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But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8, KJV

Newton County

Newton IDA buys Stanton Grove

Hall says undeveloped property neighboring Stanton Springs laden with potential

By TAYLOR BECK
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SOCIAL CIRCLE, Ga. — Stanton Grove's lucent future will now be in the hands of the Newton County Industrial Development Authority.

Newton County IDA Vice President Serra P. Hall said the authority finalized the 317-acre purchase March 10 at a rate of \$40,000 per acre with plans to emulate the success of nearby industrial park Stanton Springs — home to multi-billion-dollar industries such as Facebook's Newton Data Center and Takeda Pharmaceuticals.

The Newton County Board of Commissioners and the Newton County Water & Sewerage Authority approved an intergovernmental agree-

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Newton County Industrial Development Authority

The Newton County Industrial Development Authority recently finalized the purchase of Stanton Grove, an undeveloped property of more than 300 acres that sets between Stanton Springs (south) and the Historic Heartland (north) industrial sites.

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'Like I've always had him'

Bride's biological father walks her down the aisle after DNA test confirms relation

By SARAH DAVIS
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Ever since Covington resident Kaitlynn Johnson was a child, she had always wondered who her biological father was.

When her then-fiance and now husband, James Gerald Knight, gave her a 23andMe kit and a paternity test as Christmas gifts in 2019, she was finally able to discover a side of her family she had never known.

"Growing up, I thought I knew who my father was," Johnson said, in reference to a man who had been married to her mother when she was a child. "But, my sister told me one day, 'He's not your father,' and it really messed me up."

"He started acting differently and was eventually out of the picture."

Johnson, 25, who works in health care, is originally from Moultrie in south Georgia. She turned to her mother, Tina Dickerson, for the information and Dickerson was unable to identify him for sure. It was either a high school sweetheart or another man whose name her mother could not



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Kaitlynn Johnson, of Covington, was recently reunited with her biological father, Jim Hendrix.

remember, Johnson said.

The high school sweetheart reached out to Johnson in September 2018 and offered to take a paternity test. However, Johnson declined because she said she feared if it was not him she would never know who her real father was.

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Porterdale

Piper returns to city council after 12-year hiatus

By TOM SPIGOLON
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PORTERDALE, Ga. — Real estate company owner Kay Piper is returning to the Porterdale City Council after more than 12 years.

Piper, who served on the council from 2005 to 2008, was the only candidate to qualify for a special election scheduled for

March 16 to fill the Post 1 seat left open by the resignation of Niki Wescott.

Piper was sworn in at during a recent council work session and will fill the remaining two years of Wescott's term.

The city was allowed under state law to forego the expense of holding an election for an unopposed candidate and declare Piper the winner.

Piper said some city residents asked her to seek the council seat when it came open

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Kay Piper

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• 70% chance of rain



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Developer seeks damages after commissioners deny \$15 million travel center

Formal complaint claims board's action was discriminatory

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COVINGTON, Ga. — A complaint states Newton County should cover the monetary losses caused by the board of commissioners denying a rezoning and not allowing construction of an east Newton travel center.

Landowner Jack P. Davis of Athens and applicant JPC Design & Construction LLC of Jackson filed a legal action in Newton County Superior Court asking a judge to reverse the Newton County Board of Commissioners' Feb. 16 denial of the rezoning and seek damages for loss of income that resulted from the action.

The company sought to rezone the undeveloped 46-acre site at I-20 and Ga. Highway 11 from a mix of Agricultural Residential (AR) and Highway Commercial (CH) to CH on the entire tract.

JPC, which is an affiliate of Jones Petroleum Co., valued the travel center at \$15 million in documents filed with the Georgia Department of Community Affairs in 2020.

It is asking for damages it says it will prove at trial is "for the amount by which the value of the subject property has been diminished and reduced" by requiring that the land remain under Agricultural Residential (AR) zoning.

In the March 18 petition and complaint, JPC said it was damaged economically because AR zoning does not give it "any reasonable, viable economic use of the property."

AR zoning limits development to single-family housing on large tracts of land.

The 46-acre site is at the southeast corner of I-20's Exit 98 near Georgia State University-Perimeter College's Newton campus, north of Hub Junction and the Brick Store historic site.

A BP station and convenience store



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In this photo from Google Earth, a site planned for construction of a travel center at I-20 and Georgia Hwy. 11 is viewed from a nearby business.

already operates across from the proposed travel center site.

The legal action filed March 18 stated the commissioners' denial was "contrary to the decades-long pattern, practice and policy" of the county government and board of commissioners "to allow commercial uses within the general area of the subject property and the general development trend of the surrounding area away from single-family uses."

They allege the commissioners' action violated the state and U.S. Constitutions because it "discriminated against (JPC) in favor of owners of similarly situated properties located nearby" which the county had allowed to develop commercial uses at the I-20 exit.

The 14th Amendment's Equal Protection Clause guarantees the same protection under the law enjoyed by similar persons or groups.

Plans submitted in early October call for a travel center valued at \$15 million, including a 24,900-square-foot commercial travel center with convenience store, 16 pumps with 32 fueling positions for passenger vehicles, and eight diesel fueling lanes for tractor-trailers.

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You're in the Picture



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Two Newton County children have their picture made with the Easter Bunny during the county's Easter egg hunt event held Saturday, March 27.



