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#### His Word

Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

Matthew 20:28, KJV

#### **Newton County Courts**



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From left, Council of Probate Court Judges of Georgia President Kelli Wolk presents Newton County Judge Melanie Bell with the 2021 Outstanding Probate Judge of the Year award.

# Bell named state's top probate judge

By TOM SPIGOLON tspigolon@covnews.com

Probate judges statewide recently honored Newton County Judge Melanie Bell with the 2021 Outstanding Probate Judge of the Year

The Council of Probate Court Judges of Georgia voted on the award that recognizes a judge who has made a significant contribution to the state's probate courts. Every elected probate judge in Georgia is a Council member.

Bell was hospitalized with COVID-19 in 2020 but overcame the illness and took on a leadership role in helping the state judiciary respond to the pandemic, a news release stated.

She served as a member of the Judicial Council of Georgia's COVID-19 Task Force. During his final "State of the Judiciary" address, State Supreme Court Chief Justice Harold Melton acknowledged Bell for being an integral contributor in crafting the COVID-19

guidance that was developed for courts across the state.

Bell said she was "incredibly honored to be recognized by my colleagues with this award."

"Probate courts have been on the frontlines of the judiciary during the pandemic, and I was proud to represent our courts on the COVID Task Force to ensure services to our citizens while protecting our judges and clerks," Bell said.

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#### **Board of Commissioners**

# Stop the dramatics

Commissioner asks for end to 'drama' concerning budget

By TOM SPIGOLON tspigolon@covnews.com

COVINGTON, Ga. — One commissioner asked those who alleged the county's governing body was "hiding" something during the budget process to address their concerns

with their district board member rather than creating "drama" with public comments.

District 2 County Commissioner Demond Mason suggested residents upset with how the budget process is progressing

should speak to their commissioner who is their elected "voice" so the official can bring those concerns to

**Demond** 

Mason

"I don't think this particular board wants to hide anything," Mason said.

Mason made his comments after two residents asked why the commission was not taking more time to comb through the budget "line by line" to find ways to cut.

The board is working to consider what should be retained out of \$82

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#### **State Politics**

#### Peach State to retain 14 congressional seats following 2020 Census

By DAVE WILLIAMS

Capitol Beat News Service ATLANTA — Georgia will not be

allocated additional congressional seats by the U.S. Census during the coming decade for the first time since the 1980s.

The first 2020 Census numbers released Monday by the U.S. Census Bureau show Georgia will retain the same 14 U.S. House districts the Peach State was awarded following the 2010 Census.

Georgia is among 37 states that will neither gain nor lose congressional seats, Ron Jarmin, the Census Bureau's acting director, told reporters during a news conference.

Only 13 states will gain or lose seats, the smallest shift since 1941,

The state of Texas will gain two congressional seats, while five other states – Colorado, Florida, Montana, North Carolina and Oregon – will gain one each.

Each of seven states – California, Illinois, Michigan, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia – will lose one seat.

Jarmin said the relatively small See SEATS, A7

#### City of Covington

### Child services center leadership honors late judge

By TOM SPIGOLON

tspigolon@covnews.com COVINGTON, Ga.

 Leaders of a provider of education services to Newton County children took time out to honor the late Judge Horace J. Johnson Jr. recently.

The McIntosh Trail Early Childhood Development Council, including board members who were



Horace J. Johnson Jr.

longtime family friends and relatives, hosted an event Friday, April 23, recalling the memory of Johnson who died in July 2020 after being diagnosed with COVID-19.

Jackson-based McIntosh Trail operates centers offering such programs as Head Start and pre-kindergarten in seven counties, including Newton.

Board members, led by chairman Dr. William Nesbit and Covington



businessman William honoring his 18 years

Nesbit said Horace Johnson's leadership and community service



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The family of the late Superior Court Judge Horace J. Johnson Jr. accepts a plaque from Dr. William Nesbit of McIntosh Trail Early Childhood Development Council Friday, April 23, during an event honoring Johnson at the Council's center in Covington.

prompted Newton County

Johnson, gave the family of the late judge a plaque of service as a Superior Court judge in Newton and Walton counties.

to name the county judicial center in his honor. "He lived a life of high

integrity and distinction," Nesbit said.

Johnson's pastor, Ralph L. Thompson Jr. of Columbia Drive United Methodist Church, said

the late judge embodied the lesson outlined in the Parable of the Talents in the Bible's book of Matthew.

The parable tells about a man who gives some goods to all his servants

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Officials break ground on new fire station in Newton

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#### Weather Forecast



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#### **O**BITUARY

**Mary Sybil Knox** 

Scot Ward Funeral Service Mary Sybil Knox, age 98 of Conyers, died Friday, April 23, 2021. She was

preceded in death by her parents, Roy and Eva Garner; husband, William Benjamin Knox; son,



Knox

Robert Charles Knox; daughter, Cynthia Barr. She is survived by her daughter and son-inlaw, Linda and Wesley Cobb; son-in-law, Walt Barr; daughter and partner, Kathy Knox and Susan Hollows; sister-in-law, Patricia Knox; grandchildren, Scott Cobb (Jennifer), Tamara Haase (Tim), Jason Barr (Brandi), Brandon Barr (Rebeka), Jake Knox (Caitlin), Aaron Knox; great-grandchildren, Kaitlin Kennett (Clay), Krista Carr (Ryan), Kyle Cobb, Katherine Haase, Ben Haase; great-great-grandchildren, Hazel Kennett, Macy Kennett. Sybil was born in Atlanta and moved next door to her future husband, Ben, when she was 8 years old. She graduated from Girls High in 1941, and also married Ben in the same year; they were married for 65 wonderful years. Sybil accompanied Ben to numerous BBQ competitions in the South Eastern region of the US. In 1949, the two bought a one-bedroom cottage on Jackson lake. Over the years as their family grew, so did that cottage. As the children grew, so did the memories; digging holes, swimming, fishing, and so many precious moments. Sybil was a Blue-Ribbon holder in numerous areas, PTA president, but most of all, a great and great-great grandmother. After she and Ben retired, they spent a lot of time in St. Petersburg, Florida, during the snowbird season at their condo Sybil was a member of Salem United Methodist Church. She held various positions on boards in St. Petersburg as well as in Conyers. She enjoyed Arts and crafts, and most of all, traveling in she and Ben's motorhome to the Mid-West. Funeral services will be held Saturday, May 1, 2021 at 2 p.m. at Scot Ward's Green Meadow Chapel with Orrin Morris Rev. Todd Hilton officiating; interment will follow at. The family will receive friends Saturday, May 1, 2021 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the funeral home. Condolences may be submitted online at www.scotward. com. Scot Ward Funeral Services, 699 American

**Newton County Family Connection** 

# Helping families through COVID and beyond

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

If you've ever donated a

children's book to a school book drive, volunteered at a community garden, helped an adult learn to read, participated in a town hall meeting on community needs or attended an event to learn about youth substance use, you've met the nonprofit Newton County Family Connection. According to Laura Bertram, Executive Director, "You might know us as Newton READS or



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The Cat in the Hat takes part in Dr. Seuss Day at the Newton County Health Department by reading to local children.

Hands On Newton because of our work in literacy and volunteerism. Most people just think of us as that little organization that is always trying to solve big community problems."

And, that's what they were doing in March 2020 when COVID-19 took over our lives. While everyone was trying to learn how to keep their family safe and stocked with toilet paper, Family Connection leapt into action.

