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Signage in right-of-way is illegal

This is a courtesy announcement to the general public as election campaigns continue prior to the primary: please note that any and all signage placed in any Georgia right-of-way is strictly forbidden.

This statute is outlined in Georgia Code 32-6-50 as it reads, "It shall be unlawful for any person to erect, place, or maintain within the dedicated right of way of any public road any sign, signal, or other device except as authorized" by any subsection of the same statute.

One of these pertinent subsections states that the erection, placement, and maintenance of signs within dedicated rights-of-way of county roads and/or municipal streets may be authorized by ordinances adopted by governing authorities of counties and municipal-

ities having jurisdiction over such roads. By extension of this, signage is only permitted in city or county roadways if approved by ordinance; if erected, placed, or maintained in any other manner such as privately, those actions are other-wise unlawful.

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SUDIE FULFORD COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER

Virtual 10-year Anniversary Celebration to be held for Sudie A. Fulford Community Learning Center

The Sudie A. Fulford Community Learning Center, located on the campus of East Georgia State College, will celebrate its 10th anniversary on April 30. EGSC will host a Virtual Celebration to mark the special occasion. Everyone is asked to view EGSC's special page at <http://www.ega.edu/Fulford-Center-10th-Anniversary> and all social media accounts of EGSC starting at noon on April 30 to view photos and a video to remember and celebrate the 10 years. The virtual celebration will kick off at noon with a photo slideshow. Each hour, a photo and memory will be shared leading

up to the main celebration video at 5 p.m.

The Center, a gift donated by Mr. and Mrs. A. D. "Pete" Correll, was named to honor the memory of Ada Lee's mother, Mrs. Sudie A. Fulford. "Miss Sudie" was a well-respected and beloved teacher in (Continued on page 3D)

BOE holds April meeting

The Emanuel County Board of Education met Tuesday, April 14, at 5:30 p.m. at the Central Office with all seven members plus Superintendent Dr. Kevin Judy attending.

The group discussed the consent agenda, which included minutes from meetings held March 10 and March 31 as well as the financial reports. The consent agenda was approved as presented.

Dr. Judy then gave his superintendent's comments. He stated the first round of printed packets went out to schools the week before the meeting and parents would pick them up Monday morning. Other packets will be distributed April 27 and May 11. The high schools are working closely with juniors and seniors, and digital content is available. (Continued on page 3D)

One smart chick

Story courtesy of Julie Larson Bircher/Meatingplace Magazine, meatingplace.com

[Editor's note: The subject of this story, Dr. Denise Heard, is a native of Swainsboro. The Swainsboro High School Class of 2002 graduate is the daughter of George and Mae Alice Brinson, also of Swainsboro. She has three sisters: Dr. Deidre Brown, Dr. Darlene Moore, and Daphne Strobridge.]

by JULIE LARSON BRICHER, Science and Technology Editor, Meatingplace Magazine

Denise Heard's "smart chick" bonafides in the field of poultry science pop off the pages of her professional C.V.: doctor of veterinary medicine, master of avian medicine, board certified by the American College of Poultry Veterinarians, multiple publications in poultry pathology, virology and toxicology, and the list goes on.

So, you might think that the new director



DR. HEARD

of research programs for the U.S. Poultry & Egg Association (USPOULTRY) would respond to a question about her greatest achievement with along the lines of scholastic or career accomplishments. But when asked, Heard's reply is quick — and decidedly more personal.

"My greatest achievement was when I was 12 years old and I taught my uncle how to read," she says, noting that he just celebrated his 88th birthday in 2019. "He went to work at an early age and had no education. (Continued on page 3D)

Coronavirus cases in Emanuel up to 17 now

by HALEI LAMB

According to the county commissioners' noon update before press time Tuesday, April 20, the total confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Emanuel is now up to 17.

Of those 17 cases, nine are active. Seven cases have recovered, and one patient has died.

Ten cases are awaiting results. Some 203 total patients have been tested.

The Emanuel County Board of Commissioners remains the go-to for the most current, cumulative list of coronavirus cases here locally. The commission works jointly with Emanuel Medical Center, East Georgia Healthcare Center, and the health department to provide an update everyday Monday through Friday at noon on Facebook. To receive these updates, follow the Emanuel County Board of Commissioners and turn on your notifications.

The CDC's current recommendations to combat coronavirus are as follows:

- Wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (like at grocery stores and pharmacies), especially in areas of significant community-based transmission. These cloth face coverings should fit snugly but comfortably, be secured with ties or ear loops, include multiple (Continued on page 2A)

From the editor: Patience, please!

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Coronavirus cases...

(From front page)

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- Monitor your temperature twice daily and call your personal healthcare provider if you have a temperature of 100.4 or greater.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after you have been in a public place and after coughing, sneezing, or blowing your nose. If soap and water are not available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60 percent alcohol. Cover all surfaces of your hands and run them together until dry.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Put distance between yourself and other people.
- Know that some people without symptoms

may be able to spread the virus.

• Keeping distance from others is especially important for people who are at higher risk of getting sick.

Governor Brian Kemp has been delivering daily press conferences at 4 p.m. on Georgia's coronavirus situation, and in his address on Monday, April 19, the governor announced positive changes to the preparedness plan, along with his intent to begin reopening parts of the state's economy. He also gave an update on the shelter in place order. The governor's decisions followed President Donald Trump's lead in his address late last week when he issued guidelines for states to begin safely reopening the nation's economy. This will be done in three phases.

The first phase of the leaders' plan is to ensure states are experiencing the "flattening of the curve," have sufficient testing methods, and are adequately prepared to care for patients.

According to Governor Kemp, the Georgia Department of Health has seen a decline in emergency room visits for flu-like illnesses, documented COVID-19 cases have flattened and appear to be declining, and the state has seen declining emergency room visits in general. Hospital bed capacity has expanded as well, including the temporary facility at the Georgia World Congress Center.

In regard to testing, the state added to its partnership with the University System of Georgia, the private sector, and public health departments by tapping Augusta University to develop a telemedicine app to screen, test, and even treat Georgians. Governor Kemp encouraged asymptomatic and symptomatic citizens alike to use the free app to begin the screening process. To do so, visit AugustaHealth.org or download AU Health ExpressCare on your smartphone. You can also call 706-721-1852. The user-friendly interface connects patients to physicians and advanced practice providers from AU Health and the Medical College of Georgia 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Patients will be screened through smartphone or other like devices, and should you meet the criteria for testing, the staff of either AU or MCG will schedule a test at a designating location near your home. Test results will be available in roughly 72 hours.

Also, Augusta University is now producing testing swabs via 3-D printers in the Dental College of

Georgia's innovation lab. These same 3-D printers were used to produce face shields for healthcare workers. The lab will produce thousands of swabs daily, thereby reducing dependence on vendors and boosting testing to get Georgians back to work. Governor Kemp authorized the Georgia National Guard to administer 1,500 tests per day at various hotspots and long-term care facilities.

In regard to reopening Georgia's economy, the governor, during his presser Monday afternoon, gave permission to the following businesses to reopen with conditions on Friday, April 24: gyms, fitness centers, bowling alleys, body art studios, barbers, cosmetologists, hair designers, nail care artists, estheticians, their respective schools, and massage therapists. Governor Kemp cited these businesses' inability to manage inventory, deal with payroll, and take care of administrative items as his reasons for allowing these businesses to resume operations. However, these businesses will not reopen for "business as usual." These entities must adhere to minimum basic operations, including screening workers for fever and respiratory illness, enhancing workplace sanitation, wearing masks and gloves if appropriate, separating workspaces by at least 6', teleworking when possible, and implementing staggered shifts. The governor also called for these businesses to use social distancing and regular sanitation.

Subject to these same mandates, theaters, private social clubs, and restaurant dining rooms will be allowed to reopen on Monday, April 27.


Bars, nightclubs, amusement parks, and live performance venues will remain closed.

In regard to the shelter in place order, Governor Kemp stated this directive would remain in effect until 11:59 on April 30 for most Georgians. He called for all citizens to continue following CDC guidelines by sheltering in place as often as you can, meaning limit travel and wear face masks. Medically fragile and elderly Georgians should plan to shelter in place at least through May 13.

The governor closed the press conference by thanking all the heroes who have been on the frontlines of this pandemic and offered words of encouragement to citizens as the fight continues. Updates on Georgia's coronavirus situation are streamed live from Governor Kemp's office in Atlanta every day on your local news channels and on Facebook.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am having trouble and I hope your readers might help the most vulnerable in our communities. I am referring to the nursing home patients in our hometowns. After the tragedy at the Kirkland Nursing Home in Washington state where approximately 47 of the 125 patients died of coronavirus, I have been researching for what I might do to help prevent such an occurrence locally. Last week, I learned a physician in Texas treated the patients in a nursing home there with hydroxychloroquine. There are 135 patients in that facility and only one died of the coronavirus.

I have heard that Dr. Fauci of the National Institute of Health does not support use of hydroxychloroquine because there has only been "anecdotal" evidence that it might

help. Anecdotal refers to what has been "only observed" to occur, similarly to what Sir Isaac Newton observed when he saw the apple drop from the tree and, by anecdotal evidence, determined that something must have caused the apple to drop to the ground.

A French study as well as reports from India have supported the benefits of using hydroxychloroquine in patients with coronavirus infections.

The real difficulty for me to understand is although we all have agreed to stay inside our homes as much as possible these past few weeks and we have tried to wear gloves and masks when we think about it, as well as we are trying to maintain social distancing as encouraged, none of these have been proven by a randomized, double-blind control trial to actually be effective against trans-

mission of the coronavirus! In other words, Dr. Fauci is having us all do these things based on anecdotal evidence and not based on scientifically proven trials that have demonstrated they actually prevent coronavirus transmission.

Please don't get me wrong, I have been recommending social distancing, hand washing, gloves/masks where appropriate and will continue to do so. However, we also need to provide our vulnerable nursing home patients with the prophylactic doses of hydroxychloroquine although the evidence for the medicine's effectiveness is only anecdotal. What else do I have? Why not do this? Who can wait for test results when a patient can deteriorate so quickly? The medicine is not expensive and it reportedly has few drug-drug interactions.

Please, readers, call

or write your state and national political officeholders, especially your governor. Ask them to allow physicians to write the medicines they believe are in the best interest of their patients and allow our pharmacists to fill those prescriptions without legal threat of losing our licenses.

Sincerely,
 George L. Smith, III, MD

Diplomate, American Board of Family Medicine
 Covington, Ga.

Dr. George Leon Smith III is a hometown doctor with medical roots in Swainsboro dating back to Dr. Benjamin Darius Smith (1853), Dr. George Leon Smith (1881), Dr. De Saussure Dugas Smith (1908), and Dr. Henry Wilder Smith Sr. (1947). Many Smith family nurses, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants were and still are members of Swainsboro's medical community.

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Virtual 10-year...

(From front page)
Emanuel County for over 30 years. Her love for her students was surpassed only by her love of her family.

Open to all residents of Emanuel County and the surrounding area, the learning center was built to provide an environment where learning opportunities take place and community relationships are enriched. An aspect of the Fulford Center mission is to develop individual capacity and improve the quality of life for Swainsboro and

Emanuel County, and the goals of the center include education, civic engagement, and hospitality.

Over the past 10 years, the Fulford Center has served as a bridge between EGSC and the community and has welcomed over 75,000 visitors. The dome ceiling in the great room serves as a planetarium and offers 19 different planetarium shows which have been provided to thousands of students over the 10 years. In addition, 58 summer camps have been offered to local

students. The Center classrooms serve as a venue for tutoring, workshops, trainings and small conferences.