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Margie Jones of Social Circle, the interim disaster relief unit director for the Conyers-based Stone Mountain Baptist Association, stirs a pot of green beans as Olan Miller of Athens looks on. Jones is a member of First Baptist Church Social Circle and was cooking for the Association's Georgia Feeding Unit 11-F that was deployed to Newnan to feed victims and utility workers following the devastating tornadoes that caused major damage in the town Thursday, March 25.

Correction

A story titled "County commissioners, sheriff working to replace vehicle fleet" on page A2 of the weekend edition of *The Covington News* should have stated a county commissioner estimated a cost of

\$670,000 for 25 new sheriff's office vehicles. A headline on the same story should have stated that more than half the current vehicles have at least 200,000 miles.

BUYS:

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ment in February to back \$16.1 million in bonds so the Newton County IDA could make the purchase. At the time, Hall told commissioners the Newton County IDA had enough money to make bond payments even if no land sales were completed within

the next six years.

Stanton Grove is an undeveloped area located west of U.S. 278 and north of I-20 that neighbors the renowned Stanton Springs.

"The DA has held [the Stanton Grove property] under auction for a little over five years, and within the

last year, decided to pull the trigger and decided to purchase it for the future, really adding a new opportunity for industrial business growth at Exit 101," Hall said.

Hall called the area "a true beacon of business light." After witnessing the success of Stanton Springs by the Joint Development Authority of Jasper, Morgan, Newton and Walton Counties, she said the Newton County IDA believes similar success can be replicated at Stanton Grove.

The Newton County IDA was awarded \$1 million from the 2017 SPLOST for economic development purposes that would be put toward the purchase.

"With having [the SPLOST funds], the DA for many years having funding support as well, and looking at where we were at Exit 101, we felt like the

time is right," she said, "and we're excited about the possibilities.

"I won't say we're fully open for business, but we are excited to begin the future of the park and get open for business," she added.

Hall said the first order of business would be establishing a solid infrastructure for the property, and for that, she pointed to the Newton County IDA's partnership with the county's water and sewerage authority.

"Without the partnership of the water and sewage authority, we wouldn't be in this position," Hall said. "We needed a true key partner, not only on the local government level but for our infrastructure needs — you can't do anything without water or sewer ... With their aggressive nature about development and about securing business and really being a lead-

er in water/sewer needs and service points, we felt like it was a good mix."

Stanton Grove has already generated lots of intrigue from several industries, Hall said.

"Beyond Stanton Springs, I would say this is our most popular site for [requests for proposals] and interest," she said. "We feel like that will only continue."

Because the majority of Stanton Grove is located within the city of Social Circle, Hall said the development would mark the first time that the Newton County IDA would be working with municipal leadership outside the city of Covington.

"I think that it's exciting," Hall said. "It's a new path and avenue. The normal nature has been heavily working with Covington and our county seat, but I think Social Circle has

a lot of great points in success in what they've done, and it'll be a whole new adventure to begin working with another city to accomplish great things out there."

In February, Hall said the Newton County IDA would market the property to industries planning high-quality developments similar to those already established next door at Stanton Springs.

The JDA still owns property east of Stanton Grove that is located at the corner of U.S. 278 and I-20, directly north of Stanton Springs within Walton and Morgan counties, according to Hall. She said that property could likely be the site of the JDA's next development venture.

"It is fair to say you might eventually see a Stanton Springs south campus and a Stanton Springs north campus," Hall said.



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Officials break ground on skatepark at Denny Dobbs Park



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Above, county and business leaders participate in a ceremonial groundbreaking for the new SPLOST-funded skatepark Monday, March 29, at Denny Dobbs Park on Ga. Highway 212 in Covington. Grindline Skate-parks Inc. of Seattle, Washing-ton is building the \$160,000 first phase from sales tax funds voters approved in 2017. Pictured right, District 2 County Commissioner Demond Mas-son speaks and stands with a rendering of the site for the skatepark.



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Her biological fa-ther turned out to be the man whose name her mother could not remember. After her DNA results were uploaded to 23andMe’s system, Johnson said she initial-ly only found connec-tions to close cousins she knew. However, in February 2020, a month and a half after she had gotten her initial results, she received a notification that she had a match with a woman a couple years older than her named Emerald Hen-drix, who had decided to send in her DNA to 23&Me out of curiosity. “She didn’t have to do the 23&Me test,” Johnson said. “If she wouldn’t have done it, I would have never known who he was.” She said Emerald told her she knew who Johnson’s biological fa-ther was and contacted him to see if he would be willing to talk to her. It turned out that her father, Jim Hendrix, lived in Travelers Rest,

South Carolina, and was originally from Moultrie where John-son’s mother also grew up. Jim Hendrix said that, at first, he was wary of Johnson’s claim to biological relation. “My first reaction when I found out about Kaitlynn was, ‘Some-one is messing with me,’” Hendrix wrote in an email. “I was very skeptical.” However, he agreed to take a paternity test that came back with a 99.9% positive result. After the biological tie was confirmed, he agreed to talk on the phone with Johnson. “We seemed to get along really good,” Johnson said. “We have a lot in common, which is really weird ’cause I never knew him grow-ing up. We’re both hard-headed ... and very humorous. I got a lot from him.” Jim Hendrix then invited Johnson to visit him while he was on vacation in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Johnson, who has one child and a second on the way, said that while she was nervous at first she was soon relaxed by the instant connection she felt with Hendrix. “As soon as I see him and we hugged and talked, it just felt familiar, like someone I’ve always known,” Johnson said. “I went from nerves to a really good warm-ing feeling like we were right where we were supposed to be. It took all the feelings of I didn’t know that part of me or the sadness I’ve felt for many years. It feels like I’ve always had him.” When Johnson’s mother contracted COVID-19 before Johnson’s wedding to Knight in September, she called Hendrix to see if he would walk her down the aisle. Despite only having known each other for seven months, Johnson said Hendrix was happy to say yes. “When Kaitlynn