During the height of the panic, they received calls to help with unusual problems: to create a way to get meals to senior shut-ins when their daycare program sudden-

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**State Politics** 

### Conservative Union rates Hice's votes at highest level

Johnson scores 4% rating, landing in bottom ranks

**STAFF REPORTS** 

One Newton County congressman earned a top rating for his votes from the American Conservative Union Foundation (ACUF) while the other received almost the lowest rating pos-

U.S. Rep. Jody Hice, R-Greensboro, received a 100% rating from the organization that hosts the annual Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC), a news release stated.

Hice represents Georgia's 10th Congressional District that includes eastern Newton County.

Meanwhile, U.S. Rep. Hank Johnson, D-Lithonia, scored 4% on the rating.

Johnson represents the 4th Congressional District that includes Covington and western Newton County.

All lawmakers at the federal and state levels in the U.S. are scored on a







**Johnson** 

100-point scale.

To produce this year's scorecard, the ACUF's Center for Legislative Accountability selected a wide array of issues relating to fiscal, tax, regulatory, education, environment, Second Amendment rights, election security, life, and government integrity, the release stated.

In the 2020 session, Hice and seven other members of the Georgia congressional delegation received awards for earning scores of 80% or higher from ACUF on 26 votes.

The others were Rep. Barry Loudermilk (100%), Rep. Rick Allen (93%), former Rep. Doug Collins (85%), Rep. Buddy Carter (85%), Rep. Drew Ferguson (85%), former Sen. Kelly Loeffler (83%), and Rep. Austin Scott (81%).

Georgia's remaining members received the following scores: former Rep. Rob Woodall (79%), former Sen. David Perdue (78%), Rep. Sanford Bishop Jr. (4%), Rep. Lucy McBath (4%), and Rep. David Scott (4%).

Lawmaker ratings will be used to determine speaking invitations to CPAC and other ACU regional events. This year CPAC and ACUF will pres-

ent awards to 122 of the 535 members of Congress. The awards are used to help voters and activists identify which lawmak-

ers are best upholding conservative principles and who to rally behind, the release stated. The ratings were part of the ACUF's

50th edition of its annual ratings of Congress. Lawmaker ratings will be used to de-

termine speaking invitations to CPAC and other ACU regional events.

• A big yard sale will be held Friday, April 30, and Saturday, May 1, beginning at 9 a.m. at 215 East Soule Street in Oxford, across from Palmer Stone Gym. There will be clothers, shoes, toys, furniture, electronics and much more for sale.

 The Oxford Farmers Market Spring Festival is set for Thursday and Friday, April 29 and 30, noon to sundown; and Saturday, May 1, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., at 110 W. Clark St in Oxford.

 The Peachtree Academy Spring Fling is set for Saturday, May 1, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 14101 Hwy. 278 in Covington.

Inflatables, facepainting, a petting zoo, arts and crafts, a food truck, soccer demos more more will

For more information or to reserve a vendor booth, call 770-356-7301 or email janice@ peachtreeacademy.com.

• The Oxford Lions Club's annual community yard sale is set for Saturday, May 1, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the corner of Emory Street (Ga. Highway 81) and Clark Street in Oxford.

All profits will be used for community service projects.

For more information call 770-786-4896.

 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.

#### Community Calendar of Events

 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 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-to-day 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 traditional camps on a daily or weekly basis, while specialty camps require weekly sign-ups.

For registration, visit spiritonline.ymcaatlanta.

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

 Farmers Market opening day is set for May 11 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Denny Dobbs Park at 6252 Hwy. 212 in Covington.

Newton County Parks and Recreations will host the weekly event which will feature fresh fruits and vegetables, baked goods and more every Tuesday from a variety of farms and vendors.

For more information, call 770-786-4373 or email jmeert@co.newton.ga.us.

 Community Kickball Event hosted by Porterdale Police Department is set for May 21 from 5 to 8 p.m. at B.C. Crowell Park.

Young attendees can learn about public safety by seeing police vehicles, fire trucks and EMS ambulances. Hot dogs will be available and live music

For more information, call 770-786-2217.

 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.

 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.

### THE NEWS' FIRST RESPONDER OF THE WEEK



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#### Corporal C. Mack

After serving in the U.S. Army, Mack began his law enforcement career in 2008 with **DeKalb County Police Department. Mack** later moved to the Porterdale Police Department in 2019 and now enjoys serving and interacting with the community.



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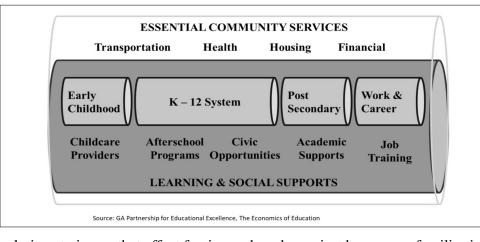
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ly closed and to find resources for a family called on to foster a newborn whose mother was hospitalized with COVID. Family Connection delivered 18,000 masks to low-income families through food distributions and back-to-school events, and found laptops for adults and youth learners suddenly thrust into online education. Prior to the pandemic, the County had asked Family Connection to manage a Complete Count for the 2020 Census. So, when the community was quarantined, Program Director Mollie Melvin called on college students to develop a social media campaign that resulted in Newton County being ranked 19th in the state for number of citizens

That is what Family Connection does for our community. Whether the problem is small or large, their charge is to equip strong families who raise healthy children. They do this by gathering citizens to find



solutions to issues that affect families and connecting resources to the community.

Family Connection follows the Birth to Work Pipeline as a model for how communities rally around families. In normal times, it takes a collective effort to ensure a robust insulation inside our community's pipeline of services to keep kids from falling through natural cracks in the education process. The pandemic

has shown just how many families in Newton County live with little or no protective insulation. Food pantry use and visits to Willing Helpers free clinic tripled from 2019 to 2020; families who lost work due to lay off or business closure became months behind on rent and utilities; mental health care providers for children and adults met double the requests for treatment when they shifted to a tele-health model. An already

fragile system of care continues to be

Family Connection strengthens this system with help from volunteers they refer to organizations that provide services. Volunteers help adults learn to read, serve at food pantries and the free clinic, mentor school children and work with after-school programs, provide parenting support and participate in activities to clean up our environment and improve recreation. A new way for volunteers to be involved: join the Newton County Drug Free Community Coalition to strengthen health and wellness for children. All youth and adults are welcome to contribute.

If readers would like to learn more about how to be involved in community-change, they can contact Laura Bertram or Mollie Melvin at connect@nwtnfamilyconnection.org or 770-786-0807 or on Facebook at NewtonCoFamilyConnection.

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million in requests from county departments and constitutional officers.

County Manager Lloyd Kerr, meanwhile, has said he wanted the board to consider giving a 4.5% pay increase to county employees to keep Newton County competitive with neighboring counties for employees.

Finance officials also have said they recommended cutting \$3 million from the budget requests and still must wait for the county tax digest to be released to see how much revenue will be available.

Alicia Brown asked what was the "big deal" about commissioners taking more time

to closely look at the budget.

"What's the rush? What are you scared of? We're claiming to be transparent. I just don't see that," she said.

"What is the resistance that we're getting that we can't do the budget line by line? What's the problem? What have you got to hide — that's what we automatically think. Wouldn't you think that? Flip the script."

"If it takes a week, two weeks, we are worth that" Brown said.

