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His Word

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Matthew 6:33, KJV

17-year-old charged with murder

Covington teen connected to recent shooting death of man found near Fairview Elementary School



Jayden Elijah Cuvilje

By **TOM SPIGOLON**
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COVINGTON, Ga. — A 17-year-old is facing murder and weapons charges connected to the recent death of a man found shot and killed at a residence near Fairview Elementary School.

Jayden Elijah Cuvilje, 17, of Fieldview Lane, was charged in connection to a shooting at 90 Arlington Drive in Covington.

The shooting left Deartavius Tarrico Rogers, 25, of Conyers, dead Sept. 14 just before 11 p.m., according

to a warrant and incident report.

A Newton County sheriff's deputy reported responding to a "penetrating trauma" in the area of Arlington Drive Sept. 14 at 10:55 p.m.

The deputy arrived at the scene and reportedly detained three subjects

who were not identified.

He also observed "a male laying on his back with blood coming from his head in the driveway."

"There was no signs of life for the male laying in the driveway so medical treatment was not rendered," the

deputy reported.

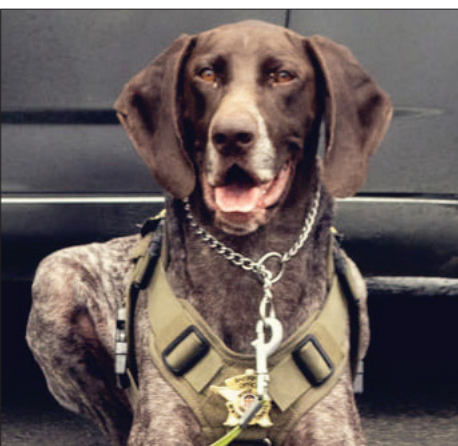
Crime scene technicians were called and detectives were notified to investigate the incident, the report stated.

Cuvilje was later charged with using a handgun to shoot and

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Newton County K-9 officer's death still under investigation

Sheriff's office awaiting test results to determine cause of death



Special Photo
Newton County Sheriff's Office K-9 officer Tom-Tom, a German shorthaired pointer, died in late August while inside one of the agency's fleet vehicles.

By **TOM SPIGOLON**
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Newton County Sheriff's Office this week was still awaiting the results of a death investigation to determine how a K-9 officer died after it was found in one of the agency's fleet vehicles in late August.

A recent statement from the sheriff's office said it will release information to the public "once the investigation is completed" about the death of K-9 officer Tom-Tom, a German shorthaired pointer.

University of Georgia experts are conducting the death investigation called a necropsy — an autopsy done on an animal.

A community activist recently claimed on his website that sources within the sheriff's office alleged the K-9 officer died from heat exhaustion both from neglect by its handler and because of engine trouble which led to an aging vehicle's air conditioner shutting off with the dog inside.

However, the sheriff's office on Sept. 1 stated the vehicle in which the K-9 officer was left "was running, and the air conditioner appeared to be properly functioning."

"The death of K-9 Tom-Tom was

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City of Covington



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Pictured is an overhead view of renderings for 227 townhomes planned for a portion of The Quarry at Neely Farms, which is a 200-acre mixed-use development planned for property off Covington Bypass Road, near the intersection of U.S. Highway 278.

Council OKs permit for 227 townhomes

Councilwoman's push for more green space at quarry project fails; unhappy with city's code requirements

By **TAYLOR BECK**
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Despite a little pushback from one council member, a special use permit to construct more than 200 townhomes as part of a large-scale, mixed-use development off Covington Bypass Road was approved Monday.

Covington City Council members voted 4-1 to approve the permit for Taylor Weaver, who is planning to build 227 townhomes as part of a previously reported 200-acre mixed-use development project called The Quarry at Neely Farms. In addition to the townhomes, developers plan for 330 houses located within two single-family detached neighbor-

hoods, 39 upscale estate homes, several condos and apartments, a variety of retailers and restaurants and an amphitheater, all surrounding

"I want it to look like a community. I don't want it to look like army barracks, and that's how I feel it looks."

— Councilwoman Susie Keck, East Ward Post 1, on the townhomes design's lack of green space.

a quaint quarry.

As first reported in May, local attorney Phil Johnson, who represents Neely Farms Family Limited Partnership LLLP, said the development could generate a more than \$350

million impact in Newton County. Site plans for the project have drawn comparisons to Avalon in Alpharetta.

Councilwoman Susie Keck cast the only dissenting vote for the townhomes proposal. Her reason was largely due to the lack of green space.

"I'm all in favor of townhouses," Keck said. "I was glad to be part of agreeing and bringing them to Covington. I'm not happy with the 'row' look. To me, with six units to a building — I know that you can have up to 10 units per acre, per code — but it would be so much better to have more grass, which would

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State Government

2 Newton residents to join Georgia DHS leadership team



Robin Herron



Tanguer Gray

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ATLANTA — Two Newton County residents will be part of a new joint Executive Leadership team for the Georgia departments of Human Services and Family and Children's Services.

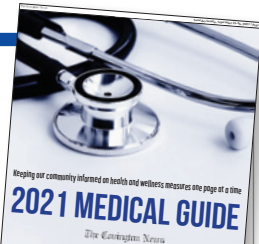
Covington residents Robin Herron and Tanguer Gray will be part of the new leadership group that Georgia DHS Commissioner and DFCS Director Candice L. Broce announced Thursday, Sept. 23.

Effective Oct. 1, Herron

will move from her job as Legal Affairs Manager in the office of Gov. Brian Kemp to become director of Executive Operations for DHS/DFACS.

Before joining the Governor's Office, Herron

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Weekend Weather Forecast



Saturday, Sept. 25
High: 79° Low: 55°
• Sunny and clear



Sunday, Sept. 26
High: 82° Low: 56°
• Sunny and clear

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Saturday, Sept. 25

• Covington Regional Ballet's House Party featuring contemporary dance and art show Sept. 25 at Porter Performing Arts Center at 140 Ram Drive in Covington. Art show by Ré Phillips begins at 6 p.m. and dance performances inspired by house, vogue, gospel and jazz music begin at 7 p.m. Visit www.newtoncountyarts.org.

• Free Kids Fishing Derby for ages 8 to 15 is set for Sept. 25 from 8 a.m. to noon at City Pond Park at 13501 City Pond Road in Covington. Bring pole, bait and container to keep fish in to qualify for prizes. Door prizes will be given. Participants must be accompanied by someone 18 or older. Visit www.newtonrecreation.com or call 770-786-4373.

• Rivers Alive! 2021 cleanup of local rivers, lakes and streams Sept. 25 at 9 a.m. Participants meet at Longhorn Steakhouse at 6112 Pavilion Way in Covington. Register by Sept. 17 at www.keepnewtonbeautiful.org, print out and complete registration and release forms and email them to Keep Newton Beautiful. Call KNB at 770-784-2015 or email newtonclean@co.newton.ga.us.

• Freedom Fest hosted by March Against Meth Sept. 25 from 2 to 4 p.m. at 2201 Main St. in Porterdale. Music, testimonies and guest speakers planned. For more information, call 678-210-5975.

Sunday, Sept. 26

• Flu shot clinic hosted by Salem United Methodist Church at 3962 Salem Road in Covington Sept. 26 at 10:30 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. For more information, call 770-786-6027.

Sunday, Oct. 3

• The Rotary Club of Covington's 2021 Cars of the Past Car Show is set for Oct. 3 at 8 a.m. on the Covington Square. For more information, call 770-648-5087 or visit www.rotarycovington.org.

'Go in the right direction'

Organizer hopes anti-meth event will show the perils of beginning use of illegal drug

By TOM SPIGOLON
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PORTERDALE, Ga. — Destiny Gee is hoping the inaugural Freedom Fest she has organized this weekend will make a strong case against using a highly addictive and illegal drug that could end up consuming the user's life.

Gee, a Covington resident, operates a nonprofit called March Against Meth that will host the inaugural Freedom Fest Saturday, Sept. 25, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Porter Memorial Gym at 2201 Main St. in Porterdale.

The event is scheduled to feature three guest speakers as well as live musical performances by Primo and East Rich; and testimonies by others.

One of the scheduled speakers, Veronica Reid, said she plans to tell attendees about her experience with the drug — including turning her life around in 2019 after 18 years as a meth addict.

"If I could reach one family and give them hope it will be worth it," she said.

Gee, 27, is a single mom and office worker. She is an active member of Living Way World Church in Covington.

She also openly admits to overcoming meth and pill addic-

tions in her late teens in 2013.

All who are scheduled to speak or perform have either overcome addictions or are working to gain "freedom" from them, Gee said.

"Each person comes from a different perspective on it," Gee said. "I want to inspire (attendees) to keep going and go in the right direction."

Reid began using meth at age 17 while living in Newton County because many of her friends were doing it and it was readily available, she said.

She has not used methamphetamine for more than three years and now works for a local packaging company.

"We are breaking free one at a time so the next generation won't have to go through what we did," Reid said.

The Georgia Meth Project reports the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration lists Atlanta as a strategic hub for methamphetamine and other drug trafficking by Mexican drug cartels.

It states that methamphetamine abuse costs Georgia an estimated \$1.3 billion annually, including expenses related to law enforcement, family and social services, treatment, and



Special Photo

Destiny Gee is hoping the inaugural Freedom Fest she organized this weekend will make a strong case against using a highly addictive and illegal drug that could end up consuming the user's life.

lost productivity[.

Many Georgia counties report that 50% to 60% of children in foster care in those counties are there because of meth addiction by one or both parents.

Meanwhile, many national news outlets reported results of a recent study showing meth use increased 43% between 2015 and 2019, and deaths linked to methamphetamine overdoses nearly tripled the same time period in the U.S.

The results reported Wednesday in the publication JAMA Psychiatry found the number of overdose deaths involving psychostimulant drugs — mostly meth — increased 180% from 5,526 in 2015 to 15,489 in 2019.

However, meth use only increased by 43% in that same time period, suggesting that high risk behaviors such as mixing substances may be contributing to the increase in deaths, the study found.

OBITUARIES

John Ignacio Bruno

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Mr. John Ignacio Bruno, age 76 passed away Thursday September 9, 2021. He was the loving husband of Pam Bruno; they were blessed to have shared 15 years of marriage together.

He was born in San Diego, California on August 26, 1945. His family eventually made their way to Georgia where he graduated from Newton County High School. After high school, John joined the army and advanced to Lt Colonel earning himself many



John Ignacio Bruno

awards in addition to his highest honor of receiving the Vandiver's Trophy. He graduated with a BA from Trinity Christian College in Brownsville, TX and then from John Marshall Law School JD. After Law School, John became an entrepreneur and owned several businesses in addition to practicing law. Flanagan's Bar & Grill, and Iggy Rentals are just to name a couple of those businesses.

He is survived and will be dearly missed by his wife Pam Bruno, his sons & daughters-in-laws; Jeff & Amanda Bruno, Mike & Celeste Bruno, Brad & Brooke Bruno, his daughter & son-in-law Shelly & Grier Holifield, his stepsons and their wives; Michael & Rachel Baker

and Matthew & Emily Baker, his sister Mary Pugh, his brother James Bowen, his 10 grandchildren; 4 step grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; 2 step great-grandchildren; as well as many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents Mary Christine Johnson & Ignacio Bruno, his brother James Bruno and his sister Carole Bruno.

John will always be remembered for the great deeds that he did for others as well as his passion for fishing & boating.

This obituary was crafted with love and care by Mr. Bruno's family.

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Kathy Jean McMichael

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Kathy Jean McMichael, of Mansfield, passed away

Wednesday, September 22, 2021, at the age of 66. Kathy Jean was a dedicated employee with Jasper County Court House, where she retired after many years. A favorite hobby of hers was collecting hummingbird figurines. Kathy Jean loved her family dearly, as well as her special dog, Valentine, and enjoyed the time spent with them. She was preceded in death



Kathy Jean McMichael

by her parents, Thomas Terrell and Mildred Kathleen (Phillips) Blackstock; brother, Mickey Blackstock.

Survivors include her loving husband of 48 years, Olin McMichael; daughter and son-in-law, Crystal and Steve Milligan; grandchildren, Nichole Wilson and Aaron Holcombe, Michael Wilson and Kendell Miller; brothers and sister-in-law, Hank and Robin Blackstock, Butch Blackstock; as well as her very special dog, Valentine.

A funeral service for Kathy Jean will be held Sunday, September 26, 2021, 4:00 P.M., at the Chapel of Caldwell & Cowan, 1215 Access Road, in Covington, with Rev. Tony Crecelius

officiating and interment following in Lawnwood Memorial Park. Friends are invited to visit with the family at the funeral home, two hours prior to her service, from 2:00 – 4:00 P.M.

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

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Kemp calls early November special legislative session for redistricting

The General Assembly will meet Nov. 3 to begin a special session to redraw Georgia's congressional and legislative districts.

Gov. Brian Kemp announced the date for the session in a proclamation late Thursday.

Under Georgia law, the legislature must adopt new district boundaries every 10 years to account for population shifts reflected in the U.S. Census.

Two legislative committees, one from the Georgia House of Representatives and one from the state Senate, held hearings across the state during the summer to gather public feedback ahead of drawing the new maps.

Lawmakers heard an earful from representatives of civil rights and voting rights groups calling for new district lines that accurately reflect population gains by minority groups during the last decade. But if the past is any indication, the party in control of the General Assembly – in this case, the Republicans – will draw maps aimed at regaining losses during the last two election cycles in both the legislature and the state's congressional delegation.

With dramatic growth having occurred in metro Atlanta and some parts of North Georgia since 2010, the maps also are expected to shift more legislative districts north of Interstate 20. Rural counties in the southern half of the Peach State likely will see a reduction in the number of districts reflecting losses in population sustained by those areas.

Among other things, lawmakers during the special session also will be asked to ratify executive orders Kemp issued in May to suspend the collection of state gasoline and diesel fuel taxes. The governor acted after the shutdown of the Colonial Pipeline disrupted fuel supplies.

However, the special

session will not include legislative proposals to address the crime wave that has hit Georgia during the past 18 months. Kemp had indicated in July that he planned to put crime on the agenda for the special session.

Also absent will be discussion of whether the state should expand its Medicaid program to cover more uninsured Georgians. Democrats have been calling for adding Medicaid to the special session agenda, but the governor has consistently opposed the idea due to the costs.

The special session likely will run at least into the week of Thanksgiving. The last redistricting special session, which took place in 2010, lasted for two and a half weeks.

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Violence against healthcare workers increasing, state lawmakers told

A veteran nurse who was allegedly attacked by a violent patient was one of several speakers Thursday before a state Senate study committee formed to look into violence against health-care workers.

"I was attacked by a patient who had already attacked one of our technicians," a nurse who identified herself only as Destiny, said. "While I was trying to de-escalate the situation, the patient lunged at me, grabbed my hair and twisted it in her hands. I was punched and kicked several times; I was bit; and she tried to drag me into the bathroom."

Destiny, who works at Northeast Georgia Health System's Braselton location, said it took five nurses and three security guards to restrain the patient. She said she suffered a back injury, multiple scratches and bruises, and weeks of headaches and anxiety as a court date nears.

"I've been asked multiple times, am I sure I want to press charges," she said. "The patient and her family have requested my home address, and now they

know where I am. I work 12- and 14-hour shifts, and I have a son and daughter who are sometimes home alone."

"We are here to take care of patients," she said. "We are not here to be harmed."

According to a study from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, health-care workers account for approximately 50% of all victims of workplace violence.

But Deborah Bailey, executive director of government affairs at Northeast Georgia Medical Center, told the committee 75% of all workplace assaults in the U.S. involve health-care workers.

"Only 30% of nurses and 26% of physicians actually report those incidents," Bailey said. "Violent altercations are so common now that most employees consider them just part of the daily job."

Workers in health-care settings are four times more likely to be assaulted than workers in private industry, according to the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health-care Organizations.

"Alarming, the actual number of violent incidents involving health care workers is likely much higher because reporting is voluntary," the commission stated.

Kevin August, a veteran former police officer and FBI official and now director of security at Grady Memorial Hospital, said any legislation addressing attacks on health-care workers must come with enforcement powers.

