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## His Word

The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing.

Zephaniah 3:17, KJV

# Newton sheriff accused of illegal campaigning

## State board sends alleged election law violation case against Brown to attorney general's office

By TOM SPIGOLON  
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ATLANTA — Newton County's sheriff was among Georgians the State Election Board referred to the attorney general's office for alleged violations of election laws Wednesday, Aug. 18.

The Board voted to send the case against Sheriff Ezell Brown for possible criminal prosecution on a charge of illegal campaigning rather

than dismissing it and giving him a letter of instruction as the board's staff recommended.

Brown's attorney, Ed Tolley, said the sheriff was asking the board to dismiss the complaint against him for actions



Ezell Brown

he took at an advance voting site at the County Administration Building in October 2020.

One part of state law governing sheriffs' duties conflicts with state election laws requiring a candidate to remain at least 25 feet from a line of voters, he said.

"It's not an option for him to not attend," Tolley said. "It is actually a misdemeanor for the sheriff to fail to attend

the polls."

Board member Ahn Le said questions from her and other members about Brown's actions led her to conclude it was "a contested issue" and she moved for the board to refer the case to the state attorney general's office.

The case against Brown stemmed from his assertion that he was at a polling place on Oct. 12, 2020, because

state law requires the sheriff to check "the place or places of holding an election at the county site, on the day of an election, from the opening to the closing of the polls, and to take under his charge all subordinate officers present, as police to preserve order."

Brown was a candidate for reelection in a contested race on the ballot that day

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## 2020 US Census Results

# How we've grown

## Data shows Newton County population surged 13% over last 10 years

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Newton County added more than 12,000 new residents in the past decade to surge in population to more than 112,000 in 2020.

It also became a minority-majority county between 2010 and 2020 after Black and Latino residents combined to become more than half the population, according to recently released totals from the 2020 U.S. Census.

Census data released for government redistricting purposes show Newton County's population grew 13% between 2010 and 2020 — almost twice the U.S. rate of 7% and well above Georgia's statewide rate of 10.5% during the same time period.

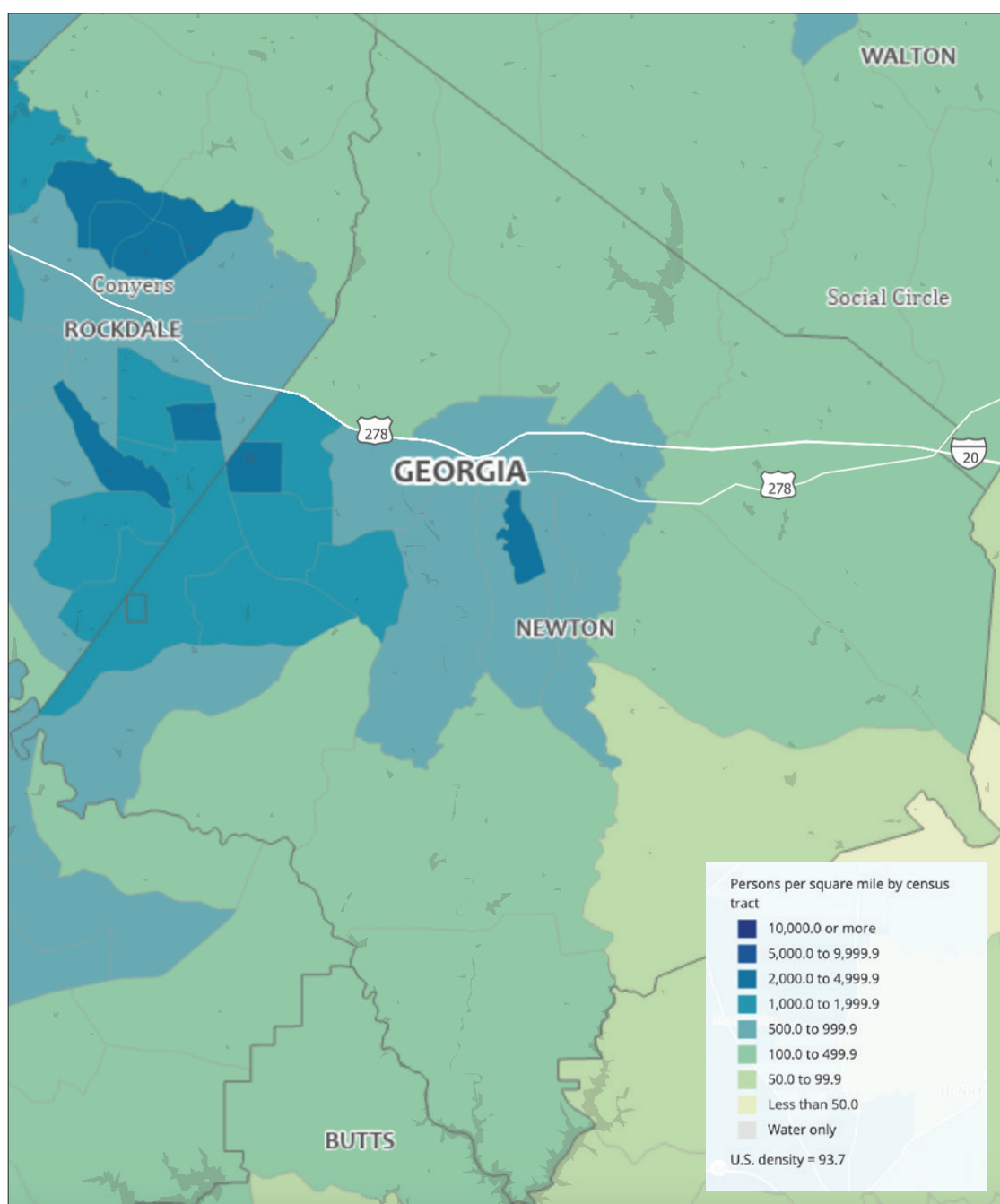
The county's population grew by 12,524 in 10 years — from 99,959 in 2010 to 112,483 in 2020.

The numbers released Aug. 12 showed:

- The county's population grew by an average of 1,252 annually between 2010 and 2020.

- Newton County's white population dropped from 52% of the total population in 2010, to 42% in 2020.

More than 5,000 fewer white residents lived in Newton County in 2020 compared to 2010 — decreasing from 51,995 in



U.S. Census Bureau

The county's population density ranges from at least 10,000 per square mile in western Newton and central Covington, to 99 or less per square mile in eastern Newton.

2010 to 46,746 in 2020.

- The Black population increased from 40% of the total in 2010 to 46% in 2020 — making it the dominant race in Newton County.

Almost 12,000 additional Black residents made Newton their home, with the number increasing from

40,371 in 2010 to 52,246 in 2020, according to the Census Bureau.

By comparison, white residents made up 50% of the statewide population in 2020 (56% in 2010) and Black residents comprised 31% of Georgia's total in 2020 (30% in 2010).

- The number of Hispanic

or Latino residents increased by more than 50% in 10 years, with 4,635 counted in 2010 and 7,164 in 2020.

Their share of Newton County's population increased from 4.6% in 2010 to 6.4% in 2020 — below

See GROWN, A5

## COVID-19

# Horton says Covington mask order still in effect

## More than 500 COVID cases recorded countywide within last two weeks

By TAYLOR BECK  
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COVINGTON, Ga. — City leaders won't institute any new face covering mandates because the mask resolution passed in December 2020 is still in place.

Since the number of new COVID-19 cases in Newton County exceeds 100 per 100,000 over a 14-day period, Covington Mayor Steve Horton reminded the public that face coverings would again be required on city properties, per the resolution.

"[The resolution] didn't go away when we dropped below 100 per 100,000," Horton said during a Covington City Council meeting held Monday.

Horton encouraged the public to continue wearing face coverings when necessary and to consider getting vaccinated. He also said it was "very likely" the city council would hold future meetings via teleconference.

As of Wednesday, Aug. 18, the Georgia Department of Public Health reported there have been 522 confirmed COVID cases per 100,000 in Newton County within the last two weeks — more than eight times the amount of cases just over a month ago. The mayor said there were only

See MASK, A6



Steve Horton



# Commissioner issued cease, desist letter

**By TOM SPIGOLON**  
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COVINGTON, Ga. — A county commissioner said she is speaking publicly against what she said is the latest incident in being “bullied and harassed” by Chairman Marcello Banes and others since she began her term in January.

District 3 Commissioner Alana Sanders said it was Banes’ “plan” to divert attention from other issues and “make up something about me” after he sent her an email telling her to “cease and desist” from hosting fitness classes for residents of her district outside the Newton County Sheriff’s Office’s Westside Precinct on Salem Road.

“This is a sad day when the government does not want you to do public service,” she wrote on her Facebook page.

“Instead of having the conversation and asking questions, I was served a Cease and Desist (email) from Chairman Marcello Banes after he tried to lure me into his office without wanting to tell me what the conversation was about,” Sanders said.

She said the chairman has left her name off Board of Commissioners letterheads and discouraged her appointment as vice chairman at her first meeting in January.

Sanders also referenced recent questions about Banes’ spending on purchasing cards raised in a series of *Covington News* stories.

“It was his plan to get the press off of him and the P-card and make up something about me,” she said.

“I find it a situation to where people, when they see me doing

things for the public and they feel that it makes them look bad when they’re in a situation, currently at this particular time — that they are not in a good spot (and) they want to bring everybody with them,” she said in a video.

In the video posted on her Facebook page, Sanders shared a recording of a request from Banes in a video on her Facebook page.

“Because I could not make the last-minute meeting, an hour later he sent me a Cease and Desist to my email,” she said.

She said Banes, the Board of Commissioners and county attorney Megan Martin have “been aware of this event for almost three months” but never questioned her about it until she said a constituent videotaped a recent exercise class in front of county offices in a Kroger shopping center on Salem Road.

“They reported her and I had to walk over and ask her to stop,” Sanders said.

“There have already been eight workouts. Every detail of these workouts was mentioned publicly. I’m very transparent,” Sanders said.

She said in a letter to Martin that she asks attendees to sign a waiver that “covers it all” and guard against liability claims.

“I mentioned the waiver numerous times, did you ask to view it when mentioned at the BOC meetings? You are our county attorney,” Sanders wrote.

“The waiver was also requested when discussed hosting this event and seeking permission from all parties involved. Did you ever ask? No, no one did which has been the

standard behavior of this board towards me.

“You sat next to me for three and a half months and said nothing as our County Attorney when this was stated; as well as seeing it online as a follower of my pages,” Sanders said.

She said she asked Martin for documents stating a commissioner “cannot host events,” “cannot have an event in the county where they reside/represent,” must seek “permission to utilize the county name where they represent,” and other questions.

“All the information for the fitness event was mentioned in every BOC meeting since May, why has there not been a discussion or any complaints mentioned since the one complaint?” she asked.

In a letter an anonymous source sent to *The Covington News*, Banes wrote to Sanders she was opening the county to possible liability issues and possibly violating the county’s Ethics Ordinance:

“The county neither sanctions nor supports this series of physical fitness classes that you are promoting as a ‘Newton County Workout Series,’” part of the letter to Sanders stated. “You are hereby ordered to cease and desist providing a workout series that is promoted as a ‘Newton County Workout Series’ and promoting such in your role as a commissioner.

“... I applaud your efforts in reaching out to the community. However, your events must be modified to adhere to standards that minimizes County liability. If the activity continues without modifications, the County will have no choice but to take some legal measure that may include seeking a temporary restraining order against you and any accomplices in this matter. If the County must resort to this course of action, the County will also seek monetary damages to be proven at trial. It is my desire that this recourse will not be necessary.”

The letter stated Sanders would not receive another warning and also required her to confirm in writing that she would stop the fitness class by Aug. 20.

## OBITUARIES

**Ray Dial**  
J.C. Harwell & Son  
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Mr. Ray Dial, age 82, of Oxford passed away Wednesday, August 18, 2021. He was born June 5, 1939 in Social Circle to Troy and Ada Mae Dial who have preceded him in death.

Mr. Dial worked for and retired from Exide Battery located in the West End area of Atlanta. He loved life, he was described by his family as a great conversationalist, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening and took great pride in



Ray Dial

picking at his grandchildren. Along with his parents he was preceded in death by his brothers James Dial, Al Dial, and Little Harold Dial who died at an early age.

Mr. Dial is survived by his wife Elsie Dial, his daughter and son-in-law Donna and Tim Wright, his grandchildren Timothy Wright and Keeli, Michelle Campbell and Shawn, his great grandchildren Emily, Austin, Makayla Wesley, Wyatt, Kollin, and Charlee.

Memorial services for Mr. Dial will be announced at a later date. J.C. Harwell and Son Funeral Home, TE Davis Funeral Services, 2157 East Street, SE, Covington, GA 30014.

**Benjamin Harrison Spencer**

Mr. Benjamin Harrison Spencer of Decatur, GA passed away on Friday July 9, 2021 at the age of 88. “Spencer” as his friends affectionately called him, was a lover of life. He was considered by most in his social circle as the life of the party. Spencer could be found many nights through the years organizing the local craps games at his shop on E. Howard Street. Spencer was a dancer — on the weekends he could be seen boot scootin’ his way around the dancefloors of The Silver Saddle on Covington Hwy, the Decatur VFW, Cowboys in Rutledge, and the Ozone in Covington. To summarize Ben’s life- he was an athlete, a veteran, a pilot, a tire man, a father, a motorcycle racer, a cowboy, and everything in-between.

Ben was born on Jan 24, 1933 in Akron, OH; he attended Rugles-Troy High School in Nova, OH. After high school Ben went on to Baldwin Wallace College in Bereah, OH and played fullback for the football team. After a year and a season Ben decided this wasn’t the life for him and went on to see the world in the Navy. Ben served from 1951-1955 and after his discharge he and his new bride, Elizabeth, or “Betty” as he called her, decided to begin a new life down South. The couple skated into Atlanta in 1956 on nothing more than hope and a dream and started their new life together on Fowler St, in Home Park.

In 1957 Mr. Spencer found what would later be his career working for Mr. Sam Riddick at Riddick Tire Co. on

Memorial Drive.

In 1960 Mr. Spencer amassed enough to go out on his own and started Spencer Tire Co. in Decatur. He went on to work in the tire business for 50 years in total, including opening a second shop in Covington.

Before opening the second shop, Ben decided he would run for Newton County Sheriff in the 1976 election, as a way to market himself in the area. He ultimately lost the election, but had a successful tire shop that is still in business with the family today as “Tires N Wheels.” Spencer Tire in Decatur changed it’s final tire in 2007 and Mr. Spencer began “retirement”.

He enjoyed his golden years changing tires for his lifelong customers, spending time down at his farm in Southeastern Newton County, and Waffle House breakfasts with his daughters.

Ben is preceded in death by his mother Mildred (1982) & father Shelly (1977) Spencer, brother Kenneth Howard Spencer (1973). He is survived in death by his daughters, Regina Breed of Cartersville, Marie (Wayne) Haynie of Mansfield, Valina (Amparo) Saldierna of Grayson, and Melina “Tadpole” (Chris) Hornibrook of Monticello; Grandchildren- Cindy (Carlos) Enriquez of Cartersville, Melissa Breed of Cartersville, Melanie (Nick) Flury of Forsyth, Chere Spencer of Jonesboro, Chris Hornibrook Jr. of Juliette, Graylon Haynie of Canton, Alle (Alex) Davis of Macon, Brandi Saldierna of Snellville; great grandchildren Cheyenne Cannon & Marina Enriquez, and Wyatt & Walker Flury.



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## State officials break ground on new law enforcement headquarters

Georgia's top elected leaders used a groundbreaking ceremony Thursday to thank state troopers for their contributions during last summer's civil unrest and during the more recent crime wave. "I don't believe it's ever been harder to wear the badge than it is now," Gov. Brian Kemp told an audience of troopers before turning a shovel on a new \$55 million Georgia Department of Public Safety (DPS) headquarters building in southeast Atlanta. "You continue to do the job with honor, integrity and respect."

State troopers joined forces with the Capitol Police and Atlanta Police Department last summer to maintain order during protests in downtown Atlanta after a white police officer in Minneapolis murdered George Floyd, a Black man, and again after the fatal shooting in Atlanta of another Black man, Rayshard Brooks, by a white officer.

Troopers also are participating in the DPS' Crime Suppression Unit, which to date has resulted in 9,000 police stops, 6,500 citations, the serving of 140 outstanding arrest warrants and the impoundment of more than 500 vehicles.

The new DPS headquarters building will replace a building dedicated in 1957, just 20 years after the state agency was founded in 1937.

Kemp said a memorial will be installed at the new headquarters building honoring the 27 state troopers who have died in the line of duty.

Georgia House Speaker David Ralston reiterated a pledge he made recently to earmark \$75 million next year to beef up the DPS as well as mental health services in Georgia. The money would be used to hire 20 additional troopers and bolster staff at the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, the attorney general's office and

the law enforcement wing of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources  
— *Capitol Beat News*

## PSC calls attention to false rooftop solar ads

The Georgia Public Service Commission (PSC) is going after bad actors in the rooftop solar industry.

Commission Chairman Tricia Pridemore has sent a letter urging state Attorney General Chris Carr to protect Georgia homeowners from rooftop solar panel installers advertising free electricity and free solar.

"Some less-than-reputable companies are making promises they can't deliver," Pridemore said.

The PSC approved a pilot program two years ago allowing 5,000 homeowners to install solar panels on their rooftops and sell any excess energy produced back to Georgia Power. That 5,000 cap was reached this summer, and representatives of the solar industry have been urging the commission to raise the limit.

Georgia is ranked ninth in the nation for solar installation and is one of the fastest growing solar markets, according to the Solar Energy Industries Association.

But the PSC has been cautious about moving too quickly on rooftop solar because of complications including whether homeowners using solar energy, Georgia Power or the utility's customers should be paying the cost of transferring power to and from the grid.

False ads being run by disreputable rooftop solar installers are misrepresenting the pilot program, regulators and utilities, Pridemore wrote to Carr.

"The solar developer industry is self-regulated, but there are clear and decisive laws against misleading advertisements," Pridemore wrote. "I implore the attorney general's office to protect hard-working Georgia homeowners from these

scams and companies who seek to damage the exceptional reputation of Georgia's utility system."

— *Capitol Beat News*

## Georgia prevails over Alabama in water wars lawsuit

Georgia has won another legal battle in the decades-long tri-state water wars.

U.S. District Judge Thomas Thrash sided with Georgia this week in a lawsuit the state of Alabama filed challenging Georgia's use of water from Lake Lanier. The suit accused the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers of mismanaging water allocations from Lake Lanier and other federal reservoirs in the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint (ACF) River Basin.

Thrash's ruling was the second court victory this year in the three states' tug of war over water allocations that dates back to the 1990s.

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled in Georgia's favor last spring, denying an effort by the state of Florida to cap Georgia's water withdrawals from the ACF.

Florida's lawyers had argued Georgia's use of water from the basin was destroying the oyster industry in Apalachicola Bay. Georgia's representatives countered that the state deserves credit for major advances in water-use efficiency during the last 20 years.

As in the Supreme Court case, Thrash

found that Georgia's use of water to supply customers in the rapidly growing Atlanta region was not harming either downstream users or the environment.

"We are pleased with Judge Thrash's decision," Gov. Brian Kemp and Georgia Attorney General Chris Carr wrote in a joint statement. "As his order made clear, the Corps of Engineers' decision struck a reasonable balance that assures Georgians a dependable supply of water while protecting the environment and preserving other important uses of the ACF Basin."

"We will continue to be good stewards of our water resources, and we are proud to have obtained a positive resolution on behalf of all Georgians."

"This ruling is exceptional news for Georgia and metro Atlanta, as it secures our region's water supply needs from Lake Lanier and the Chattahoochee River," Katherine Zitsch, managing director of natural resources for the Atlanta Regional Commission, said. "Combined with the recent win in the Supreme Court, we have taken two big steps in litigation. We look forward to moving beyond the courtroom and instead collaborating on ways to improve management in the basin."

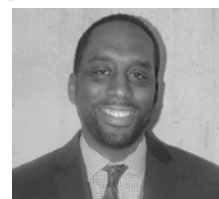
Alabama has the right to appeal the ruling.

— *Capitol Beat News*



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# OPINIONS

The Covington News

Dick Yarbrough columnist

## Skeeter Skates and gang tired of political commentary

While trying to figure out whether to dangle my participle in this hot weather or work up a sweat and split an infinitive, the phone rang. It was Skeeter Skates, proprietor of Skeeter Skates Tree Stump Removal and Plow Repair in Ryo, Georgia, and a charter member of the Ryo Morning Coffee Club in Ryo, Georgia.



If you are not familiar with the Ryo Morning Coffee Club, it is composed of Skeeter Skates, who functions as the group’s facilitator; Walleye, who runs the bait shop in Red Bud; Booger Bledsoe, who operates a roadside vegetable stand over on State Route 53 and Uncle Coot recently retired after a long and distinguished career in the porta potty transportation industry.

“We’ve got a question,” Skeeter said. “how come you newspaper boys and them TV yakkers are always talking about politics? Ain’t there anything else going on in the world? Can’t you find something good to talk about for a change?” Actually, that was three questions, not one, but you don’t interrupt the man when he is on a roll.

Skeeter continued, “What you need to know is that most folks are tired of hearing about that ol’ orange-haired boy from New York City who ain’t president anymore and that new voting law in Georgia that the folks who are raising cane about it, haven’t even read. Mostly overpaid actors and ballplayers. I can’t speak for everybody in Ryo, but I know me and my colleagues in the Morning Coffee Club think you need to write about something else.”

I told Skeeter that I was ahead of him. I don’t talk about either one of those subjects much anymore because it gets me a lot of cranky mail accusing me of being a liberal weenie or a redneck. Sometimes in the same column. I said I decided to talk about something less controversial like the state of organized religion. I cited the power struggle between the bishop of the North Georgia Methodist Conference and the largest church in the conference, Mt. Bethel United Methodist in Cobb County. In short, the bishop wants to move the pastor to another post and the pastor and his congregants disagree and are talking about disaffiliating with the Methodist

Church.

I suggested that as Christians, both parties should ask themselves what would Jesus do in a situation like this? One reader called that idea “silly” and thought I was suggesting Christ sit down with Satan and say, “Hey fella, let’s just cool it and work things out.” I don’t think Christ talks that way but, hey, that is not a bad idea. It’s better than what is happening now.

Skeeter said maybe that would teach me not to opine on religion. Bible thumpers aren’t much on turning the other cheek and forgiveness. I wish he had told me that earlier.

If I can’t write about politics and religion, what’s left? Walleye suggested I let you all know about the esoterica of raising red wigglers. That’s bait shop talk for worms. He says if you put the creatures in rabbit manure, they will fatten up a lot quicker. Fish like fat worms. I told Walleye I would file that away for future consideration but I think I have told you all you want to know on that subject.

Booger Bledsoe said that he was doing a brisk business in cantaloupes and apples and that broccoli would be available shortly. I didn’t tell Booger, but I will talk about Christ palavering with Satan before I will mention anything having to do with broccoli.

Uncle Coot said he had some interesting and entertaining stories he could share about the dynamic porta potty transportation industry. With all due respect, I will try to get to those right after I’ve completely covered the stolen election, voting rights, red wrigglers, Christ and Satan and broccoli.

Skeeter said he hoped the input from the group was instructive and would give me something to think about. In the meantime, he had a Dosko 721cc Kohler Electric Start Stump Grinder waiting for a 12-volt battery that wasn’t going to install itself. That meant this conversation was over.

I always appreciate hearing from Skeeter Skates and the other members of the Ryo Morning Coffee Club and, as always, I will seriously consider their advice and counsel as I do with all my fans. That is after I have decided whether to dangle my participle or split an infinitive. Which begs the question: Hey, what would Jesus do?

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U.S. Rep. Hank Johnson guest columnist

## Our prayers are with Afghans, Haitians

Since I last wrote you, two significant tragedies have unfolded on the international scene – the fall of Afghanistan and the earthquake in Haiti.



The swift seizure of control over Afghanistan by the Taliban is tragic, but inevitable without continued American military presence. It is past time for America’s longest war to come to an end. My prayers are with the people of Afghanistan. We must do everything within our power to extract those who aided America and her allies during our military presence, get American personnel out as swiftly and safely as possible, and we must never forget the Afghan women and girls who have made such great progress and deserve human rights. I also salute all our men and women in uniform and their families for their service and sacrifices.

For more information on flights out of Afghanistan and security alerts, visit the U.S. State Department’s website and the U.S. Embassy in Afghanistan.

U.S. Sen. Jon Ossoff, D-Ga., is also working to help Georgians and

all U.S. citizens in need of evacuation from Afghanistan by launching a new email hotline to connect them with U.S. State Department resources. All U.S. citizens needing assistance can e-mail [afg-evac@ossoff.senate.gov](mailto:afg-evac@ossoff.senate.gov) or call 470-786-7800.

My prayers are also with the long suffering but resilient people of Haiti. The only country in history established by a slave revolt that defeated Napoleon in 1804, Haiti has historically been mistreated and neglected. Rather than aid filtered through nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), Haiti needs direct international assistance to help it recover from the recent natural and manmade disasters. All stand to gain by helping Haiti build basic infrastructure, which would enable it to withstand future natural disasters while uplifting the Haitian economy and create jobs for its people. For more on how to help Haiti, visit [www.usaid.gov](https://www.usaid.gov): <https://www.usaid.gov/haiti>.

On the home front, I have long supported reinstating the Voting Rights Act protections that were gutted by the Supreme Court. That is why I’m an original cosponsor of the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act, which would restore key protections of the Voting Rights Act

of 1965 (VRA) that were gutted by the Supreme Court in the 2013 Shelby County v. Holder decision and more recently in the 2021 Brnovich v. DNC decision. The bill will protect voters from discrimination by restoring and strengthening the protections of the VRA. I look forward to voting that out of the House next week.

Speaking of our hero John Robert Lewis, the virtual kickoff event to create a tribute to him on the downtown Decatur Square aired live. Joining me were virtual appearances by: Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi; U.S. Rep. Joyce Beatty, chair of the Congressional Black Caucus; U.S. Sens. Jon Ossoff and Raphael Warnock; DeKalb County CEO Michael Thurmond; former state Sen. Jason Carter; and Michael Collins, Rep. Lewis’ former chief of staff.

Last week, along with my Judiciary Committee colleague Ken Buck (R-CO), I introduced legislation that represents a bipartisan plan to rein in App Store monopolies. I’m pleased to be working with Congressman Buck to hold Big Tech accountable, level the playing field for small businesses and app developers and increase competition and innovation in the digital ecosystem all while offering consum-

ers more choice.

I also announced this week that I’m accepting applications from students seeking nominations and appointments to a U.S. Military Service Academy – Army, Air Force, Navy or Merchant Marines.

As the Delta variant of the coronavirus spreads, we must redouble our efforts to ensure everyone is vaccinated. County health departments are also in the early stages of providing booster shots to people with compromised immune systems. The DeKalb County Board of Health is also offering free walk-up COVID-19 vaccines at mobile clinics. No appointment, ID, proof of citizenship or health insurance is required. For Gwinnett, Rockdale and Newton County residents, visit: <https://www.gnrhealth.com/>.

If you have an issue with a federal government agency, need help with an eviction or a foreclosure, please don’t hesitate to call my district office at 770-987-2291.

*Rep. Hank Johnson represents Georgia’s Fourth Congressional District, including DeKalb, Rockdale and Newton counties, in the U.S. House.*

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## Afghanistan catastrophe is Biden’s debacle

The catastrophe unfolding in Afghanistan will undoubtedly go down as one of the most shameful foreign policy disasters in American history, and the responsibility for this debacle falls squarely on President Joe Biden.



In April, when President Biden announced – against the advice of senior military leaders – that he planned to pull all U.S. forces out of Afghanistan by September 11, 2021, his Administration assured the American people that his withdrawal would be “responsible, deliberate and safe.”

Three weeks later, the Taliban launched a major offensive that quickly pushed back Afghan government forces. Still, on July 8, President Biden dismissed the Taliban and claimed that “the likelihood there’s going to be the Taliban overrunning everything and owning the whole country is highly unlikely.”

It is an indisputable fact that Joe Biden terribly mismanaged

his withdrawal from Afghanistan. Furthermore, it is painfully obvious that he made no preparations in case he had miscalculated. The consequences for his folly are devastating and deadly.

Thousands of Americans remain stranded in Afghanistan. Our foreign allies face brutal retribution from the Taliban. The heart-breaking images of Afghans falling from the sky after clinging desperately to planes leaving Kabul will be forever etched into our memory. Billions of dollars in U.S. military equipment is now in the Taliban’s hands, including helicopters, armored vehicles, anti-aircraft guns, artillery, and even combat aircraft. Across the globe, our partners and allies are questioning whether they can truly rely on America’s promises. There’s no doubt that we will be feeling the aftershocks from the fall of Afghanistan for years to come.

