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General Election

Perdue rallies base before Election Day

Senator stops in Covington, Monroe to make final pitch to voters

By TOM SPIGOLON tspigolon@covnews.com

COVINGTON, Ga. — U.S. Sen. David Perdue worked to find some last-minute votes in Covington Saturday, Oct. 31, for himself and fellow Republicans and brought along a familiar face to help.

Perdue toured north Georgia on his "The Original Outsider" bus tour accompanied by his more nationally famous cousin, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue. The senator's campaign stopped at the Covington Square for a series of stump speeches before moving on to Walton and Forsyth counties Saturday.

He was scheduled to appear with President Donald Trump at Richard Russell Airport in Rome — two days before they each asked voters for second terms Tuesday, Nov. 3.

However, on Saturday, Sen. Perdue was

concentrating on Covington as his supporters gathered in front of the Social Goat Tavern to hear him speak.

Sonny Perdue, who served as governor from 2002 to 2010, told the crowd a poll released a few days before his 2002 election showed him 10 percentage points behind then-Gov. Roy Barnes.

Sonny Perdue won by 5% to become the first Republican governor in 135 years in Georgia.

"Don't be discouraged by the polls," he

Latest polls on Saturday showed Sen. Perdue and Democratic challenger Jon Ossoff in a virtual tie with a possible January runoff looming because of support for Libertarian candidate Shane Hazel.

Polling also showed Trump losing to former Vice President Joe Biden in most key states and nationally by an average of about



From left, Glenn "Ozzie" Ozburn of Oxford talks with U.S. Sen. David Perdue during a campaign stop by Perdue and others on the Covington Square Saturday, Oct. 31.

Sonny Perdue said he had been in a number of states, such as Iowa, recently where Trump

was doing well. He noted no one among the Covington crowd had been called to ask about their presidential choice in a state where many polls have shown Biden with a slight lead.

"Who are they calling?" he asked. "Not

even all Democrats are voting for Biden." He said David Perdue asked him to consider

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County board OKs early plans for 300 apartments, 150 home lots



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Ballot inside, See B1

This concept plan shows the layout of the proposed Cobblestone Apartments on Fairview Road.

By TOM SPIGOLON

COVINGTON, Ga. — Preliminary plans for more than 300 new apartments and 153 new lots in two single-family subdivisions have gained Newton County Planning Commission approval.

Planning commission members also voted on Oct. 27 to recommend the county board of commissioners approve a new daycare center inside a church near the site of the new Eastside High School on Ga. Hwy. 142.

The new apartments will be in a new complex named Cobblestone on a site adjacent to the new Ginn Chrysler-Jeep-Dodge-Ram dealership on Access Road west of Coving-

The planning commission on Oct. 27 approved a concept plan for the complex with 318 units in 11 buildings on a 35-acre site at 3655 Fairview Road.

The site is undeveloped despite being zoned to allow multi-family development for almost 40 years, according to planning officials. Other neighboring developments include Silver Ridge Farms subdivision, a single-family residential development, on the south side; other single-family residential uses on the west side; and undeveloped land on the east side.

It will have frontage on a proposed new road called Cobblestone Lane and access to Fairview Road and Access Road, according to a staff report.

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Zion Loucas waves her mask as she acknowledges her recognition as a graduate during Alcovy's ceremony Saturday morning, Aug. 1, 2020, at Sharp Stadium.

SAVE THE DATE

Newton schools set graduation schedule for Class of 2021

By TAYLOR BECK tbeck@covnews.com

COVINGTON, Ga. It's time to "save

the date." A graduation sched-

ule been set for Newton County Schools' Class of 2021, the district announced Monday, Nov. 2.

The commencement

ceremony for Newton County High School's seniors will be held June 3, 2021, at 8 p.m. at Sharp Stadium with June 4 at 8 a.m. as the contingency date, in the event of inclement weather.

Eastside High School's seniors will graduate June 4, 2021, at 8 p.m. at Sharp Stadium with June 5 at 8 a.m. as the contingency

Alcovy High School will hold a commencement ceremony for its seniors June 5, 2021, at 8 p.m. at Sharp Stadium with June 6 at 8 p.m. as the contingency date.

PERDUE:

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asked him to consider running for the Senate seat Saxby Chambliss was giving up in 2014. However, Sonny Perdue told his cousin he was through with running for office.

He said David Perdue — a former CEO of Dollar General and Reebok — should run instead because of his concern about the direction of the country.

"He and Bonnie could have lived in comfort," he said.

Sonny Perdue said Republicans support tax policies and deregulation efforts that favor job growth.

"The other crowd wants to go in a different direction," he said.

He also said many Democrats in Congress are supporting calls to "defund the police" in the wake of shootings of unarmed Black men nationwide.

"I'm here because I have 14 grandchildren and I'm concerned about their future," Sonny Perdue said.

David Perdue drew a cheer from the crowd when he told them about his recent vote to confirm conservative Amy Coney Barrett to the Supreme Court.

He said Democrats want to change the law to favor them rather than applying current law. Democrats in Congress are seeking to eliminate the Electoral College to give more power to California and New York in choosing



From left, Covington Mayor Steve Horton greets U.S. Sen David Perdue as Perdue gets off his bus in front of the Social Goat Tavern during a campaign stop on the Covington Square Saturday, Oct. 31.

presidents, he said.

David Perdue also told the crowd Biden and Barack Obama led the country during lean economic times in which 800,000 fell into poverty. He said 6.5 million emerged from poverty between 2016 and 2019 during Trump's administration.

He criticized the Democratic-led program in 1964 called the Great Society which led to anti-poverty programs long criticized by Republicans as discouraging people from entering the job market.

"The Great Society doesn't work," he said,

Ossoff's press secretary, Jake Best, today said Sen. Perdue "has no record to run on other than widespread

disease, mass unemployment, and self corruption."

Best was referring to Perdue's support for Trump's handling of the COVID-19 pandemic that included calls for reopening the economy

Governments closed businesses in March to help fight the disease, which led to layoffs and many former employees seeking unemployment benefits.

They also have alleged Perdue personally profited off the pandemic through buying of stocks in companies that produced personal protective equipment — an action Perdue said was not intentional and he told his financial advisors to stop.

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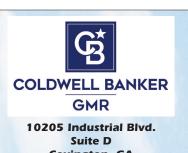
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fitness center, car wash

area and dog park, said

Chris Harrell of Sum-

mit Engineering Con-

subsidized, he said. 'These will be renters by choice," Harrell said.

Zoning requirements include 50-foot buffer areas between the complex and adjacent properties.

In other action at the Oct. 27 meeting, the planning commission voted to recommend the Newton County **Board of Commission**ers approve a conditional use permit for a daycare center inside Covington Christian

Church at 141 Highway 142.

The nonprofit Living Grace will operate the facility from 2:45 p.m. to 6 p.m. five days a week, said applicant Lisa Madaris of Jackson, Georgia.

She said the facility will accommodate between 30 and 50 children up to age 13.

The planning commission can approve daycare centers with six or fewer children but only makes a recommendation on a conditional use permit if more children are planned. The county commission gives final approval and will consider it at its December meeting, staff members said.

Also at the Oct. 27 meeting, county planning commissioners voted to approve a preliminary plat for a fifth phase of Riverwalk Farms subdivision on Dearing Road near Covington's southeast city limits.

The plan includes 134

lots on 51 acres and has

been revised from an earlier configuration to create a third entrance to the development, said Richard Cooper of Atlanta-based The

> Cooper said Riverwalk has been developed in phases since 2002 and includes 450 homes. The 51 acres in the fifth phase is the last undeveloped part, he said.

Pacific Group.

Homes are planned to be around 1,550 square feet each, he said.

County planning commissioners also approved a preliminary plat for Rocky Chase subdivision off Rocky Plains Road near the Yellow River in southern Newton County.