"Training and more staffing are imperative, but if police aren't enforcing the laws and judges aren't punishing

it, this problem will never be solved," he said.

Lindsey Caulfield, chief marketing and experience officer at Grady, said health care is the fastest-growing industry in the nation, and health-care and social service workers are five times more likely to suffer violent workplace injuries than other workers.

"Eighty percent of patients are responsible for those incidents," Caulfield said.

Anna Adams of the Georgia Hospital Association (GHA), said rising cases of violence are occurring throughout the state, not just metro Atlanta.

"The pandemic has highlighted our major workforce shortage," she said. "These types of attacks are often covered under worker's comp, and figures show 22% of these claims are filed due to injuries inflicted by a patient, a member of a patient's family, or a co-worker."

Dr. Kathleen Toomey, commissioner of the Georgia Department of Public Health, said stresses brought on by the pandemic, coupled with easy access to social media, are also factors.

Adams said a GHA survey shows most Georgia hospitals see violence against health-care workers from mentally ill patients or patients suffering from behavioral health issues.

State lawmakers passed a resolution creating the study committee earlier this year. Its mission is to look into the problem of violence against health workers in the state.

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Legislators examine raising Georgia's mandatory school age to 17

Legislators studying the issue of raising Georgia's mandatory age for school attendance from 16 to 17 were met with tough, complex questions from some metro Atlanta school officials on Wednesday.

"The first question for us is, what is the reason for raising the age for compulsory attendance?" asked Gretchen Walton, compliance and legislative affairs officer for the Cobb County School District. "Our research shows raising the age for compulsory attendance doesn't increase high school graduation rates. So what are some of the other reasons for doing so?"

"What can you do at age 16?" asked Nicole Holmes, chief academic officer for Cherokee County schools. "What else is out there except fast-food and retail jobs? You can't join the military. Our own research shows that raising the mandatory

attendance age has to be coupled with other programs that support the student. So what is the impact you are hoping for by raising the age?"

The meeting was the fourth of five by a Senate study committee formed earlier this year after state Sen. Lester Jackson, D-Savannah, introduced a bill to raise the school attendance age.

"This is an idea for which we've seen support in every meeting so far," Sen. Chuck Payne, R-Dalton, the committee's chairman, told Capitol Beat before the meeting.

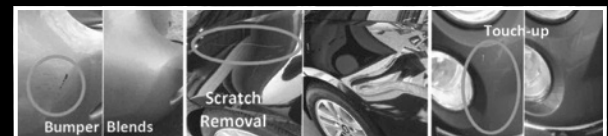
Payne said the committee plans to file its recommendations for consideration in January, when the legislature reconvenes.

"We can already spot kids who are heading down the wrong path by middle school," he said. "The question is, what more can we do to get them back on the right track?"

Jackson said Georgia's current school attendance law is antiquated, dating back to the 1940s.

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OPINIONS

The Covington News

Dick Yarbrough columnist

It's no secret Cognia is disregarding Open Records Law

Whether you are a Democrat or a Republican, liberal or conservative, there is one thing that should unite one and all — how government spends your tax dollars. In Georgia, the best way to know that is through the state's Open Records Law. In short form, government entities, agencies and individuals using our tax dollars must — with very limited exceptions — make all documents available to us upon request. Unfortunately, nothing in the law says it must be done willingly or cooperatively.

One of the most egregious examples of a “public be damned” response to Open Records is occurring in Cobb County.

Cognia, the principal school accreditation agency in Georgia, is currently conducting a “special review” of the Cobb County School District at the behest of three Black Democrats on one of the world's most dysfunctional school boards because they either can't get along with the four white Republicans or don't want to.

The Democrats asked Cognia for its “professional expertise in ensuring that the Cobb Board of Education is upholding its duties as a governing body.” That is in lieu of looking in the mirror and discovering where the problem really lies.

Cognia agreed to the review saying it had received 50 community and staff complaints. Complaints? From whom? About what? Are they legitimate complaints or did some friends of the Democrats do their pals a favor and make up stuff? No one knows because Cognia isn't saying. The Marietta Daily Journal has asked to see the complaints to no avail. Cognia says they are not subject to Open Records. Even the school district has not been allowed to see them.

Georgia Press Association attorney David Hudson says flatly, “Cognia is paid with taxpayer money for the services it provides to the Cobb School District. Therefore, the organization's documents are subject to Open Records requests.” Still Cognia refuses to budge.

OK, time to call in the big guns — Georgia's Attorney General Chris Carr. His office is charged with ensur-

ing compliance with the Open Records Law. Or, so I thought.

“We will be unable to mediate your complaint,” Jennifer Colangelo, an assistant attorney general in Carr's office, informed the Marietta Daily Journal, saying in part, “Based on the facts and email correspondence presented here, it is unclear whether the records you requested from Cognia are public records and it is therefore unclear whether Cognia is violating the Open Records Act.”

Colangelo finishes the kiss-off with this head-scratcher, “The thoughts I have expressed in this email are not the official opinion of our office.” Say what? I have seen better punts in a Pee Wee football game.

I would remind Colangelo that her boss is running for reelection against a tough opponent and telling the media that Cognia's arrogant attitude is their problem, not the AG's, is not the best way to win friends and influence voters. Don't think the newspapers in Georgia — including this one — haven't noticed.

Jim Zachary is editor of the Valdosta Times and President Emeritus of Georgia's First Amendment Foundation. I asked him about the Attorney General's response. “I do not see the ambiguity the AG's office is referring to,” Zachary says. “In my view, this is not a matter of just who holds the record but what is in the record and it seems obvious the contents of the documents in question are the people's business and if it is the people's business, it should be public.”

Zachary goes on to say, “People with nothing to hide, simply don't hide. So, the greater question here is not only what is Cognia trying to hide but what are the three members of the board hiding from the very public they were elected to serve?” An excellent question.

Cognia's leadership is not elected and it has a near monopoly in the business. But their day of reckoning may be coming.

They are likely to find themselves in the legislative crosshairs in the next session of the General Assembly. State Sen. Lindsey Tippins, R-Cobb, a former chair of the Cobb School Board, says he has concerns over the motivations behind the review since the district had received renewed accreditation just two years earlier

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Rev. Lyn Pace religious columnist

Can we sense the Holy, even in difficult moments?

What's it like for you when you have to do hard things? We've been talking with our 8-year-old a lot lately about this very subject. Doing hard things, for him, often comes with some big feelings. Me too.



The students I work with at Oxford College are in full swing now and many are starting to settle into a routine. The first few weeks, though, like any new year, come with big feelings for some of them too. They may have flirted with their independence in high school, but now they are married to it. Some of them hit the ground running while others need time and counsel to find their way. A few, oftentimes just one or two, decide to

return home. This is a hard moment in their life, as are many of the moments that include major life transitions.

My son's piano teacher has been offering him lessons on zoom and then in person for over a year now. A few weeks ago, she invited him to play a postlude duet of Henry Purcell's “Trumpet Tune” on the organ.

His fascination with the organ stuck from day one of in-person lessons, which means he gets to noodle around on it at the end of each piano lesson now.

He's been practicing for several weeks now, and the big day was this past Sunday. Big feelings and a dose of nervousness accompanied him to church, though he hid the feelings for the most part until later that day. As we made it to the choir loft and he stood waiting for the final hymn to finish, I noticed him edging closer

not knowing when the hymn was going to end and whether he should be sitting on the organ bench yet. I was behind him, steadying my hand and ready to hit the bright red record button.

He slid next to his teacher and a minute later the hymn ended. It was time. She counted off for him, and they began playing the majestic tune as people exited the church. A few people stayed and then others came back from outside once they realized what was happening.

In only the way time slips through our firm grip, the moment was gone. I had successfully recorded it, which in and of itself was a miracle.

On our way home we talked about this important moment. I asked him how he was feeling. “I messed up,” he replied. Puzzled, I asked him what he meant, so we watched

the video when we arrived home. He pointed out the mistake. It was at the very beginning, and I could see it in the video. His posture changed, and he looked at his teacher wondering what to do now. But, with her calm guidance, he kept going and all was well.

In the end, I suspect that he and his teacher were the only ones who knew what had happened.

He was fixated on the mistake and when I tried to reassure him, those big feelings came to the surface as tiny lakes in his eyes.

Later that night, I wrote to his music teacher thanking her for gifting him this opportunity and telling her about my interaction with him. She was quick to reply the next morning, “Yesterday was fabulous for a first public performance. The normal adrenalin

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Your Letters to the Editor

Reader petitions BOC to abandon quest to remove monument

Dear Editor:

One of the things that has bothered me the most about the monument situation is the idea that a single sitting board of commissioners (presumably elected for a variety of reasons besides being art or social critics) should be able to immediately execute the dismantling of commemorative statuary and art that existed long before they were born and took office. Just four people voted to remove the monument, under the 100% false pretense it was under risk to be damaged by vandals. Open record requests prove there were never any threats made, the mention of threats came three weeks after the vote to remove the monument.

Truth Is — They Lied and needed a reason to cover their vote to break the law.

The Facts Prove That.

If the monument does get removed, Ga. Law 50-3-1 will be violated by those commissioners that voted to remove, as well as county ethics rules of breaking this state law. If successful in the removal, the three current commissioners and one previous commissioner, as well as Newton County itself, will be subject to lawsuits because the Sovereign Immunity they feel they had as protection, ended on Dec. 31, 2020.

Yes, they all will be sued for their actions in breaking the law, and their legal defense will be their's to pay for. These lawsuits will happen, and they (and Newton County Govt.)

will also be personally liable for state penalties and fines as well.

Fact: A majority of citizens in this community do not want the monument removed, only a few power grabbing leaders do. Many of these elected leaders and their puppeteers proudly and openly boast and take credit for their agenda.

Monuments and immovable art were designed to inspire future generations to examine them — perhaps with admiration but more likely with curiosity and perhaps astonishment and occasionally scorn. The judgment can change as the decades and centuries pass.

That's exactly the point to be made.

History can't be changed by removal of monuments — society must learn from our past to embrace the future, a future of society's continued quest for equality.

Covington used to be a center of important people and important decisions, a thriving Southern town, and its landscape today should absolutely reflect that history. After a long decline of limited local citizens shopping and enjoying the downtown area, the Downtown Square has returned to be a thriving place to visit and enjoy. To shop - eat - enjoy music, and more. On a recent Saturday, the square was packed with visitors, 48-plus vehicle tags parked around the Square were not

from Georgia. Visitors enjoying our beautiful park-like Square, so rich in history. Visitors having their picture made standing with the monument in the background. At prom and graduation time, students of every skin color flock to have pictures made on the Square and with the monument. Tourism in Covington equals money. Movie crews filming in town equals money.

The idea of “adding to” rather than “subtracting from” was an idea the BOC members refused to consider. Why are these commissioners so against adding another monument or statue?

Why not add a statue of MLK or a Newton County native that helped the premise of equality? In our modern self-righteous vindic-

tive society that likes to masquerade as enlightened, conscious, yet also rabidly emulating every mob of arrogant radicals in history.

For the record: All lives matter — All history, of every member of society of every skin color ... all matter in today's society. The commissioners should represent all citizens of Newton County, not just those that want the monument removed. Their actions are clearly biased, and to be honest, racially motivated. We have been told some commissioners have openly stated they want all county leadership positions to be filled with people of color, including county manager, county legal team, and more. County leaders must stop using

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Newton congressmen announce 2021 Military Academy application process now open

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Newton County's two congressmen have announced they are seeking applications from students wanting appointments to any of the nation's service academies.

U.S. Rep. Jody Hice, R-Greensboro, said this week he is accepting applications from "highly-qualified" students living in the 10th Congressional District who are seeking appointments to the U.S. military service academies, including the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York; U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado; U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland; and U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, New York.

U.S. Rep. Hank Johnson, D-Lithonia, in August announced that he is accepting applications from students living in the 4th Congressional District seeking nominations and appointments to the four service academies, as well.

Residents of Hice's district seeking a nomination must submit a



Future Army soldiers take the Oath of Enlistment Sept. 7 at West Point.
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completed application to the Greensboro district office by Oct. 22, 2021, a news release stated.

To be considered for an appointment to a service academy, applicants must be nominated by a member of Congress or an authorized nominating source. The application process demands outstanding test scores, a high GPA, and a commitment to leadership and community service, stated a news release from Hice's office.

Students living in the 4th Congressional District who are interested in applying should visit the congressman's website for application forms and more information about the process at: <https://hankjohnson.house.gov/serving-you/military-academy-nomina->

tions.

The deadline for completed applications is Oct. 25, 2021, by 5 p.m. (no exceptions) at the Congressman's District office: 5240 Snapfinger Park Drive, Suite 140, Decatur, GA 30035 or e-mailed to GA04noms@mail.house.gov.

All submissions should be made to: Service Academy Nomination Review Board, The Office of Congressman Hank Johnson, Attention: Shy Armstrong.

"Putting forward nominations of 4th District students for admission to the U.S. Military Academies is one of the most important jobs we do each year," said Rep. Johnson. "The nomination process is not easy. It's a long road, but it's rewarding. All of our outstanding nominees

are at or near the top of their class in academics, athletics and community service."

Since taking office in 2007, Johnson has nominated more than 190 Fourth District students with 110 receiving appointments. These appointments are worth more than \$39 million in college tuition costs collectively.

The U.S. Coast Guard Academy is the only one of the service academies that offers appointments solely on the basis of a nationwide merit-based competition, and therefore, no congressional nomination is needed, the release from Hice stated.

"Attending a U.S. service academy is an opportunity like none other, including a fully-funded undergraduate education

and a commission as a U.S. military officer upon graduation," Hice said. "I look forward to working with our 10th District students, who are some of the nation's best and brightest, as they embark upon the journey to serve in our United States Armed Forces."

For more information about the 10th District nomination process, visit Hice's website or email ga10noms@mail.house.gov.

For more information about the 4th District process, e-mail GA04noms@mail.house.gov or call 770-987-2291.

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rush threw him off just a bit, but people listening weren't aware. Friends were happy and amazed!"

Then she finished with, "And to us it was a holy moment."

What's it like for you when you have to do hard things?

We all know that life is full of difficulty; we can certainly attest to that in the last year and a half especially.

I wonder, though, where the holy breaks into our lives? Is it just in the easy and simple moments? Or, if we pay attention, does it also happen amid difficulty?

Sam's teacher was right, they shared a holy moment. Thanks to her, I made sure to remind him of that before he started his new school week.

The Rev. Dr. Lyn Pace is a United Methodist minister and college chaplain who lives in Oxford, Georgia, with his spouse and 8-year-old son.

LETTER:

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a racial agenda in their job of running Newton County. Equality is what society has worked for 50-plus years. "One Newton" should promote equality.

Are we really empowering the ever changing agenda of increasingly undistinguished and hyper partisan elected officials to instantly lay waste to the work and cultural heritage of previous generations? Yes we are.

It seems very unwise to continue allowing this from elected leaders.

I can see a time very soon when the citizens must oust the liberal mindset of "your history and heritage is offensive and must be removed while ours must be made front and center."

That agenda is fueling more race division, not promoting equality in our local society.

A constant race to discredit and destroy everyone that the side currently in power hates?

COGNIA:

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not to mention a lack of competition in the accreditation industry.

Rep. Ginny Ehrhart, R-Cobb, says, "There is no question that a private, unelected organization like Cognia, which wields power over our public schools, should not operate behind a cloak of secrecy." She plans to

introduce legislation "to fix the problems with accreditation in Georgia," meaning watch out, Cognia.

I saw a quote recently that said, "Keeping secrets from someone is no different than lying to them. It's still dishonest." To any school district in Georgia doing business with

this bunch in the future, remember that. In my opinion, Cognia has taken a major hit to its reputation by kowtowing to three disgruntled Democrats and then summarily thumbing its nose at the taxpaying public. I can't be more open than that.

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Covington police charge 2 teens after 50 vehicle burglaries reported in September

By **TOM SPIGOLON**
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Police say they believe two Covington teens were among a group that entered and stole from more than 50 vehicles countywide earlier this month.

Tremayne Hill, 18, and Mekhi Nickols, 18, both of Nixon Circle in Covington, were being

held in the Newton County Detention Center Thursday on charges related to a rash of thefts from vehicles inside the city.

