Reheat thoroughly and serve hot with rice.



In this recipe, chicken skewers are paired with a zesty salsa full of nuts, herbs and citrus, which makes for the perfect complement to the smoky grilled flavor.

# Skewered

### Chicken kebabs delicious on the grill

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

Grilling chicken is an easy way to transform this versatile food into something even more delicious. Various cultures serve chicken in kebab form after grilling it over an open flame, and taste is a big reason this particular method of cooking chicken is so beloved.

While you might not expect to see kebabs on the menu at your favorite Italian restaurant, "spiedini" is Italian for "little skewers," proving that Italian chefs recognize how delicious chicken can be when served in kebab form. In this recipe for "Spiedini of Chicken and Zucchini with Almond Salsa Verde" from "Cooking Light: Dinner's Ready" (Oxmoor House) by The Cooking Light Editors, skewers are paired with a zesty salsa full of nuts, herbs and citrus, which makes for the perfect complement to the smoky grilled flavor.

#### Spiedini of Chicken and **Zucchini with Almond** Salsa Verde

Makes 6 servings

1 cup chopped flat parsley 2 tablespoons chopped

almonds, toasted 2 tablespoons chopped fresh chives

3 tablespoons capers, chopped

1/2 teaspoon grated lemon

3 tablespoons fresh lemon 1 tablespoon extra-virgin

1/2 teaspoon chopped fresh

thyme 1/2 teaspoon chopped fresh

1/4 teaspoon kosher salt 1/8 teaspoon freshly ground

black pepper 1 garlic clove, minced

Spiedini:

1 1/2 pounds skinless, boneless chicken breast, cut into 1-inch pieces

6 small zucchini, cut into

1-inch slices (about 11/4 pounds)

Cooking spray

1/4 teaspoon kosher salt 1/8 teaspoon freshly ground

black pepper

Directions: Soak 12 (10-inch) wooden skewers in water for 30 minutes to prevent burning.

Bring the grill to medium-high heat

To prepare the salsa, combine the first 12 ingredients;

To prepare the spiedini, thread the chicken and zucchini alternately on each of the 12 skewers. Coat the spiedini with cooking spray; sprinkle evenly with 1/4 teaspoon salt and 1/8 teaspoon pepper. Place on a grill rack; grill 6 minutes or until done, turning once. Serve with

Tip: Prepare the salsa up to a day ahead, and assemble the skewers earlier in the day. Coat with the seasonings just before grilling.

#### Individuals who adhere to grain-free, dairy-free or nut-free diets due to health issues or other preferences may find themselves

Tasty twist

on bagels

**SPECIAL TO THE NEWS** 

periodically craving foods that are off-limits. While people might not be able to enjoy forbidden foods in their original incarnations, an alteration here or there to a recipe can make otherwise forbidden foods fair game. That is the thinking

behind "Everything Bagels" from "Eat What You Love" by Danielle Walker. These bagels recreate the mouthwatering taste of traditional bagels, but with ingredients that accommodate grain-free diets. Slather with your favorite topping, such as dairy-free cream cheese.

#### **Everything Bagels**

Makes 6 Ingredients:

1/2 cup full-fat coconut

2 tablespoons finely ground golden flaxseeds

1 tablespoon gluten-free active dry yeast

4 eggs 1/4 cup melted ghee or virgin coconut oil

1 teaspoon apple cider vinegar

1 1/2 cups arrowroot powder

1/3 cup coconut flour 1 1/2 teaspoons grainfree baking powder

1 teaspoon fine sea salt

Everything seasoning: 1 teaspoon poppy seeds 1 teaspoon dried minced

1 teaspoon dried minced

1/2 teaspoon white sesa-

1/2 teaspoon black sesame seeds

1/2 teaspoon coarse sea

Directions:

Pour the coconut milk into a small saucepan and heat it over low heat to 110 degrees. Place the warmed coconut milk, the flaxseeds, honey, and yeast in the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the beater attachment and mix on low speed to combine. Let the mixture sit for 4 to 5 minutes, until it begins to foam.

Add the eggs, ghee and vinegar to the bowl and mix on medium speed to combine. Add the arrowroot, coconut flour, baking powder, and salt and mix again until fully incorporated. Cover the bowl with a kitchen towel and let it sit for 1 hour at room temperature.

To make the everything seasoning, combine all of the ingredients in a small bowl and stir to combine.

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Scoop the batter into a 3 1/2-inch silicone doughnut pan, filling each cavity two-thirds full. Sprinkle the tops with the seasoning and bake for 20 to 25 minutes, until the bagels are golden brown and a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean. Cool the bagels in the pan on a wire rack for 20 minutes, then move them to cool completely on a rack. Store in refrigerator for a week or in the freezer for six months.

#### Did you know...

**Restaurants tend to** provide larger portions than their customers might prepare for themselves if they cooked at home.

While that's good news for fans of leftovers, it's important that those leftovers be eaten before the risk of food poisoning increases. According to the Mayo Clinic, leftovers can be kept in the refrigerator for three to four days. It's important that diners recognize and respect that timeline, as they can suffer from food poisoning if they consume foods after that period even if the food gives no indication that it has



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begun to spoil. The Mayo Clinic notes that the bacteria that causes foodborne illnesses is unlikely to change the taste, smell or appearance of the food. So even daysold food that looks fine and passes the smell test likely isn't safe to eat. Refrigerate leftovers immediately, as bacteria can quickly multiply

when foods are kept at temperatures between 40 degrees and 140 degrees. Diners who are uncertain if they will eat their leftovers within three to four days should freeze the foods immediately when they get home or right after they finish consuming their

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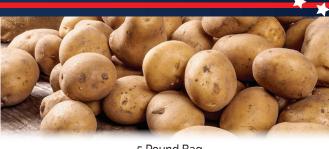
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Market Made Sausage





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1 Pound, IQF ature's Best Flounder Filets



Boneless, Skinless Chicken Thighs



CAB Choice Stew, **Diet Lean** or Stir Fry TAT IB.



1 Pound, Bun Size, Regular or Jumbo Oscar Mayer **Meat Franks** 



14.7-15.6 Ounce Oscar Mayer Uploaded Lunchables



Hormel Mashed **Potatoes** 

20 Ounce



20 Ounce Hormel Mac & Cheese



13.5-14 Ounce Hillshire Farm Smoked Sausage



8.9 Ounce Hillshire Farm **Lunch Meat** 



CAB Choice, Family Pack Minute Steak

Bone-In



5 Pound Bag Sliced Smoked Sausage



2 Pound Box Bubba Burgers



Bone-In **Wafer Thin** Pork Chops



Country Style Ribs



Bone-In Thick Cut Pork Chops





4 Pound Bag Navel Oranges



Jumbo **Red Onions** 



**California** Celery

Fresh

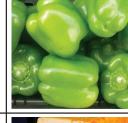


Broccoli **Florets** 

Fresh



Romaine, Green or Red Leaf Lettuce



Extra Large Green Bell Peppers



**Kool-Aid** Bursts

6 Pack



Hickory Smoked, Oven Roasted or Honey Smoked Kretschmar Turkey Breast



**Bryan** Cajun Turkey **Breast** 



Kretschmar Muenster Cheese



Sat

Deli Made **Crab Salad** 

Store Hours: 7 Days 8am-10pm • No Rainchecks This Ad Good Wednesday, April 21st thru Tuesday, April 27th, 2021

Wed Thur

Fri **23** 

Sun **25** 

Mon **Tues**