EGSC encourages individuals to join in the virtual celebration as community members, students, and EGSC friends share their Fulford Center experience and why the center has been such an important addition to the community. Visit <http://www.ega.edu/Fulford-Center-10th-Anniversary>

beginning at noon on April 30 to follow along!

BOE holds...

(From front page)
able at emmanuel.k12.ga.us. On a related note, the system is looking into getting hotspots for some buses so households without Wi-Fi can access the internet.

Additionally, Dr. Judy announced meetings are continuing to be held through Zoom for executive team members and principals. In the near future, principals will be speaking with teachers regarding promotion and retention.

Swainsboro High School's renovations, according to the superintendent, are still on track. He also went over other current projects, including ones at Swainsboro Elementary and Swainsboro Primary, the ECI roofing project, security latches and buzzers in school offices, new cameras, fence line repairs, and the batting cages at SHS. Safety grant money was used for these projects. Also, CARES Act preliminary numbers given to the system can be used for: technology, online distance learning, mister sanitizers, Purrell stations, laptop computers for teachers and Chromebooks for students, learning platforms through which teachers can use Google Classrooms or similar programs, reading books, off-setting the School Nutrition Program, and purchasing MiFis for juniors and seniors to use.

Lastly, Dr. Judy noted Emanuel County Schools has partnered with KiNVO, a real-time communication platform similar to

One Call for administrators and teachers. Text messages can be sent to parents, and attachments can also be sent through this system.

Whitney Lawrence, director of finance, then presented the SPLOST update before the board voted to enter executive session. Upon returning to open session, the board approved the following:

- **Certified employees** — teachers Minnie Barefield, Nickole Braswell, Amy Deal, Denni Delinski, Katie Kennedy, Bethany Lamb, and Jimmy Miles as well as instructional coach Diane Ward.

- **Classified employees** — school food service substitutes Crystal Allen, Jessica Edenfield, Wendy Johnson, Shirley Morgan, and Deana Powell; substitute teacher Elizabeth Hendrix; and bus drivers Anthony McCullough and Melvin Radford.

- **Certified employee resignations** from teachers Steve Brackett, Valerie Douglas, Charles Elmore, Danny Evans, James Ferry, Eva Nordine, Angela Norris, Kimberly M. Parker, Deanna Ryan, and Amber Street.

- **Classified employee resignations** from paraprofessional Denetria Braswell and bus driver Delois Hill.

The board will next meet Tuesday, May 12, at 5:30 p.m.

Chairman Mase Henry called the meeting to order and delivered the invocation. John Allen Bailey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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In addition to asking for your patience, we editors are also asking for potential news leads. We encourage you to still send news to us. If you know someone who has gotten engaged, had a baby, done a good deed, or if you have anything you think might be newsworthy during these strange times, send us an email at news@emmanuelcountyga.com or call our office at 237-9971. We can't promise everything will be fit for publication,

but we will review every submission and proceed as appropriate. Our advertising team is always prepared to handle your needs as well. Their contact information is advertising@emmanuelcountyga.com, and their office line is the same as ours.

As we move forward in the next few weeks, I hope we all keep in mind how important it is to be kind to one another on a personal level as well as how important it is we take an understanding and supportive approach for all of our businesses, both large and small. There is a light at the end of every tunnel, and it seems we're inching toward the light at the end of the COVID-19 tunnel daily. How we fare at the

end of this physical, mental, emotional, and economic turmoil depends on how we help each other now and in the future. Let us all bear in mind we're one community, and we're stronger together.

Regards,
Managing Editor Halei Lamb

Gail Williamson is president and publisher. Whitley Clifton is newsroom editor and webmaster.

Other staff members of The Forest-Blade include sales executive and legals director Pam Akridge; sales executive Trudie Kasper; graphic designer Kendall Peebles; classifieds director and delivery courier Melva Hornsby; and bookkeeper and circulation manager Denise Whittington. Danny Worthen assists with delivery.

BOBCAT SPOT

—What's going on at your hometown college!

Student Spotlight: Ally Smith

Ally Smith is a graduate candidate for the 2020 spring class at East Georgia State College. Art has been a passion of hers since she could hold a pencil. Her mom often tells her story about when her passion for art began.

"It was dinner time and everyone was at the table," she recalls. "Well, everyone but toddler me. My mom tells me that they found me in the room where my dad was painting, paintbrush in hand, slick with a color that definitely was not the color the wall was being painted as, painting the walls myself."

Smith is going on to earn her Bachelors in Art at a four year university. In recent months a new passion has been calling her name, though.

"I've committed to a major in Psychology this upcoming fall at a university," she said. "Art is not leaving me behind though, as I have a certain future job in mind called Art Therapy."

Below is one of her pieces. "I created this piece using Procreate on an iPad using an Apple Pencil," she explained. "The essence of it all is using an actual image of someone and turning it into a digital, colorful piece using color harmony, etc. It was a project we did when I was in 2D class with Mr. Purcell and I loved it so much that I had to do it for my exit show pieces!"



As many of the graduating Art Majors at East Georgia State College are unable to hold their Exit Art Shows, we will be featuring artwork from each of these students as a special showcase! Congratulations to our graduates!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 30 - **Sudie A. Fulford Community Learning Center 10th Anniversary Virtual Celebration**
May 8 - **Spring Commencement Virtual Celebration**

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Cuba F. Wilson, 83

Cuba Foskey Wilson, 83, passed away Wednesday, April 15, 2020 at Memorial Hospital in Savannah. She was born in Emanuel County to the late Elmer L. and Wilma Kitchens Foskey. She was retired from BASF Corporation and was a member of Sylvania First United Methodist Church. She was also a member of the United Methodist Women, where she served as president for many years. She was also a member of the Sylvania First United Methodist Chancel Choir for more than 40 years. She was a member of the Nell Pace Sunday School Class and a member of the Sara Waters Circle. She was a wonderful wife, loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, friend, but to her family she was known as "Nana." She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, W. Ralph Foskey.

Survivors include her husband, James "Jim" F. Wilson of Sylvania; daughters and sons-in-law, Kathy W. and Larry Biggers of Statesboro, Pam W. and Johnny Flanders, Lori W. and Don Carter,



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and Gina W. and Chris Jordan, all of Sylvania; sister, Judy F. Davis of Swainsboro; sister-in-law, Mary Foskey of Swainsboro; grandchildren, Erica Day (Scott), Jeremiah Flanders (Angela), Natalie Lamb (Raymond), Rachel Wall, Brent Carter (Rachel), Matt Jordan (Kelly) and Dawson James Jordan; 13 great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held for immediate family only, and a memorial service will be held at a later date.

Remembrances may be sent to Sylvania First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 258, Sylvania, GA 30467.

Thompson-Strickland-Waters Funeral Home is in charge of all arrangements.

Carl Eddie Glover, 58

Durden-Hudson Funeral Directors announces the death of Mr. Carl Eddie Glover, 58 of Kite, on Thursday, April 16, 2020 at Pruitt Health Nursing Home in Swainsboro after an extended illness.

A private graveside service was conducted Sunday, April 19, 2020 at Kite City Cemetery with Elder Sam Bowen and Rev. Morris Brantley officiating. Due to current public health concerns, the family will have a memorial service at a later date to honor his wishes.

Pallbearers were Bill Bailey, Chris "Bull" Chappell, Ricky Hill, Keith Johnson, Chris Walker, and Joey Woods. Honorary pallbearers were Richard Peacock and Ace Clark.

Born in Swainsboro in 1961, Carl Eddie Glover was the son of Raymond and Nell Morris Glover. A 1979 graduate of Adrian High School, he loved outdoor activities, especially hunting, fishing, and camping. He loved classic rock and played the bass guitar. In the tobacco business, he worked at Brown and Williamson in Macon. Working under Southern Company, he was a warehouseman at Plant Vogtle and Plant Hatch. He was an avid Georgia football fan and was a season ticketholder for many years. Glover also enjoyed golf and going to The Masters. A "jack of all trades," he loved remodeling projects. He was a member of the Kite First Baptist Church, attended Union Primi-



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tive Baptist Church, and was a former member of the Sons of The Confederate Veterans. Glover was preceded in death by his father, Raymond Glover; his brother, Ray Glover; and his grandmother, "Granny," Pauline Morris, who was extremely special to him.

Survivors include his fiancé, Barbara Williamson of Swainsboro; mother, Nell Morris Glover of Kite; daughters Kasey Glover of Vidalia and Faith Williamson Page (Brandon) of Kite; sons Carl Glover of Vidalia, Gregory Glover of Vidalia, and Tyler Williamson (Holly) of Canoochee; the mother of his children, Rhonda Glover of Vidalia; sister Angel Glover of Kite; brother Paul Glover (Robert) of Atlanta; grandchildren Karson Lance Wiley, Danni Lynn Williamson, and Demi Leigh Williamson; sister-in-law Judy Luke Glover of Kite; and nieces and nephews Amy Price of Davisboro, Kelsey Greene of Cartersville, Todd Killgo of Metter, and Jessica Killgo of Kite.

Durden-Hudson Funeral Directors is in charge of arrangements.

Chyrle Moore, 69

Mrs. Chyrle Moore, 69 of Wadley, died Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at University Hospital in Augusta.

Graveside services with social distancing were held at 11 a.m. on Friday, April 17, 2020 in the Saint John's United Methodist Church Cemetery in Wadley with Rev. Hugh Baxter and Rev. Pat Holbrook.

Pallbearers were C.J. Story, Chris Fee, Chase Moore, Jeff Drake, Mickey Frederick, and Ty Moore. Services can be viewed on Taylor Funeral Homes' Facebook page.

Mrs. Moore was a native of Jenkins County. She was the daughter of the late J.D. and Joyce Clifton Oglesby. She worked for more than 30 years with Gunn Drug Company in Wadley and was a member of Saint Johns United Methodist Church in Wadley for more than 50 years, where she had served as a youth leader, choir director, and was a member of United Methodist Women Club. Mrs. Moore's greatest joys were singing for her Lord and spending time with her family.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, J.D. Oglesby Jr.

Survivors include her husband of 50 years, Charles Richard "Rick" Moore Sr. of Wadley; children, Renee and



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Charles Story of Byron, Tracie Hall of Wadley, and Charles Richard "Ricky" Jr. and Amy Moore of Wadley; sisters, Wanda and Gary Ullery of Garfield and Gail Drake of Garfield; grandchildren, C. J. and Rebecca Story, Amber and Chris Fee, Layton Hall, Charles Richard III and Katrina Moore, Brenda Ann Story, Katelynn Moore, Ty Moore, Maggie Hall, and Addison Story; great-grandchildren, Gavin, Jackson, and Ryleigh Story, Ellie Fee, Melody Moore, and Charles R. Moore IV; and several nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

The Moore family welcomed guests at the residence 1528 Saint John Church Road in Wadley.

In lieu of flowers, those desiring can send donations to the Atlanta Hospital Hospitality House at 1815 South Ponce DeLeon Ave, Atlanta, GA, 30307.

Taylor Funeral Home and Cremation Care of Louisville was in charge of arrangements.

Roy Bush Clements Sr., 91

Durden-Hudson Funeral Directors announces the death of Mr. Roy Bush Clements Sr., 91 of Swainsboro, on Sunday, April 19, 2020 at Emanuel Medical Center Nursing Home.

Memorial services will be held at a later date with Masonic Rites observed at Eastbrook Cemetery and Mausoleum in Swainsboro.

