



Special Photo

An officer with the Georgia State Patrol investigates a motorcycle crash on I-20 Sunday that shut down the interstate.

## Dozens of motorcycles crash on I-20 during organized ride

From staff reports

**COVINGTON** — An organized motorcycle ride involving 75 to 100 riders ended badly in Newton County Sunday after a lead rider crashed into the rear of an SUV. At least two motorcycle riders were seriously injured in the accident.

According to preliminary information provided by the Georgia State Patrol, the permitted motorcycle ride set out from Fayetteville and was headed to Augusta on eastbound Interstate 20. The State Patrol said the accident occurred between exits 90 and 92 when a lane captain in the middle lane, who was

riding “at a higher-than-average rate of speed” in an attempt to keep the group of motorcycles together, crashed into the rear of an SUV that was also in the middle lane.

Numerous other motorcycles then crashed into each other to avoid the collision between the lane captain and the SUV.

Two riders were taken from the scene by air ambulance. According to the GSP, “both individuals were alert, conscious and breathing when they were transported.

I-20 was shut down for about 90 minutes while an investigation was conducted by the GSP and the Covington Police Department.

# Fuesting named assistant chief of Covington Police Department

From staff reports

**COVINGTON** — Brent Fuesting, a 21-year veteran of the Covington Police Department, has been named assistant chief of the department.

Fuesting started his law enforcement career in 2003 with the Covington Police Department. He was assigned to the Uniform Patrol Division and later to the V.I.P.E.R unit before assuming a role as an investigator in the Criminal Investigation Division. In 2013, he was promoted to the rank of sergeant. As sergeant, he super-

vised officers in the Uniform Patrol Division and the Criminal Investigation Division. Fuesting was promoted to lieutenant in 2018 and supervised the Specialized Patrol Unit and later the Criminal Investigation Division where he led until 2022 before his promotion to the rank of captain. As captain, he commanded the Uniform Patrol Division and later the Criminal Investigation Division.

In addition, Fuesting earned a master’s degree in public administration from Northern Illinois University, graduated from Mercer University’s

Public Safety Leadership Institute and obtained a certificate in Government Leadership from the Carl Vinson Institute through the University of Georgia.

During his tenure with CPD, he served as a field training officer and as a member of the department’s Honor Guard. Fuesting has received multiple departmental commendations throughout his career including Police Officer of the Year and Meritorious Service Awards.

Fuesting and his wife Dana are the parents of a son, Kiptyn.

## Georgia Farm Bureau accepting entries for farm dog contest

From staff reports

**MACON** — Farm dogs play a special role on the farm. They can serve in a variety of roles, from herding livestock or guarding livestock and property.

Farm dogs also provide an invaluable source of companionship and joy to their families. Many dogs make every step their farmers do as they complete their daily chores.

That’s why Georgia Farm Bureau is on a mission to recognize a few furry farm heroes through its 2024 Georgia Farm Dog Contest. GFB is accepting entries for the contest until 10:59 p.m. on May 1 or until 200 entries are received, whichever comes first.

The contest is open to GFB members ages 18 and over. For complete contest rules and the criteria entered dogs will be judged by, visit [www.gfb.org/24-ga-farm-dog](http://www.gfb.org/24-ga-farm-dog).

Judging for the contest will take place in May.

The winner and finalists will be recognized in October at the 2024 Sunbelt Ag Expo. The grand prize winner will receive a \$500 gift card and a cover feature in the organization’s Georgia Neighbors magazine. Georgia farm dogs have some pretty amazing stories to tell, and GFB is looking forward to telling them. Four runners-up also will be featured in an upcoming issue of Georgia Neighbors as finalists.

GFB is known for its love of dogs as Lucky, an Australian Shepherd, has served as the organization’s mascot since 2021.

Georgia Farm Bureau is a grassroots organization dedicated to supporting the future of Georgia’s family farms and our access to locally grown food and fiber. Membership is open to everyone.