Nickols is charged with 19 counts of entering vehicles with intent to commit theft, and one count of stealing a vehicle. He was being held without bond. Hill is charged with two counts of entering vehicles with intent to commit theft.

More charges are possible for allegedly doing the same crimes, said spokesman Capt. Ken Malcom.

Malcom said Covington Police Officer Wesley Couch observed two individuals at the intersection of Floyd and Mill streets wearing all black clothing Sunday, Sept. 19, at about 3 a.m. Couch conducted field interviews with

the two individuals and one, Hill, was arrested on a charge of giving a false name, .

“The second subject was positively identified by officers as Mekhi Nickols,” Malcom said. “These two individuals matched the description of the individuals who entered approximately 35 vehicles in the city limits and [several other] vehicles outside the city limits in recent days.”

Covington Detectives Sgt. Slade McCullough, Julie English and Mark Joyner continued the investigation and determined that Hill and Nickols were among a group involved in a recent rash of thefts that included a Ford Edge earlier this month.

Hill and Nickols were being held in the Newton County Detention Center on the charges.

“This is an ongoing investigation and additional charges are expected,” Malcom said.

He said other agencies were investigating the additional Entering Auto cases outside the

city limits.

Nickols and Hill are accused of being connected with a series of vehicle thefts and burglaries in and near one Covington neighborhood during the three-day Labor Day weekend.

Four vehicles were stolen and 12 vehicles entered during the weekend earlier this month, Malcom said.

He said police recovered two of the four stolen vehicles, including a Chevrolet Silverado stolen from Ashley Drive and the Ford Edge stolen from Dearing Street, in the Covington Housing Authority apartment complex on Alcovy Street.

At least three offenders walked through Covington Place and nearby neighborhoods where they entered several unlocked vehicles and took a variety of items of value. All appeared to be young males and “possibly teenagers,” Malcom said.



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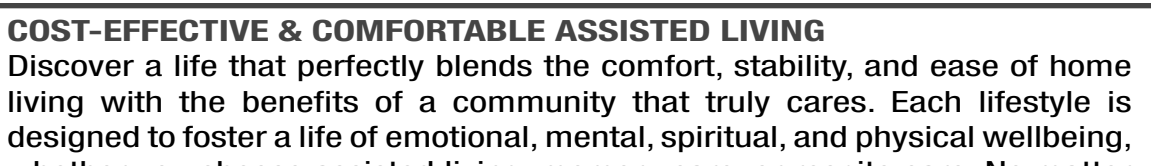
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Rental Assistance



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From left, Ashley Hoffman and Brooklynne Hart wait to give information about available rental assistance in the Historic Courthouse in Covington Tuesday, Sept. 21.



MURDER:

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kill Rogers, a warrant stated.

The Newton County Sheriff's Office arrested Cuvilje and charged him with one count each of Felony Murder, Aggravated Assault, Possession of a Pistol or Weapon by Person under 18 years of age, Possession of a Firearm or Knife During Commission of or Attempt to Commit Certain Crimes, and Possession of Mari-

juana of Less than 1 Ounce.

Cuvilje was assigned a public defender for his defense in court, records show.

A witness statement was taken and the victim's Toyota Tacoma truck was towed from the scene.

The report stated the relationship between the suspect and victim was unknown. An investigation was continuing Friday.

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require less density.”

A partner developer of Taylor Weaver briefly addressed Keck's comments, saying the townhomes were designed specific to the city's codes and requirements, which ultimately led to a lack of coveted green space.

Keck then asked if the city's code could be amended to accommodate for more green space.

“I want it to look like a community,” Keck said. “I don't want it to look like army barracks, and that's how I feel it looks.

“I know that we put in new zoning for townhomes,” she added. “We didn't really discuss what the zoning was. This was our first townhome community to come before us, and I see what we're requiring and I don't like it. If this is what we're requiring, I don't like it. Covington is a quaint, Southern town, and — I need grass there. I need breaks. I don't need

roads.”

Eventually, Keck put forward a motion to approve the special-use permit with the added condition that there only be eight townhomes per acre, rather than the planned 10 per acre, which would have totaled 181 townhomes — 46 less than the original proposal. However, her motion later died for a lack of a second.

Council members Don Floyd, Anthony Henderson, Kenneth Morgan and Hawneitha Williams each understood Keck's reasoning, and some of them even agreed that more green space was preferable. But because every code and zoning requirement had been met, and proposed conditions were also being addressed, the four believed “moving the goal post” now wouldn't be the right thing to do. Councilwoman Fleeta Baggett was not present for the meeting, as Mayor Steve Horton said she was recovering from a recent surgery.

The council then moved to approve the original proposal and OK the special use permit with the following conditions from city staff and the Planning Commission:

- Covington Bypass/Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. intersection

approval by GDOT prior to obtaining a Land Disturbance Permit (LDP) & construction complete prior to issuing a Certificate of Occupancy (CO) for any building.

- Road entering Scenic Parkway must meet minimum remoteness.
- Onsite amenities are required to be installed at 60% completion of units.

During the time for a public hearing, Johnson provided an update on the intersection approval from GDOT. He said after the developers' traffic engineer further reviewed initial plans for a roundabout, it was determined traffic flow wouldn't be helped much due to sizable neighboring developments underway. Johnson said the engineer was currently drawing plans to make it a “signalized intersection” and include left-hand turn lanes.

“It's not what we had originally wanted to do ... but the traffic engineer and DOT thought that this [signalized intersection] was a better solution,” Johnson said.

On the issue of increased traffic and growth, Horton said he and other city staff members recently met with Newton County Schools Superintendent Samantha Fuhrey to

seek input on how the district may be affected by the increasing number of developments happening within the city.

“The city engineer provided the school system a detailed list of what we believe that are developments that will occur within our city, some along this corridor,” Horton said. “In talking with the superintendent ... though she didn't really voice any concerns to begin with about capacity, as we continued to talk she did voice some concerns for development within what she called the east side, east-Newton school areas, and I think she specifically mentioned the bypass road.”

Horton said in that same conversation, Fuhrey shared that capacity at the elementary schools and middle schools were manageable, but high schools had the fastest growing numbers, and one had already reached its capacity.

“In spite of the concerns, I don't think they were willing to say stop or restrict development from their standpoint because, as she said, you just didn't know how people were coming or not coming with a development,” Horton said.



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Public input will play major role in county parks master plan

By TOM SPIGOLON
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Public input will play a major part in compiling a plan for future operation of the county government’s parks and recreation facilities, a design specialist says.

Aaron St. Pierre of Lawrenceville-based Lose Design told Newton County commissioners during a Tuesday, Sept. 21, work session the study of the county government’s parks and recreation facilities and operations also would include suggestions on how to fund new facilities.

County Manager Lloyd Kerr said the plan is costing \$93,000 but will “take us into the future.”

“This is something that we have never done in this county,” Kerr said.

St. Pierre said a series of open meetings were planned where residents could participate in activities and give comments informally to those conducting the study — rather than a more formal meeting featuring a speaker.

“Citizen input is going to be a driving force behind the recommendations in the master



Design specialists putting together Newton County’s master plan for the future of its parks and recreation operations will rely heavily on the public’s input.

plan,” he said.

Open meetings to gain residents’ input on what they want to see in county parks are scheduled for each county commission district in October.

They include:

- Oct. 18, 6 to 8 p.m., at Mansfield Community Center at 3158 Hwy. 11 South in Mansfield (District 1);
- Oct. 21, 6 to 8 p.m., at Turner Lake Park at 6185 Turner Lake Road in Covington (District 5);
- Oct. 26, 6 to 8 p.m., at Turner Lake Park (District 4);
- Oct. 27, 6 to 8 p.m., at Newton County Sheriff’s Office West Precinct at 3612 Salem Road in Covington (District 3);
- Oct. 28, 6 to 8 p.m.,

at Porter Memorial Library at 6191 Hwy. 212 in Covington (District 2).

St. Pierre said his company already had assessed facilities at each of the county’s parks and interviewed parks and recreation staff members.

He said the comprehensive study would include an analysis of the available funding and ways to gain revenue; and any increases needed in staffing levels.

An inventory of facilities, their geographic distribution and analysis of any gaps that exist also would be included, he said.

It also would assess the county’s demographics, including possible future shifts in population, to deter-

mine the best locations for future parks.

Other governments’ parks and recreation departments’ reaction to trends in their communities will be included, he added.

Lose Design would issue a draft report to commissioners, likely in February, St. Pierre said. It then would gather any final information needed and submit a final report in April 2022.

For more information, call 770-786-4373 or visit newtonrecreation.com.

Also Tuesday, Sept. 21, commissioners heard a presentation from Cynthia Patterson of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs concerning available rental assis-

tance in Newton County.

She said a total of 516 Newton County tenants had applied for the money, with 150 qualifying and receiving \$1.2 million.

The remaining 316 either were ineligible or

the application was still being processed, she said.

Patterson said funding was still available but both landlord and tenant must complete applications for it.

The funding would be paid directly to landlords and could cover up to 18 months of rent payments, she said.

However, those seeking the funding must prove they have a hardship related to COVID-19, such as becoming unemployed because of it; and they risk becoming homeless without the money, she said.

For more information, call 833-827-7368 or visit <https://georgia-rentalassistance.ga.gov>.

DEATH:

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an unfortunate circumstance that has greatly impacted our agency and community,” the sheriff’s office posted on its Facebook page Sept. 1.

Tom-Tom had worked for the agency for two years and was trained to detect explosives, stated an Aug. 31 posting on the sheriff’s office’s Facebook page.

Sheriff Ezell Brown said Tom-Tom was assigned to the Newton County Superior Court “where he was loved by the judges, court personnel, and visitors.”

“The death of K-9 Tom-Tom has greatly impacted our agency. He was loved and cherished by all who worked with him and by those he served,” Brown said.

“I thank K-9 Tom-Tom for his service to our Newton County community and the state of Georgia.

Brown said his “sincere condolences and prayers go out” to handler Deputy Tremelle Riley “and his family who have lost a member of their family.”

TEAM:

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served as the Executive Assistant to the Georgia Secretary of State.

She was a Pre-K paraprofessional at Mansfield Elementary School prior to her state service.

Herron holds a paralegal certificate from the University of Georgia Center for Continuing Education.

She and her husband, Donny, reside in Covington and have one son.

Gray was named deputy commissioner

of Aging Services and Child Support Services, also effective Oct. 1.

She previously served as deputy commissioner and child support administrator for DHS. Before that, she was director of the Division of Child Support Services.

Gray is Six Sigma Green Belt certified and has more than 26 years of leadership and child support related experience with DHS.

“She is a pragmatic executive leader with a proven track record in

government accounting, fiscal operations, customer service, organizational effectiveness, and field, state, and agency-level operations,” a news release stated.


Gray earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Accounting and has served as a board member of the National Child Support Enforcement Association for the past six years. She is currently serving a second term as a board member of the Eastern

Regional Intergovernmental Child Support Association.

Gray lives in Covington and has one daughter and one son.

Craig Foster, who served as Deputy Director of Policy in the office of Gov. Brian P. Kemp, will serve as Chief of Staff for DHS/DFACS. Chris Hempling will assume the role of Deputy Chief of Staff and Senior Deputy Commissioner.

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9/19,26

THE CITY of Covington is seeking bids from contractors for the removal of vegetative material, limbs, leaves, and yard debris, currently stockpiled at our Solid Waste transfer facility.
SEALED BIDS must be delivered to City Hall, 2194 Emory Street NW, Covington, GA 30014, Attn: Scott Cromer no later than 10:00am on Tuesday, October 5, 2021.A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at 10:00 am at the council / court room located at 2116 Stallings and Street NW, Covington, Georgia 30014.
REQUEST FOR Bids and additional information may be obtained by

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #200851
9/19,26

Citations

CITATION
ALICIA BAILEY has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **FELICE S. BAILEY** 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 OCTOBER 4, 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 #200798
9/5,12,19,26

CITATION

BIONCA SIMS has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **JULIA MAE JACOBS** 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 OCTOBER 4, 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 #200797
9/5,12,19,26

CITATION

GABRIELLA JONES has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **BELKY 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 OCTOBER 4, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

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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 #200743
9/5,12,19,26

CITATION

NETTIE G. BAKER has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **LENA MAE GRIGGS** 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 OCTOBER 4, 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 #200744
9/5,12,19,26

CITATION

RE: ESTATE of AMY MOSS

FORMER MINOR

RHONDA LESTER, CONSERVATOR has petitioned to be discharged from Office and all Liability. All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause as to why said petition should not be granted. All objections must be in writing and filed with this Court on or before NOVEMBER 1, 2021, at ten o'clock am.

MELANIE M. Bell, Judge By: Marcia Wynne, Clerk Probate Court **NEWTON COUNTY, GA**

NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT
1132 USHER STREET
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200857
9/26

CITATION

RE: ESTATE of ERIC ROYSTON

BELLE, FORMER WARD

EILEEN BELLE CONSERVATOR has petitioned to be discharged from Office and all Liability. All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause as to why said petition should not be granted. All objections must be in writing and filed with this Court on or before NOVEMBER 1, 2021, at ten o'clock am.

MELANIE M. Bell, Judge By: Marcia Wynne, Clerk Probate Court **NEWTON COUNTY, GA**

NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT
1132 USHER STREET
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200830
9/26

CITATION

RICHARD FRANKLIN CRANE has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **MARTHA ANN CRANE** 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 OCTOBER 4, 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 #200742
9/5,12,19,26

THE PETITION of DESSIE R. PULLIAM widow of **DELBERT WILLIAM PULLIAM** 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 OCTOBER 4, 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 #200796
9/5,12,19,26

THE PETITION of VIVETTE MATTHIE widow of **FRANCHOT EDISON HENRY** 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 in writing and filed with this Court on or before OCTOBER 4, 2021, at ten o'clock a.m.

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

NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE

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CITY OF COVINGTON JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

The City of Covington is currently accepting applications for a **Gas Construction Supervisor** in the **Gas Department** with a starting hourly rate of \$27.80 to a maximum hourly rate of \$40.83 depending upon qualifications. Qualified applicants may apply on our website by downloading an application packet at cityofcovington.org, or may apply in person at Covington City Hall, 2194 Emory Street, Covington, Georgia 30014. This position will remain open until filled. The City of Covington is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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For a complete list of job responsibilities and application, visit our website at <https://www.oxfordgeorgia.org> or contact Jody Reid at jreid@oxfordgeorgia.org.

Completed job applications may be dropped off in person or mailed to:
Oxford City Hall
Attn: Jody Reid
110 West Clark Street
Oxford, GA 30054


Resumes submitted without completed applications will not be considered. Applications will be accepted through Monday, October 11, 2021.

The City of Oxford is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



CITY OF COVINGTON JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

The City of Covington is currently accepting applications for a **Heavy Equipment Mechanic** in the **Auto/ Equipment Maintenance Shop Department** with a starting hourly rate of \$17.96 to a maximum hourly rate of \$27.37 depending upon qualifications. Qualified applicants may apply on our website by downloading an application packet at cityofcovington.org, or may apply in person at Covington City Hall, 2194 Emory Street, Covington, Georgia 30014. This position will remain open until Wednesday October 6, 2021. The City of Covington is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



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LEGALS:

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COURT
1132 USHER STREET- RM 148
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200799
9/5,12,19,26

Corporations

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF CORPORATE NAME

NOTICE IS given that articles of amendment which will change the name of **CARQUEST OF WINDER, INC.** to **RICKY BRUCE GENERAL CONTRACTOR, INC.** have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Business Corporation Code. The registered office of the corporation is located at 4420 County Road 213, Mansfield, GA 30055

PUBLIC NOTICE #200871
9/26-10/3

Convictions

NOTICE OF CONVICTION



NOTICE INFORMATION

COURT: GWINNETT COUNTY
ACCUSSION NO: 2021-D-03312-S3
DEFENDANT'S NAME: MICHAEL CHEVALIER
ADDRESS: COVIGTON, GA 30014
DATE OF ARREST: 02-01-2020 AT 22:58 PM
PLACE OF ARREST: GWINNETT COUNTY
CASE DISPOSITION: Conviction: GUILTY ON 08/25/2021
PROBATE SENTENCE 12 MONS
NON PROBATE SENTECE 72HRS
CREDIT TIME SERVED 24 HRS
FINE SURCHARGES \$1000.00
MUST PERFORM 240 HOURS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

PUBLIC NOTICE #200872
9/26

Debtors Creditors

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

ALL CREDITORS of the estate of **William Charles Maxwell, Jr.** late of Newton County, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.
THIS 19TH day of September, 2021
NAME: TAMMY Hodge and Cheyenne Belle Hodge
TITLE: CO-ADMINISTRATORS
ADDRESS: 118 Calmes Boulevard, Winchester, Kentucky 40391

PUBLIC NOTICE #200790
9/19,26,-10,3,10

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

ALL CREDITORS of the estate of **JACK R. GIBSON**, deceased, a resident of Newton County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.
THIS 31st day of August, 2021.