asked me to walk her down the aisle, it all seemed natural to me,” Hendrix wrote. “At that point, I felt like she had always been there and I loved her as much as my other children.” On her wedding day, Hendrix picked John-son up to take her to the ceremony. “I walked out and it was so nice,” Johnson said. “He helped me get in the vehicle, helped me with my dress, my flowers. It was like a dream come true. It was everything I could ask for.” Since meeting John-son, Hendrix said that his life has changed for the better. “I have gained another beautiful daughter, a great son-in-law, a grandson that my wife and I adore and one on the way,” Hendrix wrote. “It definitely has been a blessing.” Johnson said that having Hendrix in her life has given her a greater sense of securi-ty she lacked as a child. “I felt like not know-

ing that half of me or growing up with a dad that really was there for me affected me in a lot of ways,” Johnson said. “Now that I have him,

it feels like a void that I had is no longer a prob-lem; I feel complete.”

PIPER:

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after Wescott moved to Florida recently. Her years of experience as a corporate accountant will help the council deal with its finan-cial challenges, Piper said. She said she believes council members in 2020 would not have been surprised by city of-ficials saying it owed \$1 million to local utility companies if monthly financial reports were given. “I’ll be working with the may-or and council to regain the trust and confidence of the residents of Porterdale,” Piper said. Economic development needs to be a priority to help keep the city’s retail sector thriving, including the historic downtown following the closing of some businesses in the area, she said. She said the city has “all the key elements” to make it a recreation and retail destination, including its historic mill village homes, walking trails and River-side Park. A broker and owner of The

Magnolia Realty Group, Piper is a Porterdale native whose roots are deep in the city’s history as a mill town. Her great-grandfather worked at the mill from its early days of operation, while her grandfather and father worked in manage-ment for Bibb Manufacturing Co. that operated the Porter-dale mill before it closed in the 1970s. She was educated in Newton County schools and attended Shorter College before going on to work in the corporate world as an accountant. Piper and her husband moved back to Porterdale in 1989 and she developed a 10-year revital-ization plan called “Let’s Sweep It Clean.” The plan was based on re-search showing how former mill towns could be revitalized with the restoration of the center of the community — in this case the Porterdale Mill which closed in the 1970s. The Porterdale Mill Lofts

were built in 2006 and the historic Porterdale Gym now serves as an open-air event center after fire destroyed it in 2005. As a real estate broker, Pip-er also aided in the sale of 40 homes built by Bibb for its workers in the early 20th cen-tury and revitalized by new owners. She resigned from the coun-cil’s Post 5 seat in November 2008, citing her health and unhappiness with the council’s direction at the time. Current Councilman Lowell Chambers replaced her. Piper is the second new member to join Porterdale City Council this year. The council on Jan. 11 ap-pointed former city zoning commission chairman Michael Patterson to serve the remainder of the term of Post 3 councilman Tim Savage after Savage’s res-ignation to care for his seriously ill wife.

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Restaurants with drive-through win-dows, such as Burger King and Dunkin’ Donuts, also are planned, said JPC owner William “Bill” Jones. He said the project would create about 150 jobs and generate about \$3 million in annual tax revenue for Newton County. However, the JPC site is within an over-lay zone that imposes restrictions on new developments in addition to those already required in existing zoning laws. County Development Services Director Judy Johnson said Feb. 16 the planning staff believed a travel center would be inconsistent with the overlay zone’s inten-tion to create a “small town” atmosphere. Davis and JPC also allege they were giv-en only five minutes on Feb. 16 to present all their evidence supporting the plan. They said there was no evidence pre-sented to commissioners at the same meeting “that supported denial of the rezoning application or the conditional use application.” The legal action also states commission-ers “exceeded the scope of the authority granted to them, as the governing authori-ty of (Newton) County” to zone property. The denial was not “substantially related to the public health, safety, morality and welfare” so the action “was contrary to their constitutional authority to impose restrictions on real property, it states. It stated the commissioners should have imposed “reasonable conditions” as already listed in part of the county zoning ordinance if they had concerns about the project being a “truck stop.”

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Tom Spigolon news editor

General Assembly is also making wise decisions — believe it or not

Georgia’s legislators are passing legislation this year essentially making it a criminal act to give water to someone forced to wait in line to vote in the heat of summer.



But with all the things I believe legislators are doing wrong in the current session of the Georgia General Assembly, I’d like to touch on a few things I think they’re getting right — or at least are correct in considering for approval.

One bill designed to be an incentive for more adoptions would increase the state tax credit to foster parents.

The bill would boost the annual tax credit for new foster parents from \$2,000 to \$6,000 for the first five years after adoption, then drop back to \$2,000 per year before ending when the foster child turns 18, according to Capitol Beat News Service.

About 11,000 children are in foster care in Georgia, which is down from 15,000 in March 2018.

The bill passed both houses of the General Assembly and went to Gov. Brian Kemp for his signature. Foster care is one of Kemp’s legislative priorities this year.

Related bills would lower the minimum age from 25 to 21 for adults seeking to be foster parents, and another requiring more training for juvenile court officers and more reporting on child abuse connected to abandonment, neglect or drug use.

In the waning days of the 2021 session, which was supposed to end today, legislators were working to take bills that appeared not to have a chance at passage and attach them to other bills to gain approval.

