

Special | Starrsville UMC

Members of Starrsville United Methodist Church for more than 50 years each gathered at the recent 200th anniversary celebration. They include, from left on front row, Zelna Ewing and Jane Anderson; and back row, Anne Jacoby, Jimmy Bonner, Jim Anderson and Walter Savage.

'Amazing things'

Church's leaders working to keep Starrsville vibrant on its 200th anniversary

By TOM SPIGOLON

STARRSVILLE, Ga. — The church may be two centuries old but some leaders are working to make sure it serves as a center of community worship for a third century.

Starrsville United Methodist Church on Dixie Road in the Starrsville community of southeastern Newton County recently celebrated its 200th anniversary of its founding in 1821 — making it as old as Newton County itself.

The Rev. Michael Stephens said the anniversary celebration and homecoming event encouraged the largest group in recent memory to attend its

annual homecoming celebration.

The event drew a crowd and filled the historic sanctuary with the sounds of a generation much younger than what the church draws on a typical Sunday, the pastor said.

He said he has worked hard to bring new enthusiasm to the church he has pastored for about a year.

"It was great for them to see the sanctuary three-fourths full," Stephens said. "It's been quiet for a long time."

"I said, 'Let's open up our door and be alive,'" he said.

"They were excited. They got to see what God can do," he said. "For them, God is do-

ing amazing things at Starrs-ville."

Retired Superior Court Judge Sam Ozburn, a former longtime member and youth group leader, and Dalton Knox, who grew up in the church, returned for the event. Both are now elders of Eastridge Church. Knox spoke and recalled meeting his future wife at Starrsville UMC.

County school board member Trey Bailey, who is executive pastor at Eastridge Church, helped Starrsville members celebrate the church's landmark day by speaking words of inspiration

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His Word

Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

James 5:16, KJV

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High: 75° Low: 65°
• 100% chance of rain



Thursday, Oct. 7
High: 76° Low: 64°
• 80% chance of rain

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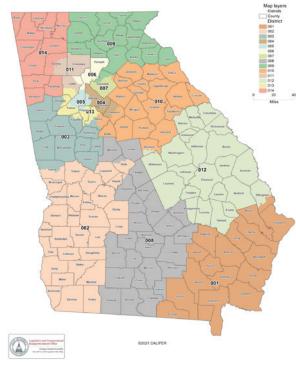
First proposed redistricting map keeps Newton split

By DAVE WILLIAMS
Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA — A proposed map for Georgia appears to keep Newton split between its current two congressional districts representing eastern and western sides of the county.

The plan also keeps residents in two heavily Republican areas of northwest Newton County in the heavily Democratic 4th Congressional District.

Lt. Gov. Geoff
Duncan, who presides
over the Georgia
Senate, and state Sen.
John Kennedy, chairman of the chamber's
Redistricting and
Reapportionment
Committee, released
a proposed congressional district map
Monday, Sept. 27,
that would increase
the size of districts in



to reflect losses in population during the last decade.

The map appears to keep the same congressional district lines in Newton County — leaving the Oxford and Gum Creek voting precincts

and a small part of the Rocky Plains precinct in the district now represented by U.S. Rep. Hank Johnson, D-Lithonia.

D-Lithonia.
Voters in the Oxford and Gum Creek precincts each chose Republican Donald

Trump by at least 75% margins in the 2020 presidential election.

Eastern Newton County would remain in the heavily Republican 10th District, which the map proposes to lose northern Columbia County, southern Baldwin County and all of McDuffie and Warren counties, while moving further north to gain Elbert, Jackson and Madison counties, and absorb all of Athens-Clarke County. Currently, the 10th District does not include the northern portion of Athens-Clarke.

The map also proposes the 4th District losing all of its southern Gwinnett County precincts but gaining north DeKalb County

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Election Preview

Advance voting begins Tuesday

Covington, Porterdale, Social Circle holding municipal elections

By TAYLOR BECK

Voters may cast their ballots in city council races in Covington and Social Circle, and a liquor store referendum in Porterdale, as early as Tuesday when advance voting begins.

This election cycle, the advance voting will be from Tuesday, Oct. 12, to Friday, Oct. 29,

Oct. 29, with polls remaining open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Polls will

from 8 a.m. See A3 to 5 p.m.
Polls will also be open on two Saturdays — Oct. 16 and Oct. 23

Get to know

who'll be on

your ballot

from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 For Covington voters, advance voting will be held at the Newton County Administration Building, located at 1113 Usher St.

Election Day voting will take place from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Nov. 2 at the City of

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Porterdale voters to decide on issuing liquor store licenses

By TOM SPIGOLON tspigolon@covnews.com

PORTERDALE, Ga. — Porterdale voters will begin deciding soon if they want to allow liquor stores in the city for the first time.

Advance voting is set to begin Tuesday, Oct. 12, at Porterdale City Hall, 2400 Main St., in a special referendum election asking if voters want to allow the city council to issue licenses for the package sale of distilled spirits inside the city.

The referendum will ask voters to vote yes or no to the question: "Shall the issuance of licenses for the package sale of distilled spirits be approved?"

State law formerly required at least 35% of the registered voters in a city or county to sign a petition to initiate a referendum for retail liquor sales.

In May, the Georgia General Assembly approved legislation that allowed a city's governing body to pass an ordinance to place the referendum for retail liquor sales on a ballot.

The city council began considering a referendum earlier this year after Rebekah Ali asked the council to consider annexing the site

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Cars of the Past



Rotary Club of Covington hosted its 28th annual "Cars of the Past" car show Sunday, Oct. 3, as hundreds of hot rods spanning more than 100 years flooded the Square. The car show is one of the club's biggest fundraising events for its Empty Stocking charity project. Taylor Beck | The **Covington News**

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to those working to

alive, Stephens said.

post-service luncheon

er than the usual 1 p.m. or so, he said.

A group of church members who each had attended Starrsville UMC for more than 50 years posed for photos with a cake decorated for the occasion, he said. They included Jane Anderson, Jim Anderson, Jimmy Bonner, Zelna Ewing, Anne Jacoby and Walter Savage.

Another longtime church member — who has attended services at Starrsville all his life serves as the youth group leader.

Ronny Cook said he is the seventh generation of his family to live on the same property in the Starrsville community and attend the church. Cook's great-great-great grandfather was Silas Starr, who is credited as being one of the founders of the community.

"We had a good crowd," he said. "It was a good service."

Cook also is the church's unofficial historian and created a number of displays of historic documents and photos for the 200th anniversary.

The church's historic cemetery was featured, along with names of many buried there. Old roll books of church attendees and church bulletins were in one display Cook built. Some enlarged, historic photos were on display and were left over from a celebration of the 100th birthday of the church's sanctuary in 2001 — the same year historic memorabilia from each Newton County community was on display at the former Cohen's Men's Shop on Monticello Street, he said.

Starrsville is often described as a "generational church," meaning one generation attend services and volunteer in the church but the congregation gets small as subsequent generations go elsewhere.