Contrary to the pitiful claims of senior Biden Administration officials, this outcome was not inevitable. While I

believe that maintaining a small U.S. presence in Afghanistan was necessary for our national security, I also believe it was possible to withdraw without causing an unmitigated disaster.

Last year, President Donald Trump negotiated a conditions-based drawdown of U.S. forces from Afghanistan. In other words, American troops would leave only so long as the Taliban held to their end of the deal.

President Biden

has pointed to this agreement to claim that he had inherited this withdrawal from his predecessor and suggest that Donald Trump is to blame. What else is new? This is a sad attempt to spin the narrative and duck responsibility.

First, the Taliban has continuously violated the conditions of this agreement, thereby making it null and void. Second, Biden has made no effort

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# Newton commissioners vote to lower property tax rate by 14%

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**COVINGTON, Ga.** — Newton commissioners voted to lower the property tax rate by 14% to fund the county government through mid-2022 Tuesday night.

The Newton County Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to decrease the tax rate from 12.916 mills to 11.145 mills Tuesday, Aug. 17.

County Manager Lloyd Kerr said the tax rate was calculated based on the county's tax digest — the total assessed value of taxable property — which increased by \$424 million this year to \$3.4 billion.

It will help fund the 2022 budget which the board voted 3-2 to approve on Aug. 3 and funds all of county government except the school system through June 30, 2022.

The county government budget totals \$118.6 million and delays hiring of 32 new positions until January 2022 while giving a 4.5% pay increase to almost 700 county employees.

Spending in the budget's largest part, the General Fund, totaled \$77.6 million — a 1.4% increase from the 2021 budget.

The overall budget, however, increased spending 41% from 2021 mostly because

expenditures for projects funded by the 2017 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) were included, Kerr said.

Board members approved the document after Kerr cut \$500,000 from a first version of the 2022 budget that he gave to board members June 1.

County Finance Director Brittany White told the Board Aug. 3 that the tax rate of 11.145 mills was below the rollback rate of 11.5 mills.

The state mandates that a rollback rate be calculated that would produce the same amount of revenue as the previous year's rate if reassessments had

not been done.

In other action Tuesday, the board:

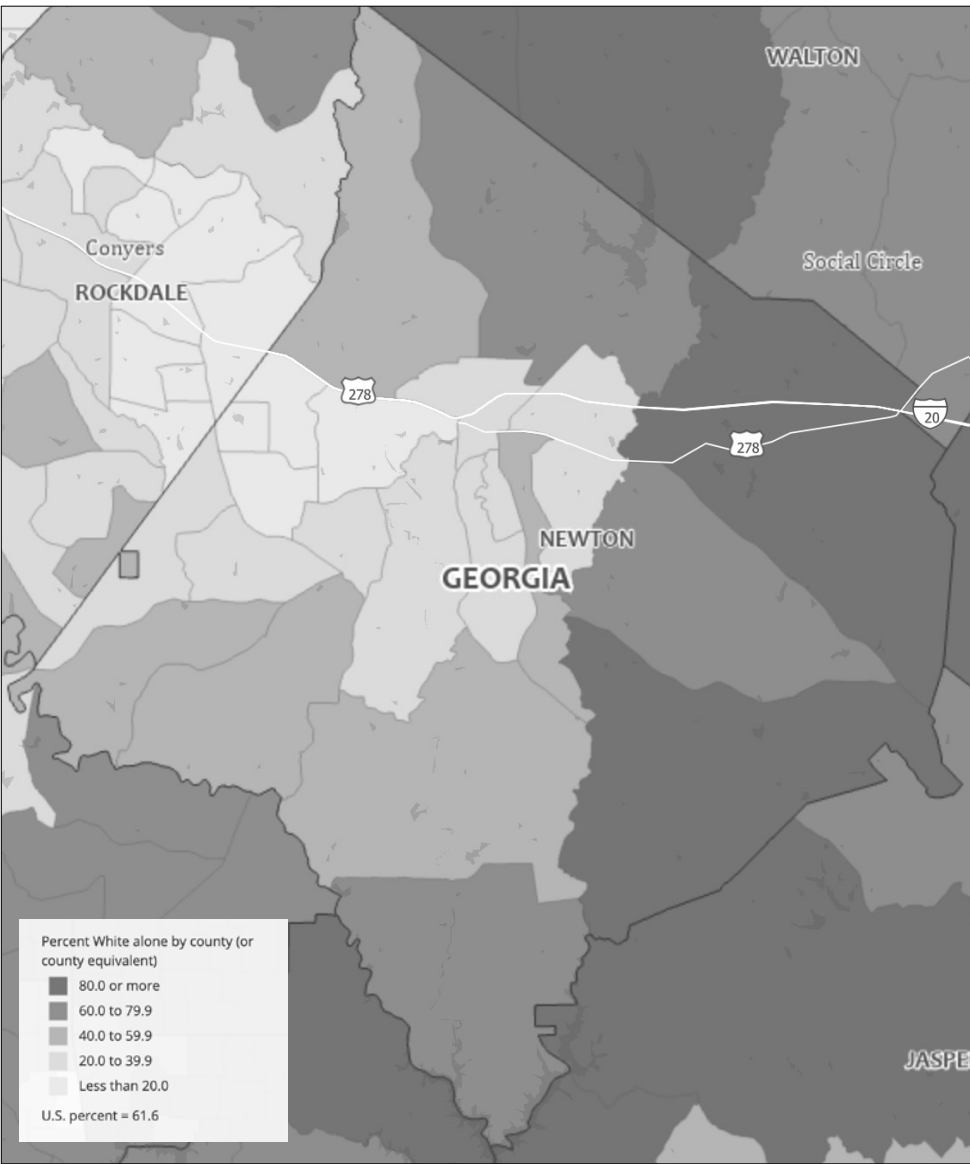
- Approved a contract with Lose & Associates Inc. for a Comprehensive Master Plan for the Recreation Department. The cost is \$93,500 with funding from SPLOST.
- The plan will include information on expected county population growth patterns, assessment of existing facilities, recommendations for future park construction and staffing and financing.
- A series of community meetings in each commission district also are planned to determine residents' desires for recreation facilities in unincorpo-

rated Newton County, officials said.

- Delayed action on a request from Newton County Water and Sewerage Authority and the city of Covington for approval of a service delivery strategy plan agreement for unincorporated Newton County.
- Approved a Parks and Recreation department request to apply for a Georgia DNR Recreational Trails Program grant for construction of new trails and improvement of existing trails.
- Approved extension of a contract with Ascension PM to provide additional oversight and management for construction of Fire

Station No. 4 on County Hwy. 213. Cost is \$33,580 and will come from the 2011 SPLOST and bond financing for Station 4.

- Approved a change order on a contract with Atlas Technical Consultants for additional engineering work on a new bridge on Brown Bridge Road over the Yellow River. Cost is \$49,800 with funding from federal funds and the 2017 SPLOST.
- Appointed Terria Maxwell and Kathryn Rider to the View Point Health board; and Adam Phyll III to the Newton County Library board.



The map shows the density of the county's white population per square mile in 2020, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

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whatsoever to hold the Taliban accountable for breaking the deal. Third, considering how Biden has reversed and overturned Trump policies and agreements across the board on nearly every issue, it is simply preposterous to argue that this one single agreement (which the enemy has habitually broken) cannot be changed.

This is Joe Biden's debacle.

In talking with many of you, especially those veterans who served in Afghanistan and their loved ones, I know there is a huge demand for answers and accountability. The nearly 2,500 American service members killed and

over 20,000 wounded through 20 years of war demand the truth.

How did the White House so woefully miscalculate the Taliban's offensive capability? Did U.S. intelligence predict that the Afghan government and military would collapse so quickly? Why didn't the evacuation begin before the Taliban entered Kabul?

Most importantly, exactly how many American citizens remain in Afghanistan and what is the Biden Administration doing to get them home safely? We also have thousands of Afghan allies who desperately need our protection, and it is imperative that

we fulfill our promises to keep them safe. We must get these folks out of Afghanistan now.

Keep in mind, this isn't over yet. Several thousand U.S. military personnel have been ordered into Afghanistan to contain the chaos and assist with the evacuation.

Please join me in praying for them and for all who remain in Afghanistan.

*Rep. Jody Hice, R-Greensboro, represents Georgia's 10th Congressional District, which includes a portion of Newton County, in the U.S. House.*

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# Kemp to local governments: No COVID-19 mandates

**By DAVE WILLIAMS**  
Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA — Gov. Brian Kemp issued an executive order Thursday prohibiting local governments in Georgia from imposing mask, vaccine or building-capacity mandates aimed at discouraging the spread of COVID-19.

The cities of Atlanta and Savannah reinstated mask mandates late last month for public

indoor spaces, citing a rise in cases of the virus driven by the highly contagious delta variant.

Some school districts in Georgia also are requiring students and teachers to wear masks inside school buildings.

While Kemp has supported letting individual school systems make those decisions, he said his executive order is



Brian Kemp

aimed at businesses.

“Small businesses across our state should not be punished by local governments,” he said. “Just as our economy is starting to return to normal, small businesses cannot survive another shutdown.”

Kemp said Thursday’s order is in keeping with his commitment throughout the course of the pandemic to protect “both lives and livelihoods.”

Thanks to that stand, Georgia has been able to reduce unemployment and experience record job growth while

still prioritizing seniors vulnerable to coronavirus and seeing to the needs of hospitals and schools, he said.

“I trust hardworking Georgians to know what’s best for themselves, their families and their employees,” he said.

With cases of COVID-19 rising in Georgia to the point of straining hospital emergency rooms and ICUs, Kemp has taken heat in recent weeks from critics calling on the governor to take a more forceful stand against the virus.

“It’s bad enough that Brian Kemp has refused to implement any statewide measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in Georgia – now, he is forbidding local governments from protecting their own communities,” said Rebecca Galanti, a spokeswoman for the Democratic Party of Georgia.

“As public health officials, parents, and Georgians at large beg Kemp to take action to combat the current COVID-19 surge in our state, the only action he is apparently willing

to take is one that will help COVID-19 spread in Georgia and undermine local efforts to control the virus.”

Georgia passed the 1 million mark in confirmed cases of the virus this week. As of Thursday afternoon, 69,797 Georgians had been hospitalized with COVID-19 and the virus was responsible for 22,151 confirmed or probable deaths, the state Department of Public Health reported.

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the advertised five-year tax digest and levy.

“So we have advertised the five-year tax digest, as required,” Finance Director Randy Smith said. “There was a slight mistake in the calculation. When we first got it, it was [6.839 mills], but it was within the 3% difference that the state allows.”

Smith said the rollback rate would result in “essentially” the same tax revenue as in 2020. The five-year tax digest showed collections in 2020 totaled \$5.16 million. Collections for 2021 are anticipated to total \$5.02 million.

for new fiscal year.

In 2020, the millage rate set by the Covington City Council was 7.186 mills. After agreeing to take the rollback rate, the millage rate for 2021 will be 6.884 mills.

The rate of 6.884 mills makes a third straight year the city has elected to lower the millage rate. It also marks the first time in at least five years, if not longer, that the city millage rate is below 7.

Staff proposed the millage rate based on information received from the tax commissioner’s office, though slightly different from

Taking the rollback means property owners would be paying what they did the year before, Smith said, despite property value increase based on the most recent tax assessments.

In other business, the council:

- Approved the final reading of an ordinance amendment to change the definition of “park hours” to mean “daily from 8 a.m. until 9:30 p.m., and at other times only during permitted park activity; except that heirloom Park shall close daily at 7 p.m. and further provided that the city manager

may temporarily shorten park hours of any city park from time to time as needed, in his discretion.”

- Approved alcohol license applications for Tiffany’s Hometown Buffet, located at 4122 Emory Street, and The Wildflower Collective, located at 8230 Hazelbrand Road NE.
- Tabled discussion of a proposal from Hwy. 278 CID.
- Approved purchase of two compact track loaders for Land Application System and Water and Sewer departments, in the amount of

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## MASK:

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59 cases per 100,000 in Newton County five weeks ago.

The following guidelines are outlined in the resolution:

- Individuals are required to wear a face covering on city properties.
- Face coverings aren’t mandated on private property, but Council is encouraging businesses to institute the mandatory mask resolution.
- Masks are not required to be medical grade so long as they cover the nose and mouth. Bandanas, scarves and other similar fabrics are allowed.
- Businesses within city limits may indicate that they require masks on their property by posting a notice at each entrance accessible to the public.

- Masks are not required while eating or drinking or if socially distanced at least six feet apart.
- The Covington Police Department will enforce the ordinance on all public property and any private property that chooses to require masks. Any individual who fails to be in compliance with this order is subject to a \$50 fine.

The spike in cases has been attributed to a surge in the Delta variant of COVID-19, which is a strain of the novel virus that CDC officials say is two times more contagious than previous variants.

In Georgia, there have been more than 60,244 COVID-19 cases confirmed within the last 14 days.

Data from the CDC suggests the Delta variant could cause more severe illness than previous strains in unvaccinated persons, which is why there’s been a big push for the public to get jabbed.

As of Monday, only 48% of Georgians had received at least one dose of a vaccine,

compared to the national average of 59.7%. About 41% of those Georgians were fully vaccinated, and only 50.7% of all Americans.

Newton County was especially lagging behind in vaccinations, as of Wednesday, when only 34% of residents were fully vaccinated. Roughly 40% of the county has received at least one dose.

The majority of patients hospitalized with the virus are said to be unvaccinated, but Horton said he knows that doesn’t mean vaccinated people aren’t at risk. He shared that he had two family members that were fully vaccinated who contracted the virus and were hospitalized. One of those family members died Monday, he said.

“You can get it whether you have a vaccination or not,” Horton said, “but thank goodness a vaccination does help, and I’m grateful for having it. Dr. Arona said she believes that in order to overcome the pandemic, the answer is more people get vaccinated.

I urge folks to please consider getting vaccinated.”

City officials say Covington’s mask resolution is not impacted by Gov. Brian Kemp’s “no COVID-19 mandates” order announced Thursday, which is geared toward protecting businesses.

As result of the increase in COVID-19 cases, hospitals across the state are being pushed to their limits, so much so that Kemp announced Monday that the Department of Community Health would commit \$125 million in addition to \$500 million the state is already spending to increase state-supported hospital staffs. A Capitol Beat News report stated the plan was to increase the staffs of 68 different hospitals from 1,300 to 2,800, with 170 of the new staff members being sent to rural locations.

As of Wednesday, the GDPH records nearly 70,000 people have been hospitalized with COVID-19, while 19,087 people have died of the virus.



# SHERIFF:

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when he traveled to the administration building on the first day of the three-week advance voting period.

The line of voters at times snaked around the rear of the building before circling the block along Pace, Usher and Elm streets on the first day of advance voting Oct. 12 before the election.

Chief Investigator Frances Watson of the Georgia Secretary of State's office said an investigation found that Brown was talking to those in line to cast ballots.

The action appeared to violate state law barring anyone from soliciting votes within 25 feet of a voter standing in line at a polling place.

Watson said Brown denied to an investigator he was campaigning.

"He stated he was there to assess the situation of long lines and to respond to a medical emergency," Watson said.

"However, there were several sheriff's deputies ... at the precinct and there were no dispatched calls for service at the administrative building on that date."

Watson said the elections director told Brown he "could not be present at the polling precinct and he agreed to leave."

She said he returned to the precinct a few days later and gave the director a copy of the state law that he said authorized him to be at any polling precinct.

Tolley said Brown went beyond the mandated limit from the polling place specifically to speak with the election director. He also told the Elections Board state law requires Brown to be at voting precincts.

He said if the Georgia General Assembly intended to prevent a

sheriff who is also a candidate from attending a polling location it "could have easily done so."

"You have a conflict in the statute. The sheriff is mandated to go to the polling places. If he doesn't go, he violates his duty," Tolley said.

"It's not up to the state Election Board that they want to apply one statute over the other," he said.

Board member Matt Mashburn said he was a poll watcher for many years and always knew the location of the 150-foot limit anyone must observe when campaigning.

"Based on my personal experience, I feel the sheriff can fulfill his duties under (state law) from 150 feet away," Mashburn said. "If anything needed to be handled closer in he could send a deputy."

Le said the law which includes the 150-foot rule was designed to "level the playing field" for all candidates.

However, Tolley replied that state law does not specifically limit a sheriff to remaining 150 feet from a polling place.

Brown said in a statement after the board's vote: "On Oct. 14, 2020, the Secretary of State's office received a complaint from a local citizen, Scott Jay, accusing me of campaigning illegally outside the Newton County Administrative Building during early voting. Mr. Jay said I was seen speaking with voters in line."

"I was present outside the Administrative Building, but I was not campaigning. I was there in response to a telephone call from Sgt. (Victoria) Hammond, supervisor of Court Services section of the sheriff's office, advising me of a voter who was experiencing a

medical emergency and had passed out while waiting in line. Sgt. Hammond asked me to review the situation and instruct her how to handle the situation."

"Before I could handle the emergency and leave, the election supervisor intervened and advised that I could not be present at the polling precinct."

"After investigating the allegations, the Secretary of State's office found a potential violation of the state election code because his investigator found, 'There is evidence to suggest Newton County Sheriff Ezell Brown violated O.C.G.A. section 21-2-414(d)' which provides that no person whose name appears on the ballot shall physically enter any polling place except to vote."

"I was completely within my rights and duties as sheriff to be at the polling place on an election day. The investigator, election supervisor, and the State Election Board were apparently unaware of a specific law pertains to Georgia Sheriffs' duties."

O.C.G.A. Section 15-16-10(a)(10) provides it is the duty of the sheriff to attend at the place or places of holding an election from the opening to the closing of the polls, and to take under his charge all subordinate officers present, as police to preserve order."

"Subsection (b) of that same code section says if any sheriff fails to comply with this code section he or she shall be fined for contempt of court. This law was first passed by the Georgia General Assembly in 1799 and has been law ever since."

"My lawyers tell me I am on solid legal ground and I have not violated the election code."

"Because of the

confusion and apparent conflict between these provisions of the law, my lawyers asked that the complaint be forwarded to the Attorney General's office for review and disposition. I will gladly let you know how it turns out. I am confident about my legal position."

In a related case, the State Election Board voted to send a letter of instruction to dismiss charges against Interim Coroner Tommy Davis, who also faced allegations of illegal campaigning on the same day.

According to Watson, Davis said he was within the distance limit to voters in line at the Administration Building on Oct. 12. He said he was traveling with a campaign sign on his personal vehicle on one of the roads around the building because it was the shortest route to his destination at the time, Watson said.

The State Election Board issues letters of instruction in cases where it believes a technical violation may have occurred, but it does not rise to the level of referring the violation to the Attorney General's office for further action, said Secretary of State spokesman Walter Jones.

Jones said a letter generally is issued because a violation was judged to be inadvertent, due to a lack of understanding, or something that the respondent shows has

been corrected and will not occur again.

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not repeated in lieu of pursuing fines, criminal prosecution or other penalties, he said.

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- Approved a memorandum of understanding with the Newton County Board of Education for a joint water relocation/construction project at the new Eastside High School's access roads located at Georgia Hwy. 142 and U.S. Hwy. 278/Georgia Hwy. 12.

- Approved an agreement with SDH Atlanta LLC to install natural gas mains for Westbridge Subdivision — 65 total lots. Cost is anticipated at just under \$70,000.

- Approved to enter an intergovernmental agreement regarding tax collections services to replace a similar agreement signed in 2019. The agreement amounts to just under \$16,000 per year and has been budgeted for, Mayor Steve Horton said.

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## LEGALS

### Public Notices

#### Abandoned Vehicles

**ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE K-2 TOWING LLC.**

**2002 FORD EXPLORER 1FMZU62E82ZC02246**

**2004 HONDA CRV JHLPD78824C008106**

**YOU ARE** hereby notified, in accordance with OCGA 40-11-19 (a) (2), that the above-referenced vehicle is subject to a lien and a petition may be filed in court to foreclose a lien for all amounts owed. If the lien is foreclosed, a court shall order the sale of the vehicle to satisfy the debt. **THE VEHICLE** is currently located at: 9179 AARON DR. COVINGTON, GA 30014.

**ANYONE WITH** an ownership interest in this vehicle should contact the following business immediately:

**K-2 TOWING LLC 9179 AARON DR. COVINGTON, GA 30014 / 770-786-3323**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200705 8/15,22**

**ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE**

**YOU ARE** hereby notified, in accordance with OCGA 40-11-19 (a) (2), that each of the below-referenced vehicles are subject to a lien and a petition may be filed in court to foreclose a lien for all amounts owed. If the lien is foreclosed, a court shall order the sale of the vehicle to satisfy the debt.

**THE VEHICLES** are currently located at 4199 OLD ATLANTA HWY COVINGTON, GA 30014

**THE VEHICLES** subject to liens as stated above are identified as:

**VEHICLE MAKE:** Genuine Scooter Co. Year: 2020 Model: Buddy 50 **VEHICLE ID #:** RFVPAP5A8L1125998 Vehicle License #: N/A

**VEHICLE MAKE:** MONGOOSE Year: 0000 Model: BACKPACK

**VEHICLE ID #:** N/A Vehicle License #: N/A

**VEHICLE MAKE:** FLEETWOOD Year: 2004 Model: TRAVEL TRAILER

**VEHICLE ID #:** 1EA1R292242808468 Vehicle License #:N/A

**ANYONE WITH** an ownership interest in any of these vehicles should contact the following business immediately:

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**PUBLIC NOTICE #200699 8/15,22**

**ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE PETITION ADVERTISEMENT**

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**ANYONE WITH** an ownership interest in a vehicle listed herein may file an answer to the petition on or before: 9-10-2021

**ANSWER FORMS** may be found in the Magistrate Court Clerk's office located at: Newton Court House

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**2004 CHEVROLET CLASSIC 1G1ND52F04M585663 21-627AV**

**2000 FORD F350 1FDSX34L7YEE18592 12-1001AV**

**2001 HONDA ACCORD 1HGCG16581A075740 21-999AV**

**2000 CHEVROLET CAVALIER 1G1JC124E7Y7231737 21-2384AV**

**2006 FORD TAURUS 1FAFP53UX6A233619 21-2390AV**

**1999 BUICK PARK AVE 1G4CU5210X4640969 21-2389AV**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200704 8/15,22**

#### Citations

##### CITATION

**ANTHONY LAVEL BANKS** has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **EVELYN BANKS** deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver

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of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. 53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objection must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before SEPTEMBER 13, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

**MELANIE M. BELL, JUDGE MARCIA WYNNE, CLERK PROBATE COURT NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA**

**NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT 1132 USHER STREET-148 COVINGTON, GA 30014**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200595 8/15,22,29-9/5**

##### CITATION

**DENNIS RICHARD THOMAS** has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **DONALD W. THOMAS** deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. 53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objection must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before SEPTEMBER 13, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

**MELANIE M. BELL, JUDGE MARCIA WYNNE, CLERK PROBATE COURT NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA**

**NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT 1132 USHER STREET-148 COVINGTON, GA 30014**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200652 8/15,22,29-9/5**

##### CITATION

**JANICE VONNER** has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **DEKINA OLIVER** deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. 53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objection must be in

writing, and filed with this Court on or before SEPTEMBER 13, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

**MELANIE M. BELL, JUDGE MARCIA WYNNE, CLERK PROBATE COURT NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA**

**NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT 1132 USHER STREET-148 COVINGTON, GA 30014**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200622 8/15,22,29-9/5**

##### CITATION

**JENNIFER DEE ESPINOZA** has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **LARRY DEIMEL** deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. 53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objection must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before SEPTEMBER 13, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

**MELANIE M. BELL, JUDGE MARCIA WYNNE, CLERK PROBATE COURT NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA**

**NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT 1132 USHER STREET-148 COVINGTON, GA 30014**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200682 8/15,22,29-9/5**

##### CITATION

**KEVIN MICHAEL FRAZER** has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **KURT DAVID FRAZER** deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. 53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objection must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before SEPTEMBER 13, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

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**NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT 1132 USHER STREET-148 COVINGTON, GA 30014**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200654 8/15,22,29-9/5**

##### CITATION

**LANE BRITT** has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **PATSY ANN BRITT** deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. 53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objection must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before SEPTEMBER 13, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

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**NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT 1132 USHER STREET-148 COVINGTON, GA 30014**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200684 8/15,22,29-9/5**

##### CITATION

**LINDA COKER** has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **THOMAS ROBINSON COKER** deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. 53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objection must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before SEPTEMBER 13, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

**MELANIE M. BELL, JUDGE MARCIA WYNNE, CLERK PROBATE COURT NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA**

**NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE**

**COURT 1132 USHER STREET-148 COVINGTON, GA 30014**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200650 8/15,22,29-9/5**

##### CITATION

**MICHAEL ANTHONY THOMAS** has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **LIZZIE R. THOMAS** deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. 53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objection must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before September 13, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

**MELANIE M. BELL, JUDGE MARCIA WYNNE, CLERK PROBATE COURT NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA**

**NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT 1132 USHER STREET-148 COVINGTON, GA 30014**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200621 8/15,22,29-9/5**

##### CITATION

**MICHAEL HARRIS EARL** has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **JOHN FRANKLIN EARL, JR** deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. 53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objection must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before SEPTEMBER 13, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

**MELANIE M. BELL, JUDGE MARCIA WYNNE, CLERK PROBATE COURT NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA**

**NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT 1132 USHER STREET-148 COVINGTON, GA 30014**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200593 8/15,22,29-9/5**

##### CITATION

**NANCY KIRBO SILLS** has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **JACOB A. SILLS** deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. 53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objection must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before SEPTEMBER 13, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

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**NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT 1132 USHER STREET-148 COVINGTON, GA 30014**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200649 8/15,22,29-9/5**

##### CITATION

**NATASHA LETRICE JONES** has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **VIVIAN JONES** deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. 53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objection must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before SEPTEMBER 13, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

**MELANIE M. BELL, JUDGE MARCIA WYNNE, CLERK PROBATE COURT NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA**

**NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT 1132 USHER STREET-148 COVINGTON, GA 30014**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200619 8/15,22,29-9/5**

##### CITATION

**NIKOLE SHEMAYNE BROOKS** has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **ERNEST DUWAYNE BROOKS, III** deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. 53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objection must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before SEPTEMBER 13, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

**MELANIE M. BELL, JUDGE MARCIA WYNNE, CLERK PROBATE COURT NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA**

**NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT 1132 USHER STREET-148 COVINGTON, GA 30014**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200653 8/15,22,29-9/5**

##### CITATION

**NORMAN GLOVER** has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **MORDEAN GLOVER** deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. 53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objection must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before SEPTEMBER 13, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

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**NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE**

**COURT 1132 USHER STREET-148 COVINGTON, GA 30014**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200620 8/15,22,29-9/5**

##### CITATION

**RISHAUNA S. KING** has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **PHYMECCA L. KING** deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. 53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objection must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before SEPTEMBER 13, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

**MELANIE M. BELL, JUDGE MARCIA WYNNE, CLERK PROBATE COURT NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA**

**NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT 1132 USHER STREET-148 COVINGTON, GA 30014**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200685 8/15,22,29-9/5**

##### CITATION

**ROBERT LEE BLASINGAME, II** has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **HOLLY ANN BAUMSTARK** deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. 53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objection must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before SEPTEMBER 13, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

**MELANIE M. BELL, JUDGE MARCIA WYNNE, CLERK PROBATE COURT NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA**

**NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT 1132 USHER STREET-148 COVINGTON, GA 30014**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200594 8/15,22,29-9/5**

##### CITATION

**TELIS JUSTICE** has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **BUIERELLA BENFORD** deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. 53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objection must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before SEPTEMBER 13, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

**MELANIE M. BELL, JUDGE MARCIA WYNNE, CLERK PROBATE COURT NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA**

**NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT 1132 USHER STREET-148 COVINGTON, GA 30014**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200618 8/15,22,29-9/5**

##### CITATION

**THE PETITION of MYRA C. BAKER** widow of **WILLARD L. BAKER**, deceased, for Twelve Month's Support for having



# LEGALS:

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## CITATION

### TO: UNKNOWN FATHER AND ALL INTRESTED PARTIES

**MICHAEL AND MELISSA BELCHER** has filed for Temporary Letters of Guardianship of the Person(s) **KY'LANI ANDERSON** minor(s). All objections must be in writing and filed with this Court on or before **SEPTEMBER 8TH ,2021** at ten o'clock, a.m.

**MELANIE M.** Bell, Judge  
**BY: DANYELL** Thomas, Clerk  
Probate Court, Newton, Georgia

**NEWTON COUNTY** Probate Court  
**1132 USHER** Street, RM 148  
**COVINGTON, GA** 30014

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200731**  
**8/22,29**

**THE PETITION OF LUCY B. COURCHAINE** widow of **JOSEPH J. COURCHAINE** deceased, for Twelve Month's Support for having been duly filed, all interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections must be in writing and filed with this Court on or before **SEPTEMBER 13., 2021**, at ten o'clock a.m.

