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The God of all comfort ... comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.

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Sports Section C

George Walton's Taylor Tinsley throws a perfect game against Prince as the Bulldogs tune up for the playoffs

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Johnson running for high court

Politics | Alcovy judge aims for seat with Ga. Supremes

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MONROE — Judge Horace J. Johnson Jr. of the Alcovy Circuit will run for a seat on the Georgia Supreme Court in 2020.

Johnson seeks to succeed the retiring Justice Robert Benham.

In running, Johnson will become the third judge out of the five on the Alcovy Circuit bench not to seek reelection in 2020. Judges Samuel D. Ozburn of Newton County and Eugene Benton of Walton County said they would not seek new terms in the May elections.

Johnson is a native of Newton County. With his appointment by Gov. Roy Barnes in 2002, Johnson became the first African American judge in the Alcovy Circuit.

"Experience matters. I understand the challenges facing litigants in the trial court both from the perspective of an attorney practicing in those courts and also as a trial judge dedicated to following the law and treating all parties fairly," Johnson said in a statement.

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Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Today's issue of The Tribune is dedicated to Kelly Lambert Attaway. See our Think Pink coverage at WaltonTribune.com.

Special section inside today's paper includes a daughter's tribute, a look at how you can reduce your risks, new technology right here in Monroe and groundbreaking research at UGA. **Section B**



Best burger



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Michael Marlowe prepares a hamburger Saturday morning on Court Street in downtown Monroe. His friends with Silver Queen said his nickname was

'Burgermeister,' and he lived up to it as the restaurant won the Battle of the Burgers competition staged by the Walton County Chamber of Commerce.

Pavilion work still goes on

Monroe | Developers making progress behind the scenes

From staff reports
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Following recent city approval of its zoning and architectural elements, MAB American Management, LLC has just recorded the plat for division of the Monroe Pavilion shopping center on 100 acres at U.S. 78 and state routes 138 and 11. With plans progressing, the developer ex-

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Monroe

Cancer Foundation helps local patients meet their needs

From staff reports
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MONROE — A survivor of breast cancer herself, Monroe City Councilwoman Lee P. Malcom is working to help others in their fight.

Malcom, a Realtor in the city, is leading the Walton County chapter of The Cancer Foundation of Northeast Georgia. It's an organization that raises

funds to support local cancer patients.

"After being diagnosed with breast cancer in 2017, I realized the outrageous costs associated with treatments and the serious need for an all-out effort to raise funds to support patients in our community," she said.

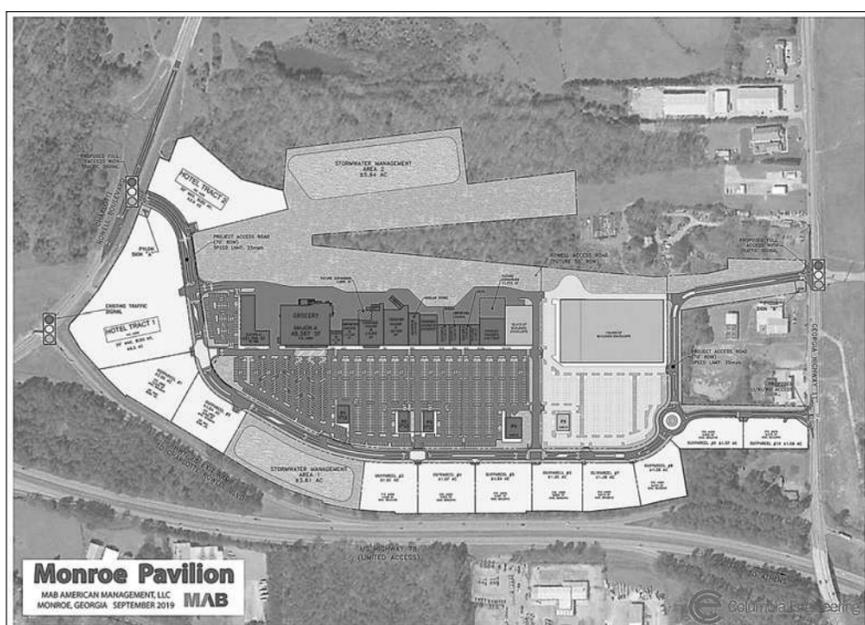
"I pledged to myself that I would do all I could after I See **Cancer** » Page A3



