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Language Hall at Oxford College of Emory University was renamed Johnson Hall in memory of the late Superior Court Judge Horace J. Johnson Jr. From left are Douglas Hicks, dean of Oxford College of Emory University; Johnson's son, Bryant Johnson; wife, Michelle Johnson; son, Horace J. Johnson III, known as James; and Emory University President Gregory Fenves.

Legacy cemented

Historic building at Oxford College renamed for alumnus Horace Johnson Jr.

By DENISE ETHERIDGE
The Walton Tribune

OXFORD, Ga. — Long before he became a Superior Court Judge, the late Horace J. Johnson Jr. was like any other college student, rushing from class to class across the stately campus at Oxford College of Emory University.

Today, a building he likely frequented 40 years ago now bears his name.

On Friday, Oxford College of Emory University held a dedication ceremony renaming historic Language Hall as Johnson Hall. The edifice was built in 1874 and restored about eight years ago.

Johnson's wife Michelle, sons James and Bryant, and mother Lottie B. Johnson, along with a crowd made up of university dignitaries, Johnson's colleagues and friends, Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity brothers, and those he mentored attended the bittersweet event under blue skies and sunshine.

Mrs. Johnson said her husband loved Oxford but revealed that the college was not his first choice.



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A marker sets in front of the former Language Hall at Oxford College to designate the historic building as Horace J. Johnson Jr. Hall.

If Johnson's parents had not wisely offered their 17-year old son a new car back in the 1970s to attend Oxford College, the late judge's destiny — and that of his alma mater — might have been different, she said.

With a bright butterfly resting on her sleeve, Michelle Johnson described decisions her late husband made that altered his life, and hers, and

that of many other people he touched along the way.

Johnson graduated from Oxford College of Emory University in 1977, and from Emory's Goizueta Business School in 1979. He later earned his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Georgia School of Law. Johnson went into private practice and in 2002, Gov. Roy Barnes appointed him to the Superior Court bench for the Alcovy Judicial Circuit.

That made him the first Black Superior Court judge in the circuit covering Newton and Walton counties, and he served 18 years.

Johnson also served on Oxford College's Board of Counselors for over 30 years. "Horace's circle was wide," said Douglas Hicks, dean of Oxford College of Emory University.

Hicks said Johnson was scheduled to speak at his alma mater's commencement in 2020, but COVID-19 quashed those plans.

"And then we lost Horace,"

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Pictured are members of the Covington-Newton County 911 team, including 911 therapy dog Annie, Covington City Council members and members of city's administration staff.

Covington officially recognizes 911 as first responders

Joins national movement to 'properly' classify tele-communicators' public safety role

By TAYLOR BECK
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Staff members of the Covington-Newton County 911 Center were officially recognized as first responders by the city.

During the Covington City Council's Oct. 4 meeting, council members unanimously approved a resolution emotionally read by Mayor Steve Horton to recognize Cov-

ington-Newton County 911 tele-communicators "as first responders and part of the critical infrastructure of the public safety framework."

"This is something that all of us in the room, and most of us, often think of 911 as public safety, but nationwide it's not always viewed that way," City Manager Scott Andrews said before Horton recited the resolution. "So there's a

growing movement to make this official, and that's actually what we're doing here tonight.

"We're so grateful for you," Andrews said to 911 staff members in attendance.

Covington-Newton 911 Director Trudy Henry was grateful to the city council for being among the first to pass such a resolution in the state

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His Word

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6, KJV

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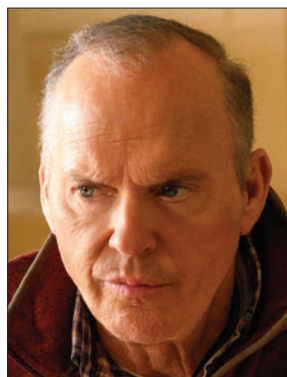
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No decision on historic property's future

City affirms position on Conyers Street facility as utility marks spark concern among residents

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COVINGTON, Ga. — Yellow flags recently used to identify gas lines at Conyers Street Gym and Baker Field raised red flags Monday for area residents.

Just two weeks ago, residents heard a proposal for a mixed-use development that would revitalize the historic facility and add 40 apartments to the area. Despite the developer's in-

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Faith & Blue

Community outreach is top priority

Sheriff, chiefs focused on outreach despite multiple obstacles

By TOM SPIGOLON
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Faith and Blue Weekend featured a variety of events that touched on the theme of bringing law enforcement and the public closer through the faith community.

A bicycle ride, free COVID-19 shots, car and bike show, a blessing of police dogs, and a virtual roundtable on community policing were among the activities featured during the three-day Newton County observance of the national event.

The Rev. M. Edwin Beckham of the Church of the Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Covington blessed K-9 officers from Newton County and Conyers during a ceremony Friday at the sheriff's office's Alcovy Road headquarters.

Sheriff Ezell Brown also hosted a virtual discussion Friday with faith leaders and city police chiefs Stacey Cotton of Covington, Jason

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Hicks said, referring to the judge’s sudden death on July 1, 2020.

Hicks said Johnson delivered a commencement address in 1999, and shared some of the judge’s remarks from that speech: “We have taller buildings but shorter tempers,” he said. “We love too seldom but lie too often. We’ve added years to life, but not life to years.”

“Horace added life to years,” Hicks said.

Emory University President Gregory Fenves touched on Oxford’s checkered past and how sections of campus were built by enslaved people. Fenves also mentioned that the college was segregated for 60 years — people of color were barred from attending or teaching at Oxford.

The university is striving for healing and reconciliation, he said.

Fenves said Oxford College at Emory University is working toward aligning its past with its present lofty values of integrity, courage and excellence.

Fenves said Johnson embodied the university’s values by taking



Douglas Hicks, dean of Oxford College of Emory University, speaks during a dedication ceremony renaming historic Language Hall as Johnson Hall. The edifice was built in 1874 and restored a few years ago.

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on “big projects” that sparked change.

Johnson grew up in Newton County’s Sand Hill community and was a graduate of Newton High School, part of the first integrated class to go through the local schools.

Fenves said Johnson made history then, and continues to do so today through his legacy and the example he has set for young people to follow.

Johnson was a past president of the Council of Superior Court Judges of Georgia and served on the Judicial Council of Georgia.

He was a member of the Kiwanis Club in Covington, serving as the 2018-19 president. He and his wife, Michelle, were 2002 graduates of Leadership Georgia, and Horace Johnson served as the 2009 president of the organization.

Johnson was a founding board member of Newton Mentoring Inc. and the Arts Association in Newton County board of directors and was on the first advisory board for the Boys & Girls Club in Newton County.

Judge Cheveda McCamy of Covington spoke about Johnson’s wide smile, unfailing kindness and generous mentorship. McCamy succeeded Johnson last year after Gov. Brian Kemp appointed her to the Superior Court judgeship in Newton and Walton counties.

McCamy had served as chief assistant district attorney in the Flint Judicial Circuit in Henry County. Prior to Johnson’s untimely death, McCamy ran for Johnson’s Superior Court judge seat. Johnson had at that time decided not to run for reelection to Superior Court because he had intended to seek a position on the Georgia Supreme Court.

McCamy lost the election, and Johnson was the first person to reach out to her after her defeat. When she stepped up to fill Johnson’s seat on the bench, other judges contacted her with offers to assist

and share how Johnson had been helpful to them, she said.