Rocky Chase's plan

calls for 19 lots on a 21-acre site already partially developed as part of a subdivision in 2005 before its construction was abandoned by an earlier developer, the planning staff told commission-

John Wayne Maddox, representing the new developer, said homes would be a maximum of 1,550 square feet.

"I don't think people will buy bigger houses there," Maddox said.

He said the surrounding area includes two scrap yards and a trailer park.

Development Services Director Judy Johnson said the planning commission is not scheduled to meet again until January when it likely will see plans for a new truck plaza at I-20 and Ga. Hwy. 11 near Social Circle.

Kiwanis Korner

The Kiwanis Club of Cov-I ington is part of an international organization but seeks to also make a difference locally and often brings in speakers from the community to update us on their ventures. At the most recent club meeting, Pastor Clara Lett from the Garden of Gethsemane Homeless Shelter (of Rainbow Covenant Ministries) discussed how the recent tornado affected their facilities and operations and shared some current and longterm needs. Two simple things

they said they consistently need



are pillows and bath towels, as they go through these items frequently. If you are looking for a way to engage with your community and serve the children of the world, come be

a guest of the Kiwanis Club of Covington any Thursday at 12:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall of the Covington First United Methodist Church.

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Progress being made on sheriff's office addition



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Progress is being made on construction of the 10,000-square-foot addition to the Newton County Sheriff's Office headquarters on Alcovy Road.

STAFF REPORTS

COVINGTON, Ga. — There has been visible progress made on an expansion project four months after the Newton County Sheriff's Office held a groundbreaking for its headquarters expansion at 15151 Alcovy Road

in Covington, a news release

Barnsley Construction Group, the project contractor, recently set the foundation and erected the walls for the additional 7,000 square feet of administrative space and 3,000 square feet of training space.

The expansion project, budgeted at \$2.9 million, was funded by the 2017 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) and has the expected completion time of five months — late March 2021 — dependent upon weather conditions, the release

Newton grand jurors hear 60 cases since October

By TOM SPIGOLON tspigolon@covnews.com

COVINGTON, Ga. — Newton County grand jurors have heard about 60 criminal cases since mid-October as the judicial system works to clear a backlog following delays prompted by statewide safety concerns surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic.

Acting District Attorney Randy McGinley said a new grand jury was selected in Newton County on Oct. 14 and already has had two sessions after the Georgia Supreme Court allowed grand juries

statewide to meet again. McGinley said grand juries historically have met monthly but increased to twice a month to handle the backlog of approximately 200 cases in each county in the Alcovy Judicial Circuit, which includes Newton

The backlog included numerous murder cases and armed robberies, child victim cases and other crimes that could

and Walton counties.

legally proceed until being presented to a grand jury, McGinley said

in a news release.

Randy

McGinley

He said district attorney's offices in both counties worked with the Superior Court clerks, sheriff's offices and other courthouse and county agencies "to ensure that the process of selecting a grand jury was done safely and that guidelines from the Georgia Supreme Court and the

CDC were followed." "Typically, each county would summon approximately 60 potential jurors with the goal of eventually selecting a grand jury of 23 individuals," Mc-Ginley said.

However, McGinley said he worked with the clerk in each county to send out 100 summonses "due to concerns with the COVID

He said officials also asked the summoned county residents additional questions about symptoms or exposure to COVID-19.

After their selection, McGinley said his office worked to follow all Georgia Supreme Court and U.S. Centers for Disease Control guidelines and suggestions.

He said that effort included the grand jury meeting in a large room in the courthouse that allowed for recommended social distanc-

All grand jurors and district attorney's office staff members wore masks, and all areas were sanitized, McGin-

ley said. "While we have multiple grand jury dates still to come to get through this backlog, the district attorney's offices are working long hours to ensure these cases are properly handled," McGinley said.

"I commend the hard work from each of our

offices and thank all the other county departments for working with us to make sure grand jury started back in a safe, efficient, and effective manner."

The Georgia Supreme Court first ordered in March that no grand jury sessions be held because of concerns about jurors possibly catching the airborne disease.

The court continued the ban monthly until lifting it for grand juries Oct. 10.

Georgia Chief Justice Harold Melton wrote in the order that chief judges in each circuit work with district attorneys to ensure jurors' safety.

"As explained in the last extension order, this broad prohibition cannot continue, even if the pandemic continues, because our judicial system, and the criminal justice system in particular, must have some capacity to resolve cases by indictment and trial," Melton wrote.

Community Calendar

Friday-Saturday, Nov. 6-7

· Fall yard sale barbecue, located at 215 East Soule St. in Oxford (below Palmer Stone Gym), from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be fall and winter clothes sizes 2 petite through 3XL. Boots, shoes, coats, designer purses, toys and more. Everyone is welcome. Masks are encouraged.

Tuesday, Nov. 17

· Newton County Democratic Committee will hold elections for county committee post seat holders at 7 p.m. via Zoom. Interested parties should visit rebrand. ly/NewtonDemsVOTE for specific details on how to register to vote and for details on how to register to be a candidate.

Through Nov. 30

 Virtual Vampire Run from Oct. 1 through Nov. 30. All net proceeds from the race will go toward the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Prospective racers can register for the virtual run at runsignup.com/Race/ GA/MysticFallsCovington/VirtualVampireRun and help "take a bite out of blood cancers."

ONGOING

- Everyone is invited to join Covington Christian Church on the Round on Sunday mornings at 11 a.m. for worship. The church is located at 141 Highway 142 in Covington.
- Paint Party at Southern Heartland Visual Art Center has resumed! Hosted by professional gallery artists, this weekly get-together for those in our community interested in painting with others is free and open to the public each Friday from 10-2. Both classrooms will be utilized to insure participants have enough space to social distance from other participants.
- The food pantry at the Covington First United Methodist Church is in dire need of more volunteers now that students and teachers are back in school and unavailable to help with this ongoing and much-needed project. If available to help, email Megan Hulgan at foodpantry@covingtonfirst.org to sign up.

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Woman slams door on gunman during Covington robbery attempt

By TOM SPIGOLON

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COVINGTON, Ga. — Covington Police have identified a suspect after a woman said someone in a group attempted to rob her by pointing a gun in her face after she answered the door to her motel room early Wednesday, Oct. 28.

The victim told police she first met the suspect Wednesday around 2 a.m. when he knocked on the door of her room at Days Inn on Alcovy Road and identified himself as an upstairs neighbor.

He again knocked on her door a few minutes later and, after objecting to his continued early morning knocking, opened the door to find "four people on the right side of her door against the wall."

"One of the males got off the wall and then pointed a silver in color pistol in her face. She instantly shut the door and called police," a report stated.

Officers responded to her call and met with the victim's brother, who arrived shortly after officers. He told police he had met the suspect earlier in the day when he inquired about buying an AR-15 rifle the brother had in his vehicle's open trunk. He said he had told the suspect the rifle was not for sale, a

A check by officers

report stated.

showed agencies from Newton and Rockdale counties had active warrants on the suspect for aggravated assault and violation of probation, the report stated.

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OPINIONS

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Fom Spigolon news editor

Scammers make sure they get rich — not you

won \$1.1 million — actually, 950,000 ∟Euros — in a "Christmas promotion lottery"

and I wanted to share the news with all of you. I don't

entering this lottery or how I would have qualified for it. But I received an email giving me "final notification" the money is waiting for me and all I have to do is provide my name, address, phone number and more to whoever

or whatever sent this to

It seems to be an epidemic of scams now as people all over the world, forced to be homebound by COVID-19, have even more time to find ways to sit in front of a computer and cheat people out of their money.

One of the more evil scams I've heard about lately is performed by a team of scam artists who convince someone to give up their money as they search for companionship after the loss of a spouse.

