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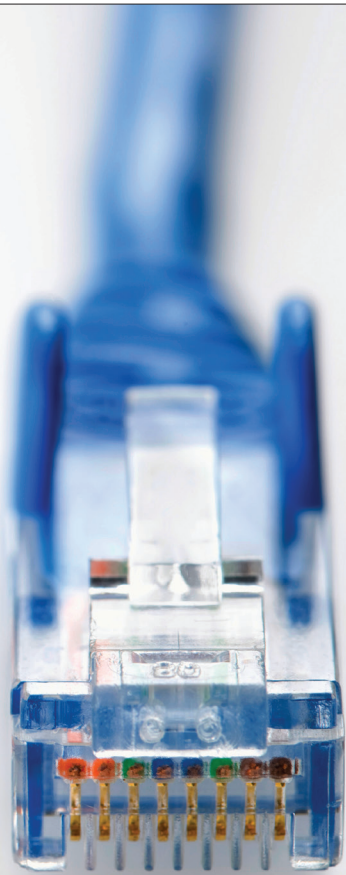
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Tech jobs trending

Newton County school officials share how Stanton Springs developments impact local education, future workforce



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In recent years, Newton County has seen hundreds of high-end, high-tech jobs through large-scale developments at Stanton Springs, an industrial park located near Social Circle.

By **TAYLOR BECK**
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Multi-billion-dollar investments made by a few of the world's biggest pharmaceutical and tech giants have paved the way for hundreds of new jobs for Newton County, renewing the local school system's focus on what it means to be "career ready."

Stanton Springs, an industrial park located near Social Circle, is currently home to Facebook's Newton Data Center, Takeda Pharmaceuticals and the Georgia BioScience Training Center. Earlier this month, the Joint Development Authority of Jasper, Morgan, Newton and Walton Counties approved a \$42 billion bond issue for Baymare LLC to build a second data center for an unnamed company within the 1,600-acre park.

Hundreds of jobs have accompanied the industries' sizable investments.



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Takeda Pharmaceuticals' Newton County location employs more than 1,000 full-time and contract positions.

Takeda employs more than 1,000 full-time and contract positions at its Stanton Springs location alone. Facebook's data center will employ approximately 300 workers once all phases of construction are completed and the new incoming data center's plans call for the employment of another 300 workers.

Newton County Schools Superintendent Samantha Fuhrey wants to make sure

the district's students are ready and able to earn those positions.

Since locating to the area, Fuhrey said the district has worked hard to develop relationships and connect with the industries.

"These relationships, as well as our strong partnership with the Industrial Development Authority, allows us to better align our programs to meet current and upcoming workforce

needs," Fuhrey said. "As a school system, we see ourselves as an integral part of preparing students for the future of work, and we know that that future is advancing quickly."

Fuhrey said the presence of Facebook's Newton Data Center, specifically, has led to the school system placing greater focus on technology and innovation career fields and making sure students know those types of high-paying jobs are available here at home.

Abigail Coggin, who is current chairperson of the school system's Board of Education, said it's exciting to know students can go to college and come back home to take on quality, high-paying jobs — something the Newton County native said hasn't always been available.

"Say you've got a few students who are interested in becoming a chemist,"

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Covington Town Center

'Best in class'

Town Center mix seeks to help stop 'leakage' of Newton shoppers to other counties

By **TOM SPIGOLON**
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Harry Kitchen and wife Charlotte have been Covington Town Center's master developer since the project's beginnings in 2016.

With announcement of a major component of the planned multi-use development, Publix supermarket's anchoring of its initial retail section, South Carolina-based The Foxfield Co. is on its way to developing the 180-acre mixed-use project.

The project will include residential development, hotels, retailers, restaurants and offices when completed on the site that fronts Alcovy Road between City Pond Road and Ga. Highway 142.

Kitchen said last week the objective "is to identify the 'best in class' of each use type, whether it is hospitality, residential, office, restaurant or retail."

"I don't think the community really knows the extent of how special Covington Town Center is going to be and what a great destination this is going to be for them and to people outside of Newton County that will come there," Kitchen said.

"Instead of losing leakage of people leaving the county to shop, we're going to retain that but we're also going to draw people from outside the community to come to Town Center."

At buildout, the Town Center area around I-20 and Alcovy Road will see a major increase

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Weather

Wednesday, March 10
High: 72°; Low: 45°
Mostly sunny.



Thursday, March 11
High: 73°; Low: 49°
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From left, Duane Ford of Newton Trails and John Keck of Covington Conyers Cycling Club are surrounded by members of both groups as they hold a facsimile of a \$2,500 donation the Cycling Club is making to Newton Trails for its work to build multi-use trails countywide, including continued development of the Cricket Frog Trail.

Tom Spigolon | The Covington News



Oxford council rejects Civil War markers, sidewalk project

By SARAH DAVIS
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OXFORD, Ga. — Oxford City Council members rejected the installation of new, informational Civil War markers and a separate sidewalk project during its meeting March 1.

Steve Longcrier, founder and executive director of Civil War Heritage Trails, proposed the sign installation. The nonprofit project's goal is to install dozens of informative markers at Civil War sites throughout Alabama, Georgia and South Carolina.

The council originally approved the project in 2016. It already has installed signs in Newton County as part of a driving trail created by the project to follow the path of Union soldiers during Sherman's March to the Sea in 1864.

The historic march was led by Union Ma-

jor Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman who directed a "scorched earth" approach to capturing Confederate territory, starting on Nov. 15 in Atlanta and ending on Dec. 21 with the capture of the port of Savannah.

Current signage created by the project is posted at the "Old Church" in Oxford, which was used as a wartime hospital during the march.

The project also has installed signs around the Covington Square where 14,500 Federal soldiers passed through on Nov. 18, 1864, according to the Civil War Heritage Trails website.

The city council's Committee on Race reviewed the proposal at its Feb. 16 work session. Councilwoman Avis Williams reported that the committee decided not to allow installation of new signs but, instead, keep the

preexisting signs and reimburse the group for any expenditures, including travel.

Williams did not provide an explanation during the meeting as to why the project was rejected.

All councilmembers except Jeff Wearing voted in support of the committee's decision. Wearing did not comment during the meeting as to why he voted against the decision.

Longcrier expressed his surprise at the council's decision.

"We work with 120 communities, and this is the first time that this type of action has taken place," Longcrier said. "That being said, we're prepared to work with Oxford in every way we can ... We don't want it to be a divisive issue; we want it to be a unifying issue."

The meeting was conducted through the Zoom online platform. Participants were asked to keep their microphones on mute

until they wanted to speak.

The councilmembers also voted to cancel a contract with Tri Scapes Inc. for the Emory Street Sidewalk Project.

The project would extend the sidewalk along the west side of Emory Street from Geiger Street to Moore Street.

Councilmembers cited the recent request for a 7.5% increase in total contract value from 2019 as one of the reasons for turning down the project.

The request increased the cost of the project from its original price of \$561,751.13 to \$603,882. After a \$450,000 grant and a match of \$112,350 from the city of Oxford, the final cost was about \$190,000.

Councilman James Windham also noted that without repair to a bridge over I-20 that the sidewalk would connect with, he did not see a reason to

go through with the project.

"If Emory University ... [is] not going to push for the bridge hard, then I don't see much point in us pushing for the sidewalk hard," Windham said.

A vote on another sidewalk project, The City Sidewalk Project, was postponed until the council received a proposal from civil engineering company Keck & Wood.

The project would extend the sidewalk along Emory Street from Soule Street to the northern city limits and will be discussed during the council's next work session on March 15.

Wearing presented a status update on the repair of the rotted split-rail fencing in George St. Park. He proposed \$1,000 as the budget for the project, which the council unanimously approved. Community members will be recruited to help with the rebuilding effort.

Covington man reportedly involved in South Carolina fatal wreck

STAFF REPORTS
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AIKEN, S.C. — The South Carolina Highway Patrol was investigating a fatal wreck today that reportedly involved a Covington driver Sunday morning east of Augusta.

Safii Dew, 48, of Covington, was identified as the occupant of a box truck which reportedly struck a Mazda 626 from behind on I-20 in Aiken County east of Augusta, the Aiken Standard newspaper reported.

The driver of the Mazda, Beverly Ann Lloyd, 51, of Hopkins, South Carolina, died in the Sunday morning wreck which occurred at 4:16

a.m. on I-20 West at mile marker 13, the South Carolina Highway Patrol reported.

The box truck reportedly drove over the top of the Mazda while both were slowing down for traffic, the newspaper reported. The Mazda then spun in the roadway and Lloyd was ejected from the vehicle.

She was pronounced dead at the scene, according to Aiken County Coroner Darryl Ables.

Both drivers were wearing their seat belts, the newspaper reported. There were no immediate reports of any charges related to the incident.

Local man hurt in Social Circle crash

By DAVID CLEMONS
The Walton Tribune

SOCIAL CIRCLE, Ga. — A Covington man had to be removed from his car, then flown from the scene after a crash Friday afternoon on the Social Circle Parkway.

Jason Hand, 33, was driving south on the parkway (state Route 11) when his 2003 Chevrolet Tahoe drifted into the northbound lane, striking a 2017 Ford F-350 in a head-on collision.

Hand was flown

from the scene to Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta with serious injuries, Georgia State Patrol Cpl. Cal Barton said.

The driver of the Ford, 62-year-old Joel Gibson of Hoschton, was treated at the scene for minor injuries.

Barton said both drivers were restrained. He said charges are pending against Hand, but noted no drug or alcohol use was suspected for either driver.

GSP, the Walton County Sheriff's Office, Social Circle Fire Department, Walton EMS and Walton County Fire Rescue responded.