Susan Jackson said she believed "every line of that budget needs to be looked at" and said the board needed to cut

20%.

She asked why commissioners needed a travel budget "in the midst of a pandemic" and said any professional training could be done remotely.

She also said the Juvenile Court judge was able to cut her budget.

"What she reminded me of and sort of symbolized was a single mother like myself in the midst of a pandemic, [knowing] that she had to cut a budget."

She also disagreed with the Animal Services department's need for a new surgical room in its Lower River Road facility. Officials said the room is needed for spay and neuter services to keep the stray dog and cat populations under control.

"As a board of commissioners, you need to take a look at that budget, line upon line. Cut everything that you can because that's what we're doing as citizens in the midst of a pandemic."

District 3 Commissioner Alana Sanders said she was "really in favor of doing the line by line."

"It's a huge responsibility. That's a lot of money that we're managing. That line by line is going to help us be error-free," Sanders said.

But Mason said he went "line by line"

with department heads during budget hearings the previous week. He also said individu-

al board members were

familiar with the budget and had gone "line by line" as well. "I don't want the

board to get into a big debacle," he said. He said he wanted

constituents to address

their concerns about the budget with the commissioner for their district. "Drama? No," he said. "Don't get into

negativity. Don't start a whole bunch of drama. "Let's be positive. We say we want to be positive," Mason said.

"Let's make positive

drama. Don't get into

impact. Let's not look at the negative all the time. "There are so many

things to be positive about," he said. District 1 Commissioner Stan Edwards

said his constituents "trust me" to closely look at the budget. He said an unwilling-

ness to listen to others on the commission after he first came to office in 2017 "cost my constituents some tax dollars." Now, he said he works with others to get the budget "to a point where I can live with it."

#### **BELL:**

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Bell is serving her second term as judge of Newton County Probate Court after being unopposed for re-election in November.

Fellow judges lauded Bell for "serving as a leading

voice for probate courts" during the pandemic, the release stated.

Council President Kelli Wolk of Cobb County said Bell was "a true testament to what a judge should be, particularly during an uncertain time," the release stated.

"Judge Bell was stricken with that awful virus, but she did not allow that to stop her," Wolk said. "Thankfully, she bounced back and more

importantly, she used her COVID experience to help inform the judiciary's response to the pandemic.

"She has always represented us well, but in the past year, she has been an inspiration. I'm proud to call her a colleague," Wolk said.

The Council helps probate judges improve the execution of their duties and promotes professional training.

#### **HONORS:**

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and rewards the ones who worked to increase what they

were entrusted with. "He took what he had and extended it for the good of the community and the glory

of God," Thompson said. The judge's mother, Lottie Johnson, 90, had first met Nesbit in 1953 when his family allowed her to live with them in Greensboro

when she was a young teacher.

She said she believed her son's "spirit is still living."

"Thank you for honoring him. It makes me feel all my life was not in vain," Mrs. Johnson said.

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### **OPINIONS** The Covington News

Covington City Councilman Kenneth Morgan guest columnist

# Conversation key to addressing police, racial issues

ne of the first things I tried getting established when I first joined the Covington City Council in 2016

Citizen Review Board. At the time I think there were

people taking things personally, and in doing so, I don't think the community realized how much we really needed this in our community.

At the time, a lot of people thought, "Are we doing the right thing?' It wasn't that we were doing the wrong thing. The process was, we always want to be proactive in something that we are interested in or invested in. If it's something we're not invested in or interested in, then it's something we don't want at the forefront. But if you're going to be a leader, be a leader. If you're going to lead, lead. Not just in one area or in areas you want to lead in. Let's lead in all areas.

So a lot of people took it personally and the city council we had at that time and Mayor and the police department felt like it wasn't important for us to do at this time and we were doing more than what's required. We even went through President Obama's 21st century program on policing, and there was a lot of good to come out of that. But at the end of the day, to me, it was almost like they were saying, "OK, we

did it, now sit down and shut up." That was the attitude.

'Well if we can't do Citizen Review Board, then let's do more diversity training," I said, "because we need diversity training throughout." I knew we were already doing it, but I felt we needed to do it on a higher level, especially in law enforcement.

Here it is six years later. The things I tried to get done when I first joined the council are being magnified even to a greater extent now than then. So what we're doing now should have been something that should have been done and already working throughout our community.

Now I believe there's more distrust between police and the community more now than ever before because we have lost some valuable time and years that we can't regain. Now with that it has filtered into the community, it's become an individual issue. People are choosing sides, and it should have never gotten to this point.

I think at the end of the day, every individual needs to look at themselves and realize all of us can make a change or impact our community if that's what we choose to do. But when you do nothing, you've already chosen who you are and how you feel society should be.

It's important with everything that's going on that we see police reform, training with law enforcement and the community working together for the good

People often want to see change happen from the top down, but what they don't realize is change doesn't happen that way. It has to start from the bottom and work it's way back to the top because there are to many people with too much power at the top for such change to happen. That's why it's important for cities and other municipalities to start this important part of legislation. It has to start with us.

We need to start having conversations about what's important to not just one group of people, because all lives are important to me. But at the moment in time it appears to me the only lives that seem to be impacted are Black lives. I'm not one of those who chooses sides. I want what's right for everybody. I don't just want justice for Black people only, I want justice for all people.

Even with the recent conviction of the police officer in Minneapolis, it was justice, but I also see it as an injustice because we're all suffering from it. Because as a country, we're all grasping to try and figure out, what do we do from this point?

I respect law enforcement officers. I'm prior military. I have no problem with them. I respect everybody. But at the end of the day, I think what has to happen is that a police officer, or anyone in position of authority, needs to realize that they, too, are human. They never have to come up to me

to remind me that they have authority. I know they do because they have a gun, a badge and a uniform. They have the law on their side. But the issue and the thing that you want to impress upon those officers is at the end of the day, you still need to be human. And I think at some time and some point, we've become everything but human.

I understand people may live in an area where they may be fearful to a certain extent, but you should never feel fearful to the extent that everybody's your enemy.

There are some good officers that have to suffer because of what some of the bad officers are doing. But at the end of the day, we've got to get to the point where we can draw a line and say right is right, wrong is wrong. Somebody has to be willing to do that. And if nobody is willing to do that, no change can ever take place.

This country is more diverse and divided than it's ever been. We've looked at countries and said, "Oh man, they're crazy over there." But now some of those same things are happening here. What are we going to do about it? What can we do to make a difference in how we relate to one another?

I personally have no problem with anyone, and I certainly don't want anyone to have a problem with me just because of the color of my skin or because of where I live or don't live. At the end of the

day, we're humans. I have to go to the hospital just like you have to go to the hospital. I bleed red just like you bleed red. If I was in a situation where I needed blood I would not care one way or the other whose blood it was as long as it saves my life. I am not going to say I don't want your blood.

Where is the median to where we can truly be honest of who we truly are?

Things today seem like it's worse than it was in the 60s when people were struggling for equality, justice and a right to vote.

People have a right to feel the way they choose to feel, but at the end of the day, I don't want you to do anything special for me. I just want you to respect me like you would anybody else. I don't want to be treated differently because of the color of my skin.

It's important that we have these conversations, and we talk about the Citizen Review Board and get this process right, because we never know what could filter through our community.

There are some people that want it and some people that don't want it, or feel like we've got the greatest police department in the world. Let me tell you there's no such thing as the greatest police department in the world, because they're people and where there are people there's error.