Cook said the current group of church leaders was working to bring new energy to the church, which has seen a gradual decline since the early 2000s — coinciding with the growth of megachurches that emphasize contemporary Christian music and more casual approaches to church services in Metro At-

lanta. "We've stuck with a little bit more of a traditional service ... a choir ... choral music," Cook

He noted his youth group has been active enough to send out 600 flyers asking for food donations for the Salvation Army's food pantry. A Girl Scout troop also meets at the church which exposes a new generation of your people to the church, he

said. And the pandemic actually helped keep members involved because they could watch services and attend Bible study groups online without having to leave home, Cook said.

"I think we've got some ideas (to use) to grow some," he said.

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stayed until 3 p.m. rath-

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Ben Truelove

Caldwell & Cowan Funeral Home Ben Truelove, of Covington, passed away Thursday, September 30, 2021, at the age of 60. Mr. Truelove was a man known for his integrity and honor. He was always a joy to be around and very serious at times. Mr. Truelove adored his son and always put him first. He was preceded in death by his parents, Betty Sue and Huey Alvin Truelove.

Mr. Truelove is survived by his son, Brian Truelove (Haley); grandchildren, Eylan Truelove, Brooks Truelove, Luke Truelove; sisters, Pam Francis (Jim), Kay Gray (Mickey); brother, Ray Truelove (Brenda); niece, Amy Capello; nephews, Gabe Owens, Matt Grey, Daniel Truelove, Jacob Truelove, David Francis; and

special friend, Marie Owens.

A memorial service for Mr. Truelove will be held Saturday, Oct. 9, 2021, 3 p.m., at the Chapel of Caldwell & Cowan, 1215 Access Road, in Covington. Friends are invited to visit with the family at the funeral home two hours prior to his service

from 1-3 p.m. Gov. Brian Kemp's latest executive order has eliminated restrictions on large gatherings; however, CDC guidelines recommend social distancing (6 feet apart) and wearing of masks while in public. Caldwell & Cowan Funeral Home requests that you observe these recommendations while in our funeral home attending

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Meet the Candidates

The News' candidate questionaire helps you get to know who will be on your municipal ballot ahead of Election Day >>

Charika Davis

Covington City Council, West Ward Post 2

Age: 42

Education Background: Bachelor of Science in Political Science from Georgia College & State University and

Master of Business Administration from Strayer University

Professional Background: Insurance/Team Manager

Why did you decide to run for this office? My love for the City of Covington runs deep. With great appreciation for the city I decided to run for this office because I was tired of sitting on the sideline watching. I am someone who likes to do things instead of watching things be done. I also want to be even more involved and have a positive impact in the

community in which I was born and

What do you believe is the biggest issue facing your municipality, and, if elected, how do you plan to address it? The biggest issue facing my municipality is infrastructure. Specifically, the streets, roads, and sidewalks. I will focus on improvements in the areas that need them and adding these types of infrastructure to the areas that don't have them but should. If elected, I will work with City Council and the Mayor to address the infrastructure needs of the West Ward.

Finally, what do voters need to know about you? I want voters to know that I am here to serve as a voice for the concerns and issues of the citizens of Covington in particular the West Ward. I will take all concerns and issues that they have

Scotty Scoggins

Covington City Council, West Ward Post 2

Age: 58

Education Background: Bachelor of Science – Accounting from West Georgia College (now The University of West Georgia)



Professional Background:

I have over 35 years of business experience. I started my career as an accounting manager/director at Turner Broadcasting. Since then, I have held a variety of technology management positions in the financial services industry - working for Checkfree/ Fisery, SunTrust Bank, and The Home Depot. I hold several certifications in areas of Project Management, Process Improvement, and Product Manage-

My wife and I also own a small, boutique travel agency, Scoggins Travel, an affiliate of Kingdom Destinations, where we book and consult on travel throughout the world.

Currently, I am the president of the Clark's Grove Neighborhood Association and volunteer with Newton Trails.

Why did you decide to run for this

In recent years, people have focused too much on federal and state elections. I believe, in fact I know, that local government is the most effective way to create community and serve each other. I decided it was time to stop talking about these things and take action. We've lived in the West part of the city for the last 3 years. It seems that the West does not get nearly the attention that the East does. I decided to do something about it.

What do you believe is the biggest issue facing your municipality, and, if elected, how do you plan to

It's very clear to me that the biggest

issue facing our city is the growth of Covington and the surrounding area. It's not going to stop. With this growth comes traffic concerns, lack of housing for those who want to move here, a heavy load on infrastructure, increased crime, and potentially a negative impact on the small town feel of the historic district including the square. Someone with a lot of experience dealing with big, real-world problems needs to lead the management of the

Finally, what do voters need to know about you?

Having been to, listened to, or watched many council meetings, I've noted that at least 60% of what the council does is budget, financial, or business related. My experience as an accountant and many years of business experience dealing with tens of millions of consumers gives me a unique perspective and abilities to serve the city and the people

Carla Ferry

Covington City Council, East Ward Post 1

Age: 50

Education Background: Bachelor of Science, Real Estate, various training in negotiation, team building, management & programming.



Professional Background: Small Business Owner, Real Estate, Project Management, Designer.

Why did you decide to run for this

I am running for City Council Post 1 East Ward to bring fresh new ideas to address rising utility costs, responsible growth, lower taxes, industry & environmental issues, and government transparency. The wholesome identity Covington is proud of and known for is threatened by city government expansion projects. The ongoing developments for oversized multi-family dwellings cause residents to pay the price in terms of higher cost of living, negative impact on infrastructure and loss of Covington's character. I believe this is untenable and will force the families and elderly to leave in the name of progress. I would like to ask for your vote to uphold Covington's character for

generations to come.

What do you believe is the biggest issue facing your municipality, and, if elected, how do you plan to address

The biggest issues facing Covington is the city government's expansion projects, specifically the number of apartment complexes being approved within the city limits. We must take a hard look at our existing Planning and Zoning ordinances to ensure that they are in-line with current and future development so as not to overwhelm our infrastructure.

Finally, what do voters need to know about you?

I am a native of the City of Covington. I reside in the historic district with my husband and son. I love our city and want what's best for our citizens and community. I am seeking the privilege of public office to be a fresh voice to elevate our community while protecting its citizens. I will be diligent in making sure our city thrives while continuing to be an affordable, safe, welcoming, and livable city for all its residents.

You can reach me (404) 905-4048, volunteer, donate, request a sign, access voting schedule, register to vote from my website carlaferry.com - Again, I sincerely ask for your vote on NOV 2nd - Carla Ferry

Susie Keck

Covington City Council, East Ward Post 1 (incumbent)

Age: 66

Education Background: Roswell (GA) High School, Dekalb College, Retirement Plan Fiduciary

T (CRPFT), Georgia Municipal Association (GMA), Fundraising **Through Grants**

Professional Background: 40year career working with commercial builders and architects to create, manufacture, and install site specific flooring applications for new construction and upfits. My last 10 years were with Tarkett, a \$3 billion company headquartered in France. Larger customers included, Delta, Coca-Cola, Center for Disease Control CDC, International Continental Exchange (ICE), Wells Fargo Bank and the University of Georgia.

Why did you decide to run for this office?

In Covington, we have a beautiful small-town culture exemplified by our people and our town Square.

I want to preserve that charm and sense of community. I want our city to continue to be an affordable, safe, welcoming, livable city for all its residents where all are welcome. Covington residents deserve to have their voices heard and be represented by leaders who are seasoned in their community as well as sensitive to their issues. I believe that I am that leader and have demonstrated those qualities over the last four years.

