

**RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN  
ROCKDALE COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS**

**WHEREAS**, certain elected officials of Rockdale County, namely the Sheriff, Clerk of Superior Court, Tax Commissioner, District Attorney, Post Commissioners I and II and Chairman wish to amend compensation for said elected officials;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of Rockdale County wishes to amend compensation for certain Rockdale County officials; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of Rockdale County, Georgia, and it is hereby resolved by the legal authority vested in same as follows:

That the salaries of certain county elected officials, specifically the Sheriff, Clerk of Superior Court, Tax Commissioner, District Attorney, Post Commissioners I and II and Chairman, are hereby amended with respect only to the county supplement percentage of annual salary base, and with all other benefits, calculations and privileges remaining in full force and effect, as follows:

**Amendment 1**

In addition to an annual salary in accordance with law, the Sheriff, Clerk of Superior Court, Tax Commissioner, District Attorney, Post Commissioners I and II and Chairman of Rockdale County shall receive an annual county supplement from the funds of Rockdale County in an amount equal to 38% of their current annual salary base, paid in equal monthly installments from the funds of Rockdale County.

**Amendment 2**

Only parts of Resolutions in conflict with the percentage increase of the annual county supplement of the instant Resolution are hereby repealed, with all other benefits, calculations and privileges remaining in full force and effect.

**Amendment 3**

This Resolution, and annual county supplement calculations made pursuant thereto, with respect to the Sheriff, Clerk of Superior Court, Tax Commissioner and District Attorney shall become effective July 1, 2024.

**Amendment 4**


This Resolution, and annual county supplement calculations made pursuant thereto, with respect to the Post Commissioners I and II and Chairman shall become effective January 1, 2025.

**Amendment 5**


To the extent any amendment of the instant resolution is null and void, it shall not invalidate any and all existing provisions which are supported by law.

This 29 day of February, 2024


Rockdale County, Georgia  
Board of Commissioners

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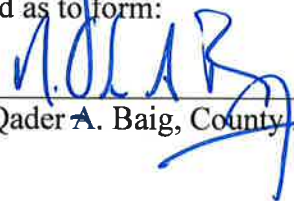
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# Fani Willis and prosecutor in Trump Georgia RICO case admit affair but deny impropriety

By Dave Goldner  
New York Daily News

District Attorney Fani Willis and a top lieutenant in the Georgia racketeering case against former President Donald Trump Thursday both admitted on the witness stand that they had a sexual affair but denied any impropriety that could impact the case.

In a dramatic courtroom moment, Willis rose and told the court that she would take the stand: "I'm ready to go."

The Atlanta prosecutor angrily rebutted salacious claims that her affair with prosecutor Nathan Wade amounted to an impermissible conflict of interest in the explosive case against Trump for allegedly seeking to steal the presidential election from President Biden.

"It's highly offensive when someone lies on you," Willis told a defense lawyer.

She insisted that she and Wade split the costs for jaunts to Aruba and the Bahamas, Belize and Napa, California.

"He tells me how much the money was and I gave

him the money back," Willis said. "I have money in my home."

Willis snapped at the defense lawyer that she has nothing to apologize for.

"I'm not on trial," Willis said, waving at the defense table. "They are on trial for trying to steal an election."

Judge Scott McAfee did not immediately make any ruling on the motion to disqualify Willis and did not say when he might rule.

Willis' removal would be a stunning development in the most sprawling of the four criminal cases against Trump. A delay that could result if Willis were to be ousted would likely reduce the odds of a trial taking place before the November election, when Trump hopes to win back the White House.

Willis testified after Wade said they carried on a romantic relationship for more than a year starting in 2022 until last summer, a period when they were working together to build the case against Trump.

Wade was mostly unflappable as he parried questions from lawyers

for Trump and his co-defendants who suggested the affair amounted to an impermissible conflict of interest between the two top prosecutors.

The credibility of both Wade and Willis took a hit earlier in the day when a former friend of Willis testified that she believed their affair started more than a year earlier than Wade and Willis have claimed and before Wade was hired by Willis to help run the case against Trump.

Robin Yeartie's testimony provided some ammunition for defense lawyers who say Willis should be removed from the case over what they call an improper conflict leading to Wade's hiring and their spending on cruises and vacations. In a court filing earlier

this month, Willis and Wade said they were not involved in a personal relationship when Wade was hired in November 2021. They asserted that they shared travel expenses for more than a year and never lived together.