One of those was directed at the practice of freely giving tax breaks to companies that don’t pay off in the jobs they promise.

A bill from Sen. Chuck Hufstetler, R-Rome, is the culmination of years of efforts to try to figure out if we’re getting what we pay for.

It would create committees to study Georgia’s tax and revenue structure and if this state should be so free in giving tax credits to potential employers.

Every governor’s announcement of a new company always includes the number of new jobs this or that company will create by opening or moving to Georgia.

However, it’s not usually mentioned what kind or amount of tax break was given to lure them to Georgia rather than South Carolina or Tennessee.

It also is not usually publicized about how many new jobs were created once they opened, or how many they ultimately created after being given the tax break.

A similar review the state undertook at the beginning of the last decade led to tax reforms that eliminated Georgia’s “birthday” tax on motor vehicles, phased out the state sales tax on energy used in manufacturing and expanded an income tax exemption for married couples filing jointly, according to our friends at the Capitol Beat News Service.

Another bill would create a new driver’s education course on how to interact with police officers during traffic stops.

It would require school and driver-training courses in Georgia to include recommendations on how drivers should act if a police officer pulls them over.

It also would include instruction on the consequences for defying officers’ orders as well as when police have the authority to request a driver’s license, make arrests and use force.

I think the more education motorists have, the better, in this day and age.

Yes, there have been and will continue to be some abusive officers. They are humans, not robots.

But many officers are

confronted with unreasonably angry motorists who do all the wrong things when they don’t believe they should have been stopped, even when the officer had every legal right to do so.

Sen. Randy Robertson, R-Cataula, is the sponsor and a former law enforcement officer. State Rep. Martin Momtahan, R-Dallas, who owns a driver training school, said it is information that drivers need to know when they must interact with law enforcement out on the road.

Finally, a bridge over the Port of Savannah will be named in honor of former U.S. Sen. Johnny Isakson, R-Ga., who was a major proponent of the Savannah port project that will make Georgia among the nation’s leading locations for imported goods.

The bridge crosses over the Mason Mega Rail Yard. Isakson worked throughout his congressional career to secure federal funding and support for the Rail Yard that will allow the port to ship goods to cities in the nation’s Mid-South and Midwest regions.

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Your Letters to the Editor

Voters have short memory, which could hurt Hice

Some in Georgia’s 10th Congressional District are breathing a sigh of relief that Trump-y Congressman Jody Hice — purveyor of the Big Lie — will give up his seat in Congress to run for the Republican nomination for Georgia Secretary of State, facing Brad Raffensperger, who has promised to run for a second term.

The only thing that may — or may not — commend Hice is an endorsement from losing presidential candidate Donald Trump who continues to maintain that he didn’t lose the election but that it was stolen from him. He specifically faults Raffensperger for not engaging in illegal post-election efforts to overturn Georgia’s election results. Raffensperger showed uncommon backbone in facing down Trump’s bullying to bend to his will.

But Hice makes a deal with the devil in donning the mantle of a Trump endorsement as if it were election magic. Hice has been one of the most vociferous dispensers of Trump’s aggrieved rhetoric, but that sore loser is increasingly isolated on the greens in Palm Beach and reading daily from a disproved, worn out script of election fraud.

Voters have short memories, and Trump supporters will likely find that toting his water gets harder and harder as time goes on. Hice better have something more going for him than a starring role in Trump’s tiresome puppet show.

Barbara Morgan
Covington

Dave Belton guest columnist

It takes all types of people to drive the world crazy

A few years ago, I wrote a column about folks who get on our nerves.

Like the people who lean in too close to talk after they’ve gulped down a jalapeno burger with extra onions.

Oh, and the ones who park illegally in handicapped spaces, and those rascals who leave their shopping cart



wherever they choose.

Plus the ones who make a left turn long after the green arrow goes away. Their time is more important than yours.

Maybe it’s the grouchy pandemic hermit in me, but now seems like a good time to call out a few more of the folks who make us crazy.

Let’s start with the people who interrupt the cashier during your transaction to ask for directions to Ohio.

Also, people who

play their music incredibly loud, while riding around with their windows down. I don’t have a bass-thumping car stereo, but if I did, I’d drown ‘em out with some Barry Manilow.

People who “discipline” their children by pointing to a police officer and saying, “If you don’t act right, I’m going to give you to that cop. He’ll put you in jail.”

People who clog up a grocery aisle by chatting with their long-lost friend Ethel, and catching up on the last 30 years.

People who loudly blow their nose in a restaurant, usually aimed toward my casserole.

People who use foul language in public, especially on the phone. “He said WHAT to you? Well, I don’t take that \$#!% from nobody!” (Bonus penalty points for those who do this on speaker, often in a doctor’s office, or in a public bathroom stall).

People whose underwear is showing. It’s not called “outer wear.”

People who hold up the checkout line by saying, “Oh wait. I have to go to the

car and get my wallet.” They do realize they came inside to buy something, right?

People who say, “No offense, but…” when they are obviously about to offend you. As in, “No offense Henry, but you outgrew them overalls when you was 12.”

Cashiers who comment on the contents of your shopping cart. “Man, look at all those goodies. When’s the party?” Um, at my house, this is called “supper.”

Dog owners who think it’s cute when their precious hound leaps up to sniff your crotch.

People who walk toward you, just blabbing away. When you respond, you realize they’re speaking into their Bluetooth device. Even scarier, sometimes they’re just talking.