Born in Pinkard, Alabama in 1928, Clements was the son of John Preston and Mary Bell McNabb Clements. He was a World War II Veteran. As a self-employed truck driver, he drove over 5 million miles and only ever had one accident. In his spare time, Clements enjoyed fishing and hunting. Despite his job as a driver, he loved to travel. He was a member of Swainsboro Shrine Club, the Masonic Lodge #244, the Emanuel County Sportsman Club, and the Family Motor Coach Association. He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Helen Clements Leonard; a brother, Pruitt Clements; a son-in-law, Norman Van Horn III; and his forever 9-year-old grandchild, Anna Elizabeth Van Horn, whom he adored dearly.

Survivors include his beloved companion, Mrs. Betty Jean Parker Clements of Swainsboro; two daughters, Karen Jean Clements Van Horn of Peachtree City and Mary Kristie Clements of



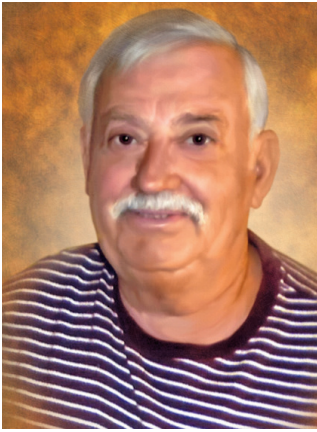
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Suwanee; one son, Roy Bush Clements Jr. (Jackie) of Cedar Crossing; grandchildren Alex Pekich, Elliot Brim, Simon Brim and Oliver Brim, all of Suwanee, and Amanda Clemens and Robbie Clements (Samantha), all of Uvalda; great-grandchildren Jakob Lively of Uvalda, Jaxon Clements of Uvalda, Nate Clements of Swainsboro, and Melanie Clements of Hazelhurst; nephew Jimmy Pierce Leonard of Swainsboro, who was very special to him and he adored; and sister-in-law Marie Clements of Merritt Island, Florida.

Memorial contributions may be made to Shriners Hospitals for Children, Attn: Office of Development, 2900 N. Rocky Point Drive, Tampa FL 33607 or online at donate.lovetotherescue.org.

Durden-Hudson Funeral Directors is in charge of arrangements.

Carlton Allen Johnson, 76



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Copeland, Remington (Kasey) Lamb, and Amber Howell; great-grandchildren, Kelcie Morris, Dalton Morris, Chestlee Lamb, Walker Wade, Mary Jane Scarboro, and Emberlie Lamb; and several nieces, nephews, and many friends.

A private memorial service will be at a later date.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Carlton Allen Johnson, 76 of Swainsboro, passed away Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at Augusta University Medical Center.

Mr. Johnson was born April 10, 1944 in Swainsboro to the late William Lee Johnson and Carrie Lou Randall Johnson. He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, William Johnson, Jr.; and sisters Carolyn Hooks and Debbie Brown. Mr. Johnson was a deacon and member of Emanuel Christian Ministries.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Helen Smith Johnson; son Allen Johnson; daughter, Melissa Wheeler; brothers Calvin Johnson and Ronnie Johnson; sisters Faye Parrish and Sue Boatright; grandchildren Tiffany (Jessica)

Nita J. Daughtry, 82



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ters, Reba J. Bennett of Millen, Annette Rogers (Glen) of Wrightsville, and Betty C. Farrow of Statesboro; a brother, Ronnie D. Farrow of Wrightsville; grandchildren, Kit Patrick, Mike Patrick (Abby), and Joseph Patrick; great-grandchildren, Taylor Patrick, Michael Patrick, and Mitchel Patrick; several nieces and nephews; and an incredibly special "granddaughter," Flo Cruz.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, a private graveside service and burial was held Saturday, April 18, 2020 at Oak Grove Baptist Church Cemetery with Pastor Thomas Hendrix officiating.

Deal Funeral Directors was in charge of arrangements.

Nita J. Daughtry, 82, passed away at her residence Thursday, April 16, 2020 after an extended illness. She had been under the care of Ogeechee Area Hospice.

Ms. Daughtry was born in Emanuel County to Freeman and Sarah Farrow. After she graduated from high school, she attended college to become a nurse, working many years at Heritage Inn in Statesboro. Her greatest love was her family. She taught her children to work hard, pray hard, and to use the gifts God had given them. She was happiest working in her flowers, cooking for her family and friends, and attending her church, Oak Grove Baptist.

Ms. Daughtry was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Nancy E Lewis; and two brothers, Wendell F. Farrow and Donnie G. Farrow.

She is survived by her loving husband of 23 years, Bonnie "Brownie" Daughtry; a daughter, Zellie Roberts of Statesboro; son, Pat Johnson of Statesboro; three sis-

EGSC holds Virtual Honors Night Program

On Thursday, April 16, East Georgia State College held their annual Spring Honors Night in a virtual ceremony. A watch party was held on Facebook, on the EGSC website and other social media platforms. Students from each academic area and campus activity were honored, and special recognitions were presented.

EGSC President Dr. Bob Boehmer welcomed viewers to the Digital Presentation, stating "This is one of my favorite days of each academic year," he said. "It is both exciting and an honor for me, Dr. Sharman, our VP for Academic and Student Affairs; and each of our outstanding faculty and staff to be able to individually and personally recognize the academic and service achievements of these outstanding scholars and to be able to say thank you to all of their supporters for the many things that you have done for these outstanding students along the way.

"We, of course, wish we could all be together in the Luck Flanders Gambrell Auditorium," he continued. "We cannot wait for your return. Please hear our message, even though it is delivered virtually: each of you is important to us. You are why we get up each morning. We are deeply proud of you. Congratulations."

Dr. Boehmer continued by announcing the first award, the University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Award. Susanna Hall, a student pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Biology degree, was announced as the recipient of the prestigious award.

This year, the Subject Area Awards were presented in tandem with the Leadership and Service in Campus Activities Awards, and were presented as follows: Professor Desmal Purcell presented the Art Mania Club award to Brian Martinez and the Excellence in Arts Award to Hannah Oglesby; Professor Antré Drummer presented the African-American Male Initiative (AAMI) Award to Duranté Payne and the Excellence in Mathematics Award to Anita Cerpovicz; Dr. John Cadle presented the Excellence in Biology Award – Associate Level to Christian Byrd and Giavaun Young; Dr. David Chevalier presented the George Marvin Baker Award for Excellence in Biological Science to Susanna Hall; Professor Natasha Goss presented the Excellence in Business Administration Award to Kerri Close; Dr. Alan Brasher presented the 18th Annual Emily Pestana-

Mason Memorial Poetry Contest first place award to Shedeena McCleary, the Excellence in English Award to Taryn Jackson, and the Book Club Award to Susannah Hall; Dr. Brittany Strickland presented the Criminal Justice Club Award to Ahjoi C. Apparicio and the Excellence in Criminal Justice Award to Rachelle Johnson; Dr. Tim Goodman presented the Circle K Club Award to Breana Librizzi; Dr. Paul Cerpovicz presented the Excellence in Chemistry Award to Susanna Hall, the STEMMEGA Club Award to Tanner Peebles and the Bobcat Beekeeping Club Award to Bryan Martinez; Professor Ron Ellison presented the Robert Feline Playmakers Award to Alex Smith and the Excellence in Communication Arts Award to Asia Jennings; Princess Middleton presented the Rhythm Nation Dance Team award to Markayla Grier; Professor Beverley Walker presented the Excellence in Fire and Emergency Services Administration – Associate Level Award to Tyler Johnson and the Excellence in Fire and Emergency Services Administration – Bachelor Level Award to Quinton Houston; Jim Beall presented the Chess Club Award to Jamel Sutton and the Geeks and Games Club Award to Alex Smith; Professor Courtney Joiner presented the Excellence in History Award for Swainsboro to Griffin Beall; Dr. Reid Derr presented the Excellence in History Award for Statesboro to

Katherine Leach; Professor Darlene Dickens presented the Excellence in Nursing Transfer Pathway in General Studies Award to Kaitlin Cooper; Professor Martha Anders presented the Excellence in Nursing (RN-BSN) Award to Stacey Clifton; Stacey Grant presented the EGSC Ambassador Program Award to La'Tia Berry and the International Club Award to Joy Richardson; Professor Brett Larson presented the Excellence in Political Science Award to Asia Jennings; Coleman Bailey presented the Residence Hall Association award to Andrew Lester; Stacey Grant presented the Student Government Awards to Megan Bryant, Kathryn Cox and Bruce Bass, Jr.; Tiera Williams presented the Unity Club Award to Lisa Thompson; Denise Daniels presented the VETS Club Award to Jack Palmer; and Professor Christian Kraus presented the Wiregrass Award to Rebecca Ferron and the Hoopee Bird Awards to Kayla Portillo for Augusta, Rebecca Ferron for Statesboro and Kelsey Sellers for Swainsboro.

Athletic Director Chuck Wimberly presented the Student Athletics Awards as follows: Baseball to pitcher Jasper Dubberly; Women's Basketball to guard Charley Kelly; Softball to Reese Stalvey; and Men's Basketball to guard Preston Crisp.

Dr. Sandra Sharman, the Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs, then read the names of the students on the Dean's

List. The following students were named on the list: Benjamin Allen, Griffin Beall, MaryRuth Berry, Anita Cerpovicz, Douglas Chesser, Kaitlin Cooper, Jazzmyn Cox, Citlalli Excamilla, Caroline Freeman, Jessica Guadagno, Brandon Harrelson, Jaylon Kelly, Tyronica Kelsey, Bertha King, Olivia Laird, Katherine Leach, Shakale Lewis, Caitlyn Miles, Faith Miners, Abigail Oliver, Asharra Osborne, Lorah Parrish, Jeffery Potter, Thomas Robinson, Dustin Rogers, Kelsey Sellers, Reese Stalvey, Misaiah Taylor, Courtney Terwilliger, Madison VanDyke, Cullen Wake, Caitlin Waters, Wilhelmina Watkins, Jeffrey Wiginton, William Wikes, De'Asihas Williams and Summer Williams.

Professor Courtney Joiner closed out the ceremony, saying, "The fact that we're doing it this way does not in any way diminish the pride that we have in you and your accomplishments—these awards are well-deserved. If you're coming back to us in Summer and Fall, we so look forward to seeing you. If you're graduating, we wish you the very best of luck in all your endeavors and we hope that you will always remember that you have a home here at East Georgia State College."

If you missed the Virtual Awards Ceremony, visit <http://www.ega.edu/2020-honors-night>. The Honors Night video, along with the digital program with timestamps for each award, is located on the page.



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God's will BY BISHOP BERTHA

As I began to read the biblical account of the Prophet Jonah, it reminds me of the pandemic we are facing today. While there are a lot of dynamics in the story, today, we will focus on the city of Nineveh. Jonah was the prophet chosen by God to deliver a message to Nineveh. The message was plain and simple, "Yet 40 days and Nineveh will be overthrown." Why did God decide to destroy Nineveh? He told Jonah it was because of the city's wickedness.

Today, no one wants to face the wickedness and sins of the world. It's so engraved in society that people think right is wrong and wrong is right. Proverbs 14:34 declares, "Righteous exalts a nation but sin is a reproach to any people." I John 5:17 also tells us that all unrighteous is sin. So just take a look—everywhere you turn, sin is tolerated. It is tolerated in the home, in the church, and in the government. Lying, cheating, stealing from each other and from God through tithes and offerings, adultery, fornication (both heterosexual and homosexual), porn, envy/jealousy, hatred, racism, greed, selfishness, pride, unthankful, unholy, etc. abound. The word of God says let every man examine himself.

The king of Nineveh stripped off his robe and humbled himself. He put on sackcloth and ashes. He also made a decree that every person great and small, every animal and beast would not eat. The city of more than 120,000 fasted and prayed before God. The people believed God, and God changed His mind and did not overthrow them because they repented.