**MELANIE M. BELL,** JUDGE By: Marcia Wynne, Clerk  
**PROBATE COURT**  
**NEWTON COUNTY,** Georgia

**NEWTON COUNTY** PROBATE COURT  
**1132 USHER STREET-** RM 148  
**COVINGTON, GA** 30014

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200651**  
**8/15,22,29-9/5**

**THE PETITION OF SANDRA MARIE MORRIS** widow of **JAMES ALAN MORRIS** deceased, for Twelve Month's Support for having been duly filed, all interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections must be in writing and filed with this Court on or before **SEPTEMBER 13., 2021**, at ten o'clock a.m.

**MELANIE M. BELL,** JUDGE By: Marcia Wynne, Clerk  
**PROBATE COURT**  
**NEWTON COUNTY,** Georgia

**NEWTON COUNTY** PROBATE COURT  
**1132 USHER STREET-** RM 148  
**COVINGTON, GA** 30014

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200709**  
**8/15,22,29-9/5**

## CITATION

### TO: UNKNOWN FATHER AND ALL INTRESTED PARTIES

**MICHAEL AND MELLISSA BELCHER** has filed for Temporary Letters of Guardianship of the Person(s) **KALEB ANDERSON** minor(s). All objections must be in writing and filed with this Court on or before **SEPTEMBER 8,2021** at ten o'clock, a.m.

**MELANIE M.** Bell, Judge  
**BY: DANYELL** Thomas, Clerk  
Probate Court, Newton, Georgia

**NEWTON COUNTY** Probate Court  
**1132 USHER** Street, RM 148  
**COVINGTON, GA** 30014

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200730**  
**8/22,29**

## Corporations

### NOTICE OF INCORPORATION

**NOTICE IS** given that articles of incorporation that will incorporate **CHRISTIAN GATHERING-ECG ATLANTA UNTIED INC.** have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Business Corporation Code. The initial registered office of the corporation is located at 135 HELM DR, COVINGTON, GA 30014 and its initial registered agent at such address is DARVIN KELLY

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200727**  
**8/22,29**

## Debtors Creditors

### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **ALVIN REED MORRISON.,** 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 30TH** day of JULY, 2021.

**KIMBERLY LANCASTER**  
**741 BILLUPS AVE**  
**MADISON, GA** 30650

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200681**  
**8/15,22,29-9/5**

### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **AUDREY LOU OWENS** 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 10TH** day of AUGUST, 2021.

**CYNTHIA JESTINGS**  
**607 RICHMOND PL**  
**LOGANVILLE, GA** 30052

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200713**  
**8/15,22,29-9/5**

### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **BETTY JO BATES MARKS.,** 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 30TH** day of JULY, 2021.

**THOMAS W. MARKS**  
**766 WOODLAWN RD**  
**MANSFIELD, GA** 30055

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200674**  
**8/15,22,29,-9/5**

### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **BETTYE GRIER.,** 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 22ND** day of JULY, 2021.

**RASHONDA SHONDELL JACKOSN**  
**3179 TARIAN DR**  
**DECATUR GA** 30034

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200641**  
**8/1,8,15,22**

### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **CARLIE BELCHER.,** 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 23RD** day of JULY, 2021.

**MARION DRISKELL**  
**40 APPIA WAY**  
**COVIGTON, GA** 30014

**PUBLIC NOTICE # 200636**  
**8/1,8,15,22**

### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **CLARA SHEPHERD.,** 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 23RD** day of JULY, 2021.

**EARNEST SHEPHERD**  
**10127 LAKEVIEW DR S.W**  
**COVINGTON, GA** 30014

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200638**  
**8/1,8,15,22**

### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **COTIS D. WEAVER.,** 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 22ND** day of JULY, 2021.

**VASHOFANA BAHT-EL**  
**549 CHAUCEY WAY**  
**STOCKBRIDGE GA** 30281

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200643**  
**8/1,8,15,22**

### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **DONALD EDWARDS MATHEWS** 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 4TH** day of AUGUST , 2021.

**ZACHARY V. MATHEWS**  
**50 BERKSHIRE DR**  
**COVINGTON, GA** 30016

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200712**  
**8/15,22,29-9/5**

### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **GRACE B. GODDARD.,** 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 30TH** day of JULY, 2021.

**RICHARD D. ALLEN**  
**10101 BROWN BRIDGE RD**  
**COVINGTON, GA** 30014

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200680**  
**8/15,22,29-9/5**

### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **HARVEY LEE MCCULLERS, JR.,** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.  
**THIS THE 23RD** day of JULY, 2021.

**SHARA LYNN GREER**  
**25 BRIAR PATCH RD**  
**COVINGTON, GA** 30014

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200639**  
**8/1,8,15,22**

### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **JAMES MADDOX.,** 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 23RD** day of JULY, 2021.

**VICKI MADDOX**  
**10105 N. DINAH CIR**  
**COVINGTON, GA** 30014

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200637**  
**8/1,8,15,22**

### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **JANE WEAVER** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands

CLUES ACROSS

1. Midway between east and southeast

4. Sun up in New York

7. Japanese honorific

8. Czech name for Prague

10. Ochocinco's first name

12. Steep cliffs (Hawaiian)

13. Scots word for "home"

14. Upper class young woman (abbr.)

16. Monetary unit of Albania

17. Raise

19. Drain of resources

20. Uncultured, clumsy persons

21. Hikers use them

25. Retrospective analysis (military)

26. Tibetan form of chanting

27. Influential European statesman

29. Soluble ribonucleic acid

30. Monetary unit of Romania

31. Round green vegetable

32. Well acquainted with

39. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid

41. Basics

42. "The Godfather" actress

Keaton

43. Snakelike fish

44. Tall deciduous tree

45. Russian river

46. Long Balkans river

48. Ancient Greek coin

49. Senegal's capital

50. Unwell

51. Snout

52. Low bank or reef of coral

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

CLUES DOWN

1. Abstain from

2. Vast desert in North Africa

3. Cover the crown of a tooth

4. A major division of geological time

5. Urban center

6. Crook

8. Parts per billion (abbr.)

9. Questions

11. A pack of 52 playing cards

14. Recording of sound

15. Pithy saying

18. Atomic #22

19. Soviet Socialist Republic

and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.  
**THIS THE 6TH** day of AUGUST, 2021.

**JOHN C. WEAVER**  
**70 COLDWATER WAY**  
**COVINGTON, GA** 30016

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200710**  
**8/15,22,29-9/5**

### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **JEFFREY KEITH MITCHELL.,** 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 27TH** day of JULY, 2021

**BRIDGET L. MITCHELL**  
**30 MILLERS LANE**  
**COVINGTON, GA** 30016

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200635**  
**8/1,8,15,22**

### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **KEVIN JAMES LITTELL,** 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 10TH** day of AUGUST, 2021.

**PAMELA LITTELL**  
**386 WESLEY DR**  
**JACKSON, GA** 30233

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200714**  
**8/15,22,29-9/5**

### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **MARY JO REYNOLDS** 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 5TH** day of AUGUST , 2021.

**MELISSA C. NELSON**  
**3155 PONDEROSA DR, SW**  
**COVINGTON, GA** 30014

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200711**  
**8/15,22,29-9/5**

### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **MYCELLA MCPHERSON.,** 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 22ND** day of JULY, 2021.

**MANUEL REID**  
**125 SUMMER WALK DR**  
**COVINGTON, GA** 30016

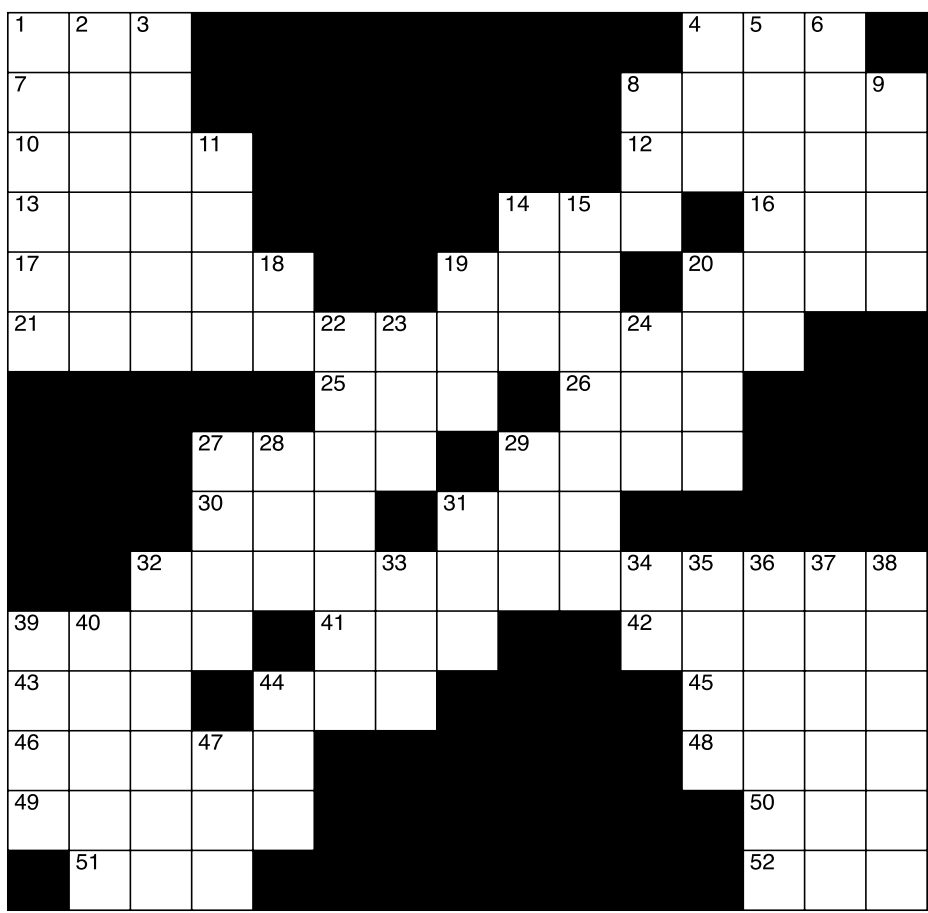
**PUBLIC NOTICE #200642**  
**8/1,8,15,22**

### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **NAKOSHA M. DAVIS.,** 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 27TH** day of JULY, 2021

**FRIEDA DAVIS**  
**4255 MOUNT READ BLVD**  
**ROCHESTER, NY** 14616

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200644**  
**8/1,8,15,22**

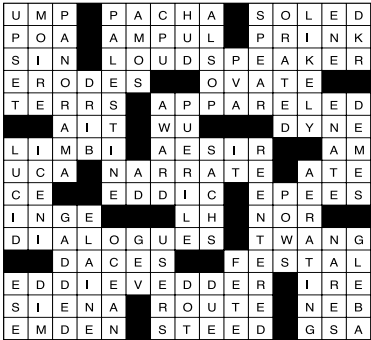


20. Plant with ridged seedpods
22. Innate
23. Investigative body for Congress (abbr.)
24. Soda receptacle
27. Spanish stew: \_\_\_ podrida
28. Viet Cong offensive
29. Large body of water
31. Beginning military rank
32. Dissimilar
33. Counteroffensive system (abbr.)
34. Shows who you are
35. Chinese dynasty
36. Type of verse
37. African nation
38. Quite
39. Former Bucks star Michael

40. Showed again
44. Body part

47. Steal

## LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:



Superior Court of Newton County.  
**THIS, THE 4th** day of AUGUST, 2021

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200701**  
**8/15,22,29-9/5**

## Foreclosures

### NOTICE OF Sale Under Power GEORGIA, NEWTON County

**UNDER AND** by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Deed to Secure Debt given by **Courtney Burrell** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS") as nominee for Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., dated April 27, 2006, and recorded in Deed Book 2176, Page 577, Newton County, Georgia records, having been re-recorded at Deed Book 2942, Page 162, aforesaid records, and as last transferred to The Bank of New York Mellon as Trustee for the Certificateholders of CWABS, Inc. Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-8, by Assignment recorded in Deed Book 2918, Page 289, Newton County, Georgia records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of \$171,750.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned 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 September, 2021, to wit: September 7, 2021, the following described property:

**ALL THAT** tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 40 of the 10th District of Newton County, Georgia, being Lot 59 of Glen Echo Subdivision, Phase One, as per plat recorded in Plat Book 42, Pages 195-198 (more particularly described in Page 197), Newton County, Georgia records, which plat is incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof.

**THE DEBT** secured by said Deed to Secure Debt 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 Deed to Secure Debt. 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 Deed to Secure Debt and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).

**SAID PROPERTY** is commonly known as **40 Glen Echo Drive, Covington, GA 30016**, together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): Courtney Burrell or tenant or 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 Deed to Secure Debt 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; (2) O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1; and (3) 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 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.

**PURSUANT TO** O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2, the entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage with

the debtor is:

**SELECT PORTFOLIO** Servicing, Inc.  
**ATTENTION: LOSS** Mitigation Department  
**3217 S. Decker Lake Drive**  
**SALT LAKE City, Utah** 84119  
**1-888-818-6032**

**THE FOREGOING** notwithstanding, nothing in OC.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require the secured creditor to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the Deed to Secure Debt described herein.

**THIS SALE** is conducted on behalf of the secured creditor under the power of sale granted in the aforementioned security instrument, specifically being **THE BANK** of New York Mellon as Trustee for CWABS, Inc. Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-8  
**AS ATTORNEY** in fact for **COURTNEY BURRELL**  
**RICHARD B.** Maner, P.C.  
**180 INTERSTATE N Parkway,** Suite 200  
**ATLANTA, GA** 30339  
**404.252.6385**

**THIS LAW FIRM** IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.  
**FC21-023**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200660**  
**8/8,15,22,29**

### NOTICE OF Sale Under Power STATE OF Georgia, COUNTY OF Newton

**UNDER AND** by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Cynthia Haughton** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC (the Secured Creditor), dated August 21, 2018, and Recorded on August 28, 2018 as Book No. 3742 and Page No. 611, Newton County, Georgia records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of \$130,494.00, 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 September, 2021, the following described property:

**ALL THAT** tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 28 of the 10th District, Newton County, Georgia, being Lot 7, of Windward Way Subdivision, per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 30, Page 269, Newton County, Georgia records, which recorded plat is incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this description.

**THE DEBT** secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. 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

## See LEGALS, A10



LEGALS:

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**KNOWN AS 75 WINDWARD DRIVE, COVINGTON, GA 30016** is/are: Cynthia Haughton 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 Cynthia Haughton.

**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: 20-41495

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200625**  
**8/8,15,22,29**

**NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER, NEWTON COUNTY**

**PURSUANT TO** the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Nancy L. Hollaway** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for **COUNTRYWIDE BANK, FSB**, its successors and assigns dated 4/25/2008 and recorded in Deed Book 2603 Page 26 and modified at Deed Book 3115 Page 283 and modified at Deed Book 3152 Page 124 and modified at Deed Book 3581 Page 140 Newton County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by **PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC**, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$201,477.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia (or such other area as designated by Order of the Superior Court of said county), within the legal hours of sale on September 7, 2021 (being the first Tuesday of said month unless said date falls on a Federal Holiday, in which case being the first Wednesday of said month), the following described property: All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 43 of the 10th District, Newton County, Georgia, being Lot 20 of Browning Estates Subdivision, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 43, pages 83-86, Newton

County, Georgia Records, which recorded plat is incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this description.

**THE DEBT** secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).

**SAID PROPERTY** is commonly known as **35 Browning Drive, Covington, GA 30016-6216** together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): Nancy L. Hollaway or tenant or tenants.

**PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC** is the entity or individual designated who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage.

**PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC LOSS MITIGATION**  
**3043 TOWNSGATE Road #200, Westlake Village, CA 91361**  
**1-866-549-3583**

**NOTE, HOWEVER**, that such entity or individual is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan.

**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) unpaid water or sewage bills that constitute a lien against the property whether due and payable or not yet due and payable and which may not be of record, (c) the right of redemption of any taxing authority, (d) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (e) any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.

**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. 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.

**PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC** as agent and Attorney in Fact for Nancy L. Hollaway

**ALDRIDGE PITE, LLP**, 15 Piedmont Center, 3575 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 500, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7637.

**1120-23192A**

**THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR**

THAT PURPOSE. 1120-23192A

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200631**  
**8/8,15,22,29**

**Name Changes**

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

**IN RE** the Name Change of Child(ren):  
**JORDYN ELIZABETH YATES**

**VALINCIA A YATES** PETITIONER,  
**V.**  
**MICHAEL RUE** RESPONDENT.

**CIVIL ACTION NUMBER**  
**2021-CV-1717-4**

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF CHILD**

**VALINCIA YATES** filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on JULY 28, 2021, to change the name of the following minor child:  
**FROM: JORDYN ELIZABETH YATES** to **JORDYN ELIZABETH RUE** 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).

**VALINCIA YATES**  
**4155 N DEARING ST NE**  
**COVINGTON, GA 30014**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200663**  
**8/8,15,22,29**

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

**IN RE** the Name Change of:  
**ESSENCE CHENELLE MCCRAY** PETITIONER,

**CIVIL ACTION NUMBER**  
**2021-CV-1792-2**

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF ADULT**

**ESSENCE CHENELLE MCCRAY** filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on AUGUST 2, 2021, to change the name of the following minor child  
**FROM: ESSENCE CHENELLE MCCRAY** to **ESSENCE CHENELLE ONI ESEIEH** 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).

**ESSENCE CHENELLE MCCRAY**  
**125 CRESTFIELD CIR**  
**COVINGTON, GA 30016**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200703**  
**8/15,22,29-9/5**

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF**

**NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA**

**IN RE** the Name Change of:  
**MORENA G. MENDEZ** PETITIONER,

**CIVIL ACTION NUMBER**  
**2021-CV-1791-1**

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF ADULT**

**MORENA G. MENDEZ** filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on AUGUST 3, 2021, to change the name of the following minor child  
**FROM: MORENA G. MENDEZ** to **MORENA G. AGUIRRE** 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).

**MORENA G. MENDEZ**  
**130 SADDLEBROOK DR**  
**COVINGTON, GA 30016**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200702**  
**8/15,22,29-9/5**

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

**IN RE** the name change of  
**KAMELL ERNESTO FERGUSON** PETITIONER

**CIVIL ACTION File**  
**# 2021-CV-1709-3**

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF ADULT**

**KAMELL ERNESTO FERGUSON** filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on JULY 15, 2021 to change the name from **KAMELL ERNESTO FERGUSON** to **KAMELL ERNESTO SALAS** Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after the Petition was filed  
**DATE: 7/15/21**

**KAMELL ERNESTO FERGUSON**  
**100 WYNDMONT WAY**  
**COVINGTON, GA 30014**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200662**  
**8/8,15,22,29**

**Public Hearings**

**MODIFICATION TO CONDITIONS OF ZONING**  
**GEORGIA, NEWTON County**

**A PETITION** (MOD21-000002) HAS BEEN FILED WITH THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR A MODIFICATION TO THE CONDITIONS OF ZONING FOR THE PROPERTY BELONGING TO: **T ALLEN FAMILY PROPERTIES** WHOSE SUBJECT PROPERTY ADDRESS/LOCATION 3185 & 3195 HWY 212, BEING ON TAX MAP PARCELS 51-56 & 51-57. **APPLICANT IS REQUESTING TO MODIFY THE CONDITIONS OF ZONING TO ALLOW OUTSIDE STORAGE ON THE PROPERTY.** **PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HEARD BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON THE: TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2021 AT**

7:30 PM  
**HIS MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE NEWTON COUNTY HISTORIC COURTHOUSE, 3RD FLOOR BOARDROOM. THOSE HAVING CONCERNS ABOUT THIS PETITION SHOULD ATTEND THIS MEETING.**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200728**  
**8/22**

**Public Notice**

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

**ANTOMS J. BELL** PLAINTIFF,  
**V**  
**MIKAELA HODGES,** DEFENDANT,

**ACTION NO.2020-CV-399-4**

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

**TO: MIKAELA** Hodges  
**80 VICTORIA Blvd**  
**OXFORD, GA 30054**

**BY ORDER** of the Court for service by publication dated July 30, 2021 you are hereby notified that on May 29, 2021 ,the Plaintiff, Antom Bell , filed suit against you for Legitimation.

**YOU ARE** required to file an Answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of order for publication with the clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County and to serve a copy of the answer upon the plaintiff(if pro se) or upon the plaintiff's attorney (if represented).Witness the Honorable Layla H. Zon ,Judge of the Superior Court of Newton County.

**THIS, THE 3rd** day of August 2021

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200707**  
**8/15,22,29-9/5**

**Public Sales Auctions**

**EAGLES NEST** Mini Storage  
**ONLINE AUCTION** at  
Storageauctions.com  
**BIDDING ENDS** at 8 PM CST  
September 1, 2021  
**CONTAINS HOUSEHOLD** goods  
**A2 - \$375.00**  
**B1 - \$375.00**  
**F3 - \$365.00**  
**G4 - \$400.00**  
**G11 - \$270.00**  
**G53 - \$330.00**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #200719**  
**8/18,22,25,29-9/1**

**Trade Names**

**TRADE NAME REGISTRATION AFFIDAVIT**  
**GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY**

**TO WHOM** It may Concern:  
**PLEASE BE** advised tha **AFFINITY BANK INC** whose address is 3175 HIGHWAY 278, COVINGTON, GA 30014 and the owner(s) of the certain business now being carried on at 3175 HIGHWAY 278 COVINGTON, GA 30014 in the following trade name, to-wit: LEAPFROG MORTGAGE that the nature of said business is:

**MORTGAGE ORIGINATION AND SERVICING** This statement is made in conformity with O.C.G.A. §10-1-490 et seq. requiring the filing of such statement with the Clerk of Superior Court of this county.  
**THIS THE 6TH** day of AUGUST , 2021.

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## UGA researchers target new virus threatening cotton crops

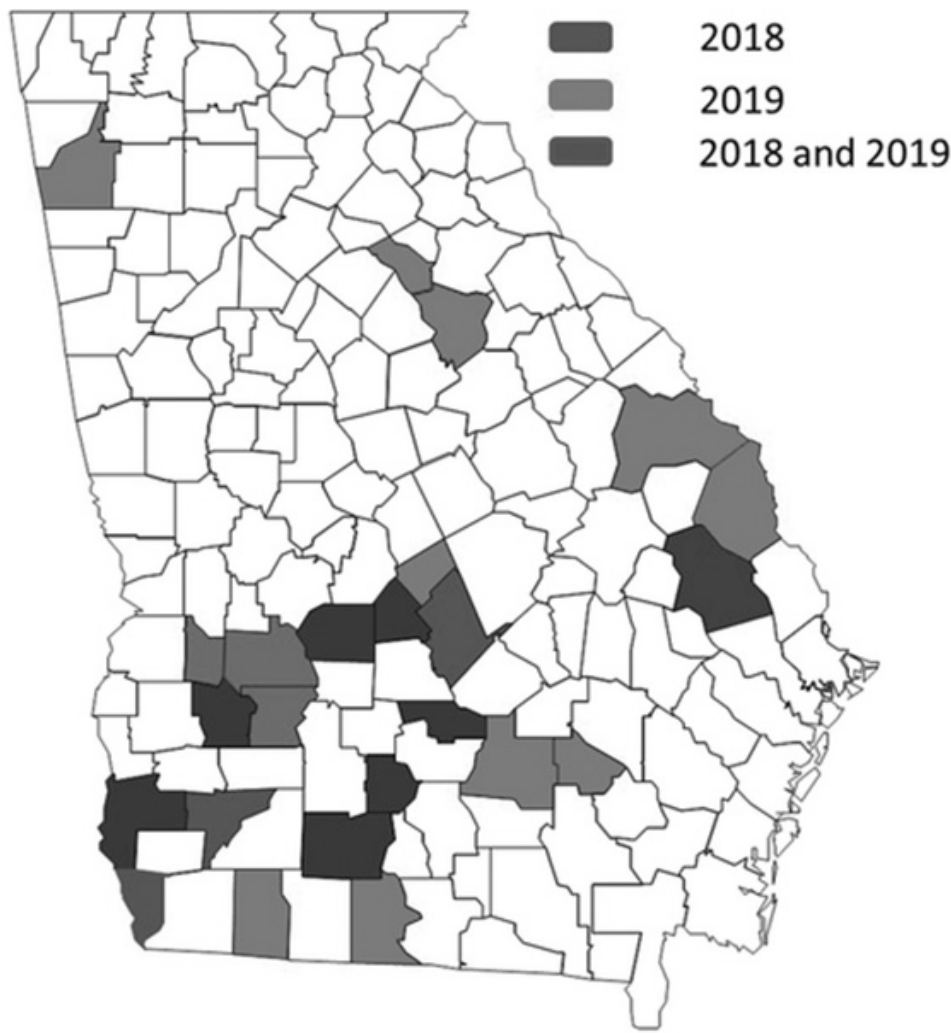
By MARIA M. LAMEIRAS  
UGA CAES News

ATHENS, Ga. — While aphids aren’t a direct threat to cotton plants, they can carry a persistent virus that is difficult to control and can cause significant losses in one of Georgia’s most important crops.

First identified in Alabama in 2017, cotton leaf roll dwarf virus (CLRDV) — which causes leaf reddening, crinkling and curling, as well as deformation of cotton bolls — started spreading quickly. By 2019, it had been detected in every state of the cotton-producing region east of Texas, including Georgia. CLRDV is related to the virus that causes cotton blue disease (CBD), which has been endemic in cotton crops in Argentina and Brazil, causing yield losses up to 80%.

To better understand the genetic diversity of the CLRDV population, the team mapped the near-complete genomes of six virus samples from Georgia and one from Alabama to compare with samples from other areas in the U.S., South America and China.

While CLRDV has not caused as much yield loss in Georgia as CBD has in other cotton-growing regions, avoiding the virus to prevent potential yield loss is an important focus of research for Sudeep Bag, assistant professor of crop



The UGA cotton research team identified 24 Georgia counties where the presence of cotton leafroll dwarf virus (CLRDV) has been confirmed from commercial fields and UGA research farms during 2018-2019.

virology in the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences (CAES) at the University of Georgia’s Tifton campus. In March, Bag published a paper describing the virus in the journal Crops and Soils with UGA Cooperative Extension entomologist Phillip Roberts and UGA plant pathology professor Bob Kemmerait.

Because the virus has spread rapidly throughout the Cotton Belt and has been detected in both symptomatic and asymptomatic cotton

plants — and because there are not yet reliable chemical controls for either the aphids that carry the disease or the virus itself — Bag said avoidance and removal of alternate hosts are currently the best recommendations based on the team’s research.

“Until we had knowledge of the virus, aphids had not been a problem to cotton growers. It’s not the pest — it’s the virus that is the problem,” said Bag, adding that research into chemical

control for the virus is not developed enough to help producers currently dealing with the disease.

Since 2018, the researchers have tracked the virus extensively in Georgia cotton fields and have discovered that the virus is able to survive in harvested cotton stalks in the field over the winter. It is a common practice to leave cotton stalks in the field after harvest, then till them into the soil before the next season’s planting. But it appears to be time to

rethink that practice.

“Many growers leave the cotton stalks in the field after all of the bolls are harvested. The general thinking is that winter will come the freezing weather will kill the plant and the virus, but based on what we have learned in the past year, winter temperatures are often not cold enough to kill all of the virus in south Georgia,” Bag said.

Field testing over the past year has shown that winter temperatures were not enough to kill all of the plants, allowing the virus to remain viable. Once those stalks are tilled under and new cotton is planted, the virus is then able to infect the new plants.

“Growers should remove those stalks as soon as possible after harvest. We understand this adds an extra expenditure for growers in an already expensive farming operation, but it is about trying to avoid a virus and minimizing its inoculum in nature, which could cause heavy losses in the next crop,” said Bag, adding that his team found that the virus had survived in 75% of the cotton stalks left in one field tested for the study.

Additionally, researchers have identified at least 23 common weeds that can carry the virus between crop plantings.

“Through alternate host studies, we found that there are 23 species

of weeds where the virus survived outside of the cotton plants. These weeds are not all winter weeds, some fall across the seasonal and calendar year. Apart from the cotton plants, the virus is surviving on those plant species growing close to the cotton fields,” Bag said. “Growers need to avoid or control those weed species in their cotton fields.”