But Yeartie, who worked for Willis' office but left under acrimonious circumstances, testified that she saw Wade and Willis hugging and kissing prior to November 2021 at a condo that she owns and where Willis lived for some time.

Since the allegations of an inappropriate relationship surfaced last month in a motion filed by Trump co-defendant Michael Roman, the former president has used them to try to cast doubt on the legitimacy of Willis' case. Other Repub-

licans have cited them in calling for investigations into Willis, a Democrat who is up for reelection this year.

Willis has argued she has no financial or personal conflict of interest that justifies removing her or her office from the case. Her filing called the allegations "salacious" and said they were designed to generate headlines.

McAfee has said he could disqualify Willis "if evidence is produced demonstrating an actual conflict or the appearance of one."

The judge said he believes the affair is only relevant if the defense can show the "existence and extent of any personal benefit conveyed as a result of the relationship."

## CONVICTION

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Nash and the male victim were taken by air ambulance to an Atlanta-area hospital where Nash died several days later.

On the morning of May 14 Covington Police were advised that Bailey's vehicle had been detected by a license plate reader and was located at a motel in Lithonia. Following hours of surveillance, officers took Bailey into custody without incident. Her child was found with her and was unharmed.

The case was prosecuted by Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney Bailey Wilkinson, Child Assistant District Attorney Amber Dally, Deputy Chief Investigator Jill Lumpkin, Victim Advocate Gabriela Arredondo, Victim Services Director Leslie Smith, and Legal Assistant Danielle Miller. The case was investigated by the Covington Police Department.

A flyer details the 2024 BEAMS initiative.

### BEAMS

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Youths will be given an opportunity to attend two sessions as part of the program. At that time they will focus on a range of topics that include ways to cope with mental health challenges, what some of those challenges are, how to recognize them and also how to get help if needed.

"They will get to choose two out of the eight sessions to attend," Teets said. "Parents will also be given an opportunity to attend a session specifically for parents."

A closing assembly speaker — who has not yet been announced — will wrap up discussions with highlights about mental health.

"The teachers of the sessions will be professionals from Rockdale County Public Schools, UGA Extension and other non-profit organizations that work with mental health challenges and youth," Teets said. "Some of the sessions will even be teen-led but youth in Rockdale County that have been trained to be peer facilitators."

Interested participants are encouraged to register for the free program at [tinyurl.com/teenbeams](http://tinyurl.com/teenbeams).

"Again, our hope is we give confidence to the participants to have conversations around mental health and

that they leave knowing the importance to foster positive mental health," Teets said. "We also hope that they leave with tools that can help them on a daily basis work through challenges they have or even help others."

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# Rockdale school board honors five trailblazers

By Alice Queen  
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**CONYERS** — Five people who made their mark as trailblazers for Rockdale County Public Schools were recognized for their contributions by the Board of Education as part of a Black History Month observance.

The five were presented with resolutions by the school board Feb. 15 acknowledging them for "significant contributions to the community through leadership, trailblazing and/or service to Rockdale County."

Those honored were:

♦ Sandra Powell Rosser, who was the first African American elected in Rockdale County and the first to serve on the Board of Education from 1993 to 1996.

Rosser was presented the award posthumously. Accepting on her behalf were her husband, Victor Rosser, and son, Anthony Powell.

♦ Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Dr. E.R. Shipp, who was among the first Black students to attend Rockdale County High School. Shipp, who lives and teaches in Maryland, attended the presentation remotely.

Shipp recalled her early education years at J.P. Carr School, where she said students were nurtured by their teachers, administrators and community.

She said she enrolled at Rockdale County High School with "trepidation," because of the push to end a dual school system for Blacks and whites. "We kids, Blacks and whites,

had to make this integration thing work," she said. "For the most part, we did."

♦ Dr. Sam King, who served as the first Black superintendent of schools in Rockdale County. King, who was attending a conference in San Diego, Calif., also attended remotely.

King thanked the board members who hired him as superintendent and said he was proud of the accomplishments of his tenure.

"We had seven strong years, and the phrase for us that was really important for us, was 'defying the norm and getting results for all student groups,' and for that we are extremely proud," he said.

