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His Word

Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee. Blessed art thou, O Lord: teach me thy statutes.

Psalm 119:11-12, KJV

Covington man's punch not proven as cause of death

Wrong accusations led to assaults at Oxford residence, Monroe store

By TOM SPIGOLON
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COVINGTON, Ga. — A Covington man saw manslaughter charges dropped Wednesday after the state could not prove a beating he inflicted directly led to his victim's August 2020 death.

However, he also pleaded guilty in Newton County Superior Court to charges he violently attacked two men in separate incidents within days of each other in Newton and Walton counties.

William Russell White, 30, of Covington pleaded guilty to charges of Aggravated Battery and Cruelty to Children in the Third Degree for striking

an Oxford man, and Exploitation or Intimidation of an Elderly Person for punching a man in Monroe, both in August 2020.

In both cases, White punched men after accusing them of actions they had not taken, said Chief Assistant District Attorney Amber Dally.

The negotiated plea agreement Wednesday, June 30, in Superior Court in Covington also required White to undergo mental health and substance abuse treatment, receive anger management training, and pay restitution to the victim, Dally said.

In the Walton County case, White was charged with

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Independence Day Celebration

SPARKLING SQUARE



Thousands gathered around the Covington Square on Sunday to watch the annual Fourth of July fireworks show — one of the first major public events for Newton since the pandemic began. [See A7](#), or visit CovNews.com, for more photos.

Emory approves renaming Oxford building in honor of late judge



In January 2013, Oxford College hosts a celebration event for the reopening of a renovated Language Hall. Emory University recently approved plans to rename the building for the late Horace J. Johnson Jr.

By TAYLOR BECK
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OXFORD, Ga. — Language Hall, located on the campus of Oxford College, will be renamed to honor the later Judge Horace J. Johnson, Emory University officials recently announced.

The name change is one of several pending across the Emory University campuses in Atlanta and



Horace J. Johnson Jr.

Oxford in response to recent racial and social justice advisory committee reports.

Emory University President Gregory L. Fenves announced in October the formation of two advisory committees related to the university's racial and social justice initiatives, one being the Task Force on Untold Stories and Disenfranchised Populations and the second being University Committee on Naming Honors. Committees were diversely made up of university leadership,

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Low jury turnout slowing local court system

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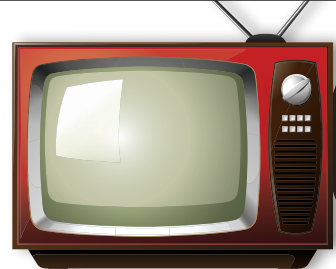
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Jury Duty

DA appeals for residents to answer call amid low turnouts compared to pre-COVID days

By **TOM SPIGOLON**
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Newton County's district attorney recently made a simple request — but it is one many apparently are finding difficult to grant.

Only about one in four Newton residents being called to jury duty are showing up for it — despite its importance in keeping the wheels of justice turning for victims and their families, said District Attorney Randy McGinley.

Jury trials resumed in Newton County in March after a yearlong delay. Yet, a recent call led to only about 52 potential jurors answering out of 200 — about 26% — who were sent notices, McGinley said.

About 55% of those called for jury duty showed up before the COVID-19 pandemic

prompted the closings of courthouses statewide in March 2020, McGinley said.

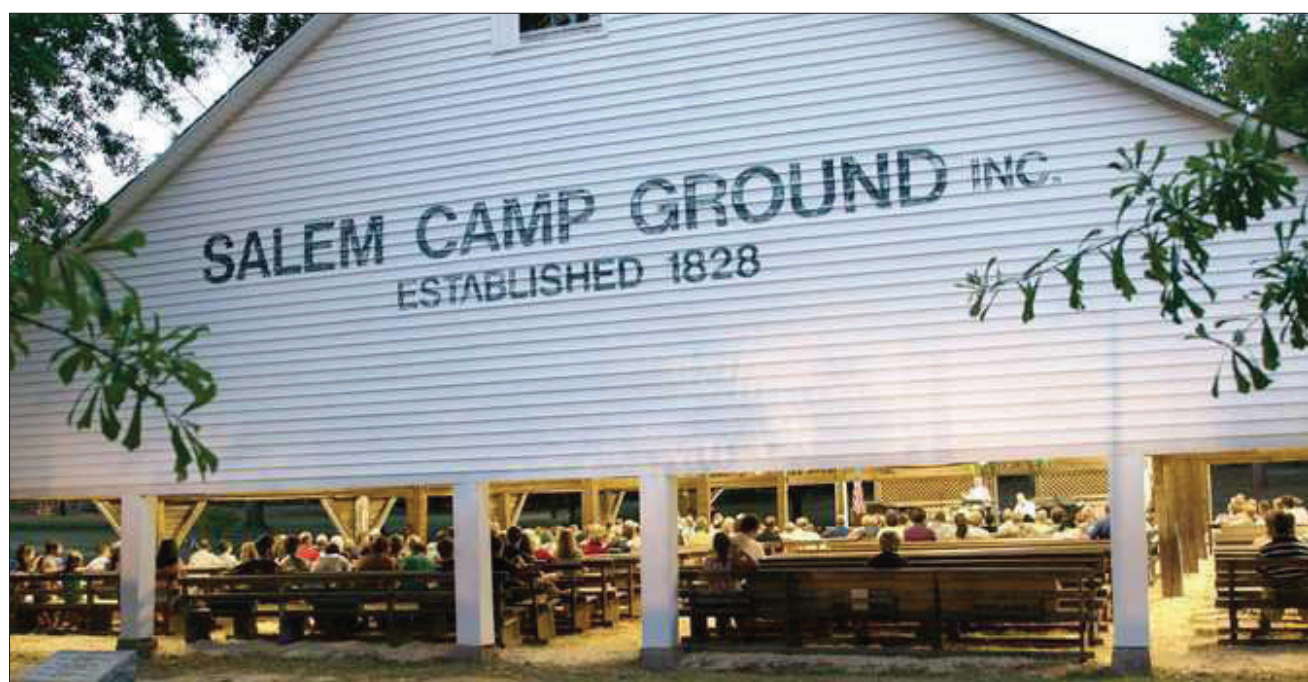
"Please, please come for jury service," McGinley asked attendees at a recent gathering of the Newton County Republican Party.

His office recently hired three new prosecutors for pending cases — including 13 murder cases awaiting court action, McGinley said.

"A lot of them are cases involving victims, a lot of them are vulnerable victims — children — or murder cases, very serious cases," he said. "If we're running into issues of not having enough jurors then we're not going to resolve those cases."

He noted some potential jurors have legitimate medical or other types of excuses

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Newton County's Salem Campmeeting is one of the nation's longest running events, having been held nearly every summer since 1828.

193rd Salem Campmeeting kicks off Friday

Organizers excited for return to normalcy; 'Tour of Tents' slated for July 10

By **TAYLOR BECK**
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COVINGTON, Ga. — One of the longest-running camp meetings in the nation kicks off its services Friday, July 9.

The 193rd annual Salem Campmeeting this year is scheduled to run July 9-16, and will be back in full swing after being limited to virtual services in 2020.

"We hated to miss last summer. We sure did," said Roland Vaughn, who is chairman of the Salem Board of Directors, "but we had no choice under the circumstances. A group of folks made sure that we had some sort of service each night online, to kind of keep our ministry going, but this year we will be back to normal as much as possible with in-person services, classes, meals at the hotel and the real Salem experience."

Despite a hopeful return to normalcy this year, Salem will

be without one of its biggest supporters and leaders after Sam Ramsey, who was a former chairman of the board, passed away in August.

"Ramsey, former Covington mayor and businessman, devoted a large amount of time and energy to making sure that Salem thrived through the ages," organizers stated in a news release. "His physical presence will be greatly missed, but the members of the board of directors are determined to carry on the legacy that he has brought forth."

Camp meetings held a special place in Ramsey's life, and he enjoyed being a part of them. In June 2020, Ramsey shared that he had attended every camp meeting since his birth in the 1930s.

In a 2013 staff report by The Covington News, Ramsey's annual efforts in helping organize the events were described: "...

Sam personally assures that the camp meeting continues to carry on traditions that have stood the test of time."

In 2014, Ramsey spoke to The Covington News about the allure of camp meetings and why they were so special to him: "'A lot of the times I feel like it's as close to heaven on earth as you can be. It's quite an experience. You have to be out there and experience it for yourself.'"