If we repent as a nation and go back to God, He will deliver us. Stimulus checks will not do it, but prayer will. God is the king of kings and the lord of all lords. Let Him be king and lord to rule and reign in your life. The change and the revival begin with us in our lives, homes, communities, and churches. Yes, it is time to go back to God.

The wicked people of Nineveh prayed and changed God's mind. They could have read II Chronicles 7:14, which tells us, "If my people which are called by my name shall humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

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Franklin Memorial Library celebrates National Library Week April 19-25

While Franklin Memorial Library is temporarily closed due to the public health crisis, the location is open virtually, providing access to many digital resources. E-books, eAudio books, children books, Mango Languages, and ancestry.com are some of the online materials made available with a library card.

Although people are unable to meet face-to-face at this time, the library staff is committed to serving the community and is now offering live and pre-recorded virtual programming for both children and adults. The staff

is also making every effort to keep locals updated on vital information via Facebook. Franklin Memorial Library invites all to join in celebrating National Library Week (NLW) virtually with daily activities set for April 19-25. These activities are as follows:

- Sunday — Show your support by adding the NLW frame to your FB profile picture
 - Monday — Challenged and Banned Book Day
 - Tuesday — National Library Worker Day
 - Wednesday — Earth Day
 - Thursday — Take Action for Libraries Day
 - Friday — Community Outreach Awareness Day
 - Saturday — Library Supporters Day
- For specific details about each daily activity, check out Franklin Memorial



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Masks delivered to EMC Nursing Home

Swainsboro Kiwanis Club member Dianna Wedincamp, Circle K member Breana Librizzi, and community volunteer Erma Jenkins are pictured dropping off homemade masks to Emanuel Medical Center Nursing Home. Other items given to the residents were magazines and crossword puzzles as the community works together to show concern and compassion for those who are in local assisted living and nursing homes.

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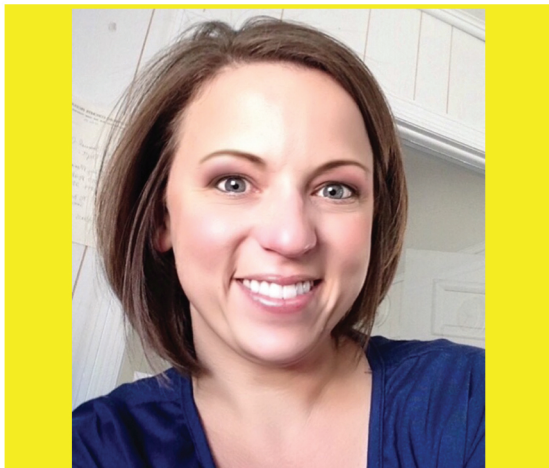


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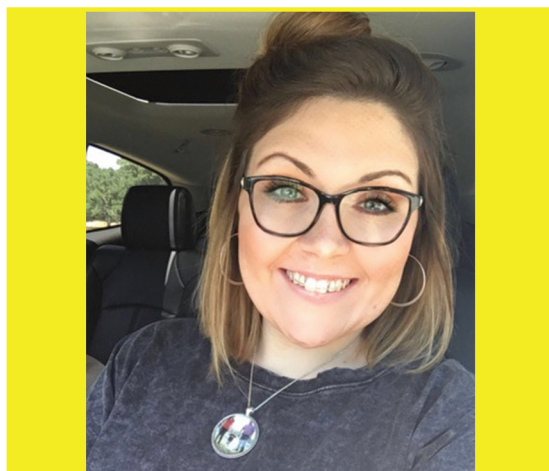


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Savvy Senior: Social Security offers lump sum payouts to retirees

Dear Savvy Senior,
In light of the stock market crashing, I've heard that Social Security offers a lump-sum payment to new retirees who need some extra cash. I have not yet filed for my retirement benefits and would like to investigate this option. What can you tell me?

Seeking Cash

Dear Seeking,

There is indeed a little-known Social Security claiming strategy that's been around for many years that can provide retirees a lump-sum benefit, but you need to be past your full retirement age to be eligible, and there are financial drawbacks you need to be aware of too.

First, let's review the basics. Remember that while workers can begin drawing their Social Security retirement benefits anytime between ages 62 and 70, full retirement age is 66 for those born between 1943 and 1954, but it rises in two-month increments to 67 for those born in 1960 and later. You can find your full retirement age at SSA.gov/pubs/ageincrease.htm.

At full retirement age, you are entitled to 100 percent of your benefits. But if you claim earlier, your benefits will be reduced by 5 to 6.66 percent every year you start before your full retirement age. While if you delay taking your benefits beyond your full retirement age, you'll get 8 percent more each year until age 70.

Lump Sum Option

If you are past full retirement age, and have not yet filed for your benefits, the Social Security Administration offers a retroactive lump-sum payment that's worth six months of benefits.

Here's how it works. Let's say for example that you were planning to delay taking your Social Security benefits past your full retirement age of 66, but you changed your mind at 66 and six months. You could then claim a lump-sum payment equal to those six months of benefits. So, for instance, if your full retirement age benefit was \$2,500 per month,

you would be entitled to a \$15,000 lump sum payment.

If you decided at age 66 and three months that you wanted to file retroactively, you'd get only three months' worth of benefits in your lump sum, because SSA rules prohibit you from claiming benefits that pre-date your full retirement age.

Drawbacks

The downside to this strategy is that once you accept a lump-sum payment, you'll lose the delayed retirement credits you've accrued, and your future monthly retirement benefit will be reduced to reflect the amount you already received. It will also affect your future survivor benefit to your spouse or other eligible family members after you die.

You also need to consider Uncle Sam. Depending on your income, Social Security benefits may be taxable, and a lump-sum payment could boost the amount of benefits that are taxed.

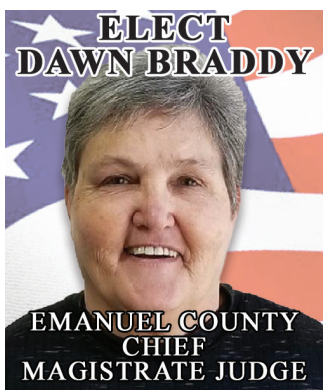
The federal government taxes up to 50 percent of Social Security benefits at ordinary income tax rates if your combined income – defined as adjusted gross income plus nontaxable interest income plus half of your Social Security benefits – exceeds \$25,000, and up to 85 percent of benefits are taxable if combined income exceeds \$34,000. For married couples, the comparable income thresholds for taxing benefits are \$32,000 and \$44,000.

To help you calculate this, see IRS Publication 915 "Social Security and Equivalent Railroad Retirement Benefits" at IRS.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p915.pdf, or call 800-829-3676 and ask them to mail you a copy.

In addition, if the lump-sum payment of retroactive Social Security benefits boosts your yearly income beyond the \$85,000 level, it will increase your future Medicare premiums too. See Medicare.gov/Pubs/pdf/11579-medicare-costs.pdf for details.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior,

P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.



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There is great advice in today's verse: "When I said, 'My foot is slipping,' Your love, O Lord, supported me." Before the Psalmist fell, he recognized that he was facing a situation, having to solve a problem or make a decision that could have been disastrous to his well-being. So, he did not wait until calling on God was too late - that his testimony and witness to the grace of God would be too late - he out maneuvered Satan. When he realized that *his foot was slipping* he called on God and God's love supported him! He did not need to ask for forgiveness - he asked God to intervene immediately and sustain him.

As Paul brought his second letter to Timothy to a close, he must have had this verse in mind. "Timothy," he wrote, "the Lord stood at my side and gave me the strength that I needed, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and that all the Gentiles might hear it."

Paul recognized how important it was for him to depend on God's strength and not his own. He knew that the battle was not his but the Lord's. So, rather than let his witness be destroyed, He called on God.

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Cook of the Week

Featuring the recipes of...

Ann Rogers



This week's Cook of the Week is Ann McLeod Rogers. Daughter of the late Jack and Cheri McLeod, she grew up in Swainsboro and has lived here for the past 20 years. Ann is married to Brian Rogers, and they have four kids: Cason, Dustin, Evan, and FaithAnn. She is the technology project manager for Emanuel County Schools, and she enjoys reading and graphic design. She is also an independent consultant for Initials, Inc.

Ann comes from a family of great cooks. She learned different recipes from her mother, Cheri, and both grandmothers, and later from her mother-in-law, Gwen Rogers. Her grandmother was Dot McLeod Youmans, who catered weddings and cooked at First Baptist Church for many years. In the early 1970s, "Miss Dot" wrote a cookbook, "Secrets from a Southern Kitchen" and in 2015, Ann revised and republished that cookbook. Here are some of Ann's favorite recipes that can be found amongst its pages.



From the kitchen of Ann

Stroganoff

- 2 lbs. cubed steak
- 2 cans cream of mushroom soup
- 2 cans tomato soup
- 1 onion
- 1 Tbsp. garlic
- Mushrooms
- 1 c. sour cream
- Salt and pepper
- Angel hair pasta (or other noodles of choice)

Brown meat in a skillet. Slice onion and add to meat, then add garlic and sliced mushrooms. Sauté until soft. Add soup, salt, and pepper. Let simmer. Cook pasta until desired doneness. Add sour cream to sauce right before serving, stirring well. Serve sauce over noodles. Great with garlic toast.



From the kitchen of Ann

Stew Beef & Dumplings

- 2 lbs. roast, cut into bite-sized pieces
- 1 can Golden mushroom soup
- 1 pkg. Lipton onion soup mix
- 2 cans beef broth
- 1 large onion, diced
- 1 tsp. garlic salt
- Salt and pepper
- 2 c. self-rising flour
- 1/3 c. vegetable oil
- 1/2 c. milk

In large pan, brown beef bits and onion. Add soups and spices. Simmer on low for an hour, or cook in the Crock-Pot on low for 8 hours.

Mix flour, oil, and milk to form dough. Drop by spoonfuls into stew beef, covering the top. Cook on medium heat with lid off for 10 minutes. Then, cover with lid and cook 10 more minutes. (If stew beef was cooked in the Crock-Pot, transfer to stovetop pot to cook dumplings.)



From the kitchen of Ann

Squash Casserole

- 2 lbs. squash, cooked and drained
- 1 carrot, grated
- 1 onion, grated
- 1 c. sour cream
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- 1 stick butter, melted
- 1/2 pkg. Pepperidge Farm herb stuffing

Combine all ingredients except stuffing. Line bottom of pan with half of stuffing, pour in squash mixture, and sprinkle the remaining stuffing on top. Bake at 350° for about 30 minutes.

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Keeping you in the know

by WHITLEY CLIFTON

With current regulations set in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic, access to resources and information has also been impacted. In addition to an increased risk for domestic violence and sexual assault, the demand for food, baby formula, and supplies are also issues being faced by individuals. To help the local community, The Refuge Domestic Violence Shelter's Emanuel County Outreach Office has combined a list of resources to inform the public of what services are available:

HEALTHCARE

• **The Emanuel County Health Department** is open for normal business hours for limited services, including STD, family planning exams, and WIC services as well as answering any COVID-19 related questions and helping as needed with community concerns. For additional information, visit <https://ecphd.com/counties/emanuel-county-health-department/>.

• **East Georgia Healthcare Center** offers televisits, adult/family medicine, pediatrics, family planning, mental/behavioral health, pap smears, annual wellness visits, immunizations, sports physicals, health checks, chronic disease management, chiropractic, and pharmacy services. Additional information may be obtained by visiting www.eghc.org.