♦ Tolbert Morris, who was the first Black male elected to the Board of Education. He served

from 2005 to 2008.

Morris is a Navy veteran, the author of three children's books and the founder of Helping Hands Outreach community health center.

Morris praised the school board for its leadership. "We were the first in what we achieved, but the school board is only as strong as the members of the community," he said. "The needs of the children are what push the school board to be great. The people that voted for the school board, that is the achievement. You guys made the school board great."

♦ Katrina Young, who was the first African American to serve as chair of the Rockdale County Board of Education. Young, a Rockdale native, was among the first Black students to integrate

Pine Street Elementary School. She was elected to four consecutive terms on the BOE and went on to serve as president of the Georgia School Boards Association.

Young said she was honored by the school board's recognition of her efforts. "It's always been one of my mantras — a leader who raises standards is unpopular, and so I was willing to raise some standards and run for the Board of Education and do some of the things I've done," she said.

"I'm here to say 'thank you,' and I'm glad I was able to be of service and blaze a trail for people ... because I have grandchildren... I have roots and I am invested in this community, and I'm grateful I've been able to serve."

## Newton BOE to vote on computers, band instruments and batting cages

By Alice Queen  
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**CONINGTON** — The Newton County Board of Education is expected to vote Feb. 27 on a recommendation to purchase 246 Chromebook computers.

Superintendent Dr. Duke Bradley III recommended the purchase at the school board's work session Feb. 13. The new computers will be purchased with Title I funds for a total cost of \$98,884, or \$395.50 per computer.

The new computers will be purchased for the following schools:

- ♦ Clements Middle School — 50 computers
- ♦ Cousins Middle School — 25 computers
- ♦ Liberty Middle School — 135 computers
- ♦ Rocky Plains Elementary School — 38 computers

The computers will be purchased from Dell Marketing LP of Round Rock, Texas, under the state bid process.

In addition to new computers, the superintendent recommended the purchase of new band instruments for the middle and high schools. Funding for the purchases from Music & Arts of Frederick, Md., was allocated from 2024 capital funds based on student enrollment and the need to replace band instruments and accessories.

The total amount of funding for the purchases is \$97,542, based on the following allocations:

- ♦ Clements Middle School — \$7,000
- ♦ Cousins Middle School — \$4,842
- ♦ Indian Creek Middle School — \$8,000
- ♦ Liberty Middle School — \$9,000
- ♦ Veterans Memorial Middle School — \$5,780
- ♦ Newton County Thermo School at Fiequett — \$2,920
- ♦ Alcoy High School — \$19,000
- ♦ Eastside High School — \$17,000
- ♦ Newton High School — \$24,000

The school board also heard a recommendation that the school system approve a contract with S.H. Croel Contracting of Marietta for new batting cages at all three high schools for a cost of \$1,589,365.

The contract covers the cost of demolition, grading, concrete footings, steel framing, concrete pads, erosion control equipment, fencing and gates, underground storm piping, metal roofing, metal trim, electrical systems, metal wall panel installation, door frames, hardware and installation of exhaust fans. The interior of the cages will include moveable netting, pitcher L-screens, and synthetic turf floor covering.

Other bidders for the project were Diversified Construction of Georgia Inc. of Tucker at \$2,195,519 and R.K. Redding Construction Inc. of Bremen at \$2,760,000.

The school board is expected to vote on these spending recommendations at its Feb. 27 regular meeting.

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forecast is about 700,000 below what was forecast in the previous series adopted in 2020. Driving the slower growth are declining fertility rates and a drop in "in-migration" — that is, people moving to metro Atlanta from other parts of the country or from abroad. Both of these trends accelerated during the COVID-19 pandemic.

♦ Fastest growth to occur in outer counties. The fastest-growing counties in the 21-county region through 2050 are forecast to be Forsyth (79%), Barrow (74%), Paulding (60%), and Cherokee (53%).

♦ Strong growth in region's core, too: The region's five core counties (Fulton, Gwinnet, Cobb, DeKalb and Clayton) are forecast to add a total of 812,000 people by 2050, representing nearly half of the region's total growth.