The results, published this summer in the journal Crop Protection, recommend weed control, conservation tillage and field sanitation by removing spent cotton stalks to help growers avoid or mitigate the virus. The research is a combined effort of the UGA Extension Cotton Team, with researchers from the CAES departments of plant pathology, entomology, and crop and soil sciences. The research team on the project includes Kemmerait, Roberts, UGA Extension cotton agronomist Jared Whitaker, postdoctoral researcher Afsha Tabassum, doctoral candidate Nabin Sedhain and master’s degree student Patrick Triana. The research is supported by the Georgia Cotton Commission, Georgia Farm Bureau and Cotton Incorporated.

For more information on plant virology research being performed at UGA-Tifton, visit the lab’s website at site.caes.uga.edu/plantvirologylab.

## Summer’s end calls for winter gardening prep for ‘cold crops’

By BOB WESTERFIELD  
UGA CAES News

ATHENS, Ga. — The end of summer into early fall tends to be the hottest time of the year in the state of Georgia. Many of us are about tired of laboring in our summer gardens, and the heat, humidity, and disease and insect pressure have certainly taken their toll on our summer crops. However, for those of us who still have the gardening itch, the last weeks of summer are the ideal time to prepare your garden for winter vegetables.

If you haven’t done so already, it’s a good idea to soil test to check out the nutrient levels of your garden plot. The pH of the soil is the most critical element to determine and should be adjusted to a range of 6.2 to 6.8. Spent summer vegetables should be removed and added to the compost pile, allowing room to till and plant new crops. The garden can now be tilled and smoothed to get ready for winter vegetables.

Winter crops — such as broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower and Brussels sprouts — are best planted as transplants. Leaf lettuce, Swiss chard and other fall and winter greens do well



Late summer is the right time to prepare soil for September to October plantings of cool-season crops such as cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower, collards, kale, Swiss chard and Brussels sprouts.

when directly seeded into the garden. Take care not to cover tiny seeds too deeply or they will have trouble germinating. University of Georgia Cooperative Extension offers a vegetable garden calendar to help guide your planting choices.

When it comes to growing winter vegetables, the biggest challenge sometimes comes from temperature extremes, which can swing from very warm to extremely cold virtually overnight. Warmer than normal days can

cause lettuce to bolt and get bitter. Bolting occurs on leafy greens when they sense warm temperatures and try to put up seed heads. Insects invasions pose another problem for winter vegetables.

Controlling pests and diseases

Although many summer pests have begun to subside, there are still plenty of pest insects out there. White flies and aphids could still be present from the summer garden. Cabbage looper is another pesky insect that

loves to tunnel through cabbage, broccoli and other greens. Snails and

slugs can also manifest themselves on warmer evenings, creating holes

in your plants. When it

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# Developer gains Newton board’s approval for I-20 travel center

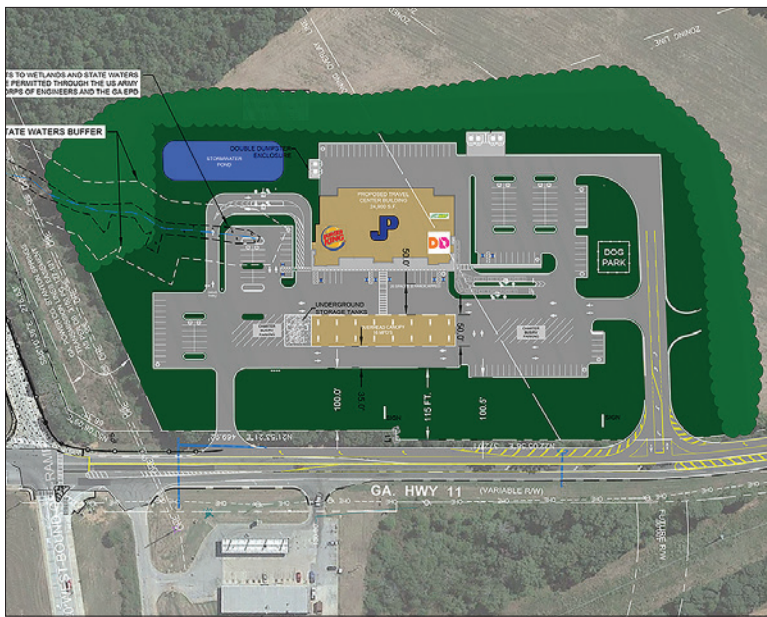
**By TOM SPIGOLON**  
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COVINGTON, Ga. — A developer’s months-long fight to build a travel center along I-20 in northeast Newton cleared a major hurdle Tuesday night.

The Newton County Board of Commissioners voted 3-2 to approve a conditional use permit for Jackson-based JPC Design & Construction to build a convenience store with underground fuel tanks on a 46-acre site at I-20 and Georgia Hwy. 11 near Social Circle.

It also apparently ended legal action by the landowner and JPC which sought damages for monetary losses caused by the board’s February denial of a rezoning for the travel center. The Board voted to approve a settlement of the lawsuit filed earlier this year.

The building is now planned to include a convenience store and at least three fast-



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Special Photo

food restaurants in a 24,000-square-foot building.

LeAnne Long, a former commissioner who represented homeowners in the nearby River Cove neighborhood, said “the developer worked with us” on its plans.

“Technically they didn’t have to work with us on any of the design or anything — they only needed permission from the county to put in underground tanks,” Long

said.

Commissioner Stan Edwards, whose district includes the site, said “thank goodness” the developer agreed to remove planned facilities and services for tractor-trailer drivers while complying with design requirements of the Brick Store overlay zone.

“I believe we’ve struck a good balance,” he told commissioners.

JPC, Davis and a group including Edwards negotiated plans that included devising a new design — including a return to the original size JPC proposed for the building in January.

The 3-2 votes for the conditional use permit and settlement included “yes” votes from Edwards, District 2 Commissioner Demond Mason and District 5 Commissioner Ronnie Cowan — who attended the meeting remotely by phone.

The “no” votes came from District 3 Commissioner Alana Sanders and District 4 Commissioner J.C. Henderson.

Henderson said he based both votes on the fact he was not included in the negotiations.

“I think as a commissioner I should have the right to know what’s going on,” he said.

JPC and landowner Jack P. Davis of Athens filed the lawsuit in Newton County Superior Court in March. It asked a judge to order the county to cover the monetary losses they said commissioners caused by denying a rezoning and not allowing construction of the travel center.

The undeveloped 46-acre site at I-20 and Ga. Highway 11 is about three miles south of the Walton County line adjacent to part of Social Circle within Newton County.

JPC initially sought

to rezone the entire site to Highway Commercial (CH) from a mix of Agricultural Residential (AR) and CH for construction of a 24,000-square-foot travel center serving tractor-trailer and passenger vehicles, with future plans that included a supermarket in a separate building.

After the county planning commission and Board of Commissioners denied the request, JPC submitted a plan in May it negotiated with nearby homeowners groups that showed a building two-thirds smaller and not including facilities to serve tractor-trailers.

However, JPC wanted additional changes residents and county officials opposed and the Board of Commissioners voted June 15 to delay action on it.

For the permit the Board approved Tuesday, JPC agreed to such conditions as a 100-foot, landscaped buffer between its parking area and Hwy. 11, except for driveways; operating hours of 5 a.m. to 12:30 a.m.; a 35-foot buffer along any streams; no overnight parking or parking of more than two hours except for employees; no visible retention ponds; no facilities for long-haul drivers, and more.

Edwards said on his Facebook page the project met all the requirements of the Brick

Store overlay zoning — which includes such building features as a brick-sided building.

“I know many people didn’t want anything there. They want it to be kudzu forever, including myself, but it is simply unrealistic to believe that could be the case,” he said on his Facebook page after the meeting.

“By right they could have built a (100,000-square-foot) building without board approval,” Edwards said.

He said landowners have a right “to sell their property for the best possible use within the criteria set by the local government.”

Developers have said in recent years they were interested in building everything from outlet malls to apartments in the same area, Edwards said.

The site is near Georgia State University’s Newton campus and a comparatively undeveloped interstate exit.

The new plan’s design is similar to a travel center that JPC’s parent company, Jackson-based Jones Petroleum, operates near I-75 in Butts County, company officials said.

The I-20 center faced opposition from residents of neighborhoods near the site who said the developer should be required to begin the entire planning process again because of the changes it made.

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comes to control, early detection is key. Monitor plants regularly to spot the first signs of insect trouble. Organic insect control products, such as *Bacillus thuringiensis* (Bt) or DiPel, work very well on caterpillar-type insects such as loopers. Other insects can often be chased off or killed with pyrethrins — pesticides found naturally in some chrysanthemum flowers. Other options are Safer® brand insect-killing soap or mild insecticides. Quick control is essential to catch insects before they tunnel deep into the plants. Caterpillars deep inside a cabbage head will be heavily protected from all the leaves and may not be affected by insecticides. Information on home and garden insect control is available in the Georgia Pest Management Handbook: 2021 Home and Garden Edition.

Disease also can be an issue in the winter garden, but usually less so than in the summer months. Foliar diseases, root rots and potential viruses, while not overly common, can still affect the winter garden if not carefully monitored. Many are brought on by poor cultivation practices. Mulching around plants with pine straw, wheat straw or chips can protect weeds from being contaminated with disease-bearing soil. A few inches of mulch will also help cut down on

winter weeds, as well as help moderate root temperatures. Watering practices can also influence the potential for disease.

When possible, use soaker hoses or drip irrigation to water all winter vegetables. Overhead water with a sprinkler wets the foliage and makes vegetables more susceptible to disease. Overhead irrigation also wets much of the non-target area and encourages excess weed growth while wasting water. Walk through your garden regularly and remove any leaves showing symptoms of disease. This helps keep disease at bay and most of the time the plant will recover. When it comes to watering, people often believe cooler temperatures mean plants no longer need supplemental irrigation, but this is not the case. Vegetables still need one to one-and-a-half inches of water per week to obtain optimum growth. Container grown or raised beds may need more frequent watering as they tend to lose water faster and dry out.

**Enriching the soil**

One of the final components for managing your winter garden is providing proper nutrition to plants. While the soil sample run through your county UGA Cooperative Extension office should give the proper recipe for fertilization success, many gardeners chose

to wing it and fertilize without testing. If you choose this route, it is best to keep it simple. Leafy green vegetables will require more nitrogen than winter peas, carrots or even broccoli.

Without a soil sample, I would fertilize with a premium fertilizer that contains micro-nutrients as my initial feeding at planting. After the crop begins to form up a tiny vegetable, I would then fertilize with a product such as 12-4-8. Be careful not to feed you plants too much or you’ll push out excessive growth and fewer vegetables. Some vegetables, like greens and broccoli, can continue to be harvested even after the initial harvest. Additional fertilization every three to five weeks should help ensure a healthy harvest. A guide for fertilizing a variety of crops is available from UGA’s Agricultural and Environmental Services Laboratories.

Although winter gardening has its challenges, it is also one of the most pleasant times of year to spend in the garden. While you certainly can purchase all of this produce at the grocery store, there is simply nothing like being able to harvest fresh vegetables from the garden and cooking them the same evening. The satisfaction and flavor are better than anything you can purchase from the store.



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@ North Forsyth – 7-37, L  
8/27 vs. Newton (Sharp)  
9/10 @ Eastside (Sharp)  
9/24 @ Rockdale County\*  
10/1 @ Lowndes  
10/8 @ Colquitt County  
10/15 vs. Grovetown\*  
10/22 @ Lakeside-Evans\*  
10/29 @ Heritage-Conyers\*  
11/6 vs. Evans\*

Eastside Eagles

0-0 (0-0)

8/27 @ Winder-Barrow  
9/3 @ Newton (Sharp)  
9/10 vs. Alcovy  
9/17 vs. Johnson-Gainesville\*  
9/24 @ Apalachee\*  
10/1 vs. Clarke Central\*  
10/8 vs. Loganville\*  
10/22 @ Jackson County\*  
10/29 @ Walnut Grove\*  
11/5 vs. Greenbrier\*

Newton Rams

1-0 (0-0)

@ Langston Hughes – 7-6, W/OT  
8/27 @ Alcovy  
9/3 vs. Eastside (Sharp)  
9/17 @ McEachern  
9/24 vs. Houston County  
10/1 vs. Parkview\*  
10/15 @ Brookwood\*  
10/22 vs. Mill Creek  
10/29 vs. Grayson\*  
11/5 vs. South Gwinnett\*

Social Circle Redskins

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George Walton – 40-6, W  
8/27 vs. Providence Ch.  
9/3 @ Walnut Grove  
9/10 @ Putnam County  
9/17 vs. Oglethorpe Co.  
10/1 @ Washington-Wilkes\*  
10/8 vs. Lincoln County\*  
10/22 @ Commerce\*  
10/29 vs. Towns County\*  
11/5 @ Greene County\*

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Newton Rams 7, Langston Hughes Panthers 6

OVERTIME THRILLER

Rams earn victory over Langston Hughes in dramatic season opener

Rams rejoice Friday night after Newton converts a PAT to defeat Langston Hughes 7-6 in overtime. The Rams (1-0) return home to Sharp Stadium next week to face off against county rival Alcovy (0-1).

By PHILLIP B. HUBBARD  
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FAIRBURN, Ga. — The Newton Rams won its season opener 7-6 in overtime against the Langston Hughes Panthers on Friday thanks in part to the leg of sophomore kicker Jefferson Hernandez.

In a game that the winning team only needed one point to win, Newton’s definitive point came on a PAT kick in overtime.

After Jevarra Martin Jr. connected with Andrew Leslie for a four-yard touchdown, Newton successfully did what the Panthers couldn’t: convert the extra point try.

When the ball went through the uprights, the eruption that came from the visiting stands and sideline was reminiscent of a home game.

Once the game concluded, head coach Camiel Grant Jr. highlighted his team’s heart as

Sophomore kicker Jefferson Hernandez (35) celebrates after converting a PAT kick in overtime to win the game against Langston Hughes.

the difference maker down the stretch.

“I think this win does a lot for their confidence to know

they can play in a game like this,” Grant said. “There’s only positive things to say for the way we finished the

game.”

The score came after the end of regulation and the teams were tied 0-0.

Though the offense delivered the game-winning score, the final result may not have even been possible if it not for the stellar defensive play by the Rams.

Specifically in overtime, Newton surrendered a one-yard touchdown run to the Panthers. Most teams at that moment could’ve quit, but not the Rams.

On the ensuing extra point attempt, Newton blocked it and gave its offense a chance.

Defensive coordinator Spencer Fortson recognized that it was a complete defensive effort throughout Friday’s contest.

“We came together as a unit and played hard,” Fortson

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Prep Football

# Eagles use scrimmage as measuring stick for 2021

By **GARRETT PITTS**  
Correspondent

MONROE, Ga. — The Eagles came up short in a hard-fought scrimmage against the Monroe Area Hurricanes on Aug. 12 as they lost 35-28 in the high scoring shootout.

This is the first season as head coach for former offensive coordinator Jay Cawthon, and the scrimmage against a tough Monroe Area team would be a good test to see where the team is at as the 2021 season quickly approaches.

The Hurricanes got the ball to open the game, but it would be the Eagles that would open strong as senior Ramon Hernandez would come up with the fumble recovery for Eastside.

“We [have] a lot of kids on defense who have never played on Friday night, we thought we might get hit early,” Cawthon said. “But they [turned it up] and they were flying around.”

Following a three and out from the Eastside offense, Monroe Area would not miss their next opportunity as the Hurricane offense would drive down the field and eventually score on a touchdown pass from quarterback Selatian Straughter Jr. to put them ahead 7-0.

On the next Hurricane drive, the Eagles defense would force their second turnover as senior Jonathan Wright would pick up the



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**Saabir Berrian (1) collects an 11-yard touchdown completion for Eastside during the team's scrimmage in Monroe on Aug. 12.**

fumble inside Monroe Area territory to set up junior quarterback Johnny Crowe with great field position.

Crowe would not waste any time as he found junior wideout Saabir Berrian for the 11-yard touchdown to tie the game at 7-7.

The celebration would be short lived as it would only take the Hurricanes one play to strike back as Straughter Jr. would score again on a 79-yard touchdown pass to open the next Monroe Area drive and take the lead 14-14.

The second quarter would start off slow for both teams, but the last five minutes before halftime both teams started to pick up the pace. Multiple big plays from Crowe to drive the Eagles down the field led to a 15-yard rushing touchdown by senior Dallas Johnson to tie the game back up at 14-14.

During last season, the Eagles were a run first offense due to an injury at the quarterback position, but the addition of Crowe into the offense can open new doors for what the team is capable of.

“[Having a consistent pass game] means they cannot stack the box against us since we can attack outside more, we think we need a good balance,” Cawthon said.

During the last two minutes of the half, the Hurricanes would put together two scoring drives by Straughter Jr. as two passing touchdowns would give Monroe Area a sizeable 28-14 lead going into halftime.

As the second half of the game began, the starters for both teams took a seat to give playing time to the second and third teams for both Eastside and Monroe Area.

“[The younger players] practice just as hard as the varsity,” Cawthon said. “It is good to see them play, and it was exciting to see them succeed.”

The third quarter would

be scoreless for both teams as the defenses dominated coming out of the break.

The game would go without a score until the last three minutes of the fourth quarter as the Hurricanes would connect on another big passing touchdown to extend their lead to 35-14.

During the final minutes, the Eagles were able to put together a few scoring drives to bring the game closer. Junior quarterback E’sean Arnold would find junior wideout Aeron Gresham down the middle of the field for the 40-yard touchdown pass.

A quick stop from the defense would allow the Eagles to score on their last drive of the game on a 3-yard rush from freshman Tyler Marks to bring the final score to 35-28 and a win for the Hurricanes ahead of the new season.

Despite a loss in the scrimmage, Cawthon believes the team is ready and will use the next week off to piece together the team ahead of week one.

“In two weeks, I think our guys will be ready to go up to the hostile environment in Winder-Barrow,” Cawthon said.

The Eagles will open their 2021 season on the road in a non-region game as they take on the Winder Barrow Bulldogs Friday, Aug. 27.

## State of the Program

# Redskins athletics want to build on 2020 success

By **PHILLIP B. HUBBARD**  
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SOCIAL CIRCLE, Ga. — Last year was labeled a ‘pandemic year,’ by Social Circle Athletic Director Craig Hargrove. Despite the coronavirus stealing most of the headlines last year, though, the Redskins had great success.

The football team returned to the playoffs for the first time in 10 years. Competitive cheerleading also finished sixth in the state. In addition, both the boys and girls soccer programs make it to the second round of the state tournament.

Then, the softball team returns three seniors who won the state tournament during their freshmen season. Boy’s basketball returns a lot of talent, too, which should give them an edge this season.

Even over the summer, the Redskins wrestling program placed at Disney.

Hargrove doesn’t want to focus on last year’s success, though. He’s actually noticed that all of the programs have spent the summer working toward better results in 2021.

“The summer has been real productive,” Hargrove said. “We had a busy summer that was a lot of fun, but we’re ready for the regular season now.”

The football, softball, basketball, cheerleading and baseball teams had summer workouts in preparation for their seasons. In addition to their team workouts, a lot of programs hosted youth



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**Social Circle’s athletic programs seeks to build on a successful 2020, despite the pandemic’s obstacles.**

campers as well for more community involvement.

And, with the regular season already started, the community will notice some different faces at the helm of a few athletic programs.

For instance, softball is now lead by Bryan Eades in his first year. The girl’s basketball team is lead by first year head coach Dave LaBarrie, too.

While there may have been a few adjustments to a couple of programs, the mainstay of Social Circle athletics remains intact.

The wrestling program has remained constant for the past several years. Hargrove has noticed that, if the wrestling team isn’t winning state, then its name is usually in the mix for it.

All of their success seems to stem back to head coach, Randy Prater whose effect is school wide, according to Hargrove.

“Any of our younger coaches go to him and ask him for advice

of certain situations,” Hargrove said. “It’s safe to say our wrestling program is our cornerstone.”

Overall, Hargrove is excited about Social Circle athletics in 2021. He’s not excited about just one program in particular, but all of them.

Hargrove highlighted that the student-athletes have worked extremely hard this summer to produce better results on the field/court.

And, seeing the product of that work displayed in front of the community is what excites Hargrove the most.

“The thing you get most excited for is Friday night or Tuesday night softball game or the Thursday night basketball game,” Hargrove said. “The event is what excites me as an athletic director. You see all of the work the coaches and players put in and seeing the success happen is what makes it fun for me.”

## State of the Program

# Lady Eagles blank Union Grove in season opener

By **PHILLIP B. HUBBARD**  
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Eastside defeated Union Grove 8-0 in the Lady Eagles’ season opener Wednesday, Aug. 18.

Eastside benefitted from a strong second inning to place separation between them and their opponent.

After scoring a couple of runs in the bottom of the first inning, the Lady Eagles held a 7-0 advantage following the second inning.

Heather Henderson started things off with a single that scored Natalie Ray. As a result of a Union Grove error, Henderson then advanced to second.

Saniah Lederer was placed in the game as a courtesy runner for Henderson and that decision paid off for the Lady Eagles. Lederer landed on third base after a Union Grove error, but that wasn’t enough for the junior.

Lederer proceeded to steal home plate and make the score 5-0.

Things just went on from there as Emma Hopper brought in two runs off of a single to pad her team’s lead. Eastside’s final run was scored in the bottom of the third inning to give them the definitive 8-0 win.

Eight runs were plenty of a cushion for starting pitcher, Dezariah Johnson.

The sophomore pitched five innings in which she only surrendered three hits, struck out nine batters and walked one in her outing.

It was an all-around performance for Eastside as they begin their season 1-0.

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## Prep Volleyball



Special to The Covington News

**Eastside's volleyball team has three wins so far, and they've all come at home.**

# Volleyball season underway for area schools

By **PHILLIP B. HUBBARD**  
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During a week in which Hurrican Fred washed out most outdoor sports, volleyball took center stage in Covington.

Alcovy, Eastside, Newton and Peachtree Academy each began their 2021 seasons within the past two weeks. Piedmont Academy's volleyball season starts on Aug. 26 at Jones County.

Here's how all the teams have fared:

## Alcovy

The Lady Tigers' season began on Tuesday, Aug. 17 against Lanier and North Oconee High School. They lost to Lanier 2-0 and no score was published for their match against North Oconee.

On Aug. 19, Alcovy lost 2-0 against Young Americans Christian High School (YACHS) to close out the week.

## Eastside

Eastside volleyball's



Special to The Covington News

**Peachtree Academy has swept its first two matchups of 2021 season.**

team has been the busiest to start the year. It started the season on Aug. 10 and its latest match was Aug. 17.

The Lady Eagles are an overall 3-6. All three wins have come at home against Johnson High School, Newton and Rockdale County.

## Newton

So far, the Lady Rams have only had three matches.

They lost a combined 4-0 against Rockdale County and Eastside on Aug. 12 and lost 2-0 against YACHS on Aug. 16.

## Peachtree Academy

The Lady Panthers swept its first two matchups of the 2021 season.

Peachtree defeated New Creation 3-0 on Aug. 16 and defeated Creekside 3-0 on Aug. 19.

*Editor's Note: All scores are according to Maxpreps.*

## SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

UGA Athletics

ATHENS, Ga. — Georgia head football Coach Kirby Smart met with reporters via Zoom Saturday, Aug. 14 and offered the following comments regarding the team's first scrimmage and the upcoming 2021 season:

### Opening Statement...

"Scrimmage one in the books, I was proud of the effort of our guys because it has been a stretch of six, seven, eight practices in a row with one day off in between. I thought it was really hot early out there and the guys came through with good energy. We had some good competitive drives. We did some kicking situations as live as we can-similar to how we do our spring game, it was good. We got a lightning strike within a six-mile radius. I thought Ron (Courson) and his staff did an amazing job, the football operations staff with Josh Lee as well. We jumped on the buses and got back over, got in the indoor and we were started within 12 minutes of leaving the other field. That was important in terms of not having to warm up again and do all of those things. We were able to complete our scrimmage inside. I thought the guys really competed hard, we had some good competitive drives, a lot of situations, a lot of situational football. We have a long way to go. We are beat up a little bit at wide out, we have some injuries so we don't have all of our guys out there- we have a lot of guys injured all around, but this time of year I think everyone does. But the most important thing for us is to get some reps tomorrow, get healed up, and we will get back to work on Monday."

### On the highlights from the scrimmage...

"Special teams highlights... Pod was pretty consistent. I'm not sure exactly. I think he hit two 45 yard field goals. He was very accurate there. I thought Zirkel, in the indoor hit a good field goal. I don't know the length, it was pretty long. He hit it and made a field goal from distance, I thought our kickoffs had good hang times. Camarda hit an excellent punt that pouched and backed up around the goal line. He's got to continue to work on his consistency. Some of his best punts out punt the coverage. You talk about distance and hang time, but sometimes he just out kicks the coverage. We've got to have elite gunners. We lost two of the best gunners in the world last year in (Eric) Stokes and Tyson

## Georgia Bulldogs

# Smart talks team's performance, growth after first scrimmage



UGA Athletics

**Head coach Kirby Smart told reporters that his team brought a lot of energy during their first scrimmage, but they still have "a long way to go."**

(Campbell), and we've got to replace those guys for Camarda.

"Offensively, I thought Kenny (McIntosh) hit a couple wheel routes. Kenny did a nice job out of the back field, made people miss. Justin Robinson made a nice play down the field. We had a couple interceptions. Some were on tipped balls. I thought Jamon Dumas-Johnson made a great play on a pick. He has flashed in camp. You know this kid did not play his senior year, they canceled football and he didn't get to play. I keep watching him, and I'm like man who is No. 10. Man who is that. He flashes and makes plays. He and Smael (Mondon) are just so hard working and tough and strike people. I feel like we have to real good young players at linebacker. They're going to be real good players, but nobody really stuck out or anything like that. There weren't really a lot of turnovers in the scrimmage, but there weren't a lot of big plays either."

### On where he feels his team is the strongest and what the team needs to work on the most...

"Well our strongest area right now is connection. I know that is not what you want to hear, but that's what I'm most proud of. The relationships, how they feel about each other, and being very intentional about the time we spend to know what we're fighting for. The area we can work on the most, it's hard to pick one, I mean depth at several positions. I feel really good about the first 22 and a lot of different looks, but I don't feel great about the depth of our team, and getting more players to play winning football so we can get to where we need to go."

### On how the secondary improved this week...

"I'll start with DK (Derion

Kendrick). DK had one of his best friends pass away, and he's practiced every practice with us, but today we excused him to go to a funeral. He'll be back tonight, so he was not out there today. He's done a good job to be honest with you. He's been very consistent, very intelligent. He comes from a good program. They play multiple coverages in their secondary. He's learned... you know there was a concern that can he learn our stuff fast enough, but that's not a concern. He's very intelligent. He understands it. He plays big, bigger than he is. He's physical ... LC (Lovasea Carroll) and Nyland (Green) are both in a growth process of learning. I think they are going to be good players. They are getting a lot of reps. Kamari Lassiter is a guy that didn't get to play in the spring, he wasn't hear, but he's really been a surprise highlight of camp. He's intentional. He's smart. He cares about special teams. He learns the first time you tell him. Just another evidence that if you go get smart students that can run, they can play. I think he is going to be a really good football players. At star, (Latavious) Brini and Tykee (Smith) have split that time. I would say that both those guys are neck and neck. If you remember last year we had (Mark) Webb and Tyrique Stevenson that both played that star position in the same games. These guys are very similar not necessarily in their skill set, but similar in that we may play them that way. That gives Brini the opportunity to go play back at safety and provide us some depth. He played safety in a couple games last year and was able to play really well."

The Bulldogs open their season Sept. 4 against Clemson in Charlotte, North Carolina. Kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m.

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## RAMS:

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Anthony Banks | The Covington News

**Newton quarterback Jevarra Martin Jr. (18) tries to score in overtime against Langston Hughes on Friday. The Rams won the game 7-6.**

said. "They were ready to come out here and fight. Hats off to our players for believing in what we wanted to do and executing."

From the opening snap of the game, Newton's defense stood tall and their play was huge for the Rams to earn this season opening win on the road.

Now, though it wasn't always positive

for his team, Grant said he believes the final result signifies a lot more than just a win.

"This is a credit to Newton High School of our culture that we don't quit," Grant said. "This experience showed us that 'hey we fought for four quarters and finished the ball.' That's what I take away from tonight's win."

## Social Circle Redskins 40, George Walton Academy Bulldogs 6

# Social Circle pounds rival Bulldogs

By DAVID JOHNSON

Tribune Correspondent

SOCIAL CIRCLE, Ga. — After having lost the previous five meetings, Social Circle took out its frustrations in a big way Friday night at Redskins Field, trouncing cross-county rival George Walton Academy 40-6 in the 2021 high school football season opener for both teams.

It was hardly a surprise, given that the Redskins return one of their most talented teams in recent memory while the Bulldogs are reeling after a tumultuous off season in which they lost their head coach and a host of key returners.

Social Circle took full advantage of the mismatch, led by third-year starting quarterback Logan Cross, who completed 26 of 38 passes for 332 yards and three touchdowns.