What do you believe is the biggest issue facing your municipality, and, if elected, how do you plan to address it?

We have a number of issues facing our town today and I believe that one of the most pressing is managing community growth. Growth brings positive things to us but it also brings challenges. It is important to work toward growing and expanding Covington. Growth creates opportunities for employment and improves our economy. Planned growth furthers our economic and cultural goals and helps us develop well-rounded and healthy lifestyles. Economic growth can expand our tax base and aid

in reducing individual taxes. On the other hand, growth presents us with challenges relative to congestion, traffic, parking and a higher cost of home ownership. It is important for our officials to strike a positive balance for everyone.

Finally, what do voters need to know about you?

I have lived in Covington for 17 years and love this town. I feel fortunate to be a part of the community and want the best for all our citizens. I have lived up to the commitments I made upon taking office four years ago. The first was establish term limits for city council members, second was to eliminate the pensions for elected officials, third was to advance transparency of city government and finally to advance the trails and greenspace. All of these goals have been met. I have a strong and successful background in business, problem solving and operational activities through my work with some of the largest companies in the country. I also have a quick understanding of financial matters. I will use the skill set that I bring to the office to further goals of our community.

Adolphus Gaither

Social Circle City Council, District 1

Education Background: Gaither earned his high school diploma from

Stratford Career

Institute in 2012

Age: 52



after dropping out in the ninth grade from C.L. Harper His School to help care for his ill mother. She died in

Professional Background:

He is currently owner of AM Cleaning & Minor Mechanical. He previously worked at Warrior Roof-

ing in Monroe for 22 years — spent eight years as plant manager.

Why did you decide to run for this office?

I decided to run because I think our growth need to be in various areas while keeping Social Circle Georgia's greatest little town.

What do you believe is the biggest issue facing your municipality, and, if elected, how do you plan to address it?

The biggest issue I think may be infrastructure and jobs within the town, it would be addressed with facts and documentation when we're at the

table.

Finally, what do voters need to

know about you? The voters need to know that I'm committed to our community, a fierce advocate for ALL and most of all fair and impartial.

Traysa Price

Social Circle City Council, District 1 (incumbent)

Education Background: Proud graduate of Social Circle High School,

Age: 53

BBA Marketing degree University of West Georgia, BS Network & Communi-

cations Management Degree, DeVry University. Related Courses & Technologies: Unix, LAN/WAN Design & Administration, Networks, Routers & Protocols, TCP/IP, Ethernet. As a City Council Member, I do believe in participating in courses that equip me with knowledge that pertains to our community. I taken may training

courses and received Certificate of

Recognition, Ceritficate of Achieve-

ment and a few hours away from acheiving Certificate of Excellence.

Professional Background:

I begin my career at Department of Family Children Services as an Eligibility Caseworker for many years. This led to a Service Coordinator position at Athens Housing Authority . I've always served my community so when the City Council seat became available, I jumped at the opportunity to serve. I've been a Council Member for 16 years and currently serving as the Mayor Pro Tempore. Around the same time, I became the Program Director for the Annie Pauline Henderson Foundation. I volunteered at this foundation for many years raising funds to provide scholarships to our High School graduates who were accepted to colleges.

We provided over a million dollars in scholarships during the time I served. I'm currently working at an advertising company RentPath a division of Redfin as a Site Operations Analyst, IT where I support, monitor feeds that update our web listings. We are in the business of providing websites where people can find a place to live.

Why did you decide to run for this office?

I'm currently the City Councilwoman for District 1 and the Mayor Pro Tempore. My background has always been service in whatever I do. My motto is whenever there is a need, you take that as an opportunity to serve. This is one of the biggest opportunities I can take to fulfill a need. This allows me to serve not only my district but the community of Social Circle. I want to

continue to improve the quality of life for everyone.

What do you believe is the biggest issue facing your municipality, and, if elected, how do you plan to address it?

I believe the biggest issue Social Circle

is facing currently is growth. Because of growth, we need to address infrastructure, housing, Water Treatment Plant, Sewage upgrades and activities for our community, especially our Youth. And I want to maintain our taxes. The best way to address growth is to stay focus on the plan for each issue and stick to it. I always put our citizens first when coming up with a solution. Sometimes I have to make tough decisions. But in those tough

decisions, I always put our citizens

first. I do not plan to fail but you can

fail to plan.

Finally, what do voters need to know about you?

My voters need to know I serve all our citizens and the safety of our community is always first. I want the voters to also know I serve as a City Councilwoman with respect, always loyal and transparency is key for me. I'm a talented motivational professional with strong knowledge and experience in local government. If you want Strong Leadership and positive results, Vote for Price. I was born and raised here. I care and my passion for this city makes me the right choice for District 1. Vote Price on Nov. 2, 2021.

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OPINIONS

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Andy Offutt Irwin guest columnist

Baker Field is heart of historic community

et me say at the get-go, I know Covington's City Council and other government

officials are well-intentioned. And sure,



on Baker Field. My dog used to trot along beside me as I rode my bike to games from my home through the cemetery. (This was during a period that sociologists have dubbed, "The Era of the Feral Child.") The umpire, Mr. Stinchcomb, would call balls and strikes as he pet my dog beside him. It was all so very Norman Rockwell. I played first base, but if my coach thought I needed a nap, he put

So, I admit it, I am sentimental.

me in right field.

Fine.

But let's talk about the present.

Please.

I attended the town hall meeting at Baker Field on Tuesday, Sept. 29. I saw the video monitor with the revolving CGI renderings of the proposed 20-unit apartment building. And yes, I agree, it appears to be

a beautiful structure. When I first gazed upon it, I thought, "Ebbets Field." That idea was confirmed when the architect spoke and said he was thinking of Fenway. Cool enough.

Obviously, Baker Field has fallen into decrepitation. But it has not fallen into disuse. Every single day, I see dads and moms and kids shagging flies, practicing, and playing ball. We all know that "official" organized baseball/softball has not happened there in years. But indeed, people organize and gather for games and practices. These are folks who have the good fortune to take Baker Field for granted because it is ... their's.

Y'all, sometimes taking something in your community for granted is a good and comforting thing. Especially if it is a simple and open green space.

Often when I ride my bike by Baker Field, I stop and watch the various games played by various people. One such example: a coterie of young women I affectionately call, The Pentecostal Girls' League. And there they are, in their long skirts, living and laughing in the sweet timelessness and joy of the game.

Isn't it wonderful to



live in a town such as when Randy Vinson

From the high concrete grandstands, parents and grandparents visit and gossip in the shade as they get a bird's-eye view of their children at play. Such a view is not afforded at Legion Field. What if Baker Field is improved and maintained? Wouldn't it be used all the more? You know: if you build it, they will come.

this?

Baker Field is a convivial, magical place. It is the heart of an old and historic Covington neighborhood. It is something that would be difficult to replace.

And as far as city planning goes ... well ...

Hearken back with me, if you will – way back to the earlier part of this 21st century

and other imaginative folks were designing Clark's Grove, the Bedford Falls-esque development on the west side of Covington. In order to make that neighborhood more homey and welcoming and livable and – dare I say – dignified, their plans included a ball field. How very wise. To gaze upon this playable plot of land warms and thrills my heart. No kidding.