♦ Largest employment growth to occur in professional and business services. This category is forecast to add 130,000 jobs by 2050. The fastest-growing sectors by percentage are arts, entertainment, and recreation (68%), professional and business services (38%), accommodation & food service (36%), and manufacturing (35%).

"ARC's latest population forecasts show that our region's great quality of life and vibrant economy will drive strong growth in the decades ahead," said Anna Roach, ARC's Executive Director and CEO. "But metro Atlanta's continued prosperity is not a given. We must keep investing in our infrastructure and in our people to build a successful future. Our peer regions aren't sitting still, and neither can we."

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## 5 female inmates graduate from NCSO Women's Welding Training Program

From staff reports

**COVINGTON** — The Newton County Sheriff's Office, as part of an ongoing partnership with Action Inc. and Georgia Piedmont Technical College, graduated five female inmate residents from the Women's Welding Training Program on Feb. 9.

The five graduates are: Stephanie Ellis, Mandy Land, Victoria Burton, Ivory Watson and Misty Wilson. Through the NCSO's Workforce Development Office, the inmates have the opportunity to become employed upon release from the Newton County Detention Center. The starting pay rate for the field of welding begins at \$18-22 per hour, and there are no caps on the pay

welders can receive for their work. "I am grateful for not only the continued partnership of the Office of the Sheriff with Action Inc. and Georgia Piedmont Technical College but for the positive opportunities provided to the inmate residents housed in our facility," said Sheriff Ezell Brown. "The programs we offer to the inmate residents housed in the Newton County Detention Center provide the skills and training needed to return to society as law-abiding citizens. I congratulate every one of our graduates for completing the Welding Training Program. Also, I thank all those who provided support and encouragement to these graduates during the last few weeks. They couldn't have done it

without your support and encouragement." Tanisha Bowman, the CEO of BrokeCAN Inc., was the keynote speaker at the graduation ceremony. Bowman is a motivational speaker, social media influencer, co-author, certified empowerment/leadership coach, and entrepreneur. The graduates had the opportunity to participate in the American Welding Society's Welding Procedure Specifications (WPS) Sheet Metal tests following the end of the program's course. The WPS Sheet Metal tests are administered by an AWS Certified Welding Inspector (CWI) and graded on the following: a visual inspection of the welding coupon and a "bend test," which tests the integrity of the welded



Five women recently completed requirements for graduation from the Women's Welding Training Program at the Newton County Detention Center. The WPS Sheet Metal tests are administered by an AWS Certified Welding Inspector (CWI) and graded on the following: a visual inspection of the welding coupon and a "bend test," which tests the integrity of the welded coupon. All the graduates of the Welding Training Program passed the WPS Sheet Metal tests. Additionally, the graduates received training certifications for the following: Welding, OSHA 10, Forklift Operator/Safety, Lean Six Sigma White Belt, CPR/First Aid/AED, Soft Skills, and Employability Ethics.

## Keep Newton Beautiful receives Governor's Circle recognition

From staff reports

**COVINGTON** — Keep Newton Beautiful recently received a 2023 Governor's Circle Award at the Georgia State Capitol for its outstanding achievements in community beautification and environmental sustainability. The Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation (KGBF) presented the award in recognition of exemplary performance in litter reduction, waste minimization and community greening.

To qualify for the Governor's Circle Award affiliates must be certified and in good standing with Keep America Beautiful (KAB), the national nonprofit that oversees state and local programming. Additionally, the affiliate must be an active member of the KGBF network. Certified KAB affiliates are required to effect meaningful, positive, and lasting change by directly addressing community needs in the areas of litter prevention, recycling, waste reduction, and beautification.

"We believe everyone deserves to live in a clean, green, and beautiful environment," said Natalie Johnston-Russell, executive director of the Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation. "The recipients of this award have made a tremendous effort to achieve that vision, and we're thrilled to recognize their achievements."

In 2023, Keep Newton Beautiful coordinated local Great American Cleanup, Rivers Alive, and Adopt-a-Mile events with participants from 77 different schools, churches, clubs, and neighborhood groups donating over 6,500 hours to pick up roadside litter across all jurisdictions and zip codes in Newton County. In addition, 120 volunteers helped provide environmental education programs for 8,393 students and community participants at 25 different ven-



Photo by Dawn Mitchell

Laurie Riley (center) accepts the 2023 Governor's Circle Award from Natalie Johnson-Russell, Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation director (left), and Meagan Whitehead, Keep Georgia Beautiful Program and Affiliate support manager.

ues. Keep Newton Beautiful staff also completed a multi-jurisdictional 2024 Water-First program renewal application package and sent it to the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) for Newton County, Newton County Water & Sewerage Authority, the cities of Covington, Mansfield, Oxford, and Porterdales, and the Town of Newborn.