OBITUARY

Ruth Leinweber

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Mrs. Ruth Leinweber passed away Saturday, March 6, 2021 at the age of 84. She was born on October 16, 1936 to Walter and Clara Bedford in the upper-thumb of Michigan, who have both preceded her in death. Her father, Walter Bedford, ran a small but happy farm. On the farm they lived in an old farm house, which was full of love, joy and music. Their lives in that community were centered on worship and their family was very involved in the activities at Hayes Methodist Church. Mrs. Leinweber graduated from Central Michigan University with a degree in English Literature and she later completed a Master's Degree from Eastern Michigan with a focus on the writings of William Shakespeare. She came from a musical family and was an accomplished pianist.

In 1959 Ruth married Ron Leinweber and the couple had two children, David and Clara. She enjoyed a long and fulfilling career as an advance placement English literature teacher at West Bloomfield High School, in metro Detroit. During the sixties and seventies her classroom, adorned with colorful posters and inspirational sayings, was a popular hangout for students before, during and after school hours. While at West Bloomfield she also headed state champion debate teams and forensic teams. Upon her retirement, The Oakland Press ran a feature, front-page story on her legacy in education and teaching. She retired to her hometown of Pigeon, Michigan where she became a popular piano teacher whose recitals were often covered in the local paper.

In recent years, she lived at Merryvale Assisted Living Facility in Oxford, Georgia, continuing her lifelong habits of piano-playing, poetry reading, and Church attendance. She is survived by her children David and Clara, 5 grandchildren, her special friend Clarence, many loving cousins, nieces and nephews, and other extended family members.

Funeral services will be at Newborn United Methodist Church Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 2 o'clock. Interment will follow at the Oxford Historical Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the church for one hour prior to the service. Pastor Todd Hilton will host the celebration of her wonderful life.

Due to the COVID 19/ Coronavirus Pandemic all Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) requirements will be followed. There is a limit of 50 people at any large gathering, social distancing must be recognized, the use of mask is encouraged, and most importantly if you feel sick or have any symptoms of COVID 19 you will not be allowed to attend the service. Please be respectful of the family during this difficult time and follow the requirements of the CDC.

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Hwy. 81 bridge replacement at Henry, Newton line begins March 22

By TAYLOR BECK
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Georgia Department of Transportation officials announced Monday the replacement of the bridge straddling Henry and Newton counties on Hwy. 81 is set to begin soon.

GDOT District Communications Specialist Kyle Collins told The Covington News that Wright Brothers Construction Co. were expecting to close the Keys Road bridge that passes over the South River on Monday, March 22. A contract was first awarded to the company in August 2020.

In doing so, Collins said a detour assigned by the state department that stretches 34 miles would be opened, though local non-truck traffic can find shorter ways around the work closure.

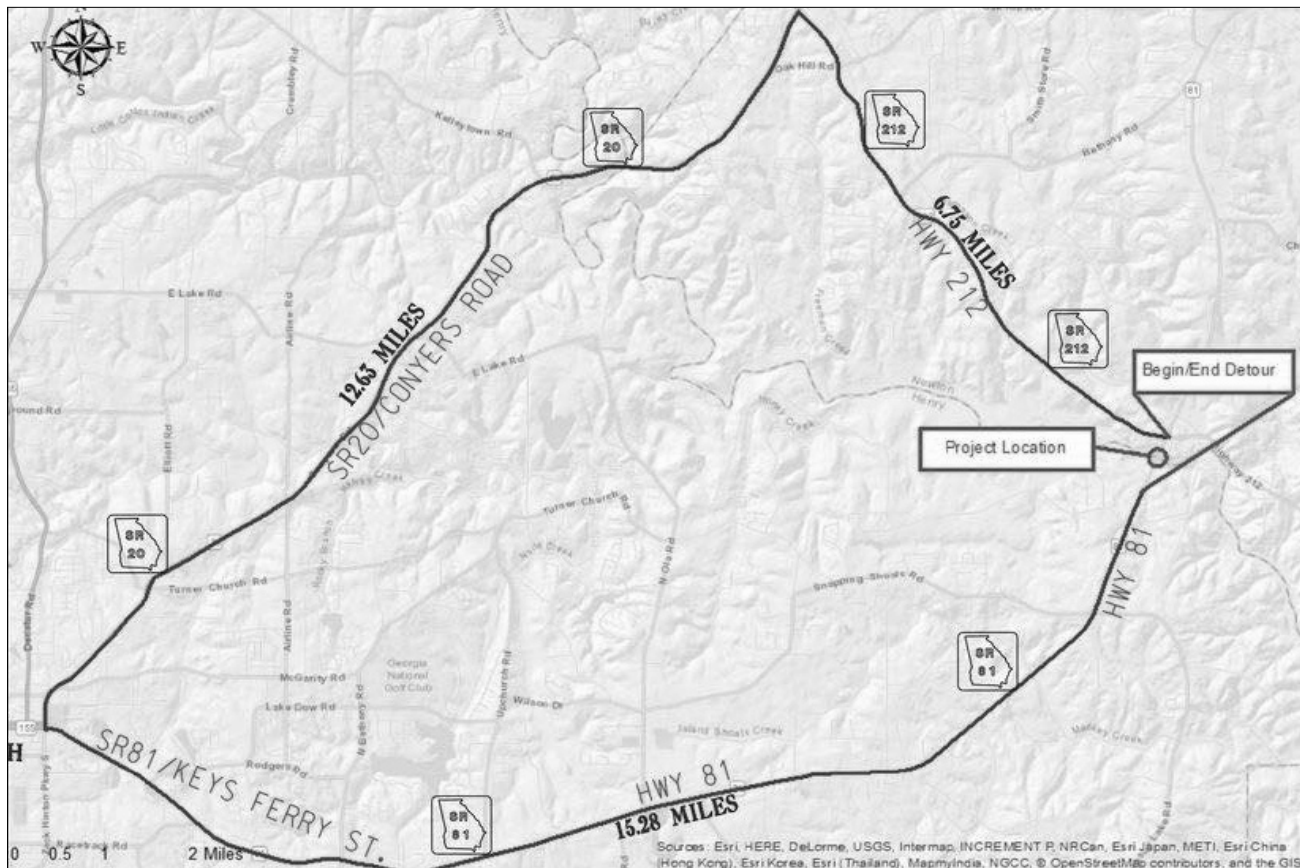
“GDOT selected the off-site detour method

and duration to reduce environmental and property impacts, while expediting construction and reducing cost,” Collins said.

Collins said the detour would be in effect through December 2021 while the \$4.49 million project is completed.

If traveling south from Newton County into Henry County, the detour will take motorists from Hwy. 81 right onto Hwy. 212, traveling 6.75 miles before turning left onto Hwy. 20/Conyers Road. Motorists will drive for 12.63 miles before turning left onto Hwy. 81/Keys Ferry Street and traveling that highway for 15.28 miles before reaching the other side of the bridge.

Because the bridge was originally built in 1948, Collins said it no longer is up to the state’s design and load specification standards. The replacement plan



A detour assigned by the state department that stretches 34 miles (pictured above) will be opened while the Key Road bridge is being replaced; however, local non-truck traffic can find shorter ways around the work closure.

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in traffic as customers fill the area for shopping and lodging.

He said his company’s market study found that more than 31,000 vehicle trips per day would be taken to Covington Town Center.

In addition to Publix and other retailers, it will include three hotels, including Residence Inn, Courtyard By Marriott and Stay Bridge Suites. Ground was to be broken for Residence Inn this week, Kitchen said.

Developers recently hosted a groundbreaking ceremony for the project’s first apartment complex, The Cove at Covington Town Center, which will be a 26-acre, \$57 million project that will provide 350 “Class A” apartments starting in 2022.

Kitchen compared what is planned in Town Center to the upscale apartment complexes surrounding Ashford-Dunwoody Road in north DeKalb County.

“The closest \$57 million apartment complex is probably Perimeter

Mall (in Dunwoody),” he said.

In addition, Covington City Council recently voted for zoning changes for an increase in the amount of the Town Center’s residential space — from the current 350 units to 625 units. That will allow the addition of 275 townhomes to the residential mix, Kitchen said.

Those residents — and anyone else — will have more than four miles of sidewalks available to access shopping and other amenities, he said.

Berkley Development President Mike Cohn — which is working with The Sembler Co. to develop the retail area — noted Kitchen’s company saw a piece of land that many considered “undevelopable” because of factors like its topography, and developed it.

The Foxfield Co. moved just under 1 million yards of dirt, including 160,000 yards of rock, in completing the grading for the Covington Town Center site, Kitchen said.

The city of Covington, meanwhile, had spent more than \$1 million on such infrastructure as gas mains and lighting for the project by early 2020.

Covington City Council also voted in early 2020 to waive \$1 million in permitting costs and water and sewer tap fees along with \$456,000 electric infrastructure costs to spur construction of the complex.

However, Kitchen said about 1,550 new jobs will be created amid its final cost of \$300 million to complete the Covington Town Center project.

Kitchen had originally planned more office space in the area but added more residential uses in recent months.

He told the City Council — to the apparent chagrin of some council members — he believed the demand for rental residential units from workers at area industries would outpace the need for new office space, which is also planned for inclusion in the project.

Workers are traveling

from as far away as Augusta to be part of the daytime population of Newton County because of the lack of multi-family space in Newton County, industrial recruiters have said.

The COVID-19 pandemic also convinced Kitchen to change some plans, he said.

He said he planned to reduce the more than 100,000 square feet of office space planned for the area — citing decreased demand after many employers found their staffs could successfully work remotely from other locations as part of safety precautions during the ongoing pandemic.

Construction is expected to begin by this summer on the Publix-anchored center with completion targeted for the spring of 2022.

The Florida-based grocer’s second Newton County location will include 48,387 square feet within the Town Center retail area’s 63,000-square-foot first phase.

The additional 14,400

square feet of small shop space “will offer a complementary mix of services, restaurants, and retail designed to meet the needs of the city of Covington and Newton County’s growing residential and

employee population,” a news release stated.

Cohn said that Sembler and Berkley already are planning a second phase of the shopping center that will add 100,000 square feet of retail space.

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Coggin said. “We can have someone from Takeda come talk with these students and show them these career paths exist here in the community. You don’t have to move to Atlanta or Charlotte — wherever.”