Camp meetings have been held at the facility on Salem Road in Covington every summer since 1828 except two years during the Civil War. According to the Salem Campmeeting's website, Salem was a Methodist institution for 100 years, although never officially part of the church. In the 1930s and 1940s, the Salvation Army had an active role in the program. Now interdenominational, Salem features a Methodist preacher

each year and rotates between Baptist and Presbyterian preachers.

The Tabernacle at Salem is on the National Building Survey of the Library of Congress, and still features wood shavings on the floor. The entire campground was put on the National Historic Register in 1998.

Each day during the eight-day event there are worship services held in the tabernacle at the historic Salem Camp Ground, located at 3940 Salem Road in Covington, at 11 a.m. (Saturday excluded) and 7:30 p.m.

There are also classes and activities each day, beginning with "Morning Watch" at 7:30 a.m. each weekday, which is a short devotional period to get the day started right, Bible classes for all ages at 9:30 a.m. at the Salem United Methodist Church, adjacent to the campground, and

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OBITUARY

Billy Ray Wiley, Sr.

Scot Ward Funeral Services

Billy Ray Wiley, Sr., age 89 of Conyers, died Wednesday, June 30, 2021. He was born to the late Nezzie Prickett and James William Wiley on February 24, 1932.

He was the eighth of nine children. Billy was preceded in death by his siblings, James Walter, Mary Elizabeth Savage, Herbert L., Frances Lewis, Gladys Mae Dunn, Dorothy Grace Jonas, Jean Oglesby, son-in-law, Anthony Smith, and his second wife of 60 years, Shirley Ann Phelps Wiley.

He is survived by Billy Ray, Jr. 'Bill' and Marty Wiley, Deborah Ann Smith, David P. and

Janet Wiley, Crystal and Jimmy Brockman. He has eight grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and his first great-great-grandchild is due in August.

Billy attended Starsville Grammar School, Mansfield Elementary and Covington High School and was a member of the first graduating class of Newton County in 1950. He was in the National Guard for 15 years attaining rank of Sgt 1st class.

For 37 years he was employed with Southern Bell in Newton and Rockdale Counties and worked as a volunteer Firefighter for 15 of those years.

He was elected VP and President of Athens CWA Local 3203, the CWA Local 3205 as President for 18 years. He served and was elected for several positions in the Rockdale Jaycees including President and VP and was awarded Distinguished

Service Award and also Colonel in the Jaycees Rebel Corp.

Billy was grateful to have a job he enjoyed in Newton and Rockdale Counties and was blessed to have met and worked with so many wonderful people.

Funeral services were held Saturday, July 3, 2021 at 2 p.m. at Scot Ward's Green Meadow Chapel; interment followed at Sardis Church Cemetery, Oxford. The family will receive friends from 12 until 2 p.m. prior to the service at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Conyers First United Methodist Church, 921 N. Main Street, Conyers, GA 30012. Condolences may be submitted on-line at www.scotward.com. Scot Ward Funeral Services, 699 American Legion Rd., Conyers, GA, 770-483-7216.



Billy Ray Wiley Sr.

THE NEWS' FIRST RESPONDER OF THE WEEK



Matt Holbrook

Officer Holbrook was recently recognized by Rotary Club of Covington with a Life Saver Award. In May, Holbrook saved a 15-month-old boy after choking. A police captain said Covington was "truly blessed to have wonderful public safety professionals like Officer Matt Holbrook serving in our community."

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Judge orders activist to stay away from Covington attorney

By TOM SPIGOLON
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COVINGTON, Ga. — A judge has ordered a community activist to stay at least 300 yards away from a Covington attorney for a year after issuing a protective order related in part to a June 15 incident following a county government meeting.

Superior Court Judge Jeffrey Foster issued the 12-month order Monday, June 28, against Denise Barnes-Williams of Covington after a series of stalking incidents, including one June 15 following a Newton County Board of Commissioners meeting.

Foster’s order stated Williams admitted to violating a state stalking law and placed Lindsey “in reasonable fear for” her safety.

Foster’s order also stated Williams must not contact Lindsey and must remain at least 300 yards from Lindsey and her family anywhere in Georgia.

However, it allows Williams to attend any governmental meetings in Newton County as long as she remains at least 25 feet away from Lindsey “and does not directly address her.”

Lindsey and Williams are frequent public speakers during Board of Commissioners meetings.

An incident report stated Lindsey told a Covington Police officer she was standing with a Newton County sheriff’s deputy in front of the Historic Courthouse on the Covington Square following the board’s June 15 meeting. Between 9 and

9:15 p.m., Williams “began approaching them.”

The deputy, Billy Gordon, was covering security for the building. Lindsey said she believed the woman was going to walk past her and Gordon but Williams “stopped and began staring at Lindsey,” the report stated.

“As Williams was staring, Lindsey asked if she was going to say something and at that time Williams began yelling at her stating, ‘I don’t have to speak!’ Williams also stated to Ms. Lindsey, ‘I will beat your a--!’”

Lindsey and Williams then filed restraining orders against each other in Newton County Superior Court.

Judge Ken Wynne ordered them to appear for a hearing about

their requests because “each alleges multiple instances of conduct on the part of the other occurring on different dates” but shared the June 15 incident in which both alleged “provocative conduct” by the other.

During the Monday hearing, Lindsey said Williams in May had videotaped Lindsey being dropped off at her office following a lunch with County Chairman Marcello Banes, an area newspaper reported.

She filed for a protective order after learning Williams had not been charged in the June 15 incident because Covington Police had turned the case over to the GBI for investigation.

Williams initially said she did not approach Lindsey in front of the

courthouse on June 15, despite testimony to the contrary by Gordon and a security videotape showing that she did.

She later said she “probably” should not have made the threat to Lindsey but felt Lindsey had tried to provoke her on several prior occasions, the newspaper reported.

Williams recently filed open records requests for purchasing card (P-card) records of Banes which later were posted on a Facebook page titled The Newton Exposer whose owner lists itself as a media/news company, according to county records.

Comments by The Newton Exposer’s

Facebook page owner have been critical of Lindsey. The page owner also posted a recording of a phone conversation between Lindsey and former coroner Dorothea Bailey-Butts and included comments critical of Lindsey.

Lindsey has supported Banes politically in the past. She is also representing Banes in his lawsuit seeking to gain tens of thousands in back pay he said the county owes him because of a misinterpretation of a state law specifying how the county’s constitutional officers should be compensated.

Council fills CPD Citizen Review Board

By TAYLOR BECK
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Nearly two months after historically establishing a Citizen Review Board for the city’s police department, the Covington City Council elected to fill the seven-member committee during its regular meeting, June 21.

The Citizen Review Board charged to operate similarly to an oversight committee was established in early April. Its top priority is “to foster transparency, enhance communication and ensure a relationship of trust and respect between the Covington Police Department and the community it serves ... and to increase and demonstrate police accountability and credibility with the public.”

In previous reports by The Covington News, city leaders have touted the board’s establishment “historic,” and “a good start” to achieving the goal of full transparency and trust between the community and law enforcement.

Susie Keck nominated Pat Showalter. Councilman Kenneth Morgan nominated Rosie Crawford. Councilwoman Hawnethia Williams appointed Greg Shy.

Each nomination was approved unanimously, but in order to officially assume a position on the board, prospective members are required to complete a written application, pass a background check with no felony convictions, successfully complete the Covington Police Department Citizens Academy and devote a minimum of nine hours to participate in a ride-along on patrol with the department.

The Citizen Review Board will meet quarterly, at minimum, per the city’s ordinance. All meetings are open to the public. Members may not miss more than three scheduled meetings per year without “good cause.”

Actions of the board “shall not limit the powers and responsibilities of the police chief pursuant to the charter and other applicable laws, nor the rights of members of the police department with respect to disciplinary action.”

findings to the police chief. The coordinator would also be required to file a written report to the city council on an annual basis informing the council of the number and nature of matters considered by the board, the recommendations made to the chief of police and the official response of the department to said recommendations.