Facing a young and inexperienced Bulldogs front, Cross had plenty of time to pick apart the defense, connecting with seven different receivers on the night. His favorite target was senior K.J. Reid, who had seven catches for 83 yards.

Junior Mason Moore caught five passes for 80 yards and a touchdown.

Meanwhile sophomore running back Kam Durden kept the Bulldogs defense honest, carrying 12 times for 70 yards and two TDs.

After falling short on their opening drive, thanks to a pair of motion penalties, the Redskins cleaned up their act and scored on their next three possessions to take a commanding 19-0 half-time lead.

They secured the win and completed the rout with scores the first two times they touched the ball in the second half.

Social Circle drove 78 yards in 12 plays on its second possession.

Cross completed all seven of



Cassie Jones | The Walton Tribune

**Social Circle's K.J. Reid (8) stiff arms a defender during the Redskins' Friday night matchup against rival George Walton Academy.**

his passes, but it was Durden burst up the middle for the final 6 yards to give the Redskins their first points of the season.

The next drive went 75 yards, the final 26 on a pass from Cross to Moore on what was likely the first of many TD throws this fall.

The Redskins closed out the half with an eight-play, 63-yard drive, culminated by a 13-yard scoring toss from Cross to junior DaShon Hyman.

Cross threw his third and final TD pass of the night with a 4-yard toss to junior Will Atha with 7:55 to go in the third.

Durden closed out the night for the Redskins with a 5-yard dive up the middle early in the fourth.

The young and short-handed GWA offense was held under 200 total yards and didn't cross midfield until just under four minutes were remaining in the third quarter.

Senior Laythan Folgman ran for 26 yards on the Bulldogs'

first play from scrimmage. But it would be their only first down until the final play of the half.

A 7-yard run by Folgman with 7:37 left in the game prevented a shutout.

Social Circle added a late score at end on a 3-yard run by freshman Bristol Evans with 3:47 left.

Sophomore quarterback Tristan Hill had a tough debut for GWA, completing just one pass for 4 yards, fumbling once, and throwing an interception on the Bulldogs' first possession of the second half.

GWA will host Stratford Academy from Macon next Friday while Social Circle stays home to face Providence Christian (1-0), both non-region games.

The Eagles will be making their season debut when they play at Don Williams Stadium next week, while Providence is fresh off a win over Loganville Christian.

## North Forsyth Raiders 37, Alcovy Tigers 7

# Tigers' slow start spoils season opener against North Forsyth



Garrett Pitts | The Covington News

**Alcovy running back Tristan Mayweather (5) carries the football for a first down during the Tigers' game against North Forsyth on Friday.**

By GARRETT PITTS

Correspondent

CUMMING, Ga. — The Tigers lost their season opener 37-7 as the North Forsyth defense dominated from start to finish.

Coming into the new season following a trip the playoffs last year, the first test for Alcovy would be to avenge their loss to the Raiders in the season opener last year.

Neither offense would start the season off hot as it would be the defenses that took over the game for the first few possessions of the game.

Halfway through the first quarter, the Raiders would finally score the first points of the

game as quarterback Drew Aucoin would take the ball himself on the goal-line and run it in to give North Forsyth a 6-0 lead after the missed extra-point attempt.

The offensive struggles plagued the Tigers during the first quarter, but junior quarterback Ashton Evans was not going to let it continue in the following quarter as he would begin to look unstoppable while targeting senior wide-out Mathias Height.

The duo would connect for multiple completions down the field, ultimately leading to a 9-yard touchdown pass from Evans to Height to give the Tigers a 7-6 lead halfway through

the second quarter.

Following the touchdown to give the Tigers the lead, senior MJ Stroud would get his second sack of the day, but this one would force a fumble that would allow Alcovy to take the ball back around midfield with two minutes left in the half.

The Raiders defense would correct their mistakes from the previous drive and get the stop to give Aucoin the ball back around midfield.

After a strong showing from the North Forsyth defense, the Tigers would return the favor as they would stop a marching Raiders offense right in their tracks and hold them to a field goal going into halftime.

Going into halftime down 7-9, the only way for the Tigers to stay in the game would be for Evans to keep the pace he showed in the second quarter.

After receiving the kickoff, the Raiders would come out of the locker room strong to start the second half as Aucoin would connect on the touchdown pass to give North Forsyth a 16-7 lead right out of the gates in the third quarter.

Despite making throws to move the sticks, Evans' ability to get the Alcovy offense

in scoring position would continue to lessen due to the strong pressure from the North Forsyth front seven who had control of the line of scrimmage from the first snap to the last.

While the North Forsyth defense continued to hold the Tigers, Aucoin would take advantage as the Raiders' quarterback would run in for his second and third rushing touchdowns of the game to extend the lead to 30-7 over Alcovy.

With the momentum on their side, the Raiders would take advantage of a botched punt by the Tigers as it would result in a rushing touchdown late in the fourth quarter. That final touchdown would lead to a 37-7 win for North Forsyth.

Despite the tough loss to open the year, Evans showcased his progression and ability to make plays as he connected on 16 of his 29 passes for 205 yards and a touchdown. Height also turned in a solid outing as he brought in ten catches for 99 yards and touchdown.

Following the loss to open their 2021 season, the Tigers will go back to Covington as they plan to face off against the Newton Rams as the battle for the Newton Cup begins Friday, Aug. 27.



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Monroe Area visits Loganville, while Social Circle looks for its first on-the-field win against GWA. Get full coverage in SportsExtra, INSIDE.

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Mayor Steve Horton reminds residents that a mask mandate remains in effect in Covington. Subscribers get access to the Walton Tribune and Covington News e-editions at [WaltonTribune.com/eedition](http://WaltonTribune.com/eedition).

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JAN. 6 RIOTS IN WASHINGTON



A home in the 400 block of Cannon Farm Road in unincorporated Walton County is shown Wednesday. Federal agents reportedly searched the house recently in connection with the investigation into the Jan. 6 riots at the U.S. Capitol. David Clemons | The Tribune

## FBI raids Walton County residence

### Court authorizes search, seizure of electronics

Tom Spigolon COVINGTON NEWS

The FBI raided a local home and seized electronics associated with the leader of a far-right militia, according to area media sources. It was part of the widening investigation into the Jan. 6 riot at the U.S. Capitol, the residents said. The FBI “carried out

court-authorized law enforcement activity” at the Walton County farm where Donnie and Annemarie Hyatt live on Cannon Farm Road in unincorporated Oxford, spokesman Kevin Rowson told *The Covington News*. He said the agency had no other comment on the incident. The agency reportedly seized cellphones, com-

puters and other electronics from the home of the couple — which is about 1 mile north of the Newton County line — on, Aug. 10. They are associated with Stockbridge resident Chris Hill, the leader of a far-right militia called the III% Security Force, *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution* reported. **Raids » Page A8**

GEORGIA VOTES '21

## Baliles to be next mayor

Only one incumbent among 7 in at-large race for City Council seats

**David Clemons**  
THE WALTON TRIBUNE

LOGANVILLE — Former city Councilman Lee “Skip” Baliles will be the next mayor of Loganville. Baliles, 74, served on the City Council from 2012-20. He will succeed Rey Martinez, who steps aside after one term to seek the Republican nomination for a state House seat next year. Baliles is a graduate of Western Carolina University. He worked with Sears across the South in various management roles and with Lowe’s Home Improvement Warehouse. He moved to Lawrenceville in 1993 and settled in Loganville in 2005. **Baliles » Page A8**



LOGANVILLE

## Plan takes ‘baby steps’ toward an improved downtown

LDA Vice Chairman Branden Whitfield presents a concept for downtown development during the Aug. 12 Loganville City Council meeting. Denise Etheridge | The Tribune



### Mixed use development and more parking

**Denise Etheridge**  
THE WALTON TRIBUNE

Loganville Development Authority Chairman Skip Baliles and Vice Chairman Branden Whitfield presented a concept for devel-

oping the city’s downtown during the Aug. 12 City Council meeting. The LDA had planned to present a downtown revitalization concept to city **Plan » Page A8**

Qualifying

Walton County’s largest cities had qualifying for their 2021 elections this week. Read about the Social Circle elections on Page A7. Qualifying ended for Monroe after our deadline for this section. Get the latest at [WaltonTribune.com](http://WaltonTribune.com) and a full report in Wednesday’s paper.

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LOGANVILLE

## GDOT seeks input

Transportation agency plans to remake Atlanta Highway/SR 20 crossing

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Georgia Department of Transportation is asking for public input on a proposed road improvement project within Loganville city limits.

According to a news release, GDOT plans to improve state Route 20 at the intersections of Moon Road and Center Hill Church Road, Centerville-Rosebud Road, and McCullers Road, and would widen Highway 20 between Tuck Road and Atlanta Highway (U.S. 78 and state Route 10) to “an urban four-lane roadway with a raised median to improve traffic operations and reduce crashes.”

“Although this is a Department of Transportation project and not a city of Loganville project, we do want to



**Traffic navigates the crossing of Atlanta Highway and state Route 20 on Friday.** David Clemons | The Tribune

strongly encourage citizens to respond to this and keep contacting DOT about traffic concerns in Loganville,” said Councilwoman Lisa Newberry, who chairs the city’s Planning and Development Committee.

“Together, we have made some progress with the DOT these last four years and need to keep that momentum moving forward.”

The details of the project are laid out online via the GDOT project site:

The project would begin about 1,000 feet west of the existing Tuck Road and Highway 20 intersection and end at the Covington Street and Highway 20 intersection for a total project length of approximately 1.3 miles, according to GDOT. Tuck Road and North Sharon Church Road would be realigned to intersect Highway 20 with a multilane roundabout.

The realigned Tuck Road and North Sharon Church Road would intersect Highway 20 about 80 feet west of the existing intersection of North Sharon Church Road and Highway 20.

Fesco Way would be realigned about 360 feet to the east to increase safety by reducing conflicting U-turning truck traffic from Highway 20 westbound and traffic entering Highway 20 from Overlook Drive. Turn lanes would be added and access would be restricted to improve traffic flow along the corridor. Intersection improvements would be made at the Highway 20 and Atlanta Highway intersection to improve traffic flow. Required right of way would vary between 100 feet to 150 feet on Highway 20.

GDOT supplied crash data for Highway 20 in the online release. In 2019, there were 85 crashes with four in-

juries and four fatalities from Tuck Road to US 78.

Preliminary engineering costs are estimated at \$1.8 million, according to GDOT. The estimated right of way acquisition cost is \$4.1 million, as of June 1, 2020. Construction costs were estimated at \$13 million, and utilities at \$3.9 million, as of June 24.

The Highway 20 rehabilitation project is in the preliminary design phase. The project’s concept report must be approved and environmental studies must be conducted before the preliminary phase can be completed.

The city of Loganville announced the proposed project on the city’s Facebook page. For more information, citizens can go to <http://www.dot.ga.gov/AboutGDOT/Public-Outreach> and click on the “View Info” button under the “State Route 20 Reconstruction and Rehabilitation” project title.

Residents can find a link in the online release where they can provide comments. GDOT will accept comments through Sept. 13. Once the comment period closes, GDOT will assess the information and could revise its preliminary plan.

“If major changes occur to what was previously shown to the community, additional public outreach would occur,” GDOT stated.

“If no major changes are proposed, the project would advance to right of way acquisition and into final design. After all right of way acquisition occurs, project design is finalized, and the project would advance to construction.”

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## Calendar

### Saturday

**Event:** A voter registration drive will take place from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. outside Freshway Market, 1261 N. Cherokee Road, Social Circle.

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### Tuesday

**Meeting:** This month’s Women in Business Lunch and Learn will feature the topic “Intentional Living Through Seasonal Planning” from noon to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at The Story Shop, 124 N. Broad St. Register at [waltonchamber.org](http://waltonchamber.org).

### Sept. 2

**Event:** Public Safety Day, celebrating the hard work of men and women in local law enforcement agencies, will be from 5-7 p.m. Sept. 2 at the Town Green, 235 Main St., Loganville. The first 100 people will get free hot dogs.

### Sept. 3

**Concert:** The final concert of the 2021 First Friday series will be Sept. 3 with The Tams performing at 7 p.m. on the site of the future Downtown Green (306 S. Madison Ave.) in Monroe.

### Sept. 4

**Class:** Monroe-Walton Center for the Arts will have a paint and pizza party with Donna Coffman from noon to 2 p.m. Sept. 4, for children 6 and older. Email [donna@monroeartguild.org](mailto:donna@monroeartguild.org).

**Event:** Volunteer orientation at the Monroe-Walton Center for the Arts will begin at 1 p.m. Sept. 4.

### Sept. 7

**Meeting:** The Walton County Board of Commissioners will meet at 6 p.m. Sept. 7 on the second floor of the Historic Courthouse, 111 S. Broad St., downtown Monroe.

### Sept. 9

**Event:** The September membership luncheon of the Walton County Chamber of Commerce will be the United Way of Walton County campaign kickoff. The luncheon will begin at noon at Grace Monroe, 203 Bold Springs Ave. Register at [waltonchamber.org](http://waltonchamber.org).

The calendar is a free listing for local groups and their events. Please mail information to The Walton Tribune, P.O. Box 808, Monroe, GA 30655, fax to 770-267-7780 or email information to [community@waltontribune.com](mailto:community@waltontribune.com).

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# Our original Olympian

After earning silver with Team USA in 1976, Roberts got a hero's welcome back home in Monroe

**Stephen Milligan** THE WALTON TRIBUNE

Watching Javianne Oliver run her way to a silver medal brought back vivid memories for Patricia Roberts, the first Waltonian to compete in the Olympic Games and win silver for her efforts.

Roberts was a standout player on the Monroe Area High School girls basketball team, winning a state championship while she was there. She traveled to Montreal for the 1976 Olympics, competing on the women's basketball team in the debut of the distaff side of the event at the Games.

"It was unbelievable," Roberts said, remembering her experience 45 years ago. "It was very surreal."

Following high school graduation, Roberts had attended a variety of tryouts for various all-star teams and exposition events.

"It got me the exposure I needed," Roberts said. "When the Olympics tryouts came around, everyone knew me."

Even after she made the cut to be a part of the U.S. team, there was no guarantee they would make the cut to be one of the national teams to compete at the Olympics.

"We weren't supposed to be there," Roberts said. "We had to qualify through a tournament."

Shocking everyone by placing high enough to make the Olympics field, the team then had to look to the U.S. Olympics Committee to get them there.

"The committee hadn't funded our team to go," Roberts said. "They had to scramble to find money to send us."

On reaching Montreal, Roberts said it took a bit for her to truly convince herself she was there at the Olympics, one of numerous Olympians representing her country.

"I'd been at the Olympic Village for a week but it didn't really hit me until went into the coliseum for the first time that I was at the Olympics," Roberts said. "It's hard to explain. You can't feel the magnitude of what it's like until you're actually there."

Going into the Olympics, Roberts



**Patricia Roberts rides back into Monroe, her hometown, on July 28, 1976. It was her first visit home after winning a silver medal as part of the U.S. women's basketball team in the Montreal Olympics.** File photos | The Tribune

said little was expected of the U.S. National Team, with all eyes on the Soviets to take the prize. But she said she and her teammates were there to make a point.

"We made a pact to win a medal," Roberts said.

And they did, going 3-2 in a six-team field to eke out second place, edging out bronze medal team Bulgaria to earn the silver medal, behind the undefeated Soviet Union squad.

Even now, Roberts said it's hard to comprehend their achievement.



**Patricia Roberts speaks with Harmon Wages of WAGA Channel 5 in Monroe on July 28, 1976. Read The Tribune's original reporting at WaltonTribune.com.**

"We made history," she said. "We were trailblazers."

As the first U.S. women's basketball team at the Olympics, Roberts and her teammates were inducted into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame and she said she remains close

to all those who competed alongside her that summer in Montreal.

"We have a very close bond," she said.

Standing on the podium with a silver medal was overwhelming, she said. Even more so, however, was her return to Monroe.

"That was phenomenal," Roberts said. "I was really surprised."

As she was driven home by family from the airport, she suddenly realized on entering downtown Monroe that an entire processional had formed, with people lining the streets to welcome her home.

"Almost the whole town showed up," she said. "They really came out for me. I was very grateful. I couldn't have made it without the support of so many in town who got me to where I could be an Olympian."

Roberts, who now lives in Atlanta, made sure to tune in this summer to see Oliver run and support her fellow local Olympian.

"I watched her every time she ran. I was very proud of her," Roberts said, ultimately observing Oliver earn a silver medal as the leadoff runner in the women's 4x100 relay team event. "She did Monroe proud. She deserves a big homecoming."

And Roberts had big predictions for Oliver going forward.

"She can run again," Roberts said, adding she's confident Oliver has what it takes to return to the Olympics for more track and field glory. "I see a gold medal in her future."

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## Our View on the Issue



Traffic crosses Atlanta Highway and state Route 20 on Friday. The intersection and much of the rest of state Route 20 – Main Street and Conyers Road – through Loganville could get an overhaul if Georgia Department of Transportation plans are carried out after a public comment period. David Clemons | The Tribune

# Don't miss this chance to get Loganville traffic right

Check out the story on Page A2 — or, if you really like to get the nitty-gritty details, the public notice on Page C3 — about plans to improve one of the busiest intersections in Walton County.

If there is one complaint we hear repeatedly from residents about daily life in Walton, it's the traffic along Atlanta Highway in Loganville. City leaders assure us they are just as frustrated but kick the problem to the Georgia Department of

Transportation.

Well, folks, GDOT has been listening.

There are proposals to improve state Route 20 through town, including the dangerous intersection with Atlanta Highway.

This isn't a fix for the traffic in front of Publix and Walmart and The Home Depot, but it's a start, and could be a good one.

But this isn't a top-down solution. While it definitely comes from the engineers, you the

drivers and pedestrians and bike riders and property owners get a say too.

Don't miss out on your chance to affect transportation policy that will have an impact on Loganville for the next 50 years or so.

This is an important project. We urge you to study it and be heard. Loganville's transportation future depends on this.

Our View is the opinion of The Walton Tribune editorial board, which includes Proprietor Patrick Graham and Editor and Publisher David Clemons.

US Rep. Jody Hice guest columnist

## Biden administration has made Afghanistan withdrawal a debacle

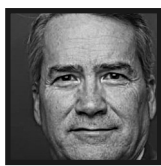
The catastrophe unfolding in Afghanistan will undoubtedly go down as one of the most shameful foreign policy disasters in American history, and the responsibility for this debacle falls squarely on President Joe Biden.

In April, when President Biden announced — against the advice of senior military leaders — that he planned to pull all U.S. forces out of Afghanistan by Sept. 11, 2021, his administration assured the American people his withdrawal would be “responsible, deliberate and safe.”

Three weeks later, the Taliban launched a major offensive that quickly pushed back Afghan government forces. Still, on July 8, President Biden dismissed the Taliban and claimed that “the likelihood there’s going to be the Taliban overrunning everything and owning the whole country is highly unlikely.”

It is an indisputable fact that Joe Biden terribly mismanaged his withdrawal from Afghanistan. Furthermore, it is painfully obvious he made no preparations in case he had miscalculated. The consequences for his folly are devastating and deadly.

Thousands of Americans



remain stranded in Afghanistan. Our foreign allies face brutal

retribution from the Taliban. The heartbreaking images of Afghans falling from the sky after clinging desperately to planes leaving Kabul will be forever etched into our memory.

Billions of dollars in U.S. military equipment is now in the Taliban's hands, including helicopters, armored vehicles, anti-aircraft guns, artillery, and even combat aircraft. Across the globe, our partners and allies are questioning whether they can truly rely on America's promises.

There's no doubt we will be feeling the aftershocks from the fall of Afghanistan for years to come.

Contrary to the pitiful claims of senior Biden administration officials, this outcome was not inevitable. While I believe maintaining a small U.S. presence in Afghanistan was necessary for our national security, I also believe it was possible to withdraw without causing an unmitigated disaster.

Last year, President Donald Trump negotiated a conditions-based draw-

down of U.S. forces from Afghanistan. In other words, American troops would leave only so long as the Taliban held to its end of the deal.

President Biden has pointed to this agreement to claim that he had inherited this withdrawal from his predecessor and suggests Trump is to blame. What else is new? This is a sad attempt to spin the narrative and duck responsibility.

First, the Taliban has continuously violated the conditions of this agreement, thereby making it null and void. Second, Biden has made no effort whatsoever to hold the Taliban accountable for breaking the deal. Third, considering how Biden has reversed and overturned Trump policies and agreements across the board on nearly every issue, it is simply preposterous to argue this one single agreement (which the enemy has habitually broken) cannot be changed.

This is Biden's debacle.

In talking with many of you, especially those veterans who served in Afghanistan and their loved ones, I know there is a huge demand for answers and accountability. The nearly

2,500 American service members killed and over 20,000 wounded through 20 years of war demand the truth.

How did the White House so woefully miscalculate the Taliban's offensive capability? Did U.S. intelligence predict that the Afghan government and military would collapse so quickly? Why didn't the evacuation begin before the Taliban entered Kabul?

Most importantly, exactly how many American citizens remain in Afghanistan and what is the Biden administration doing to get them home safely?

We also have thousands of Afghan allies who desperately need our protection, and it is imperative that we fulfill our promises to keep them safe. We must get these folks out of Afghanistan now.

Keep in mind, this isn't over yet. Several thousand U.S. military personnel have been ordered into Afghanistan to contain the chaos and assist with the evacuation.

Please join me in praying for them and for all who remain in Afghanistan.

Jody Hice, a Republican from Greensboro, represents Walton County in Congress and is a candidate for Georgia secretary of state in 2022. Online: [hice.house.gov](http://hice.house.gov).

Stephen Milligan

## Afghanistan tragedy a long time coming

The foreign policy disaster unfolding now in Afghanistan — a direct result of the foreign policy disaster that IS Afghanistan — was probably always inevitable.

This isn't to excuse the current administration for a domino cascade of poor decisions that have led to the severity of the problem at the moment.



President Joe Biden has flubbed this withdrawal thoroughly. Given the American public's general indifference to anything occurring outside of our borders, he can right the ship and look strong by 2024 as long as the economy doesn't fall apart, but he will have to live with this black mark of incompetence and, well, sheer nincompoopery as a defining moment of his presidency.

Because it's bad over there. Americans remain stranded in hostile territory, as do allies we should have lifted out of the country long before the Taliban advance even began. We'll get the former out. Many of the latter we probably won't. The Biden administration has blood on its hands, without a doubt.

On the other hand, in the long view, this was always going to happen. Biden inherited a mess in Afghanistan, as did his two predecessors, a persistent occupation of an unstable country due to an invasion under President George W. Bush with no clear endgame beyond retaliation for Sept. 11, 2001.

We drove the Taliban out, destabilized al-Qaida and created a democratic government in Afghanistan.

But Afghanistan isn't really a country. It's a handful of lines on a map surrounding a vast amount of hills and desert, where small clans exist under petty warlords and the “central government,” whether backed by terrorism or the U.S., essentially bribes such territories into a semblance of loyalty.

Without any sense of national unity, Afghanistan remained a powder keg, its fuse unlit only through constant vigilance on behalf of the occupying American forces.

Biden chose to withdraw, perhaps too quickly, but at the behest of a treaty signed by his predecessor, President Donald Trump.

If we'd stayed, the illusion of stability would have lasted a while longer. But the fall of the nation to outside agitators was inevitable whenever we chose to leave.

The Taliban is not eternal. Eventually, some new despotic regime will drive them out and pretend to rule over the wastes of Afghanistan, as has happened in that ruined landscape since time immemorial.

The Soviets fled from the wreck of Afghan nation-building decades ago. Now it's our turn.

What's happening there now is a tragedy and much of the tragic comes from its inevitability.

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# OTHER OPINIONS

Amelia Adams

## In rivalry between Silver Queen and yellow corns, the diner wins

After traveling downstairs each morning to make my coffee, I pause to open the front door and enjoy the wrought basket that hangs from my railing.

Aided by the most magnificent Henry Cole, who hung it for me, its contents bring great joy, especially in our months of isolation. Adorned with geraniums and caladiums (re-called to life this year), and creeping Jenny, it beckons with blooms.

Next stop is the deck, another visual pleasure. Just coming to bloom are peppermint zinnias, which I nourished from seed. Alongside are portulaca whose heads are ablaze with riotous colors. The basil, mint and oregano are booming, adding accents to sauces and salads.

Enhancement with herbs is just one avenue of cooking in season. One element of visiting the local farmers markets that impresses the buyer is the pleasure so many of the vendors have in displaying the literal fruits of their labor.

Nowadays, many of these farmers, bakers and canners spruce



up their booths to invite a closer look. Tomatoes are gathered by variety, sometimes garnished with herbs or flowers or other vegetables to invite ideas for using them. Last week chanterelles were available, never a choice as buyers might be fearful. Presently, one must be certified before offering them for sale.

Such a clamor now abides with finding ears of fresh corn. Somehow “Silver Queen” seems the magic phrase as it is most delicious, milky variety.

A neighbor in Walton County’s Pleasant Valley, Frank Thomas pooh-poohed Silver Queen often spitting his tobacco after he spoke it. Merit, a yellow corn, was his choice. How I delighted I was in the first “roastenears” and the last nubs that he allowed me to gather.

One of my favorite uses for any fresh corn is chowder. Although it can be made year long with frozen or canned corn, the essence of summer is not easily substituted

### Corn chowder

- 3 cups fresh corn (6-8 ears)**  
**1 quart chicken stock, vegetable stock, or water**  
**6 slices of bacon**  
**4 tablespoons butter**  
**1 large onion, diced**
- salt and pepper to taste**  
**½ red bell pepper, diced**  
**few drops of Worcestershire and Tabasco**  
**3 medium potatoes**  
**½ cup of cream**

Cut the kernels from the cob and save the smaller ones. Cook the bacon until crisp and remove to drain. Pour off all but 2 tablespoons of the fat. Sauté the onions and pepper until soft. Add the rest of the ingredients, along with the cobs and cook for a good hour. Add the cream just before serving and garnish with bacon.

with kernels freshly cut from the cobs.

Hold on, do not throw out the cobs as they add a terrific flavor to the soup during the cooking process.

This recipe is easily varied. The cook may omit the bacon, substitute an oil for the butter or bacon drippings, eschew the peppers and cream. Corn is the magic ingredient. The end product freezes well for winter suppers.

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Another feature of my yard at

present is simply amazing. A few months back as I was weeding the edge of the driveway, I noticed a plant that seemed familiar.

A tomato! It seems as if our destructive tornado allowed a Roma seed to come to rest there and prosper. Its first fruit sits in my kitchen window most proudly.

Amid the damage still present in our beloved town a bright, indomitable force brings forth fruit. Might we be so.

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Patricia Lunn Adsit

## Let’s talk about our perennials for fall

Even though there are about five more calendar weeks in the good ol’ summertime, gardeners are beginning to talk about ways to welcome the upcoming fall season.

Taking the lead from the colorful display in our deciduous trees, we can easily create a show-stopping perennial garden using flowers with fall colors of deep scarlets, saturated purples, creams, rusts, oranges and golds.

Since they are the most popular autumn flowers sold in the U.S., we can begin with chrysanthemums, or “mums,” which are plants of the genus *Chrysanthemum* in the family Asteraceae.

Native to Asia and considered the national flower of Japan (as the recent Olympics brought to mind), mums symbolize fidelity, optimism, joy, and long life ... which is a great way to remember that mums are actually perennials. Allow them to root and establish themselves before the winter arrives in force, give them a hard pruning and a protective covering of mulch, and they will come back year after year.

Mums can also give you a multitude of new plants through easy propagation by division or by rooting stem cuttings (which should be taken before July 1 to avoid clipping off flower buds). We have been very pleased with a bright, barn-red variety with yellow centers called Chrysan-



themum “Mammoth Red,” that we added a couple of years ago.

My personal favorite mum variety is still a truly hardy butter-yellow cultivar called “Gethsemane Moonlight,” which is a reliable returner in my mailbox garden.

I have always been a fan of coneflowers, both echinacea (USDA hardiness Zones 3-9) and rudbeckia (Zones 2-11), especially since they are such favorites for pollinators. Last year, we added several plants of *Rudbeckia fuldiga* “American Gold Rush,” which is a compact hybrid cousin to the indispensable native coneflower, the Black-eyed Susan. The plants look remarkably healthy and are already starting to bloom.

We also added some Echinacea “Cheyenne Spirit,” which is a “multi-color mix” cultivar that produces blooms of creams, yellows, oranges, and purples.

When thinking about fall perennials, asters are perfect for bursts of color. New England aster (*Aster novae-angliae*) is a beloved native plant that is a fall favorite with Georgia gardeners, and can be found with blossoms ranging from pastel pink to lavender and violet. I admit I am partial to the richly colored cultivar, Aster x “Purple Dome,” which has 1.5-inch blooms

in shades of a striking purple with bright yellow centers and are late-season magnets for pollinators, including bees, butterflies and hummingbirds.