According to job information site Glassdoor, manufacturing technician salaries at Takeda Pharmaceuticals can range from \$32,099 to \$75,000. Salaries for data center technicians at Facebook can range from \$81,012 to \$201,445.

“When I was growing up, there weren’t many jobs like that,” Coggin said.

Fuhrey said many students have expressed interest in “high-tech” career

fields. She gave credit to the district’s various related programs for the growing trend, and she anticipates it will continue over the next several years.

“Student career aspirations and interests do increase as they are exposed to new areas of study,” Fuhrey said. “Robotics, engineering and computer science opportunities in our schools have helped raise student interest in those areas over the last several years. We expect that trend to continue as our programs continue to grow and evolve with the needs of our local industry partners.”

Students interested in such trending jobs have a variety of opportunities through Newton

County Schools’ career, technical and agricultural education programs that are offered at the middle and high school levels, Fuhrey said.

“Our pathway offerings in engineering, business and computer science are just three of the 38 career pathways that are available to our students,” she said. “These programs help students dive into skills needed in those careers and gives them a competitive advantage as they pursue post-secondary and career options after they leave the school system. Additionally, we engage students in activities like competitive robotics, beginning in elementary school, as a way to get them in-

terested in engineering, computer programming and design-thinking.”

According to the U.S. News and World Report, four technology-driven careers were ranked among 2021’s top-15 best jobs:

- No. 2 - Software Developer - \$107,510 median salary - 316,000 projected jobs available.
- No. 8 - Data Scientist - \$94,280 median salary - 10,300 projected jobs available.
- No. 12 - IT Manager - \$146,360 median salary - 48,100 projected jobs available.
- No. 15 - Information Security Analyst - \$99,730 median salary - 40,900 projected jobs available.

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Tom Spigolon news editor

Trails will benefit county for years

I stumbled onto a hopeful sign about Newton County's future the other night, and it's something that's been working to help this county for quite some time already.



The volunteers with the nonprofit Newton Trails have been working for decades to create a series of trails countywide using natural or often abandoned, man-made resources already in place to create free recreation options at little to no cost to taxpayers.

Its latest effort is completion of the Cricket Frog Trail on top of an old railroad line that runs east and west through central and east Newton County.

It recently received a \$2,500 donation from the Covington Conyers Cycling Club to help it continue the development of the corridor.

Leaders of the nonprofit also announced they had raised enough funds to put a temporary cover on a bridge over East Bear Creek near Mansfield to open a formerly unusable

part of the trail.

It also is working with the city of Covington to restore the historic wood trestle railroad bridge over Dried Indian Creek just north of downtown Covington.

Norfolk Southern discontinued service on the line in 2010 and sought to abandon the corridor. But Newton Trails filed with the national Surface Transportation Board to prevent the abandonment and signed a lease agreement with the railroad to develop and use the corridor as a public access trail, according to the website.

Newton County Trail-Path Foundation Inc. is a nonprofit incorporated in 1998 to promote and develop a countywide network of multi-use trails for pedestrians and bicyclists in Newton County.

It partners with local governments by raising private funds for trail planning, construction, and maintenance. It also offers public outreach and education "to inform citizens, businesses, and civic groups about the health, economic, and environmental benefits of a countywide trail system."

In the past, it's worked on such projects as development of trails to enhance the area along the Yellow River in the historic mill town of Porterdale.

Newton Trails completed a loop trail in 2006 along the river in Porterdale and has plans for an extended Yellow River Trail and Park.

In Covington, it has completed the first phase of a series of planned trails from the Newton County College & Career Academy to the Newton County library, including the Eastside Trail.

It also opened a hard-surface segment along a route already begun by the city of Oxford and now runs in areas from West Clark Street, behind Old Church and to West Watson Street.

If anyone doubts the benefits of this recreation option to all Newton County residents, one needs only look to the northwest corner of metro Atlanta to see what Cricket Frog and other trails could help produce for this area.

The Path Foundation helped develop the Silver Comet Trail on top of an

abandoned rail line in the 1990s and 2000s. It now extends from southern Cobb County north and east through Paulding and Polk counties to create a 65-mile continuous trail for walking and biking.

The hundreds of thousands of trail enthusiasts who use it annually drop some serious money in the cash registers of restaurants and retailers along the way from Smyrna to the Alabama state line.

A 2013 study by the Northwest Georgia Regional Planning Commission found the trail has about 390,000 trips by tourists that result in \$20 million in new spending in the area.

It also brings an estimated \$3.5 million annually in tax revenues to the state.

We're lucky that this group of walking, running and biking enthusiasts are working on projects that could bring economics benefit the entire county for years to come.

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Tonya Anderson guest columnist

Newton senator recaps last two weeks of session

As week eight in the Senate comes to a close, I would like to update you on all the work we have accomplished during the past eight legislative days. These past two weeks were busy, passing numerous bills and holding lengthy committee meetings. As always, the work I do in the Senate is to represent the interests of my constituents and I am always proud to do so.



On Feb. 25, the Georgia Legislative Black Caucus met to honor the life of Ahmaud Arbery, one year after his senseless murder. We also announced our support for House Bill 45, which would end the practice of citizen's arrest in Georgia. We believe that it is time to create a Georgia that reflects the true diversity of this great state and protects all of its citizens. These outdated laws only further serve to divide us, and we are ready to move towards a more progressive Georgia.

On that note, the Georgia Legislative Black Caucus met again to speak against the election bills introduced this legislative session that are a clear attempt to restrict the right to vote for millions of citizens. I am vehemently against the four election bills passed including Senate Bill 67, Senate Bill 89, Senate Bill 1854, Senate Bill 188 and Senate Bill 241, which all seek to "fix" a system that is not broken. In reality, these provisions make voting more difficult for essential workers, minimum wage workers and those in the Black and Hispanic community. They seek to do this by limiting who can vote by absentee, requiring identification when requesting absentee ballots and shortening hours for voting locations. This is textbook voter suppression and we will continue to fight against these bills and ensure that every Georgian has access to voting.

In addition to fighting against these bills, I have been proud to support legislation that aims to do the opposite and increase people's ability to vote in this state. Last week, Senate Bill 40 passed, which would allow registrars and absentee ballot clerks to begin opening and processing absentee ballots ten days before an election. This bill passed unanimously, as it would enable election offices to provide election results faster. We should be passing legislation that makes it easier for people to vote and more manageable for our election offices to conduct elections. I will continue to support legislation that does this.

Over the past two weeks, we have also seen the passage of numerous Education and Youth bills to provide Georgia children with access to quality education. The first set of bills, Senate Bill 28 and Senate Bill 107, offer greater protection and education opportunities for our children in the foster care system. SB 28 aims to improve the foster care system by redefining the term "child abuse," revising code regarding mandatory reporting of suspected child abuse, adjusting training requirements for juvenile court intake officers and allowing the use of hearsay evidence in court cases regarding the foster care system. We also passed Senate Bill 107 which would waive tuition and fees, including mandatory rooming and board fees, for qualifying foster and adopted students attending schools in the Technical College System of Georgia. These bills allow us to protect and uplift some of the most vulnerable children in our state.

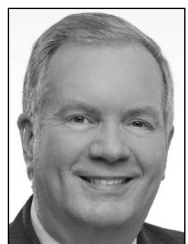
As always, I am proud to serve as your senator from the 43rd District. As we approach Sine Die, I am committed to ensuring the legislation we pass is in your best interest. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office.

Tonya Anderson is a Democrat from District 43, serving DeKalb, Newton and Rockdale counties in the Georgia Senate.

David Carroll columnist

Lessons we've learned, one year later

One year ago this week, I was living a normal life, and



you probably were too.

There were no masks, no social distancing, and no fear.

We dined inside at restaurants, we shopped, and we attended ball games, movies, live concerts, and church.

We heard on the news about an odd-sounding virus on a cruise ship somewhere. I was one of those news anchors who shared that information, but I wasn't concerned.

My wife, who is, how do I say this...much smarter than me, had purchased several rolls of toilet paper for some reason. I made fun of her for

doing that, at least once. Spoiler alert: it came in handy.

Then came March 12, 2020. The school district in my area announced it would be shutting down for two weeks, because the county had reported its first case of COVID-19. Wow, I thought. Two weeks is a long time. I thought, I'm glad this is happening now. Imagine if things were shut down during football season. Like most of us, I had no idea.

Back then, if someone was putting on a mask before they entered a retail store or a bank, the police were alerted. Now, if someone enters without a mask, it is a rare sight indeed.

Recently, I posed two questions to my readers: What have you learned since the beginning of the pandemic? And, how will

your life change when things are back to normal? This week, I'll focus on the first question.

By far, the most common response was "I will never again take anything for granted." Many readers talked about "hugging my grandparents (or grandchildren) tighter, and visiting with them longer and more frequently. We always assume we'll have a next visit, another hug or kiss, but tomorrow isn't promised."

Understandably, hugs of all sorts are missed. "We didn't have a family reunion for the first time in my life," one friend wrote. "And what's a reunion without hugs?" Another added, "Even an introvert like me needs social interaction. I miss the handshakes and hugs more than I ever thought I would."

Although children have gradually returned to their classrooms, many lamented the long breaks without in-school learning. One teacher wrote, "I missed seeing the smiles on their faces and feeling the joy from within their hearts. Their education has been challenged like never before. I rejoice knowing the hallways are now filled with happy faces, and knowing they are learning and socializing again."

The inability to be with ailing relatives, some of whom passed away, will always be a part of our pandemic remembrances. As one woman wrote, "I'm ready for the day for hospitals to open up to visitors again. Losing my dad the way we did...I don't think I'll ever get over that."

Others have missed the

joys of travel and restaurant dining, although one friend cheerfully recalled "a recent increase in good conversation, a more economical way of eating, and even a few pounds lost."