People who think it is OK to touch a woman’s stomach and then say, “Girl, you’re about to pop! Got twins in there?” (Double the penalty if the woman is not pregnant.)

People who have a crack problem. One solution: wear longer shirts.

People who burp (or make other bodily function sounds) in public.

It’s one thing if you can’t help it. But some people smile afterward as if they’ve won a gold medal.

People who overshare on Facebook. Yes, we love to see pics of your new puppy. But we don’t want to see your ingrown toenail, your fever blister, or your surgery scar.

People who look at your plate and say, “You’re not really going to eat all that, are you?”

Retail workers who carry on a conversation with each other, while totally ignoring you. I want to say, “Should I return at a more convenient time?”

People who take a dog outside to “do their business,” and get impatient. They think that if they plead their case in baby talk, the dog will suddenly respond, “Oh, why didn’t you just say so?”

People who rudely object when airport security workers ask them to follow the rules that keep us safe. The nerve of those TSA people, trying to prevent bombings and disasters, right?

People who conduct their business on a Zoom call in a restaurant. I don’t want to hear some Bill Gates wanna-be five tables

away negotiating the price of his next big buyout.

People who reply to a text or an email with the letter “K.” Does it really require that much additional energy to type “OK?”

Bank tellers who ask if you have big plans for your money after making a sizable deposit or withdrawal. Yes, and let’s talk about it loud enough for everyone in line to hear.

People who seem to have time to record video of a fight, or a similar incident without making any effort to help defuse the situation.

People who find a way to make EVERYTHING political. “Man, we had way too much rain this week.” “Yep, you can thank (Trump/Biden) for that!”

People who drop their disposable face mask on the ground in the parking lot, about five feet from a garbage can.

And finally, newspaper columnists who just whine all the time. Hey, I resemble that remark!

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Public Notices

Bids

THE CITY of Covington is seeking bids from approved manufactures, for the purchase of a Three Phase Pad Mounted 2500KVA transformer as specified in exhibit "A" of the bid packet Sealed bids must be delivered to City Hall, 2194 Emory Street NW, Covington, GA 30014, Attn: Scott Cromer no later than 10:00am on Tuesday, April 6, 2021.

REQUEST FOR Bids and additional information may be obtained by accessing the request for proposals on the City's website at <https://www.cityofcovington.org/index.php?section=business-opportunities> **THE CITY** of Covington reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

PUBLIC NOTICE #200117
3/24,31

Corporations

NOTICE IS given that articles of incorporation that will incorporate Nevader Religious Tract Forwarding Ministry Inc. 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 20 Kristen Pl, Covington, GA, 30016 and its initial registered agent at such address is Helen N Johnson.

PUBLIC NOTICE #200134
3/31-4/7

Debtors Creditors

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

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

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

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of CHARLOTTE C. MCMULLEN** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. **THIS THE** 17Th day of March, 2021.

CHARLOTTE KAY MCMULLEN
ROBERTSON
2071 REEF DRIVE
ST AUGUSTINE FL 32080

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

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of CYNTHIA M. BRYAN** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. **THIS THE** 15ThH day of March, 2021.

DAN BRYAN
28 BRIGHTON RD
ATLANTA, GA 30309

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

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of DOROTHY HUGHES MORRIS** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. **THIS THE** 11ThH day of March, 2021.

CHARLES ANTHONY MORRIS
706 SOUTH FLETCHER AVE
FERNANDINA BEACH, FL 32034

PUBLIC NOTICE #200099
3/24,31-4/7,14

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of EDD JUNIOR BROADNAX** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. **THIS THE** 15ThH day of March, 2021.

DAVID BROADNAX
50 MOUNTAIN CREEK TRAIL
SOCIAL CIRCLE, GA 30025

PUBLIC NOTICE #200103

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!

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

Level: Intermediate

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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

CITY OF COVINGTON

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

The City of Covington is currently accepting applications for an **Equipment Operator I** position in the **Gas Department** with an hourly entry-level rate of \$15.54 to an hourly maximum rate of \$22.82 depending upon qualifications. This position requires the abilities and skills to operate and maintain heavy equipment used in the installation and repairs of the natural gas system, as well as transporting equipment and crews to the job-site. Required training and experience include graduation from high school or GED equivalent, the ability to read, write and perform mathematical calculations at a level commonly associated with the completion of high school or equivalent, and possession of a valid driver's license issued by the State of Georgia for the type of vehicle or equipment operated. **CDL Class A preferred. Must be able to obtain CDL within the first six months of employment.** Qualified applicants may apply by downloading an application via our website at www.cityofcovington.org or may apply in person (Drive-thru only) at the City of Covington, 2194 Emory Street, Covington, Georgia 30014. The position will remain open until filled. *The City of Covington is an Equal Opportunity Employer.*

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

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of EDWARD LAMAR JENKINS** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. **THIS THE** 15ThH day of March, 2021.

DAVID L. JENKINS
110 BENTLEY PLACE WAY
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #200100
3/24,31-4/7,14

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of HERMAN ANDERSON GIBBS, JR** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. **THIS THE** 11ThH day of March, 2021.

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

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

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

DEMARCUS SLAUGHTER
6954 DIAMOND DR
REX, GA 30273

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

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

MARY GODFREY
405 SOULE STREET
OXFORD, GA 30054

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

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of KELLY ALAN HEGWOOD** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. **THIS THE** 15ThH day of March, 2021.

CALEIGH HEGWOOD
5144 EMORY ST NW
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200105

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

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of MARION P. RESTIVO III** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. **THIS THE** 15ThH day of March, 2021.