The University of Georgia Extension offers the following suggestion from the Aster family: “The Michaelmas daisies (*Aster novae-belgii*) are common and easy to grow.”

When thinking of perennials for our fall gardens, we sometimes overlook the value of ornamental grasses. UGA Extension recommends native varieties that produce fall blooms in the form of airy inflorescence, including: Bushy Bluestem (*Andropogon glomeratus*), Elliot’s Bluestem (*Andropogon gyrans*), Silver Plumegrass (*Saccharum alopecuroides*), and my personal favorite, Pink Muhly Grass (*Muhlenbergia capillaris*). These perennials serve several landscaping purposes, from erosion control to wildlife habitats, but for the consumer gardener, ornamental grasses provide a perfect background to enhance all the colors in the fall perennial garden.

**Food for thought:** If you would like more information on perennial bed preparation, planting tips, propagation techniques, or an expanded plant list, here’s the publication for you: UGA Extension Bulletin 977: Flowering Perennials for Georgia Gardens.

And, for a special treat, check out Bulletin 987-4 Part IV: Grasses and Sedges, which includes a link to a complete chart of recommended native grasses.

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Web poll  
WaltonTribune.com

## Should the county have an anti-tethering law?

Despite months of discussion about the issue in 2019, Walton County commissioners declined to pass an ordinance that would prohibit 24/7 tethering of dogs in unincorporated parts of the county. What do you think should happen?

### Change the law!

94%

### Just enforce the laws we have now.

6%

### Don’t do anything and leave me alone.

no votes

### I don’t know.

no votes

Results recorded from 9 a.m. Aug. 13 to 6 p.m. Thursday, reflecting 113 votes.

**This week’s question:**  
Who will have the best season in local high school football? *Answer now at WaltonTribune.com.*

Letters

## Let’s get the traffic going

I don’t know if many have thought about all of the four-way stops in Monroe but these require everyone to stop.

That’s 100 % of the drivers.

At least with a traffic light, some of the traffic is always moving. One thing that would greatly improve the situation where one comes up to a four-way stop is for everyone to use their turn signals! Just that one thing would improve the time one can get through those intersections.

John Gleaton, Monroe

Congratulations

On behalf of the State Bar of Georgia, I would like to congratulate the 2021 recipients of the Horace J. Johnson Beyond the Bar Scholarships, presented through a collaboration of the New Rock Legal Society, Newton County Bar Association, Rockdale County Bar Association and Walton County Bar Association.

Receiving the \$1,000 scholarships to further their academic careers in college or technical school are Chad Helton of Social Circle High School, Zoe Mayo of Newton High School, James Rhee of Heritage High School, Natalia Sanchez of Alcovy High School, Gabrielle Wood of Rockdale Magnet School and Terrell Wright of Walnut Grove High School.

We salute our colleagues in Newton, Rockdale and Walton counties for this phenomenal collaborative effort to support deserving local students.

Elizabeth L. Fite, Atlanta

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HARD LABOR CREEK RESERVOIR MANAGEMENT BOARD

# Oconee officials push back over Hard Labor creek plans

Walton seeks federal funding for treatment plant and ability to sell water to Newton, other metro areas

**Michael Prochaska** OCONEE ENTERPRISE

At a called Hard Labor Creek Reservoir Management Board meeting last week, Walton County Board of Commissioners Chairman David Thompson lobbied hard for expedited construction of a water treatment facility, despite hesitation from two Oconee officials.



Thompson

The board voted to spend \$20,000 on consulting fees to help secure a federal recovery grant. The total

amount is yet to be determined, but Thompson hopes for a \$146 million earmark. The application is due by the end of the month.

Walton County members voted in favor of the proposal. Two of Oconee's representatives — County Administrator Justin Kirouac and Commissioner Chuck Horton — voted against the motion.

Oconee's third member, Commissioner Mark Saxon, did not vote because he is the chairman of the management board. However, Saxon gave his blessing as a member of an executive committee comprised of himself, Thompson and another Walton County official.

"As an executive committee, we made a decision to go ahead and do it and then ratify it at the bigger meeting," he told *The Oconee Enterprise*.

The reservoir's water cannot be supplied to homeowners until a treatment plant is built.

Oconee County has a 28.8% investment in the reservoir, which allows the county to draw 28.8% of water when it's needed. Walton County has the remaining 71.2% stake.

The Bear Creek Reservoir in Jackson County is 505 acres and currently supplies Oconee with up to 4.5 million gallons of water per day.

The Hard Labor Creek Regional Reservoir is 1,370 acres and has the future capability of supplying 52 million gallons of water per day to both Oconee and Walton counties.



Hard Labor Creek Reservoir is shown in a 2017 photo. It has recreational use but there is no access currently for drawing drinking water by its owners, Walton and Oconee counties. Special to The Tribune

Oconee should not need to draw water from the Hard Labor Creek Regional Reservoir until closer to the middle of the century, said Kirouac.

However, Walton County has a more immediate need. Thompson did not respond to *The Enterprise's* request for an interview about Walton County's water needs.

At a previous Hard Labor Creek Reservoir Management Board, Thompson said he had met with Newton County officials about providing water to an industrial park.

Although Oconee and Walton counties signed a two-county contract in 2007 to finance the reservoir for future water use, the two counties are not prohibited from selling water to other communities.

At the meeting last week, Thompson said "politicians can brag" about a regional use of a federal grant.

"[Gov. Brian] Kemp needs something," he said at the meeting. "He is up for election next year. This is perfect for him."

"That reservoir is water for developers," Gober Road resident Edwin Snell dejectedly told *The En-*

*terprise* in 2018 when a water intake facility was met with resistance from Apalachee River residents. "They will steal our water. It's a corrupt political deal."

Former Hard Labor Creek Reservoir Management Board member Jeff Benko said that although the reservoir was intended to be a water source for Walton and Oconee, either county had the right to sell water to a third party.

"There was an intent that it would be a regional resource," said Benko. "That's what counties need to be doing — a regional approach to resources with any kind of infrastructure."

Thompson said Walton needs to go ahead with a treatment plant whether Oconee needs it or not.

"Walton County has needs right now," Saxon told *The Enterprise*. "And I think in Oconee, we will still see the need for future water."

At the meeting, Thompson emphatically stated, "I can't let us get to where we have to ration water."

He added, "You'll be denying your citizens one hell of a chance to not have to pay for this treatment plant. ... This is an opportunity of a lifetime."

Users of county water and sewer are collectively responsible for paying down the debt of the Hard Labor Creek Regional Reservoir. Taxpayers who are not customers of Oconee Water Resources are unaffected.

Horton said he doesn't want Oconee to have to raise water rates to make up for a shortfall if the federal grant doesn't cover the entire cost of the water treatment plant.

"I don't want us to go into debt for something we don't need at this time," said Horton, who voted against Oconee's investment in the reservoir in 2007 but has thrown his support behind it in recent years.

"Nothing I've seen indicates Oconee needs a water treatment plant. If Walton County needs water, I'm not opposed to that. I don't know if we need to be getting involved in it at this point."

Kirouac said he has questions about the nature of the agreement and Oconee County's financial obligations.

"What does the debt service look like?" he asked when speaking to *The Enterprise*. "It is a generational project that they are doing."

## NEWTON COUNTY

# Travel center, not truck stop, gains approval near Social Circle

County commissioners on split vote approve conditional use permit

**Tom Spigolon** COVINGTON NEWS

COVINGTON — A developer's months-long fight to build a travel center along I-20 in northeast Newton cleared a major hurdle Tuesday night.

The Newton County Board of Commissioners voted 3-2 to approve a conditional use permit for Jackson-based JPC Design & Construction to build a convenience store with underground fuel tanks on a 46-acre site at Interstate 20 and Georgia 11 near Social Circle.

It also apparently ended legal action by the landowner and JPC which sought damages for monetary losses caused by the board's February denial of a rezoning for the travel center. The board voted to approve a settlement of the lawsuit filed earlier this year

The building is now planned to include a convenience store and at least three fast-food restaurants in a 24,000-square-foot building.

LeAnne Long, a former commissioner who represented homeowners in the nearby River Cove neighborhood, said "the developer worked with us" on its plans.

"Technically they didn't have to work with us on any of the design or anything — they only needed permission from the county to put in underground tanks," Long said.

Commissioner Stan Edwards, whose district includes the site, said "thank goodness" the developer agreed to remove planned facilities and services for tractor-trailer drivers while complying with design requirements of the Brick Store overlay zone.

"I believe we've struck a good balance," he told commissioners.

JPC, Davis and a group including Edwards negotiated plans that included devising a new design — including a return to the original size JPC proposed for the building in January.

The 3-2 votes for the conditional use permit and settlement included yes votes from Edwards, District 2 Commissioner Demond Mason and

District 5 Commissioner Ronnie Cowan — who attended the meeting remotely by phone.

The no votes came from District 3 Commissioner Alana Sanders and District 4 Commissioner J.C. Henderson.

Henderson said he based both votes on the fact he was not included in the negotiations.

"I think as a commissioner I should have the right to know what's going on," he said.

JPC and landowner Jack P. Davis of Athens filed the lawsuit in Newton County Superior Court in March. It asked a judge to order the county to cover the monetary losses they said commissioners caused by denying a rezoning and not allowing construction of the travel center.

The undeveloped 46-acre site at I-20 and Georgia 11 is about 3 miles south of the Walton County line adjacent to part of Social Circle within Newton County.

JPC initially sought to rezone the entire site to Highway Commercial (CH) from a mix of Agricultural Residential (AR) and CH for construc-

tion of a 24,000-square-foot travel center serving tractor-trailer and passenger vehicles, with future plans that included a supermarket in a separate building.

After the county Planning Commission and Board of Commissioners denied the request, JPC submitted a plan in May it negotiated with nearby homeowners groups that showed a building two-thirds smaller and not including facilities to serve tractor-trailers.

However, JPC wanted additional changes residents and county officials opposed and the Board of Commissioners voted June 15 to delay action on it.

For the permit the Board approved Tuesday, JPC agreed to such conditions as a 100-foot, landscaped buffer between its parking area and Highway 11, except for driveways; operating hours of 5 a.m. to 12:30 a.m.; a 35-foot buffer along any streams; no overnight parking or parking of more than two hours except for employees; no visible retention ponds; no facilities for long-haul drivers, and more.



# WALTON COUNTY OBITUARIES

## Letha Mae Draper | Monroe, Georgia

Letha Mae Draper was born in Honea Path, South Carolina, on March 13, 1923, and went home to be with Jesus at the age of 98 on Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2021.

She was one of eight children, five girls and three boys.



She is survived by her youngest sister, Martha York Hill; her daughter, Rebecca Heath, a retired accountant; her son, James W. Draper Jr., a local pastor and real estate investor; four grandchildren, Dana Miller, Chad Draper, Emily Lelutiu and James W. Draper III; and 10 great-grandchildren, Mary Katherine Miller, Madilynn Draper, Anderson Lelutiu, Josiah Draper, Eliza Mae Draper, Emilia Lelutiu, Micah Draper, Naomi Lelutiu, Isaac Draper and Marius Dennis Lelutiu Jr.

She was a loyal member of Campton United Methodist Church, a devout wife and a loving mother to all who knew her.

Mrs. Draper always wanted to be a missionary. It wasn't until her children were grown, that she moved to Monroe, and she along with her late husband, James W. Draper Sr., who had retired from General Motors, began a community yard sale. Her store was off Highway 11 near Campton. She received surplus items from St. Vincent de Paul, a Catholic thrift store in Duluth. She operated under the nonprofit Comfort Ministries for 35 years. During that time, she was able to share her wisdom, love and the gospel of Jesus to everyone that walked through the door. She helped thousands of people find clothes, household items, suits,

decor and much more. She would take the proceeds to help pay mortgages, power bills and medical bills, and even fill up gas tanks. If there was a need, she wanted to meet it. It never mattered what walk of life you were from, you were always welcomed at her store. She gave away more than clothes and money; she gave her heart and soul to the wonderful people of Walton County and beyond. People would come for affordable clothes, but would receive wisdom that Mrs. Draper would share, knowledge of the Bible and principles that could be applied to every aspect of their life.

She was no stranger to preaching the gospel, but the folks who would come by knew they would receive a blessing with their visit. She was able to live out her calling as a local missionary who loved and served her community well.

Her ministry continued long after her store closed within the lives of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She shared Christ's love and lived a life worthy to be celebrated. She was loved and cherished by her family and was affectionately called "Mimi" by her great-grandchildren.

She will be greatly missed, but her memory will live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved her.

Funeral arrangements by Meadows Funeral Home.

For those who would like to pay their respect, there will be a viewing at 2:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 23, followed by a graveside service at 3 p.m. at Rest Haven Cemetery in Monroe.

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## Mary Evelyn Howington Monroe, Georgia

Mary Evelyn Howington, 86, of Monroe, passed away on Monday, Aug. 16, 2021.

She was born in Commerce on Nov. 26, 1934, to Lula Segars Le-wallen and William Russell Le-wallen.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, the late Walter Allen "Pete" Howington.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Sheila and Greg Tiller of Monroe; son and daughter-in-law, Russell and Sheila Howington of Good Hope; grandchildren, Josh Howington of Good Hope, Cody Howington of Good Hope and his fiancée, Taylor Swords, Joy and Jeff Gillman of Loganville, and Brett and Ashley Rutherford of Loganville; and great-grandchildren, Wyatt Howington, Bailey Howington, Mason Rutherford, Ashlyn Gillman, Marie Gillman and Andrew Gillman.

A graveside service began at noon Thursday, Aug. 19, at Howington Cemetery.

Meadows Funeral Home Inc. was in charge of arrangements. Please sign the guest book online at [www.meadowsfuneralhomeinc.com](http://www.meadowsfuneralhomeinc.com).

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## Marion Howard Stapp Monroe, Georgia

Marion Howard Stapp, 83, of Monroe, passed away on Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2021.

He was born in Social Circle on Aug. 14, 1937, to Dora Bell Doster Stapp and Amber Augustus Stapp.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his daughter, the late Michelle Stapp.

He is survived by his wife, Inez Stapp; sons and daughters-in-law, Jason and Ginger Stapp of Loganville, and Sean and Sherry Stapp of Monroe; sisters-in-law, Ruth Stapp of Lake Oconee and Gene Stapp of Social Circle; and grandchildren, Harley Stapp, Josh Stapp, Amber Stapp and Grace Stapp.

Funeral services began at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, in the Chapel of Meadows Funeral Home with the Rev. Matt Watson officiating.

Burial followed at the Prospect United Methodist Church cemetery.

Meadows Funeral Home Inc. was in charge of arrangements. Please sign the guest book online at [www.meadowsfuneralhomeinc.com](http://www.meadowsfuneralhomeinc.com).

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## George 'Van' Lovell

Loganville, Georgia

George (Van) Lovell, 54, passed away on Thursday, Aug. 5, 2021, after a yearlong battle of poor health.

He was born in Macon and graduated from Southwest High School in 1986. He later moved to the Loganville area, where he lived for 25 years. He enjoyed the art and creativity of comic/movie superheroes. He was an avid "Dr. Who" fan. He occasionally visited Macon where he enjoyed NuWay and Fincher's! Van always had a joke and a sarcastic remark. He loved his family and friends.

Van was preceded in death by his parents Randell Lovell of Macon and Sara C. Lovell of Loganville; his paternal grandparents, George and Minnie Lovell of Liberty, South Carolina; and his maternal grandparents, Joseph and Melinda Che-shire.

Left to remember Van are his siblings: brothers, Andrew Lane Lovell of Athens and Mark Lovell of Jackson; sister, Sande Lovell Davis (Terry) of Monroe; and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date.

Arrangements by Tim Stewart Funeral Home, 670 Tom Brewer Road, Loganville, GA 30052. Telephone 770-466-1544.

Please sign the online guest registry at [www.stewartfh.com](http://www.stewartfh.com).

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## WALTON COUNTY

# Troopers investigate crash on edge of 78

MONROE — A pickup truck hit a box truck that was parked on the side of U.S. 78, blocking traffic on the highway Thursday morning.

State troopers said the Isuzu truck was parked on the south shoulder of the highway near Youth-Monroe Road after the driver experienced a mechanical failure. A 52-year-old Stone Mountain man had left the landscaping truck on the side of the highway to wait on a tow truck.

Cpl. Cal Barton of the Georgia State Patrol said several witnesses came forward to say they saw the truck partially hanging over into the right eastbound lane of the highway before a 2013 Chevrolet Silverado hit the Isuzu shortly after 8:20 a.m.

A 58-year-old Social Circle woman was driving the Chevrolet. Walton EMS transported her to Piedmont Walton Hospital with moderate injuries, Barton said.

## GEORGIA VOTES 2021

# One council race contested in Social Circle

Price faces challenge from Gaither in District 1 seat

David Clemons THE WALTON TRIBUNE

Social Circle will have just one contested race, for District 1 on the City Council.

Councilwoman Traysa Price is seeking reelection. Adolphus Gaither qualified to run against her.

Both of them ran for the District 1 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.

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 faces no opposition.

On the city Board of Education, Chairman John M. Callahan, District 2 representative Antonio Rico Jackson and District 4 representative Sabrina Renee Sanford-Flint all qualified to run for reelection and are unopposed.

Callahan, a former board representative, was elected chairman in 2017 to succeed Tim Lemonds.

Both Jackson and Sanford-Flint unseated incumbents to win their seats four years ago. Sanford-Flint is serving as vice chairwoman of the board this year.

Voting in Social Circle will be Nov. 2 at the Middle School Activity Center, at 154 Alcova Drive.

## Man cited after crash

A Monroe man was hurt seriously on Wednesday after a crash on Snows Mill Road at Powers Road.

Timothy Cornett, 80, was driving a 2019 Dodge Ram south on Powers Road and allegedly crossed Snows Mill Road into the path of a 2017 Chevrolet Trax.

The front bumper of the Chevrolet SUV hit the left side of the Dodge truck in the westbound lane of Snows Mill Road. The impact forced the truck off the south shoulder of the road.

The SUV — driven by a 22-year-old Monroe man — spun clockwise and off the south shoulder of Snows Mill Road.

Walton EMS transported both men to Piedmont Athens Regional Medical Center with moderate to serious injuries.

— David Clemons

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COVID-19

# County buildings disinfected after employees become ill

MONROE — The Walton County government has decontaminated several public buildings and will restrict access after several employees and inmates have tested positive for COVID-19 in recent weeks.

Several employees in Walton County Fire Rescue Station 3 (Walnut Grove) and one employee each in Station 10 and Station 14 have tested

positive for the illness.

Five female inmates have tested positive, prompting Sheriff Joe Chapman and Maj. Wade Harris to quarantine the entire female block of the county jail.

In a news release Thursday morning, the county government said both the Sheriff's Office and Fire Rescue had decontaminated their fa-

cilities according to guidelines of the Georgia Department of Public Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The county government also plans to require all citizens and employees to have their temperatures checked before entering a government building. Anyone with a temperature higher than 99.9 degrees, or showing

symptoms of COVID-19, will not be permitted entry.

County employees may be reached by telephone or email, or by appointment.

Social Circle said it too will check temperatures to local government facilities and request city personnel to wear masks.

— From staff reports



Loganville Development Authority Chairman Skip Baliles, who has since become the city's mayor-elect, presents a plan for downtown improvements during a City Council meeting on Aug. 12. Denise Etheridge | The Tribune

## Baliles: 3 seats decided in at-large election

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He jumped into politics in 2011, running for City Council, and was one of the first to win a four-year term in Loganville.

Baliles decided not to run for reelection in 2019, citing a belief in term limits. But he was appointed to the Loganville Development Authority last year and serves as chairman.

Loganville voters will select among seven candidates for three seats on the City Council in an at-large election.

Only one is an incumbent, accounting consultant Anne Hunt-singer, who is seeking a second term.

Also in the field are Melanie Long, who owns a locksmith business; Terry Parsons, who works in pest control; Shenia Rivers-Devine, a life insurance agent; Rosa D. Steele, a bus driver; Branden Whitfield, a business owner; and James Wilson, a Gwinnett County sheriff's deputy.

Danny Ford and Lisa Newberry decided not to seek reelection.

The election will be Nov. 2, with polls open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Rock Gym downtown.

Early voting will be weekdays from Oct. 12-29, and for the first time available on both two Saturdays during that period.

## Plan: 'Throw the whole Connolly (plan) away and start small' downtown: Whitfield

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leaders in July, but the council's retreat was canceled when news leaked that developers had been invited.

The idea for the LDA's concept was taken from the Main Street overlay from 2018, and supported by the wants of citizens who responded to a survey of what they envision for their downtown, according to Baliles and Whitfield.

"We are trying to look at economic development in our city and bring the citizens of Loganville something that they can be proud of," Baliles said. "A lot of eyes are on some property the city owns, some 4 acres across from the Methodist Church. Please take that out of the equation for tonight. It's not what we're talking about."

"This site is at 254 Main St. (and 4436 Pecan St.). Right now it is nothing. It is where the bank used to be," Whitfield said.

Whitfield explained the conceptual layout produced by Precision Planning. He said the authority had just gotten the site plan back from Precision Planning at 3:30 that afternoon. The plan calls for five buildings, two 2,000-square-foot structures facing Main Street and three 1,650-square-foot structures facing Pecan Street. The property would also allow for 60 proposed parking spaces and a sidewalk with curb and gutter on Pecan Street.

Baliles touched on two details on the conceptual plan. He said a small alleyway between an existing barbershop on Main Street and a proposed building on the plan could be enclosed.

In addition to shops, a revitalized downtown could offer art galleries and a restaurant with outdoor seating on an expansive outdoor patio, according to Whitfield. Sidewalks would be wide and the increase in city parking spaces would allow patrons to park and walk downtown. The plan would also call for architectural consistency and attractive facades for downtown structures, according to Whitfield.

Whitfield said 91% of the people that responded to an online Citizens Advisory Group survey conducted by

the city this past spring said they wanted a walk and park concept for downtown Loganville.

"We need to throw the whole Connolly thing away and start small on this one area of land," he said.

Baliles suggested possible uses for space above the proposed ground floor retail shops. He said they could be used for office space or lofts. Real estate experts in the city said that lofts could easily be sold for \$200,000 each, according to the LDA chairman. However, these same Realtors told the LDA there is "a glut" on office space in Loganville, according to Baliles. But, he said, the decision over how to use second floor space downtown would be left to the City Council.

Baliles described the concept the LDA presented as offering city leaders a "baby steps" approach toward revitalizing the downtown corridor.

Mayor Rey Martinez said he spoke with numerous representatives from the state during a recent Georgia Municipal Association convention in Savannah, and was told state entities "are aware of what Loganville wants to do," regarding revitalization. These organizations are willing to partner with the city on redevelopment efforts, Martinez said.

Baliles stressed that the LDA was only presenting a concept, and that funding sources would still have to be explored.

Whitfield said there are not any investors currently ready to build in downtown. However, the LDA has gotten positive feedback that entrepreneurs would be interested in opening a business in Loganville if there was a viable downtown, according to Baliles.

The LDA keeps a list of people who express interest in investing in Loganville's downtown, he said.

"We've got to make it profitable for them to come in," Baliles said.

Baliles, a former Loganville city councilman, is running unopposed for mayor and will take office in January 2022. Whitfield is running for a seat on the City Council. The other three residents who serve on the LDA include Dana Russell, Michael Dermer and Tricia Elliot.

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## Raids: Local man says agents gather at home

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Donnie Hyatt told the AJC 40 federal agents in four armored vehicles converged at 7 a.m. Aug. 10 to serve a warrant to search the property.

He said the agents had a warrant, but it was for a sealed investigation and had few details, the AJC reported. The Hyatts were among the thousands who attended former President Donald Trump's rally in Washington, D.C., on Jan. 6. They were not among those who breached the Capitol, Donnie Hyatt told the AJC.

No one answered the door when a Walton Tribune editor visited the home this week, and no one returned a message left seeking comment.

Hill helped place Newton County in the national spotlight in September 2016 when he led the III% Security Force on the Covington Square in an armed protest of the possible construction of a Muslim mosque and cemetery in south Newton County.

He also released a video at the time in which he admitted publicly he said some "crass" things about

mosque planners, though he denied it was meant to intimidate.

Hill reportedly also was among those attending a protest in August 2020 that turned violent in the city of Stone Mountain amid calls for removal of the Confederate memorial carving in nearby Stone Mountain Park.

Reuters reported Friday that the FBI has found little evidence of an organized plot on Jan. 6 to overturn the results of the presidential election, in which Democrat Joe Biden defeated Trump.

The events that day interrupted a joint session of Congress to count electoral votes. Several Republican congressman including Rep. Jody Hice, who represents Walton County, contested the results.

The Reuters report noted that more than 570 alleged participants have been arrested, but said the FBI does not think there was a centrally coordinated effort behind the insurrection by far-right groups or by supporters of Trump.

David Clemons, editor and publisher of The Walton Tribune, contributed to this report.





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## REDSKINS HISTORY

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Region 8-AAAAA

Team	Region	Overall
Clarke Central	0-0	0-0
Eastside	0-0	0-0
Greenbrier	0-0	0-0
Jackson County	0-0	0-0
Johnson	0-0	0-0
Apalachee	0-0	0-1
Loganville	0-0	0-1
Walnut Grove	0-0	0-1

**Friday's results**  
 Apalachee 3-19 Winder-Barrow  
 Monroe Area 28-7 Loganville  
 Miller Grove 7-24 Walnut Grove  
 Cherokee Bluff at Johnson, late  
 Cedar Shoals at Clarke Central, ppd  
**Idle:** Eastside, Greenbrier, Jackson County

**Next week's games**  
 Apalachee at Habersham Central  
 Buford at Clarke Central  
 East Jackson at Jackson County  
 Eastside at Winder-Barrow  
 Harlem at Greenbrier  
 Walnut Grove at Monroe Area  
**Idle:** Johnson, Gainesville; Loganville

Region 8-AAA

Team	Region	Overall
Franklin County	0-0	1-0
Hart County	0-0	1-0
Monroe Area	0-0	1-0
Oconee County	0-0	1-0
Stephens County	0-0	1-0
East Jackson	0-0	0-1

**Friday's results**  
 Elbert County 21-54 Hart County  
 Lumpkin County 6-20 Franklin County  
 Monroe Area 28-7 Loganville  
 Oconee County 35-28 North Oconee  
 West Hall 14-7 East Jackson  
 White County 20-34 Stephens County

**Next week's games**  
 Cedar Shoals at Oconee County  
 East Jackson at Jackson County  
 Franklin County at Banks County  
 Hart County at White County  
 Stephens County at North Hall  
 Walnut Grove at Monroe Area

Region 8-A (Public)

Team	Region	Overall
Social Circle	0-0	1-0
Commerce	0-0	0-0
Greene County	0-0	0-0
Lincoln County	0-0	0-0
Towns County	0-0	0-0
Washington-Wilkes	0-0	0-1

**Friday's results**  
 George Walton Academy 6-40 Social Circle  
 Laney 26-20 Washington-Wilkes  
 Banks County at Commerce, late  
 Greene County at Westside, Augusta, ppd.  
 Pinecrest Academy at Towns County, ccd.  
**Idle:** Lincoln County

**Next week's games**  
 Bryan County at Lincoln County  
 Commerce at Union County  
 King's Ridge at Greene County  
 Lake Oconee Academy at Pinecrest Academy  
 Providence Christian at Social Circle  
 Towns County at Armuchee

Region 8-A (Private)

Team	Region	Overall
Athens Christian	0-0	1-0
Athens Academy	0-0	0-1
George Walton	0-0	0-1
Loganville Christian	0-0	0-1
Prince Ave Christian	0-0	0-1

**Friday's results**  
 Athens Christian 35-18 Walker  
 George Walton Academy 6-40 Social Circle  
 LCA 10-40 Providence Christian  
 Prince Avenue 13-21 Calvary Day School  
 Trinity Christian 59-7 Athens Academy

**Next week's games**  
 Athens Academy at Charlotte (N.C.)  
 Country Day School  
 Bethlehem Christian at Loganville Christian  
 Christian Academy of Knoxville (Tenn.) at Prince Avenue Christian  
 St. Francis at Athens Christian  
 Stratford Academy at George Walton Academy

WEEK 1: Monroe Area 28, Loganville 7

# Course correction

Monroe Area senior Bernard Manga celebrates a big defensive stop for the Purple Hurricanes in the season-opening victory Friday night at Loganville. Brett Fowler | The Tribune

## Hurricanes reclaim edge

LOGANVILLE

Brett Fowler  
THE WALTON TRIBUNE

The Monroe Area banner read, “Last year was a mistake. We’re here to set the record straight.”