Again, regarding the architectural renderings of the apartment building – it's an interesting idea to make a baseball history center out of the press box. There is a proposal of marking the location of home plate and creating sculptures of kids playing ball. But that's kind of like

putting "play" in an inaccessible display case, a sort of ghostly diorama of what it once was. The little kid in me thinks, "Aw, dang."

I would rather see real-live young people playing real ball!

No, I am not against rental properties. The house next door to mine was a rental home for 50 years. (I have buried two of those neighbors' dogs in my yard.) The Brookwood Apartments are a stone's throw from my house. (Remember, I played outfield.) I understand the need for affordable housing. I am aware that 40 acres of mixed-use condos and apartments are planned for the area known as Martin's Crossing (old Walmart). I know of plans for 180 units on

More than 50

developer's

proposed plans

for the renovation

of Conyers Street

Field in Covington.

Gym and Baker

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people gathered

recently to hear an Alpharetta-based

Hwy. 36. I am grateful for Covington's smart growth. I am so happy to live in a town with a thriving downtown. I am delighted with The Cricket Frog Trail. And I look forward to the completion of Covington Town Center.

But ...

When I write, there is often a song in my head. Right now, it's music from the movie, "A League of Their Own" - "This Used to

be My Playground." Please, let's prevent this utterly regrettable "used-to-be."

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Tom Spigolon news editor

Some music doesn't sound like the old stuff but I hope it keeps evolving

ctober is Country Music Month in America. I didn't make that up.

you've listened to some modern country music, you



wonder why.

Why there's not a hip-hop month or rock music month or some other month honoring a music genre is beyond

Modern country music is rooted in everything from the mountain hymns and traditional songs of the Appalachian Mountains, to the smooth Nashville Sound, the beat-driven sounds of the San Joaquin valley in California, and Austin, Texas.

All of that meshed together to form today's country music, which is not everyone's favored brand of the musical genre defined as coun-

There are people who are traditionalists in whatever they are passionate about, whether it's music or religion or something else.

In country music, I generally prefer the classic sound of the 1950s and 1960s rather than the newer, rock-oriented songs.

I can't explain it other than it had a distinct sound. No overdubs, no rock guitars mixed with fiddles and steel guitar burred somewhere down in the mix. The Bakersfield sound of Merle Haggard and pre-"Hee Haw" Buck Owens. The "Nashville Sound" era that produced the likes of Dolly Parton, Loretta Lynn, Don Gibson, Patsy Cline and more.

I found out from one of our columnists that President Richard Nixon first proclaimed October as national

Country Music Month. According to radio station WNYC, one of Nixon's accomplishments during his ultimately ill-fated presidency (he resigned in 1974 amid the Watergate scandal) was his request to the American people in October 1970 to mark October as

Country Music Month. Nixon, a Californian, apparently had loved country music since the year before when fellow Californian Merle Haggard"s "Okie From Muskogee" became the top song on the Billboard country charts.

The then-president had first gained fame as a congressman from California during hearings seeking out Communists in the U.S. government in the early 1950s. President Dwight Eisenhower

chose Nixon as his vice president in 1952 and he served two terms with "Ike." Nixon unsuccessfully attempted to succeed the World War II hero in 1960 but won election in 1968 amid the political turmoil and cultural changes of the late 1960s.

You think the country is divided politically

now? Try 1970. The Vietnam War was in its sixth year and the country was split between the generations in their approaches to everything from the war to Civil Rights. Protests seemingly were part of the curriculum for college students. At one college, Kent State University in Ohio, members of the Ohio National Guard in May 1970 fired into a crowd of demonstrators, killing four and wounding nine students.

"Okie from Muskogee" is the first-person listing of the conservative values the singer held and a celebration of how small-town values differed from those in California (sound familiar?).

The lyrics told of being opposed to hippies' illegal drug use, and wearing of Roman sandals rather than "manly footwear" like boots. The singer opposes anti-war demonstrations on college

campuses, and young men burning their draft cards during the height of the Vietnam War at a time when they were still being conscripted and sent to fight an increasingly unpopular

conflict. In the song, which was recorded live and features a roaring crowd, the singer favors waving "Old Glory down by the courthouse" and drinking illegal "white lightning" homemade corn liquor — rather than

using illegal drugs. Although he later said "Okie" was written to parody those who forthrightly believed in what he described, Haggard would follow it up with "Fighting Side of Me" which left no doubt where the singer of the song stood on those who downgraded America.

Anyway, though some of the music was birthed during that tumultuous time, traditional country had a distinct sound and attitude that many rock bands would try to duplicate the most successful being bands like The Eagles.

Such rock and pop groups drew their inspiration from the roughhewn sounds of

Owens and Johnny Cash — who both had distinct sounds and personalities.

But The Eagles showed a rock band willing to experiment and being very successful in the process.

Now, we're seeing the same kind of merging of different cultures and musics. Each kind of music features a range of sounds which often blur the lines between the genres.

I prefer the old sounds but I have no problem with the new sounds, either.

The pop music of the

1950s led to the rock music of the 1970s and beyond. The soul music of the 1960s and '70s led to modern hip-hop, in many ways.

Like a river, if a musical genre or anything else never moves forward, it gets stagnant.

I like a certain era of music but who's to say the modern era is bad? I hope music keeps evolving and more lines get blurred, if it sounds good.

Tom Spigolon is news editor of The News. Reach him at tspigolon@covnews.com.

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Personals

TO RALPH Fullers children my first cousin, I would ask them to 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

Yard Sales

Yard & Estate Sales

HUGE MULTIFAMILY

ITEMS BEING sold are. Some furniture, adult & children clothing, tools, household goods, home interior ect.

TO MUCH TO NAME GREAT

OCTOBER 14TH.15TH & 16th 8:30AM TO 4:30pm 131 ALCOVY Station Rd COVINGTON, GA 30016 near Jersey Ga

NEIGHBORHOOD YARD Sale. Saturday October 9th, 2021 from Avery Place Subdivision off Hwy 162 near County Line. Lots of stuff. Look for balloons.

Jobs

Help Wanted

IN NEED OF A PRIVATE ADULT CAREGIVER 4 DAYS PER WEEK HOURS PER DAY MUST BE WILLING TO FEED AND TAKE OUT DOG IF INTERESTED PLEASE CALL 404-314-9821 BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 12 NOON AND 6PM

Real Estate

For Rent

HOUSE FOR RENT 2 BEDROOM/1 Bath 1 POPLAR Street PORTERDALE, GEORGIA **FENCED CORNER** Lot NO PETS SCREENED IN Porch \$750.00 MONTH \$300.00 DEPOSIT 678-215-4732

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

THIS 24TH day of September, 2021

to make immediate payment to the

undersigned.

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-

(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,

DONNA FAYE BARNES SOWELL 1056 SPRING MILL DR LILBURN GA 30047

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

CREDITORS

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of DONALD C. BUCKELEW, 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,

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 JAMES CLAXTON JONES Georgia. You are required to

render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law THIS THE 7TH day of SEPTEMBER, 2021.