We've got to blend the gap, we've got to come together and we've got to work

together and be willing to do it.

We really need to talk and to discuss things that are important, and we need to have legislation after we talk that would be beneficial to everyone.

I think society has been labeled as one-sided. I think everybody knows that, but nobody wants to acknowledge it. Everybody wants to live in denial. "Oh, that doesn't exist." Well it does exist and you are only saying it doesn't exist because you're not on the side that's being mistreated. But what if you were on the side being mistreated? How would you feel

While you may not be a victim today, that does not mean you won't be a victim tomorrow.

That's why we need to come together and have these conversations, but we can't do it separated. We've got to do it together. It's not just about you as an individual, but it's about our community, our city, our county, our state. What type of future do you want for your children and your grandchildren?

Let's fix these things and move forward as a community where we can grow and honor and respect each other at the end of the day, and truly be the brothers and sisters that we are supposed to be.

Kenneth Morgan is a member of the Covington City Council, representing the West Ward, Post 1.

**David Carroll** columnist

# Motorcycle helmets, seat belts and vaccines — all life savers

would like to thank former President Trump, and those who worked under him,

efforts in establishing Operation Warp Speed.



to be commended for making safe, effective COVID-19 vaccines available in a remarkably short period of time.

I would also like to thank President Biden, and those who work under him, for their efforts in accelerating the delivery and administration of the vaccines. They have met and surpassed their goals, and have made it possible for all Americans (16 and older) to get the vaccine far ahead of

schedule. See how easy that was? I have taken the politics out of what should have always been a non-political conversation. You can argue about who is responsible for the

pandemic, what went wrong, and whether Dr. Anthony Fauci is a hero or a villain. You can debate masks, shutdowns, and stimulus checks. You can spread the conspiracy theories, too.

In this era of misinformation, many people believe what they want to believe and nothing more. So why should I, as a member of "the evil mainstream media," try to convince anyone to get the vaccine? In terms of trustworthiness, some people rate journalists between crack dealers and hubcap thieves. All

I can do is tell my story. When I was 12, my dad bought me a motorcycle. I had barely learned how to ride a bicycle, and suddenly I was given access to a powerful machine that could propel me into a brick wall at 80 miles per hour. Why? He may have wanted to toughen me up, in the spirit of Johnny Cash's dad in

"A Boy Named Sue." Sure enough, I soon became King of the Road, in my own mind. I had mastered the

art of navigating the back roads and main highways of Bryant, Alabama. I used to see some of the older boys whiz by with no helmets, hair blowing in the breeze. I saw that in movies too. Common sense told me that wasn't a good idea, but I did it a few times when my dad couldn't see me.

A few months into my motorcycle era, after successfully dodging a few dogs and potholes, I encountered an adversary that would take me down. I rode into a hard-to-see patch of loose gravel, sending my bike into a spin, landing me on the ground. My bike got scratched up a bit, but I took most of the damage. I have scars on my knee, stomach and arm, still visible 50 years later. Thankfully, I did have a helmet on, and it got scratched up too. Lesson learned.

When I began driving a car, I did not use a seat belt for many years. My adult children are probably horrified to read this, because they have never lived in a world without seat belts. But seat belts were rarely installed in cars until 1968, and it was 1984 before the first state (New York) made wearing seat belts

mandatory. and teen years, seat belts were not "a thing," and if your parents didn't wear them, neither did you.

I finally came around in 1984, after singer Barbara Mandrell was seriously injured in a car accident. At first, she was thought to be dead at the scene. Her two children were also hurt, and the driver of another vehicle lost his life. She says she had routinely shunned seat belts. "I thought they were restrictive and bulky," she said. But one of her sisters had encouraged her to start buckling up, and on that particular day, she had done so, and told her children to

do the same. "Had we

not," she said, "we

would have all been

During my childhood

savers. The proof is

in the numbers, not in the rumor mill. Elvis Presley got his polio vaccine in 1956, and suddenly it was the "cool" thing to do. We

dead." That was all I

needed to hear. I have

buckled up ever since.

Vaccines are also life

don't have an Elvis, although the Trumps and Bidens, who disagree on everything, all got their shots. I hope you will too, for the health of your loved ones.

David Carroll is a Chattanooga TV news anchor and radio host.

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# CLASSIFIEDS & LEGALS

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#### LEGALS

#### **Public Notices**

**Bids** 

THE CITY of Covington is accepting bids for ten (10) GDOT approved Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB) as specified in exhibit "A" of the bid packet
SEALED BIDS must be delivered

to City Hall, 2194 Emory Street NW, Covington, GA 30014, Attn: Scott Cromer no later than 10:00am on Thursday, May 13, 2021. REQUEST FOR Bids and additional information may be obtained by accessing the request for proposals on the City's website at https:// www.cityofcovington.org/index

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #200255

THE COVINGTON Housing Authority (CHA) is soliciting sealed bids to furnish all labor, material and buildings damaged by a tornado. The buildings are located near Turner Lake Road in Covington, be responsible for securing the building, proper disposal of any waste materials as well as any 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 Boad Covington GA 30014 Attn. 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

PUBLIC NOTICE #200211 4/21,28

**Debtors Creditors** 

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND

### Fun by the Numbers

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MICHAEL T. Byrne Attorney of the

Estate of Michael R. Ford, deceased

**Divorces** 

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF

**SNELLVILLE, GEORGIA** 30078

ALL CREDITORS of the Estate of

MICHAEL R. FORD

LATE OF Newton

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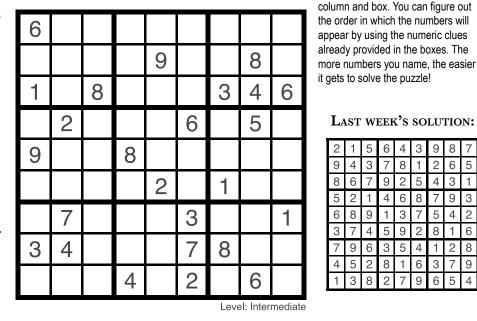
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**PUBLIC NOTICE #200161** 

4/7,14,21,28

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,



**NEWTON COUNTY** STATE OF GERORGIA

MARCELLA S. DABNEY

**PLAINTIFF** SEAN W. DABNEY SR

**CIVIL ACTION NUMBER** 

TO: SEAN W. DABNEY

**UNKNOW ADDRESS** 

BY ORDER of the court for service by publication dated APRIL 6 2021 you are hereby notified that on MARCH 24, 2021 (date of filing) MARCELLA S. DABNEY (plaintiff) filed suit against you for Divorce

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

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

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

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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Newton County.

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PUBLIC NOTICE #200185

#### **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 OR POINT OF

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 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).

AS ATTORNEY-IN-FACT for the aforesaid Grantor WINTER CAPRIOLA Zenner, LLC

CHARLESTON REAL Estate, LLC,

AS HOLDER and Secured Creditor

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

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

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

BY VIRTUE of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from HOWELL H. WATSON to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC

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**Local Politics** 

### Democrats to elect new chairman; GOP elects newcomer to lead party

By TOM SPIGOLON tspigolon@covnews.com

COVINGTON, Ga. Newton County Republicans recently chose new leadership while Democrats will select a new chairman early to replace the person who led the party through one of its most successful campaign seasons in recent memory.

County Democrats will elect a replacement for Ryan Barrett, who recently resigned his chairmanship of the Newton County Democratic Party and the 4th Congressional District effective May 1.