One mother found an unexpected silver lining during the pandemic. She said, "As difficult as it has been, I have absolutely loved spending time with my 15-year-old daughter! We really enjoy each other's company, and she's got a terrific sense of humor. For me, that's been the best thing to come out of quarantine. We are both looking forward to life getting back to normal, but the time we've spent together has been a once-in-a-lifetime gift."

Another woman summed it up this way. "I've learned to appreciate life more. Sure we've had other deadly viruses, but this one changed everything. We may never have our old normal, but I now know I can live with the new normal," she said.

Many readers pointed out how the virus became a political tool, rather than a scientific reality. One man wrote, "I've learned there are people who would take a chance on infecting themselves, their loved ones or complete strangers just to prove a political point. That makes me sad."

Perhaps the most surprising lesson has been coming to grips with our fears, our vulnerabilities, and our weaknesses. In America, we had become comfortable with the false reality that nothing could stop our way of life. Sure, there was a pandemic before, but that was more

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Yard Sales

Yard & Estate Sales

LARGE ESTATE SALE

DATE: SATURDAY, March 13, 2021

TIME: 9A.M. to 3p.m.

LOCATION: 1974 Meadows Rd Newborn, GA 30054

CASH ONLY!!

Jobs

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PI-JON IS seeking a CDL B Hazmat driver. To make local gas and diesel deliveries. Flexible Monday-Friday scheduling. Help with Hazemat certification for a good fit.

CALL PAIGE at 770-786-2705 or send your resume to pjoninc@bellsouth.net

LEGALS

Public Notices

Bids

THE CITY of Covington is soliciting sealed bids to furnish all labor, material and equipment for a pipe lining project located near Ashley Drive in Covington Georgia. The projected work includes lining approximately 575 linear foot of corrugated metal pipe using the cured in place method, pre and post repair CCTV inspection, cleaning and haul away of waste materials. The contractor will also be responsible for traffic control, and proper disposal of any environmentally sensitive waste materials as well as any fees associated for water usage for the City of Covington.

A MANDATORY pre-bid meeting will be held at 10:00 am Wednesday, March 24th, 2021 at City Hall located at 2194 Emory Street NW, Covington, Georgia 30014. SEALED BIDS must be delivered to City Hall, 2194 Emory Street NW, Covington, GA 30014, ATTN: SCOTT Cromer no later than 10:00 am Wednesday, April 28th, 2021. Bids will be opened and read aloud at that time.

REQUEST FOR Bids and additional information may be obtained at City Hall or by accessing the request for proposals on the City's website at <https://www.cityofcovington.org/index.php?section=business-opportunities>

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #200041
3/10,17

Corporations

CORPORATIONS & Business Organizations Notice is given that articles of incorporation that will incorporate: DAUGHTERS NOW Arise, Inc THE INITIAL registered office of the corporation is located: 2600 MAIN St. Unit 575 Porterdale, GA 30070

THE INITIAL registered agent at such address is: Pearlana Thompson.

PUB LIC NOTICE #200040
3/10,17

DISSOLVE A CORPORATION

NOTICE IS given that a notice of intent to dissolve EAST METRO TENNIS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Georgia nonprofit corporation with its registered office at 242 Griffin Mtn. Trl, Conyers, GA 30013, will be delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code. Persons with claims against the corporation are requested to present the name of the claimant and amount of the claim to the corporation by mail to 1118 Conyers Street, SW, Covington, GA, 30014. Except for claims that are currently contingent or that arise after the date of filing of the notice of intent to dissolve with the Secretary of State, a claim against the corporation not otherwise barred will be barred unless a proceeding to enforce the claim is commenced within two years after last publication of this notice.

PUBLIC NOTICE 200030
3/10,17

NOTICE IS given that Articles of Incorporation that will incorporate. She Serves, Inc will be delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code (O.C.G.A.14-3-202) The initial registered office of the corporation will be located at 75 Drummond PL, Covington, GA 30014 and it's initial registered agent at such address is Adriane King.

PUBLIC NOTICE #119981
2/24-3/3,10,17

NOTICE OF INTENT TO VOLUNTARILY DISSOLVE A CORPORATION

NOTICE IS given that a notice of intent to dissolve SMART GROWTH NEWTON COUNTY, INC., a Georgia nonprofit corporation with its registered office at 1118 Conyers Street, SW, Covington, GA 30014, will be delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code. Persons with claims against the corporation are requested to present the name of the claimant and amount of the claim to the corporation by mail to 1118 Conyers Street, SW, Covington, GA, 30014. Except for claims that are currently contingent or that arise after the date of filing of the notice of intent to dissolve with the Secretary of State, a claim against the corporation not otherwise barred will be barred unless a proceeding to enforce the claim is commenced within two years after last publication

Fun by the Numbers

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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

Level: Intermediate

of this notice.

PUBLIC NOTICE #200003
3/3,10

THIS IS Brooklyn Guarnieri, president of non profit corporation "Double Eleven Ranch and Rescue" posting an official notice to voluntarily dissolve this business.

PUBLIC NOTICE #200007
3/3,10

Debtors Creditors

ALL CREDITORS of the estate of LINDA MARIE MOORE, 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 Executor: Cheryle Denise Brooks

CHERYLE DENISE Brooks
C/O SHANNON D. Sneed
ATTORNEY AT Law
P.O. BOX 1245
COVINGTON, GA 30015

THIS 11TH day of February, 2021.

PUBLIC NOTICE #119948
2/17,24-3/3,10

NOTICE IS given that articles of incorporation that will incorporate Lexquisite Looks Company have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Business Corporation Code. The initial registered office of the corporation is located at 600 Creekview Blvd, Covington, GA, 30016 and its initial registered agent at such address is Alexus Ayuanna Woods.

PUBLIC NOTICE #200032
3/10,17

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS

ALL CREDITORS of the estate of MAE EPPINGER HARDY deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia 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 the undersigned.

THIS 17TH day of February, 2021

SUSAN H. Aiken
EXECUTOR of the Estate
OF MAE Eppinger Hardy
C/O ROBERT Stansfield, Esq.
GREER, STANSFIELD & Turner, LLP
P.O. BOX 1617
COVINGTON, GEORGIA 30015-1617
(770) 786-4390

PUBLIC NOTICE #119973
2/23-3/3,10,17

Divorces

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

MICHAEL LIVERS, PLAINTIFF,
V.
DEBORAH CELESTE LIVERS, Defendant.

NOTICE TO: DEBORAH CELESTE LIVERS
BY ORDER of the Court for service by publication dated March 4, 2021, you are hereby notified that on February 9, 2021, the Plaintiff, MICHAEL LIVERS, filed suit against you for divorce. You are required to file with the Clerk of the Superior Court, and to serve upon Plaintiffs attorney, Stephen L. Coxen, The Coxen Firm, LLC, P.O. Box 467, Covington, Georgia 30015-0467, an answer in writing within sixty (60) days of March 4, 2021.

WITNESS, THE Honorable Layla H. Zon, Judge of Newton County Superior Court.

THIS 4TH day of March , 2021.
LINDA HAYS
CLERK, SUPERIOR COURT
NEWTON COUNTY, GEROGIA

PUBLIC NOTICE #200035
3/10,17,24,31

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

GUY PITTERSON PLAINTIFF,
-VS-
KENEISHA PITTERSON DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION No.: 2021-CV-229-4

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: KENISHA PITTERSON
45 WIMBLERLY Way
COVINGTON, GA 30016

BY ORDER of the court for service by publication dated FEBRUARY 9, 2021 you are hereby notified that on JFEBRUARY 12, 2021(date of filing) GUY PITTERSON (plaintiff) filed suit against you for Divorce . YOU ARE required to file an answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for publication with the clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County and to serve a copy of the answer upon the plaintiff (if pro se) or upon the plaintiff's attorney (if represented).

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

THIS, THE 10th day of FEBRUARY 2021.

LINDA D. Hays
CLERK OF Superior Court

PUBLIC NOTICE #119950
2/17,24-3/3,10

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: VALERIE JOHNSON
8287 SUSSEY
DETROIT, MI 48228

BY ORDER of the court for service by publication dated FEBRUARY 22, 2021 you are hereby notified that on October 28, 2020 (date of filing) LEO JOHNSON (plaintiff) filed suit against you for Divorce . YOU ARE required to file an answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for publication with the clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County and to serve a copy of the answer upon the plaintiff (if pro se) or upon the plaintiff's attorney (if represented).

WITNESS THE Honorable LAYLA H. ZON , Judge Superior Court of Newton County.

THIS, THE 22ND day of FEBRUARY 2021.

LINDA D. Hays
CLERK OF Superior Court

PUBLIC NOTICE #200004
3/3,10,17,24

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

JESSE JONES IV PLAINTIFF,

KEYANA JONES DEFENDANT,

CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 2020-CV-2109-3

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: KEYANA JONES
9393 HICKORY Nut Cir
FISHERS IN 46038

BY ORDER of the court for service by publication dated MARCH 2, 2021 you are hereby notified that on 10/14/20201 (date of filing) JESSE JONES IV (plaintiff) filed suit against you for Divorce . YOU ARE required to file an answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for publication with the clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County and to serve a copy of the answer upon the plaintiff (if pro se) or upon the plaintiff's attorney (if represented).

WITNESS THE Honorable LAYLA H. ZON , Judge Superior Court of Newton County.

THIS, THE 2nd day of MARCH 2021

LINDA D. Hays
CLERK OF Superior

PUBLIC NOTICE #200038
3/10,17,24,31

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF

GERORGIA

MILOGRO PORTER PLAINTIFF

ANTWANNA GENT DEFENDANT

CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 2021-CV-321-1

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: ANTWANNA GENT
1733 BOB White Ln
CONYERS, GA 30013

BY ORDER of the court for service by publication dated MARCH 2 2021 you are hereby notified that on February 12, 2021 (date of filing) MILAGRO PORTER (plaintiff) filed suit against you for Divorce . YOU ARE required to file an answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for publication with the clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County and to serve a copy of the answer upon the plaintiff (if pro se) or upon the plaintiff's attorney (if represented).