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The local foundation committee includes, from left, Dawn Griffin, Lenita Franklin, Stacy McCullers, Nancy Smith, Pat Preston, Pepper Helms, Kathy Timm, Betsy Yancey and Lee Malcom. Elwin Burt is not pictured.

A plan provided by MAB American Management shows the proposed layout for the Monroe Pavilion shopping center. Groundbreaking is expected in early 2020 with stores – including a grocery store, sporting goods retailer and general merchandise retailers – expected to begin opening in 2021.
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Pavilion: Supermarket, sporting goods store commit

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pects to acquire the land in the fourth quarter of this year with a groundbreaking slated for the first quarter 2020.

Total investment for the entire project will exceed \$80 million. “Monroe Pavilion will serve longstanding needs in Monroe and Walton Count for quality shopping, dining and lodging. We commend local leaders for creating a business climate that attracts investment and we look

forward to being part of this growing marketplace,” John Argo, the president of MAB American Management LLC, said.

“Once complete, Monroe Pavilion will provide a retail destination close to home and we are excited to get started.”

The shopping center, projected to open in summer 2021, currently features site commitments for 150,000 square feet of big box anchor stores, including a supermarket, two

fashion merchants, a beauty chain and other retailers selling shoes, pet supplies, sporting goods and popular priced general merchandise — all new to Monroe and Walton County.

Company officials did not identify the stores.

A campaign by MAB’s leasing company, Retail Specialists, is currently underway to attract more restaurants and hotels for the project with specific tenants to be announced at a later date.

In the near term, MAB intends to submit for a grading permit in October. Coordination for such grading is ongoing with gas and electric utility companies, which have major lines crossing the project site.

As plans move forward, MAB continues to engage with the city of Monroe, Walton County and the Georgia Department of Transportation concerning highway access improvements when the project opens in 2021.

Walton County Obituaries online at WaltonTribune.com

Richard ‘Ricky’ Alvin Brown Monroe, Georgia

Richard “Ricky” Alvin Brown, 64, of Monroe passed away on Thursday, Sept. 19, 2019.

He was born on Sept. 18, 1955, to Alvin David Brown and Louise Astin Brown.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother-in-law, the late Roger Cox.

Surviving are his wife, Renee Brown; children, Brandy and Zeb Sherman, Justin and Ashley Shamblin, Jourdan and Bo Carver, Jeremy Freeman and Sami Becherer; sister, Sherry Brown Cox; brother

and sister-in-law, Rod-erick and Michelle Brown; grandchildren, Brantley Carver and Ceina Carver; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services began at 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 26, at Graystone Church — Walton Campus with the Rev. Heath Hollingsworth officiating.

Burial followed at Social Circle City Cemetery.

Please sign the guest book online at www.meadowsfuneralhomeinc.com.

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Delores Brownlee Lavender Monroe, Georgia

Delores Brownlee Lavender, 87, of Monroe passed away on Friday, Sept. 20, 2019.

She was born in Snellville on Feb. 11, 1932, to Brother R. Brownlee and Cora Lee Shaw Brownlee.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, the late Bill Lavender; and a son, the late Barry Lavender.

Surviving are her daughter, Apryl Carter and Danna Giddens; sons, John Patton and

William Earnest Lavender Jr.; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Friday, Sept. 27, at the Chapel of Meadows Funeral Home with the Rev. Dean Gross officiating.

Burial followed at Hill Haven Memory Gardens.

Please sign the guest book online at www.meadowsfuneralhomeinc.com.