Republicans, meanwhile, recently elected three top officers who work side by side on the staff at the same Newton County church.

The GOP elected Brendan Cherry as chairman and John "Dana" Labit as first vice chairman during its county convention April 17.

Cherry, who succeeds Scott Jay, and Labit are pastoral assistants to Senior Pastor Billy Ingram at Canaan Baptist Church on Salem Road.

Party members also elected Lauren Labit, a teacher at the church's Canaan Baptist Academy, as secretary.

Church members and associates of Cherry also were elected, including Curtis Woods as second vice chairman, Nathan Key as third vice chairman, and Joy Thomas as treasurer.

Complaints from at least one former elected official and some activists on social media cited the possibility of the new officers' shared church affiliation possibly dividing the party, among other issues.

However, Cherry said he believed party members had been "spending more time fighting each other."

He and others believed a new direction was needed in the party after the local election losses of 2020, he said.

The Maryland native said he had "always been a Republican" but this was his first foray into organized politics.

"There were no voices pushing what we believe," Cherry said. He said Jay and

others said they were not seeking re-election and he decided to run after being elected as a precinct chairman in March. Cherry said he sensed

a "lack of energy" among county party members who had not met in person as a group since last year because of COVID-19.

However, he also said he believed people in any organization typically complain when "something new comes

along" — like his slate of officer candidates that had not been as active in the county party as others in the past.

"The reason the slate is the way it is ... is it's people we knew," Cherry said.

He said the goal is to get Republicans elected on both local and state

"Hopefully, we can see victories," Cherry said.

#### **DEMOCRATS**

Barrett said in an email that he was following the party's bylaws in calling for an election to fill the vacancy in the chairman position during its monthly business meeting May 20 at 7 p.m.

First Vice Chairman Mike Hesterley will chair the meeting, he Those interested

in being a candidate for chairman should complete an Intent to

Run form no later than May 15 at 11:59 p.m. The form is available at https://forms.gle/ jAbWfxecjuKQWBfi8, Barrett said. Barrett, who works

as a cardiac and ER technician, said on the party's Facebook page that issues with his health led him to decide to move with his family outside the county and

He said the work in Newton County and the congressional district, which includes parts of Newton and three other counties, "is far from over and I know that we will continue playing a part no matter where we are."

Barrett was re-elected in December as chairman. He led the party in 2020 as Democrats ousted Republican incumbents in the county tax commissioner and coroner races, and the incumbent sheriff

turned back a strong GOP challenge. A Democrat also

ousted a GOP incumbent in Georgia House District 109, which includes part of Newton. Barrett also served as

a Georgia delegate to the 2020 Democratic National Convention that nominated Joe Biden. Biden won a majority of Newton County's

2020 vote by the largest

margin for a Democrat since Jimmy Carter in 1976. Others on the county Democratic Party's executive committee

an; Kelly Robinson, third vice chairwoman; Sonya James, secretary; and Kathy Wills, treasurer.

leaders in even-numbered years after a General Election.

### **LEGALS:**

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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 having been last sold assigned and transferred to Real Time Resolutions, Inc., there will be sold at public outcry to the highest 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

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 169, 10TH DISTRICT, COUNTY, NEWTON 157, UNIT ONE BEING LOT RESERVES LAKEWOOD ESTATES SUBDIVISION, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 44, PAGES 73-99, REVISED AT PLAT BOOK 45, PAGES 169-195, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA WHICH INCORPORATED HEREIN AND BY HEREOF

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 30016. 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 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 and party in possession of the 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, Telephone Number: 877-469-7325.

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

THE BELOW LAW FIRM MAY BE

COLLECTOR, UNDER FEDERAL LAW. IF SO, ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE CONTACT: ATTORNEY Rubin

HELD TO BE ACTING AS A DEBT

Lublin, LLC, 3145 Avalon Ridge Place, Suite 100, Peachtree Corners TELEPHONE NUMBER: (877) 813-

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200163** 

#### **Juvenile Court**

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

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

#### SUMMONS

TO: TAMEKA Freeman and John Does, parent(s) of said minor child born to Tameka Freeman on the above-listed date.

YOU ARE hereby notified that on Private 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 THIS SUMMONS requires you to be

present at a formal hearing in the 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 want 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, PUBLIC NOTICE #200213

4/21,28-5/5,12 IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF

NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA IN THE INTEREST OF: N.J.

SEX: Female DOB: 06/15/2010 CASE #107-21J-0090 A CHILD Under 18 Years of Age

**SUMMONS AND PROCESS** 

TO: QUATERRIOUS JEFFERSON,

Mother YOU ARE hereby notified that a Petition (Dependency) was filed in the Juvenile Court of Newton County on March 15, 2021, requesting that the minor child be placed in the care,

custody and control of the Georgia Department of Human Services, acting by and through the Newton County Department of Family and

YOU ARE hereby commanded, personally or by attorney, to be and appear at the Newton County Juvenile Court, 1132 Usher Street NW, Covington, Georgia 30014, for a hearing to be held on the 10th day of June, 2021, at 1:00 p.m., then and there to answer why the prayers for relief as set forth in the Department's Petition should not be granted.

COPY of said (Dependency) can be obtained from the Clerk of the Newton County Juvenile Court, at aforementioned address

#### READ CAREFULLY

THIS IS a very serious matter. This Summons requires you to be present at a formal hearing in the Juvenile Court.

THE CHILD or children and 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 want 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 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. Please contact immediately the Newton County Juvenile Court at 770-784-2060 if you wish to request a lawyer to be appointed to represent you. DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE DAY OF COURT TO REQUEST AN ATTORNEY.

WHETHER OR not you decide to hire an attorney, you have the right to attend the hearing of your case, to call witnesses on your behalf, and to question those witnesses brought

witness THE Hon. Candice Branche, Judge of said Court, this 19th day of April, 2021.

#### JANELL GAINES

CLERK, **NEWTON COUNTY** Juvenile Court

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200225** 4/28-5/5,12,19

IN THE INTEREST OF:

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

SEX: MALE A.J.P. DOB: 10/15/2005 Case #107-21J-0118 A CHILD Under 18 Years of Age SUMMONS AND PROCESS

#### TO: **APRIL BEAL, Mother**

YOU ARE hereby notified that a

Petition (Dependency) was filed in the Juvenile Court of Newton County on March 29, 2021, requesting that the minor child named above be placed in the care, custody and control of the Georgia Department of Human Services, acting by and through the Newton County Department of Family and Children Services. YOU ARE hereby commanded,

personally or by attorney, to be and appear at the Newton County Juvenile Court, 1132 Usher Street, NW, Covington, Georgia 30014, for a hearing to be held on the 3rd day of June, 2021, at 3:00 p.m., then and there to answer why the prayers for relief as set forth in the Department's Petition should not be granted. **A COPY** of said Petition (Dependency) can be obtained

from the Clerk of the Newton County Juvenile Court, at the aforementioned address. **READ CAREFULLY** 

THIS IS a very serious matter. This

Summons requires you to be present

at a formal hearing in the Juvenile

THE CHILD or children and 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 want 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. Please contact immediately the Newton County Juvenile Court at 770-784-2060 if you wish to request a lawyer to be appointed to represent you. DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE DAY OF COURT TO REQUEST AN

to attend the hearing of your case, to question those witnesses brought against you. WITNESS THE Hon. Candice

WHETHER OR not you decide to

hire an attorney, you have the right

Branche, Judge of said Court, this 21st day of April, 2021.