MICHAEL K. JONES 1161 KATHRYN CIRCLE FOREST PARK, GA 30297

PUBLIC NOTICE #200836 9/12,19,26-10/3

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND

NOTICE IS hereby given to the

debtors and creditors of the Estate of KIRK DOUGLAS PARKER deceased, late of Newton County, 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,

COLLETTE PARKER 2141 CONYERS 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, 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 9/22,29-106,13

Divorces

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

GARRY FRAZIER

PATRICIA ANN FRAZIER

DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION SUCV2021000447

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

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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 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,

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, ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set

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

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 Attorneyin-Fact for Beverly Green FILE NO. 15-051905

LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP* ATTORNEYS AND Counselors at 211 PERIMETER Center Parkway,

N.E., Suite 300 ATLANTA, GA 30346 (770) 220-2535/CH HTTPS://WWW.LOGS.COM/ *THE LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE

PUBLIC NOTICE #200786 10/6,13,20,27

USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY contained in that certain Security

BY VIRTUE of a Power of Sale

Fun by the Numbers

Here's How It Works:

Deed from Thelman L Webb to

Southeast Mortgage of Georgia, Inc.,

dated January 11, 2019 and recorded

on January 18, 2019 in Deed Book

3794, Page 282, in the Office of the

Clerk of Superior Court of Newton

County, Georgia, said Security Deed

having been given to secure a Note

of even date, in the original principal

amount of One Hundred Sixty-Nine

Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100

dollars (\$169,500.00) with interest

thereon as provided therein, as last

transferred to AmeriHome Mortgage

Company, LLC, recorded in Deed

Book 3954, Page 404, aforesaid

records, will be sold at public outcry

to the highest bidder for cash before

the courthouse door of Newton

County, Georgia, or at such place as

has or may be lawfully designated

following described property:

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COMPLETE DESCRIPTION.

PROPERTY

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HEREOF BY REFERENCE FOR

commonly be known as 165 Deep

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

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

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

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

MORTGAGE

holder of the Security Deed

PUBLIC NOTICE #200864

Electronic Registration

Records; as last assigned

following described property:

GEORGIA. NEWTON COUNTY

UNDER AND by virtue of the Power

AMERIHOME

10/6,13,20,27

Thelman L Webb

said loan. The debt remaining

Springs Way, Covington, GA 30016.

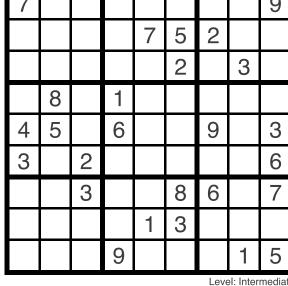
PARTICULAR

Mortgage

Electronic Registration

Inc., as nominee for

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out



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 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 an alternative location, within as provided in the Security Deed the legal hours of sale on the first and by law, including attorney's fees Tuesday in November, 2021, all (notice of intent to collect attorney's property described in said Security fees having been given) and all other Deed including but not limited to the payments provided for under the terms of the Security Deed and Note. ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF SAID PROPERTY will be sold subject LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND to any outstanding ad valorem taxes LOT 168 OF THE 10TH DISTRICT, (including taxes which are a lien, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA. but not yet due and payable), any BEING LOT 28, OVERLOOK PASS matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 30, of the property, any assessments or PAGES 272 AND 273, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS, easements, liens, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and any WHICH PLAT IS INCORPORATED security deeds, mortgages or deeds of trust or any matters of record

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 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

superior to the Security Deed first set

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. understand that the secured creditor is not required to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the mortgage

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 | 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 Company, LLC as Attorney-in-Fact for contained in that certain Security Deed from WILLIAM JEFFREY PRATT CONTACT: PADGETT Law Group: MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC 6267 Old Water Oak Road, Suite 203, REGISTRATION SYSTEM, INC., Tallahassee, FL 32312; (850) 422-AS NOMINEE FOR RESIDENTIAL CORPORATION. ACCEPTANCE ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, dated November 17, 2016, recorded November 22, 2016, in Deed Book NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER 3504, Page 461 , Newton County, Georgia Records, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date in the original principal of Sale contained in a Security Deed from TRISTAN V. ANDREWS AND amount of Ninety-Four Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Nine and 00/100 CLEO M. ANDREWS to Mortgage dollars (\$94,949.00), with interest thereon as provided for therein, said Inc., as nominee for Taylor, Bean Security Deed having been last sold, & Whitaker Mortgage Corp., its assigned and transferred to The successors and assigns, dated Money Source, Inc., there will be March 25, 2009, and recorded on sold at public outcry to the highest April 7, 2009, in Book 2706, Page bidder for cash at the Newton County 116, of the Newton County, Georgia Courthouse, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in November, Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC 2021, all property described in said (Secured Creditor); conveying the Security Deed including but not after-described property to secure a limited to the following described Note in the original principal amount property: ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL of \$215,379.00 with interest thereon

as set forth therein, there will be sold OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOTS 200 & 201 OF THE at public outcry to the highest bidder 1ST DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, for cash before the courthouse door GEORGIA, BEING LOT 6 OF Newton County, Georgia, within HOLLOW HILLS SUBDIVISION AS the legal hours of sale on the first TUESDAY in November, 2021, the PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 20, PAGE 194, NEWTON ALL THAT tract or parcel of land COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS,

WHICH PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN AND MADE A PART HEREOF BY REFERENCE. LEGAL description being controlling, however the property is

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the order in which the numbers will

appear by using the numeric clues

already provided in the boxes. The

it gets to solve the puzzle!

more numbers you name, the easier

Last week's solution:

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4 8 6 9 2 5 7 3 1

1 5 3 7 8 6 4

5 7 8 3 1 9

2 8 6

9 4 2 5 7

4 2 7 8 9 3 1 6

3 4 1 6 5 8

9 4

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 Maxess Rd., Melville, NY 11747, Telephone Number: 866-867-0330.

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

ATTORNEY CONTACT: Rubin Lublin,

LLC, 3145 Avalon Ridge Place, Suite

100. Peachtree Corners, GA 30071

THE MONEY SOURCE, INC.

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 afterdescribed 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

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

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.

full authority to negotiate, amend, and

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, ordinances, 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. 172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission

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

judicial and nonjudicial sales

ANY INFORMATION obtained on this matter may be used by the debt collector to collect the debt. Bell Carrington Price & Gregg, LLC, 339 Heyward Street, 2nd Floor, Columbia, SC 29201 (803)-509-5078. File: 21-

Wesley M. Finch and Jena R. Finch.

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

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF **NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA**

JENNIFER 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:

SEX: Male 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

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

copy of that Petition is attached to this

NOW, THEREFORE, you, the parties 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.

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

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

ATTORNEY.

Name Changes IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF

NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

See LEGALS, A6

Juvenile Court SUMMONS AND PROCESS

SPLIT:

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precincts now in U.S. Rep. Lucy McBath's

The plan crafted by the Senate's Republican majority appears to target McBath, D-Marietta, by shifting portions of the 6th Congressional District she represents into heavily Republican areas.

Duncan defended the proposed map as in keeping with guidelines the Senate committee set last month.