The Georgia Farm Bureau

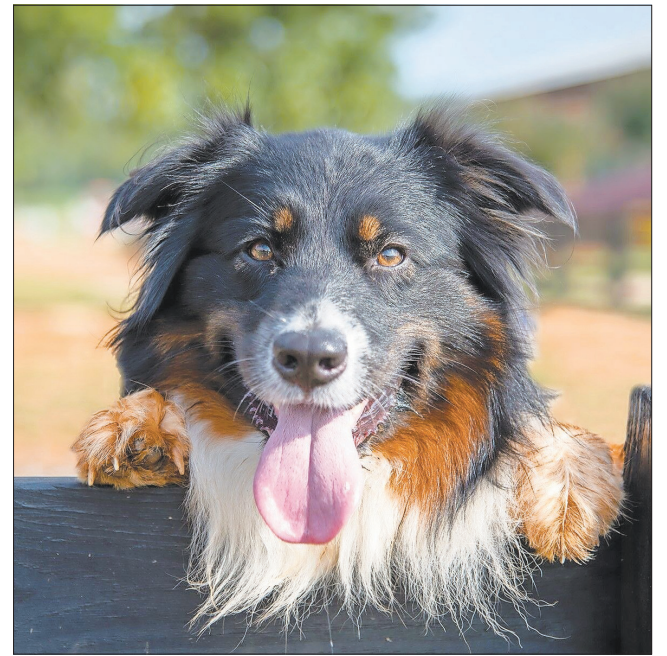


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Georgia Farm Bureau’s mascot, Lucky, encourages farm families to enter their furry friends in the 2024 Georgia Farm Dog Contest.

Federation is the state’s largest general farm organization with 158 chapter offices that cover all of Georgia’s 159 counties. As a membership-driven, nongovernmental organization, GFB serves as the voice of Georgia farmers and rural Georgia by advocating for them on legislative issues and promoting Georgia commodities.

GFB membership is open to

the public and offers a wide variety of benefits, including insurance and discounts for health services, travel and family entertainment. Enrollment in any of the member benefits is optional and not a requirement for membership. For more information about agriculture, visit [www.gfb.org](http://www.gfb.org), like Georgia Farm Bureau on Facebook or follow GFB on Twitter.

## Political and Civic Action Committee for Conyers-Covington Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc to host political forum for Rockdale County elections

From staff reports

**CONYERS** — The Political & Civic Action Committee of the Conyers-Covington Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. is set to host its Spring Kappa Koffeehouse next month.

The town hall meeting — to be held on Tuesday, April 30 — will highlight the missions for each candidate running for the 2024 Chair and Post 1 seats with the Rockdale County Board of Commissioners, as well as the sheriff, Board of Education and Superior Court judge races. It is scheduled to occur from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

at the J.P Carr Community Center located at 981 Taylor St. in Conyers.

This event is designed to bring the community together to explore and discuss solutions to issues that can benefit all, according to a press release. Citizens will be able to ask questions of the candidates to gain a better understanding of their specific platform issues during the evening event, the press release states.

The main goal for J.B. Brockman, the event coordinator and chair for the Political & Civic Action Committee for the orga-

nization, is to hear each candidates’ vision in their own words for Rockdale County.

“Listening to negative comments about another candidate is not what this event is about,” Brockman said. “It’s about letting the issues take center stage as opposed to candidates attacking one another.”

Community concerns to be discussed for the 2024 forum include infrastructure needs, how candidates plan to control the county’s growth, stormwater issues, and the Rockdale County Judicial and Administration Courthouse complex.

Residents would also get an insider perspective about what the 2024 candidates’ goals as it relates to improving the Rockdale County Public School system, the significance of the county’s superior court system and future plans to enhance community safety.

“A distinguished panel of elected public servants, along with other 2024 ballot candidates and community leaders will be on hand to share solutions to these concerns with the citizens of Rockdale County,” Brockman said. “This is a non-partisan event, not a campaign rally. No campaign literature can be distribut-

ed, nor any display of campaign signs, posters, banners etc. No wearing of campaign t-shirts, buttons, hats, etcetera.”

Interested attendees are encouraged to visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/kappa-koffeehouse-town-hall-meeting-tickets-858475512367?aff=oddtcreator> to reserve seating.

For additional event information contact Brockman at [ccapoliticalaction@gmail.com](mailto:ccapoliticalaction@gmail.com).

“Leave your full name, phone and any question you may have,” Brockman said. “A community informed is better equipped to make right choices.”