The Purple Hurricanes defeated Loganville 28-7 Friday night at Red Devil Field to move to 22-18 overall in the high school football rivalry series while getting revenge for last year’s overtime loss to the Red Devils.

Monroe Area struck first with a 17-yard touchdown pass from Selatian Straughter to JB Flud with 7:07 left in the first quarter.

However, Loganville was able to answer at the beginning of the second quarter with a 51-yard touchdown pass from Gavin Hall to PJ Rogers to tie the contest at 7-7.

The Hurricanes retook the lead with 3:42 left in the first half when Straughter carried the rock in himself from 6 yards out.


Monroe Area tacked on another score late in the first half when Straughter connected with Alan Jones streaking down the visitor sideline for a 45-yard score that put the Hurricanes up 21-7 before they headed to the locker room.

The second half remained fairly uneventful. Monroe Area looked to maintain possession, but did manage to tack on another score in the fourth quarter when Straughter threw to Jeremiah Anderson in the end zone for his third passing touchdown of the evening.

Monroe Area now sets its sights on winning the county championship next week when the Hurricanes host rival Walnut Grove at The Purple Pit.

Loganville has a bye week next week, but will continue to search for its first win when the Red Devils travel to Forsyth

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Social Circle 40, George Walton Academy 6

# 'Skin-sational win

Social Circle opens with a victory over a county rival it's never mastered

SOCIAL CIRCLE  
**David Johnson**  
CORRESPONDENT

After having lost the previous five meetings, Social Circle took out its frustrations in a big way Friday night at Redskins Field, trouncing cross-county rival George Walton Academy 40-6 in the 2021 high school football season opener for both teams.

It was hardly a surprise, given that the Redskins return one of their most talented teams in recent memory while the Bulldogs are reeling after a tumultuous off season in which they lost their head coach and a host of key returners.

Social Circle took full advantage of the mismatch, led by third-year starting quarterback Logan Cross, who completed 26 of 38 passes for 332 yards and three touchdowns.

Facing a young and inexperienced Bulldogs front, Cross had plenty of time to pick apart the defense, connecting



Jude Nelson (14) carries for Social Circle in the Redskins' high school football season opening game against George Walton Academy on Friday night in Social Circle. Cassie Jones photos | MAK Photography

with seven different receivers on the night. His favorite target was senior K.J. Reid, who had seven catches for 83 yards.

Junior Mason Moore caught five passes for 80 yards and a touchdown.

Meanwhile sophomore running back Kam



Laythan Folgman, a senior at George Walton, carries in the first half at Social Circle on Friday night. He scored the Bulldogs' only points in the season opener. GWA has its 2021 home opener on Aug. 27 against Stratford Academy.



K.J. Reid caught seven passes for 83 yards Friday night in Social Circle's victory over George Walton Academy. See more photos at [WaltonTribune.com](http://WaltonTribune.com).

Durden kept the Bulldogs defense honest, carrying 12 times for 70 yards and two TDs.

After falling short on their opening drive, thanks to a pair of motion penalties, the Redskins cleaned up their act and scored on their next three possessions to take a commanding 19-0 halftime lead.

They secured the win and completed the rout with scores the first two times they touched the ball in the second half.

Social Circle drove 78 yards in 12 plays on its second possession.

Cross completed all seven of his passes, but it was Durden burst up the middle for the final 6 yards to give the Redskins their first points of the season.

The next drive went 75 yards, the final 26 on a pass from Cross to Moore on what was likely the first of many TD throws this fall.

The Redskins closed out the half with an eight-play, 63-yard drive, culminated by a 13-yard scoring toss from Cross to junior Da-Shon Hyman.

Cross threw his third

and final TD pass of the night with a 4-yard toss to junior Will Atha with 7:55 to go in the third.

Durden closed out the night for the Redskins with a 5-yard dive up the middle early in the fourth.

The young and short-handed GWA offense was held under 200 total yards and didn't cross midfield until just under four minutes were remaining in the third quarter.

Senior Laythan Folgman ran for 26 yards on the Bulldogs' first play from scrimmage. But it would be their only first down until the final play of the half.

A 7-yard run by Folgman with 7:37 left in the game prevented a shutout.

Social Circle added a

late score at end on a 3-yard run by freshman Bristol Evans with 3:47 left.

Sophomore quarterback Tristan Hill had a tough debut for GWA, completing just one pass for 4 yards, fumbling once, and throwing an interception on the Bulldogs' first possession of the second half.

GWA will host Stratford Academy from Macon next Friday while Social Circle stays home to face Providence Christian (1-0), both non-region games.

The Eagles will be making their season debut when they play at Don Williams Stadium next week, while Providence is fresh off a win over Loganville Christian.



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Providence Christian 40, Loganville Christian 10

# Loganville Christian can't withstand Storm in opener

Providence rallies after Lions' strong start to take win in season's first game

Stephen Milligan  
THE WALTON TRIBUNE

LILBURN — The Lions started with a roar but ended with a whimper as they hit the road to get blown away by the Providence Christian Storm in the season opener, 40-10.

The Lions started with a bang, forcing a fumble on the opening return by Providence to start at the Storm's 17. A couple of dropped passes ultimately led LCA to settle for a 38-yard field goal by Andrew Wengryn to take an early 3-0 lead.

The Storm surged back on the ensuing drive, converting a fourth-and-11 to

extend a possession that reached the Lions 30-yard line before a fumble returned the ball to LCA control at the 18.

A sack forced the Lions to punt, however, and the Storm raced down the field for a touchdown on the return, only for a helmet-to-helmet hit to reverse the score.

It hardly mattered. The Storm pushed methodically down the field, finally scoring on a 15-yard touchdown dash. Providence failed to convert a 2-point try, leaving them up 6-3 just before the end of the first quarter.

After LCA punted after a retreating drive plagued by



Wengryn

penalties and sacks, the Storm scored on an inexplicable play, a 64-yard jump ball that wobbled into a receiver's arms who then rambled into the end zone.

The 2-point try was good for a 14-3 score.

LCA went three-and-out, setting up another long drive by Providence, which marched down the field to score on a 6-yard pass just before halftime.

The Lions finally found some momentum again coming out of the locker room, scoring on a 74-yard pass from Joshua Ruder to Kaden Reid. The kick was good to narrow the Storm lead to 10.

The LCA defense remained porous, however, allowing the Storm to drive down to the 9. But the

Lions finally stiffened the line and finally forced the ball over on downs to regain possession.

Yet the Lions could only go three-and-out, punting after no gain to set up another Storm drive, culminating in a 14-yard touchdown run.

After another defunct Lions possession, Providence wasted little time scoring again, rushing 71 yards for another touchdown. The 2-point conversion was good for a 34-10 lead.

The teams went quiet after that, punting or simply turning it over on downs.

With less than four minutes left, LCA tried to mount one last drive, completing a few long passes,

despite drops and sacks, to reach the red zone once more. But with time short and downs running out, they tried to settle for a 34-yard field goal, only to watch it sail wide.

The Storm then chose to rub salt in the wound, running the ball near the length of the field for a responding touchdown. They knelt on the conversion try rather than widen the divide even further.

With less than a minute left, the Lions accepted a facemask penalty to reach near midfield, but ran out the clock with one rushing attempt.

The Lions will open at home next week against Bethlehem Academy.

Miller Grove 24, Walnut Grove 7

# Wolverines slash the Warriors in Week 1

Walnut Grove's opening game woes continue in 24-7 loss to Miller Grove

Chris Bridges CORRESPONDENT

WALNUT GROVE — The start of any new football season is always filled with plenty of optimism.

That was the case for the Walnut Grove High School team Friday night although a little of the air was let out of the balloon as the Warriors fell 24-7 to visiting Miller Grove High School.

The Warriors (0-1) still have not won a season opener since 2015. The team enters the new campaign with a revamped coaching staff, especially on the offensive side of the football.

The win for Miller Grove (1-0) made for a successful debut for head coach Melvin Brown. The Wolverines are still a relatively new program out of DeKalb County competing in Region 6-AAAA. The team was 3-5 in 2020.

Trailing 12-0 at halftime, Walnut Grove made a defensive stand to start the third quarter after big plays from Kyle Smith and Caesar Futch. Rhett Lambert's punt return gave the Warriors possession inside the Miller Grove 20-yard line.

An interception in the end zone, however, halted not only the drive but seemingly any momentum

Walnut Grove may have had in the second half.

The Wolverines then marched 80 yards and reached the end zone on a 20-yard run by Ta'Jon Corbitt for an 18-point cushion with 7:26 left in the third. The 2-point conversion attempted failed.

Corbitt found the end zone again on a 7-yard run to push the advantage to 24-0 for Miller Grove. The team continued to struggle with point-after conversions, this time misfiring on a kick.

The Warriors were able to get on the scoreboard with 2:02 remaining on a 3-yard run by Nolan Yancey. Kevin Sandoval added the point-after kick.

After Walnut Grove went three-and-out to start the game, Miller Grove moved into scoring position before eventually turning the football over on downs. The Wolverines had first and goal at the 6-yard line but two delay of game penalties hurt the scoring drive.

A short punt gave the Wolverines possession at the Warrior 30-yard line and this time Miller Grove

cached in on a 26-yard pass from Chancellor Allen to Yahlmin Novotny with 2:28 left in the opening quarter.

The Warriors recovered a fumble on Walnut Grove's and needed just two plays to reach the end zone again on a 7-yard run by Jayden Brown with 1:14 in the first. The Wolverines tried a different kicker for this extra point but the attempt was blocked to leave the score at 12-0.

Walnut Grove's special teams put the Warriors in scoring position following with a blocked punt on Miller Grove's fourth series of the half. Tytus Valentine recovered the football for the Warriors setting up a first-and-goal at 10.

The drive stalled, however, and Sandoval's 27-yard field goal attempt was wide leaving the score 12-0.

Miller Grove hurt itself in the first half and throughout the game with numerous penalties including holding calls, delay of game infractions and several unsportsmanlike penalties.

Walnut Grove will travel to Monroe Area (1-0) next Friday.

Georgia


# 'Dawgs likely down 2 for Clemson

ATHENS — According to The Athletic, Georgia will likely be without tight end Darnell Washington and defensive back Tykee Smith in the Bulldogs' season opener against Clemson on Sept. 4 in Charlotte, North Carolina, after both players suffered foot injuries in Tuesday's practice.

"Darnell Washington and Tykee Smith sustained foot injuries during practice this week," said Kirby Smart in a statement released Wednesday afternoon. "They are both undergoing treatment and have an excellent prognosis. Their status is day to day."

Smith was named to the preseason watch list for the Bronko Nagurski Award, for the nation's best defender.

— The Red & Black



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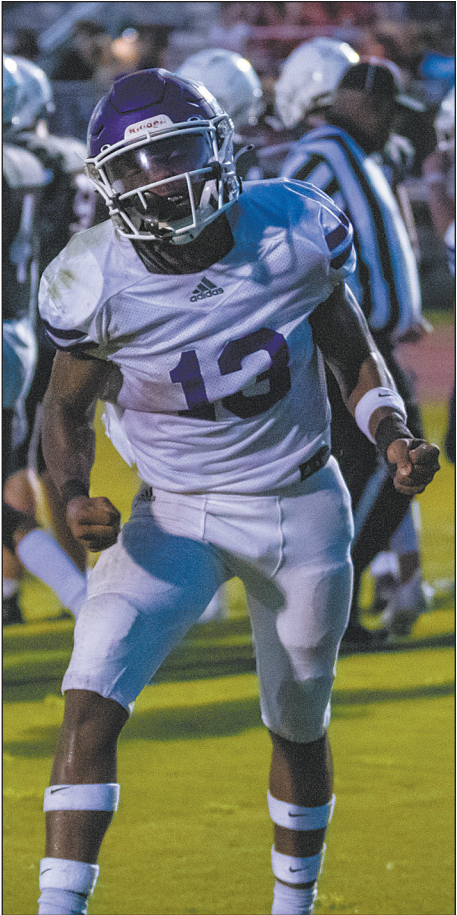
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Loganville quarterback Gavin Hall (6) eludes a Monroe Area defender during the Red Devils' 28-7 loss to Monroe Area Friday night at Red Devils Stadium. Melinda Pease | MP Sports Pics



Monroe Area quarterback Selatian Straughter celebrates after scoring on a 6-yard run during Friday nights contest with Loganville. Brett Fowler | The Tribune



Monroe Area running back Alan Jones (7) outruns a Loganville defender during the first half of the Purple Hurricanes' 28-7 win over rival Loganville Friday night at Red Devils Stadium. Melinda Pease | MP Sports Pics



Loganville's PJ Rogers (8) celebrates after scoring on a big 51-yard reception to tie the ballgame in the second quarter. Monroe Area would go on to win 28-7. Brett Fowler | The Tribune



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## First day of school at George Walton Academy



**Camden Masterson, 8, arrives for his first day of third grade at George Walton Academy Wednesday morning.** Stephen Milligan | The Tribune



**Sophia Cown, 7, gets a high five with Awgie the Bulldog as she starts second grade at George Walton Academy.** Stephen Milligan | The Tribune



**Waiting for the signal to start the day, Samantha Majka, 5, pops out of the top of her car as she waits to enter K-4 at GWA.** Stephen Milligan | The Tribune



**Noah Conner, 8, starts third grade at GWA.** Stephen Milligan | The Tribune



**Kamryn Green starts kindergarten at GWA Wednesday.** Stephen Milligan | The Tribune



**Sisters Cora, 6, and Emmie, 4, Harris walk into the first day of school hand in hand as they start first grade and K-4, respectively, on Wednesday.** Stephen Milligan | The Tribune

**Robbie Hooker** Social Circle City Schools Superintendent

## Adjusting our reaction to pandemic concerns for new year

The Social Circle City Schools district ensures that every child we serve has access to the knowledge and skills needed to become mindful, productive, and empowered citizens.

Our students and staff were very enthusiastic about returning to school and we have had a terrific start to the 2021-22 school year. We are excited about the growth in the number of students and staff members in our district.

We continue to innovate and adapt to the COVID-19 conditions in our community. The pandemic caused us to rethink how to most effectively deliver engaging instruction while

providing much-needed Social-Emotional Learning components in our lessons.

The Social Circle City Schools welcomes the growth that our community is experiencing. Our total enrollment grew by 110 students between May and August. We anticipated this growth and added 13 essential positions to our district for the 2021-22 school year. These new positions included additional teachers, paraprofessionals, school nutrition team members, a full-time lead nurse, and a systemwide social worker. The addition of a full-time lead nurse, Mrs. Elizabeth Gaddis (a Social Circle City Schools graduate), allows us to improve our clinic services and offer telehealth options through our middle and high school campus.

Our systemwide social worker, Mrs. Joslyn Holton (formerly our middle school and high school SSA coordinator) will support struggling families in order to help to remove barriers to learning. Our principals and central office staff members recruited top-notch professionals who have demonstrated their effectiveness at improving student success.

SCCS revisited our reopening plans from the 2020-21 school year and made necessary adjustments to provide an excellent and equitable education including robust safety protocols for the 2021-22 school year. Our COVID-19 response team considered guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Georgia Department of Public Health,

and the Georgia Department of Education. We appreciate the flexibility that the Department of Public Health offers school systems to allow flexibility with quarantines for asymptomatic exposed individuals while there are fewer COVID-19 positive cases in their community.

If students or staff members elect to continue to come to school following exposure, they must wear a mask for 10 days following the exposure. We are closely monitoring our COVID-19 positive case counts and will make adjustments to our processes and procedures if cases rise.

Our community appreciates frequent and transparent communication regarding COVID-19 conditions in

our schools. We share our system-wide case counts on Fridays, communicate with families of individuals who have been exposed to a confirmed positive COVID-19 individual, and will notify families if we see a spike in cases at specific schools.

The Georgia DPH does not consider home COVID-19 tests to be able to confirm a positive case. We urge families who have utilized home tests to reach out to their medical professionals to seek advice regarding COVID-19 testing. Please visit our website at [www.socialcircleschools.com](https://www.socialcircleschools.com) for more information regarding our comprehensive plans and processes for reopening our schools.

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# Focus on Education Social Circle City Schools

**ONLINE** [WaltonTribune.com/education](http://WaltonTribune.com/education) **STAY IN TOUCH** Email News Editor Stephen Milligan: [stephen.milligan@waltontribune.com](mailto:stephen.milligan@waltontribune.com)

## Back to school



Mrs. Wimpey's fourth graders are excited to be back at school. From left are Pretty Ceruti-Marshall, Liana Adkins, Kyndal Holt, Braylon Carr, Landon Fountain and Macen Edge.

## Lunch time



Third graders Paisley Sullivan, Alyssa Ferguson, and Gracie Ruby are excited for the start of the new school year!

## School officer



Student Resource Officer Jay Campbell greets third grade students as they leave the lunchroom. From left are SRO Campbell, Gia Robinson and Tanner Leigh. Peeking behind are Tre' Jackson and Brayden Malcom.

## Scavenger hunt



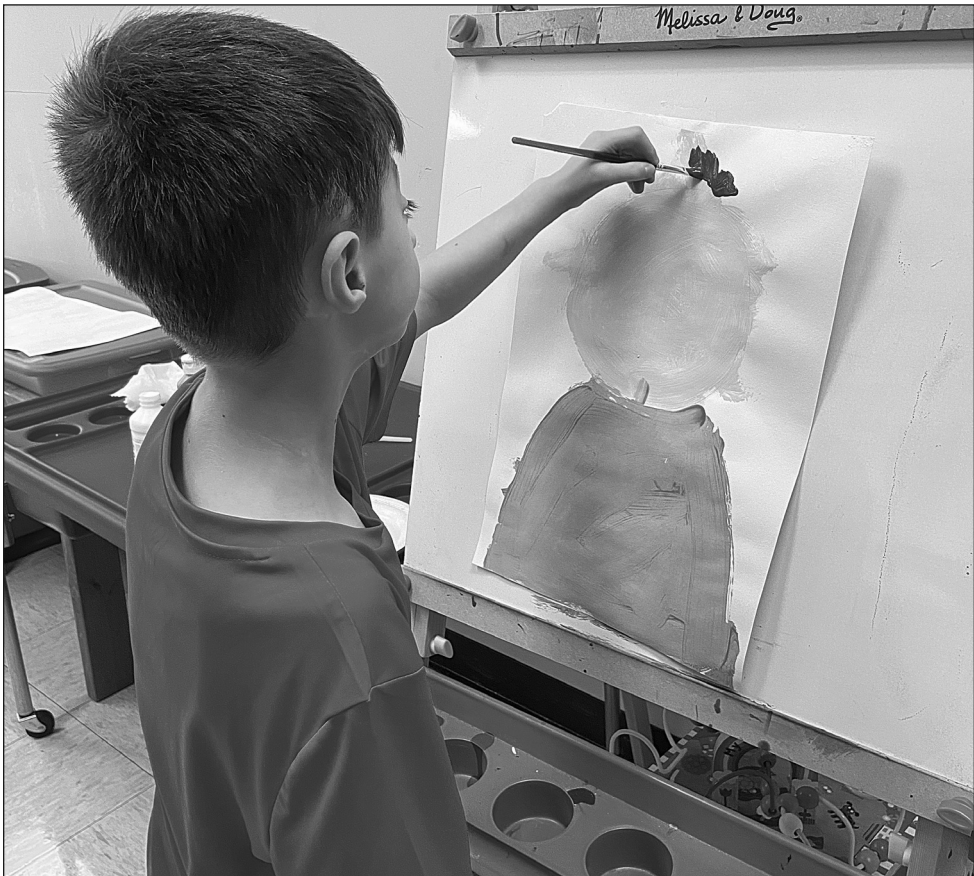
The amazing sixth grade team won the Back to School Scavenger Hunt at SCMS. Pictured are Christy Thornton, Charles Reynolds, Kamwanya Collier, April McCafferty, Andi Parker, Melissa Cagle, Stacy Cleary, Shelbie Casey and Sandy Briscoe.

## Media center



SCMS students Jayden Carr, Brian Atkinson, Mason Stoaks and Evan Conavay are glad to be back in the media center reading their favorite books.

## Self-portraits



SCPS student Chance Walden working on an 'All About Me' self-portrait.



SCPS student Avery McKay working on an 'All About Me' self-portrait.









# Walton Ways

## 1025 Church

1025 E. Spring St., Monroe  
770.266.1013  
1025church.org

You are invited to join us every Sunday at 9 or 11 a.m. for in person worship. We would love to see you. You're also invited to join us on Wednesday nights at 6:30 for Bible study for all ages — 316 Kids, students, adults and senior adults.

If you do not feel safe coming back to church at this time, we will still have a livestream on 1025 Facebook and 1025 YouTube. Our desire is for you to feel safe in the environment the Lord has in place for us.

1025 Church has been cleaned from top to bottom and is sanitized each week between services. You will feel very safe. And we are blessed with a large foyer and a large worship center to easily abide by the "social distancing" rules.

Please visit our website at [www.1025church.org](http://www.1025church.org) or find us on Facebook to stay informed. 1025 Church is located at 1025 E. Spring St. Our pastor is Tommy Fountain Sr.

## Bible Baptist Church

1180 Old Monroe-Madison Highway,  
Monroe | 770.267.6711  
[biblebapt.org](http://biblebapt.org)

A cordial invitation is extended to everyone in the community to join us for Summer Bible Conference 2021, this Sunday through Tuesday.

Evangelist Jack Little will be preaching at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday The Rev. Brad Waters will preach in the Monday service at 7 p.m. and Dr. Tim Butler will preach on Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Joining the Bible Baptist Choir in the presentation of special music in all services will be The Littles from Monroe, North Carolina.

More information concerning the conference, along with directions to the church, are available at [www.biblebapt.org](http://www.biblebapt.org) or by calling the church office at 770-267-6711.

Choice Silver: "Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles." — Proverbs 21:23

## Calvary Baptist Church

655 Highway 11, Monroe  
770.267.3224  
[cbcmonroe.com](http://cbcmonroe.com)

God is alive!

Last Sunday at Calvary, our choir director led the choir to sing, "Come Now is the Time to Worship" and "Draw Me Close" and the congregation sang, "Standing on the Promises."

Pastor Matt's message was titled, "Keep Your Eyes on the Prize" reading from 1 Corinthians 9:15-27. Pastor continued in chapter nine Paul was dealing with the issue of Christian liberty in the Corinthian

## About Church News

The Walton Tribune welcomes submissions for our Church News section, which is published each Sunday. Because of the large number of correspondents who submit information each week, we ask you to keep your church submissions as brief as possible. The deadline for submissions each week is 1 p.m. Tuesday. We ask the submissions be kept to 100 words or fewer. Items may be edited before being published.

Walton Ways submissions can be dropped off at The Tribune office at 121 S. Broad St. in Monroe, faxed to 770-267-7780 or emailed to [community@waltontribune.com](mailto:community@waltontribune.com). Daily Planner items about church events should be submitted separately.

church. His points were,

- 1) No Reason to Boast.
- 2) A Slave to All Men.
- 3) The Prize Before.

In the conclusion: We don't compete for trophies that decay. We meet people where they are as long as it does not violate Scripture. Be disciplined. Run to win. Run with all your heart, fulfill your role, work yourself to death in the service of our Lord.

We would love to see you at Calvary Baptist Church every Sunday. Our services are at 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. every Sunday. If you cannot come to Calvary, please feel free to go to Calvary's Facebook page and watch Pastor Matt's message.

Hope to see you soon.

## Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church

2483 Whitney Road, Monroe  
770.464.2977  
[fellowshipsc.com](http://fellowshipsc.com)

"When the gates swing open."

We observed our first Homecoming since COVID-19 and it was outstanding. Deacon Terry Latimore read the Scripture from Psalm 1:1-3 and Deacon Archie Hester offered the devotional prayer.

Sister Thanesha Sorrells extended a warm welcome and read the announcements.

Our wonderful pastor, the Rev. Clinton Sorrells Sr., brought a dynamic sermon titled, "What is the Christian Race and What Keeps Us in the Race?" The Scripture reading came from Hebrews 12:1-2 and he also blessed the offerings.

We are glad to have Brother Nicholas Carswell back on the keyboard singing and giving God the grace.

— Flora Brown

## First Presbyterian Church of Monroe

500 Breedlove Drive, Monroe  
770.267.3404 | [fpcmonroe.com](http://fpcmonroe.com)

Consider joining for worship and study on Sundays. We have three Sunday school classes that begin at 9:45 a.m. Worship begins at 11 a.m. We also have a children's sermon and a staffed nursery.

The service will broadcast live on Facebook page First Presbyterian

Church Monroe and is also uploaded for viewing at a later time.

New Day Circle meets the first Monday of each month at 10 a.m. at the church. Joy Circle meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at various locations. Bible study meets Tuesdays at 10 a.m. at the church.

Saints Alive dinner group meets the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at various locations. Viti-culture wine tasting group meets the second Thursday each month at 6:30 p.m. at various locations. Sanctuary Sisters fellowship group meets the first Thursday of each month.

Jess Mulkey Man Cave meets every Thursday at 10 a.m. at the Church. Boy Scout Troop 705 meets on Mondays at 7 p.m. in the Scout hut located at FPC.

We are a close group of fun and loving folks who would love to share the fun and fellowship with others, so please consider joining us as we seek to grow in faith.

Please visit our website, [www.fpcmonroe.com](http://www.fpcmonroe.com), for more information.

## First United Methodist Church of Monroe

400 S. Broad St., Monroe  
770.267.6525 | [fumcmonroe.org](http://fumcmonroe.org)

Services Sunday morning will begin at 9 (contemporary, in the fellowship hall) and 11 (traditional, in the sanctuary).

A sermon series, "Jesus Confidential," on the Sermon on the Mount begins this week. The Rev. John Purrington's sermon will be "The Blessing of Comfort" from Matthew 5:1-6.

The beginning of understanding Jesus includes the reality of a great reversal that marks the coming kingdom. Comfort is given in response to suffering, struggle and disparity in this world. Prevent grace comes into view thru the God who wants a relationship more than anything else.

God's comfort comes to meet us where we are in our lives and includes the promise of not leaving us there ...

Wednesday night activities have

resumed with dinner at 5:30 p.m. and Bible studies at 6:30. A love offering will be taken and all FUMC preschool families eat free. To make reservations, contact [office@fumcmonroe.org](mailto:office@fumcmonroe.org) or 770-267-6525.

Purrington will lead a Bible study at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary and 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship each Wednesday.

## Loganville First United Methodist Church

221 Main St., Loganville  
770.466.8511

[loganvillefumc.org](http://loganvillefumc.org)

"Engage all, Embrace all, Heal all."

The Scriptures this week are Micah 6:6-8 and Luke 10:25-37.

Our chancel choir sang "What Does the Lord Require of You?"

Betty Matson served as liturgist. Skip Matson delivered the sermon "A Certain Man."

Disciple Bible study orientation met this past Sunday.

The children's moment was led by Lynn Thompson Blair.

Opportunities for worship service come at 8:30 a.m. in the parking lot and 11 a.m. in the sanctuary and livestreamed via YouTube for worship at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCegcVUKxnXin6QU17s4ZAsw>. Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m. in person.

Choir practice is at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays. Al-Anon/Alateen meet in person at 7 p.m. on Thursdays and Shade Tree Ladies Devotional Fridays are at 9:30 a.m.

GriefShare will begin Wednesday, Sept. 1, from 10 to 11:30a.m. This program features biblical, Christ-centered teaching that focuses on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. Confidentiality is very much a part of this program.

We welcome anyone seeking a church home.

— Sandra Richards

## Saint Alban's Episcopal Church

210 N. Broad St., Monroe  
770.267.2893 | [saint-albans.org](http://saint-albans.org)

We are planning for our annual picnic to be on Sunday, Aug. 29, at the Robertses' farm at 5 p.m. Please start thinking about your favorite side dishes. Special thanks to Roy and Suzanne Roberts for hosting this wonderful event again this year! The address is 54 Nunnally Farm Road, Monroe, GA 30655.

Join us at the Southern Brewing Co. for a "Prayer and a Pint" the first Tuesday of every month at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome and each gathering will probably last no longer than one hour. For more information, please contact Bob Emmons at 404-406-1228 or [bobemmons210@gmail.com](mailto:bobemmons210@gmail.com).

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"For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations." ~ Isaiah 61:11



# Walton Ways: Take part in Adoration on Friday mornings for a personal holy hour

Continued from C4

Southern Brewing Co. is located at 123 N. Lumpkin St. in Monroe.

To kick off a new beginning for our Episcopal Church Women group, a ladies lunch day is being planned. Starting Wednesday, Sept. 15, and every third Wednesday following, we will connect at a designated local eatery for lunch and fellowship. If you are interested, please call or text Sue Clayton at 469-261-4326 or email Sue at sue.clayton54@gmail.com.