James O’Neal, Johnson’s lifelong friend, former college roommate and fraternity brother, spoke about Johnson’s strong religious faith, humility and unwavering compassion. Even as a student, Johnson “never dozed off to sleep” without kneeling to pray each night, O’Neal remembered.

“Horace was a lover of humanity,” O’Neal said. “He was also a lover of justice.”

Johnson Hall is the second building named for the late judge in Newton County. The county government honored Johnson in February by renaming the Judicial Center in Covington in his memory.

To continue the good judge’s legacy, Michelle Johnson has requested individuals share their memories of Horace Johnson. People can email their recollections to media.hjrf@gmail.com.

Oxford College on Monday also announced the establishment of the Judge Horace J. Johnson Jr. Scholarship Endowment to provide need-based scholarships to Oxford students.

In a news release, Mrs. Johnson thanked Oxford and Emory for helping to preserve her husband’s legacy.

“Our hearts are warmed, and we are so humbled by this expression. Horace loved Oxford. This is an amazing tribute to him on the campus that he adored,” she said.

Hicks said, “Through the scholarships that will bear [Johnson’s] name and in this building, his intellect, compassion, dedication to public service and commitment to justice and equality will live on at Oxford.”

Covington News Publisher Taylor Beck and Walton Tribune Publisher David Clemons contributed to this story.

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tentions to preserve as many historic elements as possible within the development, many residents at the Sept. 28 town hall event were not in favor of the plan and voiced their opposition clearly.

During the same event, city officials were adamant in saying no decisions had been made, and the community’s input would be a driving factor in the property’s future.

After yellow flags marking utility lines were seen at the facility Monday morning, Oct. 11, residents reached out to the *The Covington News* fearing the worst. Had their input fallen on deaf ears? Was the city moving forward with the proposal?

Covington Community Development Director Trey Sanders told *The News* that was not the case and assured, again, that no decisions had been made.

“That is just a utility locate,” he said. “There will be plenty of discussion before anything happens there. That’s a promise.”

Special Projects Coordinator Randy Conner confirmed that the utility locate was for an environmental assessment of the building as part of the city’s application process for a Brownfields Cleanup Grant.

Brownfields Cleanup Grants are federal grants “designed to empower states, tribes, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields.”

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), a brownfield is “a property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. It is estimated that there are more than 450,000 brownfields in the U.S. Cleaning up and reinvesting in these properties increases local tax bases,

facilitates job growth, utilizes existing infrastructure, takes development pressures off of undeveloped, open land and both improves and protects the environment.”

The Covington City Council gave the OK to Economic Development Manager William Smith and his staff to pursue a federal Brownfields Cleanup Grant during a meeting held Sept. 7.

Smith said the Conyers Street Gym was documented at the beginning of the year to be infested with mold, asbestos and lead. In hopes to clean up the property for future use, Smith said he and his staff began looking for opportunities to fund such an endeavor.

“The Brownfields Cleanup Grant came to our attention after the beginning of the new fiscal year,” he told the mayor and council. “We wanted to pursue that so we can prepare that building for future use — whatever that use may be.”

As part of the grant application process, Smith said a requirement for the city was to issue a request for proposal (RFP) for a hazardous materials assessment that would provide the city an estimate for the total clean-up cost. Issuing the RFP would also allow qualified professionals to enter into the building and complete an assessment on “what needs to be removed and how they should be removed, then give us the cost estimate,” Smith said.

The city council approved an RFP on Sept. 7 with Cardno Inc. in the amount of \$20,500 to complete the assessment and provide a total cost estimate for the clean-up.

Smith said the \$20,500 cost for the assessment would be later packaged into the Brownfields Cleanup Grant amount total, which would be determined after the assessment is completed.

According to the EPA, Brownfields Cleanup Grant applicants can request up to \$500,000 to address a brownfield site. Smith said the grant would require a match amount up to \$120,000 from the city that the council would have to approve.

If the city were to decide to sell the property, the city could try to recoup some of that money, Smith said.

Another point made by Smith: the EPA requires the city or a “city entity” to maintain ownership throughout the grant process and remediation process.

Conner said assessment work at the facility was on track to be completed Tuesday after test borings around the perimeter are conducted.



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Cripps of Porterdale, and David Harvey of Oxford.

Among the topics was community policing development, which all said they worked to do in ways based on such factors as manpower and time constraints.

Cotton said his department often deals with those who have "lost their way" and the faith community can help his officers in their work.

"If we can bring in the faith community to help us do our job — we can't police our way out of problems. We have to find solutions as a community, as people, as humans define humanity.

"And I think that's Faith and Blue's message ... that we need each other and we need civil order in our society to be successful and we need the Lord in our lives," Cotton said.

He said there are many societal "under-currents" involved both locally and nationally that affect law enforcement agencies' work. Police agencies are conducting community outreach programs but need other local organizations to be community-oriented as well, Cotton said.

Brown said the sheriff's office is engaged in community outreach programs like school supply giveaways, a Random Acts of Kindness initiative, and the Residential Substance Abuse Treatment program for jail inmates. He said a deputy formerly had the time



From left, the Rev. M. Edwin Beckham of the Church of the Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Covington blesses K-9 Officer Wick of the Conyers Police Department as Newton County Chief Deputy Jerry Carter and Wick's handler, Officer Brandon DeCosse, look on during a ceremony Friday for national Faith & Blue Weekend. Tom Spigolon | The Covington News

Cripps said he has directed his officers to treat those with which they encounter "with empathy" and "human decency." That includes such methods as not placing an offender on the ground if restraints are required, he said.

Harvey said he felt "really sad" when he would approach a neighborhood in a patrol vehicle as a DeKalb Police officer. Children in the area would "run away" from officers because they had been taught police were not there to protect them, Harvey said.

"That's what's being put in their heads," he said.

to stop and chat with farmers or other residents in the 1970s when he began working with the sheriff's office and the unincorporated part of the county was primarily rural.

Now, many parts of the sheriff's office's jurisdiction are developed with residential neighborhoods and the population has more than doubled. A deputy must move from call to call quickly with only three to five minutes to tell a crime victim "law enforcement is doing everything they can do," Brown said.

"That three to five minutes (with) that particular person, that is a real, live moment regardless of whether the person is complaining about a cat up a tree or or the next door neighbor doing something inappropriate," Brown said.

Cotton said his department's calls for service have more than doubled in recent years despite the city's population not increasing past 14,000 since

the 1980s. The number of calls increased from 12,000 to about 35,000 annually in the same time period, he said.

"The public needs to understand it's not like it was back in the old days when you can stop and talk with your neighbor," he said. "We're always behind the eight-ball trying to play catch-up and get enough people to do the job that we have."

Harvey said he dealt with the same time constraints as Newton County deputies when he worked as a training officer with DeKalb County Police Department.

However, he said the relatively small number of calls the Oxford Police Department receives allows Harvey and other officers to "stop and visit" with adults. They also interact with children in such ways as giving out free coloring books, he said.

Cripps said Porterdale Police organize or participate in such activities as an annual

kickball tournament and the city's annual Christmas parade.

They also discussed strategies their departments were using to strengthen relationships between the police and the various communities in their jurisdictions, including minorities.

Cotton said his department has tried not to distinguish between Black, brown and white communities.

"Our community is really diversified. There are people from all around the world and people from all around this country who are moving here," he said.