In other business, the council:

- Approved appointments of Roger Tingler, Elizabeth Harwell and Lucinda Faulkner to the Zoning Board of Adjustments and Appeals; and John Maxwell to the Covington Planning Commission.
- Approved a resolution to include tables and chairs as part of rental fees for the fair building, pavilion and/or band shell at Legion Field.
- Heard from Robert Clay, who lives on Nelson Drive. Clay urged the council to consider lowering the speed limit in his neighborhood. Currently the speed limit is posted at 30 mph, but Clay said a local kid often drove recklessly — “like Dale Earnhardt.” Clay also urged the city to increase its police presence within the area. Horton told Clay the city would take his comments under consideration and look into the issues brought up, but acknowledged that it may take time in order to “make sure we’re doing everything the right way.”
- Approved the addition of Juneteenth National Independence Day as a paid holiday for 2022 for city employees. City Manager Scott Andrews said if the holiday fell on Saturday or Sunday, the city would close its offices Friday or Monday, respectively, to recognize the holiday.
- Approved a contract with the masonic lodge to paint a mural on the building.
- Approved a special-use permit to allow a personal care home to be located at 7125 Puckett Street.
- Approved the initi-

ation of a text amendment to Chapter 16 of the City of Covington Code to provide enhanced corridor standards in certain areas of the city.

- Tabled discussion on code enforcement concerns to July 6.
- Approved an engineering service contract with Benesch for Covington Municipal Airport for five years. Such a contract is required to receive federal funding.
- Approved a “blanket contract” with Southern Pipeline in the amount of \$563,050 for gas department mains and services installation. Contract is to cover any main installation unable to do in-house.
- Approved a second letter to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs “in support of Covington Square for the acquisition/rehabilitation of the senior development.”
- Approved the appointment of Bobby Johnson to be a Member Representative to the city’s membership in Georgia Public Web.
- Approved amending the current budget to include additional revenues and expenditures as actual figures become available.

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David Clemons guest editorial

Local journalism bill merits support

As the publisher of a local newspaper, I clearly have a vested interest in the Local Journalism Sustainability Act.



But as a reader, you do too. A bill with bipartisan support, House Resolution 3940 would allow local newspapers and other media a lifeline in difficult times exacerbated by the pandemic. And before you think of it as just a bailout for journalists, think again. HR 3940 has many facets that would benefit small businesses just like the ones I can see from my window on South Broad Street in Monroe, and those in Covington and Newton County. For advertising in local newspapers, radio or television stations, a small business — defined as one with fewer than 50 employees — would receive a five-year nonrefundable tax credit, to cover up to \$5,000 in advertising costs the first year and \$2,500 in the subsequent four years. Meanwhile, newspapers like ours would

receive up to \$85,000 in credits over five years for employment and compensation of journalists. That means we have the wherewithal to keep competent journalists on the ground in our communities, covering the news and avoiding the plague of governments operating in darkness.

And you, dear reader, would receive a five-year nonrefundable credit of up to \$250 a year as an incentive to subscribe.

Small newspapers like this one connect communities. We saw the importance of publishing timely, accurate information during the pandemic, and clearly readers responded. Our numbers were never higher.

But the challenges are great, including competition from tech giants who have brought unfair muscle to the game, leveraging their reach to deliver our content without compensation. I urge our local lawmakers to support HR 3940 and hope you'll do the same.

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Tom Spigolon news editor

Herschel running back to prominence?

A guy who hasn't lived in Georgia for decades is now considered the front-runner for the Republican nomination to challenge U.S. Sen. Raphael Warnock, D-Ga., for one of the state's two U.S. Senate seats in the 2022 election.



That the "guy" is Georgia football legend Herschel Walker already gives him the name recognition that Kelly Loeffler needed millions of dollars of her own money to buy before she lost narrowly to Warnock in November 2020.

The race will be for a full term for the seat vacated by another Georgia legend, Johnny Isakson, in 2019 because of health reasons.

Gov. Brian Kemp appointed Loeffler, a then-little known millionaire business executive and WNBA team owner, to fill the post until last year's election.

Loeffler and Warnock emerged from a "jungle primary" of numerous candidates from both parties and Warnock won a runoff in January of this year by about 94,000 votes out of about 4.5 million votes cast.

So, now, Warnock is considered one of the more vulnerable senators in the 2022 race. And former president Donald Trump is exerting his considerable influence in Georgia by floating the name of Walker for the seat.

Walker won the Heisman Trophy and led UGA to the consensus national championship in the era before the College Football Playoff allowed teams to determine the champion on the field.

After three years with the Dawgs, Walker was among the first big-name college players to

sign with the fledgling United States Football League (USFL) in 1981. He signed with the New Jersey Generals, a team owned by Trump when he was merely a New York real estate magnate.

Walker, of course, went on to play many productive years with the Dallas Cowboys after the USFL folded. He was traded to the Minnesota Vikings, made a big splash by running for more than 100 yards in his debut on "Monday Night Football," and was traded to the Philadelphia Eagles where he had his final 1,000-yard rushing season before his retirement in 1997.

He also was a member of the U.S. Olympic bobsledding team and knocked out two opponents in a stint as a mixed-martial arts (MMA) fighter at age 48.

In business, Walker also was a success after founding a chicken production company, Renaissance Man Foods, and investing in a drapery company and an Atlanta-based promotions company.

That should be enough to get him over the hump for most voters compared to Warnock, who has had little time to gain the recognition needed for his own accomplishments in the Senate.

But Walker also detailed his struggles with mental health issues in a book released last year. Despite his native status, he has lived in Texas, not Georgia, most of his adult life.

Meanwhile, Walker also campaigned heavily for Trump in both of his campaigns for president. Trump's popularity is widespread in Georgia but his negatives obviously came to the fore for many voters when they made him the first Republican presidential candidate to lose Georgia in 28 years.

Republicans desperately want a strong candidate that can oust

Warnock — a longtime pastor of Atlanta's famed Ebenezer Baptist Church — so they can win back a majority in the Senate now split 50-50 with Vice President Kamala Harris providing the tie-breaking vote.

Warnock has had a relatively small amount of time to build a Senate resume.

He also represents a Democratic Party headed by a president who has had his own troubles getting major initiatives like an infrastructure package approved.

President Joe Biden came close but was unable to convince 70% of Americans to get vaccinated against COVID by July 4. And his vice president has come under considerable partisan fire for her focus on traveling to Central America to address the root causes of illegal immigration rather than traveling to the U.S.-Mexico border to see the surge of immigrants there.

Warnock will face criticism for the lack of Democratic success on those initiatives.

But will Walker be the candidate Republicans need to regain Georgia's GOP foothold in the Senate?

Another Republican accomplished in his own way, Agriculture Commissioner Gary Black, already has announced his intention to seek the seat. Black has made the phrase "Georgia Grown" a familiar one in supermarkets and farmer's markets statewide.

Will Herschel make a triumphant run back into the limelight in Georgia? It will be interesting to see — and a decision some prominent state Republicans hope he makes soon.

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David Carroll columnist

Papaw's truck still blessing in Chattanooga area

I have declared this The Summer of Joy, even though I have no legal authority to do so. I am merely comparing this summer to the last one. We are smiling again. We are taking vacations, and we are going to church, ball games, and concerts. Optimism is in full bloom.



So if you came here to read about UFOs, virus variants, insurrections, infrastructure, indictments, filibusters or ghostbusters, you will have to look elsewhere. You will not find those words in my column. Not this week, anyway. I have an uplifting story to share with you.

It begins with a man named Zack Peters. He's a real estate guy in the Chattanooga area. His "Papaw," Joe DiPrima owned a wholesale tire company. Joe was a giver. He enjoyed sharing his good fortune. He loved his grandchildren, and he made sure each of them got a nice car when they graduated from high school. Joe died earlier this

year. His grandson Zack took it hard. At the time of Joe's death, Zack was still driving the 2001 Toyota Tundra that Joe had given him 20 years ago. The one with 300,000 miles on it. Joe would even kid him about it. "Are you ever gonna trade in that truck?" he would ask. "No way," Zack would say. "It's special to me."

A few weeks after his grandfather's death, Zack realized something. "I only kept it because it was my connection to him," he said. "It was something we could talk about."

He soon bought himself a new truck. Now, what would he do with the old one? How could he continue the circle of love his grandfather had started?

"I couldn't just cash it in," he said. "That truck means something. It has a purpose. It served me well for 20 years, and it's in great shape. I would feel confident driving it to California. I wanted it to mean as much to someone else as it did to me."