#### **JANELL GAINES**

**ATTORNEY** 

**NEWTON COUNTY** Juvenile Court

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200237** 4/28-5/5,12,19

#### **Name Changes**

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF NEWTON, STATE OF GEORGIA

WILLOW BROOKE WHISENHUNT A MINOR

ALEXANDRIA D. TURCOTTE PETITIONER

CIVIL ACTION FILE NO. 2021-CV-

#### NOTICE OF NAME CHANGE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on the 8th day of April, 2021, ALEXANDRIA D. TURCOTTE filed a Petition in the Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia, seeking to change the name of her minor child from WILLOW BROOKE WIDSENHUNT to WILLOW BROOKE TURCOTIE. Any interested or affected party has the right to appear and file objections. At the expiration ofthlrty (30) days from the filing of the Petition, upon proof of publication, and if no objection is filed, the Court shall proceed to hear and determine all matters RAISED BY said Petition. 8TH day of April 2021 THIS

P. 0. Box 81084 CONYERS, GA 30013 PHONE: (770)760-9383 email: slbatty@bellsouth.net SHARON L. Barksdale Attorney for Petitioner Georgia Bar No. 037981 **PUBLIC NOTICE #200227** 

THE BARKSDALE LAW FIRM

4/28-5/5,12,19 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

ROMAN

name of the following minor child

PATTERSON to ROMAN MARK MCCULLOUGH ANY INTERESTED party has the right to appear in this case and file bjections within the time prescribed

in O.C.G.A. §§ 19-12-1(f)(2) and (3).

TIFFANY ALLEN 260 HEATON PLACE TRAIL COVINGTON, GA 30016

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200186** 4/14,21,28-5/5

#### **Public Notice** CITY OF COVINGTON

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING -PLANNING COMMISSION MAY 18, 2021 @ 2PM

NOTICE IS hereby given, per the City of Covington's Code of Ordinances Chapter 16.12 that the below applications were submitted for consideration by the Covington Planning Commission on following properties REZONING:

0002 **REQUEST** - Rezone notated parcels from CR (Corridor Residential), & NR2 (Neighborhood Residential -2),

and NM (Neighborhood Mixed-Use) TO TCB (Town Center Residential) for a proposed upscale, multi-family OCATION: Walnut St., & 4155 Washington St. **TAX MAP** Parcel Number: C035

0005 018 (CR); C035 0005 020B & C035 0005 022 (NR2) & C035 0005 023 (NM). OWNER: JEANA Hyde APPLICANT: WILLIAM Dashiell

SPECIAL USE PERMIT: PSU21-0006-REQUESTED USE - Auto & Truck

Repair Facility: LOCATION: 9126 A. Industrial Blvd. TAX MAP Parcel Number: #C081 012 (M1) OWNER: RONALD Collins

Holdings, LLC AUTHORIZED AGENT/ APPLICANT: Gilmar Rodas SPECIAL USE PERMIT:

REQUESTED USE - A 227-unit, townhome development: LOCATION: DR. ML King Jr. Ave. **TAX MAP** Parcel Number: C082 005B & C082 005C (CM) OWNER: NEELY Farms Family,

PSU21-0007-

APPLICANT: TAYLOR Weaver PRELIMINARY PLAT: PPP21-0001-REQUEST - Subdivide +/- 23 acres

for a proposed 227-unit, townhome development: LOCATION: DR. ML King Jr., Ave., TAX MAP Parcel Number: C082 005B & C082 005C (CM)

OWNER: NEELY Farms Family LTD **APPLICANT: TAYLOR** Weaver

PPP21-0002- **REQUEST:** SUBDIVIDE +/= 1.24 acres for a proposed single-family residential lot, three (3) Townhomes, and two (2) 10-unit apt/condo buildings as a part of the Clark's Grove North Village development: LOCATION: 4002 Clark St. TAX MAP Parcel Number: C037

PRELIMINARY PLAT:

OWNER/APPLICANT: CLARK Street North, LLC PRELIMINARY PLAT: PPP21-0003-REQUEST: SUBDIVIDE +/- 43 acres for a proposed 186-lot, single-

0007 008 (NM)

family residential development: **LOCATION: 7901** Hwy 81 TAX MAP Parcel Number: C063 007(NR2) OWNER: AAL Hussein

APPLICANT: THE Reservoir Group. LLC PRELIMINARY PLAT: PPP21-0004-REQUEST: SUBDIVIDE +/- 59

acres for a proposed 157-lot, singlefamily residential development: LOCATION: 9431 ML King Jr., Ave., & ML King Jr., Ave. TAX MAP Parcel Number: C082 005E & C082 005F (NR2)

Development (Steve Oexmann)

PRELIMINARY PLAT:

OWNER: DON Barnette

APPLICANT:

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Democrats in Georgia elect their county party

REQUEST: SUBDIVIDE +/- 12 acres

for a proposed 59-lot, single-family residential development: LOCATION: S. Dearing

TAX MAP Parcel Number: C082 004E(NR2) OWNER: EAST Haven, LLC

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County elected leaders and fire department and construction company officials ceremonially break ground Monday, April 26, for the new Newton County Fire Service Station No. 4 at 1200 County Hwy. 213 in the Starrsville community. Construction of the 9,150-square-foot facility is set for completion by April 2022.



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Fire Chief Mike Conner speaks during the groundbreaking ceremony Monday, April 26, for the new Newton County Fire Service Station No. 4 at 1200 County Hwy. 213 in the Starrsville community.



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District 1 County Commissioner Stan Edwards speaks during the groundbreaking ceremony Monday, April 26, for the new Newton County Fire Service Station No. 4 at 1200 County Hwy. 213 in the Starrsville community.

#### City of Oxford

# Festival seeks to highlight new features of city's farmers market

By SARAH DAVIS news@covnews.com

OXFORD, Ga. —
The city of Oxford will
host a spring festival
Thursday through
Saturday as part of a
new effort to encourage
growth in its farmers

market.
The event on the city greenspace between City Hall and the post office will operate under the same hours as the farmers market, which is open on Thursdays and Fridays from noon to dark and Saturdays from 7 a.m.

to 1 p.m.
Vendors will sell produce, artisan and craft products at the festival.

A city council decision in 2020 led to a wider variety of goods being made available after it changed its ordinance to allow goods other than produce to be sold.

Associate Clerk Michelle Middleton, who is the city's liaison to the vendors, said there are currently 10 active vendors with permits to sell at the market.

"Recently we have a lot of new applicants, more so than anyone who's worked here has seen before," Middle-

ton said.
Oxford College of
Emory University's

organic farm is one of the regular vendors and will have goods available on April 29 at the spring festival.

Middleton said the farm acts as a "big anchor" for the market.

"They're usually who everyone shows up around," Middleton said.

The farm, headed by farmer educator Daniel Parson, has been selling produce at the market since 2016.

Parson said the farm did not sell at the market this year because of Emory's COVID-19

policies.
With social gather-

ing policies now more relaxed, Parson said he felt good about returning to the market.

"We've been fully in support of the farmers market there since we started going and hoping to grow it into an even bigger and better market," Parson said.

"When the city was talking about supporting it more and having this festival we thought absolutely we'd love to be a part of that," he

said.
This year, customers have the ability to use Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) dollars at the

market.