### HEALTH SCORES

- NEWTON**
- ♦ Cousins Middle School, Carlton Trail, Covington; March 18; Routine; 100/A
  - ♦ Zaxby’s, 6243 Turner Lake Road, Covington; March 18; Routine; 91/A
  - ♦ Wing spot, 11166 Ga. Highway 142, Covington; March 18; Routine; 93/A
  - ♦ Indian Creek Middle School, 11051 Covington Bypass, Covington; March 19; Routine; 100/A
  - ♦ Subway #37870-Walmart, 10300 Industrial Blvd.,

- Covington; March 19; Routine; 62/U
- ♦ IHOP 3442, 10340 Industrial Blvd., Covington; March 19; Routine; 99/A
- ♦ Frio Rolled Ice Cream, 10154 Carlin Drive, Covington; March 19; Routine; 95/A
- ♦ Susie’s Best Wings, 3257 Salem Road, Covington; March 19; Routine; 74/C
- ♦ Rudyboo’s Buffalo Cafe, 2123 Pace St., Covington; March 20; Routine; 95/A
- ♦ American Deli, 3154 U.S. Highway 278, Coving-

- ton; March 20; Follow-up; 100/A
- ♦ Checkers, 3182 U.S. Highway 278, Covington; March 20; Routine; 94/A
- ♦ Pita Mediterranean Street Food, 9144 U.S. Highway 278, Covington; March 20; Required Additional Routine; 83/B
- ♦ Tubby Tom’s, 9148 U.S. Highway 278, Covington; March 20; Follow-up; 100/A
- ♦ Porterdale Elementary School, 45 Ram Drive, Covington; March 20; Routine; 91/A
- ♦ Wendy’s #54, 11120 Ga. Highway 142, Covington; March 20; Routine; 100/A
- ♦ Wadadli Smoke & Grill,

- 2308 Ga. Highway 212, Covington; March 21; Routine; 81/B
- ♦ Alpha & Omega Fish, BBQ & More, 3511 Salem Road, Covington; March 21; Routine; 92/A
- ♦ Merryvale Assisted Living, 11980 Ga. Highway 142, Oxford; March 21; Routine; 81/B
- ♦ Gwen’s Island Diner, 7100 Washington St., Covington; March 21; Routine; 96/A
- ♦ World Of Wings, 5340 Ga. Highway 20, Covington; March 21; Follow-up; 100/A
- ♦ Arby’s #6047, 6225 Turner Lake Road, Covington; March 21; Follow-up; 100/A

- ♦ Freddy’s Frozen Custrad & Steakburgers, 12200 Town Center Drive, Covington; March 22; Routine; 91/A
- ♦ McDonalds, 4174 Salem Road, Covington; March 22; Routine; 100/A
- ♦ New China, 3816 Salem Road, Covington; March 22; Routine; 93/A

- 36043, 3504 Ga. Highway 20; March 18; Routine; 84/B
- ♦ Rockdale Health Care Center, 1510 Renaissance Drive; March 18; Routine; 92/A
- ♦ JJ’s Grits & BBQ, 4606 Fairview Road; March 19; Routine; 100/A
- ♦ FAVAZ LLC, 1955 Sigmaman Road; March 19; Routine; 93/A
- ♦ Wing N Burger Factory, 1410 Klondike Road; March 19; Routine; 88/B
- ♦ T20 Eggs Breakfast & Lunch, 1965 Ga. Highway 138; March 20; Required Additional Routine; 96/A
- ♦ Starbucks Coffee Company, 1515 Ga. Highway 138; March 20; Routine; 96/A
- ♦ Bojangles, 1970 Ga. Highway 138; March 20; Routine; 100/A
- ♦ KFC, 1675 Ga. Highway 138; March 22; Routine; 99/A
- ♦ Antojitos Moni, 1543 Ga. Highway 138; March 22; Routine; 96/A
- ♦ Panda Express Restaurant, 2239 Ga. Highway 20; March 22; Routine; 90/A
- ♦ Cielo Mexican Grill and Cantina, 2133 Ga. Highway 20; March 22; Routine; 100/A
- ♦ Hardee’s #1506168, 2930 Ga. Highway 138; March 22; Routine; 90/A

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