"Our strategy doesn't necessarily need to be about minorities or ... communities. I think that by the diversity of our cultures and people's opinions — everybody should count. At least that's our philosophy, to try to approach it from the diversity so that you don't just have

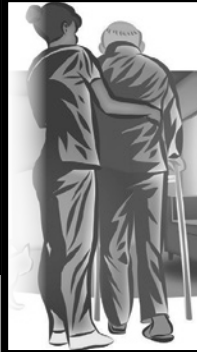
a template that one size fits all," Cotton said.

"We try to find out and understand the cultural differences that we all have and ... help them with their area."

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of Georgia.

"They have difficult jobs in that radio room," Henry said. "Like Scott said, the movement nationwide is to have 911 recognized as first responders across the nation, and we feel like this is kind of the first step in getting us there. There aren't many counties that have done it. I know the state is moving towards this as well, so we appreciate y'all taking the time and recognizing and doing this for us."

In part, the resolution that was read into the minutes by Horton stated, "Not only are they first responders, but they are the 'first' first responders, and those selfless individuals make life-saving, split second decisions on a daily basis in order to provide proper response to emergencies.

"[Tele-communicators] provide care and compassion to our citizens in their most horrific moments, and many of these calls leave a traumatic affect on the tele-communicator."

Horton said Covington-Newton County 911 Center's tele-communicators go through an extensive background check, including a suitability screening and polygraph; must attend a five-week state training academy; and attend a 13-16 week

interdepartmental training, which can total 21 weeks of training. Tele-communicators for Covington-Newton County 911 are also required to complete 36 hours of continuing education, which exceeds a state mandate of eight hours.

"If I sounded emotional, I am," Horton said after reading the proclamation. "I've depended on y'all my own self out there when I was on the road out there. And nobody can tell you what that means, so I'm going to stand up and applaud you."

In other business, the council:

- Approved an alcohol sales license to Nagoya Japanese Steakhouse.

- Approved the first reading of an annexation ordinance concerning a 4.4-acre property on Eagle Drive for the city after holding a public hearing.

- Approved the initiation of a text amendment for adding temporary office trailers.

- Approved the purchase of tasers for the police department from Axon Enterprise, Inc. in the amount of \$199,927.57.

- Approved the purchase of a Digiticket Software system for the police department from Motorola Solutions in the amount of \$117,649.55.

- Approved a change order for the water main replacement project on Puckett Street. The change would increase the project cost by \$145,965 to include the replacement of a sewer main before paving begins.

- Approved the appointment of Sandi Spears to the Covington Redevelopment Authority and the Covington Downtown Development Authority. Spears replaces Randy Conner and Teto Stone, respectively. Conner and Stone were said to have resigned from their board positions.

- Approved an update to the city's Opportunity Zone Map as recommended by the state, as part of the city's urban redevelopment plan.

- Approved a Project Framework Agreement (PFA) detailing Preliminary Engineering commitments for Phase 1 of the Hwy 278 CID.

- Approved designating MEAG as its agent to nominate and acquire any combination of resources to optimize their Supplemental Power Supply Requirements.

- Approved a letter of support backing a joint application to be made with the Newton County Water Resources Division for a EDA Build Back Better Regional Challenge grant.

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Is bigger always better?

It was American entrepreneurship at its finest.

A Georgia businessman opens a pecan

stand along-side U.S. Hwy. 23 in the little town of East-



man and drives around the southeast part of the state buying pecans from area farmers in the midst of the Great Depression. He adds a few souvenirs, some jars of local honey and his wife's homemade candy and begins to catch business from all the New Yorkers and Chicagoans heading to the Georgia coast for the winter.

W.S. "Sylvester" Stuckey Sr. would go on to open a nationwide chain of stores he owned and franchised along the country's busy highways as the nation took to the roads during the prosperous 1950s and 1960s.

At its height in the 1960s, 368 stores sported the Stuckey's logo in 30 states. Restless children and tired adults watched out for its distinctive teal blue roof so they could stop for Texaco gas, candy, souvenirs and a bathroom during the height of summer before air conditioners became standard features on new vehicles.

It became a standard part of any road trip for some Baby Boomers during long trips with the family. Stuckey's

was there offering souvenirs, pralines, very sugary candy, restrooms much cleaner than those found in service stations of the day and Texaco gas.

It owned its own candy plant in Eastman and a sign company that built 4,000 Stuckey's roadside billboards.

However, as is often the case, Stuckey's sought to expand in a merger with Pet Milk Co. in 1964. After that, its numbers began to dwindle as subsequent owners downsized the chain.

Americans also began using the fast-growing interstate highway system for travel which allowed them to quickly bypass the roadside retailers along former main routes like Hwy. 41.

The granddaughter of the founder, a former Atlanta state legislator and attorney named Stephanie Stuckey, in 2019 began operating the company that bore her family's name in a bid to bring it back from the dead.

I was reminded of Stuckey's when I visited the much-ballyhooed roadside extravaganza called Buc-ee's recently.

Buc-ee's has a name that rhymes with Stuckey's and seems to follow the same formula — except at a much larger scale.

Its Calhoun, Ga., location opened in August and is the Texas-based company's second in Georgia. Judging from the crowds, it will not be



I was reminded of Stuckey's, which reached its height in the 1960s, when I visited the much-ballyhooed roadside extravaganza in Calhoun called Buc-ee's recently. Buc-ee's has a name that rhymes with Stuckey's and seems to follow the same formula — except at a much larger scale. Tom Spigolon | The Covington News

the last in the Peach State.

Calhoun is about halfway between Atlanta and Chattanooga and formerly was only known for its outlet mall and high school football team that won three state titles in seven years in the 2010s. Not anymore.

It is now home to a massive destination-styled convenience store/gas station/fast-food restaurant/gift shop that boasts 100 gas pumps, 53,000 square feet of store space, a wall of beef jerky, souvenirs, clothes by Buc-ee's and other brands, and more.

Think of a QT or RaceTrac with a gift shop on one end and the cold and hot drinks on the other — and multiply the inside space, the candy aisle and the drink machines and the gas pumps by five or more.

While we in Newton County don't have anything like that now, Georgia-based Jones Petroleum is planning

a version of this "travel center" concept in a building less than half the size of the Calhoun Buc-ee's.

Once completed, northeast Newton County will have two or three fast-food restaurants attached to a convenience store, gas station and gift shop.

One feature Jones is borrowing from Buc-ee's is a requirement that no tractor-trailers patronize the store — a bow to those potential customers who told them they would not spend their money at a truck stop.

However, in Jones' case, it agreed to change its plan for a 24-hour truck stop to a "travel center" that did not allow tract-trailers and was open a fraction of traditional truck stop hours.

Jones also agreed to drop a lawsuit seeking a reversal of the Board of Commissioners' decision to deny a rezoning for the truck stop and for damages from not being allowed to build

and operate on the 46-acre site at I-20's Exit 98 near Social Circle.

The excitement around Buc-ee's reminds me of when supermarkets or shopping centers would open with a fanfare and people would flock to them for awhile.

Buc-ee's is bigger than what the two Georgia-based businesses — Jones Petroleum and Stuckey's — are either planning or will offer their road-weary, target customers.

It also reminds me of the potential effect such large-scale retailers have on local businesses that may have operated in a location for years only to see a much newer and shinier rival from outside swallow all their business.