The website socialcatfish.com recently publicized the story of an Albany, Georgia, woman — identified by an TV station as Debbie Morrison — who was the caregiver for the last five years of her husband's life.

After 28 years of marriage, he died at age 56, leaving her alone to care for her son who has Down syndrome.

Her loneliness and need for companionship led her to go on the Christian Mingle dating website where she met someone who said he was an Italian engineer and contractor, according to social catfish and a news report from WFXL-TV in Albany.

He was actually a Nigerian dating scammer who used photos of a Brazilian surgeon and Oklahoma pastor to befriend women and eventually ask for money, according to WFXL and socialcatfish.com.

In this case, Debbie gave the scammer \$20,000 after talking to a man and woman who gave information that actually checked out and was likely stolen, police say.

Other scams appeal to the recipient's greed.

Lottery scams may use the names of legitimate overseas lotteries — often Spanish lotteries — so that if



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It seems to be an epidemic of scams now as people have more time on their hands thanks to COVID-19.

you do some superficial research the scam will seem to be a legitimate venture, according to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission.

The scammers then charge a fee for the "attorneys" they say they use; keep delaying information on how you will receive your winnings; and use your information to gain access to your bank account.

The Better Business Bureau is warning of scammers "taking advantage of people's get-rich-quick dreams by promoting money flipping' scams on social media, and BBB is seeing dozens of reports each month about these cons." Typically, the scam

involves someone bragging about having "flipped" a couple hundred dollars into thousands, the BBB reports.

"Want to do it, too? It's easy. Just message the account holder."

The "investor" will ask you to send money — typically \$300 to \$800 — through the Cash App digital money transfer app and the receiver then promises to "invest" your money in the stock market where it multiples in a few days.

"When you try to get your money back, the scammer claims that Cash App charges a fee to return it. In other cases, the con artist alleges that you first need to pay taxes to the Internal Revenue Service. Some victims report sending thousands of dollars in phony fees.

"Every dollar you pay for money flipping — from the initial "investment" to the alleged taxes — is going straight into the scammer's pocket. You won't see any of your money again."

How about this appeal — straight to your desire to help others?

An emailer told me the "United Nations Organization has chosen you as Ambassadors/ Humanitarian officers to the United Nations High Commissioners of Refugees (UNHCR)."

"Humanitarian work is a material and logistic assistance to people in need, homeless, refugees, victims of natural disasters, war and famines.

"The United Nations Organization will allocate funds for this Humanitarian work in

which an Ambassador will ensure there is food, good water, education, hospitality, homes and shelter for the poor, orphans and refugees in the society."

An Ambassador receives a "UN diplomatic passport (issued) by the UN Authority to enable him travel to any country his or her humanitarian service is needed. Also, he or she will be paid some allowances on a monthly basis for his humanitarian duties."

"Kindly get back to us if you are interested in this appointment. Sincerely Yours, Dr. Patrick Doku.'

Again, I have no idea how I got on Dr. Doku's list of potential scam victims other than having an email address or being on a legitimate organization's email list.

Please check out anything that promises you instant fame or fortune, romance with the person of your dreams, or free international travel. It likely will cost you in one way or another.

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David Carroll columnist

Whatever you do, don't cover up your check engine light

have a friend named Ben. He's in his **▲**70s, is retired from

leads a busy, fulfilling life. He's endured a couple of health



backs during the past 10 years, including a cancer scare, but he has bounced back well. When we chatted recently, he asked, "Dave, how're ya feeling?" Fortunately, I was able to give him a positive reply. He followed up with, "That's good, but pay attention to your 'Check Engine' light."

Of course that made me think of my car. A few decades back, I a successful career, and would ride in the front passenger seat of a TV station news car, driven by a photographer. I noticed the "Check Engine" light was always on, day after day. I finally asked him about it, and he said his dad had always told him to "ignore those lights." That made sense to me, because dads know everything about cars.

Some years later, the Check Engine light came on in my own car. I was making a 70-mile daily round trip to work, and I didn't like that bright red light staring at me while I was driving. So I did

what any reasonable adult would do. I found some black tape, and covered it up. It would no longer be in my face. Problem solved,

Well, let's just say this didn't have a happy ending.

Now, back to Ben's point. Of course, he wasn't referring to my car. He was talking about the unusual aches and pains, and other warning messages our bodies try to send. Men have a bad habit of toughing it out, and shrugging it off. "I'll get over it. It's just a sign of aging. Give it a couple of days, and it'll go away."

Ben's reminder was timely. During the past few weeks, some of my best friends have been sidelined by serious health issues.

Let's start with Bill. I've known him since my radio days in the 1970s. We were both just kids, and radio was the bond that sealed a lifelong friendship. He's been healthy as a horse

ever since. Until....

Bill: "Just before bedtime a few weeks ago, I noticed blood in my urine. No pain, but a lot of blood. The pain started the next morning. It was excruciating pain in my chest, back, and side.

My doctor squeezed me into his schedule, then sent me for a CT scan. The next afternoon, I went to his office to go over the

When I heard him say "malignant tumor," my mind became fuzzy. "That's cancer," I thought. "This must be a mistake."

I've had very few health problems for a man my age. How could I have cancer?

I was angry with God, but that didn't last long. I've had a terrific life, even if the road was full of potholes from time to time. No need to be mad at God.

I worried (and still worry) about COVID. I'm highly vulnerable. I've worn a mask in public since February, but few of my neighbors are that cautious.

If I get COVID in this condition, it would probably kill me. The doctors have

since removed a kidney, and that seems to have taken all the cancer in the process. The doctors have been amazing. I know I'll survive this.

I'm a lucky man. I said this to my cousin and she corrected me. She told me I am blessed. She was right, of course."

Garry is another old broadcasting pal. He's in his mid-60s. He never slows down, he's always on the go. His work has taken him all over the country several times a year, for many years. And then....

Garry: "I had just moved into a new place, and afterward I was feeling sore. I just chalked it up to lifting heavy boxes. I would usually get over that after a couple of days, but not this time. I drove to a small hospital emergency room, they ran some tests, and said I had a silent heart episode. Sort of a prolonged, quiet heart

attack. The doc told me I'd better go to the big hospital. I said, OK, I'll go next week, I've got some places to go beforehand. Instead, he called an ambulance, and I soon underwent quadruple bypass surgery. Lots of people prayed for me, and I felt it. Not once was I scared because it's all in God's hands, and his guidance of the surgeon's hands.

To sum it up, a busy life does take a toll. Do me a favor. Do your family a favor. Keep regular doctor's appointments, double-check your vital signs, and pay attention to your body. It talks to you but you have to listen."

So look for that Check Engine light. And whatever you do, don't cover it up.

David Carroll is a Chattanooga news anchor and author. He may be reached at radiotv2020@yahoo. com.

Your Letters to the Editor

Newton resident opposes Jones Petroleum development

Dear Editor:

I have recently become aware of a proposed development by Jones Petroleum, Inc. to construct a travel and convenience center- ie, truck stop- at SR 11 and I 20 in Social Circle, Ga. in unincorporated Newton County.

After having spoken to many of my neighbors as well as my county commissioner Stan Edwards, it is very apparent to me that this type of development is vehemently opposed in our

I live near the Hub, and this

is something they we DO NOT want to happen! I can assure you that I will fight this proposal any way I can, and am willing to bet the local citizens will do likewise.

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125 OLD Hwy 138 Loganville, ANYONE WITH an ownership interest in a vehicle listed herein may file an answer to the petition on or before:

ANSWER FORMS may be found in the Magistrate Court Clerk's office located at: 1132 Usher St Room Covington, GA

FORMS MAY also be obtained online www.georgiamagistratecouncil. com.