"Keep Newton Beautiful appreciates the 2023 Governor's Circle Award recognition. We have phenomenal sponsors, volunteers, and participants who work to make our community programs successful. This award recognizes and reflects their time, efforts, and achievements," said Laurie Riley, Keep Newton Beautiful manager.

As an affiliate organization of the Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation and Keep America Beautiful, Keep Newton

Beautiful (KNB) has a 45-year history of providing environmental education and beautification programs in our community. KNB works on projects focusing on litter prevention, beautification, recycling, and water pollution prevention. KNB staff and volunteers visit schools with Detective Seymour Green puppet shows and other educational programs, speak at club and organizational meetings, and participate in festivals and expos. KNB sponsors cleanups and recycling events throughout the year. KNB relies on government and grant funding, private contributions, and volunteer participation. KNB's Mission is to challenge, motivate, and inspire everyone to take responsibility for a clean and beautiful community. For more information, visit [www.KeepNewtonBeautiful.org](http://www.KeepNewtonBeautiful.org) and follow us on Facebook.

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## DAVIS

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PTO from 2022 to 2023. Davis said she became interested in the safety and security of Rockdale County schools, especially for the youngest and most vulnerable children. Her interest in the school system expanded to issues surrounding community engagement, transparency, recruitment and retention of teachers and students, and governance, she said.

"I wholeheartedly believe in the power of us. I believe in the power of the Rockdale County community coming together and believing in what we can accomplish through Collective Investment — Collective Investment in our children; Collective Investment in our educational system; and Collective Investment in our community as a whole," said Davis in a released statement.

Davis holds a master's degree in education and served as an elementary teacher in the Atlanta Public School System. She earned a Ph.D. in educational policy studies from Georgia State University.

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# Debutante program boosts advocacy by young women

By **Nafeteria Brewster**  
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**CONYERS** — Ryan Rakestraw, a 16-year-old Rockdale Magnet High School student, has a thirst for networking.

This desire led her to apply for a spot as a 2024 Showtime Pros debutante. The Showtime Pros Debutante Program is an initiative launched by Rockdale County resident Melissa Mims to help female teens develop a sense of professionalism that will help them thrive once they enter society.

"The Debutantes Program consists of several workshops and programs," said Mims, who is also the execu-

tive director of Public Relations for Rockdale County. "The workshops are aimed to equip them with the tools they need for success."

The debutantes are also required to volunteer at least 10 hours of their personal time toward community service.

"The goal was to instill a sense of civic responsibility and the importance of giving back, fostering a socially aware and engaged generation," Mims said. "Collectively, they completed 300 service hours."

Additional workshops broadened each participant's understanding of credit, finance, budgets and how certain laws may affect their future.

Attorney Felita Cornog



The Rockdale County debutantes for the 2024 program perform a special dance during its Debutante Ball on Saturday, Feb. 24.

was the keynote speaker for the "Are you ready for Adulthood: Understanding your credit, finance, and budgets" workshop, while Rockdale County District Attorney Alisha Johnson and

Rockdale County Juvenile Court Judge Maureen Wood spearheaded the workshop on Teens and the Law.

Tanya Cobbs was also present for the 2024 program during which she orchestrated a workshop on why college matters. The participants also took an in-depth look into the growing concerns for mental health with the "Teens and Mental Health: Developing Your Self-Care Plan" workshop, which was presented by Calandra Young who is a licensed master social worker.

It was an experience Rakestraw met with enthusiasm.

"I was considered an aster (a rising ninth- or 10th-grader) last year and many of the underclassmen who showed interest in the program were invited to participate with certain workshops," Rakestraw said.

With the achievement of her junior status at the Rockdale County Magnet school Rakestraw was able to take

a deeper dive into the topics for the 2024 program.

"I am always looking for opportunities to meet other Black females who are around my age, so I really enjoyed the program," Rakestraw said. "It helped me make bonds and create a new network with girls I did not know beforehand, and become close with them."