Is this just another sign that retail businesses like convenience stores are going the way of department stores — iconic retailers like Sears being muscled out by Walmart or Target?

Maybe it's time consumers consider more than just the size or shininess of any store before they go spending hard-earned cash there.

Maybe they should consider the size of the owner's community involvement or commitment to local sourcing of goods or any number of other ways to remain a part of a community.

Buc-ee's probably will contribute to schools and nonprofits in the Calhoun community. It makes business sense and it has the money to do so.

But maybe other communities also should consider the course Newton County took and carefully considered the effect a business could have on the quality of life before bowing to the tax revenue it will generate.

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Denise Etheridge columnist

National K-9 Memorial: Remembering fallen canine officers

K-9 officers wear a halo and a badge. The K-9s that earned their angel wings in 2020 were honored Saturday at the 13th Annual We Ride to Provide National K-9 Memorial, at the Porterdales Memorial Gymnasium.



Denise Etheridge

There were prayers, music and haunting bagpipes. There was a formal ceremony, presentations, heartfelt speeches and a procession of handlers and K-9s.

My husband Frank and I were privileged to attend, and meet some of the handlers and current working dogs that will someday leave their beloved human partners and family members holding an empty leash.

Police officers and sheriff's deputies from across Georgia and the U.S. and Puerto Rico

converged on the small mill town as they do each year. Next March a number of K-9 handlers from Switzerland are expected to attend.

(The event is normally held in March, but because of COVID-19, W RTP organizers delayed the event this year.)

Volunteers from the non-profit Central Georgia K-9 Search and Rescue also attended to honor four of their dogs that recently passed away. These SAR canines track lost children and dementia patients, and assist law enforcement in recovering human remains.

Porterdale Police Chief Jason Cripps and his wife Holly began the event on the knowledge that their golden retriever Beau — who was Chief Cripps' remarkable K-9 partner — would someday walk across the rainbow bridge.

Holly said that little ball of fur, an original pound puppy, changed their lives and the lives of countless handlers

and other K-9s, forever. Beau was the inspiration for the yearly memorial that is held to honor fallen K-9 officers and comfort their handlers who mourn their passing as they would a human partner or family member. It's a tightknit group. The Cripps lost Beau in 2016.

The organization also donates first aid kits for K-9s around the world.

A Walton County Sheriff's Office K-9 was honored at the memorial on Saturday. Retired Sergeant Falco who lost his battle with cancer in August 2020 was remembered for his service.

Several retired K-9s were named heroes this year, including Jerry Lee formerly of the Austell Police Department who literally lost a leg in the line of fire. Jerry Lee is credited for saving his handler, Officer Edward Reeves' life, when they were chasing a suspect this past April. The suspect turned to fire at the officers as they pursued

him, hitting Jerry Lee in the leg.

The amazing dog chosen for this year's K-9 Memorial Hall of Fame died in 2011. Her name was Morgan and she served at ground zero after 9/11 and again following Hurricane Katrina, despite suffering from PTSD as did many 9/11 human first responders.

Captain Morgan was a retired K9 with Southside Fire Department in Savannah, Ga. Morgan apparently kept working in the rubble of the World Trade Towers even after taking a three-story fall.

The annual memorial weekend for these K-9 handlers began with an informal family-style dinner Friday night, where they could relax and mingle, hug, cry, laugh and share stories. It ended with a bonfire and cookout Saturday night, and more storytelling.

These people and their dogs serve a public that doesn't always appreciate their sacrifices. But they can find solace with "like-minded" people, who understand and share many of the same experiences.

For more information

about We Ride to Provide, visit the organization's Facebook page.

Denise Etheridge is a staff writer for The Walton Tribune and Newton County resident.

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TO RALPH Fullers children my first cousin, I would ask them to call me 770-367-8559 Ralph was the son of Ludie Cook-Fuller and Brodnaik Fuller and the brother of Susan Lee Fuller-Clark who was my mother. Myra Lee Clark- Smith

LEGALS

Public Notices

Debtors Creditors

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS

ALL CREDITORS of the estate of **JIMMY GRANT WILKERSON** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

THIS 24TH day of September, 2021

KAREN RENEE Wilkerson Morgan **EXECUTOR OF** the Estate **OF JIMMY** Grant Wilkerson **C/O ROBERT** Stansfield, Esq. **GREER, STANSFIELD & Turner, LLP** P.O. BOX 1617 **COVINGTON, GEORGIA** 30015-1617 (770) 786-4390

PUBLIC NOTICE #200908
9/29-10/6,13,20

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **DON VALLEE BARNES** 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 8TH day of SEPTEMBER, 2021.

DONNA FAYE BARNES SOWELL
1056 SPRING MILL DR
LILBURN GA 30047

PUBLIC NOTICE #200862
9/22,29-10/6,13

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **DONALD C. BUCKLEW, SR** 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 8TH day of SEPTEMBER, 2021.

SHARON GARNER
1750 DEERWOOD DR
MANSFIELD, GA 30650

PUBLIC NOTICE #200859
9/22,29-10/6,13

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **KIRK DOUGLAS PARKER** 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 8TH day of SEPTEMBER, 2021.

COLLETTE PARKER
2141 CONVERS ST, SE
COVINGTON GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200860
9/22,26-10/6,13

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **MARION EWING BARNES** 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 8TH day of AUGUST, 2021.

DONNA FAYE BARNES SOWELL
1056 SPRING MILL DR
LILBURN GA 30047

PUBLIC NOTICE #200863
9/22,29-10/6,13

Divorces

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

GARRY FRAZIER
PLAINTIFF,

PATRICIA ANN FRAZIER

DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION FILE NO.
SUCV2021000447

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: PATRICIA ANN FRAZIER,

BY ORDER of the Court for service by publication dated June 22, 2021, you are hereby notified that on February 26, 2021, Plaintiff filed suit against you for a Petition for Divorce. You are required to file with the clerk of Superior Court, and to serve upon Plaintiff's attorney, an answer in writing within 60 days of September 23, 2021.

WITNESS, THE Honorable Judge Kendall Wynne Jr., Judge of Superior Court of Newton County.

THIS 23RD day of September 2021

PUBLIC NOTICE #200909
9/29-10/6,13,20

Foreclosures

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

BECAUSE OF a default under the



CITY OF COVINGTON

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

The City of Covington is currently accepting applications for a **Water Sewer Construction Inspector** in the **Engineering Department** with a starting hourly rate of **\$20.00** to a maximum hourly rate of **\$31.36** depending upon qualifications. Qualified applicants may apply on our website by downloading an application packet at **cityofcovington.org**, or may apply in person (**drive thru only**) at Covington City Hall, 2194 Emory Street, Covington, Georgia 30014. This position will remain open until filled. The City of Covington is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



CITY OF COVINGTON

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

The City of Covington is currently accepting applications for a **Heavy Equipment Mechanic** in the **Auto/Equipment Maintenance Shop Department** with a starting hourly rate of **\$17.96** to a maximum hourly rate of **\$27.37** depending upon qualifications. Qualified applicants must apply on our website by downloading an application packet at **cityofcovington.org**, or may apply in person (**drive thru only**) at Covington City Hall, 2194 Emory Street, Covington, Georgia 30014. This position will remain open until filled. The City of Covington is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

terms of the Security Deed executed by **Beverly Green** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Taylor, Bean and Whitaker, its successors and assigns dated October 24, 2007, and recorded in Deed Book 2529, Page 11, Newton County Records, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed to Selene Finance LP, securing a Note in the original principal amount of \$181,482.00, the holder thereof pursuant to said Deed and Note thereby secured has declared the entire amount of said indebtedness due and payable and, pursuant to the power of sale contained in said Deed, will on the first Tuesday, November 2, 2021, during the legal hours of sale, before the Courthouse door in said County, sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, the property described in said Deed, to-wit:

ALL THAT tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 125 of the 10th District, Newton County, Georgia, being Lot 260, Unit Two of Trelawney Subdivision, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 34, pages 193-195, Newton County, Georgia Records, which recorded plat is incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this description.