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PROPOSALS must be submitted, to Attn: Scott Cromer, City of Covington, at 2194 Emory Street NW, Covington, Georgia 30014. Proposals are due no later than 10:00 am on Friday, November 13th, 2020.

REQUEST FOR Proposals and information may be obtained by accessing the request for proposals on the City's website https://www.cityofcovington. org/index.php?section=businessopportunities

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #117537

Divorces

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

CHRISTOPHER JACKSON PLAINTIFF,

ALICIA PHELPS JACKSON DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION No.: 2020-SUCV-

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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

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TO: ALICIA JACKSON

PRINCETON WAY

COVINGTON, GA

BY ORDER of the court for service by publication dated OCTOBER 8, 2020 you are hereby notified that on APRIL 27, 2020 (date of filing) CHRISTOPHER JACKSON (plaintiff) filed suit against you for

YOU ARE required to file an answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for publication with the clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County and to serve a copy of the answer upon the plaintiff (if pro se) or upon the plaintiff's attorney (if

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

THIS, THE 13th day of OCTOBER,

LINDA D. Hays **CLERK OF Superior Court**

PUBLIC NOTICE #117447 10/21,28,11/4,11

Name Changes

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

PETITION OF **BENNE JEAN GILKEY CIVIL ACTION FILE NUMBER:** 2020-CV-1900-4

NOTICE OF PETITION TO

CHANGE NAME

TO ANY AND ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

GREETINGS:

NOTICE IS hereby given that, BENNE JEAN GILKEY filed his Petition in the Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia on the SEPTEMBER 18, 2020 requesting to change his name from BENNE JEAN GILKEY TO BENNA LAJEAN GILKEY. Notice is hereby given pursuant to law to any interested or affected party to appear in the Superior Court of Newton County and to file objections to said name change. Objections must be in writing and filed with the Clerk, Newton Superior Court within thirty (30) days of the filing of said Petition.

THIS 25TH day of September, 2020 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, SHARON L. Barksdale **ATTORNEY FOR** Petitioner GEORGIA BAR No. 037981 P.O. BOX 81084 CONYERS, GA 30013 PHONE: (770) 760-9383 FAX: (770) 760-1629 EMAIL: SLBATTY@BELLSOUTH.

PUBLIC NOTICE #117390 10/14,21,28,11/5 IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF

> **NEWTON COUNTY** STATE OF GEORGIA

ANGELA DENICE SWINSON **PETITIONER CIVIL ACTION** File Number: 2020-CV-2077-1

IN RE the Name Change of:

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF ADULT

ANGELA DENICE SWINSON filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on October 9, 2020 to change the name from ANGELA DENICE SWINSON to ANGELA **DENICE JAGANI.** Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after Petition was filed.

DATED OCTOBER 9, 2020 ANGELA DENICE SWINSON

170 REGENCY PLACE

COVINGTON, GA 30016

NOTICE #117450 10/21,28,11/4,11

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF **NEWTON COUNTY**

STATE OF GEORGIA IN RE the Name Change of: DAEJOHNEE THOMPSON

PETITIONER CIVIL ACTION File Number: 2020-CV-2091-2

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF ADULT

a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on October 13, 2020 to change the name from DAEJOHNEE ASIA THOMPSON to DAEJOHNEE ASIA LESLIE. Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections

within 30 days after Petition was filed.

DATED OCTOBER 13, 2020

DAEJOHNEE THOMPSON 94 WOODFIELD RD COVINGTON, GA 30014

NOTICE #117448 10/21,28,11/4,11

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

IN RE the Name Change of: LANEIR SWINSON **PETITIONER CIVIL ACTION** File Number: 2020-CV-2076-1

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF ADULT

LANEIR SWINSON filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on October 9, 2020 to change the name from LANEIR SWINSON to LANIER S. JAGANI. Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after Petition was filed.

DATED OCTOBER 9, 2020

LANIER SWINSON 170 REGENCY PLACE **COVINGTON, GA** 30016

NOTICE #117449 10/21,28,11/4,11

Trade Names

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF NEWTON

APPLICATION TO REGISTER A **BUSINESS TO BE CONDUCTED UNDER A TRADE NAME**

THE UNDERSIGNED Affiant, being duly sworn, hereby certifies that he the sole member I manager of GREER VENTURES, LLC, that he is authorized to sign this affidavit, that he is familiar with the facts contained herein and the operations of said limited liability company, and, further that said limited liability company is conducting a business in the City of Covington, County of Newton, State of Georgia, under the name:

GREER CONSULTING

AFFIANT FURTHER states that the nature of the business is: Consulting

AFFIANT FURTHER states that

said business is composed of the following limited liability company: GREER VENTURES, LLC 4165 RAPHAEL St. SW Covington, GA 30014

THIS AFFIDAVIT is made in compliance with GA Code Annotated, Title 10, Chapter 1, Section 490. Further Affiant sayeth naught.

THIS 9TH day of October, 2020. **PUBLIC NOTICE #117494**

10/28,11/4

Initial jobless claims | Ken's Foods invests \$103 million to expand down in Georgia

By DAVE WILLIAMS Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA — Firsttime unemployment claims in Georgia declined by 1,197 last week to 43,605, the state Department of Labor reported Thursday.

The agency paid out more than \$168 million in benefits last week, bringing total benefits paid since the coronavirus pandemic exploded in Georgia last March to more than \$15 billion, more than the last 27 years combined.

labor department announced a pilot project set to begin Nov. 2 that will allow claimants to schedule an online appointment with a claims representative to ask questions about their claim.

Meanwhile, the

Each appointment will be assigned a two-hour window during which a representative will call the claimant. Almost 3,000 appointments will be scheduled during the program's first two weeks.

"The addition of this online tool will further our ability to address claim issues," Georgia Labor Commissioner Mark Butler said. "We

have been adding personnel to our staff to help with general responses, and this addition will allow our experienced staff to focus on resolving claimant issues more efficiently." Claimants are urged

to be ready to discuss their claim during the time frame allotted. Additional time slots will be added each Monday for the following week. On Monday, Nov. 2, the appointment scheduler will be available on the agency's website and will be highlighted under the Spotlight area on the homepage.

Since March 21, the accommodation and food services job sector has accounted for the most initial unemployment claims in Georgia with 950,239. The health care and social assistance job sector is next with 456,145 claims, followed by retail trade with 419,395.

More than 167,000 jobs are listed online at EmployGeorgia for Georgians to access. The labor department offers online resources for finding careers, building a resume, and assisting with other reemployment needs.

McDonough, Henry County operations **SPECIAL TO THE NEWS** news@covnews.com

ATLANTA - Gov.Brian P. Kemp announced Thursday that family-owned and operated Ken's Foods would invest \$103 million and create 70 new jobs as they expand their manufacturing and distribution operations in Henry County.

"It's a pleasure to see this family-owned company continue their investment in Georgia," Kemp said. "As a major employer of the hardworking folks of Henry County for nearly 25 years, I thank Ken's Foods for their longterm commitment to creating jobs and opportunities for hardworking Georgians."

Renowned for its dressings, sauces and marinades, Ken's Foods produces and packages over 400 varieties of dressings and condiments. Ken's Foods also produces and bottles numerous custom dressings for local businesses and other well-known food companies. "For 25 years we've

grown together, and we're proud to extend our partnership with Henry County and the State of Georgia," said Bob Merchant, chief operating officer for Ken's Foods, Inc. "When you're able to expand operations in an area that provides a hardworking, can-do base of talent and couple that with the favorable business environment the State of Georgia has developed, you dive right in."

Ken's Foods is one of the largest employers in Henry County, with roughly 500 employees. Since 1997, the company has made numerous sizeable investments in its Georgia operations. This expansion is one of the company's largest in recent years.