"This map not only meets principles of redistricting, but we are proud to present a map that regardless of political party, Georgians can be proud of," Duncan said. "Ensuring that any maps we produce are fair, compact, and keep communities of interest together will continue to be of upmost importance." Georgia lawmakers

redraw the state's legislative and congressio-

nal districts once each decade to account for changes in population reflected in the U.S. Census. Special redistricting sessions usually take place during the late summer, but the process was delayed this year because of the impact the coronavirus pandemic has had on completing and releasing the census.

A preliminary look at the Senate's proposed congressional map

shows Georgia counties south of Interstate 20 would gain huge swaths of territory to compensate for population losses since the 2010 census. Federal law requires congressional districts to be virtually equal in population.

The 2nd Congressional District in Southwest Georgia, which now includes only part of Muscogee County, would expand to take in the entire county,

as well as portions of Harris and Houston counties now part of other districts.

But perhaps the most dramatic changes would take place further east, where some districts would in essence swap counties. The 8th Congressional District in the south-central portion of the state would add Coffee, Jeff Davis and Wheeler counties while losing Wilkinson and

Wheeler counties and parts of Houston and Lowndes counties. The 12th Congres-

sional District, which borders the 10th to the south, would shift northward to take in the part of Columbia County it does not contain now as well as all of McDuffie, Jefferson, Washington and Wilkinson counties.

Read more about congressional redistricting at CovNews.com.

VOTING:

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Covington Courtroom at 2116 Stallings St. On the ballot, voters will decide who rep-

resents East Ward Post 1 and West Ward Post 2 on the Covington City Council. Incumbent Coun-

cilwoman Susie Keck is seeking reelection for East Ward Post 1 against Carla Ferry. Two political new-

comers, Charika Davis and Scotty Scoggins, are vying for West Ward Post 2 — a seat held by longtime Councilwoman Hawnethia Williams, who chose not to seek reelection. Incumbent Council-

man Anthony Henderson is primed to serve another four-year term in West Ward Post 3, as no one qualified to oppose him.

Henderson was first elected to office in 2017 at the age of 21 after defeating Ocie Franklin and Jeffery Johnson. Henderson garnered 57.59% of the vote.

In February, Henderson was accused of violating election laws during the 2017 municipal race. The State Election Board chose to hand over Henderson's case to the state Attorney General's Office for criminal prosecu-

According to investigators, Henderson allegedly violated the laws when helping a handful of people register to vote in Covington's municipal election, despite not being residents of the city. Henderson has not been indicted.

For Social Circle, advance voting will be held at the following locations Oct. 12-29:

- Social Circle Community Room, located at 138 E Hightower Trail.
- Nowell Recreation Center, located at 201 W Spring St. in Monroe Meridian Park, lo-
- cated at 105 Generation Blvd. in Loganville • Rock Gym, located at 135 Main St. Logan-
- Polls will be open throughout the week from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., as in Covington; however, on Saturdays, Oct. 16 an Oct. 23, polls

hour longer. Election Day voting will take place at the Social Circle Middle

will remain open from

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. — one

School Activity Center, located at 154 Alcova Dr.

On the ballot, residents will determine who represents District 1 on the Social Circle City Council and vote for or against an Education Special Purpose **Local Option Sales** Tax (E-SPLOST) for Walton County.

Incumbent Councilwoman Traysa Price is vying for reelection in District 1 against Adolphus Gaither. Both candidates ran for this seat four years ago against a third candidate. Gaither failed to make the runoff, and Price went on to defeat Tim Haney with 52% of the vote.

The council's District 3 seat and three positions on the Social Circle City Schools Board

of Education have already been decided.

Nathan T. Boyd, who was appointed to fill the vacant District 3 seat earlier this year, will serve a full four-year term as he faced no opposition during the qualifying period.

Board of Education Chairman John M. Callahan, District 2 representative Antonio Rico Jackson and District 4 representative Sabrina Reneé Sanford-Flint each qualified to run for reelection and were unopposed.

If voters were to approve, an E-SPLOST would impose a 1-cent sales tax on all retail sales within Walton County to fund certain projects that support local schools. An E-SPLOST can only

be enacted by a referendum, which means a majority of all Walton County voters must approve the referendum to receive any sales tax revenue.

No other Newton County municipalities will hold city council elections Nov. 2; however, Porterdale will hold a referendum to decide if liquor stores should be allowed in city.

Porterdale advance voting will also be from Oct. 12-29 with Saturday voting on Oct. 16 and Oct. 23 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Voters may cast an absentee ballot in municipal elections. The last day to request an absentee ballot is Oct. 22 - 11 days prior to the election.

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of a convenience store her family operates at the corner of Brown Bridge

and Crowell roads. She said she wanted to operate a package store in the same building, which prompted city officials to

consider placing the question on the

If the referendum is approved,

its zoning and other ordinances to add package stores and could set the

unanimously support it. Councilwoman Kay Piper opposed placing the issue before voters while Coun-

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IN RE the name change of ROSANNE ZIVIC ALLENBAUGH

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ROSANNE ZIVIC ALLENBAUGH 275 SARATOGA COURT COVINGTON, GA 30016

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Liquor by the drink and retail beer sales already are allowed in the city. the council would need to amend

conditions for their operation.

City council members did not

cilman Michael Patterson voted for it but did it "with concerns" about the possibility of easier access to liquor for some.

LEGALS:

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WITNESS THE Honorable W.

Kendall Wynne, Judge of said court. THIS 20TH day of September, 2021.

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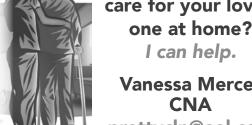
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RAMS:

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in their own territory. That gave Martin and the rest of the Newton offense the ball back almost immediately to open the third quarter.

One play was all Martin needed as he fired a laser across the middle to senior Audavion Collins for the 26-yard touchdown pass to make it a 20-7 game early in the half.

The Panthers answered quickly on the ensuing drive as a few quality run plays led to an 8-yard pass from quarterback Colin Houck to Antonio White to trim the Rams' lead to 20-14.

Newton decided to go back to Johnson on the ground and it paid off as the freshman ripped off another big carry to put the Rams back into Parkview territory. The Rams eventually scored as Perry took the handoff right through the Panthers' front seven and scored on the 15-yard carry to give the Rams a 27-14

lead.

Parkview turned over the ball twice early in the fourth quarter as Houck was picked off by Collins and then Anthony Bynum jumped on a fumble on the next drive.

Neither of these turnovers resulted in points.

The Panthers would get a turnover of their own in the play following the fumble as Martin would drop the snap and Parkview quickly recovered to give Houck excellent field position. At the goal line, Houck dropped back and threw three straight incompletions resulting in a turnover on downs.

The Rams had the ball on their own 3-yard line and failed to move any further and were faced with a fourth down in a bad position. Instead of punting, Perry received the ball and walked out the back of the endzone to take the intentional safety to limit the

possibility of a blocked punt. The Rams' lead was trimmed to 27-16 following the safety.

The Rams' offensive struggles in the fourth quarter continued the ensuing drive with a three and out. Houck would not miss the opportunity as he drove the Panthers offense down the field and eventually scored on the 7-yard pass to White. Down by five points, Parkview rolled the dice on the two-point conversion and succeeded to make the score 27-24.

After Parkview held the Newton offense to another three and out, the Panthers got the ball back.