SAID PROPERTY is known as **240 Trelawney Drive, Covington, GA 30016**, together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any.

SAID PROPERTY will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, whether or not now due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, 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.

THE PROCEEDS of said sale will be applied to the payment of said indebtedness and all expenses of said sale as provided in said Deed, and the balance, if any, will be distributed as provided by law.

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 secured creditor.

THE PROPERTY is or may be in the possession of Beverly Boothe, a/k/a Beverly Green a/k/a Beverly V. Green, successor in interest or tenant(s).

SELENE FINANCE LP as Attorney-in-Fact for Beverly Green

FILE NO. 15-051905

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ATLANTA, GA 30346

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following described property:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 168 OF THE 10TH DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 28, OVERLOOK PASS SUBDIVISION, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 30, PAGES 272 AND 273, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS, WHICH PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN AND MADE A PART HEREOF BY REFERENCE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR AND COMPLETE DESCRIPTION.

SAID PROPERTY may more commonly be known as 165 Deep Springs Way, Covington, GA 30016.

THE DEBT secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, non-payment of the monthly installments on said loan. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).

THE INDIVIDUAL or entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the loan is AmeriHome Mortgage Company, LLC, 425 Phillips Blvd, Ewing, NJ 08618.

SAID PROPERTY will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The sale will also be subject to the following items which may affect the title: a) zoning ordinances; b) matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; c) any outstanding ad valorem taxes, including taxes, which constitute liens upon said property whether or not now due and payable; d) special assessments; e) the right of redemption of any taxing authority; f) all outstanding bills for public utilities which constitute liens upon said property; g) all restrictive covenants, easements, rights-of-way and any other matters of record superior to said Security Deed. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owners and party in possession of the property are Thelman L Webb and or tenant(s). The sale will be conducted subject to 1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy code and 2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed.

AMERIHOME MORTGAGE Company, LLC as Attorney-in-Fact for Thelman L Webb

CONTACT: PADGETT Law Group: 6267 Old Water Oak Road, Suite 203, Tallahassee, FL 32312; (850) 422-2520

PUBLIC NOTICE #200864
10/6,13,20,27

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

UNDER AND by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed from **TRISTAN V. ANDREWS AND CLEO M. ANDREWS** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Taylor, Bean & Whitaker Mortgage Corp., its successors and assigns, dated March 25, 2009, and recorded on April 7, 2009, in Book 2706, Page 116, of the Newton County, Georgia Records; as last assigned to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC (Secured Creditor); conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$215,379.00 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 the first TUESDAY in November, 2021, the following described property:

ALL THAT tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 156 of the 10th District, Newton County, Georgia, being Lot 31, Oakwood Manor Subdivision, Unit 1, as per plat recorded at Plat Book 43, Pages 154-160, Newton County, Georgia Records, which recorded plat is incorporated herein by this reference and made a part of this description. Said property being known as 190 Oak Manor Drive according to the present system of numbering property in Newton County, Georgia.

THE INDEBTEDNESS secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due and payable because of, among other possible

events of default, non-payment of the monthly installments as required by said 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 the Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given) and all other payments provided for under the terms of the Security Deed and Note.

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 or easements, liens, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and any security deeds, mortgages or deeds of trust or any matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.

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. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and non-judicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided immediately above.

THE ENTITY that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, 1600 South Douglass Road, Suite 200-A, Anaheim, CA 92806, 1-800 561-4567. Please understand that the secured creditor is not required to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the mortgage instrument.

TO THE best of the undersigned's knowledge and belief, said property is also known as **190 Oak Manor, Covington, GA 30016**, and the party in possession of the property is/are **TRISTAN V. ANDREWS AND CLEO M. ANDREWS** or a tenant or tenants of said property.

CARRINGTON MORTGAGE Services, LLC

AS ATTORNEY-IN-FACT for **TRISTAN V. ANDREWS AND CLEO M. ANDREWS**

SOLOMON I BAGGETT, LLC

3763 ROGERS Bridge Road **DULUTH, GA** 30097

(678) 243-2512

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #200821
9/29-10/6,13,20,27

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

BY VIRTUE of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from **WILLIAM JEFFREY PRATT** to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEM, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR RESIDENTIAL ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, dated November 17 2016, recorded November 22, 2016, in Deed Book 3504, Page 461 , Newton County, Georgia Records, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of Ninety-Four Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Nine and 00/100 dollars (\$94,949.00), with interest thereon as provided for therein, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned and transferred to The Money Source, Inc., there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the Newton County Courthouse, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in November, 2021, all property described in said Security Deed including but not limited to the following described property:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOTS 200 & 201 OF THE 1ST DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 6 OF HOLLOW HILLS SUBDIVISION AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 20, PAGE 194, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS, WHICH PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN AND MADE A PART HEREOF BY REFERENCE.

SAID LEGAL description being

controlling, however the property is more commonly known as 1550 HWY 142 E, COVINGTON, GA 30014.

THE INDEBTEDNESS secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of default under the terms of said Security Deed. The indebtedness remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same, all expenses of the sale, including attorneys' fees (notice to collect same having been given) and all other payments provided for under the terms of the Security Deed.

SAID PROPERTY will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The sale will also be subject to the following items which may affect the title: any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, whether or not now due and payable); the right of redemption of any taxing authority; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; all zoning ordinances; assessments; liens; encumbrances; restrictions; covenants, and any other matters of record superior to said Security Deed.

TO THE best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owner and party in possession of the property is **WILLIAM JEFFREY PRATT**, or tenants(s). The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed.

PLEASE NOTE that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, you are not entitled by law to an amendment or modification of the terms of your loan. The entity having full authority to negotiate, amend or modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is: The Money Source Inc., Loss Mitigation Dept., 135 Maxess Rd., Melville, NY 11747, Telephone Number: 866-867-0330.

THE MONEY SOURCE, INC.

AS ATTORNEY in Fact for **WILLIAM JEFFREY PRATT**

THE BELOW LAW FIRM MAY BE HELD TO BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, UNDER FEDERAL LAW. IF SO, ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

ATTORNEY CONTACT: Rubin Lublin, LLC, 3145 Avalon Ridge Place, Suite 100, Peachtree Corners, GA 30071

TELEPHONE NUMBER: (877) 813-0992 Case No. TMS-18-05332-10

PUBLIC NOTICE #200841
10/6,13,20,27

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

UNDER AND by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Wesley M. Finch and Jena R. Finch** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Element Funding (the Secured Creditor), dated June 23, 2008, and Recorded on June 25, 2008 as Book No. 2620 and Page No. 5, Newton County, Georgia records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of \$78,370.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, as last assigned to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC by assignment that is or to be recorded in the Newton County, Georgia Records, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the Newton County Courthouse within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in November, 2021, the following described property:

ALL THAT tract or parcel of land lying and being in land lot 129 of the 10th District, City of Covington, Newton County, Georgia, containing 0.495 acre, and shown on plat of survey recorded at Plat Book 36, Page 189, Newton County, Georgia Records, which plat is by reference incorporated herein and made a part hereof.