The project will include new production lines and building upgrades to its manufacturing facility, along with the relocation of its support facility operations to a 343,625-squarefoot space in Midland Industrial Park. This expansion will create 70 additional jobs, including positions in food processing, manufacturing, and distribution, along with careers in management and supervision. Individuals interested

in opportunities with Ken's Foods are encouraged to visit jobs.kensfoods.com for additional information.

"Our community has shown once again that we are a great place for business. Henry County is thankful for Ken's Foods' continued investment and job creation," said Chair of the Henry County Board of Commissioners June Wood, who is also a member of the Board of the Georgia Department of Economic Development. "In addition to the new jobs and investments that this expansion will bring to our community, we anticipate that the consolidation of Ken's operations to its new building in Henry will remove more than 40 trucks per day from the busy Georgia Highway 155 corridor."

"Henry County is excited about the expansion of one of our largest established industry companies, Ken's Foods. Ken's decision to further invest and expand their manufacturing footprint in the county reflects the strategic advantages and business-friendly climate that we offer to our new and established industries," Henry County Development **Authority Chairman** Pierre Clements said. "An investment of this size, during a global pandemic, demonstrates

why Henry is one of the top sites for business expansions in Georgia and the Southeast.'

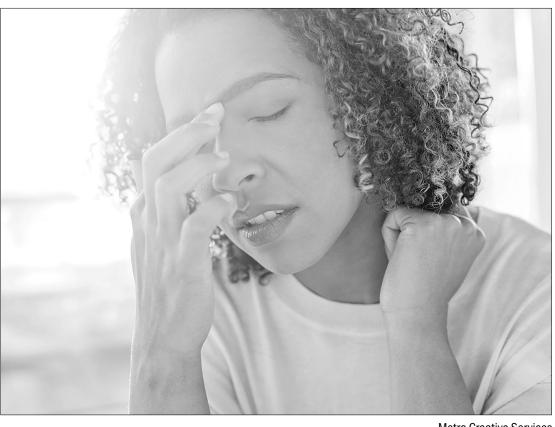
Project Manager Emily Poole represented the Georgia Department of Economic Development's (GDEcD) Global Commerce division on this project in partnership with the Henry County Development Authority, Georgia Quick Start, and Georgia Power.

"During the first few months of the fiscal year, Georgia has continued to experience unprecedented growth in our food processing and distribution sectors," said GDEcD Commissioner Pat Wilson. "I attribute this growth to our existing industries' ability to quickly adapt to their customers' needs during this tumultuous year. I thank Gov. Kemp and our local partners for fostering a pro-business environment, which has helped make reinvestments and expansion projects a seamless process for companies like Ken's Foods." Ken's Foods current-

ly employs more than 1,100 people across the nation with operations in Massachusetts, Georgia, Nevada and Indiana.

HEALTH & FITNESS

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The average reported stress level for adults in the U.S. related to the COVID-19 pandemic is 5.9 on a scale of 1-10, which is 0.5 higher than in 2019 (4.9).

Coping with stress in uncertain times

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

news@covnews.com

Stress can affect people's lives at any moment. Some say that a certain measure of stress can be a good thing that pushes individuals to try their best to overcome obstacles. However, chronic stress is potentially dangerous for the mind and

2020 has been a stressful year for many people. A global pandemic that emerged in late 2019 and continued into the new year brought with it many changes — some of which are unprecedented. Concerns about the COVID-19 virus, unemployment, reduced wages and uncertainty about the future has left many people feeling

According to the American Psychological Association's Stress in America survey, the average reported stress level for adults in the United States related to the coronavirus pandemic is 5.9. When asked to rate their stress level in general, the average reported stress for American adults is 5.4. This is higher than the average stress level reported in 2019, which was 4.9, and marks the first significant increase in average reported stress since the survey began in 2007.

Pandemic stress mixed with existing stress may require additional coping techniques.

- Turn negative thinking into positive thinking. The occasional pep talk can help people manage their stress. Rather than saying "Everything is going wrong," tell yourself "I can handle this, I have done it before." Find the silver lining in situations and they may not feel so stressful.
- Take things one step at a time. Getting ahead of yourself by looking too far into the future can compound stress. Focus on the here and now. Make to-do lists and take situations as they come day by day or hour by hour. Situations are often fluid, so worrying about something that is weeks away is often fruitless.
- Exercise regularly. Find opportunities to exercise. The Mayo Clinic says exercise in almost any form can act as a stress reliever. Physical activity can release your feel-good endorphins and distract you from daily worries. Exercise also can mimic

the effects of stress, helping to condition the body to its effects and buffer the cardiovascular, digestive and immune systems from negative effects.

- Seek out social support. Chances are someone you know also is experiencing increased stress loads. Find the time for conversation, video chats or safe, socially distanced meet-ups with friends. Each person can share their unique frustrations and collectively you can work through the stress.
- Don't drown in perfectionism. Trying to be mistake-free can trigger anxiety and stress. Being perfect is impossible and everyone makes mistakes. According to Psych Central, mistake-making can lead to growth and experience, while perfectionism may staunch growth because a person is too afraid to take chances. Not every decision you make will be ideal, but each is a learning experience.

Stress is something most people come up against in their daily lives, perhaps more so than ever this year. But stress can be wrangled and minimized.

How the body heals after quitting smoking

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

Few habits are as harmful to the human body as smoking tobacco products, especially cigarettes.

The American Heart Association says smoking is the most preventable cause of death in the U.S. Smoking is linked to heart disease and stroke and can increase the risk for cancers of the bladder, throat, cervix, pancreas, and mouth. Smoking is linked to roughly 90 percent of lung cancer cases in the United States as well. Lung Cancer Canada indicates the majority of lung cancer cases in Canada — about 85 percent — are directly related to smoking tobacco.

Even though smoking can ravage the body and cause significant damage to the lungs, which worsens the longer one smokes, people who quit may be able to restore a good portion of their lung health. The Lung Health Institute says there are a number of ways the lungs can heal once a person stops smoking. While it may not be possible to undo the structural damage to the lungs, lung function can be significantly restored when people quit smoking. Here's a look at some ways the lungs and other parts of the body may recover.

• Risk of heart attack decreases: The wellness resource Verywell says that after day one of quitting smokers' risk of heart attack begins to de-

- Rate of COPD decline improves: Research published in the journal Respiratory Medicine found that people with mild to moderate COPD can expect to experience normalization of lung function decline within a year of quitting. This means that the rate of decline considered normal with age is the same as someone who had never smoked before.
- Reduced lung cancer risk: The risk of getting lung cancer reduces by 50 percent after 10 years of being smoke-free, according to the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention.
 - Carbon monoxide levels



Metro Creative Services **Even though smoking can ravage** the body and cause significant damage to the lungs, people who

quit may be able to restore a good portion of their lung health. go down: Orlando Health says carbon monoxide gradually leaves the bloodstream after people quit smoking, which helps reduce the severity of symptoms like shortness of breath. Similarly, chemicals in

the lining of the airways. Reactivation of cilia: Cilia are the small hair-like structures that move mucus and bacteria to the back of the throat. They fail to work properly when a person smokes, but can resume function after quitting.

cigarette smoke can inflame

• Improved circulation: When lung function improves, oxygen can more effectively reach cells through the body and circulation improves. Within 24 hours of quitting, constriction of blood vessels also will occur, resulting in lower blood pressure and improved pulse rate. Body temperature will start to normalize within 24 hours as well.

• Improved taste and smell: Within 48 hours of quitting, taste and smell receptors start to heal, and damaged nerve cells also will begin to self-re-

Quitting smoking is the best thing smokers can do for their bodies. Once a person quits smoking, his or her body begins healing in myriad ways.

Piedmont earns 2020 CHIME Digital Health Most Wired Recognition for third straight year

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

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ATLANTA — The College of Healthcare Information Management Executives (CHIME) recently announced that Piedmont Healthcare has earned 2020 CHIME Digital Health Most Wired recognition as a certified level 8 for both ambulatory and acute care.