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

THIS, THE 2nd day of MARCH 2021.

LINDA D. Hays
CLERK OF Superior

PUBLIC NOTICE #200038
3/10,17,24,31

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: DANIELLE LEAKS
4311 TILLY MILL RD
ATLANTA, GA 30360

BY ORDER of the court for service by publication dated FEBRUARY 18, 2021 you are hereby notified that on February 3, 2021 (date of filing) CASEY JONES (plaintiff) filed suit against you for Divorce . YOU ARE required to file an answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for publication with the clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County and to serve a copy of the answer upon the plaintiff (if pro se) or upon the plaintiff's attorney (if represented).

WITNESS THE Honorable JOHN M. OTT, Judge Superior Court of Newton County.

THIS, THE 18TH day of FEBRUARY 2021.

LINDA D. Hays
CLERK OF Superior

PUBLIC NOTICE #200006
3/3,10,17,24

Foreclosures

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 Carol P. Prendergast to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., As Grantee, As Nominee For Market Street Mortgage Corporation, dated September 29, 2006, and recorded in Deed Book 2299, Page 141, Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS CERTIFICATE TRUSTEE OF BOSCO CREDIT VI TRUST SERIES 2012-1 by assignment recorded on July 30, 2020 in Book 4044 Page 251 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 Twenty-Five Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Nine and 0/100 dollars (\$25,999.00), 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 April 6, 2021, the following described property: ALL THAT tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 185 of the 10th District, Newton County, Georgia, being Lot 140, Phase II of Fairview Estates Subdivision, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 40, page 26-35, Newton County, Georgia Records, which recorded plat is incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this description. THE DEBT secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The

debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in 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: Franklin Credit Management Corporation they can be contacted at 800-650-7162 for Loss Mitigation Dept, or by writing to 101 Hudson Street, 24th Floor, Jersey City, New Jersey 07302, 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 Carol P. Prendergast, Alicia Gooden and Marques Prendergast or tenant(s); and said property is more commonly known as 150 CHANDLER FIELDS DR, 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.

WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS CERTIFICATE TRUSTEE OF BOSCO CREDIT VI TRUST SERIES 2012-1 as Attorney in Fact for Carol P. Prendergast. BROCK & Scott, PLLC 4360 CHAMBLEE Dunwoody Road SUITE 310 ATLANTA, GA 30341 404-789-2661 B&S FILE no.: 20-05028

PUBLIC NOTICE #119937
3/10,17,24,31

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE UNDER POWER

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

UNDER AND by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Tyrone C Wyatt and Erica Wyatt to First Financial Funding Group dated June 24, 1999 and recorded on July 15, 1999 in Deed Book 843, Page 612, Newton County, Georgia Records, and later assigned to Premium Capital LLC by Assignment of Security Deed recorded on March 17, 2006 in Deed Book 2141, Page 107, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of Twenty-One Thousand Nine Hundred Twelve And 00/100 Dollars (\$21,912.00), 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 April 6, 2021 the following described property: ALL THAT tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lots 72 and 73 of the 10th District, Newton County, Georgia, and being shown as Lot 12, Country Woods Subdivision, Phase VII on a plat of survey of same recorded in Plat Book 26, Page 308, public records of Newton County, Georgia records, which plat is reference thereto incorporated herein and made a part hereof for a more particular and complete description. TAX ID #: 0015000000413000 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).

YOUR MORTGAGE servicer, FCI Lender Services, Inc., as servicer for Premium Capital LLC, can be contacted at 1-800-931-2424 or by writing to P.O. Box 27370, Anaheim Hills, CA 92809, 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 parties in possession of the property are Tyrone Wyatt and Erica Smith or tenant(s); and said property is more commonly known as 150 Branchwood Dr, Covington, GA 30016. THE SALE will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed.

PREMIUM CAPITAL LLC as Attorney in Fact for Tyrone C Wyatt and Erica Wyatt
MCMICHAEL TAYLOR Gray, LLC 3550 ENGINEERING Drive, Suite 260 PEACHTREE CORNERS, GA 30092 404-474-7149 MTG FILE No.: GA2021-00067

PUBLIC NOTICE #119989
3/10,17,24,31

Juvenile Court

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF

MORGAN COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE INTEREST OF: K.J.C. SEX: F AGE: 13 DOB: 09/09/2007 C A S E #: 2021-104J-011 S.B.C. SEX: F AGE: 13 DOB: 09/09/2007 C A S E #: 2021-104J-012 CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE.

NOTICE OF SUMMONS FOR THE PERMANENT GUARDIANSHIP HEARING

TO DALLAS Criswell: THE ABOVE-CAPTIONED matter is scheduled for a hearing on the Georgia Department of Human Services Petition for Permanent Guardianship on March 29, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom and any interested parties should be present in Court to show cause, if any, why said petition should not be granted. IF YOU do not appear for the hearing, the Permanent Guardianship may be granted in your absence. You are entitled to object to the establishment of the permanent guardian or the proposed guardian, or both. Such objections should be filed with the Court within 14 days of the last date of publication.

IF YOU have any questions concerning this notice, you may call the telephone of the clerk's office, which is (706) 342-3605.

WITNESS THE HONORABLE KELLI C. RUTHERFORD, Judge of said Juvenile Court.

THIS 17TH day of February, 2021.

Jody M. Higdon, CLERK, JUVENILE COURT OF MORGAN COUNTY, GEORGIA

PREPARED BY: LEE R. Moss SPECIAL ASSISTANT Attorney General

288 SOUTH Main Street
MADISON, GEORGIA 30650
TEL: (706) 707-8500
FAX: (706) 342-0447

PUBLIC NOTICE #200034
3/10,17

Name Changes

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE the Name Change of: EMMA MARIE Burleson

CIVIL ACTION Case Number 2021-CV-387-5

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF ADULT

EMMA MARIE BURLESON, filed a petition in the NEWTON County Superior Court on 2/17, 2021 to change name from : Emma Marie Burleson to Emmaline Jo Arter. ANY INTERESTED party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after the Petition was filed.

EMMA MARIE Burleson
810 WHATCOAST St
OXFORD, GA 30054

PUBLIC NOTICE #200005
3/3,10,17,24,31

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

SHANIQUE FFRENCH filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on January 21 , 2021 to change the name(s) of the following minor child(ren) from: LUKE AVERE CARSON LEWIS to: AVERY LUKE LEWIS

PUBLIC NOTICE #200033
3/10,17,24,31

Public Notice

ADVERTISEMENT FOR REQUEST OF PROPOSAL

CONSULTANT FOR GIS Data Migration to NG911
RFP #21-15 Newton County Board of Commissioners will be receiving separate sealed proposals for Consultant for GIS Data Migration to Next Generation 911 (NG911) electronically until 10:00 AM, local time, Tuesday, April 6, 2021. ALL PROPOSALS MUST BE SUBMITTED THROUGH BONFIRE'S ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION PORTAL. INSURANCE: CONSULTANT SHALL maintain the following insurance: A) COMPREHENSIVE General Liability, including blanket contractual, covering bodily injuries with limits of no less than \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence, and property damage with limits of no less than \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence; B) COMMERCIAL Automobile Liability, including blanket contractual, covering bodily injuries with limits of no less than \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence, and property damage with limits of no less than \$1,000,000.00 per accident; C) STATUTORY Worker's Compensation Insurance, including \$1,000,000.00 employer's liability insurance; ALL INSURANCE shall be provided by an insurer(s) acceptable to the County, and shall provide for thirty (30) days prior notice of cancellation to the County. Upon request, Contractor shall deliver to the County a certificate or policy of insurance evidencing Contractors compliance with this paragraph. Contractor shall abide by all terms and conditions of the insurance and shall do nothing to impair or invalidate the coverage. Each proposal will be considered by the Newton County Board of Commissioners, taking into consideration specific evaluation factors, as set forth in the Request for Proposal. The Authority reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals, including without limitation, the right to reject any Proposal that the Authority believes would not be in the best interest of the Project. Digital copies of the PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS may be obtained at the Purchasing office at no charge by visiting www.co.newton.ga.us or contacting Randi Fincher at 678-625-1237 or rfincher@co.newton.ga.us. Hard copies of the

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Covington approves purchase of street department trucks

By TAYLOR BECK
tbeck@covnews.com

COVINGTON, Ga. — Council members approved spending more than \$350,000 for two trucks for the city’s Street Department.

During the Covington City Council’s March. 1 meeting, the city council voted to award bids for a new knuckle boom truck and leaf truck from Environmental Products Group. The Peterson TL3 Lightning boom truck cost \$149,600 and the Extreme Vac DLC 800SM3X leaf truck cost \$204,900.

Neither bid awarded was the lowest, but Covington Transportation Manager John King said each truck purchased “met the requested specifications where others did not.”

The low bid for the knuckle

boom truck was from “Peach-state Freightliner” in the amount of \$147,805 — only \$1,795 less.

The low bid for the leaf truck was from “Peachstate C15:E29 Freightliner (Demo)” in the amount of \$174,597, which would have saved the city \$30,303.

In addition to the trucks, the council also approved an \$84,800 bid from Wrecking Corp. of America LLC to have yard debris collected at the street department’s sanitation ward and the sanitation office located at 5120 Turner St. demolished. The office has not been used since 2019 and recently suffered significant damages from a water leak.

King said funds for the pick-up and demolition were budgeted into the current fiscal

year.

There were nine total bids; only three were less than \$90,000. The highest bid was Gecon Construction, Inc. at \$318,000.

In other business, the council:

- Approved the final reading of an ordinance to amend the city’s zoning overlay area for the Covington Town Center project to increase the amount of residential space from 350 units to 625 units.
- Approved sending a letter to Newton County legislators in opposition of Georgia Senate Bill 256, which could change the make-up and operation of local health department boards.
- Approved alcohol licenses for Bread and Butter, located at 1124 Monticello St., and

Woven LLC, located at 1140 Church St.