MELISSA D. Sheldon Executor of the Estate of Jack R. Gibson
C/O MICHELLE Chaudhuri, Esq. Talley & Associates, P.C.
1892 GA Hwy 138, SE
CONYERS, GA 30013
770-483-1431

PUBLIC NOTICE #200787
9/5,12,19,26

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **ARNOLD DALE TINGLER** 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 7TH day of SEPTEMBER 9, 2021.

RITA TINGLER
5429 DAVID CIRCLE
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200834
9/12,19,26-10/3

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **DANE SCOTT SCHNARR** 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 1ST day of SEPTEMBER, 2021.

FERN BYERLY
77115 TAUNTON DRIVE
GREENSBORO, NC 27410

PUBLIC NOTICE #200832
9/12,19,26,-10/3

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **DEKINA OLIVER** 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 21ST day of SEPTEMBER, 2021.

JANICE VONNER
700 FLEETA DR
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #200898
9/26-10/3,10,17

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND

CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **DONALD W. THOMAS** 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 21ST day of SEPTEMBER, 2021.

DENNIS THOMAS
957 MITCHELL RD
COMMERCE, GA 30529

PUBLIC NOTICE #200890
9/26-10/3,10,17

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

PAUL ROWE
245 RAM DR
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200892
9/26-10/3,10,17

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **ERNEST DUWAYNE BROOKS, III** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.
THIS THE 21ST day of SEPTEMBER, 2021.

NIKOLE S. BROOKS
160 AUTUMN COURT
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #200897
9/26-10/3,10,17,24

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **EVA MARIE CROSBY-PARKER** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.
THIS THE 7TH day of AUGUST, 2021.

ALETHEA PARKER BOWEN
474 BOBCAT TRAIL
MANSFILED, GA 30055

PUBLIC NOTICE #200837
9/12,19,26-10/3

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **EVELYN BANKS** 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 21ST day of SEPTEMBER, 2021.

ANTHONY BANKS
90 HEATHER WOODS CT
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #200891
9/26-10/3,10,17

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **EVELYN 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 2ND day of SEPTEMBER, 2021.

LISA BAKER
35 BROOKWOOD DR
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200835
9/12,19,26-10/3

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **FRED ODOM** 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 16TH day of SEPTEMBER, 2021.

DEIDRE ODOM
180 LANELLA PKWY
CONYERS, GA 30013

PUBLIC NOTICE #200894
9/26-10/3,10,17

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **HAZEL BAKER** 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 16TH day of SEPTEMBER, 2021.

GUSSIE O. BAKER
7142 GREEN ACRES COURT SW
COVINGTON GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200893
9/26-10/3,10,17

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **JAMES CLAXTON JONES** 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 7TH day of SEPTEMBER,

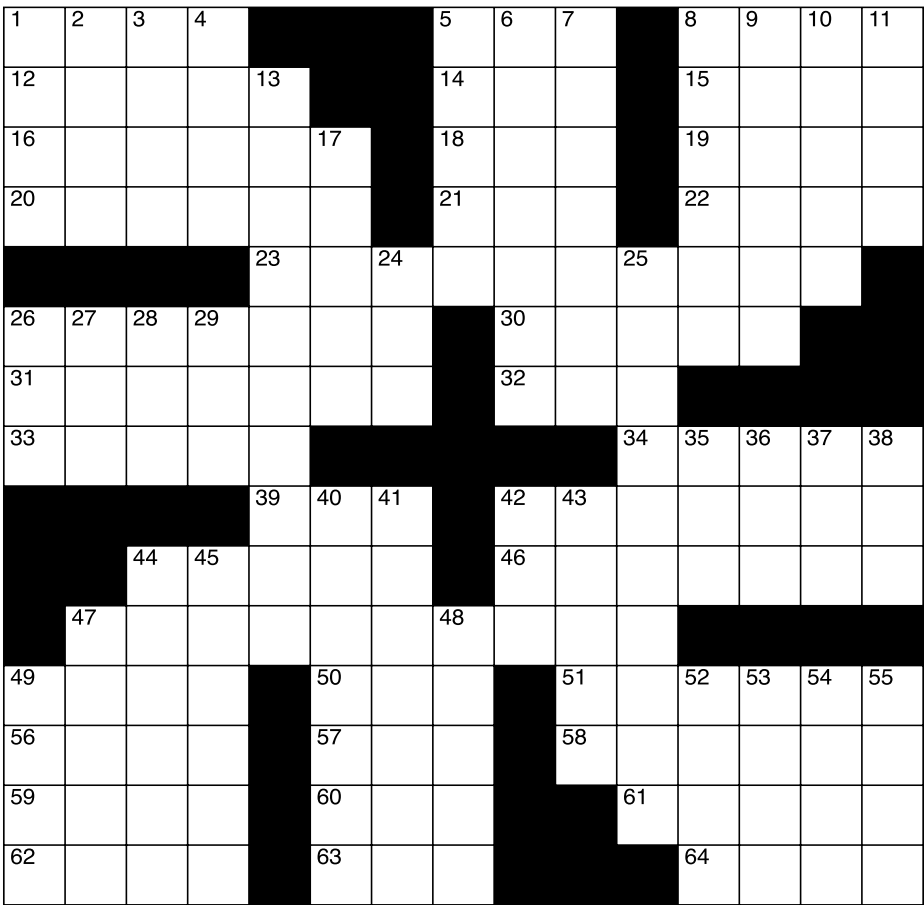
CLUES ACROSS

- One of the four Vedas
- Part of (abbr.)
- At the peak
- African antelope
- Expression of satisfaction
- Yankees' ace
- Belittled
- A baglike structure
- Utah Jazz coach Snyder
- Actress Tomei
- Explosive
- Formal for "on"
- Cruelties
- Country singer Brad
- Make very happy
- Binary compound of hydrogen with a metal
- Albanian currency
- Subatomic particle
- Type of salt
- 007's creator
- Emerging
- Railroad flare
- Observed
- Capable of reproduction
- Indicates adjacent to
- Legendary Notre Dame coach
- Not wide
- An embarrassing mistake
- Pearl Jam's debut album
- Denotes passerine birds
- Stumble
- Midway between east and southeast
- W. Indian trees
- You
- Pigpen
- Be aware of

CROSSWORD

CLUES DOWN

- Crease
- "Honey" actress Jessica
- Broad volcanic crater
- Product safety watchdog
- Southern Colombian city
- Part of a church
- Perceptible by touch
- Pronounce not guilty of criminal charges
- Hairpiece
- Variety acts
- "Mystic River" actor Sean

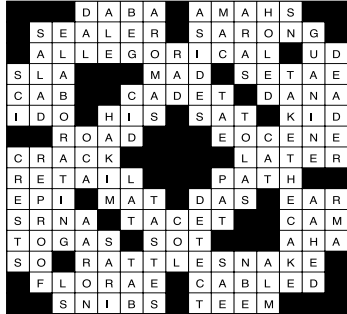


- Remove salt
- Went out with
- Type of bread
- Popular Eagles song
- Philosophy degree
- Yes vote
- Passports and licenses are two
- No seats available
- Pounds per square inch
- A way to launch an attack on
- The lowest cardinal number
- Popular Miller beer
- Pokes holes in
- Closest to
- Folk singer DiFranco
- Rivne's former name
- Flat ruler

- Lacking the means to do something
- Cockatoo
- Dred Scott decision deliverer
- Explosion exclamation

- Canadian flyers
- Houston university
- At some prior time
- Red, swollen mark

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:



payments to the undersigned.

THIS 9TH day of September, 2021.

TAMMY DENISE Neal
P.O. BOX 65
OXFORD, GA- 30054

PUBLIC NOTICE #200858
9/19,26-10/3,10

Divorces

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

JINO LUMPKIN
PLAINTIFF,
V
KAREN NELVIS LUMPKIN
DEFENDANT,

ACTION NO.2021-CV-908-2

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO KAREN NELVIS LUMPKIN
3127 PANTERS TRACE
DECATUR, GA

BY NOTICE for Publication dated the 16TH day of SEPTEMBER 2021 you are hereby notified that on the 9/01/21 the Plaintiff, JINO LUMPKIN filed suit against you for Divorce. You are required to file an Answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the Notice for Publication with the clerk of Superior Court of the 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 JOHN M. OTT, Judge of the Superior Court of Newton County.
THIS, THE 17th day of SEPTEMBER, 2021

PUBLIC NOTICE #200880
9/26-10/3,10,17

DUI - Second

SECOND/SUBSEQUENT DUI CONVICTION



NAME: JACOB BRADSHAW RALPH
ADDRESS 63 NEELY HAMMOND RD, COVINGTON GA 30014
DATE OF ARREST: MAY 15, 2018
DATE OF OFFENSE: MAY 15, 2018
TIME OF OFFENSE 7:49 PM
PLACE OF OFFENSE: ALMON RD AT/ON NEELY HAMMOND RD
DISPOSITION: PLEA OF GUILTY- DEFENDANT IS SENTENCED TO A TOTAL OF 3 YEARS W/ THE FIRST 10 DAYS TO BE SERVED IN CONFINEMENT IN THE NEWTON COUNTY JAIL AND THE REAMINER TO SERVED ON PROBATION - \$1,750.00 IN FINES PLUS ALL APPLICABLE STATUTORY FEES AND SURCHARGES- DEFENDANT SHALL PERFORM 40 HOURS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE & SHALL SURRENDER HIS DRIVER'S LICENSE & SHALL ATTEND AND COMPLETE A DUI RISK REDUCTION COURSE

SENTENCE DATE: AUGUST 25, 2021
NAME OF COURT: SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

PUBLIC NOTICE #200879
9/26

Foreclosures

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT

A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

UNDER AND by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Patrick Harkness** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Guaranteed Rate Affinity, LLC, its successors and assigns, dated June 28, 2018, recorded in Deed Book 3723, Page 249, Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper by assignment recorded in Deed Book 3824, Page 450, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$180,775.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in October, 2021, the following described property:

SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF

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 will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper is the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-162.2.

THE ENTITY that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: Nationstar Mortgage, LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper, 8950 Cypress Waters Blvd, Coppell, TX 75019, 888-850-9398x3705.

TO THE best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Patrick Harkness and Shawandra Lashon Pittman or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **115 Heatherstone Way, Covington, Georgia 30016.**

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

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper

AS ATTORNEY in Fact for **PATRICK HARKNESS**

MCCALLA RAYMER Leibert Pierce, LLC

1544 OLD Alabama Road
ROSSELL, GA 30076

WWW.FORECLOSUREHOTLINE.NET

EXHIBIT "A"

LL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 108 OF THE 9TH DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 18, OF HEATHERSTONE SUBDIVISION, PHASE II, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 37 PAGES 272-276, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS, WHICH RECORDED PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE AND MADE PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION.

SAID PROPERTY BEING KNOWN AS 115 HEATHERSTONE WAY,

ACCORDING TO THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF NUMBERING PROPERTY IN NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA.

R/MEH 10/5/21

OUR FILE no. 5453119 - FT2

PUBLIC NOTICE #200756
9/5,12,19,26

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 October, 2021, to wit: October 5, 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

See LEGALS, A10

LEGALS:

Continued from A9

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 O.C.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 #200779
9/5,12,19,26-10/3

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

STATE OF GEORGIA, COUNTY OF NEWTON

BY VIRTUE of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from **Antoinette Pringle** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee, as grantee for Broker Solutions, Inc. dba New American Funding, dated June 30, 2017 and recorded on July 10, 2017 in Deed Book 3584, Page 45, in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date, in the original principal amount of Two Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand Seventy-Two and 00/100 dollars (\$232,072.00) with interest thereon as provided therein, as last transferred to Broker Solutions, Inc. dba New American Funding, recorded in Deed Book 3805, Page 426, aforesaid records, will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia, or at such place as has or may be lawfully designated as an alternative location, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in October, 2021, all property described in said Security Deed including but not limited to the following described property: **ALL THAT** tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 136 of the 10th District of Newton County, Georgia, being Lot 56, Forest Heights Subdivision, as shown on Final Plat of Forest Heights, prepared by John F. Brewer, III, Registered Land Surveyor No. 2905, dated August 22, 2007, revised October 1, 2007, and recorded in Plat Book 47, Pages 208-215, Newton County Georgia Records, which plat is incorporated herein and made a part hereof by reference. **SAID PROPERTY** may more commonly be known as **85 Mary Jane Lane, Covington, GA 30016.** **THE DEBT** secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, non-payment of the monthly installments on said loan. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).The individual or entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the loan is Broker Solutions Inc. dba New American Funding, New American Funding **C/O HOME** Retention Department **11001 LAKELINE** Blvd. Ste. 325 **AUSTIN, TX** 78717 **SAID PROPERTY** will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The sale will also be subject to the following items which may affect the title: a) zoning ordinances; b) matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; c) any outstanding ad valorem taxes, including taxes, which constitute liens upon said property whether or not now due and payable; d) special assessments; e) the right of redemption of any taxing authority; f) all outstanding bills for public utilities which constitute liens upon said property; g) all restrictive covenants, easements, rights-of-way and any other matters of record superior to said Security Deed. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owners and party in possession of the property are Antoinette Pringle and or tenant(s). The sale will be conducted subject to 1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy code and 2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed. **BROKER SOLUTIONS** Inc. dba New American Funding **AS ATTORNEY-IN-FACT** for **ANTOINETTE PRINGLE**

PUBLIC NOTICE #200800
9/5,12,19,26

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF NEWTON

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

PURSUANT TO the power of sale contained in the Security Deed executed by **TIMOTHY L. KEY AND BOBBIE ANN KEY** to CENTEX HOME EQUITY COMPANY, LLC in the original principal amount of \$112,800.00 dated June 5, 2006 and recorded in Deed Book 2219, Page 338 , Newton County records, said Security Deed being last transferred to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Asset Backed Securities Corporation Home Equity Loan Trust, Series MO 2006-HE6, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series MO 2006-HE6 in Deed Book 3662, Page 544, Newton County records, the undersigned will sell at

public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, before the Courthouse door in said County, or at such other place as lawfully designated, within the legal hours of sale, on October 05, 2021, the property in said Security Deed and described as follows: **ALL THAT** TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 126 OF THE 10TH DISTRICT OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND BEING KNOWN AS LOT 1, WOODLAND RIDGE SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 27, PAGE 107, NEWTON COUNTY RECORDS, WHICH PLAT IS BY REFERENCE INCORPORATED HEREIN AND MADE A PART HEREOF. **BEING THE SAME** PROPERTY CONVEYED TO BOBBIE ANN KEY AND TIMOTHY KEY BY DEED FROM COUNTRY WOODS DEVELOPMENT CORP. RECORDED 12/18/1995 IN DEED BOOK 579 PAGE 311, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA **TAX ID#** 0045 107 **SAID PROPERTY** being known as: **15 WOODLAND RIDGE CIRCLE, COVINGTON, GA 30016** **TO THE** best of the undersigned's knowledge, the party or parties in possession of said property is/are TIMOTHY L. KEY AND BOBBIE ANN KEY or tenant(s). **THE DEBT** secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due and payable because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as provided for in the Note and said Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of sale, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). **SAID PROPERTY** will be sold subject to the following: (1) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, whether or not yet due and payable); (2) the right of redemption of any taxing authority; (3) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and **20-010774 - SaH** **INSPECTION** OF the property; and (4) any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above. **SAID SALE** will be conducted subject to the following: (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. **THE NAME**, address, and telephone number of the individual or entity who has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage is as follows: **NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC** d/b/a Mr. Cooper 8950 Cypress Waters Blvd. Coppell, TX 75019 1-888-480-2432 **NOTE THAT** pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, the above individual or entity is not required by law to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the mortgage. **THIS LAW FIRM** IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. **U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION**, AS TRUSTEE FOR ASSET BACKED SECURITIES CORPORATION HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST, SERIES MO 2006-HE6, **ASSET BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES**, SERIES MO 2006-HE6, as Attorney-in-Fact for **TIMOTHY L. KEY AND BOBBIE ANN KEY ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ,** Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC 10700 Abbott's Bridge Road Suite 170 Duluth, GA 30097 Phone: 470.321.7112 **FIRM FILE** No. 20-010774 **20-010774 - SaH**