The CHIME Digital Health Most Wired program conducts an annual survey to assess how effectively healthcare organizations apply core and advanced technologies into their clinical and business programs to improve health and care in their communities.

Piedmont has now earned this designation in 2016, 2018, 2019 and 2020.

The following individual Piedmont entities have won the designation over the past 10 years: Piedmont Athens Regional (2017), Piedmont Atlanta Hospital (2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015), Piedmont Fayette Hospital

(2010, 2012, 2013, 2014,2015), Piedmont Henry Hospital (2015), Piedmont Mountainside Hospital (2013, 2014, 2015) and Piedmont Newnan Hospital (2013, 2014, 2015).

"At Piedmont, one of our core values is to embrace technology and earning this designation is proof that we are living that value," said Piedmont Chief Information Officer Geoffrey Brown. "It is a testament to the talent of our employees that we have earned this designation for three years running.'

"Digital technology has been a driver of innovation in healthcare for many years now, but never to the degree that we saw in 2020 with the pandemic," said CHIME President and CEO Russell P. Branzell. "The Digital Health Most Wired program underscores why healthcare organizations keep pushing themselves to be digital leaders and shows what amazing feats they can achieve. This certification recognizes their

exemplary performance in 2020.

A total of 30,091 organizations were represented in the 2020 Digital Health Most Wired program, which this year included four separate surveys: domestic, ambulatory, long-term care and international. The surveys assessed the adoption, integration and impact of technologies in healthcare organizations at all stages of development, from early development to industry

Each participating organization received a customized benchmarking report, an overall score and scores for individual levels in eight segments: infrastructure; security; business/disaster recovery; administrative/ supply chain; analytics/data management; interoperability/population health; patient engagement; and clinical quality/safety. Participants can use the report and scores to identify strengths and opportunities for improvement.

Participants also received certification based on their overall performance, with

level 10 being the highest. This is the third year that CHIME has conducted the survey and overseen the program. In each successive year, CHIME has expanded the survey to capture more types of organizations that serve patients across the continuum of care. CHIME also continues to promote the program internationally to provide a global overview of digital health advancements.

As in past years, CHIME will publish an industry trends report based on Digital Health Most Wired responses from U.S. participants. The 2020 National Trends Report is scheduled to be released in November during CHIME20 Digital.

For more information about the CHIME Digital Health Most Wired program, please visit https:// chimecentral.org/chimemost-wired-2/.

Project ReNeWal provides escape from abuse

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Project ReNeWal Domestic Violence Intervention Program is a confidential safe shelter serving Rockdale, Newton and Walton Counties. It provides a haven for family members to escape from abuse, to heal and renew. Its mission is to provide the support and services necessary for families and individuals in our service area to live in violence free homes. Not only does it help those in shelter, but outreach clients as well.

Currently the organization is preparing for the holiday season and collecting new items and toys for the families that are in the program. Please contact the Children's Advocate at 678-727-8573 for more information.

If you or someone you know needs assistance, please call our 24-hour Crisis Line at 770-860-1666.

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Prep Football

Tigers turnaround

Alcovy will carry newfound momentum into Lakeside meeting

By MASON WITTNER
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COVINGTON, Ga. — The proverbial monkey has been tossed off the back of the Alcovy football team.

The first half of the Tigers' 2020 campaign was loaded with adversity. The club stumbled out to an 0-5 record, displaying the essential pieces needed for success but failing to place them together for four quarters. But last Friday night, following two weeks off due to backto-back cancelations, the Tigers got over the hump at last

Alcovy went on the road to Grovetown for its Region 3-AAAAAA opener and restarted its season with a bang as it pummeled the Warriors for a 44-14 victory.

"It's always good to get a win," head coach Jason Dukes said this week. "Our kids have been working very, very hard for a very, very long time. They played a very strenuous season in the early parts. On Friday, they played good, solid fundamental football, which we've been preaching since day one."

Sitting at 1-0 in a region that has only four active teams — Heritage and Rockdale County won't be eligible for the postseason— the Tigers have suddenly placed themselves in the driver's seat for a high seed in the state playoffs.

Alcovy has good reason to be optimistic about the future, but the team is making a concerted effort to keep its focus on the task at hand. The Tigers



Garrett Pitts | The Covington News

Junior MJ Stroud and the Tigers put on a clinic last Friday, pounding their way to a 44-14 win over Grovetown. Now sitting at 1-0 in the region, Alcovy has a renewed confidence it will be taking into this week's homecoming game against Lakeside-Evans.

won't be caught looking beyond anything other than what can bring them repeat success in Week 10.

Alcovy will welcome Lakeside-Evans to Sharp Stadium on Friday night for its homecoming game. The Panthers are 1-6 on the season, most recently suffering a 55-6 drubbing at the hands of region adversary Evans.

Lakeside-Evans has shown a multitude of offensive schemes through their first seven games. With no true identity to prepare for, Alcovy will lean on its speed and physicality to tackle whatever is thrown its way Friday night.

As for the Tigers' offensive game plan, they've found the most success this season when they've won the line of scrimmage. Their power run game has given opponents fits while simultaneously opening up opportunities for them to air it out. If they can establish consistency on the ground on Friday, they'll set themselves up for success over four quarters.

"We know that if we embrace the process of getting better day by day, the results at the end of the night will take care of themselves," Dukes said. "That's what happened last Friday night. We have to embrace the process of preparing for this game this Friday night. If we do everything we're supposed to, we'll come out on top on Friday."

Kickoff is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Follow @ CovNewsSports on Twitter for live updates.

Piedmont Academy Cougars 40, Augusta Prep Cavaliers 20

Piedmont earns win on Senior Night

By CHRIS BRIDGES

Correspondent

The Piedmont Academy varsity football team put another win in the record book last Friday defeating visiting Augus-

ta Prep 40-20 on Senior Night. The Cougars (6-1) guaranteed themselves a winning season for 2020 with the victory, some-

thing coach Will Johnson said was important for this year's team as well as the program.

"It was a good win," the coach said. "It was nice to get a win on Senior Night. We were a little sloppy at times on offense but that was to be expected somewhat after such a big win against Thomas Jefferson in our previous game. We came

out a little flat."
Augusta Prep (3-5 overall) centered its defensive game plan on stopping Piedmont's

passing attack.

"They played well in trying to slow down our passing game," Johnson

said. "Fortunately, we were able to run the football well."

The Cougars compiled 251 yards on the ground led by senior quarterback Chris Pittman who rushed for a team-high 188 yards on 13 carries with four scores.

Piedmont led 19-0 before Augusta Prep got on the scoreboard cutting the margin to 19-6. The Cougars answered with another score to push the lead back to 26-6.

In the final moments of the first half Piedmont took possession deep in its own territory when Pittman raced 90 yards for another touchdown and a 34-6 advantage.

"That gave us some breathing room," Johnson said. "We were able to get some of our backups in the game in the second half."

The coach said senior Jackson Welch, typically a lineman, was able to score a touchdown on a pass from Pittman. Johnson said Welch is

such an unselfish player that it was nice to reward him with a touchdown on Senior Night.

Senior Tanner Locklear also had a rushing touchdown. Joe Clark had 49 yards on the ground on seven carries and Michael Joseph added 10 yards on three rushes.

One key for the offense moving forward, Johnson said, was for Pittman to not try to always make a big play.

"He needs to look at his check-down receivers," Johnson said. "Still, Chris had a big night for us rushing the football. It is just tough to completely stop him."

Pittman had 54 yards passing last Friday with a touchdown. Luke Welch had two receptions for 22 yards. Bradley Greenwood made one catch for 25 yards while Gavin Mask had a reception for 11 yards.