MARION P. RESTIVO IV
687 STARRSVILLE RD
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200097
3/24,31-4/7,14

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of QUIGG D. PIPER** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. **THIS THE** 12ThH day of March, 2021.

DEBORAH WHITSITT
4145 DORCHESTER DR
COVINGTON, GA 30014

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

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of ROBERT J. LANGE** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. **THIS THE** 16ThH day of March, 2021.

NEAL LANGE
20 LOGANS RUN
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #200106
3/24,31-4/7,14

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of SANDRA D. SWAIN** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. **THIS THE** 17Th day of March, 2021.

JEFFREY SWAIN
5790 HWY 212
COVINGTON, GA 30016

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

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

RAY JOHNSON, JR.
135 TURNER DR
MCDONOUGH, GA 30252

PUBLIC NOTICE #200133

3/31-4/7,14,21
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of STEVE BIGGERS** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. **THIS THE** 12ThH day of March, 2021.

STEPHEN BIGGERS
422 POPLAR HILL R
CONYERS, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200095
3/24,31-4/7,14

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of TIMOTHY LEE BLANKENSHIP** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. **THIS THE** 15ThH day of March, 2021.

ELMER BLANKENSHIP
846 COOPER RD
SOCIAL CIRCLE, GA 30025

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

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of WILLIE GENE THRASHER** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. **THIS THE** 15ThH day of March, 2021.

PENNY THRASHER
90 WYNFIELD WAY
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #200102
3/24,31-4/7,14

Divorces

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

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

NOTICE TO: LIVERS DEBORAH CELESTE

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

JESSE JONES IV PLAINTIFF, V. 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 GEORGIA

MILOGRO PORTER PLAINTIFF V. 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

AMAN DAVIS PLAINTIFF V. KATRINA DAVIS DEFENDANT

CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 2020-CV-1989-4

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: KATRINA DAVIS 45 KRISTAIN PLACE COVINTON, GA 30014

BY ORDER of the court for service by publication dated **MARCH 23 2021** you are hereby notified that on MARCH 22, 2021 (date of filing) **AMAN DAVIS** (plaintiff) filed suit against you for Divorce . **YOU ARE** required to file an answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for publication with the clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County and to serve a copy of the answer upon the plaintiff (if pro se) or upon the plaintiff's attorney (if represented).

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

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

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

Foreclosures

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 #:** 001500000413000 **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

Name Changes

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE the Name Change of Child(ren): **KRISTAN SHANESE HOWARD-COOPER PETITIONER, V. OBJECTOR RESPONDENT**

CIVIL ACTON Number 2021-CV-653-1

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

KRISTAN SHANESE HOWARD-COOPER filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on MARCH 23 , 2021 to change the name(s) of the following minor child(ren) from: **JAXSON LIAM MCLENDON** or: **JAXSON LIAM HOWARD-COOPER** **ANY INTERESTED** party has the right to appear in this case and file objection within the time prescribed 19-12-1(f)(2) and (3)

KRISTAN SHANESE Howard-C Cooper
185 LAKESIDE Point
COVINGTON, GEORGIA 30016

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

SPORTS

The Covington News

Prep Baseball

Cougars pounce past Gatewood, Brentwood



Special to The Covington News
Piedmont Academy's Cameron Mobley (pictured) pitched all seven innings of a 9-1 victory over Brentwood on Saturday. Mobley, a University of North Georgia signee, has recorded 34 strikeouts through 16 innings of work this spring.

By CHRIS BRIDGES
Correspondent

MONTICELLO, Ga. — Last Thursday's baseball game between Piedmont Academy and Gatewood was another in the long history of classic encounters between the two schools.

In the end, the Cougars earned a 7-6 road win against the Gators. Piedmont scored the winning run in the top of the eighth inning.

Gavin Mask worked five innings and recorded seven strikeouts. David Bishop also had seven strikeouts.

Brody Anderson and Mask helped lead the offense with two hits each. Cameron Mobley drove in three runs. Mask had two RBI while Ryan Holder drove in a run.

The Cougars took an early lead in the top of the first before Gatewood evened the score

in the bottom of the third. Piedmont's big inning came in the top of the fifth when the Cougars pushed five runs across.

Tanner Locklear drew two walks while Holder and Jeb Satterfield both had one.

The Gators added three in the bottom of the fifth and then scored one in both the sixth and seventh innings.

Piedmont earned a 9-1 win against Brentwood on Saturday at home. Mobley pitched all seven innings and recorded 13 strikeouts. The University of North Georgia signee has only allowed six hits and one earned run and two walks in 16 innings this spring. Mobley has also recorded 34 strikeouts.

Satterfield and Mask both had two hits on Saturday and both had three RBI. Locklear drew two walks.

The Cougars (4-3

overall) scored runs in the second and third innings before scoring two in the fifth and five more in the sixth. Defensively, Piedmont did not commit an error.

"We are getting better on offense," coach Matt Britt said. "We are putting a few more hits together and are running the bases better. We are doing better playing 'small ball' here and there. We are executing bunts. We have also been delivering on two-out hits. We are slowly but surely getting there."

Britt said the Cougars still need to improve defensively.

"Our pitching has been strong and we knew we would have to rely on that," Britt said. "We knew pitching would carry us, especially early."

Piedmont Academy will travel to Brentwood on Wednesday.



File | Mason Wittner | The Covington News
Social Circle has won each of its first six games in Region 8-A Public this spring. The Redskins are plowing through opponents behind an offense that's averaging 9.5 run per game.