An overnight bonding social was one of several opportunities Rakestraw took advantage of over the course of the 2024 Debutante Program. During the social session the participants wrote letters to their future selves and took part in team building games.

In addition there was a mother-daughter tea during which the teens learned about etiquette.

"This was a unique opportunity for mothers and daughters to bond," Mims said. "The Mother-Daughter Tea was a tearjerker."

Rakestraw listed the group's visit to the State Capitol as the highlight of her 2024 experience. Each debutante was asked to write about a topic that was important to them for the visit.

"The goals are to teach the importance of advocacy and utilizing their voice for good," Mims said. "The Showtime Pros Debutantes were the first debutante group to visit and speak to legislators."

Rakestraw's speech relayed the affects of sexual assault and how certain legislation — as it relates to the sexual contact or behavior that

occurs without explicit consent of the victim — affects female teens.

"It was something that intrigued me and was important to me," Rakestraw said. "Being a girl in a co-ed school I have seen things and heard things and I wanted to be able to say something. What I see everyday is different from what they may see when it comes to sexual assault."

The overall debutante experience made Rakestraw consider her future.

"I do think I carry myself differently (as a result of the program)," Rakestraw said. "I was not really an outgoing person, but this has really changed the way I approach people. I had to learn how to talk to people I never would have talked to beforehand. It also boosted my confidence despite my shy nature."

It is an impact Mims foresees with each graduating class. Participants with the 2024 Showtime Pros Debutantes were presented to society on Saturday, Feb. 24.

"Since the initial launch, I've seen the growth and development of each debutante," Mims said. "I've seen the impact of the workshops and activities and the relationships formed. I hope they continue to advocate and stand as an example for future generations and that the lessons they have learned from this experience will shape their future as they go on to shape future generations."

**Teenagers Who Make a Difference**

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ingles Supermarkets and the Rockdale/Newton Centers are looking for young adults who make a difference every day in their communities. Teenagers that perform selfless acts in order to help other people and/or organizations in their community. Just some examples of activities that would qualify a teenager for recognition as a "teenager who makes a difference."

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Teenager who is making a difference

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## Conyers Concert Series kicks off Saturday, April 13

From staff reports

**CONYERS** — Conyers welcomes spring with a new, free concert series starting

Saturday, April 13 with the sounds of Soul Cartel, a dynamic American band expertly combining the catchy grooves of funk music with

the soulful melodies of R&B. Opening for Soul Cartel is Kymberli Doe, an artist who's been wowing audiences for more than 20 years with powerful vocals specializing in the sounds of Neo-Soul and R&B.

The Conyers Concert Series is scheduled for Saturdays on April 13, May 11, and June 8 from 6-10 p.m. and will take place on Bank Street in Old Town Conyers. Food trucks will be on-site, in addition to nearby Old Town restaurants open for patrons. Participating food trucks will be announced on the city's social media channels closer to the date of each event. Concert-goers are encouraged to bring chairs and blankets to enjoy music and food under the stars. Admission and parking are free.

The May 11 concert features the rock 'n' roll sounds of Mother's Finest, an Atlanta favorite and Georgia Music Hall of Fame inductee, with opener Leah Belle Faser, performing songs with pop, country, rock and folk influences. The June 8 concert, "Who's Bad: The Ultimate Michael Jackson Tribute," has been met with rave audience reviews, and will feature opener, Boaters, Atlanta's awesome '80s tribute band.

"This concert series has been a desire of the city for quite some time. We are so excited to add these three music-centric events to our already busy event schedule," said Jennifer Edwards, director of Public Relations and Tourism.

Bank Street between Pine Street and Main Street will be closed to through-traffic on Saturdays, April 13, May 11 and June 8 for setup and takedown of the stage.

For more information on these and other upcoming Conyers events, check out [visitorsconyersga.com](http://visitorsconyersga.com) or [conyersga.com](http://conyersga.com) or call 1-800-CONYERS for more information.

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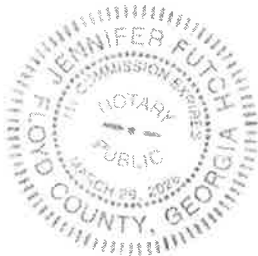
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