The next two weeks will be strong tests for the Cougars. This Friday they travel to Sandersville to

face Brentwood, one of the top teams in Class AA.

"They will be one of our toughest opponents for sure," Johnson said. "I think Brentwood is the favorite for the AA title."

The Eagles will be a run-first and run-often team using a Wing-T offense. It is the same offensive system coach Bert Brown has used for years.

"This is a game where we have to play our best so far this year," Johnson said. "Defensively, we have to get them out of what they like to do. On offense we will need to be able to throw the football because Brentwood is strong against the run. It is going to be a tough task."

The Eagles are 5-1 and have not lost since their season opener to Class AAA state championship favorite John Milledge Academy.

Kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m.

Prep Cross Country



Special to The Covington News

Josey George, a resident of Oxford, helped lead the Piedmont College cross country team to a fourth-place finish at the Peach Belt Preview on Saturday.

George anchors Piedmont College at Peach Belt Preview

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

DEMOREST, Ga. — Both Piedmont cross country teams placed fourth in their respective events Oct. 31, and nine Lions finished with personal best times at the Peach Belt Preview. The men's 8K and women's 5K were held in Oakwood, Georgia, at the University of North Georgia Cross Country Course.

The men's team totaled an average time of 27:48, while the women finished with a 21:11 average time after each racer set a new career best.

For the second week in a row, sophomore Addie Bolton, of Sautee Nacoochee set a program record for the 5K event with a final time of 19:24.2 in this week's race, good enough for 14th place in the meet. Bolton ran a 19:52.2 on the same UNG course two weeks prior.

Not far behind Bolton were teammates Josey George, of Oxford, in 19th place and Val Angel, of Duluth, in 21st. Their respective times of 20:15.0 and 20:23.7 slot in as the third and fifth best 5K times in program history.

Sophomore Gary Halverson, of Alpharetta, paced the men's team in the first race of the morning with a 26:36.7 8K time that earned him a ninth-place finish, which landed at second on the program's 8K record book behind Bryce Griggs, of Guyton, GA, 26:00.7 from the 2017 NCAA S/SE Regional Championship.

Close behind Halverson was Alvin

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Prep Basketball

Lady Tigers excited to build experience in 2020-2021

By MASON WITTNER
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COVINGTON, Ga. —The calendar has flipped to November, which means the start of the prep basketball season is just around the corner.

The 2020-2021 campaign will mark the beginning of a rebuilding period for the Alcovy girls' basketball team. But despite a fielding a young squad, and preparing for the adversity that's sure to come from playing out a season in the midst of a pandemic, head coach Justin Hunter's optimism has not wavered.

"Going in, I'll tell you right now, I'm excited just about the sport itself. Basketball is something that I'm passionate about," Hunter said. "Things are going to be a little bit different this year as far as the procedures in the game and our preparation, but my excitement hasn't changed."

Hunter is entering his fifth season at the helm for the Lady Tigers. Last winter, he led Alcovy to a 12-13 record and missed out on the postseason after suffering a 46-44 loss to Evans in the opening round of the region tournament. Now, he's tasked with restructuring the program following the departure of seven seniors.

"Losing seven girls kind of gives you a clear picture of what I'm doing here. With that being said, I embrace it. It's part of life," Hunter said. "Things change, so you have to be ready for change and always prepared to grow."

Alcovy will return a pair of See BUILD, A9

Eagles, Rams control destiny entering Week 10

By MASON WITTNER

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COVINGTON, Ga. — The likelihood of postseason football in Newton County is growing by the week.

Last Friday, Newton helped its case by taking down previously unbeaten Brookwood to draw even in league play. Region 4-AAAAAAA features only five teams, but the stark contrast between 1-1 and 0-2 cannot be understated.

The Rams will dip out of region play this Friday for a trip to Mill Creek. When they return, they'll close out the season with a trip to Grayson on Nov. 13 and a home game against South Gwinnett on Nov. 20. Ideally, splitting those two matchups should be more than enough to punch their ticket to the postsea-

Meanwhile, Eastside is making itself right at home in a new classification this fall.

Despite coming up just short of taking down the defending region champions in Clarke Central, the Eagles are sitting at 3-1 in Region 8-AAAAA and 5-2 overall. They'll be favored in each of their next two matchups against Jackson County (3-4, 2-2) and Walnut Grove (3-4, 2-2) before a tossup against Greenbrier (5-2, 2-2) in the regular season finale.

In the world of sports, nothing is given. Neither program has any plans to rest on the laurels



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The Newton Rams set themselves up in prime position to snag a playoff spot after upending Brookwood on Friday night.

of what it has accomplished thus far this season and be satisfied with shifting into cruise control in November.

With that being said, both programs deserve to be commended for the position they've placed themselves in heading into the home stretch of the season. With much left to determine in the final month of the regular season, it appears — on paper, at least — that Newton County should be well represented when

the playoffs roll around.

Eastside and Newton will be both in action this week. The Eagles will take the field at Sharp Stadium on Thursday night against Jackson County, while the Rams will hit the road Friday for a tussle with Mill Creek.

For game previews and comments from Eastside head coach Troy Hoff and Newton head coach Camiel Grant Jr., please visit CovNews.com.

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the ground game allowed the Tigers to fully open up the offense.

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'Skins face another difficult roadblock

By DAVID JOHNSON

The Walton Tribune/Correspondent

SOCIAL CIRCLE, Ga. — Fresh off of a bye, Social Circle will be hosting its second ranked team in three weeks when no. 4 Commerce comes to town this Friday.

The two programs played for 10 straight seasons when they were both members of Region 8-A, with the Tigers winning nine of the meetings. But Friday will be their first time squaring off since

changed much over the years. It still features a bruising rushing attack. The trio of running backs Dreylan Martin and Sammy Brown and quarterback Trey Huff have carried the load this year.

Commerce hasn't

Social Circle will go with the opposite approach, taking to the air most every down. Sophomore quarterback Logan Cross is among the leading passers in the state and is expected to surpass 1,000 yards in the game.

The Tigers are sitting at 6-1 on the year and are tied for the top spot in Region 8-A with a 2-0 mark. They're currently riding a fourgame winning streak and have appeared to clean things up on the defense end, outscoring their last three oppo-

nents 131-16. Meanwhile, the Redskins have had their fair share of woes in head coach Rob Patton's first season at the helm. After collecting their second win of the year against Oglethorpe on Oct. 2, they've dropped back-to-back games to Washington-Wilkes (56-0) and Lincoln County (36-20) to fall to 2-5. They're still in search of their first region win after starting 0-2 in league play.

Friday night's game is scheduled to kick off at 7:30 p.m. Follow @ CovNewsSports on

Twitter for live updates. Mason Wittner, sports editor of The Covington News, contributed to this report.

Newton Rams #11 Nyland Green

Sporting No. 43 to honor injured teammate Eugene Tavares, Green put on a show in a victory over Brookwood. He picked off two passes and scored a 93-yard receiving touchdown to lead the





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Peachtree Academy Panthers 45, New Creation Crusaders 16

Peachtree Academy cruises past New Creation

STAFF REPORTS

COVINGTON, Ga. — The Peachtree Academy football team closed out its regular season in triumphant fashion on Friday night.

Coming off a 70-0 thrashing of Praise Academy, the Panthers hit the road to face New Creation in their final game before the postseason. They handled their business, jumping

out to an early lead before riding the wave of momentum to a 45-16 victory.

With the win, Peachtree Academy locked up the No. 2 seed for the upcoming GAPPS state playoffs, which are scheduled to begin on Nov. 13.

Stay tuned to CovNews.com for a preview of the postseason and more coverage of Panthers athletics.

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experienced veterans in T'Erica Smith and Markeisha White this season. The squad will also feature girls who garnered some experience at the varsity level last season, such as Delana Butler and Josalyn Branch.