Public Hearings

CITY OF COVINGTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS hereby given, per the City of Covington's Code of Ordinances Chapter 16.12 that the below applications were submitted for consideration by the Covington Planning Commission on the following properties: **A. REZONING:** PR21-0004 (in conjunction with PSU21-0011) **REQUEST: REZONE** parcels from M2 (Heavy Industrial) to proposed **NM (NEIGHBORHOOD Mixed-Use)** in order to obtain a special use permit **FOR DEVELOPMENT** of a "high-end," multifamily, residential community. **LOCATION:** 10200 & 10020 City Pond Road **TAX MAP** Parcel Number: C080 035A & C080 043 **OWNERS: CALLAWAY/SIGMAN** **APPLICANT: EMORY** Equity, LLC / Arthur Lynn **B. SPECIAL USE:** PS21-0011 (in conjunction with PR21-0004) **REQUEST: OBTAIN** a special use permit, post rezoning approval, **IN ORDER** to develop a "high-end," multifamily residential community. **LOCATION:** 10200 & 10020 City Pond Road **TAX MAP** Parcel Number: C080 035A & C080 043 **OWNERS: CALLAWAY/SIGMAN** **APPLICANT: EMORY** Equity, LLC / Arthur Lynn **THE PLANNING** Commission will conduct the First Public Hearing on Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor and Council conducting the Final Public Hearing, on Monday, November 1, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. Both meetings will be held in the City Hall Council Chambers, 2116 Stallings Street. ALL INTERESTED parties are invited to participate. For more information, contact the city Planning & Development office at 770-385-2178/2179. **DUE TO** circumstances necessitated by emergency conditions involving public safety and preservation of public services, public access to this meeting is limited to teleconference and video access. **THE PUBLIC MAY ACCESS THIS MEETING USING THE FOLLOWING LINK:** <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84029990740> **BY CALLING** 1-646-558-8656, I

Meeting ID: 840 2999 0740

PUBLIC NOTICE #200886
9/26

Public Notice

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF GWINNETT COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
NASSER HEAVY EQUIPMENT, INC. v. JAMES CAMPBELL, Civil Action No. 21-A-01202-1 (Gwinnett County Superior Court)

TO: JAMES CAMPBELL, a/k/a James Campbell Gittens, Individually. **LAST KNOWN** Potential Address: 100 Landon Way, Covington, GA 30016 (Newton County, GA) **TAKE NOTICE** THAT Plaintiffs have filed in the Superior Court of Gwinnett County, Georgia, a Complaint for Damages on February 18, 2021. Plaintiffs are seeking damages for Breach of Contract, Quantum Meruit/Unjust Enrichment, Attorneys' Fees and Judgment against the Defendant which are the subject matter of the above-styled case which is also known as Civil Action File No.: 21-A-01202-1. Service by Publication is hereby perfected on JAMES CAMPBELL, a/k/a JAMES CAMPBELL GITTENS, Individually, Defendant, pursuant to applicable Georgia law and O.C.G.A. § 9-11-4(f)(1)(A) et seq. and that by reason of an ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION signed and filed of record by the Honorable Chief Judge George F. Hutchinson, III, of Superior Court of Gwinnett County, GA on SEPTEMBER 2, 2021, Defendants is hereby given notice that you are commanded and required to file with the Clerk of the Superior Court of Gwinnett County an Answer to the Complaint for Damages within sixty 60 days from September 2, 2021 in accordance with the Georgia Civil Practice Act. **ANY RESPONSIVE** pleadings shall also be served on Plaintiffs by mailing a copy to Paul E. Andrew, Esq., Andrew Merritt Reilly & Smith LLP, Seven Lumpkin Street, Lawrenceville, GA 30046. Any failure to answer within the prescribed time period required by law may result in a default judgment against the above-named party Defendant, and all heirs, as to both liability and damages, for all relief sought in the

Complaint. **WITNESS, UNDER** penalty of law, the Honorable Chief Judge GEORGE F. HUTCHINSON, III, Judge of Gwinnett Superior Court.

THIS THE 21st day of September, 2021

PUBLIC NOTICE #200888
9/26-10/3,10,17

NORTH CAROLINA IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
WILKES COUNTY DISTRICT COURT DIVISION

FILE NO. 20 JT 000040

IN RE: C.A.T., MINOR JUVNEILE
NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

TO: JENNIFER LUCINDA TINER, MOTHER AND JOSHUA EUGENE TINER, FATHER OF A FEMALE CHILD BORN ON FEBRUARY 21, 2020 IN WILKES COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, RESPONDENTS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Petition seeking to terminate your parental rights with regard to a female child born to Jennifer Lucinda Tiner on February 21, 2020 in Wilkes County, North Carolina has been filed in the above matter. You are to answer the Petition no later than October 22, 2021. Upon your failure to answer the Petition by the date specified, an Order may be entered terminating your parental rights with regard to the above-named juvenile. Any counsel appointed previously and still representing you in an abuse, neglect, or dependency proceeding involving the child shall continue to represent you unless otherwise ordered by the Court.

IF YOU are indigent and not already represented by appointed counsel, you are entitled to appointed counsel. You should contact Debbie Freeman in the Clerk of Superior Court's office for Wilkes County, North Carolina, immediately. Her telephone number is (336) 651-4461, and her address is 500 Courthouse Drive, Wilkesboro, North Carolina, 28697.

THE DATE, time, and place of hearing for pre-trial hearing on the Petition will be mailed by the Clerk of Superior Court upon your filing an Answer or 30 days from October 22, 2021 if no Answer is filed. You are entitled to attend all hearings and should keep the Clerk of Superior Court informed of your current

mailing address. Failure to attend may result in the Court terminating your parental rights in your absence.

THIS 12TH day of September, 2021. **ERIKA LEIGH Hamby ATTORNEY FOR** Wilkes County Dept. of Social Services **304 COLLEGE** Street **WILKESBORO, NC** 28697 **TELEPHONE:** (336) 903-7689 **FAX:** (336) 990-0409 **N.C. STATE Bar:** 39726

PUBLIC NOTICE #200818
9/12,19,26

Public Sales Auctions

NOTICE OF Public Sale of Personal Property: Notice is hereby given that Covington Stor-it, located at 8165 Washing St SW, Covington, GA 30014; intends to sell the personal property according to the Georgia Self Storage Act, 10-4-210 through 10-4-215 to satisfy the owner's lien. All bids will be accepted online through www.storageauctions.com. The auction will end on or after 1 October 2021, 3PM. Covington Stor-it reserves the right to withdraw units from such a sale and reject any bid. Terms of sale are cash or money order only.

BRENDA BLACKWELL, 133, appears to contain; Television, Vacuum cleaner, toys, dresser, refrigerators, dolly

ERIC SCOTT , 192E, appears to contain; Artwork, elliptical, television, boxes, totes, treadmill

CRAIG JACKSON, 241, appears to contain; boxes, fan, bags, gym bag, crockpot.

LAMONE JOHNSON, 258, appears to contain; DVD holder, bins, plant, boxes, sound bar, cooler (full)

JERRY STANLEY, 300, appears to contain; artwork, totes, stained glass, pictures.

JENNIFER CHRISTIAN, 407, appears to contain; luggage, totes, clothing, plastic containers, camping gear, trash can.

LINDA WHITE, 418, appears to contain; dresser, chair, car battery, tires, bedframe, clothing, totes, headboard, punching bag.

PURCHASE MUST be paid for on the day of the auction with cash and valid ID at the location of the unit. All items are sold as is and must be removed from the property within 72 hours, unless otherwise approved by the Manager, after the time of the sale. Sale is subject to cancellation in the event of a settlement between

the owner and the obligated party. **PATRICIA DANIELS PROPERTY MANAGER COVINGTON STOR-IT** 8165 WASHINGTON St. S.W. COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200853
9/19,26

Trade Names

TRADE NAME REGISTRATION AFFIDAVIT
GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

TO WHOM It may Concern: **PLEASE BE** advised that **EDWARDINA MCINNIS** whose address is 6114 Green Acres Dr. SW, Covington, GA 30014 is/are the owner(s) of the certain business now being carried on at 6114 Green Acres Dr. SW, Covington, GA 30014 in the following trade name, to-wit: **MIAMI WAVERYDERS;** and that the nature of said business is: Car Wash and Detailing. 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 2nd day of September, 2021.

PUBLIC NOTICE #200865
9/26, 10/3

TRADE NAME

REGISTRATION AFFIDAVIT

GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

TO WHOM It may Concern: **PLEASE BE** advised that **TAZAQU ENTERPRISES LLC** whose address is85 STONEWALL DR , COVINGTON GA 30016 and the owner(s) of the certain business now being carried on at 85 STONEWALL DR in the following trade name, to-wit: **MOORE ESSENTIALS** that the nature of said business is: WELLNESS AND PERSONAL CARE 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 25TH day of AUGUST, 2021.

PUBLIC NOTICE #200847
9/19,26

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If you purchase a six-month subscription, you will receive 6 chances to win. Purchase a one-year subscription and receive 12 chances to win.

Paid subscriptions must be received by 5 p.m. Friday, October 1, 2021 to qualify. You must be 18 years or older to enter and must be a resident of Newton County or reside within the newspaper's coverage area. Employees of The Covington News and their immediate family are not eligible to win.

The drawing for the Traeger Pro 575" Pellet Grill will be held Monday, October 4, 2021. The winner will be announced in the October 10-11 weekend edition of the newspaper.

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You must be 18 years or older to enter and must be a resident of Walton County or East Gwinnett County. Employees of The Covington News and their relatives are not eligible to win. No purchase necessary to win. Contest forms are available at The Covington News office.

AGRICULTURE

The Covington News

Newton 4-H'er selected as runner-up for national award

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

news@covnews.com
A Covington resident was a finalist for a national 4-H award for his work to use 3D printing to effectively and cheaply produce prosthetic limbs for children.

CJ Harris was a runner-up for the 2022 4-H Youth in Action Award for STEM, the National 4-H Council announced.

Five years ago, Harris began his efforts by teaching 4-H'ers about service opportunities with the e-Nable foundation, a volunteer organization that uses 3D printers to make free

and low-cost prosthetic upper-limb devices for children in need.

Harris has taught classes on 3D printing and the intricacies of the human hand, and he helped his local 4-H club purchase a 3D printer.

His efforts earned him recognition in the media, bringing the impact of his awareness project from Newton County to over 1 million viewers.

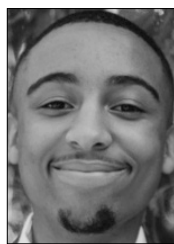
Now a freshman at Georgia State University, Harris hopes to become a mechanical engineer.

"CJ Harris used to be so shy his mouth would

dry up when it came time to speak. Today, thanks to 4-H, he has become a confident teacher and leader in his community and state," according to the 4-H website.

"Through this activism, he has also shared at statewide conferences and the Farm Bureau's show, 'Farm Monitors.'"

The 4-H Youth in Action Awards began in 2010 to recognize



C.J. Harris

4-H'ers who have overcome challenges and used the knowledge they gained in 4-H to create a lasting impact in their community.

To learn more about the 4-H Youth in Action program and the 2022 runners up, please visit 4-H.org/YouthInAction.

Georgia 4-H empowers youth to become leaders by developing necessary life skills, positive relationships and community awareness.

As the largest youth leadership organization in the state, 4-H reaches more than 242,000 people annually through UGA Extension offices

and 4-H facilities.

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It is the youth development program of the nation's Cooperative Extension System and U.S. Department of Agriculture, and serves every county and parish in the U.S. through a network of 110 public universities and more than 3,000 local Extension offices. Globally, 4-H collaborates with independent programs

to empower 1 million youth in 50 countries.

The research-backed 4-H experience grows young people who are four times more likely to contribute to their communities; two times more likely to make healthier choices; two times more likely to be civically active; and two times more likely to participate in STEM programs.

For more information on Georgia 4-H, visit georgia4h.org or contact the local UGA Cooperative Extension office. Find National 4-H on Facebook and on Twitter.

UGA Extension agent: Leyland cypress trees often planted incorrectly

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

news@covnews.com
Leyland cypress are one of the most commonly planted landscape trees, but poor site selection and disease pressure may soon send them the way of red tips and Bradford pears.

Popular as a hedge and in new development, the trees must be planted at least 10 to 15 feet apart, as the trees' rapid growth will require thinning out the trees after a few years to prevent them from growing into one another and reducing the air circulation needed in the canopy to prevent disease.

Inexpensive, fast-growing and tall

"Leyland cypress trees are one of the most commonly planted trees in the landscape," said Tim Daly, a University of Georgia Cooperative Extension agent in Gwinnett County. "They are popular because of their fast growth and their ability to provide a screen against traffic areas or neighbors."

Leyland cypress (X Cupressocyparis leylandii) is a hybrid species that resulted from a cross between the Nootka false cypress (Chamaecyparis nootkensis) and the Monterey cypress, (Cupressocyparis macrocarpa). It was discovered on a British estate in the late 1800s, Daly said.

Poor site selection can create problems with Leyland cypress trees. "They grow into large trees, and in some parts of the world they can reach 100 feet tall and nearly 50 feet wide," Daly said. "Think of the damage a tree that size could do to your house, fence or driveway only a few feet away."

Four feet taller each year

It may be hard to imagine a small Leyland cypress growing into a 100-foot tall tree, but with proper care, it can and will happen, he said. Leyland cypresses grow about 4 feet per year in height and 2 to



Often planted to create borders or buffers, Leyland cypress trees can grow 4 feet taller in just a year. Planting too close together or too close to structures can present major problems as the trees mature.

3 feet in width.

They require full, all-day sun. "Shade will reduce their vigor, causing them to thin out and become more susceptible to diseases," Daly said. "They also need plenty of air circulation inside the canopy to dry out the branches and leaves."

Planting too close to a fence, building or each other will prevent the interiors of the trees from drying out, he said, and could lead to fungal diseases.

Well-drained soil a must

Disease pressure, improper planting and overuse may send Leyland cypress the way of plants like the red tip photinia and Bradford pears, according to Daly.

The tree is best suited for fertile, well-drained soils. "The amount of soil water is one of the most critical factors in the growth of Leyland cypress," Daly said. "Excess water will increase root-rotting fungal diseases, and too little water leads to stress and ultimately stem and leaf diseases."

To monitor the soil moisture, use a shovel to open a 4-inch-deep gap in the soil near the base of the trees. Feel the soil and test it for moisture. If it feels dry, water. If it feels wet, avoid watering.

Diseases can take their toll on Leyland

cypress trees. "Using chemical control is not feasible because application is ineffective and will not have effect on control," he said. "Severely infected trees may have to be removed."

Waning popularity

Disease pressure, improper planting and overuse may send Leyland cypress the way of plants like the red tip photinia and Bradford pears, he said.

Red tip photinias are small trees that were used extensively in the 1980s as a hedge. Most of the plants succumbed to Entomosporium fungal leaf spot disease.

Bradford pears, although not afflicted with any serious diseases, have quick-growing soft wood and crotches at an angle. This causes the branches to split off easily.

Alternatives to Leyland cypress

Several substitutes for Leyland cypress are available. Here are Daly's recommendations:

Hollies like "Nellie R. Stevens" and "Emily Bruner" varieties. These are best for borders in full sun.