Through a program called Wholesome Wave, the farm will be able to allow customers using SNAP funds to "double up," or double the value of SNAP dollars to spend on fresh

Parson said he hopes this change will allow more people to access the fresh produce available at the market.

"Newton County, parts of Oxford, even, have been identified as a food desert where people have limited access to fresh food," Parson said. "That's part of why we like selling there is, hopefully, to get access to

At the market Thursday, Parson said the farm plans to sell starter plants and fresh vege-

City Manager Matthew Pepper said that a mask requirement will be implemented for all vendors and customers.

"It's on city property, so we are requiring everyone to wear a mask and encouraging social distancing and using hand sanitizer frequently," Pepper said. "Things to keep you and other custom-

ers safe."

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number of states adding or losing congressional seats reflected the second slowest population growth in history for the nation as a whole.

The U.S. population, as of April 1, 2020, stood at 331.4 million, up 7.4% over the 2010 Census.

The South was the nation's fastest growing region during the past decade, with a population increase of 10.2%. The West was next at 9.2%. The Northeast and Midwest grew at much slower rates, 4.1% and 3.1% respectively.

Utah was the fastest growing state in the

U.S., with a population increase of 18.4%. Among just three states that lost population during the last decade, West Virginia's 3.2%

decline was the largest. Georgia remains the nation's eighth-most populous state with a population of 10.7 million, up from 9.7 million a decade ago.

U.S. Secretary of
Commerce Gina Raimondo said the 2020
Census was hampered
not only by the coronavirus pandemic but
by wildfires in the West
and a particularly active
hurricane season.

The Census Bureau originally expected to

release the first numbers by the end of last

month but was delayed. "2020 brought unprecedented challenges," Raimondo said. "The Census Bureau had to quickly adopt its operations to confront these challenges head on."

The 2020 Census - the 24th once-a-decade population count in U.S. history going back to 1790 - was the first to be conducted online.

Jarmin said twothirds of Americans completed the census on their own between January and March of last year. Census takers were sent out in person to contact those who did not respond online, with an emphasis on historically undercount-

ed areas, he said.

The General Assembly will use local data the Census Bureau will release later this year to redraw Georgia's congressional and legislative district boundaries.

Georgia had 10 congressional districts throughout the 1970s and 1980s. Rapid population growth led the Census Bureau to allocate an 11th House seat to Georgia following the 1990 Census, 13 seats after the 2000 population count and 14 seats following the

2010 Census.



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# **SPORTS**

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#### **Prep Baseball Playoff Preview**



**Class A-Public** No. 3 Social Circle @ No. 2 Taylor County



**Class AAAAA** No. 3 Eastside @ No. 2 St. Pius X



**Class AAAAAA** No. 4 Newton @ No. 1 Lowndes

# Swingin' into the postseason

By MASON WITTNER mwittner@covnews.com

Following a oneyear hiatus, postseason GHSA baseball will return this week.

Three teams will represent the area in their respective state playoff brackets. Social Circle (Class A-Public) and Eastside (Class AAAAA) earned No. 3 seeds, while Newton punched its ticket to the Class AAAAAAA postseason as a No. 4 seed.

No. 3 Social Circle at No. 2 Taylor Coun-

The Redskins (15-14, 12-6 Region 8) came into the year hoping to continue a rebuild in their second season under the leadership of head coach Kevin Dawkins.

They've instead exceeded expectations, ripping off 11 wins in their first dozen region

games and riding it out for a 3 seed in the playoffs.

Social Circle's non-region slate was chock-full of postseason opponents as the club battled the likes of Eastside, Walnut Grove, Glenwood (Ala.) and Eagle's Landing Christian Academy.

"We played playoff-caliber teams this year with the idea that we might not win them all, but it would be good experience in terms of having a playoff team and seeing those arms and what that looks like," Dawkıns saıd.

With 29 games under their belt, the youthful Redskins will now battle another young squad, one which has only garned half the game experience they have this season.

The Vikings (7-7, 6-4 Region 5) were forced

to cancel numerous games this spring due to three teams dropping out of their region at the last minute.

Nevertheless, they played .500 ball through 14 games and earned a No. 2 seed for the big dance.

"Anytime you get into the playoffs, everything kind of resets at that point," Dawkins said. "Everybody's 0-0, and anything an happen in playoff baseball.'

Social Circle is expected to throw Jason Ball and Ty Lemaster, the respective 1 and 2 in the rotation all spring, in the first two games Thursday. Game 1 is scheduled for 5 p.m., with Game 2 following 30 minutes after its completion.

No. 3 Eastside at No. 2 St. Pius X

You couldn't ask for a much stronger finish to the regular season

thatn what the Eagles (21-8, 10-4 Region 8) produced.

After being swept by Walnut Grove, the team responded by taking out its agression against the likes of Jones County and Jackson County before capitalizing on quality pitching and timely hitting to sweep the two-game series with top-ranked Loganville.

But don't expect head coach Brandon Crumbley's squad to rest on its laurels.

"We played some really decent baseaball late, and palyed some kind of poor baseball in the middle. Obviously beating Loganville here late, that's great and all, but we've got to move on from it," Crumbley said. "Yes, it was great to get some confidence moving into the postseason. But we can't let those two wins be

the highlight and the exclamation point of our season." The Golden Lions

(21-8, 14-2 Region 5) outscored opponents 288-85 this season and will provided yet another tall task for the Eagles.

But while Crumbley is keeping his team humble and hungry, he beleives they're up for the challenge.

No. 4 Newton at No. 1 Lowndes

The Rams (9-18, 3-9 Region 4) will try to stop the bleeding when they travel down to Valdosta on Thursday.

Following a promising start, they closed out the regular season on a 13-game losing streak. They've been outscored 160-26 over the course of the slump. But while Newton took its lumps, sharing a region with three teams ranked in the top 10

entering the playoffs (No. 3 Grayson, No. 4 Parkview, No. 8 Brookwood) could pay dividends. "Once we get into

the playoffs, there shouldn't be anything that we haven't seen," interim head coach David Scharff said. "With that being said, we still have to go out and capitalize. We can't act like we haven't seen whatever Lowndes throws at us offensively or defensively. We've seen everything.'

The Vikings (20-10, 8-4 Region 1) had depth in their lineup and rotation, which they used to win their region outright.

Look for in-depth postseason coverage of Newton County's baseball teams in the weekend edition of The Covinvton News and online at CovNews. com.

**Prep Track** 

# Piedmont track competes at region meet

By CHRIS BRIDGES

Correspondent

The Piedmont Acad-

emy track teams track teams had a tough regular season schedule which helped prepare the Cougars and Lady Cougars for last week's Region 1-AA competition.

Several team members had strong showings at the 2021 region meet in LaGrange.