• **Emanuel Medical Center's walk-in clinic** is open 7 days a week for non-emergency conditions and is located the second floor of the hospital. Sick visits and sports and employment physicals are offered. The clinic is open Mondays through Fridays from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Sundays, 1 to 6 p.m. No appointments are required, and walk-ins are welcome. For more information, call 478-289-1240 or visit <https://www.emanuelmedical.org/services/after-hours-clinic/>.

FOOD

• In need of food? Text "FOOD" to 877-877 to locate free meals being offered.

• **Weekend Blessings** is a backpack food program in Emanuel County, providing meals and snacks to school-aged children on the weekends and

school breaks. For more information, email them at weekendblessings@ymail.com or visit <https://www.facebook.com/weekendblessings2012/>.

MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

• **Cares Warm Line** offers services for those seeking recovery from substance use disorder. Services are offered via phone or text every day of the year from 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. For more information, call 1-844-326-5400 or visit <https://gasubstanceabuse.org/cares-warm-line/>.

• **The Georgia Crisis and Access Line** provides telephonic crisis intervention services, dispatches mobile crisis teams, assists individuals in finding an open crisis or detox bed across the state, and links individuals with urgent appointment services. Services are offered 24/7 and can be accessed by calling 1-800-715-4225 or by visiting <https://www.georgiacollaborative.com/providers/georgia-crisis-and-access-line-gcal/>.

SOCIAL SERVICES

• **The Refuge Domestic Violence Shelter and Sexual Assault Center** offers a 24-hour hotline and emergency shelter for those in danger of domestic violence or sexual assault. The Refuge also assists with temporary protective orders, counseling services, and offers referrals. A short video is available on The Refuge Domestic Violence Shelter and The Refuge Sexual Assault Center Facebook pages that cover continued services during the pandemic. This video may be accessed by visiting <https://www.facebook.com/166343822405/videos/2181879835291148/>. For more information on The Refuge and services offered, visit <https://www.facebook.com/The-Refuge-Domestic-Violence-Shelter-166343822405/> or by calling 912-538-9935 or 478-268-9156.

• **The Department of Human Services Division of Family and Children Services** offers many services. To report child abuse or neglect, call 855-422-7753. To manage benefits, visit <https://gateway.ga.gov/access/>. To check the status of an EBT card, visit <https://www.connectebt.com/>. For additional information, visit <https://dfcs.georgia.gov/>.

• **CSRA EOA Inc.** offers energy assistance

programs. Visit www.csraeo.org for more information.

COVID-19

• **The State of Georgia has a new COVID-19 hotline.** If you believe that you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 or have been exposed to the novel coronavirus, please contact your primary care doctor or an urgent care clinic or call 844-442-2681.

• **Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Development Disabilities** offers a list of COVID-19 resources, webinars, bulletins, guidance, memos, and FAQs that can be accessed by visiting <https://dbhdd.georgia.gov/covid-19>.

• **The CDC** also offers valuable information that can be accessed at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.

• **The Georgia COVID-19 Emotional Support Line** provides 24/7 free and confidential assistance to callers needing emotional support or resource information as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Emotional Support Line is staffed by volunteers, including mental health professionals and others who have received training in crisis counseling.

STIMULUS MONEY

• **For questions and answers regarding your stimulus money,** visit <https://www.usatoday.com/story/money/2020/04/14/coronavirus-stimulus-checks-reader-questions/2988451001/>.

SPECIAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES

• **Parent to Parent of Georgia** offers support and information for those with disabilities or special needs. For more information, visit <https://www.p2pga.org/>.

• **Georgia Council On Developmental Disabilities (GCDD)** mission is to advance social change, public policy, and innovative practices that increase opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families to thrive where they live, learn, work, play, and worship in Georgia's communities. Visit <https://gcdd.org/> for additional information.

School Resources

• **Emanuel County Schools** offers student and community resources that are available through its website <https://www.emanuel.k12.ga.us/Content2/student-resources>.



JAMES WARD, COLBY MARTIN, DARREN McGEE, FARLEY, AND JUSTIN PRICE

Jaycees donate tech to reconnect nursing home residents and family members

The Swainsboro Jaycees have taken action after noticing a need for nursing home residents to remain connected with their families during COVID-19. The group provided tablets, speakers, and stands for PruittHealth Nursing Home and Emanuel Medical Center Nursing Home, both in Swainsboro, as well as Twin View Health in Twin City. Jaycee Allen Farley says this is just a

small project he and his fellow philanthropists hope has a big impact on the community during this time of crisis. The Jaycees, he added, are here to help the community and they pray everyone stays safe.

If you have a beloved resident in one of the three nursing homes mentioned above, contact the facility and staff will set up a time for you to visit digitally.

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Lessons from a summer storm

I'll admit it. I'm the biggest worry wart to ever live. I'm not proud of it. I've tried to control it in recent years, but so far, my efforts have been fruitless. My mom says I've always been this way, so I don't foresee that personality trait changing any time soon. What's a girl to do?

I can recall a few scary times from my life: a pretty bad car accident with my dad and my sisters when I was about 10, another car accident with my sister when I was 13 (neither of which were our fault), and moving off to college, just to name a few. I think the scariest instance of my life happened last summer.

I'm terrified of bad weather. I can remember following my dad around the house like a lost puppy any time thunder rolled, and if lightning struck, the tears followed. It's an innate fear; I don't remember anything happening to trigger this phobia. Even now as an adult, bad weather wakes me from the deepest of slumbers and sends my anxiety reeling.

Last summer, my husband and I, along with two friends, went boating on Clark's Hill. The weather on the lake can change in an instance. We check the weather before every trip and even if the forecast doesn't call for rain, you can almost bet your bottom dollar there will come at

least a short shower.

Well, the four of us set up camp on Friday night and headed to Aruba, a sandy beach near the dam, the next morning. Chris and I took our boat while the other two took off alongside us on their jet ski. We joined a crowded sandbar, swam for a bit, and had lunch out of a cooler. Not long after that, we noticed the skies were turning. Given the fact it always rains on Clark's Hill, we didn't worry. Until we did. Before we knew it, the fast-moving black clouds had enveloped us and the others. Thunder rumbled, and lightning flashed nearby. Some of our fellow beachgoers had started loading into their watercrafts and leaving while everyone else just exited the water and presumably stayed to ride out the storm that was coming.

I didn't immediately enter full-blown panic mode, but it was coming. The four of us knew we had two choices: leave right then or wait it out. At some point during the conversation that ensued as the volume of our vicinity increased, our wires got crossed. Our friend took off on his jet ski and thought we were following behind. We had his phone in our boat, although for what it's worth, I don't think he would've been able to hear it ringing. Chris, Bailee,

and I stood looking at each other as the rain crept closer to us. Matthew, the friend on the jet ski, didn't know the lake that well, and we were concerned about him being able to navigate back to the boat ramp on his own. We ultimately decided to go after him and try to beat the storm. That ended up being a terrible decision—one we'll never make again.

The three of us load into our ski boat and take off. All seemed well until we reached about the quarter-way mark back to the boat landing. When we left the beach, the rain seemed to be approaching from our right. Once we were on the water, it seemed to be coming from every direction. The rain was coming down so hard it stung! Still, the worst had yet to come. At that time, we thought it was just a little rain, that we had fled the storm itself.

We kept cruising in the boat, a little uneasy but not entirely concerned. There's a small marina about halfway between Aruba and the boat landing at Wildwood. As we passed that marina by a few hundred yards, the waves had grown to be every bit as tall as the side of our boat and it looked as if someone had used a roller brush covered in charcoal gray to paint a solid wall ahead of us. The wind was commanding the trees on the

shorelines to our left and right at will, and lightning struck so close to us I could see green and purple hues before the eventual crack just seconds later. I was terrified beyond words.

When I'm scared, my MO is talking—a lot. I've been with Chris for almost a decade, and I can count on one hand the number of times I've seen him scared. Typically, he is the calming essence I need when things get hectic. His MO when fear strikes is being quiet. Try as he might to not let on that he was worried in the moment, I knew better. Bailee apparently shares his MO when she's scared because she, too, was quiet. I kept asking both of them if they were okay, and all I got was two nods, which did little for my nerves. I asked Chris if we were going to be alright, and he just said, "I'm trying to make sure we're going to be okay." Cue the alarm!

Our boat is pretty strong, but the water was so tumultuous in those few moments that even when Chris was giving the motor plenty of juice, she still wasn't going up to par. According to Chris, the waves would overtake us if we tried to turn around and stopping wasn't an option because our boat might sink. I just knew my life was coming down to the wire, and all I could do was literally pray to God. As dramatic as this sounds, I made peace with the things unsettled in my heart. I asked God over

Halei Lamb



and over to please get us to safety, to please spare us, to make way in the storm for us to literally turn our little vessel around and head back to the marina we had just passed. I had every reason to believe God wasn't hearing my prayers, yet I kept praying because it was the only thing I could do. The conditions were worsening by the second. Lightning continued to pop, the skies behind us had turned dark as well, the rain was blinding, and the wind was roaring. Somehow—thanks to God Himself, I know—Chris found a break in the waves, turned us around, and we inched slowly back to the marina. As we pulled into the docking area, lightning struck a tree about 75 yards from us. I was crying by this point, but I knew safety was coming.

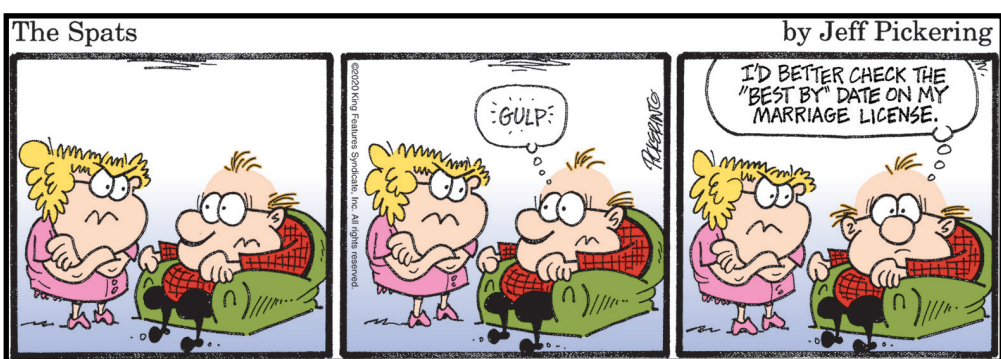
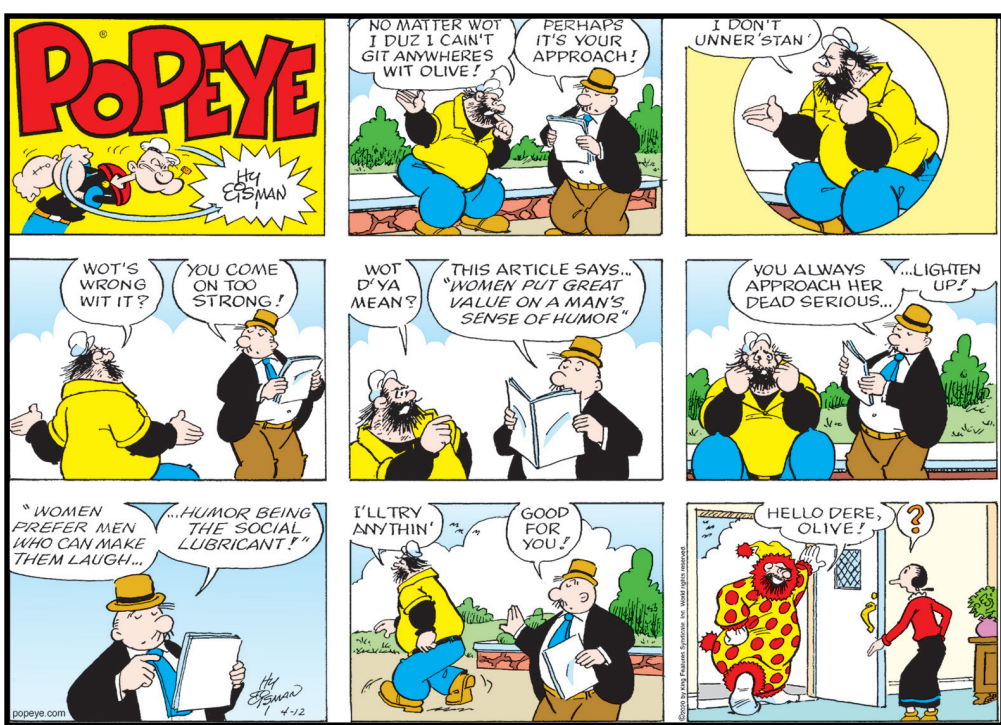
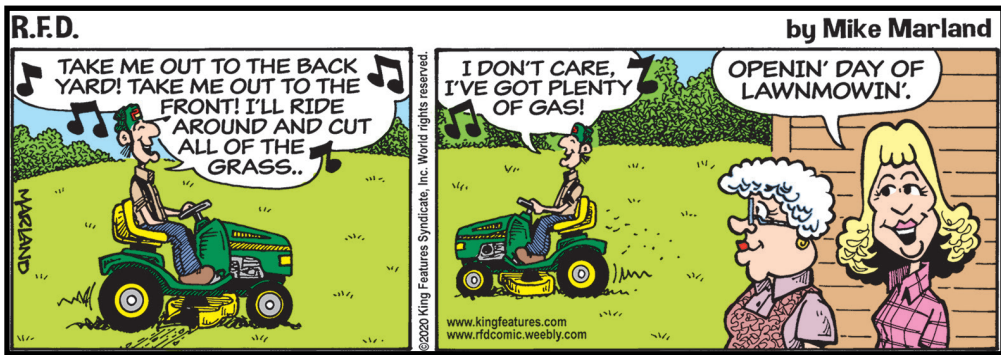
Sure enough, we pulled into a bay within minutes. Still, I was a wreck. I remembered from science class that metal is a conductor, and the parking area for our boat was made of metal! All three of us were nervous but given the choice between where we were at the time and being out on the open water, the former seemed to be the best option. A nice couple docked in a houseboat invited us in to wait out the storm. They