Arbovitae (Thuja occidentalis), particularly the "Green Giant" cultivar, which was selected as a 2007 Georgia Gold Medal Plant.

Wax myrtles (Myrica cerifera) grow rapidly

in full sun.

Tea olive (Osmanthus fragrantissima) or luster-leaf holly (Ilex latifolia) are good choices for shaded hedgerows.

"In general, these plants don't suffer from

the problems afflicting Leyland cypress as much," Daly said. "But they still need to be given proper cultural conditions such as applying the correct amount of water."

For more lawn care and landscaping resources from UGA Extension, visit extension.uga.edu/topic-areas/lawn-garden-landscapes.



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Covington mourns beloved street sweeper



Special Photo | City of Covington
Dexter Lamar Scott (right), 53, reportedly died Tuesday, Sept. 14, after battling COVID-19. He was recently recognized by City Manager Scott Andrews (left) for his many years of outstanding service.

By **TAYLOR BECK**
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Clean streets often go unappreciated, despite the hard work it takes to keep them litter-free.

As the city of Covington's street sweeper, it was Dexter Lamar Scott's job to make sure that happened, and it was a job he took great pride in.

Scott, 53, reportedly died Tuesday, Sept. 14, after battling COVID-19.

"Our hearts are heavy today at the City and around the community as one of our own City of Covington family, Dexter L. Scott, has passed away," a city spokesperson stated on social media. "Dexter started with the city in May 1996 and most recently was THE MAN when it

came to keeping our City streets swept. Honored at our Employee Appreciation lunch in June for 25 years of service, Dexter would often be driving the street sweeper while most of us were still enjoying the comfort of bed. After any special event on the Square, he would make sure the streets looked better than before the event had started.

"For those of us who knew him around the halls and dock of City Hall, his jovial laugh was infectious; his spiritual encouragement uplifting; and stories of his beloved Barbara and children Dexter Jr. and Imani were filled with pride and unconditional love. Please keep his family and extended family in your prayers during this time of loss. We will miss you Dexter. Thank you for

your dedicated service to our community and your friendship. Rest in peace our friend."

Also in a social media post, Councilwoman Fleeta Baggett touted the work of Scott.

"When you live in the City you get used to night nosies, especially when you don't sleep well," Baggett wrote. "One of my favorites is the street sweeper. Today [Sept. 14] YOUR city sweeper, Dexter Scott died of COVID. He did a job with pride that not many even noticed. He was a classmate of my brothers and my friend. He will be missed. My heart is broken."

A funeral service for Scott was held Saturday, Sept. 18, at Flat Rock Baptist Church with the assistance of Young-Levett Funeral Home in Covington.

Newton County Chamber of Commerce



Special to The Covington News
The Newton County Chamber of Commerce and its member businesses partnered this week to make 26 snack baskets, providing one for each department at Piedmont Newton Hospital. They also presented baskets to Riverside Nursing Home, PruittHealthcare, Alcovy High School and Indian Creek Middle School. The schools each had a teacher pass away within the last two weeks.



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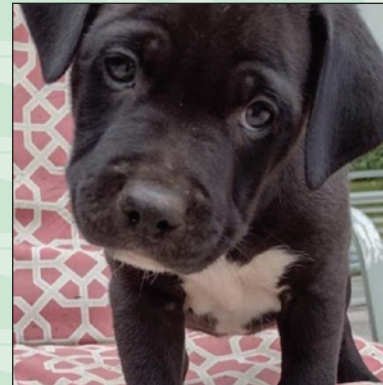
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Alcovy's Levi Adcox (10) and Duval Hill (56) converge to stop a Rockdale running back.

TIGERS:

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a punt. Rockdale's punter, Kaleb Baldwin shanked the punt that gave the Tigers great starting field position - field position that they would take full advantage of.

One play later, Evans scrambled out of the pocket to find Mathias Height in the end zone for a 17-yard touchdown.

Largely due to the defense forcing a three-and-out were the Tigers able to score their first points of the game.

Defensively, the Tigers registered seven sacks, numerous tackles for loss and seemed to be camped out in the Bulldogs' backfield all night long. As a matter of fact, Rockdale didn't pick up a first down until late in the third quarter because of Alcovy's

defensive play.

Rockdale's lone score of the contest came when Malik Brightwell connected with Antonio Hardge for a long touchdown reception.

However, it was a case of too little too late for the Bulldogs.

Alcovy proceeded to run the ball, burn the remaining 2:27 off the clock and preserve the win.

Braxton Crawford came in with 11:07 left in the game and kicked a 27-yard field goal to aid Alcovy in earning its first win of 2021.

For the second time in the past three seasons, the Tigers begin region play 1-0. Next week, they'll face a non-region opponent as they travel 200 miles to face Lowndes High School.

Apalachee Wildcats 22, Eastside Eagles 21

Wildcats' comeback shocks Eagles



Garrett Pitts | The Covington News
Eastside running back Dallas Johnson (3) works to move through Apalachee's defense in the first half of the game in Winder Friday night.

By **GARRETT PITTS**
Correspondent

WINDER, Ga. — Eastside lost its second game of the season Friday night as they lost a nail-biter to the Apalachee Wildcats by a score of 22-21 in what was a run-heavy game for both teams.

Coming off their blowout victory of Johnson-Gainesville, the Eagles (3-1, 1-0) were looking to continue their momentum in Region 8-AAAAA as they went on the road to face Apalachee.

It would not take long for the Eagles to break-in the scoreboard as junior running back Kenai Grier would find the endzone on the run to put the Eagles up 7-0.

Apalachee, which leaned heavily on the run game, was stopped early by the Eagles as the Wildcats were forced into two three-and-outs to open the game.

After an Apalachee punt that was downed on the Eagles' one-yard line, the Wildcats forced a fumble from senior Dallas

Johnson to give the ball back to the offense just nine-yards out from the touchdown.

It would only take one play for the Wildcats to score as quarterback Isaiah Skinner took the ball in himself for the nine-yard touchdown run to tie the game at 7-7 halfway through the second quarter.

With the game primarily based around the run game for most of the first half, the Eagles took to the air with junior quarterback E'sean Arnold.

It paid off in a big way. Arnold rolled to his left before throwing a dart to Grier down the sideline for the 87-yard touchdown pass to give the Eagles the lead back at 14-7.

The Eagles went into the halftime locker room with all the momentum

On the Eagles' first offensive drive of the second half, Johnson and Grier would carry the ball through the Apalachee defense with ease as Eastside would have another good scoring opportunity inside of the red zone.

Arnold would call his own number as the junior quarterback would rush for the ten-yard touchdown to extend the Eastside lead to 21-7 halfway through the third quarter.

The Wildcats responded on the ensuing drive by scoring on a seven-yard rush by Skinner to bring the game within one score at 21-14.

With only 0:44 left in the game, the Wildcats would find their way into the endzone on a two-yard rush by Colby Sikes. Instead of going for the extra-point attempt to tie the game, the Wildcats went for two and converted on another rush by Spikes to take a 22-21 lead over the Eagles.

Eastside then got the ball to midfield but would ultimately fail to score on the final drive as Apalachee took the region game over the Eagles.

Despite the loss, both Grier and Arnold put together solid games for the Eagles as both came away with touchdowns.

Houston County Bears 20, Newton Rams 13

No. 9 Rams stumble; suffer first loss against Houston County

By **TAYLOR BECK**
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COVINGTON, Ga. — A sluggish start coupled with an array of mental mistakes in the first half were too much for the Newton Rams to overcome in a 20-13 loss against Houston County on Friday night inside Sharp Stadium.

The Rams entered Friday's contest 3-0, ranked No. 9 in Class 7A. It was the first time Newton had entered the polls since 2010.

But, it would be the Bears to jump out to a 20-7 halftime lead.

With 1:58 left in the first quarter, Houston County quarterback Antwann Hill Jr. con-



Taylor Beck | The Covington News
A mob of Ram defenders tackle the Houston County ball carrier Friday night. The Bears proved to be too much for Newton, winning 20-13.

nected with receiver Khalil Quinn for a 4-yard touchdown pass

to take an early 6-0 lead. The score was set up after the Rams

surrendered three big plays — a 21-yard carry and then a 14-carry

by running back Sim-eon Askew, followed by a 44-yard pass from Hill to receiver Michael Sherman.

Later in the second quarter, with 8:39 remaining, Newton's defense surrendered another score, widening the Houston County lead to 13-0. This time it was Askew scoring on a 53-yard run.

On the ensuing Newton offensive drive, Rontravious Perry provided the Rams with a spark after he took a short pass from quarterback Jevarra Martin Jr. and slipped through the Bears defense for a 68-yard touchdown, trimming the Houston County lead to 13-7.

Newton's defense stepped up on the Bears next offensive possession, forcing Houston County to go three-and-out. But on the Bears' punt, the football hit the back of a Newton player and was recovered by the Bears' kicking team at the Rams 41-yard line.

Nine plays later, Newton's defense stopped the Bears short on third and goal from the 4-yard line to force a field goal try.

But another mental mistake would cost the Rams. Multiple Newton defenders were flagged

for an offsides penalty, setting up a first and goal from the 2-yard line. Askew then took the handoff, leaped over the top and into the end zone to give the Bears a 20-7 halftime lead.

In the second half, Newton never gave up as the defense held the Bears offense scoreless for the rest of the game. But the offense still struggled to find its rhythm.

It wasn't until about four minutes left in the third quarter when Martin broke loose for a 68-yard touchdown run to pull the Rams to within seven, 20-13.

After forcing the Bears to go three-and-out on the ensuing possession, the Newton offense was able to drive down to inside the Bears 10-yard line, but came up short on fourth and 2 with five minutes left in regulation.

From there, Houston County put the game on ice behind the legs of Askew and ran the clock out to upset the Rams 20-13.

With the loss, the Rams fall to 3-1. Next week, Newton opens Region 4-AAAAAAA play at home against Parkview in a rare Saturday night game.

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NFL

Dirty Birds making most out of lopsided Bucs loss

By **GEORGE HENRY**
The Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) — A week after looking downright pathetic in a season-opening loss to Philadelphia, the Atlanta Falcons were at least competent in a 48-25 defeat at Tampa Bay.

The score was not entirely indicative of the game’s flow, and first-year coach Arthur Smith was hardly despondent. “I’m proud to coach this group,” he said. “We are building something in there. These guys fight. So, you go on the road like this against a really good, veteran team, our guys kept swinging. It’s unfortunate what happened at the end.”

The end included two tipped passes from Matt Ryan that were intercepted and returned for touchdowns, putting the game out of reach. But there were some encouraging moments for the Falcons.

Cordarrelle Patterson got loose for a 23-yard catch on a screen that was nearly a touchdown. Calvin Ridley caught a short TD pass on fourth-and-goal. Dante Fowler Jr. strip-sacked Tom Brady. Patterson took a toss sweep 10 yards for a score.

Atlanta was trailing by only three points early in the fourth quarter, so it was in the game late. That will give Smith an opening for positive messaging this week as the team tries to avoid a 0-3 start for the second straight year.

“They got two Pick-6s off tipped balls? That’s 14 points right there,” Smith said. “It looks ugly in the box score, on the surface looking at it. Understanding the context of



Mark LoMoglio | AP

Atlanta Falcons wide receiver Calvin Ridley (18) makes a diving touchdown reception in front of Tampa Bay Buccaneers defensive back Ross Cockrell (43) during the second half of an NFL football game Sunday, Sept. 19, in Tampa, Fla.

the game, we had a chance in the fourth quarter. We have to convert. To go win it or at worst flip it. We had all three timeouts. Maybe you pin them back and you have a chance. We didn’t convert and they did. That was the difference.”

WHAT’S WORKING

Ryan’s connection with Patterson and rookie tight end Kyle Pitts, who combined for 10 catches for 131 yards and one touchdown. Patterson, Pitts and receiver Calvin Ridley are the team’s best playmakers, and Ridley led the team with seven catches for 63 yards. There’s ample opportunity for more. Ryan

did a good job of looking at every option as 10 different receivers caught a pass.

WHAT NEEDS HELP

The running game averaged 2.8 yards on 20 attempts. Atlanta was trailing throughout, so Smith, who calls the plays, essentially had to abandon the run to play catch-up, but the Falcons still need to get a better push up front early on.

Ryan also had eight pass deflections, mostly because the Bucs’ front seven kept pressuring the line and pushing him off his spot.

“Yeah, that’s part of the game,” Ryan said. “It’s tough. You’ve got to give them

credit. They did a good job the entire night of continuing to pressure, getting their hands up. It’s tough to go against, but you’ve got to learn from it. You better. Hopefully, we can do that across the board as we move forward.”

STOCK UP

A week after catching four passes for 31 yards in a 32-6 blowout loss to the Eagles, Pitts had five for 73. That’s not much of an increase, but the fourth overall draft pick flashed his athleticism on a pass over the middle that was thrown behind him. Pitts readjusted to make the catch for a decent gain. He said Monday that he did a better job of reading coverages, proof that he’s shortening his learning curve.

STOCK DOWN

Cameron Nizialek shanked two punts that gave the Bucs good field position, the worst coming early in the fourth quarter after a three-and-out. Tampa Bay took over at the Atlanta 43. Three plays later, the Bucs scored to make it 35-25.

INJURED

Cornerback A.J. Terrell suffered a head injury in the third quarter and did not return. His availability is doubtful this week. Receiver Russell Gage hurt an ankle a couple of times. Outside linebacker Steven Means left with an early undisclosed injury and did not return.

KEY NUMBER

10 — the longest run from scrimmage, and it came from Patterson, who gained just 1 net yard on his six other attempts. That must improve if the Falcons are going to have a balanced attack.

Football
Schedule

NCAA

Saturday, Sept. 25

- Albany State vs. Clark Atlanta University at 7 p.m. (92.1 FM)

- Berry College BYE

- Fort Valley State @ Allen University at 6 p.m. (ESPN+)

- Georgia @ Vanderbilt at noon (SEC Network)

- Georgia State @ Auburn at 4 p.m. (SECN)

- Georgia Southern vs. Louisiana at 6 p.m. (GaSo Sports Network)

- Georgia Tech vs. North Carolina at 7:30 p.m. (ACC Network)

- Kennesaw State vs. Jacksonville St. at 3 p.m. (ESPN+)

- Lagrange College vs. N.C. Wesleyan at 1 p.m.

- Mercer @ Furman at 2 p.m. (ESPN+)

- Morehouse College @ Savannah State at 6 p.m. (ESPN+)

- Point University @ Keiser at 5 p.m.

- Reinhardt @ Bethel at 2:30 p.m.

- West Georgia @ Shorter University at 1 p.m. (102.7 FM)



NFL

Sunday, Sept. 26

- Atlanta Falcons @ NY Giants at 1 p.m. (FOX / 92.9 The Game)

- Tampa Bay Buccaneers @ Los Angeles Rams at 4:25 p.m. (FOX / 98 ROCK)

- New Orleans Saints @ New England Patriots at Noon (FOX / 870 AM)

College Football

Mayhem at Mercedes: Ga Tech faces No. 21 UNC at Falcons’ stadium

By **PAUL NEWBERRY**
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Georgia Tech is taking the shortest of road trips for a home game that coach Geoff Collins hopes will provide a boost to recruiting.

A victory would help, too.

In Collins’ third season, the Yellow Jackets (1-2, 0-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) are still seeking the sort of signature win that would signal a true turnaround. They hope to get it Saturday night when they host No. 21 North Carolina at Mercedes-Benz Stadium.

The 71,000-seat, retractable-roof stadium is best known as the home of the NFL’s Atlanta Falcons. Located about a mile from Georgia Tech’s midtown campus, this is the first of six games in six years the Jackets will play at their new home away from home.

“Every guy that we’re going to end up signing in this class and the next class, every single year will play a game in Mercedes-Benz Stadium,” Collins said, already giving his sales pitch. “I’m excited that our guys get to experience that.”

Starting out the season in the Top 10, North Carolina (2-1, 1-1) managed just 10 points while giving up six sacks in an ugly loss at Virginia Tech. For star quarterback Sam Howell, it was the first three-interception game



Phillip B. Hubbard | The Covington News

The Yellow Jackets’ offensive attack was led by quarterback Jordan Yates’ four touchdown passes to defeat Kennesaw St. on Saturday, Sept. 11, at Bobby Dodd Stadium.

of his career.