For the Lady Cougars

the top performances included:

 Marissa Holder, second, 1,600-meter run, 6:48.30

•Holder, second, discus, 81-8

•Holder, fourth, shot put, 27-7

 MaLynne Webb, fifth, shot put, 25-8

•Webb, seventh, discus, 41-6

Piedmont's boys also had several standout performances in LaGrange including:

•4x100-meter relay team of Bradley Greenwood, Ryan Kennemore, Chris Pittman and Tanner Locklear, first, 46.55

•Kennemore, first, long jump, 19-9

•4x400-meter relay team of Cole Wade, Mark Myles, Spencer Carter and Michael Joseph, second, 4:14.57

•Cole Wade, second, 300-meter hurdles,

•Carter, second, high jump, 5-8

•Carter, second, triple jump, 37-5

•John Reasoner, third, 300-meter hurdles, 49.90

•Kennemore, third, triple jump, 37-1

 Locklear, third, 100-meter dash, 12.29

•Pittman, fourth, 100-meter dash, 12.62

 Joseph, fourth, 400-meter dash, 59.43 •Carter, fifth, 400-me-

ter dash, 1:00.69 •Ryan Reeves, fifth,

shot put, 29-5

•Pittman, fifth, 200-meter dash, 26.17

•Taylor Boyd, sixth,

shot put, 28-9 •Hudson Reed, sixth, discus, 78-8

 Locklear, sixth, long jump, 16-7

•Trenton Jones, sixth, 3,200-meter run, 18:08.92

•Mark Myles, sixth,

1,600-meter run, 6:11.63 •Alex Statham, sev-

enth, 800-meter run, 2:49.83

•Kennemore, seventh, 200-meter dash, 28.44

•Reed, eighth, 800-meter run, 2:53.82

•Scott Swann, eighth, 1,600-meter run,

6:50.01 The state track meet

will be Thursday through Saturday at Strong Rock.

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Freshness can go a long way toward making breakfast something special.

### Enjoy a refreshing breakfast

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Breakfast has long since been dubbed "the most important meal of the day." While some might dispute that distinction, there's no disputing that a delicious breakfast can be a great way to begin a day.

Freshness can go a long way toward making breakfast something special. For example, fresh peaches make this recipe for "Peach Bruschetta with Blue Cheese" from Christopher Hirsheimer's "The San Francisco Ferry Plaza Farmer's Market Cookbook" (Chronicle Books) something to savor. The dish also works as an appetizer and can be made with nectarines.

#### **Peach Bruschetta** with Blue Cheese

Serves 4

Ingredients:

4 slices country bread 2 peaches

Extra-virgin olive oil for brushing

1/4 pound blue cheese, gorgonzola or Blue Castello cheese

Directions: Preheat the broiler. Arrange the bread slices on a rimmed baking sheet, slip under the broiler and toast, turning once, until golden brown on both sides. This should take only a few minutes.

While the bread is toasting, halve the peaches lengthwise, pit them and then peel each

Cut each half lengthwise into 1/4-inch-thick slices, keeping the shape of each half intact.

When the bread is ready, remove from the broiler and brush each slice on both sides with olive oil.

Spread one-fourth of the cheese on each slice of warm bread, place a sliced peach half on top, and serve.

Want to share your

own recipes? Whether for breakfast, lunch, dinner or somewhere between, send your favorite recipes to The Covington News at news@covnews.com and they could be featured in a future edition of the newspaper.



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Any time of year is the perfect opportunity to bite into a slice of pizza.

#### **SPECIAL TO THE NEWS**

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The calendar is dotted with various holidays that celebrate pizza. From National Pizza Pie Day in February to National Deep Dish Pizza Day in April to National Cheese Pizza Day in September, not to mention National Pizza Month in October, any time of year is the perfect opportunity to bite into a slice.

For most people, the best part of pizza is eating it, but that doesn't mean you can't still learn something about this all-time favorite food as well. The following are some tasty tidbits about pizza, courtesy of Fact City, Pizza Need and Facts Legend.

• Pizza is tied to Greece. Greeks are credited with creating the first pizza-like food. The Greeks used to bake flat, round large breads that were then topped with vegetables, potatoes, spices, and olive oil. However, the first commercial pizza and pizzeria has been traced to the 19th century and the Italian city of Naples.

• Not all pizza is flat. While crispy, low-profile pies may be classic, other varieties of pizza have their fans. "Deep dish" pizza originated in 1943 in the Chicago eatery Pizzeria Uno. Sfincione, or focaccia pizza, a type of pizza made in a sheet pan with thicker slices, was created in the mid-19th century in Sicily. It is popularly called Sicilian pizza.

 Pizza is even more popular on certain days of the year. Pizza can be enjoyed any day of the year, but Super

Bowl Sunday, New Year's Eve, Halloween, Thanksgiving Eve, and New Year's Day are the top five days for pizza sales. In addition, pizza accounts for more than 10% of all food service sales.

• Pizza is booming. In the United States, the pizza industry makes up 17% of all restaurants and grosses more than \$30 billion every year. The highest-grossing single-unit independent pizzeria in the United States is Moose's Tooth Pub and Pizzeria in Anchorage, Alaska. Its annual sales are approximately \$6 million.

 Pizza is popular everywhere. Around the world, about three billion pizzas are

sold each year. Pizza is a weekend favorite. While Friday may be pizza night for many people, sales figures indicate that Saturday night is the most popular night to eat pizza.

 Pizza has a symbiotic relationship with certain foods. The pizza industry has helped propel both the cheese and pepperoni industry. Around 251 million pounds of pepperoni are consumed each year in the United States.

 Hawaiian pizza is popular, though not accurately named. Ham and pineapple are popular pizza toppings on the West coast of the United States, and this pizza is dubbed the Hawaiian pizza. However, it doesn't have any connection to Hawaii. This pizza actually was invented in Canada.

Pizza is a perennial favorite and one of the most popular foods of all time.

### Clever ways to use leftovers

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

The spread of COVID-19 has upended many people's lives. As with other virulent health crises, the practice of social distancing has been recommended to flatten the curve of the COVID-19 outbreak. One way to socially distance oneself is to avoid unnecessary trips to places where the public may congregate, such as grocery stores.

Some people visit supermarkets and other food stores every day, especially if they don't meal plan or shop for the week. According to the Time Use Institute, the average shopping trip takes 41 minutes and people go food shopping an average of 1.5 times per week. Any additional time spent at the grocery store increase the likelihood of contact with others, potentially increasing shoppers' risk of contracting coronavirus as well. Therefore, people taking steps to stay at home may have to rethink the way they purchase and use food.

Being more mindful of food waste and putting leftovers and ingredients to use in new ways can help stretch food further and reduce the need to make frequent trips to the grocery store. Consider these ideas to make use of left-



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A combination of leftovers and new ingredients can be used to create different meals. This extends food dollars and cuts down on trips to the store.

- overs. • Save those vegetables. It's easy to scrape a half-portion of uneaten vegetables into the trash thinking it can't be used. Instead, combine it with other vegetables accumulated throughout the week. Many play well together and can be mixed into casseroles, omelets, soups, and stir-fry recipes.
- Create new meals. Using leftovers does not mean eating the same exact meal a second time. Ingredients can be utilized in new ways. For example, a roast chicken can be broken down and the meat

can be used for fajitas on another night. Leftover tomato sauce and meatballs from a Sunday dinner can be turned into an impromptu chili with the addition of beans and

peppers. • Think beyond dinner. Leftovers can be collected at any time of day and used later on. Cold cuts can be chopped and used to make a stromboli with some refrigerated pizza dough. Save Belgian waffles from breakfast and top with breaded chicken fingers for a delicious chicken-and-waffles meal for lunch or dinner. Leftover roasted potatoes and

scraps of ham can be used in a breakfast hash.

• Stuck on starches. Turn extra rice from dinner into arancini (rice balls) for a snack on another day. A leftover sweet potato or two can be mixed with butternut squash to make a sweet and healthy mashed side dish. Mashed potatoes can be transformed into potato croquettes or potato pancakes.

Finding new ways to use leftovers means minimal waste and fewer trips to the supermarket.

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