It was graduation season. He called Rob Mountjoy, a teacher friend in Ringgold, Georgia. "I need a favor," he said. "Can you

find me a good kid who needs reliable transportation? I will give them this truck."

His friend Rob made one phone call, and then told Zack to meet him at the high school baseball field. "And bring your truck, tag, title and keys," Rob said.

Zack arrived at the field, and from a distance, his friend pointed out a tall young man helping 8-year-olds learn the game of baseball. The Ringgold baseball team was hosting a youth camp, and 18-year-old Kenyon Ransom was offering tips on pitching, hitting, and fielding. Kenyon excelled in every category, earning Best of Preps honors, and attracting college scholarship offers.

"That's your man," Zack was told. Zack was introduced to Kenyon's coach, Drew Walker. "Kenyon is a great student, humble, kind, and hopes to play baseball at Motlow State College in Tennessee," the coach said. "His parents take him everywhere. He has a great work ethic. He's the first to arrive, the last to leave, and is humble to a fault."

Zack said, "OK. Let's

do this."

The coach ran out on to the field, and tapped Kenyon on the shoulder. "Come out to the parking lot. I have somebody I want you to meet."

The introductions were made, and Zack tried to make some small talk, but it wasn't easy. "Kenyon, I don't know you, but..." and he couldn't continue. His emotions were getting the best of him.

Kenyon takes over the story from here. "This man walks me out to his truck, and starts telling me about his grandfather. He handed me the keys, and with tears in his eyes, he said this truck is for you."

Let's pause for a moment. A total stranger just hands over a clean, well-maintained vehicle, with no questions asked, and no strings attached? Not in today's world, right?

"At first, I thought he was playing around," Kenyon said. "All I had was a learner's permit, I didn't even have a driver's license. I knew I couldn't drive it home, not legally."

He knew it was for real when he

arrived home, and the Toyota Tundra was in his driveway. Now, it belongs to him.

Kenyon's parents, Monica and Nikita Ransom are beaming. Monica told me, "We are super proud of the young man Kenyon has become. This proves there are still good people among us, and I know Kenyon will also pay it forward when he is able to do so."

"That truck is a gift

from God," Kenyon said. "I wake up grateful every day."

Speaking through tears, Zack Peters said, "My grandfather would be proud. Our truck is still a blessing. It is exactly where it is supposed to be."

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ty case, White was charged with striking a 66-year-old shopper and breaking his den- tures at a Walmart in Monroe.

White had wrongly assumed the victim touched White’s 5-year- old daughter, Dally said. Officers report- edly needed a Taser to subdue White before his arrest.

In the Newton Coun-

ty case, White was accused of breaking the nose of Terry Hall, 54, at an Oxford residence.

Hall later died and White was charged with Involuntary Manslaughter and other crimes related to the incident.

Testimony during a bond hearing March 31 showed that White was in a relationship and had two children with

the daughter of one of the occupants of the residence on Edwards Road where Hall lived.

While visiting the residence on Aug. 22, 2020, White wrongly suspected Hall and the mother of his children were in a relationship, and his punch to Hall’s face that day broke his nose, Dally said.

After the assault, Hall suffered a cardiac arrest

and died, the prosecutor said.

White’s attorney, Jared Sliz, said in the March 31 hearing he believed powerful drugs like metham- phetamine found in the victim’s bloodstream likely led to Hall’s death.

Prosecutors on Wednesday, June 30, dropped the Invol- untary Manslaughter

charge after toxicology results from the victim indicated it was diffi- cult to distinguish the exact cause of death, Dally said.

As a result, prose- cutors could not prove the altercation alone re- sulted in a heart attack from which the victim died, Dally said.

But as part of a negotiated plea, Hall told the judge he was

guilty of Aggravated Battery and Cruelty to Children after evidence in the case showed the charges were justified, Dally said.

Judge Ken Wynne sentenced White to 20 years, with three years in confinement and the remainder on probation.

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faculty, staff, students, alumni.

The task force was enlisted to “review opportunities for recog- nizing and memorial- izing contributions by enslaved persons whose labor helped build the Emory campus, and their descendants, as well as Indigenous nations and peoples on whose lands Emory’s campus was erected.”

After committees shared their reports ear- lier this spring, Fenves chose to take immedi- ate action by executing the following changes:

- Develop plans for twin memorials on the Atlanta and Oxford campuses to honor the labor of enslaved individuals who helped build the university in its earliest days.
- Explore the adop- tion of an official land acknowledgment statement to recognize the university’s location on the homelands of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.
- Rename the Long- street-Means residence hall, which bears the name of Emo- ry’s second president (1839–1848), Augustus Baldwin Longstreet, as Eagle Hall. This change was based, “in part, on Longstreet’s defense of slavery, particular- ly while he served as Emory president.
- Rename Lan- guage Hall, at Oxford College, in honor of Horace J. Johnson Jr.

According to a news release from the uni- versity, the task force report anchored its rec- ommendations “on the knowledge that most of the original faculty and officers of Emory College, many of them Methodist clergymen, enslaved both African Americans and Native Americans. In addition, the university’s Atlanta and Oxford campuses were located on Mus- cogee (Creek) land, during a time in which the Muscogee (Creek) and Ani’yunwi’ya (Cherokee) peoples were undergoing forced removal.”

The task force also recommended that “to build an inclusive envi- ronment and future for the university, Emory must reach out to the living descendants of these communities, as well as surrounding communities, and work to implement transfor- mative initiatives.”

The proposal to rename Language Hall at Oxford College to honor Johnson was a unanimous recommen- dation made by the committee and fully

supported by Fenves, who said Johnson “dedicated his life to public service, and his many achievements re- flect the Emory mission to ‘create, preserve, teach and apply knowl- edge in the service of humanity.’”

Johnson was a re- vered native of Newton County who grew up in the Sand Hill Commu- nity. He was a graduate of Oxford College who later went on to earn his Juris Doctor from the University of Georgia School of Law. Johnson

became the first Black person to serve as a Superior Court judge in the Alcovy Judicial Circuit, which covers Newton and Walton counties, when former Gov. Roy Barnes ap- pointed Johnson to the bench in 2002.

Johnson died sud- denly July 1, 2020, as result of cardiac arrest. He was 61.

Johnson Hall at Oxford College will be dedicated during a cere- mony slated for Octo- ber, the news release stated.

The building was originally erected in 1874 and later re- modeled in 2013. The two-story structure is home to four total classrooms described as “spacious” in size and includes faculty offic- es as well as ancillary space.

Other names in use by the university are currently under the president’s review. Included among those are:

- Atticus Greene Hay- good, the eighth presi- dent of Emory College

(1875-1884). The name is associated with Haygood Hall on the Oxford campus, and the Haygood-Hopkins Gate and Haygood Drive on the Atlanta campus.

- George Foster Pierce, the university’s third president (1848- 1854). Naming honors include Pierce Drive on the Atlanta campus, Pierce Street on the Oxford campus and the Pierce Chair of Reli- gion.
- L. Q. C. Lamar, an Emory College of Arts and Sciences graduate,

a U.S. senator from Mississippi, a U.S. rep- resentative, a Confed- erate official, Secretary of the Interior and an Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. For several decades, the law school bore his name. Today, three chairs at the law school bear his name.

- Robert Yerkes, a comparative psycholo- gist and eugenicist. The Yerkes National Pri- mate Research Center bears his name.

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PUBLIC NOTICE #200548
7/7,14

TO ALL persons claiming an interest in 1970- 13" 6" - **ALUMINUM - SEA KING**

RICHARD BIANCO
APPLY TO SCDNR for title on watercraft/outboard motor. If you have any claim to the watercraft/outboard motor, contact SCDNR at (803) 734-3699. Upon thirty days after the date of the last advertisement if no claim of interest is made and the watercraft/outboard motor has not been reported stolen, SCDNR shall issue clear title.
CASE NO. 20201231950807

PUBLIC NOTICE #200516
6/30-7/4,7

Corporations

CERTIFICATE OF ORGANIZATION

I, **BRAD** Raffensperger, the Secretary of State and the Corporation Commissioner of the State of Georgia, hereby certify under the seal of my office that **NYA.THE NAIL Girl LLC.**
A DOMESTIC Limited Liability Company
HAS BEEN duly organized under the laws of the State of Georgia on 06/01/2021 by the filing of articles of organization in the Office of the Secretary of State and by the paying of fees as provided by Title 14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

WITNESS MY hand and official seal in the City of Atlanta
AND The State of Georgia on 06/15/2021.