But the Tar Heels looked more like the team everyone expected in winning a 59-39 shootout over Virginia last week. They piled up 699 total yards and scored touchdowns on all five of their second-half possessions.

North Carolina coach Mack Brown said it took time to build chemistry as injuries along the offensive line made it even more challenging to replace a pair

of 1,000-yard rushers (Javonte Williams and Michael Carter) and a 1,000-yard receiver (Dyami Brown).

He said there’s no chance his team will look past the Yellow Jackets after they nearly pulled off a major upset at Clemson last week, losing 14-8 in a game that went down the final seconds.

“Georgia Tech did us a favor,” Brown said. “Our guys understand Clemson. They know

how good their players are ... so that ought to wake them up if nothing else.”

Some other things to watch for when Georgia Tech faces North Carolina:

WHO’S AT QB?

Jeff Sims, who showed dynamic potential as a freshman last season, was injured in Georgia Tech’s opening game and hasn’t played since.

Jordan Yates started the last two weeks,

guiding the Yellow Jackets to an easy win over FCS school Kennesaw State before the close call at Clemson. He has completed 65.3 percent of his passes for 592 yards, with five touchdowns and just one interception.

Sims is apparently healthy, but Georgia Tech hasn’t said who will start against the Tar Heels.

“I’m really happy with both of them,” offensive coordinator Dave Patenaude said. “We’re fortunate that we can put either one of them out there.”

HOWELL’S LEGS

Howell has turned in the first two 100-yard rushing performances of his career the past two weeks (102 against Georgia State, 112 against Virginia) while continuing his prolific passing.

Howell is only the fourth Bowl Subdivision quarterback to have consecutive games with 300 yards passing and 100 yards rushing, with the most notable player on that list being Heisman Trophy winner Lamar Jackson of Louisville in 2017.

“I kind of got lucky there that I had back-to-back games,” Howell said. “It’s certainly not something I do every week.”

THE REPLACEMENTS

Josh Downs has been great from the start for the Tar Heels, while Tennessee graduate

transfer Ty Chandler stepped up to lead a strong rushing attack against the Cavaliers.

Downs had eight catches in each of UNC’s first three games, including a 203-yard, two-TD showing last week.

Chandler ran 20 times for a career-best 198 yards and two touchdowns, leading a 392-yard team rushing output.

STOUT D

After throwing five TD passes against Virginia, Howell will face a Georgia Tech defense that leads the ACC and ranks fifth in the Football Bowl Subdivision in passing yards allowed (124.3 per game).

The Yellow Jackets are coming off a stellar defensive performance in a 14-8 loss at Clemson, limiting the Tigers to 284 yards in total offense.

DEEP BACKFIELD

Georgia Tech has plenty of depth at running back, which sometimes presents a challenge to get everyone enough touches.

Jahmyr Gibbs leads the way with 185 yards rushing, but Jordan Mason (127) and Dontae Smith (121) have also made big contributions.

Smith is especially intriguing, averaging 10.1 yards on 12 carries.

“That’s a really good problem to have,” Patenaude said.

Georgia rolls to 3-0 start

No. 2 Bulldogs look to stay hot in road trip to Nashville

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS
The Associated Press

With a win, Georgia can continue its undefeated start against the Commodores this week and further fine-tune a defense that has allowed one touchdown through three games. Vanderbilt, on the other hand, is trying to snap a 13-game skid inside the Southeastern Conference after going 0-9 last season with an all-league schedule. Last year's game was canceled when Vanderbilt didn't have enough players because of the coronavirus pandemic. This will be Vanderbilt coach Clark Lea's SEC debut. Lea has some familiarity with Georgia from 2019 when he was the defensive coordinator at Notre Dame.

KEY MATCHUP
The Bulldogs bring the nation's third-ranked defense in the Southeastern Conference to Nashville and are holding opponents to 75 yards rushing per game. Vanderbilt is coming off its best rushing performance in a couple seasons. The Commodores ran for 247 yards last week, though top rusher Re'Mahn Davis will miss the rest of the season with a toe injury.

PLAYERS TO WATCH
Georgia: QB JT Daniels.

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The Matchup

Who: No. 2 Georgia (3-0) vs. Vanderbilt (1-2)
When: Saturday, Sept. 25, noon ET kickoff
Where: Vanderbilt Stadium in Nashville, Tenn.
Watch: SEC Network
Listen: Georgia Bulldogs Sports Network (IMG)

Quick Facts

Georgia has owned Vanderbilt over the course of the programs' division rivalry. The Bulldogs lead the series 58-20-2 and are 27-12-2 in Nashville. The two teams did not play each other last season due to COVID-19. It was the first time since 1968 they did not play each other. The last time they met, in 2019, Georgia whipped the Commodores 30-6 in Nashville.

JT Daniels. The junior missed the Bulldogs' second game this season, but he was 23 of 31 for 303 yards and three touchdowns in Georgia's win over South Carolina. He is 6-0 as Georgia's starter. Vanderbilt: RB Rocko Griffin. The



Georgia running back Zamir White celebrates after scoring a touchdown during the Bulldogs' game Saturday, Sept. 18, against South Carolina.

sophomore takes over as the starting running back. He is coming off a career-high 107 yards rushing on 19 carries.

FACTS & FIGURES
Georgia has won three straight in this

series. Vanderbilt's last win was in 2016 in Athens. ... This will be the first time Georgia has played back-to-back games in Nashville since 1932 and 1952. ... Georgia is the only team in

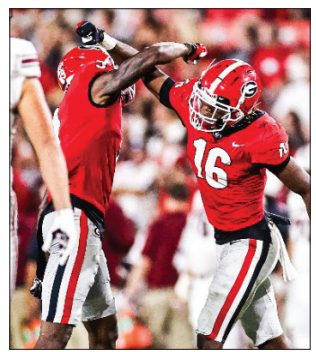
the nation with a 3-0 record versus teams with a winning record. ... Georgia is tied for fourth nationally with 13 sacks. ... Vanderbilt has lost 13 straight SEC games.

Dawgs linebacker wants more havoc from Georgia defense

By CHARLES ODUM
The Associated Press

ATHENS, Ga. — Adam Anderson believes No. 2 Georgia's defense hasn't come close to realizing its potential. Anderson said the Bulldogs can generate much more havoc. "We can get so much better," Anderson said Monday before Georgia (3-0, 1-0 Southeastern Conference) began its practice schedule for Saturday's visit to Vanderbilt (1-2, 0-0). "Most people would say we are doing well, but there are still things we can improve on." South Carolina coach Shane Beamer didn't see much room for improvement in the Georgia defense following the Bulldogs' 40-13 win

over his Gamecocks on Saturday night. The Bulldogs were dominant even while allowing their first touchdown of the season on defense. Following the game, Beamer just shook his head and said, "They're big and physical and fast. I mean, other than that, they're really freaking good. That's why they have the top defense in the country." Anderson, a senior outside linebacker, leads the defense with three sacks and nine pressures. The defense already has 13 sacks and five interceptions but Anderson wants to see even more of those "havoc plays." "I think there are still things to work on," Anderson said. "For one,



UGA Athletics
Georgia defensive back Lewis Cine (16) celebrates with a teammate against South Carolina.

getting more turnovers. ... We're trying to make more havoc plays. How can we help our offense out by getting them on the field even more?" In Georgia's season-opening 10-3 win over Clemson, the defense also took care of most of the scoring. Cornerback Christopher Smith's 74-yard inter-

ception return provided the game's only touchdown. Linebacker Nolan Smith, who forced a fumble against South Carolina and has two sacks this season, joins Anderson as leaders of the defense at linebacker. "My brother. Part of my wolfpack," said Anderson of Nolan Smith. Beamer was astonished at Georgia coach Kirby Smart's long list of top-rated players, including the massive duo of Jordan Davis (6'6", 340 pounds) and Devonte Wyatt (6'3", 315 pounds) on the defensive line. Sometimes the depth may make it difficult for a backup to earn significant practice time behind the starters. Smart says that may

mean those backups volunteer to work on the scout team defense against Georgia's top offensive linemen. "And when you've got players in your program texting you, 'Coach can I get some good work against Warren McClendon or Jamaree Salyer?' that's when you know you got a good culture," Smart said Monday. "They're trying to get reps against better people rather than staying down with the defense... For me, that is everything we're about, that's what our culture is built on. It's built on how you go against better players so that you get better and that's how we get depth because they practice against good people."

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Breakthroughs in imaging technologies can help fight cancer

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Doctors and patients have many different tools available in the war against cancer. Imaging is one of the essential resources used in such battles. Imaging helps screen and diagnose cancer and can be used to guide treatments and determine the efficacy of various therapies. Therefore, advancements in imaging can have profound effects on the ability to manage — and hopefully in the future — prevent or cure the disease.

The goal of cancer imaging is to detect the smallest possible number of tumor cells at the earliest possible time. Traditionally, X-ray, ultrasound, magnetic resonance imaging, single-photon emission computed tomography, and positron emission tomography have been utilized as key cancer imaging techniques. These technologies are being studied and advancing.

Imaging probes are one area of imaging worthy of attention. The Center for Probe Development and Commercialization, a supplier of radiopharmaceuticals, is developing the next generation of molecular imaging probes. They are designed to detect responses to chemo-



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therapy in breast cancer patients. CPDC also has started to manufacture another probe designed to identify hypoxic tumors. These probes work on a molecular level, according to data published in 2013 in the *International Journal of Biomedical Imaging*. Molecular imaging has the potential to greatly enhance understanding of various cancers.

Another cancer imaging and evaluation tool that is being produced and tested is called the MasSpec Pen, which enables a controlled

and automated delivery of a water droplet to a tissue surface during tumor surgery or diagnostic exploration to extract biomolecules. The sample taken can immediately tell if cancer cells are present and distinguish tumors from healthy tissue.

Imaging has merged nanotechnology and conventional imaging tools with new developments. These technologies are still in the testing phase. Novel diagnostic probes with nanoparticles can improve imaging

results. A 2018 review paper published in the *Journal of Controlled Release* looked at how nanotechnology could improve the imaging and treatment of lung cancer. For example, gold nanoparticles work better than iodine-based agents for CT imaging. Similarly, superparamagnetic iron-oxide nanoparticles can be utilized with MRI for the ultra-sensitive reactions they produce.

Other imaging technologies in the works involve combining and improving the

workflow of various methodologies. Philips Medical Systems' Ingenia MR-RT Oncology Configuration is a comprehensive solution that allows radiation oncology departments to integrate MRI into their computed tomography-based radiation treatment planning.

In addition to the imaging evolution itself, researchers have realized the limitations of the human eye to discern abnormalities or small changes from images collected. Therefore, techno-

logical advancements are enabling artificial intelligence to look for key signs in images and correlate changes to the aggressiveness of the disease. This can improve treatment success rates and reduce the chances for human oversight.

Imaging plays a key role in cancer diagnoses and therapies. Improving cancer imaging can improve treatment plans now and in the future.

Occupational therapy can help people live with arthritis

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Occupational therapy may sound like something exclusive to people who are injured on the job. Though occupational therapy helps people in the workplace every day, it also helps men and women, including those with arthritis, perform everyday activities that may or may not be work-related.

Arthritis can take both a physical and financial toll. The Arthritis Foundation notes that it's difficult to determine just how many people currently suffer from arthritis, as treatment often isn't sought until symptoms become severe.

Conservative estimates from the AF suggest 54 million adults in the United States currently have arthritis, though the organization reports that a recent study suggested as many as 91 million might be dealing with this painful inflammation and stiffness of the joints.

As if the pain from arthritis weren't enough, the condition also can cause financial problems for those who cannot work or only work part-time, with annual medical costs and earnings loss estimates in the hundreds of billions of dollars.

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can help people with arthritis overcome their conditions.

The American Oc-

cupational Therapy Association, Inc., notes that most joints have the potential to devel-

op arthritis, which can affect mobility, cause pain and even lead to deformity.

However, the AOTA® also states that OT practitioners aim to help people with

arthritis maximize their ability to participate in activities like work or recreation while striving to help patients enhance their quality of life.

Because there are more than 100 different types of arthritis, men and women diagnosed with the condition can benefit greatly from individualized care. One-size-fits-all solutions may not work for arthritis sufferers, who can benefit from one-on-one interactions with OT practitioners. For example, the AOTA® notes that OT practitioners may recommend personalized adaptive equipment to patients with arthritis who are experiencing pressure and discomfort in their hands when holding or working with objects.

Before making such recommendations, OT practitioners may analyze patients' daily activities to ensure they get equipment that will provide the support and relief their specific condition calls for.

Arthritis is a global concern that the Arthritis Foundation estimates will only become more prevalent in the decades to come. Occupational therapy can be just what arthritis sufferers need to overcome their conditions and improve their quality of life.

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Experts say there's more to dental hygiene than your teeth

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Individuals tend to learn about dental hygiene at an early age. On the recommendation of their children's pediatricians, parents may begin brushing their youngsters' teeth the moment the first tooth breaks through the gums. While proper dental hygiene is vital to oral health, it also can have a profound effect on the rest of the body.

According to the Mayo Clinic, poor oral health might contribute to various diseases and conditions. Periodontitis is a severe yet preventable gum infection that can lead to tooth loss if left untreated. But the threat of periodontitis doesn't end in the mouth. The American Academy of Periodontology notes there's a connection between periodontitis and several other diseases.

While bacteria was long suspected to be the link between periodontitis and other diseases in the body, the AAP notes that recent research points to inflammation as the culprit that connects periodontitis with diseases such as diabetes and heart disease.

Diabetes

The AAP notes that people with diabetes are at increased risk



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for periodontal disease, speculating that diabetes patients' risk is higher because people with diabetes are more vulnerable to infections than those without diabetes. While that suggests periodontal disease is a byproduct of diabetes, the AAP notes that research points to the relationship being a two-way street. Periodontal disease may make it more difficult

for people with diabetes to control their blood sugar, making dental hygiene an especially vital component of routine healthcare for people with diabetes.

Heart disease

The AAP notes that research indicates periodontal disease increases a person's risk for heart disease, with the inflammation caused by the former leading to

the latter. People with existing heart conditions also may find that periodontal disease exacerbates those conditions. The Mayo Clinic notes that the link between heart disease and periodontal disease is not fully understood, but enough studies have been conducted for scientists to support the notion that the two are connected.

Can periodontal disease be prevented?

Periodontal disease is preventable. A daily dental hygiene regimen that includes brushing after meals, flossing at least once per day and swishing with mouthwash are some simple, healthy habits that can prevent periodontal disease. In addition, the AAP recommends that people at increased risk for periodontal disease,

including the elderly and smokers, should discuss their risk with their dental professionals.

Dental hygiene can do more for individuals than produce a mouthful of pearly white teeth. In fact, people who prioritize dental hygiene may lower their risks for various diseases.

Cataracts: what are they and can we avoid them?

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When a brand new car is driven off a dealership lot, its plastic headlight lenses are clear and pristine. Over time, due to contaminants in the environment and oxidation from ultraviolet rays, those same lenses can become cloudy, yellow and opaque. Cloudy headlights can decrease visibility and potentially put drivers at risk.

Similar scenarios sometimes unfold involving the human eye. Starting around age 40, proteins in the eye may begin to break down and cause lenses to become cloudy. UV rays can be damaging to the eyes and contribute to this natural protein degradation. While pronounced vision problems may not occur immediately, the American Academy of Ophthalmology says vision can be impaired later in life. The organization All About Vision states cataracts are the most common cause of vision loss in people over age 40 and also are the principal cause of blindness in the world.

Unprotected exposure to the sun is just one contributor to cataracts. Certain medical problems, such as diabetes, also can cause cataracts. An eye injury, eye surgery or



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radiation treatments on the upper body also can cause cataracts, as can corticosteroids, advises the AAO. Congenital cataracts, which occur when infants are born

with cataracts, may be caused by infection, injury or poor development in the womb; otherwise, they can form in childhood.

Cataracts form in var-

ious regions depending on the cause, according to AAV.