Redskins off to strong 6-0 start in region play

By DAVID JOHNSON
Correspondent

SOCIAL CIRCLE, Ga. — The plan was to endure a brutal non-region schedule in order to be ready for league play.

So far, the scheme's working to perfection for the Social Circle baseball team.

Entering this week's play, the Redskins are sitting atop Region 8-A Public with a perfect 6-0 mark. Before league play began, they had stumbled to a 2-6 record.

The Redskins still have a tough road ahead, including a three-game showdown with league-favorite Commerce to close out the regular season. But so far, so good.

Once a potential liability, the pitching staff has become a strength. Among their six region victories, two have been shutouts and in two others they've allowed two or fewer runs.

Meanwhile, the bats have been explosive. The Redskins have averaged 9.5 runs a game.

In a three-game series sweep of Towns County, the Redskins won a pitcher's duel in the first game, a blowout, in the second, and capped it off with a thrilling comeback in the third.

In the opener of a doubleheader Friday, Ty Lemaster logged most of the innings on the mound during the shut-out victory. He threw 97 pitches and recorded four strikeouts and just two walks. Will Atha came on in the sixth and picked up the save.

Logan Cross' double in the sixth drove in Mitchell McCullough for the only run of the game.

In the second game, the Redskins were held hitless for the first five innings but exploded for 12 runs over the final two frames.

Ty Lemaster, Ma-

son Moore, and McCullough all had two hits in the game. Kade McConnell pitched four scoreless innings to get the win.

In the series finale on Saturday, Social Circle was trailing 5-3 in the sixth before its bats came alive with some timely hitting. Mason Moore drove in Brayden Mitchell with an RBI single and Mitchell McCollough knocked in Landon Davis with a sacrifice fly to tie the game at five.

Mason Hill then dove in Ty Lemaster to put the Redskins on top 6-5. Cross sent Moore home with an RBI single to cap the scoring.

The Redskins had this week off before hosting Alabama power Glenwood in a non-region doubleheader on Saturday. They'll resume league play with a three-game series against Lincoln County starting Tuesday.

Rams fall, Eagles triumph in Monday matchups

By MASON WITTNER
mwittner@covnews.com

LOGANVILLE, Ga. — Newton's unblemished Region 4-AAAAAAA record was scuffed up Monday evening when the Rams hit the road against No. 3 Grayson.

Despite recording two outs in the first three at-bats of the first inning, Newton allowed Grayson to rally for eight runs. Grayson carried the fireworks into the second, rounding

the bases a dozen more times before collecting a 20-0 victory in just three innings.

"We had an instance last year against Lake-side-Evans where we came out flat and underestimated our opponent. We came out confident and they really put it to us. That was the same thing Grayson did to us [Monday,]" Newton head coach Darrell Helm said.

The loss dropped the Rams to 9-8 on the

year, but they remain in good position at 3-1 in region play thanks to a three-game sweep of South Gwinnett two weeks ago. They were scheduled to get another crack at Grayson on their home diamond Tuesday night before returning to Loganville to close out the three-game series this Friday.

"We know the adjustments we've got to make and we know the intensity we have to play with," Helm said.

"We've got to match these guys intensity for intensity and hit for hit. We know what we've got to do, and we've got to be ready for them."

Eastside (15-5, 5-2 Region 8-AAAAA) was also in action Monday night. The Eagles hosted region foe Apalachee and found themselves engaged in a pitching duel.

Locked in a scoreless tie in the sixth inning, Eastside applied

pressure when Hunter Denney was hit by a pitch and Bryce Burgess drew a four-pitch walk. Denney worked his way to the other corner of the diamond on a wild pitch and groundout, respectively, before Joshua Johnson lifted a sacrifice fly that allowed him to come home and score the game's lone run.

Eastside held on for the 1-0 victory, pushing its current winning streak out to

five games. The club is slated to take the road Wednesday for a rematch with Apalachee.

Alcovy went into Tuesday evening's Region 3-AAAAAA contest against Rockdale County at 7-12 on the year and 2-3 in league play. The Tigers opened their region slate with a pair of victories over the Bulldogs, but have since endured a three-game slide against Grovetown and Lake-side-Evans.

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COVINGTON

1169 Clark Street SW
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Maundy Thursday at 6pm
(In-person/Virtual)

Good Friday at Noon
(In-person/Virtual)

Easter Sunrise Service 7am
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Covington, GA 30016

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8:00, 9:30, & 11:00 A.M.

- DAILY VIDEO DEVOTIONS
- MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE AT CELEBRATE RECOVERY® AT THE EAST NEWTON CAMPUS ON THURSDAY AT 7:00 P.M.
- BOTH CAMPUSES OPEN FOR PRAYER ON GOOD FRIDAY FROM 6:00-9:00 P.M.