Those four girls stick out in the mind of Hunter as potential leaders who can help pave the way for the Lady Tigers to grow as a collective unit.

Alcovy has established three goals for the upcoming season: passion, health and growth.

"The goal for this team in 2020, first and foremost, is to have love for the game," Hunter said. "Right behind that, make sure we stay healthy throughout the season. And then No. 3 for me is for them to have progression, individually and as a team, simply because of the nature of what they're experiencing."

The Lady Tigers will take the court Tuesday, Nov. 17, for an exhibition scrimmage at Stockbridge. They're scheduled to officially open their campaign that Friday, Nov. 20, at Therrell High School.

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Jacobs, of Sandy Springs, in 11th place with a time of 27:00.2, followed by Connor Creedon, of Norcross, in 19th with a 27:47.1. Both Jacobs and Creedon set new personal bests with their final times.

Flagler College swept both races on the morning, including a dominating performance in the men's race that saw the Saints claim each of the top six spots. Marcus Graham set an 8K course record and took the

individual title with a 24:42.6. Mackenzie Taylor of Augusta University won the women's race and set a 5K course record with her 17:05.1 final time.



The Redskins were idle last week. They'll be back in action on Friday night against Commerce.





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Turkey alternatives for intimate Thanksgiving

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Thanksgiving is steeped in traditions involving familiar foods. Thanksgiving may look a little different this year, and certain customs may need to be modified. If family celebrations are scaled back, perhaps a large turkey that can feed 10 or more will not be needed.

Even if the size of the celebration may be reduced, flavor doesn't have to shrink as well. Families can use this opportunity to try some new foods that can enhance this year's Thanksgiving experience. This recipe for "Poulet au Vinaigre" from "Simple Soirées: Seasonal Menus for Sensational Dinner Parties" (Stewart, Tabori & Chang) by Peggy Knickerbocker takes about an hour to get on the table and it's a flavorful dish that can be a succulent and special option for holiday meals.

Poulet au Vinaigre

Serves 6 to 8 Ingredients:

12 chicken thighs (about 3 to 4 pounds), bone in Salt and freshly ground

black pepper 4 tablespoons unsalted

2 tablespoons olive oil

6 shallots, minced 6 cloves garlic, minced

1/2 cup apple cider vinegar 1 1/2 cups dry white wine

1 tablespoon tomato paste 1 1/2 cups chicken stock,

preferably homemade 1/2 cup chopped Italian parsley

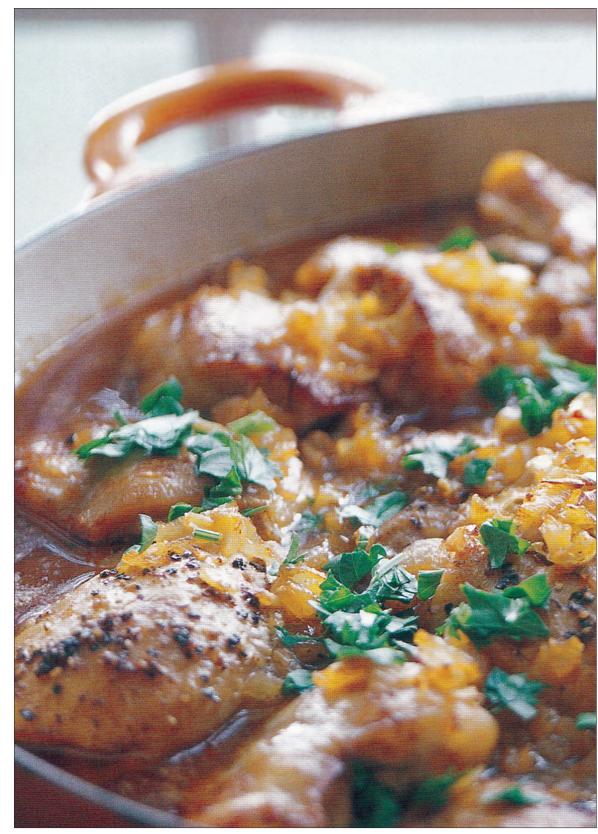
Directions: Season the chicken gener-

ously with salt and pepper to taste. In a large, deep skillet (big enough to hold all chicken fairly close together; or use two skillets), melt 3 tablespoons of the butter in 1 tablespoon of the olive oil over medium-high heat. Brown the chicken for about eight minutes. turning so both sides get nicely browned. Transfer the chicken to a deep, broad, ovenproof casserole that can go from the oven to the table. Remove the skillet from the heat and pour off most of the

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Place the skillet back over medium heat and add the remaining 1 tablespoon butter and 1 tablespoon olive oil. Add the shallots and garlic and cook for about one minute, or until they become translucent. Add the vinegar and wine, and stir up the crispy bits that have stuck to the bottom of the pan. Allow the liquids to cook down a bit, stirring occasionally, for about eight minutes. Whisk in the tomato paste and let the sauce simmer and condense, about five minutes more. Then add the chicken stock, a little at a time. Keep stirring to mix well.

Pour the sauce over the chicken. Bake for 35 to 45 minutes until the chicken is very tender, turning the chicken pieces halfway through, so that both sides are infused with the sauce. Remove one thigh and cut into it to make sure it is done and no red juices flow from the cut.

Remove the casserole from the oven, sprinkle the parsley on top, and serve.



Metro Creative Service

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Newton County Arts Association awarded \$5,000

STAFF REPORTS

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COVINGTON, Ga.

— Community Arts
Association in Newton
County will receive
a \$5,000 grant for its
programming from the
Georgia Council for
the Arts, a state senator
announced.

"While many businesses throughout the
state continue to face
barriers returning to
normalcy, it is important that we don't
overlook the important
role that art and culture institutions play
in our communities,"
said District 17 State
Sen. Brian Strickland,
R-McDonough, in a
news release.

"I am grateful to see that Newton County was selected for this grant that will aid District 17 in retaining arts programming for all to enjoy," Strickland



Taylor Beck | The Covington News

Wren and the Wravens perform during an October Drive-In Concert, presented by the Arts Association.

said. "I look forward to working with the Georgia Department of Economic Development, the Georgia Council for the Arts and other organizations to continue to find vital funding for our district."

Georgia Council for the Arts, a division of the Georgia Department of Economic Development, announced the Arts Association as being among 77 grant recipients.

The Arts Association received the Vibrant Communities Grant, which supports a

variety of arts programming opportunities in communities.

A separate Cultural Facilities Grant supports the restoration or renovation of a building to be used for arts programming. More than \$585,000 in funding was part of this year's awards.

The Community Arts Association in Newton County is a nonprofit organization dependent on corporate, foundation and individual donors to provide quality arts programming and education, according to its website.

Community programs and events include Newton County Community Band, Theatre Covington, Luncheon & Summer Evening Concerts on the Square and True Colours Youth Art Exhibit.

Serving Newton

County for more than 30 years, the organization also serves eight counties and more than 50 schools through its Young Artists Programs and concerts, becoming a regional provider of the arts.

Young Artist Programs include Covington Regional Ballet Company and School, Oxford Singers, Oxford Acting Company, Newton County Youth Strings, and several summer camps such as Creative Kids Camp and Musical Theatre Camp.

The Arts Association was one of 77 entities in 58 counties across Georgia selected for a Vibrant Communities Grant for the 2021

fiscal year. State Economic Development Commissioner Pat Wilson said, "A thriving arts community creates thousands of jobs and contributes to a healthy and diverse economy. The Georgia Council for the Arts is proud to continue to support our state's arts organizations through the distribution of Vibrant Communities and Cultural Facilities grants."

Georgia's creative industries have a reported \$62.5 billion impact on the economy, generating roughly \$37 billion in revenue.



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