• **Subcapsular cataract:** A subcapsular cataract occurs at the back of the lens. People

with diabetes or those who take high doses of steroid medications have a greater risk of developing this type of cataract.

• **Nuclear cataract:**

This cataract forms in the central zone of the lens and is often associated with aging.

• **Cortical cataract:**

This cataract is characterized by opacities that are white and wedge-like, which form on the periphery of the lens. Eventually they work to the center in a spoke-like fashion. Cortical cataracts can result from aging.

Symptoms of cataracts often can be slow to form, so people may not even notice they have cataracts until they start to block light, while others may learn of their presence during vision exams. Cataracts may cause vision that is filmy, blurry or foggy, indicates WebMD. In older adults, nearsightedness may be attributed to cataracts. Glare, both during the day and at night, also may affect vision due to cataracts. Double vision or changes in the way one sees color can be symptoms of cataracts as well.

Eye professionals can diagnose cataracts and make recommendations on the course of treatment. Cataract removal surgery is highly effective. More than 95 percent of people who have undergone the surgery experience improvements. Such surgeries are often performed on an outpatient basis.

What causes acne in adolescents and adults?

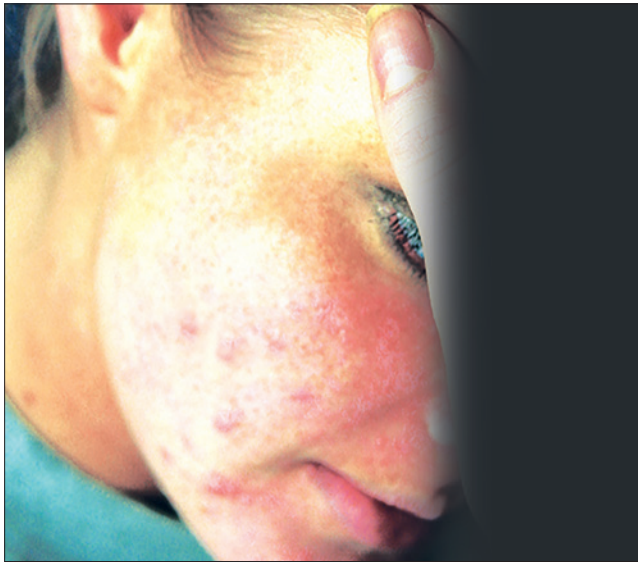
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Acne is a common skin condition that often appears for the first time during adolescence. However, acne can develop at any age. In fact, Intermountain® Healthcare notes that it's even possible for people who never had acne as a teen to develop it later in life.

Even though acne is quite common, misperceptions about it persist. For example, consuming chocolate or greasy

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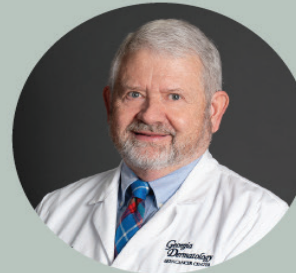
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foods like French fries will not lead to a bout of acne. Various factors directly contribute to acne, offers Harvard Medical School, and such factors include:

- **Bacteria:** Bacteria contribute to inflammatory lesions in acne. At various times, including

during puberty, bacteria on the surface of the skin can increase. Antimicrobials can suppress certain bacteria in patients with acne.

- **Hormones:** Fluctuating hormones, including fluctuations that occur during pregnancy and menopause, can

lead to acne. Stopping or starting birth control also can lead to acne. Hormones that increase in boys and girls during puberty can cause sebaceous glands to enlarge and make more sebum as well, says the Mayo Clinic.

- **Excess oil produc-**

tion: Some people may produce more sebum than others. When coupled with skin care products and makeup that can clog pores, this may lead to acne.

- **Inflammation:** Inflammation caused by diet can lead to inflammation throughout the body, and that may result in acne.

- **Underlying medical condition:** Certain conditions, such as polycystic ovarian syndrome in women,

are often accompanied by chronic or difficult-to-control acne.

- **Medications:** Medications people take for various conditions may actually cause acne as a side effect. This includes drugs that contain testosterone, lithium or corticosteroids. Changing medications may reduce breakouts.

It's important to note that acne is not caused by dirty skin. Scrubbing skin too harshly with chemicals or soaps

may actually make acne worse by irritating the skin. Though makeup will not contribute to acne, opt for oil-free, noncomedogenic products and remove makeup each night before going to bed.

Acne is often tied to adolescence, but it also can persist into or even first appear during adulthood. Learning the causes of acne can help people of all ages successfully confront it.

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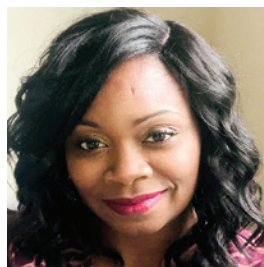
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James Stillerman, M.D., FACP

Dr. Stillerman earned his medical degree at the Medical College of Georgia. He then attended Emory University Hospital, where he completed a residency in internal medicine.

Dr. Stillerman is board-certified and has over 30 years of experience working in primary care. He offers comprehensive preventative care and treatment for adults.

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Sports medicine treatment available for athletes and 'Average Joe'

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COVINGTON, Ga. — There are a few certainties in life, and suffering injuries are one of them — especially a sports-related injury.

Studies show an estimated 3.5 million sports injuries happen each year in children and teens, and about one-third of all sports injuries take place in a sports facility, athletic field or playground.

Fortunately, there are sports medicine treatments available when such injuries occur.

Sports medicine helps people recover from injury, prevent future injuries, and focuses on helping improve their athletic performance, too. Sports medicine treatments are available for everyone — whether you're a young athlete or an older "Average Joe" simply trying to stay active.

Common injuries treated through sports medicine practices include:



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- Knee, Foot, & Leg:
 - Fractures
 - Sprains & Strains
 - MCL/LCL injuries
 - Meniscus tears
 - Cartilage injuries
 - Quadriceps/Patellar tendon injuries
 - Stress fractures
 - Achilles Tendon Tears
 - ACL Tears
 - PCL Tears
 - Meniscus Cartilage Tears
 - Patellar Tendon

- Tears
 - Hamstring Muscle Injuries
- Shoulder:
 - Labral tears
 - Shoulder Dislocations and separations
 - Biceps injuries
 - Impingement
 - Bursitis
 - Rotator Cuff Tear
- Elbow, Arm & Hand:
 - Fractures

- Sprains & Strains
- Biceps/Triceps tendon tears
- Loose bodies
- Dislocations
- Tennis Elbow
- Golfer's Elbow
- Pitcher's Elbow
- Finger Injuries
- Hip:
 - Hip impingement
 - Labral tears
 - Hip bursitis
 - Abductor tears (Gluteus medius tears)

- Hamstring tears
 - Hip instability
- But something to keep in mind: the common injuries listed above can happen while doing other activities — not just participating in a sporting event — and they can certainly happen to people well past their teen years. Knowing this, it's important to be prepared and know where to go in the event you or a

family member suffer an injury.

Specialists with the Athens Orthopedic Clinic say sports medicine is considered a team effort: you, your orthopedic surgeon, nonoperative specialists, physical therapists and other healthcare professionals all take part in meeting your needs. There is no one-size fits all solution in sports medicine. No matter what level athlete or fitness enthusiast you are, AOC's comprehensive team can help you recover from an athletic injury and learn how to prevent the injury from happening again.

If you've experienced a sprain, strain, concussion, or other sports-related injury, it may be time to request an appointment at one of AOC's convenient locations, which includes Covington, Monroe, Loganville, Madison and Athens, among others.

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Christy Blanchford, M.D.

Dr. Blanchford earned her medical degree at Dartmouth Medical School. She then attended Emory University School of

Medicine, where she completed a residency in internal medicine.

Dr. Blanchford is board-certified with over 25 years of experience working in internal medicine.

John Ehret, M.D.

Dr. Ehret earned his medical degree at John C. Edwards School of Medicine. He then attended Emory University School of Medicine, where he

completed a residency in internal medicine.

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3 things to know about Irritable Bowel Syndrome

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COVINGTON, Ga. — The most common condition that gastroenterologists, or physicians who specialize in digestive health issues, diagnose and treat is irritable bowel syndrome (IBS). Even though 10% to 15% of adults in the United States have it, only about half of those will be diagnosed.

If you are suffering from chronic abdominal pain or experiencing changes to your bowel movements, like diarrhea, constipation, or both, you may need to see a gastroenterologist to discuss the possibility of IBS.

Women are twice as likely as men to develop the disorder.

Michael Cheng, M.D., and Gregory Gibson, M.D., formed a new gastroenterology practice at Piedmont Newton Hospital in August. They want people to better understand this under-diagnosed problem.

“There is no single test to confirm IBS and no cure,” Cheng said. “But it can be managed.”

• Diagnosis does not necessarily require invasive tests. Often, a conversation and abdominal exam are enough. A physician concerned about IBS will ask about a patient’s



Michael Cheng



Gregory Gibson

bowel movements: the frequency, appearance and any pain or strain associated with them.

• It is a common misconception that stress causes IBS. The American College of Gastroenterology (ACG) reports that “changes in the nerves and muscles that control sensation and motility of the bowel” cause IBS.

But because of the connection between the brain and the gut, cognitive-behavioral therapy can be adapted to address the core symptoms of IBS, according to the clinical guidelines on IBS issued by the ACG for the first time this year.

• Temporary dietary changes can help. The ACG recommends a limited trial of a diet low in gas-producing foods, a group known as FODMAPs, to identify an individual’s triggers for IBS symptoms. For three months or so, avoid foods with fructose (fruit sugar) or lactose (milk sugar) as well

as beans, onions, broccoli, and cabbage.

“What works for one person, may make things worse for another with IBS, so it is really important to talk to your doctor about your situation,” Gibson said.

“But these symptoms are real and you do not have to ‘just deal with’ them.”

To schedule your appointment with Dr. Cheng or Dr. Gibson, visit www.piedmont.org, or call 770-385-4291. They are both accepting new patients and welcome most major insurance plans.

Understanding fibromyalgia and how disabling pain is treated

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Pain is a fact of everyday life for millions of people across the globe. According to the National Fibromyalgia & Chronic Pain Association, one in nine adults in the United States suffers with severe, disabling pain. There are various types of pain, and fibromyalgia is one type that has garnered increased attention in recent years.

The NFMCPA reports that roughly 10 million Americans have fibromyalgia and that the overwhelming majority of those cases are women. Canada’s Arthritis Society notes that fibromyalgia affects roughly 2% of Canadians, meaning it’s as significant an issue in Canada as it is in the United States.

What is fibromyalgia?

Fibromyalgia is a chronic pain disorder that causes widespread pain and tenderness to touch. The pain and tenderness can increase and decrease over time, and the NFMCPA notes that symptoms can vary in intensity. Stiffness and cognitive difficulties that affect memory and the ability to concentrate are among the most prevalent symptoms of fibromyalgia. The American College of Rheumatology notes that people with fibromyalgia often suffer from fatigue and sleep problems.

What do medical professionals know about fibromyalgia?

Much is known about fibromyalgia, but unfortunately there is no cure for it. The



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causes of fibromyalgia are unknown, but the ACR reports that the latest research suggests the central nervous

system is involved in the development of the disorder. The ACR also emphasizes that fibromyalgia is not a byproduct of an autoimmune, inflammation, joint, or muscle disorder. In addition, the ACR indicates that, while fibromyalgia may run in families, genetics alone do not cause it. However, certain genes may make certain people more likely to get fibromyalgia.

Emotional stress may contribute to fibromyalgia. For example, the Arthritis Society notes that the onset of some instances of fibromyalgia have been linked to traumatic incidents or emotional experiences, such as car accidents or the death of a loved one.

Can fibromyalgia be treated?

Treatment can help people live with fibromyalgia, but a treatment that works for one person will not necessarily be effective for another. The ACR notes that both non-drug and medication-based treatments are available to patients diagnosed with fibromyalgia. People can discuss the pros and cons of the various fibromyalgia treatment options with their physicians to find the best solution for them.

Fibromyalgia affects millions of people in the United States and Canada. Though it can be a painful condition to live with, people have options in regard to alleviating that pain and living as normal a life as possible.

Noise-induced hearing loss can impact people of all ages

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Aging has long been associated with hearing loss, and that association is not unwarranted. The National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders notes that age-related hearing loss can arise from changes in the inner ear as the body ages. However, hearing loss can affect people of all ages, including the very young.

Noise-induced hearing loss, or NIHL, can affect people of all ages. In fact, a 2011-12 study from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that as many as 40 million adults in the United States have some degree of hearing loss related to exposure to loud noise. Another study published in 2011 in the journal *Pediatrics* found that as many as 17% of adolescents between the ages of 12 and 19 had features of their hearing suggestive of NIHL.

No single activity can explain the prevalence of NIHL among adolescents and adults under 70. However, there are steps everyone can take to protect their hearing and reduce their risk for NIHL.

- Switch from earbuds to over-the-ear headphones. The Cleveland Clinic notes that over-the-ear headphones encase the



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ear and are often more effective at canceling outside noise. Why is that important? If outside noise is effectively canceled out, wearers won't have to turn up the volume on their headphones in order to hear their music. Listening at lower volumes is a great way to protect your hearing and pre-

vent NIHL.

- Recognize that others shouldn't hear what's coming through your headphones. Audiologist Sharon A. Sandridge, Ph.D. of the Head and Neck Institute at the Cleveland Clinic notes that if people standing at arm's length can hear the music coming from

an individual's headphones or earbud, then the volume levels on that person's devices are too loud.

- Purchase activity-specific headphones, earplugs or earmuffs. Hardware stores and sporting goods stores sell activity-specific headphones, earplugs and earmuffs that can

be utilized when engaging in activities like yard work or hunting. Such products are often designed to block out noises from backpack leaf blowers and hunting rifles, and could therefore prove more protective of users' hearing than over-the-ear headphones designed for listening to

music.

Age-related hearing loss may not be preventable. However, individuals can protect themselves from NIHL, and efforts to do just that should begin at a young age and continue throughout adulthood.

Many factors could increase risk for preterm births

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Expecting mothers often go to great lengths to protect their developing babies as they aspire to achieve a healthy, full-term pregnancy. That's a notable and worthy goal, as the Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses notes that babies need a full 40 weeks to grow and develop.

Despite the best efforts and intentions of expecting parents and their medical teams, preterm births remain a significant issue across the globe. According to the World Health Organization, about 11% of the world's live births are preterm births.

March of Dimes reports that the rate of preterm births in the United States is 9.8%, while the Canadian Institute for Health Information notes that Canada's preterm birth rate is roughly 8 percent.

If those figures are alarming, it's worth noting that many of the risk factors for preterm births are defined as "modifiable" by the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. Modifiable risk factors can be changed to help women reduce their risk of giving birth before their pregnancies reach full-term.



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One study sponsored by March of Dimes and published in the Maternal and Child Health Journal concluded that as many as one-quarter of all preterm births might be attributed to modifiable risk factors. These factors included:

- Abnormalities in the interval between pregnancies
- A woman's body mass index before pregnancy
- The amount of weight gained during pregnancy

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention notes that certain behavioral factors also can increase a woman's risk for premature birth. Such behaviors, including tobacco usage and alcohol consumption, are modifiable risk factors that women can control.

Though modifiable risk factors are within women's control, they are not the only variables that can increase a woman's risk for

preterm births. The NICHD notes that additional factors women cannot control or influence put them at high risk for preterm birth. These factors include:

- A history of delivering prematurely
 - Being pregnant with twins, triplets or more or the use of assisted reproductive technology to become pregnant.
- In fact, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists notes that preterm birth is the most com-

mon complication of multiple pregnancy.

- Abnormalities of the reproductive organs, including a short cervix or a shortening of the cervix during the second trimester instead of the third trimester.

March of Dimes notes that prematurity can cause problems, including developmental issues, for babies throughout their lives. However, the WHO has developed new guidelines for improving the outcomes of preterm

births, and these interventions can improve the chances of survival and health outcomes for preterm infants.

Pregnant women and women hoping to become pregnant can speak with their physicians about what they can do to increase the chances their pregnancies reach full-term. More information about preterm births is available at marchofdimes.org.



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