- Approved an exterior finish requirement exception for a site developer within the Covington/Newton Industrial Park.
- Heard Mayor Steve Horton read a proclamation commemorating Newton County’s Bicentennial.
- Approved adding a Land Application System Operator position for the Public Works Department.
- Approved sending a letter requesting Northeast Georgia Regional Commission’s assistance with writing an application for a One Georgia Grant to support the development of Process Equipment & Controls’ facility along Hazelbrand Road.

LESSONS:
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than a hundred years ago. Science, medicine, and technology had advanced to the point that we could fend off anything, or so we believed.

As one reader said, “Just because you could never imagine it happening, and even though the politicians said it could never happen, it most certainly can happen.”

Next week, we’ll spotlight responses from readers on how the after-effects of the pandemic will change the way they live their lives in the future. You are welcome to chime in. My email address is radiotv2020@yahoo.com.

David Carroll, a Chattanooga news anchor and author. Email him at radiotv2020@yahoo.com.

Local physician advises patients on fear of needles amid vaccine distribution

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The administration of COVID-19 vaccines may eventually bring an end to the pandemic, but, for the millions of Americans who suffer from fear of needles, it also brings a new level of anxiety to an already challenging health crisis.

According to Dr. Samantha Avoke, a Piedmont Healthcare internal medicine physician in Covington, trypanophobia, which is a fear of medical procedures involving the use of hypodermic needles or injections, is incredibly common, even in adults. In fact, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates 25% of adults in the U.S. have a fear of needles.

“People with a fear of needles often avoid getting vaccines, such as an annual flu vaccine,” Avoke said.

“Someone with a severe needle phobia that causes extreme anxiety may avoid all forms of medical care which can be very dangerous.”

While each individual’s case is different,

Dr. Avoke explains that there are three common factors she sees in her practice that contribute to a patient’s fear of needles.

“Patients may develop a fear of needles from a previously negative experience with needles, either from a personal experience or a second-hand experience,” said Dr. Avoke.

Some patients may have a high sensitivity to the pain caused by an injection, while others’ fear may be the result of a psychological resistance to being pierced by a sharp object. Roughly 10 percent of the population suffers from an inherited automatic reflex of shock triggered by a needle stick. While the origins of the fear are vastly different for each patient, many exhibit similar reactions when receiving an injection.

Common symptoms of trypanophobia include:

- Dizziness/light-headedness
- Nausea
- Anxiety
- Racing Heart Rate
- Shaking or trembling

- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- Some patients may have rare reaction called a vasovagal reflex reaction where he or she may faint during or after an injection.

Treatment for nee-

dle fear or phobia can include reassurance and education, muscle tension techniques, topical anesthesia applied to the area prior to injection, or, in some cases, medication.

To find a primary care

physician in your area or to learn more about Piedmont’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic, visit www.piedmont.org.

LEGALS:

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BUSINESS

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Veteran's local business prepares for proper, safe gun usage

By **TOM SPIGOLON**
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Dwayne Chaney tells those he trains they should try to stop any threat without shooting. But he also wants them know how to stop a threat if it comes their way. “It’s about awareness,” he said. Chaney and his wife, Sunshine Jones-Chaney, own and operate Always on Point LLC, which includes AOP Virtual Shooting Range and Always On Point Personal Protection Consultants. The Chaney’s recently celebrated the grand opening of their business at 6178 Wheat St. in Covington. It is dedicated to training and preparing a wide range of gun users — from the beginner to public safety personnel who must recertify annually.

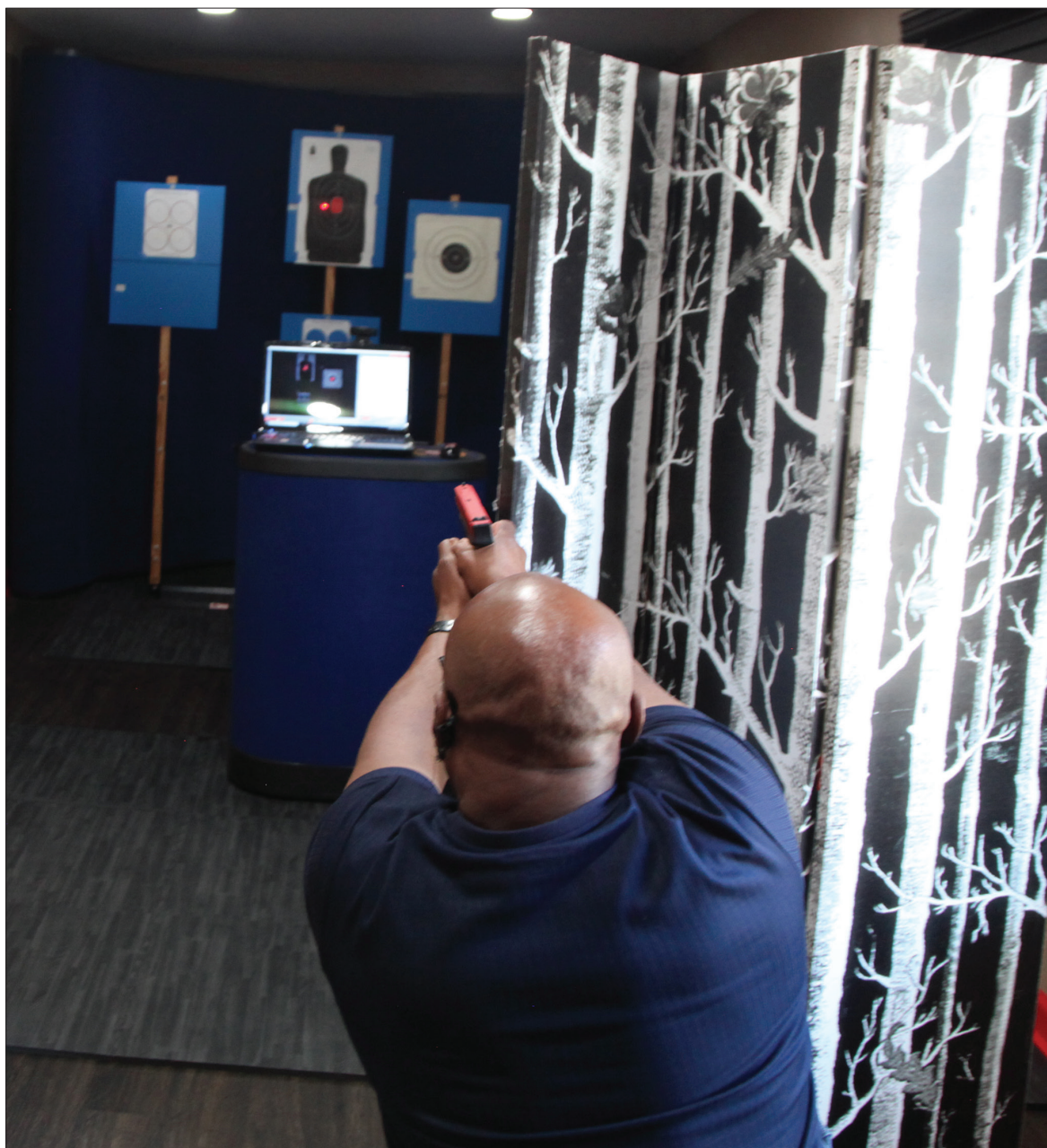
Dwayne Chaney is certified to train experienced shooters to be National Rifle Association instructors, if desired, he said.

He also teaches personal protection through his Always On Point Personal Protection Consultants.

Chaney said he decided to create a facility only for training because of the time and expense needed to operate a traditional, live shooting range.

The business includes a classroom and three training rooms that use simulated shooting and plastic guns to teach students about proper techniques before they begin using real handguns.

It offers them a safe place to learn about firearms before spending the money and being exposed to the potential health hazards of using live ammunition at a



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Dwayne Chaney demonstrates some of the training and services his new Covington business, Always on Point, offers.

shooting range — including such problems as inhaling the fumes that guns create when ranges are not properly ventilated, he said.

Always on Point’s training rooms include one in which the shooter can learn from a bench rest position.

Another, named for his late mother, Geraldine, features stationary targets, voice commands and a camera linked to a computer to help train the student.

The third is the Bill Boyd Simulation Room, named for a Covington man who planned to help Chaney with his business but died in 2016, Chaney said.

It features more than 1,000 types of scenarios — from one that simulates flying targets, to interactive scenes that use videos of actors to simulate what a person would face when confronted with a person with a gun. The guns are Shot Indi-

cating Resetting Trigger, or SIRT, pistols from which a red dot appears when firing — showing what is being shot at and providing a score.

SIRT allows the shooter to move around and learn such skills as control of a trigger and how to sight a gun, he said.

Chaney does not recommend any type make or model of handgun because the individual user needs to decide what is best.

“The gun needs to fit the person,” Chaney said.

He said people should be prepared to defend themselves in places they often don’t expect to have to do so, such as in their own homes or walking to a vehicle in a parking lot.

Both business owners are Marine veterans with extensive service in areas related to the military.

Mrs. Chaney served for four years in the Marines. She now has the rank of lieutenant commander with the United States Public Health Services at the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta.

Chaney is a native of Thomaston who eventually lived in Florida and Atlanta before going straight to the Marines from high school — serving for 22 years.

He worked in aviation, became certified as an anti-terrorism instructor and worked in that field before retiring in 2000.

After moving from North Carolina to Atlanta, Chaney worked as a mechanic and test pilot for Lockheed Martin Aeronautics in Marietta as a flight line mechanic and ground test pilot for 16 years before retiring in 2018.

Along the way, he became National Rifle Association-certified to become a training counselor. He also became certified as a state firearms instructor and classroom instructor, and earned U.S. Concealed Carry Association certification to become a home defense instructor.