TAX ID: C045 0003 004F

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. Because the debt remains in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC holds the duly endorsed Note and is the current assignee of the Security Deed to the property. Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC is the entity with the full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the loan.

PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. §44-14-162.2, Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC may be contacted at: 1-800-790-9502 or by writing to 1600 South Douglass Road, Suite 110 and 200-A, Anaheim, CA 92806-5951.

PLEASE NOTE that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. §44-14-162.2, the secured creditor is not required to amend or modify the terms of the loan.

TO THE best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party/parties in possession of the subject property known as **9190 SPILLERS DRIVE SW, COVINGTON, GA 30014** is/are: Wesley M. Finch and Jena R. Finch or tenant/tenants. Said property will be sold subject to (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), (b) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (c) all matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above, including, but not limited to, assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, easements, restrictions, covenants, etc.

THE SALE will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed.

PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. §9-13-172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and nonjudicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as

provided in the preceding paragraph.

FUNDS USED at sale shall be in certified funds and payable to "Bell Carrington Price & Gregg, LLC."

CARRINGTON MORTGAGE Services, LLC as Attorney in Fact for Wesley M. Finch and Jena R. Finch.

ANY INFORMATION obtained on this matter may be used by the debt collector to collect the debt. Bell Carrington Price & Gregg, LLC, 3399 Heyward Street, 2nd Floor, Columbia, SC 29201 (803)-509-5078. File: 21-48379

PUBLIC NOTICE #200924
10/6,13,20,27

Juvenile Court

SUMMONS AND PROCESS
IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF
NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

TO: JENNIFER KINNA,
mother; **CLIFFORD BRADLEY GIBSON,** putative father;
KRISTOPHER MALIN KINNA, legal father; **JOHN DOE,** and any other unknown, unnamed, biological father or other persons claiming to have a parental interest in the minor child named below, born on the date listed.

IN THE INTEREST OF:
C.G. SEX: Male **DOB:** 07/29/2021 Case #107-21J-0377

CHILD(REN) UNDER 18 Years of Age

A PETITION (Dependency) was filed in this Court on August 31, 2021 concerning the above child(ren). A copy of that Petition is attached to this summons.

THIS IS a summons requiring you to be in Court. If you fail to come to court as required, you may be held in contempt of court and punished accordingly.

NOW, THEREFORE, you, the parties named above, are commanded to be and appear on the date and time stated below, and to remain in attendance from hour to hour, day to day, month to month, year to year, and time to time, as said case may be continued, and until discharged from the court, and you are commanded to lay any and all business aside and to be and appear before the Juvenile Court of Newton County, Georgia, located at 1132 Usher St., Covington, Georgia 30014, on November 16, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. and you the said parent, guardian or legal custodian are likewise hereby commanded to be and appear with the aforesaid child(ren) in said court at the time and place above stated, each of you then and there to make defense thereto and to show cause why the said child(ren) and all parties named herein should not be dealt with according to the provisions of law.

WITNESS THE Honorable Candice Branche, Judge of said Court, this 10th day of September, 2021.

/S/ KATHRYN Rider

CLERK
JUVENILE COURT of Newton County, Georgia

READ CAREFULLY

THIS SUMMONS requires you to be present at a formal hearing in the Juvenile Court.

THE CHILD(REN) and other parties involved may be represented by a lawyer at all stages of these proceedings.

IF YOU want a lawyer, you may choose and hire your own lawyer. If you want to hire a lawyer, please contact your lawyer immediately.

IF YOU want a lawyer but are not able to hire a lawyer without undue financial hardship, you may ask for a lawyer to be appointed to represent you. The Court would inquire into your financial circumstances and if the Court finds you to be financially unable to hire a lawyer, then a lawyer will be appointed to represent you. Please contact immediately the Newton County Juvenile Court at 770-784-2060 if you wish to request a lawyer to be appointed to represent you. **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE DAY OF COURT TO REQUEST AN ATTORNEY.**

IF YOU want a lawyer appointed to represent you, you must let the Court or the officer of the Court handling this case know that you want a lawyer immediately.

PUBLIC NOTICE #200902
9/29-10/6,13,20

Name Changes

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE the Name Change of:
KAYLA ARTHUR
PETITIONER,

CIVIL ACTION NUMBER
2021-CV-2130-5

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF ADULT

KAYLA NICOLE ARTHUR filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court to change the name of the following minor child

FROM: KAYLA NICOLE ARTHUR to **KAYLA NICOLE JORDAN** ANY interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within the time prescribed in O.C.G.A. §§ 19-12-1(f)(2) and (3).

KAYLA ARTHUR
246 MT TABOR RD
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200866
9/22,29-10/6,13

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE the name change of
ROSANNE ZIVIC ALLENBAUGH
PETITIONER

CIVIL ACTION File
2021-CV-1549-3

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF ADULT

ROSANNE ZIVIC ALLENBAUGH filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on JULY 2, 2021 to change the name from **ROSANNE**

See LEGALS, A6

SPORTS

The Covington News

Prep Softball



Special to The Covington News

The Social Circle Lady Redskins captured the Region 8A-Public Championship on Saturday after defeating Commerce 8-4 in eight innings, then 11-8 in Game 2.

REGION CHAMPS

Lady Redskins take down Commerce for 8A-Public crown

By PHILLIP B. HUBBARD
phubbard@covnews.com

SOCIAL CIRCLE, Ga. — The Lady Redskins softball team had a bright ending to a dreary week.

After the weather finally cooperated, Social Circle captured the Region 8A-Public Championship on Saturday.

All it needed to do was win one game against Commerce to accomplish this feat.

Losing the first game 8-4 (in eight innings) delayed the championship ceremony a bit, but it didn't deter the Lady Redskins from their goal.

They won game two 11-8 and, therefore, won the season series against Commerce 2-1 to break the tie for first place.

Interestingly, Social Circle entered the top of the final inning trailing 8-6.

Patience at the plate started the 5-run inning to lead the comeback.

Halie Richardson began the top of the seventh inning with a lead-off walk that was followed with Alexa Wykoff reaching base on an error. Macy Langley earned a walk, too, that loaded the bases. Gracie Jones watched the pitcher throw four balls yet again to score the first run of the inning.

The bats got going from there.



Phillip B. Hubbard | The Covington News

While Social Circle's bats were scorching hot over the series, in the end it was the team's pitching, led by Macy Langley, that helped lift the Lady Redskins to capture the title and clinch homefield advantage for the first round of the playoffs.

Avery Bedsole singled to right field that scored Wykoff from third base. Savannah Frachiseur came up to the plate next and drilled a single to center field that scored Langley.

Frachiseur's RBI gave Social Circle a 9-8 lead.

Kaylynn Scaffie provided a couple of insurance runs.

She singled to right field and recorded two RBIs in the process. Courtesy runner Laura Tully scored as well as Bedsole to give the Lady Redskins the definitive 11-8 advantage.