With four seconds left in the game, Houck rolled out only to be sacked by multiple members of the Rams' defense to put the game on ice and give Newton the win 27-24 and avenge their loss from last season.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK



Evans was a bright spot for the Tigers against Lowndes. He connected with Mathias Height for a 56-yard touchdown that accounted for the lone score of the game for Alcovy.



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Peachtree Academy in aces and also contributes as a passer and defender.

Coach Mitchell labeled Maranda McCullough as a "quiet killer on the court.'

"She never has much to say," Coach Mitchell said. "She just lets her game do all the talking." Leading the Lady Panthers in blocks is Patil. She's the tallest player on the team towering at 5'8".

Patil also brings a lot of energy to the court, according to Coach Mitchell.

"The kid is so positive," Bobby Mitchell said. "I love her energy and the way she supports her team on and off the court."

The most decorated player for Peachtree Academy is Briana Mitchell. She's earned honors such as All-State, All-Region, Tournament MVP and Team MVP. But that isn't what separates her from the rest.

"She is a coach on the floor, always motivating her teammates and making amazing

Be that as it may, there's only one player who coach Mitchell labeled as a "natural." That is

According to her head coach, Hopkins, standing at 5'2", is the best all-around player he's ever coached.

"She is one in a million when it comes to her talent," Coach Mitchell said. "She can play and excel at every position.'

Even though all of these seniors have helped improve the volleyball program and achieve so much, there's been one player who has provided the spark.

At 5'1", Gibson is small but explosive. She seems to be the team's best attacker. Though Gibson was sidelined with a ruptured ACL during this year's regular season, her impact has not been overlooked.

"Look up dynamite in the dictionary and you will see a picture of Annie," Coach Mitchell said. "She is definitely going

to be our secret weapon.' Now, there's been one senior who has dedicated just as much time to the team's success as the previous seniors mentioned. However, her contributions aren't recorded with official stats on the court.

Leshock is the team's manager and has been just as committed to the program's success as the other six seniors. She's encouraged, coached and helped propel the Lady Panthers the past few years.

"The kid is going to be the most amazing volleyball coach one day," Coach Mitchell said. "She soaks up all my knowledge like a sponge. She is a natural leader on the sideline and just an awesome human."

As impressive as the state championship streak is, past years' results have no bearing on what happens this postseason.

Peachtree Academy is aware of that.

Starting Thursday, these seven seniors set their sights on the region tournament.

As the No. 1 seed, Peachtree Academy will face off against the fourth seed Killian Hill.

Eastside Eagles

#58 Clayton Schutte

Schutte was a constant nuisance in Clarke Central's backfield. Whether it was a tackle for loss or a sack, the Gladiators knew who Schutte was by the game's end.





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#15 Rontravious Perry

Newton Rams

plays," Coach Mitchell said.

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time Alcovy's offense got anything going against Lowndes, a sack would kill the momentum. For instance, Ashton Evans connected with Bobby Smith for a 15-yard gain. On the next play, Evans was sacked for a 14-yard loss negating the Smith reception.

 Get defensive stops - It's hard to score points with the offense continuously on the sideline. Almost all of Lowndes' touchdown drives last week were long, time-consuming drives that factored in with Alcovy's offensive struggles. If the defense can get more stops, that'll set up more scor-

ing opportunities for

the Tigers.

Social Circle vs. **Lincoln County** Kickoff at 7:30 p.m.

Social Circle Stadium Last matchup: 2020 Lincoln County won 36-20 Eliminate turnovers

- Maintaining possession of the ball is probably a coach's biggest pet peeve on any level. But the Redskins didn't do themselves any favors coughing the ball up numerous times against Washington-Wilkes. One time, in particular,

a lost fumble negated a

significant gain. Social

Circle could score more

points this week if they can hang on to the ball.

 Reestablish front four - Against Oglethorpe County three weeks ago, the Redskins' defense continuously got a good push up front. That was absent last week. Getting penetration up front without sending extra defenders tremendously helps the secondary in their

coverage. Home-field advan-

- The Redskins are 3-3 so far in 2021. All three wins have come at home with a 3-0 home record. Coincidence? I don't think so. Social Circle needs to use the home field to its advantage to get back to .500 in Region 8A-Public play.

Eastside vs. Loganville Kickoff at 7:30 p.m.

Sharp Stadium Last matchup: 2020 Eastside won 7-3 Convert in critical situations

- Two times in its loss

to Clarke Central last week, Eastside had the ball inside the 20-yard line. Both times, they had to settle for field goals. The first time, the field goal was setup by a fumbled snap by Clarke Central's punter which placed the ball at the 18-yard line. The second time, Eastside

put together its most successful drive of the night together that ended at the 16-yard line. From there, it went backward facing a fourth and long. If the Eagles turned those drives, in particular, into touchdowns, it would've been a totally different ball game and, possibly, a different outcome.

• Get creative

- Eastside showed flashes of this against Clarke Central, but I think they can do more. They attempted speed sweeps with Kenai Grier, swing passes to Dallas Johnson and other plays to open up their players in space. The Eagles should prioritize coming up with more creative plays to get the defense on its heels.

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Phil's Pregame Points

Creativity from Eagles could lead to victory over rival Loganville

By PHILLIP B. HUBBARD phubbard@covnews.com

[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 @ **Colquitt County** Kickoff at 7:30 p.m. 105 Darbyshire Rd., Norman Park, GA 31771 Last matchup: 2019 Colquitt County won

 Learn from last week - This week's matchup for the Tigers isn't much different from last week. Colquitt



Taylor Beck | The News Dallas Johnson (3) carries the football against Clarke Central during the first half Friday, Oct. 1.

County is 182 miles from Covington. So, Alcovy should use the experience of traveling to Valdosta last week to build off a more successful road trip.

 Pass Protection - It seemed like any

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Newton Rams 27, Parkview Panthers 24

Rams hold on for region win

By GARRETT PITTS Correspondent

COVINGTON, Ga. - The Newton Rams got their revenge under the Saturday night lights as they defeated Parkview 27-24 in a game that went down to the wire.

The Rams defense made their presence known early and often as they found their way into the Parkview backfield with ease. The inability to move the ball for the Panthers would prove costly as the Rams would not have similar issues.

Jevarra Martin Jr. once again went for the big touchdown as he found Rontravious Perry down the sideline. The tipped pass off the Panther defender fell right into Perry's hands and he took it all the way down the field for a 69-yard touchdown.

The pair of seniors gave the Rams a 6-0 lead after the blocked extra-point attempt.

Parkview's offense found a breakthrough halfway through the second quarter as it ran the ball down the field effectively before eventually scoring on the 3-yard rush from Kyhair Spain to give



Garrett Pitts | The Covington News

Newton's Tahjae Mullix (24) and Nolan McCamy (22) wrap up Parkview quarterback Colin Houck for a sack during Saturday night's contest at Sharp Stadium.

the Panthers a 7-6 advantage.

The Rams put their own run on display the next drive as freshman Zion Johnson turned on the jets and ran by the entire Parkview defense on his way to the 50yard touchdown. That gave Newton back the

lead at 12-7 following the failed two-point conversion.

As time was expiring in the second quarter, the Panthers moved toward midfield. Then, senior Tahjae Mullix made a key sack that ultimately killed the Parkview drive and sent the game into the break with momentum on the Rams' side.