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SBA reports small business employment down 17% due to COVID

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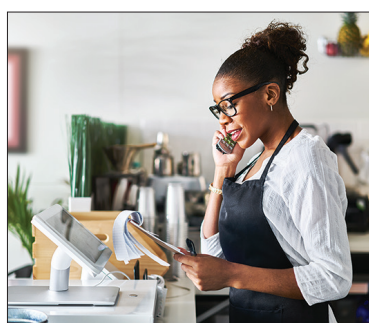
Small businesses are the lifeblood of local economies and serve various important functions, including employing hundreds of millions of people across the globe. A rundown of small business statistics can show just how vital these companies are to the economy.

- The U.S. Chamber of Commerce says that, between 2009 and 2016, roughly 400,000 new small businesses were opened each year.
- According to the Small

Business Administration, since the COVID-19 outbreak was declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization in March 2020, small businesses employment dropped by more than 17%.

- The Bureau of Labor Statistics notes that about two-thirds of businesses survive two years, half of all businesses will survive five years and one-third will survive 10 years.

- 20% of small businesses will go under within a year of opening, advises the Chamber of Commerce. Al-



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Statistics show small businesses are vital to the nation's economy.

most half of businesses that did not survive into a second year indicated that a lack of funds resulted in the closure of their companies.

- According to FDIC data obtained by the Small Business Administration, in 2017 small banks devoted larger shares of their assets to small business loans, while large banks issued a higher total volume of small business loans.

- Various small business experts state that people between the ages of 25 and 44 have the greatest tendency to form new businesses.

- According to the National Association of Small Business’ 2015 Economic Report, the majority of small businesses surveyed were S-cor-

porations (42%) followed by LLCs (23%). S-corporations are attractive because they’re not double-taxed, meaning the business owner does not pay taxes on the earnings of the business itself.

- Even though the restaurant business is billed as the most difficult industry to break into, the Chamber of Commerce says only 17% of restaurants actually close within a year of opening. In reality, the construction, warehouse and transportation industries are much more challenging, with a 75% failure rate in the first year.



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Prep Soccer

Eastside collides with Clarke Central

No. 5 Lady Eagles soar; No. 10 Eagles fall late

By **MIKE HARRISON**
Correspondent

COVINGTON, Ga. — On a beautiful Friday night at Sharp Stadium, the Eastside girls' and boys' soccer teams met Clarke Central in a pair of Region 8-AAAAA battles between ranked teams.

The Lady Eagles came into the match 5-2-1 on the year and ranked No. 5 in Class AAAAA, while the Lady Gladiators entered at 5-3-0 and ranked No. 10 in the classification. The nightcap saw the No. 10 Eagles enter at 6-1-1 and the No. 5 Gladiators sitting at 6-1-1.

The schools earned a split, with Eastside winning the girls' game and Clarke Central collecting a win in the boys' game. All four teams played up to their respective rankings, which made for an exciting night of soccer.

The Lady Eagles got things going quick in the opening minute when Aralyn Everett sent the ball forward to Lizzie Teasley, who put Eastside ahead, 1-0. The Lady Gladiators quickly tied it up with 34:13 on the clock on a goal from Hannah Barnett.

After making a save, Eastside goalkeeper Anna Shelton punted the ball over the



Eastside's Lizzie Teasley celebrates with her teammates after opening scoring with a first-minute goal against Clarke Central on Friday evening. The No. 5 Lady Eagles went on to collect a 4-3 victory over the No. 10 Lady Gladiators in an amped-up Region 8-AAAAA match.

midfield mark where Everett touched it forward to Teasley, who sped past defenders on a breakaway and netted a shot to put the Lady Eagles up 2-1 at the 24:35 mark. Less than two minutes later, Eastside's Mia Mostek stole the ball and launched a missile from 30 yards out to make it 3-1 with 22:59 left before half-time.

The score would remain 3-1 until Clarke Central's Barnett was fouled in the scoring area by Shelton, who

was attempting to stop her from shooting. Shelton received a yellow card and was temporarily replaced in goal by Teasley. Barnett calmly put the penalty kick into the net to pull one back for Clarke Central.

The first half would end with the Lady Eagles ahead 3-2.

Eastside started the second half much like the first by scoring a goal in the first two minutes to stretch its lead to 4-2 on a beautiful goal by Lauren

Davis off a double assist from Everett and Teasley. The score would hold until Barnett completed her hat trick, scoring her third goal of the game with 12:28 left to play.

The Lady Eagles (6-2-1) held on for the 4-3 win, improving to 2-1-0 in region play while Clarke Central (5-4-0) dropped to 1-1-0. Greenbrier went into the weekend in first place with a 3-0-0 region record on the basis of their 3-1 win over Eastside last Tuesday.

"What a game. That was an old school dog fight," said Lady Eagle head coach Joel Singleton after the match. "Both teams played hard and we were fortunate to play long enough and hard enough to make a big difference in the outcome on both offense and defense. I'm proud of our team. Everyone contributed in some way and helped us pull out a huge win.

"We switched things up and it paid huge dividends for us. Lizzie

Teasley set the tone early and got us on the board fast. Aralyn Everett is a fantastic passer and she found Lizzie in the perfect spot and that really gave us a ton of confidence early. We had our fair share of adversity but I'm glad the girls kept working and we hung on for the win."

The boys' match that followed was another thriller.

Clarke Central took a 1-0 lead 15 minutes into the match. Just six minutes later, Eastside's Caden Coggins knotted the match at 1-1 when he scored on a header off a Tanner Beam cross in the 21st minute. The first half would end tied at one goal apiece.

In the second stanza, Beam just missed wide on a shot in the 55th minute before the Gladiators added goals in the 59th and 65th minutes to put Clarke Central ahead 3-1.

Eastside's Owen Lane barely missed high on a shot from inside the 18-yard box with only minutes remaining.

The 3-1 victory leaves Clarke Central (7-1-1) in 1st place in Region 8-AAAAA at 2-0-0 ahead of Eastside (6-2-1) at 2-1-0.

Both Eastside teams returned to action Tuesday night as South Gwinnett visited Sharp Stadium for a pair of non-region games.

Mason Wittner, sports editor of The Covington News, and Cale Coggins contributed to this report.

Prep Baseball

Redskins roll past Lake Oconee Academy in region opener

By **MASON WITTNER**
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SOCIAL CIRCLE, Ga. — Social Circle's first game as a member of Region 8-A Public was short and sweet.

The Redskins needed just three innings to take care of visiting Lake Oconee Academy at Burks Field on Monday evening. Following a three-run opening frame, they tacked on six runs in the second and third innings, respectively, to invoke the mercy rule and claim a 15-0 victory.

Mason Moore (3-for-3), Mason Hill (2-for-3), Paul Kendall (3-for-3) and Landon Davis (2-for-2) led the offense

with multi-hit performances as the club tallied 12 hits. Right-hander Jason Ball had a relatively easy day on the mound, using 41 pitches to throw three scoreless innings while allowing just one hit and striking out four.

"This was something we've been working toward all year," Social Circle head coach Kevin Dawkins said. "We've faced a lot of schools that are bigger than us, and we've faced a lot of good pitching, a lot of good offenses. We've talked to our guys and told them to just keep plugging, keep grinding, keep competing."

Social Circle (3-6) showed signs of turning the corner in Friday night's battle with Eastside. Despite leaving the diamond with another tally in the loss column, the Redskins took the Eagles to extra innings and set themselves up with chances to win late.

"I'm not usually proud of losses," Dawkins said, "but all things considered, Eastside's a great team and they're well-coached. It was a moral victory, and it was a big growing up moment for these guys because we are so sophomore- and freshman-heavy."



Mason Moore crosses home plate Monday evening as he helped Social Circle steamroll its way to a 15-0 victory over Lake Oconee Academy in the Region 8-A Public opener.

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Though it might not be as beloved as a pint of Guinness or as inviting as a shot of Jameson's Irish whiskey after some cold hours spent marching in or viewing a parade, Irish coffee has a place all its own on St. Patrick's Day.

Toast to St. Patrick with warm cup of delight as beer takes back seat

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The origins of Irish coffee are sometimes debated, though many historians trace the beverage to a stormy night in Ireland. One fateful night in 1943, Irishman Joe

Sheridan was called back to work at the restaurant and coffee shop at the Foynes Airbase Flying Boat terminal in County Limerick. A flight that had recently departed for Newfoundland was forced to return to the airport that night due to inclement weather. According to the Foynes Flying Boat and Maritime Museum, Sheridan was asked to make something for the passengers to help them stay warm. Before serving some freshly made coffee, Sheridan decided to

add a little Irish whiskey, and the rest is history.

The popularity of Irish coffee is undeniable, and some of that popularity likely stems from how easy it can be to make the drink at home. Though Irish coffee is a straightforward beverage, the Foynes Flying Boat and Maritime Museum offers the following tips for those who want to whip up a batch that would make Sheridan proud.

1. Preheat an Irish coffee glass by filling it with boiling water. Keep the water in the

glass for 5 seconds, and then pour the water out.

2. Add 1 teaspoon of brown sugar and a good measure of Irish whiskey into the warmed glass.

3. Fill the glass to within 1 centimeter (a little less than half an inch) of the brim of the glass with hot and strong black coffee. Stir well so all of the brown sugar dissolves.

4. Carefully pour lightly whipped cream over the back of a spoon. The goal is to ensure the cream floats on top of the coffee.

5. Do not stir after adding the cream. It's important to avoid stirring because the Irish coffee will be most flavorful if you drink the coffee and whiskey through the cream.

A pint of Guinness might be a must for millions of St. Patrick's Day celebrants across the globe. But those who want something a little warmer can try their hands at Irish coffee as they toast the patron saint of Ireland this March.

Celebrate March holiday with feast of Irish pub fare

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St. Patrick's Day celebrations were different in 2020. Due to the global COVID-19 pandemic, many communities were forced to cancel their annual St. Patrick's Day festivities. Typically lively, jovial gatherings of good-spirited revelers, St. Patrick's Day celebrations are beloved by Irish and non-Irish people alike.