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Two opportunities to worship

Saturday, April 3rd, at 6pm &
Sunday, April 4th, at 10:30am

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Grilling dessert
can add spark
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- Grilled fruit: Slice up melon, pineapples, peaches, mangoes — just about anything you can think of. Cook for a few minutes over low heat. The grill will help release the sugars and create that extra-tasty caramelization. Grilled fruit is a dessert without too many extra calories.
- Grilled s'mores: S'mores are the quintessential campfire food, and they also can be cooked on the grill. If you don't trust little ones around the hot coals or propane, have them prepare the s'mores and then wrap them in foil. Adults can then toss them on the hot grates for a little while, until the foil packets can be unwrapped to unveil melted chocolate and marshmallow goodness.
- Grilled cake: Use a firm cake, such as pound cake, and slice into thick pieces. Grill for a few minutes to warm, then top with fresh berries and homemade whipped cream for an easy and tasty treat.
- Grilled cobbler: Dutch ovens are one of the great tools of outdoor cooking. Dutch ovens are heavy, cast-iron pots that can be lowered into a campfire. However, Dutch ovens also can be placed in the belly of a grill. Line with foil and fill the Dutch oven with a favorite cake mix, the corresponding oil amount, fresh berries and even chocolate chips. Let cook for 30 to 40 minutes on low heat until the mixture is bubbly.
- Grilled dessert pizza: Ready-made or homemade pizza dough can be oiled and grilled over medium heat for a few minutes until grill marks form and the dough starts to puff and harden slightly. Turn over and cover with chocolate-hazelnut spread or some preserves. Grill for another few minutes until the dough is cooked through. Transfer to a cutting board and add sliced bananas.

Grilled menu options can extend to dessert to make outdoor entertaining even easier.

Cracking Easter's egg hunt tradition

Research suggests holiday festivity dates back to 1700s



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Come Easter Sunday, eager children wake up to see if the Easter Bunny has visited their homes. For many families, Easter would not be the same without an annual egg hunt. From chocolate confections to money-filled plastic shells to colorful, hand-decorated hard-boiled eggs, the Easter Bunny (and his parental helpers) hide eggs all around.

As with many traditions, people may engage in the festivities without really understanding the origins behind the fun. It can be interesting to unearth just how such egg hunts were hatched.

As with many religious

traditions, Easter egg coloring and hunts trace their origins to pre-Christian societies. These societies developed rituals surrounding nature, the seasons and more. Some traditions were adapted to link them to the Christian faith. Eggs held associations with new life and spring. However, early Christians turned the egg into a symbol of the Resurrection and the empty shell became a representation of Christ's tomb.

Eggs also were important components of the Easter holiday, as they were prohibited (like meat) during Lent. But on Easter, fasting ended and eggs were a part of Easter celebrations, particularly for the poor who couldn't afford meat.

There are two widely known accounts of the origins of Easter egg hunts. The religious version has Protestant reformer Martin Luther organizing hunts for his congregation. The men would hide the eggs for women and children to find, which mirrors Resurrection accounts in the Bible in which women discovered Christ's empty tomb. Another account traces the tradition to the Dutch tale of the "Oschter Haws" ("Osterhase" in German), which was a hare that laid eggs in the grass. Children would build and decorate nests for the eggs and wait to see if they would be populated, according to Discovery.com. This tradition became popular in America with the

arrival of Dutch and German settlers in Pennsylvania in the 1700s.

By the 20th century, decorated Easter nests were replaced with baskets, and Osterhase was more affectionately known as the Easter Bunny, who chose to leave eggs as well as treats and candy. Easter celebrations continued to marry both the religious and secular to form many of the customs that are known widely today.

Easter egg hunts are enjoyed by the young and old on Easter. They're a key part of celebrations. Just remember to find all those hard-boiled eggs in a timely fashion.

8 tips for dyeing Easter eggs

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Coloring eggs is a beloved Easter tradition. Eggs long have been symbols of fertility and rebirth, making them fitting icons for spring.

One story links eggs to Easter as well. According to some religious scholars, Mary Magdalene, the woman who was the first person to see Jesus Christ after His resurrection, was holding a plain egg in her hand while waiting for the emperor to share the good news. The emperor then told her that Jesus' resurrection was as improbable as that egg suddenly blushing. The egg then turned red.

Dyeing eggs is an entertaining activity, but one that also may have some religious significance. Many families will color eggs this Easter, and these guidelines can make the process go smoothly.

- Wait until just before coloring to hard-boil eggs. Good Housekeeping recommends boiling eggs for 11 minutes for a hard boil. Do not chill the eggs afterward; warm eggs absorb color more effectively for more vivid results.
- Egg dye can stain furniture, clothing or tablecloths. Therefore, dress in clothing that you're not worried about staining. Also, cover work surfaces



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with an old tablecloth and newspapers to soak up any spills.

- Make a drying rack to ensure that eggs will dry evenly. This can be a rimmed cookie sheet lined with layers of paper towels to absorb any excess dye that runs off the eggs. Or push pins into thick foam board and place the eggs on top to allow air to circulate.
- Consider using glass bowls or ce-

ramic mugs to house the colored dye solutions. These vessels are more sturdy than plastic cups, and less likely to be overturned by eager young hands.

- Scissor-style tongs are ideal tools for retrieving eggs from the dye. Eggs tend to slide off of the spoons or wire rings provided in kits, leading to splashing and kids dunking their fingers in to grab eggs.
- Stir dyeing cups often to guarantee consistent color.
- Use electrical tape to make patterns on Easter eggs. Dip the eggs and let dry. Afterwards, remove the tape to reveal the designs.
- If food coloring-based dyes seem too messy, use watercolor paint sets and allow everyone to get creative.

While some people may want to use Easter eggs for recipes later on, it may be safer to boil up a fresh batch of eggs for that purpose, even if it seems wasteful. According to Emily Rubin, RD, LDN of the Thomas Jefferson University Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, "hard-boiled eggs should be refrigerated within two hours of cooking and discarded if left out for more than two hours at room temperature." Chances are it may take two hours or more for children to find hard-boiled eggs hidden by the Easter bunny.

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