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Cancer: Foundation raises money to help local patients

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recovered to see this happen, and I’ve had some wonderful fellow cancer warriors join me in my efforts.”

The Cancer Foundation of Northeast Georgia is based in Athens. In 10 years, the 501(c)(3) organization has provided \$1.8 million to 3,500 cancer patients in a 19-county region.

The organization provides emergency financial assistance for basic life needs such as housing, utilities, food and medications.

Malcom noted that 87% of money raised by The Cancer Foundation remains in the area to support local patients.

“Those funds are staying in Walton to be used by Walton County

patients,” she said.

She said a support group for local breast cancer survivors and patients should be announced soon. The Cancer Foundation and Piedmont Athens Regional Medical Center have been working on that, and Malcom said Kathy Timm, a survivor who works at Piedmont Walton Hospital, has been instrumental.

Physicians with University Cancer & Blood Center LLC founded The Cancer Foundation in 2005 after treating a growing number of patients in need of financial assistance.

The Cancer Foundation recently played host to Fire & Ice, a cocktail party at The Cotton Warehouse. Malcom said between



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Glenn Hughes of Monroe created the ice sculpture that was the stunning centerpiece for the Fire & Ice event Thursday.

175 and 200 people attended.

If you need assistance from The Cancer

Foundation, contact Katrina Moody at 706-308-1355 or kmoody@cfnega.org.

Johnson: Local judge running for state Supreme Court

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“I believe Georgians want a Supreme Court justice who understands these perspectives when reviewing the difficult decisions that are often made by trial judges.

“That is why I am running.”

Johnson grew up in the Sand Hill community of Newton County and was part of the first group of local students in county schools through full integration.

He graduated from Newton High School and Oxford College of Emory University before earning his Bachelor of Business Administration at Emory University and, in 1982, his law degree at the University of Georgia.

Johnson worked as an attorney in Atlanta, Covington and Decatur until his appointment as a Superior Court judge.

“Judge Johnson is exactly what every Georgian should expect from a judge at any level, but especially at our state Supreme Court — fair, experienced, compassionate, in love with the law and determined to get to the right decision,” campaign chairman Larry D. Thompson said.

Thompson served as deputy U.S. attorney general under President George W. Bush from 2001-03 and was the Atlanta-based U.S. attorney early in President Ronald Reagan’s tenure.

Johnson’s campaign is touting him as the only candidate in the race with experience as a trial judge.

In his time in the Alcovy Circuit, he established a Parent Accountability Court in 2013 and Veterans Treatment Court in 2016, and served as the president of the state

Council of Superior Court Judges in 2016.

Johnson is a lay member of the Board of Ordained Ministry for the Atlanta/Decatur/Oxford District of the United Methodist Church, and a lay leader at Columbia Drive United Methodist Church in Decatur.

He was the 2018-19 president of the Covington Kiwanis Club, and is a permanent member of the Board of Counselors at Oxford College of Emory University.

He was a founding member of the Arts Association in Newton County board of directors and served on the inaugural advisory board for the Boys & Girls Club in Newton County.

Benham is the longest-serving member of the state Supreme Court. Running to succeed him are former U.S. Rep. John Barrow

of Athens, who lost a bid for a seat on the state Court of Appeals last year; former state Rep. Beth Beskin; and state Court of Appeals Judge Sara Doyle.

Happy Birthday Jovie

Jovie Claire Robinson celebrated her 8th birthday on Sept. 1, 2019 with a campout with family and friends at her home for the weekend in Bristol, NH.

Jovie is the daughter of Gary & Ashley Robinson of Bristol, NH. She is the granddaughter of Pete & Julie Nostrand of Bristol, NH and Doc & Pam Robinson of Alexandria, NH. Great-grandparents are Donny & Sybil Walls of Monroe, GA and Fefe Robinson of Isla Mujeres, Mexico. Her great-great grandfather is Ernest Walls, of Monroe, GA.

Jovie has one sister, Zoey, age 4 and one brother, Boston, age 3.

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