PUBLIC NOTICE #200515
6/30-7/7

INCORPORATION

DONTTHINKJUSTGO INC has been duly incorporated under the laws of the State of Georgia **06/03/21** by the filing of articles of incorporation in the Office of the Secretary of the State and by the paying of fees as provided by Title 14of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.
CHELSEA D. Hodge
CONTROL #21150925

PUBLIC NOTICE #200555
7/7,14

NAME RESERVATION CONFIRMATION

WELCOME TO THE TABLE NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION.
EFFECTIVE 06/28/2021. The above name has been reserved. To use the name reservation number when filing entity formation documents, use the exact entity name as it appears on this conformation receipt
NAME RESERVATIONS are valid after 30 days

PRECIOUS E. Atkinson
NUMBER #21015186

PUBLIC NOTICE #200559
7/7,14

Debtors Creditors

ALL CREDITORS of the estate of **JOHN MICHAEL OLEXA**, late of Newton County, deceased, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to:

NAME OF Administrator:
SUSAN ELAINE OLEXA
SANDRA LEE EVANS

ADMINISTRATOR'S ADDRESS:
SUSAN ELAINE OLEXA
SANDRA LEE EVANS
C/O SHANNON D. Sneed Attorney at Law P.O.Box 1245
COVINGTON, GA 30015

THIS 8TH day of June, 2021.

PUBLIC NOTICE #200460
6/16,23,30-7/7

ALL CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF LINDA LEE HAMMER, LATE OF NEWTON COUNTY, DECEASED, ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED TO RENDER THEIR DEMANDS TO THE UNDERSIGNED ACCORDING TO LAW AND ALL PERSONS INDEBTED TO THE SAID ESTATE AEE REQUIRED TO MAKE

PAYMENT TO

IRAN BOYD "MIKE" HAMMER
8400 FAIRWAYS DRIVE
COVINGTON, GA 30014

THIS 10TH DAY OF JUNE, 2021

SHARON L. BARKSDALE
GEORGIA BAR NO. 037981

PUBLIC NOTICE #200550
7/7,14,21,28

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

ALL CREDITORS of the estate of **HELEN FREEMAN HULL**, deceased, a resident of Newton County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.

THIS 14111 day of June, 2021.

EDWIN LEWIS Hull Executor of the Estate of Helen Freeman Hull
C/O MICHELLE Chaudhuri, Esq. Talley & Associates, P.C.
1892 GA Hwy 138, SE
CONYERS, GA 30013
770-483-1431

PUBLIC NOTICE #200459
6/16,23,30-7/7

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **WILLIAM FRANK MOBLEY** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.
THIS THE 15TH day of JUNE , 2021.

BRENDA COOK
P.O. BOX 1501
OXFORD, GA 30054

PUBLIC NOTICE #200470
6/20,27-7/4,11

Foreclosures

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

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

UNDER AND by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed given by **Glendon Scott and Beverly Scott** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for First Franklin, a Division of Nat. City Bank of In dated 01/06/2006 and filed 01/31/2006, recorded in Deed Book 2108, Page 310-326, Newton County, Georgia Records, (later assigned to Reliant Loan Servicing , LLC), conveying the after-described property to secure a Note and Security Agreement in the original principal amount of Thirty Five Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Dollars and No Cents (\$35,580.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on Tuesday August 3, 2021, the following described property:

ALL THAT tract or Parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 153 of the 10th District Newton County Georgia being Lot 168 Creekview Heights Phase Two as per plat recorded in Plat Book 38, Pages 191-198, Newton County, Georgia records, said plat being incorporated herein and made reference hereto.

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

SAID PROPERTY will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), any unpaid water or sewage bills that constitute a lien against the property whether due and payable or not due and payable and which may not be of record, any right of redemption of any taxing authority, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above including but not limited to that certain Security Deed given by Glendon Scott and Beverly Scott to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for First Franklin, a Division of Nat. City Bank of In dated 01/06/2006 and filed 01/31/2006, recorded in Deed Book 2108, Page 291, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the above-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$142,320.00.

TO THE best knowledge and belief

of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Glendon Scott and Beverly Scott or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **105 Rockview Lane, Covington GA 30016.**

IN COMPLIANCE with Georgia law, please find below the contact information for the entity who has authority to negotiate, amend, and modify the terms of the loan documents which may include a note, mortgage, security deed or deed to secure debt.

FAY SERVICING, LLC
1601 LBJ Freeway
STE 150
FARMERS BRANCH TX 75234
312-610-7096

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. to any rights of rescission of the party conducting this foreclosure sale pursuant to Georgia law including, but not limited to O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and non- judicial sales in the state of Georgia.

PLEASE NOTE that the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided immediately above and final review by the party conducting this foreclosure sale for compliance with contractual and legal obligations pursuant to the terms of the loan documents and State and Federal law, including but not limited to any and all rights of rescission.

RELIANT LOAN Servicing , LLC, as Attorney in Fact for Glendon Scott and Beverly Scott

BY: ANDREW D. Gleason
ATTORNEY FOR Reliant Loan Servicing , LLC
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SUITE 900
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30342
(404)869-6900
(404)869-6909 (FAX)

PUBLIC NOTICE #200525
7/7,14,21,28

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE UNDER POWER NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

UNDER AND by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Howard Abbott, Jr.** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Homeowners Loan Corp., dated February 9, 2005, and recorded in Deed Book 1848, Page 520, Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Residential Asset Securities Corporation, Home Equity Mortgage Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-KS11 by assignment recorded on February 1, 2021 in Book 4136 Page 519 in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of Thirty-Seven Thousand Four Hundred and 0/100 dollars (\$37,400.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on August 3, 2021, the following described property:

THE LEND referred to in this Commitment is described as follows:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN ROCKY PLAINS DISTRICT OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING KNOWN AS LOTS 27 AND 28 OF RIVERSIDE PARK SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO A PLAT OF SAME PREPARED BY ROBERT M. BUHLER, REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR, DATED FEBRUARY

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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!

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	3			8				
1	7				3		6	
				7	4	5		

Level: Intermediate

22, 1966, REVISED MAY 27, 1966 AND RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 56, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS WHICH PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE AND MADE A PART HEREOF FOR A MORE PARTICULAR AND COMPLETE DESCRIPTION.

TAX NO - 0033A 24B
MOBILE/MANUFACTURED HOME DESCRIPTION: MOBILE HOME YR 1983 MODEL NAME PARKWOOD MANUF NAME: FAIRLANE SERIAL# MHMACCA A 119-1

BORROWER DECLARES THAT THE ABOVE DESCRIBED MOBILE HOME WILL REMAIN PERMANENTLY AFFIXED TO THE PROPERTY AND WILL BE TREATED AS A FIXTURE. **BORROWER ALSO DECLARES THAT THE WHEELS, AXLES AND HITCHES HAVE BEEN REMOVED AND THAT THE MOBILE HOME IS CONNECTED TO THE UTILITIES. BORROWER AND LENDER INTEND THAT THE MOBILE HOME LOSE ITS NATURE AS PERSONAL PROPERTY AND BECOME REAL PROPERTY. IN ADDITION, BORROWER DECLARES THAT THE MOBILE HOME HAS BEEN ASSESSED AS REAL PROPERTY FOR TAXES. LENDER WILL RESERVE AN IN THE MOBILE HOME BOTH UNDER THE REAL PROPERTY LAWS AND THE LAWS RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES AND PERSONAL PROPERTY.**

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

THE ENTITY having full authority to negotiate, amend or modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is: PHH Mortgage Corporation they can be contacted at 1-800-750-2518 for Loss Mitigation Dept, or by writing to One Mortgage Way, Mount Laurel, New Jersey 08054, to discuss possible alternatives to avoid foreclosure.

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

TO THE best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Howard Abbott, Jr. or tenant(s); and said property is more commonly known as **189 Helen Rd, Covington, GA 30016.**

THE SALE will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed and (3) any right of redemption or other lien not extinguished by foreclosure.