Libby Martin is organizing the Coffee Hour and asks for two volunteer hosts per Sunday. The offerings will be limited and all snacks will be individually wrapped. Please sign up to host a Sunday Coffee Hour on the sheet provided on the round table in the Narthex. Please contact Libby at libmartin2@hotmail.com if interested.

The first Saturday of each month, members of the Vitality Committee distribute complimentary water to the patrons of the Monroe Farmers Market on Court Street. This ministry is a continuation of last year's efforts to introduce downtown visitors to our parish, St. Alban's of Monroe, and invite them to church. We need volunteers to assist with handing out water bottles to those downtown visitors who wish to quench their thirst. We meet at the Parish Hall around 10:15 a.m. on the first Saturday of each month, then split up into a couple of teams and serve our downtown neigh-

bors. Many thanks, Sue Clayton, Marvin Gray and Mallory Sanders.

Please join us in the Nave every Wednesday at 10 a.m. for prayer.

We encourage everyone to visit our website at [www.saint-albans.org](http://www.saint-albans.org). The livestreamed worship services can be accessed via the top box on the right side of the website's home page labeled WORSHIP SERVICES Live Streaming. Please feel free to make suggestions and recommend additions as the committee continues to evangelize and connect with those pursuing a church home in the greater Monroe area.

In addition to the Sunday worship service, John Henderson's "Answering God's Call to Discipleship" lecture series, and children's Bible stories are all available on the homepage of our website. Please share the website info with persons around Monroe as it truly reveals who and what St. Alban's is within the community and the world.

John Henderson continues to lead us in the Bible Study of Becoming His Beloved, "Answering God's Call to Discipleship" every Saturday morning at 10 a.m. on YouTube, our Facebook page (St.AlbansEpiscopal), and our website page, [www.saint-albans.org](http://www.saint-albans.org). Please join John for a great insight into the Bible. If you have missed an episode, you can catch up through archives on our Facebook page or YouTube channel (see [www.saint-albans.org](http://www.saint-albans.org)).

If you wish to celebrate Eucharist

while joining the worship service online, drop by the church and pick up your individual communion kits between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Just knock at the office door on East Highland Avenue or call Shirley Morgan to let her know you are here to pick up the kit(s).

— Chris Sherlock

## St. Anna's Catholic Church

1401 Alcovy St., Monroe  
770.267.7637  
[st-annas.com](http://st-annas.com)

Deepen your relationship with God through the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola and forms of reflective or imaginative prayer. Come to Ignatius House for a day or stay overnight. Visit <https://www.ignatioushouse.org/registration>.

We are looking for someone to help with our youth group. It is a part-time paid position. We need a female high school and a female middle school minister. We are hoping to build these groups up. So far our middle school attendance has been increasing, we do not want it to stop. Please if you can or if you know anyone let us know.

Father Dan is offering a bereavement group for all those in need if there is interest. Please contact him for more information.

Adoration is a wonderful way to grow in relationship with Christ during this season. Adoration is offered Fridays from 6 a.m. to noon. There is no set format for making a personal holy hour. You can simply

look or talk with the Lord. Read Scripture or a spiritual book. Journal. Pray the rosary. How you prayerfully spend time with the Lord is up to you.

Our new audio and visual equipment is installed and streaming! We would like to train people at each Mass to help operate the equipment much like our other liturgy ministries. If you are interested in learning a new skill, please email Delilah Tanner at [secretary@stannas.com](mailto:secretary@stannas.com).

St. Anna's officially has an app! Join us by downloading the MyUCD app on the Apple or Google app store today! Our Identifier Code is BuZqzzOSQk.

St. Anna's Meal Ministry needs YOU! The meal ministry is a great way to serve other members of our parish. We will be the hands and feet of Christ by delivering meals to those who have been sick, had a baby, had surgery, lost a loved one, etc. You do not have to be a chef to be a part of this ministry. Meals do not have to be homemade.

In times of need, a friendly face and a meal can speak volumes. Please contact Miranda Marlowe at [st.annasmeals@gmail.com](mailto:st.annasmeals@gmail.com) or 678-758-2905 if you are interested in being a part of this ministry.

Join RCIA today! For more information please contact Deacon John Duffield 404-423-7988 or [jpduff@bellsouth.net](mailto:jpduff@bellsouth.net) or Deb Farabaugh 814-602-7668 or [debfarabaugh@gmail.com](mailto:debfarabaugh@gmail.com) for more information.

# Walton County Directory of Churches

If your church would like to be included here, please submit written information to:  
Church Directory, c/o The Walton Tribune, P.O. Box 808, Monroe, GA 30655 or fax to 770-267-7780 or email [community@waltontribune.com](mailto:community@waltontribune.com).

**AME ZION**  
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135 Sorrells Drive, Monroe  
770-554-9027  
**Prospect AME Zion**  
1690 Gratis Road NW, Monroe  
770-267-4176  
**Smith Memorial AME Zion**  
405 N. Broad St., Monroe  
770-267-0305  
**Spring Hill AME Zion**  
1179 Spring Hill Road, Monroe  
770-267-4944

**ANGLICAN**  
**Holy Cross Anglican Church**  
3836 Oak Grove Road, Loganville  
770-466-2888

**APOSTOLIC**  
**Bethel Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ**  
2405 Mountain Creek Church Road NW, Monroe  
404-349-7832  
**Monroe Apostolic Church**  
406 Mayfield Drive, Monroe  
770-267-3738  
**Pentecostal Lighthouse**  
3885 Rosebud Road, Loganville  
770-466-3731

**ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
**Cornerstone Fellowship of Monroe**  
628 Camp Lake Road, Monroe  
770-267-2992  
**New Song Church**  
628 Camp Lake Road, Monroe  
770-788-8311  
**Praise Center Assembly of God**  
1857 Highway 78 NW, Monroe  
770-267-7834

**BAPTIST**  
**1025 Church**  
1025 E. Spring St., Monroe  
770-266-1013  
**Alcovy Mountain Baptist**  
2680 HD Atha Road, Monroe  
770-267-8602  
**Annie Mary Baptist**  
327 Highway 11 SW, Monroe  
770-464-0303  
**Arnold Chapel Baptist**  
1400 Rowe Road, Monroe  
770-267-2816  
**Baptist Church of Between**  
2081 Highway 78 NW, Monroe  
770-786-9602  
**Bethany Baptist**  
2200 Bethany Church Road, Monroe  
770-267-4752  
**Bethel Baptist**  
999 Bethel Church Road, Monroe  
770-267-2679  
**Bible Baptist**  
1180 Old Monroe-Madison Highway, Monroe  
770-267-6711  
**Bold Springs Baptist**  
5018 Bold Springs Road NW, Monroe  
770-267-1124

**Braswell Baptist**  
5021 Highway 83, Good Hope  
770-207-1705  
**Brown Hill Baptist**  
350 Brown Hill Church Road, Social Circle  
770-267-7589  
**Calvary Baptist**  
655 Highway 11 SW, Monroe  
770-267-3224  
**Calvary Baptist**  
6320 Sandy Creek Road, Loganville  
770-466-3663  
**Carter Hill Missionary Baptist**  
1810 Thompson Mill Road, Loganville  
770-466-1583  
**Center Hill Baptist**  
2940 Gratis Road NW, Monroe  
770-267-6311  
**Center Hill Baptist**  
6372 Highway 20, Loganville  
770-466-4335  
**Central Oakwood Baptist**  
3064 Oak Grove Road, Loganville  
770-466-7799  
**Chestnut Grove Baptist**  
3890 Prospect Road, Rutledge  
706-343-1242  
**Corinth Missionary Baptist**  
813 S. Cherokee Road, Social Circle  
770-464-2949  
**Crossroads Church of Walton County**  
Meets at Monroe Area High School, 300 Double Springs Church Road NW, Monroe  
770-207-5600  
**Dallys Chapel Baptist Church**  
4317 H.D. Atha Road, Social Circle  
404-520-6725  
**Ebenezer Baptist**  
3861 Ebenezer Church Road, Social Circle  
770-267-4025  
**Faith Baptist**  
1789 Highway 11 NW, Monroe  
770-267-6603  
**Fellowship Baptist**  
2483 Whitney Road SE, Monroe  
770-464-2977  
**First African Baptist**  
130 Tyler St., Monroe  
770-267-5819  
**First Baptist Monroe**  
202 McDaniel St., Monroe  
770-267-5904  
**First Baptist Loganville**  
680 Tom Brewer Road, Loganville  
770-466-4250  
**First Baptist of Youth**  
2655 Broadnax Mill Road, Loganville  
770-466-7526  
**First Baptist of Social Circle**  
195 N. Cherokee Road, Social Circle  
770-464-3474  
**Friendship Baptist**  
165 Line St., Loganville  
770-466-6947  
**Good Hope Baptist**  
176 Highway 83, Good Hope  
770-207-4369  
**Gresham Grove Baptist Church**  
1861 Hardeman Mill Road, Good Hope  
706-343-1342

**Harmony Baptist**  
1310 Harmony Church Rd., Monroe  
770-267-5717  
**Harvest Baptist**  
1020 S. Madison Ave., Monroe  
770-267-4650  
**Hickory Grove Baptist**  
127 Hickory Grove Church Road NW, Monroe  
770-267-9832  
**Horizon Fellowship**  
2080 Highway 78 NW, Monroe  
770-207-1566  
**Jersey Baptist Church**  
1891 Alcovy Station Road, Covington  
770-464-2028  
**Knox Chapel Baptist**  
679 Knox Chapel Road, Social Circle  
770-464-2361  
**Landmark Missionary Baptist**  
160 Rock St., Loganville  
770-466-8135  
**Liberty Hill Baptist**  
2671 Liberty Hill Church Road, Monroe  
770-267-8189  
**Lifespring Baptist Church**  
126 C.S. Floyd Road, Loganville  
770-634-9833  
**Loganville Baptist**  
132 Church St., Loganville  
770-466-1579  
**Macedonia Baptist**  
1519 Macedonia Church Road, Monroe  
770-267-9230  
**Mars Hill Baptist**  
387 W. Hightower Trail, Social Circle  
770-464-0000  
**Mountain Creek Baptist**  
685 Mountain Creek Church Road, Monroe  
770-207-6470  
**Mount Enon Baptist**  
3791 Mount Ena Church Road, Monroe  
770-267-2124  
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223 Tommy Lee Fuller Drive, Loganville  
770-554-4688  
**Oasis Faith Baptist Church**  
2504 Highway 278 SE, Social Circle  
770-464-4331  
**New Beginning Baptist Church**  
3235 Highway 11 NW, Monroe  
678-684-8465  
**New Testament Baptist**  
2165 Broadnax Mill Road, Loganville  
770-554-9027  
**Providence Baptist Church**  
480 Cooper Road, Loganville  
770-466-9494  
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123 C.S. Floyd Road, Loganville  
**Smith Chapel Baptist**  
1049 Smith Chapel Road, Monroe  
770-307-0234  
**South Gwinnett Baptist**  
3400 Rosebud Road, Loganville  
770-978-3532  
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3080 Highway 81, Loganville  
770-466-6133  
**Tabernacle Baptist**  
202 N. Jackson St., Monroe  
770-207-0041

**Victory Baptist**  
88 Brand Road SE, Loganville  
770-466-4040  
**Walker Baptist**  
1150 Good Hope Road, Monroe  
770-267-2363  
**Walton Community Church**  
110 Mears St., Monroe  
678-345-0998  
**West End Baptist**  
455 Highway 11 N., Social Circle  
770-464-3965  
**Willow Springs Baptist**  
Highway 229, Social Circle  
770-464-2607  
**Woodlake Baptist**  
3940 Highway 138, Covington  
770-385-7777

**CATHOLIC**  
**St. Anna's Catholic**  
1401 Alcovy St., Monroe  
770-267-7637

**CHRISTIAN**  
**Corinth Christian**  
1635 Highway 81, Loganville  
770-466-4373  
**First Christian Church of Monroe**  
206 S. Hammond Drive, Monroe  
770-267-2087  
**God's Glory Church**  
2890A Highway 78, Suite F, Loganville  
470-219-5419  
**Good Hope Christian**  
176 High Shoals Road, Good Hope  
770-267-3506  
**The Journey**  
3706 Highway 20, Loganville  
770-979-7863  
**LifeBridge Christian Church**  
2080 Highway 78 NW, Monroe  
770-267-3806  
**Loganville Christian Church**  
4339 Atlanta Highway, Loganville  
770-466-0863  
**Mount Vernon Christian**  
560 Mount Vernon Road NW, Monroe  
770-267-5104  
**Spirit & Truth Worship Center**  
255 Main St., Loganville  
678-639-1481

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**Monroe Church of Christ**  
813 N. Broad St., Monroe  
770-267-9877

**CHURCH OF GOD**  
**LifePoint Community Church**  
3625 Brookview Drive, Loganville  
770-846-8311  
**Loganville Church of God**  
168 Church St., Loganville  
770-466-2763  
**Monroe Church of God**  
1204 E. Church St., Monroe  
770-267-4581  
**Social Circle Church of God**  
2599 Whitney Road SE, Monroe  
770-464-2195

**EPISCOPAL**  
**St. Alban's Episcopal**  
210 N. Broad St., Monroe  
770-267-2893

**METHODIST**  
**Bold Springs UMC**  
7625 Bold Springs Church Road NW, Monroe  
770-267-9635  
**Campton United Methodist**  
1499 Shoal Creek Road NW, Monroe  
770-267-6342  
**Jersey United Methodist**  
115 Social Circle-Jersey Road, Covington  
770-464-1247  
**Loganville First UMC**  
221 Main St., Loganville  
770-466-8511  
**Monroe First UMC**  
400 S. Broad St., Monroe  
770-267-6525  
**Pleasant Valley UMC**  
526 Highway 11 SW, Monroe  
770-267-2028  
**St. Stephen United Methodist**  
113 Mill St., Monroe  
770-267-6724  
**Social Circle UMC**  
261 S. Cherokee Road, Social Circle  
770-464-3854  
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1950 Highway 81, Loganville  
770-554-3533  
**Union Chapel UMC**  
2625 Pannell Road, Monroe  
770-267-7844  
**Walnut Grove UMC**  
915 Church Way, Loganville  
770-787-1166/770-237-3939

**NONDENOMINATIONAL**  
**Graystone Church**  
723 N. Broad St., Monroe  
770-466-3159

**PRESBYTERIAN**  
**Monroe Presbyterian**  
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770-554-9590  
**First Presbyterian Church**  
500 Breedlove Drive, Monroe  
770-267-3404  
**Trinity Evangelical Presbyterian**  
4402 Highway 20, Suite 201, Loganville  
678-794-1842

**PRIMITIVE BAPTIST**  
**Jacks Creek Primitive Baptist**  
3321 Jacks Creek Road NW, Monroe  
770-267-2820/770-267-0026  
**Mount Paran Primitive Baptist**  
3749 Mount Paran Church Road, Social Circle  
706-717-8171  
**Sorrells Springs Primitive Baptist**  
3164 Bold Springs Road NW, Monroe  
706-543-4005

**OTHER**  
**Agape Christian Fellowship**  
137 Highland Ave., Monroe  
770-207-1497  
**Braswell Congregational Holiness Church**  
3368 Braswell Church Road, Monroe  
**Christ Community Church**  
2350 Highway 138 NW, Monroe  
770-267-0007

**Christ United Church**  
2864 Rosebud Road, Loganville  
770-817-8170  
**Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints**  
2637 Youth-Monroe Road, Monroe  
770-267-9763  
**Church At The Grove**  
1050 Walnut Grove Parkway, Loganville  
678-729-8501  
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2860 Highway 78, Loganville  
770-266-6486  
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3170 Highway 138 NW, Monroe  
770-787-1633  
**Grace Monroe**  
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601 S. Madison Ave., Monroe  
404-944-7992  
**House of Praise Ministries**  
110 W. Spring St., Monroe  
770-266-0218  
**Hope Community Fellowship**  
4037 Bailey Circle, Loganville  
770-554-1191  
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3439 Monroe-Jersey Road, Covington  
770-464-2301  
**Lighthouse World Outreach Center**  
609 Gene Bell Road, Monroe  
770-267-4365  
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1114 S. Madison Ave., Monroe  
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1857 Highway 78 NW, Monroe  
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**New Life Ministries' Church**  
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678-639-0001  
**The Church**  
118 W. Spring St., Monroe  
404-345-7038  
**The Cross Church**  
3275 Tig Knight Road, Loganville  
770-554-3322  
**The Monroe Church**  
1113 S. Broad St., Monroe  
770-267-8870  
**Saint Michael's Independent Old Catholic Church**  
3152 Oak Grove Road, Loganville  
770-696-2163  
**Saints Tabernacle Pentecostal**  
1021 Laboon Road, Monroe  
770-267-8121  
**Sandy Ford Holiness**  
399 Social Circle-Fairplay Rd., Social Circle  
770-464-4122  
**Sardis Full Gospel**  
1910 Sardis Church Road, Monroe  
770-207-8861  
**Voice of Truth Ministries**  
773 Ridge Road, Monroe  
770-207-9426



SHERIFF'S OFFICE

MONROE — The Walton County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents between July 24-29.

Saturday, July 24

• **Theft:** Catalytic converters were stolen from several vehicles at a business on Highway 78 between 5 p.m. July 23 and 5 a.m. July 24.

Sunday, July 25

• **Arrest:** An 18-year-old Social Circle man was arrested on a theft-by-taking warrant at Ozora Church Road and Highway 81 after a two-vehicle crash.  
• **Arrest:** A Loganville man was arrested off Highway 78 on a Cobb County warrant after a dispute.  
• **Arrest:** A 51-year-old Monroe man was charged with obstruction and criminal trespassing after a 911 call. He was arrested at a home on Lakeside Boulevard.

• **Hit-and-run:** Deputies and the Georgia State Patrol responded after a two-vehicle crash in the area of Highway 138 and Youth-Jersey Road. One of the vehicles left the scene.

• **Burglary:** Deputies responded to a report of a burglary in progress on Highway 78.

Monday, July 26

• **Arrest:** A 45-year-old Jersey woman was arrested on a failure-to-appear warrant.  
• **Arrest:** A 37-year-old Monroe woman was arrested on a Norcross warrant after a traffic stop just north of Social Circle.  
• **Arrest:** A 57-year-old Grayson man was charged with reckless driving and criminal damage to property after several calls about property damage.  
• **Entering auto:** A Gum Creek Church Road, Loganville, resident reported having three vehicles rummaged through between 8 p.m. July 25 and 1:30 p.m. July 26. Nothing was taken.

Tuesday, July 27

• **Arrests:** Three people were arrested after a traffic stop near Walnut Grove.  
Brittany Gilstrap, 30, of Covington, was charged with two counts of possession of controlled substances and possession of non-labeled prescription drugs.  
A 28-year-old Conyers man was arrested on a probation violation warrant from Newton County.  
A 24-year-old Loganville woman was arrested on a larceny warrant from Morgan County.  
• **Arrest:** A 49-year-old Monroe man was arrested at a location on Atlanta Highway, Loganville, on a warrant from San Bernadino, California.

Wednesday, July 28

• **Arrest:** Jefferson Shelton, 48, of Bethlehem, was charged with driving under the influence, possession of an open container and possession of marijuana after a dispute at a location on

James Huff Road, Monroe.

• **Arrest:** Philip Freeman, 25, of Decatur, was charged with possession of a controlled substance, possession of a firearm during the commission of a crime, possession of marijuana and failure to maintain lane after a traffic stop on Highway 138.  
• **Arrest:** A 47-year-old Monroe man was charged with battery and two counts of cruelty to children after a dispute at a home on Oakmont Way.  
• **Theft:** Deputies have a possible suspect in the theft of a trailer from a Timber Trace Road, Loganville, home between July 25-28.

Thursday, July 29

• **Arrest:** A 36-year-old Good Hope man was arrested on a Morgan County warrant.  
• **Theft:** Several items were stolen from buildings and trailers on Pointer Road, Loganville.

— From staff reports

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GUST 31, 2021. Said sale is for the purpose of selling property for the payment of rent past due, the cost of sale and other costs of notice in a contract governing the disposal of said property upon failure to pay rent. BBI Mini-Warehouses reserves the right to reject any bids and to withdraw any items from such sale.

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NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property under The Georgia Storage Facility Act. The undersigned will sell at public sale by competitive bidding on Wednesday the 1st day of September, 2021 at 9:00 AM with bidding to take place on Lockerfox.com. Said property is SecurCare Self Storage, 1005 South Broad Street, Monroe, GA, 30655 Walton County Moon, Molly K012 shoes,

Public Notice 8010

boxes and bags. Williams, Delandra C028 table, chairs, and night stand. Griffith, Donald G011 China Cabinet, desk, bed. Abernathy, Nathan E007 mattress and furniture. House, Brandy K K009 Dresser, home decor, table. Purchases must be paid for at the time of purchase at storage facility by cash only. All purchased items are sold as is, where is, and must be removed within 48 hours of the sale. A refundable \$100 cash deposit for each unit won is required. Sale is subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party.

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Incorporate/Trade Name 8070

APPLICATION TO REGISTER A BUSINESS TO BE CONDUCTED UNDER A TRADE NAME, PARTNERSHIP OR OTHER

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF WALTON

Incorporate/Trade Name 8070

The undersigned does hereby certify that REI MGT. LLC is conducting business as CC Design 1945 in the city of Loganville, County of Walton, State of Georgia under the name of CC Design 1945 and that the nature of the business is Retail/Clothing and that the names and addresses of the persons, firms or partnership owning and carrying on said trade or business are:

Regina M. Perkins 143 Tara Blvd. Loganville, GA 30052

Subscribed and sworn to before me This 6 day of August, 2021.

Meghan L. Phelts Notary Public Walton County

9173

APPLICATION TO REGISTER A BUSINESS TO BE CONDUCTED UNDER A TRADE NAME, PARTNERSHIP OR OTHER

Incorporate/Trade Name 8070

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF WALTON

The undersigned does hereby certify that Balloon Properties, Inc. is conducting business as Remax Preferred in the city of Loganville, County of Walton, State of Georgia under the name of Remax Preferred and that the nature of the business is Real Estate Sales



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Incorporate/Trade Name 8070

and that the names and addresses of the persons, firms or partnership owning and carrying on said trade or business are:

Balloon Properties, Inc. Terri Braswell: 1291 Lee Peters Rd. Loganville, GA 30052

Angela Pierce: 2940 Broadnax Mill Rd. Loganville, GA 30052

Incorporate/Trade Name 8070

Subscribed and sworn to before me This 29th day of July, 2021.

Stuart J. Oberman Attorney for Balloon Properties, INC

Seleena Richison Notary Public Fulton County, Georgia

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Crossword solution



For more puzzles, see Page C7 and Entertainment Extra, Section D

Incorporate/Trade Name 8070

Subscribed and sworn to before me This 29th day of July, 2021.

Stuart J. Oberman Attorney for Balloon Properties, INC

Seleena Richison Notary Public Fulton County, Georgia

Incorporate/Trade Name 8070

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# Sunday Comics

## Popeye Hy Eisman



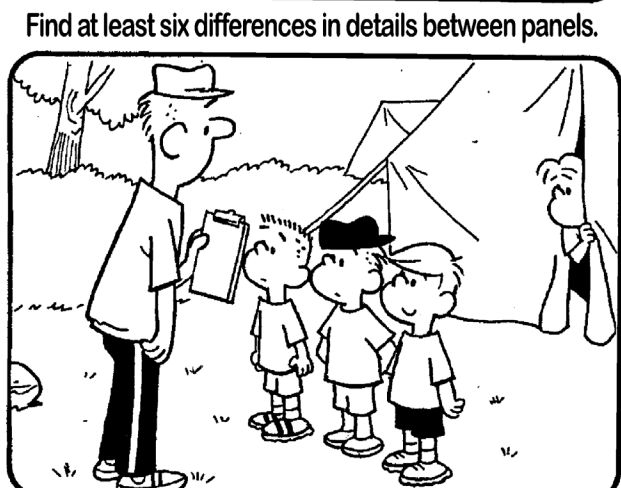
## R.F.D. Mike Marland



## The Spats Jeff Pickering



## Hocus-Focus Henry Boltinoff



Differences: 1. Stripe is added. 2. Pencil is removed. 3. Tent is smaller. 4. Shorts are different. 5. Rock is moved. 6. Cap is reversed.

## Sudoku

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

Level: Advanced

## Birthdays

8/22	8/23	8/24	8/25	8/26	8/27	8/28
Dua Lipa singer, 26	Seth Curry athlete, 31	Sofia Richie model, 23	Blake Lively actress, 34	Keke Palmer actress, 28	Aaron Paul actor, 41	LeAnn Rimes singer, 39

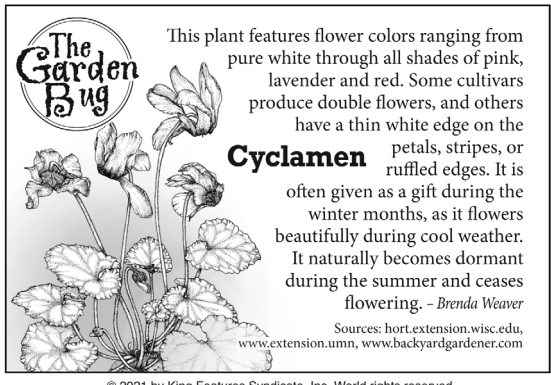
## Amber Waves Dave T. Phipps



## Flash Gordon Jim Keefe



## Just Like Cats & Dogs Dave T. Phipps



## Wishing Well

4	2	5	6	4	7	2	7	6	3	2	6	5
L	O	C	D	O	N	P	O	O	A	E	C	E
6	5	4	5	8	4	3	8	2	5	2	8	5
U	L	O	E	Y	K	W	O	N	B	Y	U	R
6	5	3	2	7	3	7	6	5	6	2	5	2
M	A	O	O	W	R	C	E	T	N	U	E	R
4	6	4	5	2	4	6	5	6	7	8	7	8
F	T	O	L	M	R	I	I	N	O	R	N	L
3	8	3	4	3	2	7	6	2	6	5	7	2
T	I	H	W	Y	I	T	T	N	H	V	E	D
5	4	8	4	3	7	5	8	5	7	4	3	7
I	A	F	R	G	N	N	E	G	T	D	I	E
8	3	7	8	6	3	6	8	6	8	6	8	6
A	F	D	P	E	T	M	O	A	E	I	M	L

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## GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

DIFFICULTY: ★★★  
★ Moderate ★★ Difficult  
★★★ GO FIGURE!

	x		-		22
+		x		+	
	x		+		22
x		+		x	
	+		x		33
24		27		27	

1 2 3 3 5 6 7 8 9

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	27		27		24
33	3	x	6	+	2
	x		+		x
	22	1	+	3	x
	+		x		+
22	8	-	9	x	5

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

## Horoscopes August 22-28, 2021

### ARIES

March 21 to April 20

Emotional awakenings may change your goals for the time being. Expect opportunities for more travel or even new educational endeavors. Involve Pisces in your decisions.

### TAURUS

April 21 to May 21

Taurus, keep a light schedule this week because you may have to fit something in at the last minute. This is an easy week to connect with others as well.

### GEMINI

May 22 to June 21

Powerful revelations can stir up many emotions, Gemini. You may need to take time out to process some new developments. Look to others for support.

### CANCER

June 22 to July 22

Elements of your health and well-being may need to be addressed sometime soon, Cancer. Other things have been taking priority and you need to focus on improving health.

### LEO

July 23 to Aug. 23

Leo, stay alert this week because bold and potent feelings may be drummed up and will need to be addressed promptly. Now isn't the time to deflect or procrastinate.

### VIRGO

Aug. 24 to Sept. 22

You're the wildcard in various situations, Virgo. People may expect one thing from you, but then you deliver something else. Keep people on their toes.

### LIBRA

Sept. 23 to Oct. 23

Step back and examine the big picture, Libra. If you don't, you may get lost in the small details. Take some time away for yourself if the need arises.

### SCORPIO

Oct. 24 to Nov. 22

Explore some hidden talents, Scorpio. Something you do as a hobby or just for fun could provide an opportunity for an entrepreneurial endeavor.

### SAGITTARIUS

Nov. 23 to Dec. 21

Sagittarius, you may need to step into the spotlight more often, even if doing so takes you out of your comfort zone. You can do it with the support of a few friends.

### CAPRICORN

Dec. 22 to Jan. 20

Capricorn, if you are seeking a clear mind, it is best to get away from home for a few days to be free from distraction. Too much going on in your life can limit possibilities.

### AQUARIUS

Jan. 21 to Feb. 18

Now is an ideal time to clear out social media accounts and do some digital house-keeping, Aquarius. Keep the online friends whom you interact with in person.

### PISCES

Feb. 19 to March 20

Emotions are bound to be intense for a little while, Pisces. You may be inspired to make some major changes in your life.





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