Morgan Chambers went to the mound and closed the deal with a one, two, three inning.

Richardson recorded the last out when Commerce lined out to her in center field.

With the region championship on the line, Social Circle displayed the heart of a champion to come back and defeat the Lady Tigers.

It'll need that same effort as they host the first round of the state playoffs on Wednesday, Oct. 13. The Lady Redskins will face the Bowdon Red Devils as the No. 1 seed.

PLAYOFF SCHEDULE
Tuesday, Oct. 12
Alcovy @ Lee County
Game 1 at 4 p.m.
Game 2 at 6 p.m.
IF NECESSARY

Wednesday, Oct. 13
Game 3 at 6 p.m.

Eastside vs. Lithia Springs
Game 1 at 4 p.m.
Game 2 at 6 p.m.
IF NECESSARY
Thursday Oct. 14
Game 3 at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 13
Newton @ Newnan High School
Game 1 at 5 p.m.
Game 2 at 7 p.m.
IF NECESSARY
Thursday Oct. 14
Game 3 at 7 p.m.

Social Circle vs. Bowdon
Game 1 at 4:30 p.m.
Game 2 at 6:30 p.m.
IF NECESSARY
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Lady Tigers headed to playoffs for first time in 5 years



Phillip B. Hubbard | The Covington News

In this file photo, Alcovy's Makinzie Johnson dashes toward home plate. She and the Lady Tigers are play-off-bound for the first time in five years. Games 1 and 2 were scheduled for Tuesday at Lee County.

All four area teams qualify for state playoffs

By PHILLIP B. HUBBARD
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COVINGTON, Ga. - None of the current players on Alcovy's softball team had ever played in an inning of a postseason game.

That is no longer the case.

On Thursday, before the regular season ended on Friday, the Lady Tigers officially stamped their ticket into the 2021 Class 6A State Playoffs.

It had been five years since the Lady Tigers had achieved this goal.

Qualifying for the state playoffs is a symbol of a step forward, according to head coach Miranda Lamb.

"It means that our program is going somewhere," Lamb said. "All of the work that the coaches and players have put in is finally paying off."

This season hasn't dealt the Lady Tigers any favors either.

Mother Nature has altered their schedule numerous times, COVID-19 affected parts of the season early and other bumps in the road have tried to stand in Alcovy's way.

But it persevered through it all which makes this history-making feat that

much more impressive.

"We're happy to be there," Lamb said. "With all of this rain, that's been another opponent to deal with this year. We're hoping to compete and we'll get to see what it's like to play and coach in the playoffs."

As a member of Region 3-AAAAAA, the Lady Tigers concluded the regular season with a 11-12 overall record along with a 6-6 region record. That gave them fourth place behind Evans, Grovetown and Lakeside.

Alcovy's 2021 final standing shows a vast improvement from a year ago when they finished 5-16 overall and 4-11 in region.

Lamb has noticed the improvement the past five years since she's been the head coach. It's started with this year's seniors, she said, and the entire group has "bought in."

Though the signs of improvement are evident, it doesn't mean Lamb believes Alcovy's softball program has reached its ceiling.

"We hope this can be a recurring thing year after year," Lamb said. "[The players] just need to see themselves there and realize they can compete at that level."

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Phil's Pregame Points – Week 9

Tigers, Rams poised to bounce back

By **PHILLIP B. HUBBARD**
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[Editor's Note: To preview this week's football games, Sports Editor, Phillip B. Hubbard introduces a brand new series called "Phil's Pregame Points." For each game, he briefly breaks down what he believes each team needs to do to better their chances at a win.]

Alcovy vs. Grovetown

Kickoff at 7:30 p.m.
Sharp Stadium
Last matchup:
2020 Alcovy won 44-14

- Build off fast start
- Last week at Colquitt, the Tigers opened up to a 18-7 advantage during the first half. After that, Alcovy didn't score another point as it lost 55-18. If they can build off that magic that propelled the Tigers to an early lead, they can be in the thick of things toward the end of Friday's contest.

- Use last year's formula
- Alcovy won two games last year, one of which was against Grovetown. When these two teams met, the Tigers won easily 44-14. Now, obviously, both teams have changed in multiple ways since last year. But the Tigers seem to be improving by each passing week since last year's matchup. So, the Tigers may be inclined to use the tape from last year to help in their game preparations.

- Enjoy home field
- The past two weeks, Alcovy has traveled a total of 738.8 miles to go and play on Friday. That, I'm sure, weighs on a team and their preparation for the game. Fortunately, the Tigers are home playing at Sharp Stadium. Interestingly, Friday will also be the first true home game Alcovy has had all season. They faced Eastside at Sharp Stadium on



Anthony Banks | The Covington News

Alcovy's Mathias Height (13) fights for yardage against Rockdale County on Sept. 24. The Tigers will play host to region rival Grovetown on Friday as they look to pick up their second win of the season.

Sept. 10, but the Eagles were technically the 'home team.' Alcovy should be energized by this fact alone and use this energy to their advantage.

Newton @ Brookwood

Kickoff at 7:30 p.m.
Holly Brook Rd SW,
Snellville, GA 30078
Last matchup: 2020
Newton won 28-16

- Expect revenge
- Last year, Newton welcomed Brookwood to its house and defeated the Broncos to snap a three-game losing streak against its region foe. This year, the Rams will be going into Brookwood with the Broncos wanting to avenge that loss. So, the Rams need to come out with some extra intensity anticipating the Broncos will have revenge on their mind.

- Clean up mistakes
- In two games this season, Newton has held a double digit lead over its opponent. Then, when the Rams start shooting themselves in the foot with turnovers and penalties, oppo-

nents start slowly getting back into contention. For instance, the Rams led Parkview in their latest matchup 27-14 with 3:44 left in the third quarter. In the early part of the fourth quarter, the Rams turned the ball over on back-to-back drives. Then, clinging to a 27-24 lead, the Rams' defense committed three penalties on the potential game-winning drive for Parkview. If the Rams can clean up those mistakes, they should be able to go on the road and win a crucial region game.

- Bye week advantage?
- Both teams are coming off a bye week ultimately placing them on even playing ground. Newton, however, is used to playing after a bye week this season. The Rams have had three weeks off (two regularly scheduled and one due to a cancellation.) Coming off a bye week, the Rams are 2-0 and they've outscored their opponents 66-28. Friday will be another test to see if the Rams can improve to 3-0 when coming a bye week.

Eastside and Social Circle have BYEs.



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Finishing runner-up in Region 8-AAAAA, Victoria Freeman and the Lady Eagles were set to host Lithia Springs on Tuesday.

PLAYOFFS:

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Eastside Playoff Picture

The Lady Eagles of Eastside High School had to wrap up their regular season at the University of North Georgia due to all of the rain outs last week. They played all three of their remaining games on Friday in which the Lady Eagles went 3-0.

Eastside defeated Walnut Grove 5-1 to start the day. It, then, went on to sweep the doubleheader against

Greenbrier 8-6 and 13-6, respectively.

As a result of their 16-2 record in Region 8-AAAAA, the Lady Eagles will enter the Class 5A playoffs as the No. 2 seed. They hosted Lithia Springs on Tuesday.

Newton Playoff Picture

Newton moved up to third in the Region 4-AAAAAAA standings prior to the conclusion of the regular season.

It defeated Brookwood 9-3 on Oct. 7.