U.S. BANK National Association, as Trustee for Residential Asset Securities Corporation, Home Equity Mortgage Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-KS11 as Attorney in Fact for Howard

Abbott, Jr.,
BROCK & Scott, PLLC
4360 CHAMBLEE Dunwoody Road
SUITE 310
ATLANTA, GA 30341
404-789-2661
B&S FILE no.: 21-02186

PUBLIC NOTICE #200537
7/7,14,21,28

Name Changes

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE the name change of **CHRISTINE ANN MESSERE**
PETITIONER

CIVIL ACTION File # 2021-CV-1310-1

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF ADULT

CHRISTINE ANN MESSERE filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on JUNE 4 2021 to change the name from **CHRISTINE ANN MESSERE** to **CHRISTINE ANN FRICKER** Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after the Petition was filed
DATE: 06/04/21

CHRISTINE MESSERE
130 CYPRESS DRIVE
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #200453
6/16,23,30-7/7

Public Hearings

CITY OF COVINGTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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 Board of Adjustments and Appeals on the following applications/properties.

A. VARIANCE: PAV21-0004:
REQUEST: 15-FOOT variance for the required 50-foot fuel pump canopy setback
PROPOSED PARCEL to be affected: **5220 HWY 278**
TAX MAP Parcel Number: C006 0006 001
OWNER/APPLICANT: T. Allen Enterprises, Inc./Ed Merchant
THE BOARD of Adjustments and Appeals will conduct this public hearing on Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 2116 Stallings Street, Covington, GA. ALL INTERESTED parties are invited to participate. For more information, contact Renee Criswell with the City of Covington Planning & Development office at 770-385-2178 or rcriswell@cityofcovington.org.

PUBLIC NOTICE #200549
7/7

Public Sales Auctions

COVINGTON STOR-IT
8165 WASHINGTON ST S.W.
COVINGTON, GA 30014

NOTICE OF Public Sale of Personal Property: Notice is hereby given that Covington Stor-it, located at 8165 Washington St. S.W., Covington, GA 30014; intends to sell the personal property according to the Georgia Self Storage Act, 10-4-210 through 10-4-215 to satisfy the owner's lien. All bids will be accepted online through www.storageauctions.com. The auction will end on or after 26 July 2021 3:00 PM. Covington Stor-it reserves the right to withdraw units from such a sale and reject any bid. Terms of sale are cash only. The undersigned will sell by competitive online bidding beginning Wednesday, July 21st, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. at www.storageauctions.com.

UNIT 124, Luisa Fuentes: Appears to contain Totes Shelving, trash can,

Christmas décor, ladders, blower, toolboxes, wheelchair, walker, bedframe, trunks, boxes, file cabinet, multipurpose sprayer, coolers, gas cans, curtain rods, inflatable mattress.
UNIT 232, Tasheena Cabell: Appears to contain Day bed, totes, dining table, couch, mattress, plants, dresser, boxes, tables.

UNIT 461, Jennifer Clark: Appears to contain Grill, headboard, clothing, saw cutter, foreman grill
UNIT 484, Brittany Blackwell: Appears to contain mini dirt bike, chairs, desk chair, car seat, lamp, tote, table, toys, end table.

UNIT 084, Carjuan Lee: Appears to contain bedframe, box spring, clothing, toys, dresser

UNIT 038, Jessica Ward: Appears to contain totes, comforter, booster seat, fan, toys, boxes, luggage

UNIT 111, Lynnette Brashear: Appears to contain night stand, artwork, clothing, printer, tri-pods, bedframe, boxes, totes, ironing board

UNIT 131, Brechan Oliver: Appears to contain, vacuums, toys, couch, boxes, bags, Christmas décor, artwork

UNIT 195, Kanika Duncan: Appears to contain tire rim, clothing, boxes, LV purse, toys, artwork

UNIT 381, Taylor Boyd: Appears to contain mattress, ac units, hair dryer, box springs, head board, dresser, art work, boxes, totes

PURCHASE MUST be paid for on the day of the auction with cash and valid ID at the location of the unit. All items are sold as is and must be removed from the property within 72 hours, unless otherwise approved by the Manager, after the time of the sale. Sale is subject to cancellation in the event of a settlement between the owner and the obligated party.

PUBLIC NOTICE #200478
7/7,14

NOTICE OF Public Sale of Personal Property

GEORGIA SELF Storage Act (210-215) Extra Storage Rental Spaces is hereby given that the under- signed self storage units will be sold at a public sale by competitive bidding, in their entirety to the highest bidder, on or after June 29, 2021 to satisfy the lien of the Lessor, Brown Bridge Storage Terrell Management LLC, for rental and other charges. The auction will be held at 11471 Brown Bridge Road Covington, GA 30016 and will begin on July 23, 2021 at 10:00 AM for the following units:

UNIT 143 Daphney Blount, unit 39 Angel Moctezuma, unit 83 Thomas Lackey, unit 106 Regina Johnson, unit 37 Curtis Moon, unit 116 Micheal Schrupp, unit 221 Lametrius Stanford, unit 58 Fabienne McDonald, unit 602 Tamu Kidd, unit 153 Jacob Menzies, unit 530 Brian Caron. The contents consist of general household goods, furniture, boxes, and miscellaneous items. The terms of the sale will be cash only and must be paid for at the time of sale. All goods are sold as is. Brown Bridge Storage Terrell Management LLC reserves the right to withdraw any or all units, partial or entire, from the sale at any time. All contents must be removed completely from the property within 24 hours or sooner of auction completion.

PUBLIC NOTICE #200547
7/7,14

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

- **2002 KAWASAKI** zx900 JKAZXF132A001813
- **2011 DODGE JOURNEY** 3D4PG1FG7BT518510
- **2011 NISSAN ALTIMA** 1N4AL2AP8BN417140
- **2000 FORD MUSTANG** 1FAFP42X3YF157723
- **1989 FORD RANGER** 1FTCR14A1KPA36091
- **2017 SCOOTER** XPLOER LETHCB158HR000113
- **2020 MOPED** L9NTCBAE5L1011652
- **2006 HONDA PILOT** 5FNYP28456B042677

PUBLIC NOTICE #200524
7/4,7

Trade Names

TRADE NAME REGISTRATION AFFIDAVIT
GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

TO WHOM It may Concern:
PLEASE BE advised that **RENE WALLACE** whose address is 55 STONE COMMONS WAY COVINGTON, GA 30016 and the owner(s) of the certain business now being carried on at55 STONE COMMONS WAY COVINGTON GA 30016 in the following trade name, to-wit: LAURENAUX LABEL that the nature of said business is: APPEREL ECOMMERCE This statement is made in conformity with O.C.G.A. §10-1-490 et seq. requiring the filing of such statement with the Clerk of Superior Court of this county.
THIS THE 24TH day of JUNE , 2021.

PUBLIC NOTICE #200514
6/30-7/7

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Fireworks in Covington light the night sky Sunday, July 4. The annual event drew thousands of spectators into and around the Square. Pictured right, Opal Mae Beck, daughter of News Publisher Taylor Beck, enjoyed the show, too.



SALEM:

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afternoon activities for the children.

Home-cooked meals will be served at noon and approximately 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the historic Salem Hotel. The public is welcome and can make reservations for any meal by calling 770-786-6841. Individuals are welcome as are groups, with advanced notice, the news release stated.

Camp directors said they were “excited” about a few changes made at the historic hotel and in the food service.

John Howington and Joshua Swaney, who have had a successful business catering to Hollywood movie and television show production companies, have contracted with Salem to provide meals for the camp meeting and other events held at Salem.

This year’s camp meeting leaders include the Rev. Don Martin, the Rev. Steven Barnes and the Rev. Byron

Thomas.

Martin served 44 years in the North Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church, many of those years at Covington First United Methodist, as well as Alpharetta First Methodist, and churches in Clermont, Rome, and Augusta. Martin is a graduate of Emory University, Mercer University, and the University of Chicago.

Barnes has been serving as the Interim Pastor at Oconee Presbyterian Church in Watkinsville since late March of 2020. Prior to that he served as the interim pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Covington, from September 2018 to February 2020.

Thomas is a native of Aliquippa, Pennsylvania. A veteran of the U.S. Air Force, he earned a bachelor’s degree in religion and philosophy from Virginia Union University in Richmond, Virginia,

and a Master of Divinity degree from Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas.