On the opening kickoff of the second half, the Panthers committed their first big miscue of the game. They fumbled on the return deep

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Prep Volleyball Senior Lady Panthers gear up for state title run

phubbard@covnews.com COVINGTON, Ga. — Success in the postseason is nothing

By PHILLIP B. HUBBARD

new for the Peachtree Academy Lady Panthers. As a matter of fact, the seven seniors on this year's squad have won a state championship each of the last four years.

This year, the Lady Panthers want more.

Marissa and Maranda Mc-Cullough, Briana Mitchell, Haley Hopkins, Madeline Patil, Annie Gibson and Hannah Leshock begin their quest of capturing a fifth straight championship on Thursday, Oct. 7. Peachtree Academy hosts the 2021 Region Volleyball Tournament.

Capturing this year's championship will make it a clean, four-year sweep during their high school career.



Phillip B. Hubbard | The Covington News in the back (from left) are Hannah Leshok, Madeline Patil, Bri Mitchell and Jack Twardos. In front are Maranda McCullough, Haley Hopkins, Annie Gibson and Marissa McCullough.

As a result, head coach Bobby Mitchell highlighted how these seven individuals have helped establish a foundation of success for the Lady Panther program.

"We have a culture," Mitchell said. "And they've bought in year after year committing themselves to this sport. There's really no secret except hard

Each senior has made huge contributions to creating this culture, too.

Marissa McCullough is this year's starting setter for the Lady Panthers. Coach Mitchell has noticed the effort and competiveness Marissa McCullough brings no matter the setting.

"With Marissa there is no difference between practice and a state championship match," Coach Mitchell said. "She gives 100% effort all the time."

Marissa's sister, Maranda McCullough, is the team's go-to server in 2021. She leads

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BUSINESS

The Covington News

Georgia remains No. 1 state for doing business



Gov. Brian Kemp speaks outside Amazon's newest robotics facility in Columbia County, where he announced the Peach State had been named the "top state for doing business" for the eighth year in a row. **By DAVE WILLIAMS**Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA — Georgia is still on the minds of companies looking for a place to set up shop.

The Peach State has been designated the "top state for doing business" for the eighth year in a row by Area Development, the nation's leading corporate site selection magazine, Gov. Brian Kemp said Friday.

Kemp made the announcement in Columbia County at the grand opening of Amazon's newest robotics facility in Georgia.

"Thanks to our nation-leading workforce development efforts, resilient job creators, and strong pro-business environment, Georgia is emerging from the global pandemic with

unprecedented economic momentum," he said. "My administration will remain focused on building on this solid foundation and continuing to bring more jobs and opportunity to hardworking Georgians across the state."

The executive publication's annual poll of approximately 50 leading site consulting firms from across the country considers 13 factors in choosing the top state for doing business. In addition to the top state award, Georgia earned a No. 1 ranking in five categories: overall cost of doing business, cooperative and responsive state government, competitive labor environment, workforce development programs, and available real estate.

"Over the last eight years,

each award of the No. 1 state for business title from Area Development has been special," said Pat Wilson, commissioner of the Georgia Department of Economic Development. "But this year, in the face of a global pandemic and all the challenges associated with COVID-19 worldwide, it is especially gratifying to continue to be recognized for our partnership with the business community."

Georgia set new economic development records during the last fiscal year in spite of the pandemic. Nearly \$11 billion in new investments during fiscal 2021, which ended June 30, represented a 46% increase over fiscal 2020, while 33,439 jobs created across the state beat the previous record by 5%.

Georgia Power set to test battery storage technology for producing electricity

By DAVE WILLIAMS Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA — Georgia Power is getting closer to launching its first foray into a revolutionary new source of energy generation.

The state Public Service Commission (PSC) next week will consider a proposed demonstration project to evaluate the technical and economic feasibility of generating power through battery storage.

Georgia Power plans to build a battery storage system near an existing substation in west-central Georgia's Talbot County that will generate 65 megawatts of electricity. One megawatt produces enough energy to power 650 average homes.

The Mossy Branch Battery Facility is the largest of three battery storage projects the Atlanta-based utility is planning with 80 megawatts of power the PSC authorized two years ago. Battery storage is the most forward-looking component of the latest 20-year energy production plan Georgia Power filed with the commission in 2019.

"We believe the Mossy Branch project will provide a significant opportunity to evaluate in real-time in a real-world environment the commercial and operational performance of a standalone grid-charging storage asset," Brandon Marzo, a lawyer representing



Capitol Beat News Service

Georgia Power plans to build a battery storage system near an existing substation in west-central Georgia's Talbot County that will generate 65 megawatts of electricity. One megawatt produces enough energy to power 650 average homes.

Georgia Power, told the commission's Energy Committee Thursday. "That really is the benefit of doing this project."

Battery storage is the latest in an otherwise familiar array of sources Georgia Power uses to generate energy. The

technology promises to play a role in helping the utility reduce its reliance on coal as it increases its use of natural gas, nuclear and renewable power.

Georgia Power has not revealed how much the demonstration project will cost. That information was redacted from a filing the utility submitted to the PSC in July.

If the commission signs off on the project next week, the battery storage facility is expected to go into commercial operation in two years.

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Visa to open new hub in Midtown Atlanta

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Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA – Visa will expand its Georgia presence by opening a new hub in Midtown Atlanta, Gov. Brian Kemp announced Wednesday.

The project is expected to create about 1,000 jobs in the metro region during the next several

"Georgia is a growing hub for the fintech industry thanks in part to our strategic investment in workforce development initiatives," Kemp said. "I look forward to seeing the countless opportunities this significant expansion creates for hardworking Georgians."

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The office will represent a wide range of Visa teams and functions, with a particular concentration of technology and client services teams.

The company is actively hiring for careers in client services, product management, software development, risk and security, finance and more. Individuals interested in opportunities with Visa are encouraged to visit: https://vi.sa/AtlantaCa-

"As the starting point for Atlanta's Transaction Alley, Fulton County is a national leader in fintech talent," Fulton County Commission Chairman Robb Pitts said. "We are thrilled such a strong company like

Visa has decided to invest in our vibrant and tech-centric com-

munity." The Georgia Department of Economic Development's Global Commerce Division partnered with Fulton County, the Metro Atlanta Chamber and Georgia Power on the project.

"Visa's investment in Georgia is a testament to the strong pipeline of diverse talent we continue to produce in the state," Georgia Commissioner of Economic Development Pat Wilson said.

"It is very exciting to see a company like Visa join our roster of world-renowned payment and fintech leaders that have chosen to invest and build the industry here."

NEWTON CHAMBER SMALL BUSINESS EXPO



The Newton Chamber is partnering with #SaveSmallBiz to present a Small Business Expo to showcase all of the amazing small businesses that Newton County has to offer, The event is open to the public and will begin at 5:00 PM on Thursday, October 21, 2021 and will end at 8:00 PM at 2101 Clark St.; we ask you to stay the entire time.

Businesses must email Andie McDaniel

(amcdaniel@newtonchamber.com) and pay the \$25 booth fee to reserve their spot; limited spots available. We ask that you also bring a door prize to be raffled off. Vendor set up will be from 1-4 PM. Vendors will be inspected by Fire Marshall at 4 PM. Fee includes ONE

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