offered us towels and eased our minds in regard to how stupid a decision we had made in departing Aruba. Apparently, the storm materialized extremely quickly and without any solid direction in terms of where it started. What we thought would be a short shower ended up a full-blown thunderstorm that knocked out the marina's power.

We survived most of the storm on the water and didn't have to wait very long before it passed completely. Once it did, we thanked the couple and decided to travel onward to the boat ramp to find Matthew. He had made it safely, thank God, and the storm didn't reach his area.

Now that it has been almost a year later, I can think back on this particular instance and take a life lesson (or two!) from it. Firstly, we'll never try to outrun a storm again. Also, I now feel a little safer riding out storms from the comfort of my house because I have a much scarier experience for comparison. Most importantly, though, I know that even when God doesn't seem to be listening, He always is. I will always remember for the rest of my days that no matter how bad the storm is, He will, without fail, see me to safety somehow.

Editorial Cartoons



A dire message for the 21st century

Ever since God gave Adam and Eve a responsible choice as being custodians of the earth and its natural resources, they have abused their powers.

When sin came into the world, the pristine streams, rivers, and oceans became contaminated and polluted by man's need to exploit the earth, taking out the natural resources and adding waste and destruction to the environment.

The trees that filter poisonous chemicals are being cut down in the rainforest while the once thriving oceans have more plastic bottles than marine life in their depths. Global warming is now a fact instead of a theory.

Every individual person has played a part in the earth's demise. The next generation may not have clean air, pure water, or ample food.

We are at a critical time in our history. Man doesn't have the answers; we are facing life and death situations. We must go to God for He is really in charge of our daily life and has the ultimate power!

In the 1800s, Indian Chief Seattle wrote a letter in response to the United States wanting to buy tribal land. Read Chief Seattle's

Ronnie Johnson



following letter and consider how we have abused the land we inherited from our forefathers.

"Every part of the earth is sacred to my people. Every shining pine needle, every sandy shore, every mist in the dark woods, every meadow, every humming insect—all are holy in the memory and experience of my people.

We know the sap which courses through the trees as we know the blood that courses through our veins. We are part of the earth and it is part of us. The perfumed flowers are our sisters. The bear, the deer, the great eagle—these are our brothers. The rocky crest, the juices in the meadow, the body heat of the pony and man all belong to the same family.

The shining water that moves in the streams and rivers is not just water but the blood of our ancestors.

If we sell you our land, you must remember it is sacred. Each ghostly reflection in the clear waters of the lakes tells of events and memories in the life of my people. The water's murmur is the voice of my father's father.

If we sell you our land, remember the air is precious to us. The wind that gave our grandfather his first breath and also received his last. The earth is our mother. Teach your children what we have taught our children. What befalls the earth befalls all the people of the world.

When the last red man has vanished with his wilderness and his memory is only the shadow of a cloud moving across the prairie, will these shores and forest still be here? So, if we sell our land, love it as we have loved it. Preserve the land for all our children and love it as God loves us all." (Chief Seattle)

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Jail Report

The following persons have been booked into Emanuel County Jail, according to Emanuel County Sheriff Tyson Stephens, on warrants obtained by one of several local law enforcement agencies, designated by each name: Drug Task Force (DTF); Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI); Georgia Department of Pardons and Parole (GAPP); Georgia State Patrol (GSP); Emanuel County Sheriff's Office

(ECSCO); Swainsboro Police Dept. (SPD); Stillmore Police Dept. (SMPD); Twin City Police Department (TCPD); Garfield Police Dept. (GPD); Adrian Police Dept. (APD); Child Support Recovery Unit (CSRU); Intensive Probation Service (IPS); or Probation Office (PROB).

Octavious Tuvache Jones, 22, 504 East Mica Ct., Statesboro; entered 4/13/20; Obstr/ofc, Flee/attempt to elude police/fel/off, Speeding

30+ MPH over, Failure to Maintain Lane, Obstr/ofc, Driving While Unlicensed/Expired, Reckless Driving; released 4/15/20; ECSCO Phillipe Aaron Riner, 43, 315 Herford Rd.; entered 4/13/20; Theft/taking; released 4/13/20; ECSCO

Heather Harris, 49, 315 Herford Rd.; entered 4/13/20; Theft/taking; released 4/13/20; ECSCO

Loop; entered 4/15/20; Disorderly conduct; released 4/17/20; ECSCO Elizabeth Rebecca Anderson, 22, 166 Rex Miller Rd., Dublin; entered 4/15/20; Theft/taking; ECSCO

Dewayne Johnson, 30, 405 Washington St., Vidalia; entered 4/16/20; Battery, Cruelty to children-f(1st deg)-m(2nd deg)-, Cruelty to children-f(1st deg)-m(2nd deg)-, Aggr assault, Robbery; released

4/20/20; SPD Michael Andre Goodman, 48, 11 Wheeler Dr.; entered 4/16/20; Public drunk, Disorderly Conduct; released 4/17/20; ECSCO Dustin Allen Macaulay, 30, 5482 Aruba Rd., Claxton; entered 4/17/20; Contmpt of court-supr; ECSCO

Leon Timothy Bush, 35, 4899 Cannon Ct., Lot 28, Hadden's Trailer Park; entered 4/17/20; Theft/taking, Theft/tak-

ing; ECSCO Jermaine Levon Smith Sr., 44, 481 Nunez Lexsy Rd.; entered 4/17/20; Probation/Superior Court, Battery, Failure to Yield Right of Way, Driving lic susp/rev, Hold for Candler County, Obstr/ofc, VGCSA Marijuana/poss less than oz; SPD Mark Antonio Watson, 42, 512 Lewis St.; entered 4/19/20; DUI/Refusal; released 4/20/20; GSP

Sheriff's Reports

According to deputies with Emanuel County Sheriff's Office...

April 8
Deputy responded to a vehicle fire on I-16. Occupants were out of the vehicle by the time deputy arrived. Vehicle was towed by local company.

Deputies visited a trailer park on Highway 80 East to speak with offender about an investigation involving a theft. While there, a path that led into the woods was located behind offender's trailer. On that path in the wooded area was a small blue 4-wheeler covered with broken limbs in what appeared to be an attempt to hide it. Four-wheeler was removed and taken to impound lot. Offender was not at the residence, but another offender was. When asked about the 4-wheeler, the present offender stated he didn't live on the property and had no idea what was in the woods. He also stated the other offender had borrowed his car and had not returned.

Deputy responded to the area of Blackberry Road at its intersection with Hawhammock Road. Victim stated offender on a 4-wheeler came around the curve and struck her car. Both the car and the 4-wheeler sustained damage but were able to be driven away from the scene. Both parties denied EMS.

April 13
Complainant misplaced her driver's license.

Complainant reported a stolen window unit from residence on Dellwood Road.

Complainant reported a missing bed and air conditioning unit from a mobile home on Highway 80 East.

Complainant on Highway 56 North reported a stolen 4-wheeler. Said 4-wheeler was returned to complainant but in lesser condition.

Deputy sheriffs were at a location on Price Williams Road investigating a stolen 4-wheeler. Witness stated someone brought the machine to his residence to work on and stated the person purchased the machine from an individual at Latitude 105. One of the deputies had previously been notified that a similar machine had been stolen from Latitude 105. Deputy contacted police detective, who verified the VIN of the machine on hand. Machine was impounded at the jail.

April 14
Deputy was patrolling the area of Highway 80 East when he observed

a vehicle traveling westbound at a high rate of speed. Radar indicated the vehicle was going 81 miles per hour in a 55 MPH zone. Deputy attempted to pull the vehicle over, but the vehicle never slowed down, instead increasing its speed in excess of 100 MPH while serving. Driver then slowed to approximately 20 MPH and attempted to jump out of the vehicle while it was still in motion. Deputy saw the driver roll onto the highway, get back up, and run on foot to try and evade him. Vehicle crashed into ditch on side of the road, hitting a fence in the process. Deputy then followed the driver in the vehicle as he ran on foot. Driver tripped over a mound of dirt and stayed on the ground. Deputy issued verbal commands, placed him under arrest, and requested EMS to check driver for injuries. EMS determined there were no injuries, and the driver was transported back to the jail.

Complainant filed a report in reference to an offender taking pictures of another officer's kids and saying "Gotcha!" after taking the photos. Driver was identified and was eventually stopped. Driver identified himself and provided his phone to the complainant to check for pictures of the kids. At the time of the stop, there were no photos of the kids on the phone. Complainant wanted incident documented in the event of further suspicious activity.

Complainant on Cross Jones Road reported property damage. Ten to 15 windows were broken and the entire inside was in total disarray.

Deputy was dispatched to dumpsters at the intersection of Highway 80 and Bethel Church Road. Victim stated she noticed a glow under the hood of her car, so she pulled into the dumpster area to check on the vehicle. At that time, she noticed flames under her hood. Twin City firefighters were also on scene and were able to get the fire under control in a timely manner.

April 15
Deputies received calls about a suspicious white Dodge Charger in the area of Old Wadley Road and Estate Drive. Vehicle was found abandoned at the dead end of Estate Drive in the middle of the roadway. Vehicle was removed by local towing company. Complainant struck a

deer while traveling on Highway 80 near Foskey Road.