Though the COVID-19 vaccines figure to help people across the globe return to a semblance of normalcy at some point in 2021, that long-awaited return to life as the world once knew it is unlikely to occur before mid-March. That means St. Patrick's Day celebrations in 2021

will likely have to take place at home, much like they did a year ago.

With no parade to attend and limited seating at the local Irish pub, would-be Patty's Day revelers may have to take matters into their own hands this March 17. Cooking up some traditional Irish fare, such as this recipe for "Bacon and Cabbage" from Margaret M. Johnson's "The Irish Pub Cookbook" is a great way to bring a taste of your favorite Irish pub into your home this holiday.

Bacon and Cabbage

Serves 4 to 6

Ingredients:

3 pounds Irish boiling bacon

1 small head cabbage,

cored and quartered

Parsley Sauce or

Whole-Grain Mustard Sauce for serving (see below)

Boiled potatoes for serving

Directions:

1. Put the bacon in a large saucepan and cover with cold water. Bring the water slowly to a boil, then cover and reduce the heat to medium-low. Simmer, skimming the water occasionally to remove the foam, for 90 minutes (about 30 minutes per pound), or until the meat is tender when pierced with a fork.

2. About 20 minutes before the bacon is cooked, add the cabbage. Cook for 15 to 20 minutes, or until the cabbage is tender, but not soggy. Transfer the bacon to a serving dish, and let cool for 10 minutes before slicing.



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Bacon and cabbage will bring flavors of your favorite Irish pub into your home.

Drain the cabbage, reserving 1/4 cup of the cooking liquid for the Parsley sauce or 1 1/2 cups for the Whole-Grain Mustard Sauce, and transfer to a serving dish.

3. To serve, slice the meat and serve it with the cabbage, potatoes and sauce.

Parsley Sauce

Ingredients:

4 tablespoons unsalted Kerrygold Irish butter

3 tablespoons all-purpose flour

1/4 cup bacon cooking liquid

1 1/4 cups hot milk

1/2 cup minced fresh flat-leaf parsley

Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste

Directions:

In a small saucepan over medium heat, melt the butter. Gradually stir in the flour. Cook for one to two minutes, or until blended. Slowly stir in the cooking liquid, then the milk. Bring to a boil and cook, whisking constantly, for three to five minutes, or until slightly thickened.

Add the salt, pepper, and parsley and cook,

whisking constantly, for three to five minutes more, or until the sauce is smooth. Serve warm.

Whole-Grain Mustard Sauce

Makes About 2 Cups

Ingredients:

2 tablespoons unsalted Kerrygold Irish butter

1 small onion,

chopped

1 clove garlic, minced

2 teaspoons whole-grain mustard

2/3 cup dry white wine

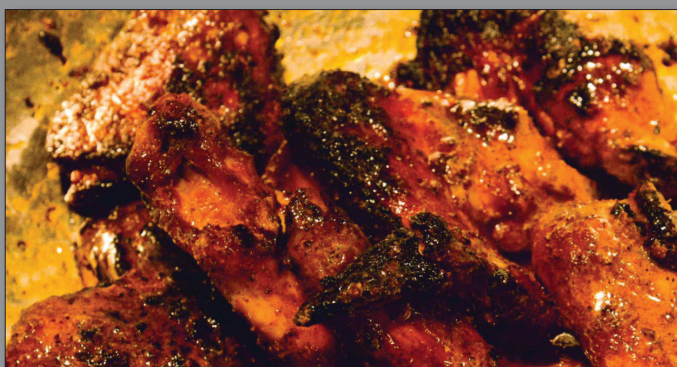
1 1/4 cups bacon cooking liquid, plus more as needed

1 1/4 cups half-and-half, plus more as needed

Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste

Directions:

In a saucepan, melt the butter over medium heat. Add the onion and garlic and cook for five minutes, or until soft. Stir in the mustard and wine and cook for two minutes. Add the cooking liquid and half-and-half and cook, whisking constantly, for five to seven minutes, or until reduced by half. Add the salt and pepper and cook for five minutes, or until the mixture is creamy. Add more boiling liquid or half-and-half, if needed, to make a smooth sauce. Serve warm.



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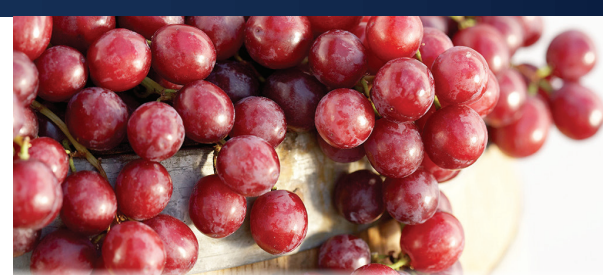
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Salad Dressing**
\$1.78



5.2-7.6 Ounce
**Betty Crocker
Hamburger
Helper**
95¢



16 Ounce
**Jif Creamy
Peanut Butter**
\$1.80



7-13 Ounce
**Nabisco
Chips Ahoy
Cookies**
\$2.48



16.92-31.78 Ounce,
Select Varieties
**Little Debbie
Big Packs**
\$2.42

Low Prices — Name Brand Meats



16 Ounce,
Regular or Thick
**Bar-S
Sliced Bologna**
\$1.21
EA.



16 Ounce
**Sunnyland
Jumbo
Franks**
\$1.02
EA.



16 Ounce,
Hot or Mild
**Jamestown
Roll
Sausage**
97¢
EA.



24 Ounce
**Sunset Farm
Thick Sliced
Bacon**
\$5.48
EA.



12 Ounce
**Butterball
Turkey
Bacon**
\$1.92
EA.



14 Ounce
**Eckrich
Skinless
Smoked
Sausage**
\$2.46
EA.

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Family Pack, Boneless

**Chicken
Tenders**

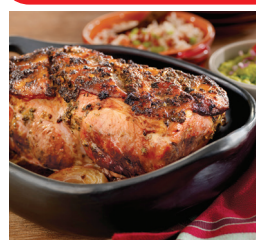
\$1.99 LB.



CAB, Family Pack

**Premium
Ground
Beef**

\$3.29 LB.



2 Pack, Vacuum Pack

Boston Butt

99¢ LB.

Limit 4 Vacuum Packs.
Additional Qty. \$1.19/LB.



CAB Choice, Family Pack

**Cubed
Steak**

\$3.99 LB.



CAB Choice

**Top Round
Roast**

\$3.99 LB.



CAB Choice

**London
Broil**

\$3.99 LB.



6 Pack, 1/2 Liters, Assorted

**Coca-Cola
Products**

4/\$10.00



30 Ounce

**Sauer's
Mayonnaise**

2/\$5.00



8 Pack

**Assorted
Powerade**

\$3.99



Fresh

**Green
Cabbage**

59¢ LB.



**Slicing
Tomatoes**

99¢ LB.



USDA Select,
Family Pack

**New York
Strip Steak**

\$8.99 LB.



CAB Choice,
Family Pack

**New York
Strip Steak**

\$10.99 LB.



Boneless, Skinless

**Chicken
Thighs**

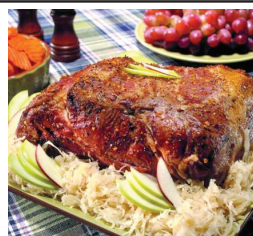
\$1.29 LB.



48 Ounce

**Mayfield
Select
Ice Cream**

\$3.49



Whole, Single Pack

**Boston
Butt**

\$1.29 LB.



**Boston Butt
Pork Roast**

\$1.59 LB.



Family Pack

**Pork
Steak**

\$1.79 LB.



Family Pack

**Western
Style
Pork Ribs**

\$1.79 LB.



Vacuum Pack

**Baby Back
Ribs**

\$4.99 LB.



1 Pound

Asparagus

\$1.99



3 Pound Bag

**Yellow
Onions**

\$1.99



Fresh

**Yellow Squash
or Fancy
Zucchini**

\$1.29 LB.



38 Ounce

**Heinz
Ketchup**

2/\$5.00



16 Ounce

**Zesta
Saltine
Crackers**

2/\$5.00



1 Ounce

**Taco Bell
Taco
Seasoning Mix**

59¢



2 Liter, Assorted

**Pepsi
Products**

4/\$5.00



Fresh, Red, Green or
Romaine

**Leaf
Lettuce**

\$1.29 EA.



16 Ounce

**Dale's
Steak
Seasoning**

2/\$6.00



12 Ounce

**Texas Pete
Hot Sauce**

3/\$5.00



26.8 Ounce

**Maxwell House
Master Blend
Coffee**

\$5.99



100 Count Roll

**Big Mopper
Towels**

5/\$4.00



11 Ounce,
Fruity or Cocoa Pebbles

**Post
Cereal**

2/\$4.00



7.25 Ounce

**Kraft
Mac &
Cheese**

5/\$5.00



200 Count

**Apollo
Foam Plates**

\$2.99



115 Ounce

**Simply
Tide**

\$7.99



6 Roll

**Fiora
Paper
Towels**

\$4.99



8 Ounce

**Kraft
Philadelphia
Cream Cheese**

2/\$6.00



52 Ounce

**Fairlife
Milk**

2/\$7.00



52 Ounce

**Florida's
Natural
Orange Juice**

2/\$6.00



Family Pack

**Pork
Neck Bones**

\$1.19 LB.



Regular or Italian

**Market
Made
Sausage**

\$2.99 LB.



1 Pound, 31/40 Count,
CPD, IQF

**Nature's Best
Shrimp**

\$9.99



1 Pound, IQF

**Nature's Best
Catfish
Fillets**

\$6.99



1 Pound, IQF

**Nature's Best
Flounder
Fillets**

\$4.99



2 Pound, IQF

**Nature's Best
Tilapia Fillets**

\$7.99



**Reser's
Macaroni
Salad**

\$1.99 LB.



Cracked Pepper, Oven
Roasted or Mesquite Smoked

**Sara Lee
Turkey Breast**

\$5.99 LB.



**Farmland
Cooked Ham**

\$2.99 LB.



**Kretschmar
Medium
Roast Beef**

\$9.99 LB.

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