In 2016, Thomas graduated from the Association of Chicago Theological Schools (ACTS) program with a Doctor of Ministry in preaching through McCormick Theological Seminary. Thomas has served as senior pastor of Ben Hill United Methodist Church in Atlanta since June 2013 and was recently appointed to serve as district superintendent of the Central South District, which includes DeKalb, Henry, Newton and Rockdale counties beginning July 1.

Thomas R. Roberts will serve as platform director and music leader, a position he’s held since 1989 for the camp meeting.

Sisters Becky Ramsey, who is Sam Ramsey’s widow, and Alice Walker are set to

continue in their role as dual-pianists for the event, as they have for the last 40-plus years.

“The Salem family is excited about the resumption of camp meeting and everyone in the community is encouraged to attend,” organizers said in a news release. “Those who would like to get a peek into what camp meeting is like for the tenters who annually attend Salem and spend the week are invited to a ‘Salem Tour of Tents’ from 1:30-3:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 10.”

“Tents” is the term used to describe the rustic cabins encircling the campground, which dates back to the 1800s, in the early days of the camp meeting, when families would arrive by wagon and erect temporary tents to serve as their home during the week-long community gathering and revival, organizers said. Over time, families built permanent

structures, usually with floors covered in wood shavings or hay. Although the dwellings no longer resemble what people think of today as tents, the name stuck.

“This is not an ordinary tour of homes,” said Joe Cook, a Salem board member helping organize the event. “It’s a window into the past that has played such a significant role in the religious and cultural heritage of Rockdale and Newton counties.”

The tour, which is free and open to the public, is sponsored in cooperation with the Rockdale and Newton County Historical Societies.

“Tour of Tents” attendees are encouraged to walk the campground and visit tents included on the tour, as well as the tabernacle. Refreshments may be provided at many tents.

The Ramsey-Cunningham tent, which is believed to be the oldest on the grounds,

dates back to the 1840s and closely appears as it did in the 1800s. Despite being updated with electric lights and indoor plumbing, the tent still sports wood shaving floors.

The Ramsey-Cunningham tent is one of many that spectators will be able to admire Saturday, Cook said.

“Each tent has its unique character,” Cook said. “They are the sites of much laughter, tears and fellowship over the 193 years of the encampment. They are rustic, but for the tenters that come back each year, they are hallowed ground.”

No registration is required for the “Tour of Tents.” For more information about the tour, contact Cook at 706-409-0128 or email joecookpg@gmail.com.

Additional information about the 193rd Salem Campmeeting may be found at salem-campmeeting.org.

DUTY:

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that keep them from serving.

However, those without legitimate excuses may face the prospect of being ordered to appear before a judge to answer why they were not in contempt of court for not appearing, McGinley said.

The DA’s office began trying some “less-complicated” cases after it began conducting jury trials again this year. It will begin “trying those 20- or 30-witness” murder cases in August, he said.

The circuit has about 25 weeks of jury trials annually, McGinley said.

Because of the yearlong delay, the Alcovy circuit will need to conduct jury trials through 2022 before it is back on a normal schedule, he said.

“We’re struggling to catch up,” McGinley said.

The DA told a reporter a way to “catch up” and return to a regular schedule is to try more than one murder case per week “which means we’re going to need more

jurors.”

He said historically more potential jurors are excused from service when they hear the facts of cases involving death, domestic violence or sex crimes than, for example, shoplifting cases.

As a result, McGinley said his office begins with 48 potential jurors to get to the required total of 12 jurors for felony cases, plus two alternates.

The Alcovy Circuit also may have to perform jury selection on two serious felony cases simultaneously, meaning 96 potential jurors may be needed at one time, he said.

“We’re not close to those numbers,” McGinley said.

He said those types of cases “are tough because you’ve got victims and victims’ families and (the accused) sitting in jail, too.”

“You’ve got to have these cases move because there are people on all sides that deserve to have a court date

in a reasonably fast period of time,” he said.

He told Newton County Republicans there also is a cost to taxpayers when cases are not resolved.

The Superior Court was forced to delay action on a rape case recently because it lacked enough jurors — meaning the county will continue to pay to house the suspect until a jury can be seated, he said.

“That victim has to wait,” McGinley said.

IMPORTANCE OF THE JOB

McGinley said he has been touting the importance of jury duty to local civic groups, as well.

“In our society there are not a whole lot of things that people are required to do,” McGinley said. “This is one of them and it’s a very important thing.

“If you or someone you love is either a victim of a crime or charged with a

crime, you’d want people to show up for jury duty to make sure that both sides get a fair trial,” McGinley said. “That’s the important thing.”

Former Chief Justice Harold Melton made his own appeal to Georgians in March when the state Supreme Court lifted the suspension of jury trials in Georgia.

“You and every citizen of Georgia are critical to this process because we cannot conduct a trial by jury without jurors, without you,” Melton said.

He said the state’s courts have “put into place the most rigorous safety protocols available” including pre-screening for health risks of all parties, temperature checks, masks, plexiglass barriers, touch-free evidence technology, constant surface cleaning, and the reconfiguration of courtrooms and jury spaces to ensure social distancing.

McGinley is a member of a committee that oversees

safety precautions in the Judge Horace Johnson Jr. Judicial Center.

He said prior to a jury call for July 12, potential jurors were being excused if they indicated on questionnaires they had been exposed to COVID-19, McGinley said.

However, the summons for the week of Aug. 2 and afterward will not include a questionnaire and affidavit in the summons that includes the COVID question — though if they show up on the day of court showing symptoms they will be excused, he said.

As of July 1, jurors were required to wear masks when all together in the jury impaneling room. When in the courtroom, jurors are only required to remain three feet apart per CDC guidelines and those who have been fully vaccinated do not have to wear masks inside the courthouse, he said.

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USL League Two Soccer

LEGENDS IN THE MAKING

East Atlanta FC on verge of playoffs in first season

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CONYERS, Ga. — You'd be forgiven for not yet hearing of East Atlanta FC.

Scheduled to begin play in 2020, COVID-19 effectively derailed the Legends' inaugural campaign. They instead played out an exhibition season, which was deemed an overall success despite contributing to the team flying under the local radar.

But now, in its first season an official member of USL League Two, the area's lone pre-professional soccer team is on the verge of qualifying for the playoffs.

And it's clamoring for your support.

"We want the community to feel proud of it and support it and get around it," East Atlanta head coach Sam Walker said of his club. "Our technical director, Harry [Kustick], has set up some of our PR events, being around the local community. That's been fantastic. The boys, the players, have responded so well to that by getting out into the Conyers area, the Covington area, and just seeing the people in the community."

The East Atlanta Football Club is stationed at the Rockdale Youth Soccer Association (RYSA) fields off of Old Salem Road in Conyers, which serve as its home pitch for training and matches. The Legends reside in



The East Atlanta Football Club is in the midst of its first official season in USL League Two. Founded in 2019, the Legends played out an exhibition campaign in 2020 before storming onto the scene this spring. They're now on the cusp of clinching a spot in the postseason with just one match remaining in the regular season.

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United Soccer League (USL) League Two, which is a developmental organization to which similarities can be drawn from MLB's minor leagues and the NBA's G League.

USL League Two's season runs from May 1 to the third week of July, allowing players to participate without costing them time on the pitch with their respective college or high school programs.

"A lot of people see the league and they call

it professional, which it's not. It's pre-professional," East Atlanta Executive Director Kelley Shirah explained. "USL League Two bridges that gap and provides those opportunities for players in between youth leagues and college. And then college players come in and work toward professional contracts. Being tied in with the USL matrix all the way up to MLS provides a direct pathway to the pros for the players."

Shirah and Walker believe the path-to-pro pipeline is part of what will make their club desirable to support. While the community rallies around the Legends, supporters will be able to watch their favorite players develop before their eyes as some men earn shots to prove themselves at

the professional level, while others become pillars for the club.

East Atlanta's roster also provides a unique blend of local and international players.

Fans from the area will be able to cling to familiar faces such as Jordan Beam, a recent Eastside graduate who signed with Georgia State this spring. But they'll also adopt players who've been recruited from all different walks of life — both around the country and internationally.

"We've got some fantastic guys here that all want to be successful," Walker said. "The most important thing is the recruitment. I've got to make sure that we're bringing in the right players off the field as well as on it."

It appears Walker and his staff have recruited

a mixture of players that have equated to a winning formula in 2021.