The win gave the Lady Rams a 2-1 season series advantage over Brookwood. As a result, the tie for third place was broken between the two schools and landed Newton in third place.

Next up for the Lady Rams is a road matchup with the Newnan Lady Cougars on Wednesday, Oct. 13.

Social Circle Playoff Picture

On Saturday, the Lady Redskins claimed the Region 8A-Public Championship by defeating Commerce 11-8 in game two of the doubleheader.

Therefore, Social Circle will have the No. 1 seed entering the playoffs and will host throughout.

First on the docket are the Bowdon Lady Red Devils. They'll come to town on Wednesday, Oct. 13.



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Newton and the Lady Rams finished third in Region 4-AAAAAAA and will travel to Newnan on Wednesday. Pictured is Newton's Katelynn Anglin.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK



Alcovy Tigers

#18 MJ Stroud

Stroud helped the Tigers get off to a fast start. On Colquitt's second drive of the game, Stroud forced a fumble and recovered at the 2-yard line. It set up an Alcovy touchdown three plays later.



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Eastside Eagles

#16 D'Von Duplessis

In the most critical time, Duplessis came up huge. Loganville attempted a fake punt in the latter part of the game, but Duplessis single-handedly stuffed the attempt, forcing a turnover on downs.



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Social Circle Redskins

#1 Amarion Russell

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Newton Rams



Newton did not play in Week Eight, as it was their regularly scheduled BYE week. The Rams are back in action this week as they travel to Brookwood for a Region 4-AAAAAAA battle.



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Georgia tops regular-season AP poll for first time since 1982

By **RALPH D. RUSSO**
The Associated Press

Georgia was the new No. 1 in The Associated Press college football poll Sunday by a unanimous vote, taking the top spot during the regular season for the first time since November 1982.

The Bulldogs (62 first-place votes) moved up one spot in the AP Top 25 presented by Regions Bank, a day after preseason No. 1 Alabama lost at Texas A&M. The defending national champion Crimson Tide slipped four spots to No. 5 after its first loss of the season.

After falling out of the rankings last week for the first time this season, the Aggies are back in at No. 21.

Alabama was one of two top-five teams to lose Saturday, opening the door for several teams to rise to rare heights.

Iowa is No 2, up one spot after winning a top-five matchup with Penn State. The Hawkeyes have their best ranking since they

reached No. 1 in 1985.

No. 3 Cincinnati has its best ranking ever.

No. 4 Oklahoma moved up two spots after a come-from-behind victory against Texas in the Red River Rivalry.

No. 5 Alabama had a run of 14 straight polls at No. 1 snapped. It is out of the top three for the first time since 2019.

The Big Ten dominates the back half of the top 10 with Ohio State at No. 6, Penn State at No. 7, Michigan at eighth and Michigan State 10th. The Big Ten has five top-10 teams for the first time in the history of the AP poll, which dates to 1936.

Oregon slipped in at No. 9. Kentucky moved up five spots to No. 11 for the Wildcats' best ranking since 2011.

Coming off a 34-10 win over Auburn, the Bulldogs will play host to Kentucky this weekend in Athens. Kickoff is set for 3:30 p.m. ET on Saturday. The game will be televised on CBS.



Georgia running back Zamir White (3) celebrates with quarterback Stetson Bennett (13) after scoring a touchdown against Auburn on Saturday, Oct. 9. The Bulldogs beat the Tigers 34-10. Butch Dill | Associated Press



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Carrot cake a favorite for Halloween entertaining

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So many sweets are on display around Halloween that it can be difficult to pick a favorite. When hosting a gathering of trick-or-treaters or the adults waiting for their hordes of candy mongers to return, it's handy to have plenty of desserts available to tempt various palates. Carrot cake boasts an antioxidant-rich main ingredient and offers some semblance of nutrition amid the sugar rush of other offerings. Plus, its orange hue fits in perfectly with the season. This recipe for "Carrot Cake" from "Throw a Great Party: Inspired by Evenings

in Paris with Jim Haynes" (iUniverse) by Mary Bartlett, Antonia Hoogewerf and Catherine Monnet yields two cakes, perfect for feeding a crowd.

Carrot Cake
Makes 25 servings
Ingredients:
4 cups sugar
8 eggs
2 cups oil, canola or safflower
2 1/2 teaspoons vanilla
4 cups flour
4 teaspoons baking powder
2 teaspoons salt
2 teaspoons cinnamon
2 pounds carrots, grated
2 cups nuts, chopped
2 1/2 raisins (optional)

Directions:
Beat the sugar and eggs together until well blended. Stir in the oil and vanilla. In a separate bowl, mix the flour, baking soda, salt, and cinnamon. Combine the egg mixture. Fold in carrots, nuts and raisins. Divide the batter between two (9-x13-inch) greased baking pans. Refrigerate the batter between baking times. Bake the cakes in a moderately hot oven (350 degrees) for approximately 40 minutes. Let cool completely. Frost with cream cheese frosting. The cakes may be left in the pans for ease of serving.

Cream Cheese Frosting
Ingredients:
8 ounces cream cheese
5 ounces butter
1 1/2 pounds powdered sugar
1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla
Directions:
Bring the cream cheese and butter to room temperature. Cream the two together until smooth. Add sugar gradually, shaking it through a strainer to get rid of the lumps and beat until smooth. Add the vanilla. Cover and refrigerate until it has a good spreading consistency.



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This recipe for "Old-Fashioned Caramel Apples," courtesy of "300 Best Homemade Candy Recipes (Robert Rose) by Jane Sharrock, benefits from the fall harvest while also paying homage to a classic Halloween treat.

Whip up a classic fall treat

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Halloween treats take center stage in October. What can be better this time of year than a fresh autumn apple coated in a sweet candy shell? This quintessential fall treat can make Halloween celebrations even more special. This recipe for "Old-Fashioned Caramel Apples," courtesy of "300 Best Homemade Candy Recipes (Robert Rose) by Jane Sharrock, benefits from the fall harvest while also paying homage to a classic Halloween treat.

apples. Remove the stems. Insert a popsicle stick into the stem end of each apple, using a twist-like motion so that the apple will not split. Cover a large countertop area or a large baking sheet with waxed paper. In a large heavy kettle over medium-low heat, bring the granulated and brown sugars, corn syrup, butter, half-and-half and salt to a boil, stirring until the sugars dissolve and the mixture begins to boil. Cook, gently stirring to prevent scorching, to the firm ball stage (246 degrees). Stir in the vanilla. Remove from the heat. Cool until the mixture thickens slightly. Hold each apple by the wooden skewer and quickly twirl into the caramel, tilting the pan to cover the apple with caramel. Remove the apple from the caramel, allow the excess caramel to drip into the pan and then twirl the apple again to spread the caramel smoothly over the apple. Use a spoon to coat any part of the apple not covered with caramel. If desired, roll the coated apples in the toppings before the caramel sets. Place on the waxed paper until the coating is firm. Store in a cool place.

Old-Fashioned Caramel Apples
Makes 12
Ingredients:
12 medium apples
2 cups granulates sugar
1 cup packed light brown sugar
2/3 cup light corn syrup
1/2 cup butter or margarine
1 cup half-and-half (10%) cream or evaporated milk
1 teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
2 cups chopped pecans, 1 1/2 cups sweetened flaked coconut or 2 cups crisp rice cereal (optional)
Directions:
Wash and dry the

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