Deputy was traveling on Highway 57 when he spotted a disabled vehicle. Deputy made contact with occupants on the vehicle and observed a female in the passenger seat. Deputy recognized said female and knew she had outstanding warrants. Offender was taken into custody.

Deputies helped the Georgia State Patrol with a motorcycle accident on Highway 192 South at Sparrow Way.

Deputies responded to Quick Loop Road in reference to a domestic dispute between a mother and daughter.

April 16
Complainant on South James Street in Adrian reported a stolen trailer.

April 17
Deputy responded to a local business in reference to an unwanted person. Offender was detained by Swainsboro Police Department on a traffic stop. Due to active warrant, offender was taken into custody and transferred to the jail without incident.

April 18
Complainant struck a dog while traveling on Highway 80 East.

Complainant on Industrial Way reported a pure missing from her residence.

April 19
Deputies responded to mobile home park in reference to an unwanted subject. Complainant stated her estranged husband kept riding by her father's residence, harassing them. Second complainant stated the offender kept pulling onto his property and sitting in front of his house. Offender was advised to leave the property and not return, or he would be charged with criminal trespassing.

Complainant stated an offender whom she had a TPO against showed up at her residence, knocked on the windows, and tried to get her children to unlock the door. Offender left once he realized complainant was calling 911.

Deputies conducted a welfare check at a residence on Oak Park Highway.

Complainant had a wreck on Ehrlich Farm Road due to serving to avoid a deer.

Complainant struck a stump in the yard of a residence on Lendsey Road, causing damage to the bumper of her vehicle.

Victim on Highway 56 South reported a stolen bicycle.

Police Reports

Officers with the Swainsboro Police Department (SPD) reported...

April 13
Officer responded to an address on W. Church Street in reference to a dispute.

Officer responded to an address on West Street in reference to criminal trespassing on private property.

April 14
Officer was dispatched to the area of S. Main Street in reference to a damaged vehicle.

April 15
Officer responded to an address on West MLK Boulevard in reference to a dispute.

Officer responded to the intersection of W. Moring Street and Old Nunez Road in reference to an abandoned vehicle. Contact was made with the driver and after running the tag, officer discovered the vehicle did not have any insur-

ance and the driver's license was suspended. Citations were issued.

Emanuel County 911 dispatched officers to the area of Lucky Street in reference to loud music coming from a parked car in front of a residence.

A complainant made a miscellaneous report.

Complainant reported forgery and abuse/neglect of elderly/disabled person.

Complainant reported theft by taking.

Officer made a traffic stop. Citations were written.

Officer responded to an address on N. Anderson Drive in reference to criminal trespassing.

April 16
Officer responded to the area of S. Main Street in reference to a domestic in progress.

Officer responded to an address on S. Main Street in reference to

forgery. Officer was dispatched to an address on Industrial Way in reference to a dog bite.

April 17
Officer was dispatched an address on S. Main Street in reference to shoplifting.

Officer made a traffic stop. An arrest was made.

April 19
Officer was dispatched to an address on S. Main Street in reference to an altercation.

Officer was dispatched to the area of Lambs Bridge Road in reference to a reckless driver. An arrest was made.

Officer was dispatched to an address on N. Anderson Drive in reference to criminal trespassing.

April 20
Officer was dispatched to an address on S. Main Street in reference to a report.

Twin City Police Reports

Officers with the Twin City Police Department (TCPD) reported...

April 12
Officer responded to an address on Old Metter Road in reference to a stolen vehicle. The involved vehicle was later located and recovered on Highway 192.

April 15
Officer reported investigation protocols involving a stolen firearm that was not notified to the ATF.

April 20
Officer responded to an address on Highway 80 East in reference to burglary by forced entry.

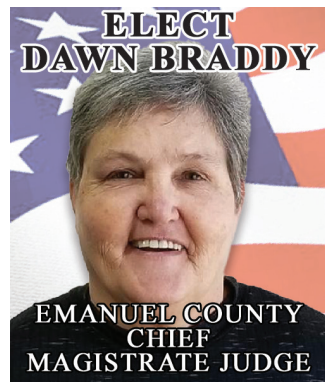
Officer made an arrest.

Officer responded to the area of U.S. Highway 80 East near Parrish Pond Road in reference to a motor

vehicle accident.

Officer responded to the area of 5th Avenue in reference to a complainant reportedly being hit by a stun gun. The complainant further reported being harassed by subjects on 4-wheelers that

drive through the front yard and shine some sort of laser beam into the house, causing the complainant to endure extreme pain in the bottoms of her feet and temporary blindness.



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Looking back: Bulldogs end season as state runners-up

by RONWEATHERFORD

The 2015 ECI baseball team ended the season as Class A state runner-up with a season record of 20-9. In the state playoffs, the Bulldogs swept Taylor County at home and Charlton County in Folkston. ECI kept future Georgia Bulldog LJ Talley and Charlton in check and defeated one of the better pitchers in Class A in Govan. ECI lost the first game in the semis to Atkinson County 12-4 but came roaring back in the second and third games, outscoring Atkinson 17-2 to advance to the championship against Schley County.

The ECI Bulldogs baseball team fought and scratched with Schley County Saturday in the first two games of the best-of-three series in Ellaville to determine the who would be the Class A baseball champion. It would be the Wildcats putting the champion's cup in the trophy case as they swept the Bulldogs 4-0 and 7-5.

Playing at home always has many advantages, including field familiarity, and that couldn't have been truer than with the Wildcats' field. Instead of the smooth infield and outfield of Joe Harvey Field, the state championship was played on a hardpan that had as much weeds



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as grass, giving the high possibility of bad bounces, which was evident in both games with routine ground balls bouncing over infielders' heads, which made charging a grounder risky business.

Zach Cowart started his last game as a Bulldog in the opening game, allowing 2 earned runs and 6 hits with six strikeouts.

Schley took an early 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning. They would add 2 more in the bottom of the fourth and 1 in the fifth to defeat the Bulldogs in the first game 4-0.

The Bulldogs had runners in scoring position in the first four innings but could not get that timely hit to get one to the plate, leaving 9 runners stranded during the game. ECI scattered 9 hits to the Wildcats' six hits that were grouped to score their 4 runs.

Leading hitters for the game were David Durden and Barrett Bonds both going 2-3 with doubles. Zach Cowart was 1-3 with a double; Jarrod Downer, Schuyler Johnson were 1-3; and Rhett Gay ended the game 1-4.

As planned, win or lose first game, Gay would start the second game of the series. He went the distance, allowing 6 earned runs on 10 hits, 3 strikeouts with 2 walks.

As in the first game, the Wildcats jumped out to an early lead in the top of the first inning to lead 1-0.

The Bulldogs would answer back, hitting the Wildcats' ace thrower, plating 3 runs in the bottom of the first inning.

The first inning also saw the first of the many gatherings of the four umpires chosen to call a state championship game, who had more committee meetings than a Baptist church during the game.

With two on, senior Jarrod Downer hit a line drive which clearly went inside the right field "white" foul pole for a 3-run homer, hitting one of the many tents surrounding Wildcat Field. Clearly that is except for the right field line umpire,

who looked back at the plate umpire before making the foul call and called the first of four meetings of the game. It was determined by all in the committee that it was a foul ball, defying physics that would allow a hit-slicing baseball to change direction after it crossed the fence to hit the tent on the left side of the pole.

The Bulldogs plated those 3 runs taken away later in the inning to take an early 3-1 lead in the must-win Game 2. They would take a 4-1 lead in the bottom of the third inning, and Bulldog fans were feeling good about taking this to a third game on Monday.

The Wildcats had other plans for Monday as they sent 16 men to the plate in the fifth and sixth innings. Schley started timing Gay's change-up and scored 6 runs on 6 hits in the fifth and sixth innings to take a 7-4 lead.

But the Bulldogs weren't throwing in the towel and fought and scratched in the final inning to keep the game in doubt until the final out. In the bottom of the seventh inning with the end of the season on the line, the Bulldogs pounded out a homerun and three doubles, but the only run that crossed the plate was the homerun.

Leading off the inning, Cowart hit an outside pitch high over the right field fence for his last hit as a Bulldog to draw the Bulldogs closer at 7-5 with no outs. ECI had the tying runs on base with two outs but were left stranded, giving Schley County the win and the state championship.

Both offences' bats found the ball as the Bulldogs and Wildcats posted 21 hits with the Bulldogs hitting 11 of them.

Downer led the Bulldogs at the plate going 3-4 with 2 RBI. Cowart was 2-3, HR, 2 RBI; Johnson was 2-4, double; Durden and Austin Zamora both went 1-3 with doubles; Barrett Bonds went 1-4 with a double; and Clark Hall was 1-4.

To get to the championship series, the Bulldog

defeated the Atkinson County rebels in the Final 4 series.

The first game winner was the Bulldogs as Cowart picked up the 9-1 win. He kept the Rebels off balance, allowing just 1 unearned run on 4 hits and 14 strikeouts.

The Rebels evened the series 1-1, taking the second game by a score of 12-4. Peyton Mercer started the game for the Bulldogs, pitching 3 innings, allowing 7 runs on just 4 hits and 4 walks with 5 strikeouts.

Durden relieved Mercer in the fourth inning, giving up 5 runs on 6 hits, striking out 6 Rebels.

With a must-win game on tap for Tuesday, the Bulldogs started Gay while the Rebels started their first game loser.

Gay was up to the task as he went the distance, allowing just 1 unearned run on 3 hits and 7 strikeouts for an 8-1 win and a trip to the championship game.

Leading hitters in the final four series against Atkinson Co. were Zach Cowart 6-12 with 4 doubles, David Durden 6-9, double, Caleb Griggs 4-9, Rhett Gay 3-10, double, and Jarrod Downer 3-11 with a double.

The Bulldogs have some bats and gloves to replace in 2016 as five senior leaders have played their last game in the Red and Black. Seniors leaving are pitcher/short stop Zach Cowart, right fielder Schuyler Johnson, designated hitter Barret Bonds, first baseman Jarrod Downer, and right fielder-utility man Mitchell Cowart.

These seniors leave with a 4-year record of 81-27 with three consecutive 20-win seasons, two region championships, two Final 4 appearances, and one championship series. Four of these seniors also have a football championship under their belt.

The Bulldogs have nothing to hang their heads about. There are 101 Class A teams in Georgia, and ECI was one of four teams in the public and private brackets still playing the last weekend of the season.

MAINTENANCE SUPERINTENDENT

Swainsboro-Emanuel County Parks & Recreation Department is accepting applications for the position of Maintenance Superintendent. This is a full-time salaried career position with benefits and reports directly to the Director or Assistant Director. This position requires the ability to supervise a staff of 3-5 full-time maintenance employees. This position will be responsible for day-to-day maintenance of all parks, playgrounds, buildings, splash pad, fountain, and other facilities. Must have a general working knowledge of construction, electrical, plumbing, etc. Must have knowledge of methods, materials, tools, and equipment used in maintenance. Some experience or knowledge of field or turf management, including herbicide and pesticide applications are preferred. Must be skilled in the operation of tractors, backhoes, mowers, power tools, etc. This position schedules all staff work assignments for events at the Swainsboro-Emanuel County Auditorium. This position may occasionally require working evenings and weekends.

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Answer:
Zoom is an online service that allows people in different locations to meet together via the internet. Now that we are under a shelter in place order, many people are starting to learn about the various online meeting platforms. Zoom is a popular one, but it is not the only one.

To get started, one person sets up the time and day for the meeting inside the platform. This part is sort of like reserving a room somewhere in real life to meet with people.

The next step requires the organizer to send out invitations. Either the software will do this for you if you provide all the email addresses of the participants, or the platform will give you a link to email to all the invitees.