Entering the weekend, East Atlanta had six points left on the board with two matches to go. The Legends handled their business against Dalton on Saturday, pouncing on the Red Wolves early and often en route to a 3-0 victory to garner three points. With three playoff spots from the Deep South Division up for grabs — and two already clinched — the club ended the weekend positioned in third place with 18 points.

East Atlanta was scheduled to close out the regular season Tuesday on the road against the Charlotte Eagles, who sat in fourth place with 17 points. A victory would go a long way toward

punching the club's ticket to the big dance.

Regardless of Tuesday night's outcome, however, the foundation for the future has been laid. East Atlanta FC is an exciting pre-professional club that Newton and Rockdale county residents can pour their hearts into supporting.

The Legends are desperately seeking the backing of its community — and they're going to do what it takes to earn that.

"Seeing people getting excited about the program is awesome. It's why you do it," Walker said. "We want to be successful on the field so [our supporters] can be as proud of us as we are of the community."

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Vegetables are an important component of a nutritious diet because they are full of vitamins and minerals. According to the online medical resource Healthline, vegetables also are loaded with antioxidants and other plant compounds that help fight free radicals that damage cells.

Vegetable serving sizes typically range from 1/2 cup to 1 cup. The Mayo Clinic and other health organizations recommend three to four servings of vegetables per day. One way to ensure that vegetables are a pri-

mary part of your diet is to incorporate vegetable-rich dishes, such as ratatouille, into your weekly menu. Ratatouille is a vegetable casserole, and there are many different recipes for this beloved, flavorful dish. Julia Child's incarnation is a standard. Enjoy it, courtesy of "Mastering the Art of French Cooking" (Knoph) by Simone Beck, Louisette Bertholle and Julia Child.

Ratatouille

Serves 8

Ingredients:

1 pound eggplant
1 pound zucchini
1 teaspoon salt
6 to 7 tablespoons

olive oil, more if necessary

1/2 pound (about 1 1/2 cups thinly sliced yellow onions
1 pound firm red tomatoes, or 1 1/2 cups pulp
2 sliced green bell peppers (about 1 cup)
2 cloves mashed garlic
Salt and pepper to taste

Directions:

Peel the eggplant and cut into lengthwise slices 3/8-inch thick, about 3 inches long, and 1 inch wide.

Scrub the zucchini, slice off the two ends, and cut the zucchini into slices about the

same size as the eggplant slices.

Place the vegetables in a bowl and toss with salt. Let stand for 30 minutes. Drain. Dry each slice in a towel.

One layer at a time, saute the eggplant, and then the zucchini, in hot olive oil for about a minute on each side to brown very lightly. Remove to a side dish.

In the same skillet, cook the onions and peppers slowly in olive oil for about 10 minutes, or until tender but not browned. Stir in the garlic and season to taste.

Slice the tomato pulp into 3/8-inch strips. Lay them over the onions

and peppers. Season with salt and pepper.

Cover the skillet and cook over low heat for 5 minutes, or until tomatoes have begun to render their juice.

Uncover, baste the tomatoes with the juices, raise heat and boil off several minutes, until juice has almost entirely evaporated.

Place one-third of the tomato mixture in the bottom of the casserole and sprinkle over it 1 tablespoon of parsley.

Arrange half of the eggplant and zucchini on top, then half the remaining tomatoes and parsley.

Put in the rest of the eggplant and zucchi-

ni, and finish with the remaining tomatoes and parsley.

Cover the casserole and simmer over low heat for 10 minutes.

Uncover, tip casserole and baste with the rendered juices. Correct seasoning, if necessary.

Raise heat slightly and cook uncovered for about 15 minutes more, basting several times, until juices have evaporated leaving a spoonful or two of flavored olive oil. Be careful of your heat; do not let the vegetables scorch in the bottom of the casserole.

Set aside uncovered. Reheat slowly at serving time or serve cold.

Use the grill to turn the tables on French Toast

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Grillmasters insist that just about everything tastes a little better when cooked over a flame. Even though grilling often is reserved for lunch or dinner, there's something to be said about preparing breakfast on those hot grates as well.

According to Andrew Schloss and David Joachim, authors of the cookbook "Mastering the Grill: The Owner's Manual for Outdoor Cooking" (Chronicle Books), there's reckless abandon involved in standing by an open fire in a robe preparing breakfast. It can turn a mundane morning into one right out of a camping expedition. For their "Grilled French Toast," the extra crunch and slight char grilling provides catapults this breakfast staple to another level of flavor.

Grilled Stuffed French Toast

Makes 4 servings



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Even though grilling often is reserved for lunch or dinner, there's something to be said about preparing breakfast on those hot grates as well.

Ingredients:

1 loaf Italian bread
8 ounces cream cheese, at room temperature
4 tablespoons confectioners' sugar
1/2 teaspoon almond extract

3/4 cup blueberries
5 eggs
1 1/2 cups half-and-half or milk
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
Pinch of kosher salt
Oil for coating grill grate
1/4 cup Orange Honey-Butter Glaze (see below)

Directions:

1. Cut off and discard a small diagonal slice from each end of the bread. Cut the bread on the diagonal into about eight 1 1/2-inch-thick slices. Cut a slit through the top crust of each slice to form a deep pocket.
2. In a medium bowl, mix together the cream cheese, 3 tablespoons of the confectioners' sugar, and the almond extract. Stir in the blueberries and spoon the filling equally into the bread pockets. Lay the stuffed slices of bread in a shallow 4-quart baking dish, such as a 15-by-10-inch dish.
3. Clean and dry the bowl, then use it to whisk together the eggs, half-and-half, vanilla extract, salt, and remaining 1 tablespoon confectioners' sugar. Pour the mixture evenly over the bread. Carefully tilt the pan and swirl the egg mixture to completely coat the bread. Let sit for 30 minutes, or cover and refrigerate for up

to 8 hours.

4. Heat the grill to 350 degrees for a gas grill, medium ash for charcoal, and medium ash for wood.

5. Brush the grill grate and coat it with oil. Put the French toast on the grill and cook until nicely browned and crisp on the outside, about five minutes per side. Transfer to a platter and, using a pastry or basting brush, brush both sides with the Orange Honey-Butter Glaze.

Orange Honey-Butter Glaze

Makes 1/4 cup

Ingredients:

2 tablespoons butter, well softened
1 tablespoon honey
1 tablespoon grated orange zest
Pinch of grated nutmeg

Directions:

In a small bowl, mix all ingredients until creamy and spreadable like icing. Refrigerate for up to two weeks. Soften to a spreadable consistency before using.

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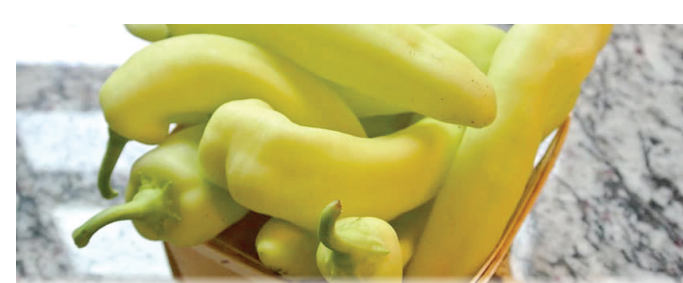
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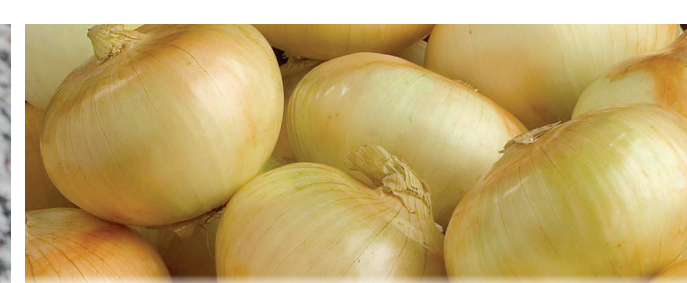
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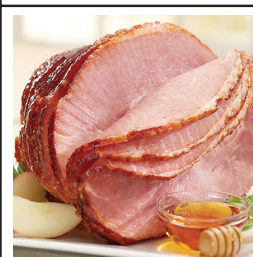
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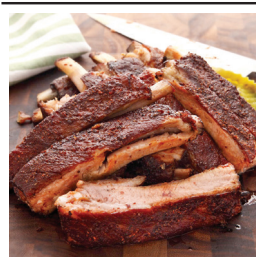
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