When the meeting occurs, each person gets on the internet and clicks the link in their email to join the meeting. However, there are security steps you can take to ensure you are not "Zoombombed" (a new term not yet in the dictionary, but I'll bet it will be later this year) which is where non-invited persons come into your meeting, sometimes displaying vulgar images or attacking the company. To prevent being Zoombombed, the organizer chooses a password and provides it to the attendees.

Another security measure many of the platforms use is a waiting room. Everyone is made to wait in this virtual waiting space upon connecting until the organizer can approve the participants. This is no different from when you have physical meetings.

A third security step would be to lock the meeting once it starts so no one else can enter, but this method poses a problem for late people.

Fourthly, you can mute all users and stop them from screensharing. Then, the abusers can only mess with the chat feature.

WebEx is another popular meeting software. You can also use Facebook and YouTube to host get-togethers. I have used YouTube to teach online classes, which is essentially just another type of meeting. I've also used the Blackboard platform to teach online classes; it has a tool I use frequently (Collaborate) to lecture and give live sessions. GoToMeeting is another platform that comes to mind, as well as On24, which I've used to give a seminar internationally.

All these meeting platforms allow us to connect. The platform does not have to be used

for business meetings exclusively. You could meet with your grandmother on Zoom or chat with a friend, too. This keeps us socially distanced, safe, and well. Once we return to normal, we will see these platforms used more as their usage had already been climbing. As nice as these platforms are, I still prefer in-person meetings. I bet you do, too.

Send me your questions about computers to me at the paper or to my e-mail dwight@dwightwatt.com and tell me you read this in this paper. I will pick a question to answer each week.

Dwight Watt does computer work for businesses, individuals and organizations and teaches about computers at a college. His webpage is www.dwightwatt.com His e-mail address is dwight@dwightwatt.com.



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Motorcyclist slightly injured in Highway 192 South crash

by BILL CAHILL

On Wednesday evening, April 15, a Stillmore resident operating a Ducati 848 crotch rocket failed to navigate a curve on Highway 192 South. The motorcycle and 27-year-old male continued across the lawn at 2446 Highway 192 South, leaving a trail of debris until coming to rest before Sparrow Way. County EMS, firefighters from Twin City, and sheriff's deputies, along with Stillmore police and Georgia State Patrol, were dispatched to the scene. The cyclist was evaluated by EMS and released to a trooper.

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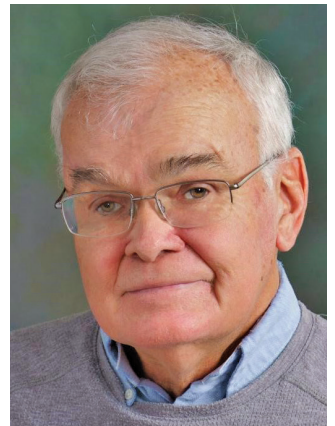


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Watt Thoughts: Phishing emails running rampant during coronavirus

by DWIGHT WATT
A few days ago, information was passed to me through work regarding a new email scam currently preying on coronavirus fears and state orders. If you get a text or email informing you someone you came in contact with has coronavirus/COVID-19, do not click the link in the message! This is a phishing message, meaning it is an attempt to steal your identity and personal information for monetary gain. If this message was real, it would identify the organization contacting you. Again, these messages are not real,



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so do not click the link! Instead, go on the internet and find a webpage URL or find a contact number in a phone book for a reputable reporting agency if you have questions about your exposure.



FIREFIGHTER PUTS OUT CAR FIRE

Fire damages motor vehicle on Highway 80 East

by BILL CAHILL, SFD PIO
Shortly after 9:20 p.m. on Tuesday, April 14, county firefighters from Twin City responded to a reported car fire on Highway 80 East by Bethel Church Road. Upon arrival, Engine 202's crew found a white four-door Pontiac Bonneville with heavy fire coming from the engine compartment. They stretched a 1.5" attack line and knocked down the fire burning under the hood. There was some minor extension to the driver's side interior, which was quickly extinguished. The personal contents in the vehicle received smoke damage but were saved. Sheriff's deputies assisted at the scene.



FIREMAN ON SCENE ON KEMP ROAD

Fire damages dwelling on Kemp Road

by BILL CAHILL, SFD PIO
Shortly after 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 14, county firefighters from Adrian, Norristown, and Swainsboro responded to 163 Kemp Road. On arrival, they found smoke emitting from below a mobile home. A small fire was discovered burning on the ground with a slight extension to the sole plate and exterior wall. The fire was quickly extinguished resulting in minor damage to the structure. The cause of the fire is undetermined. EMS and sheriff's deputies assisted at the scene.

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Legals

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF EMANUEL
Notice to Debtors and Creditors
IN RE: ESTATE OF ROBERT M. BALL, DECEASED.
All creditors of the estate of Robert M. Ball, deceased, late of Emanuel County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to me. This 27th day of March, 2020.
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PROBATE JUDGE
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Patricia A. Ball
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c/o Justin D. Franklin
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IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN THE INTEREST OF:
K.W. SEX: F DOB: 05/21/2019
CASE # 20JV51
Child Under 18 Years of Age
NOTICE OF SUMMONS
TO: Laura Mintney Lee Walls, Norris Preston Kennedy Jr. and any unknown biological, legal, and/or putative father of the above named child born to Laura Walls at Meadows Regional Medical Center in Vidalia, Georgia.

You are hereby notified that the above-styled action has been brought by the Emanuel County Department of Family and Children Services, and the Georgia Department of Human Services, seeking to terminate your parental rights with regard to the above referenced child; that said action has been filed in the Juvenile Court of Emanuel County, Georgia; and that by reason of an Order for Service of Summons by Publication dated March 25th, 2020, you are hereby notified that you may obtain a copy of the petition from the Clerk of the Juvenile Court of Emanuel County, Georgia and may file with the Clerk of said Court and serve upon Marnique Oliver, Petitioner's Attorney, whose mailing address is P.O. Box 308, 115 S. Racetrack Street, Swainsboro, Georgia, 30401, an answer to the petition at any time prior to the Final Hearing.

You are hereby commanded and required to appear before this court on the 28th day of May, 2020 at the **EMANUEL County Courthouse in Swainsboro, Georgia at 10:00 a.m., for a FINAL HEARING** and show cause, if any you have, why the relief requested in the petition should not be granted. You are hereby commanded and required to appear before this Court at said final hearing or the findings of the Court will be made the permanent order of this Court in the above case. You must attend the final hearing in order to preserve your rights. At the final hearing you will be given an opportunity to show cause, if any you have, why the relief requested in the petition should not be granted. Prior to the Final Hearing a Provisional Hearing on the petition will be held before the Court on May 14, 2020 at **10:00 a.m. in the Juvenile Courtroom at the EMANUEL County Courthouse, Swainsboro, Georgia.**

The parties notified hereby are entitled to legal counsel in the proceedings, and the Court will appoint legal counsel if any party should be unable, without undue hardship, to employ counsel. You are further notified that you will lose all rights to the child and will not be entitled to object to the termination of your rights to the children unless, within thirty days of receipt of this notice, you file:

A petition to legitimate the children pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 19-7-22; and Notice of the filing of the petition to legitimate with the Emanuel County Juvenile Court.

The Findings of Fact and Order of Disposition made at the Provisional Hearing will become final at the Final Hearing unless the party served by publication appears at the Final Hearing. If the party served by publication fails to appear at the Final Hearing on the petition, the Findings of Fact and Interlocutory Orders made will become final without further evidence and will be governed by the Juvenile Court Code as if made at the Final Hearing. If the party served by publication appears at the Final Hearing, the Interlocutory findings and Orders shall be vacated and disregarded, and the hearing shall proceed upon the allegations of the motion.

The parties notified hereby are entitled to legal counsel in the proceedings, and the Court will appoint legal counsel if any party should be unable, without undue hardship, to employ counsel. A copy of this petition may be obtained at no charge from the Office of the Clerk of Court between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.
WITNESS, the Honorable Sherri McDonald, Judge of said Juvenile Court.
This _____ day of _____, 2020.

Clerk, Emanuel County Juvenile Court

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN THE INTEREST OF:
A.H. SEX: F DOB: 05/03/2018 CASE #
Child Under 18 Years of Age
NOTICE OF SUMMONS
TO: Any unknown biological, legal, and/or putative father of the above named child born to Kristen Handy at Memorial Health University Medical Center in Savannah, Georgia.

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IN THE INTEREST OF:
R.R. SEX: F DOB: 08/16/2018 CASE # 20JV50
Child Under 18 Years of Age
NOTICE OF SUMMONS
TO: Tarrah McLaughlin, Justin Rampy and any unknown biological, legal, putative father of the above named child born to Tarrah McLaughlin at Memorial Regional Health in Craig, Ohio.

You are hereby notified that the above-styled action has been brought by the Emanuel County Department of Family and Children Services, and the Georgia Department of Human Services, seeking to terminate your parental rights with regard to the above referenced child; that said action has been filed in the Juvenile Court of Emanuel County, Georgia; and that by reason of an Order for Service of Summons by Publication dated March 25th, 2020, you are hereby notified that you may obtain a copy of the petition from the Clerk of the Juvenile Court of Emanuel County, Georgia and may file with the Clerk of said Court and serve upon Marnique Oliver, Petitioner's Attorney, whose mailing address is P.O. Box 308, 115 S. Racetrack Street, Swainsboro, Georgia, 30401, an answer to the petition at any time prior to the Final Hearing.

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WITNESS, the Honorable Sherri McDonald, Judge of said Juvenile Court.
This _____ day of _____, 2020.

Clerk, Emanuel County Juvenile Court

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF RYAN EARL ALDERMAN, ESTATE NO. 20E0041
DECEASED
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
NOTICE
TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern:
PATRICIA C ALDERMAN has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate of RYAN EARL ALDERMAN deceased, of said County. (The Petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said Petition should not be granted. All objections to the Petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before 10:00 A.M. MAY 11, 2020.

BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the Petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a Probate Court Clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact Probate Court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the Petition may be granted without a hearing.
DON E. WILKES
Judge of the Probate Court
By: Jeanie Hooks
Clerk of the Probate Court
P.O. Box 70 / 125 S. Main Street
Swainsboro, Ga. 30401
Address
478-237-7091
Telephone Number

This _____ day of _____, 2020.

Clerk, Emanuel County Juvenile Court

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF OPAL FAILS f/k/a OPAL SCOTT, ESTATE NO. 20E0043
DECEASED
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
NOTICE
TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern:
RUFUS B FAILS has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate of OPAL FAILS f/k/s OPAL SCOTT deceased, of said County. (The Petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested parties are

obtain a copy of the petition from the Clerk of the Juvenile Court of Emanuel County, Georgia and may file with the Clerk of said Court and serve upon Marnique Oliver, Petitioner's Attorney, whose mailing address is P.O. Box 308, 115 S. Racetrack Street, Swainsboro, Georgia, 30401, an answer to the petition at any time prior to the Final Hearing.

You are hereby commanded and required to appear before this court on the _____ day of _____, 2020 at the

EMANUEL County Courthouse in Swainsboro, Georgia at 10:00 a.m., for a FINAL HEARING and show cause, if any you have, why the relief requested in the petition should not be granted. You are hereby commanded and required to appear before this Court at said final hearing or the findings of the Court will be made the permanent order of this Court in the above case. You must attend the final hearing in order to preserve your rights. At the final hearing you will be given an opportunity to show cause, if any you have, why the relief requested in the petition should not be granted. Prior to the Final Hearing a Provisional Hearing on the petition will be held before the Court on _____, 2020 at **10:00 a.m. in the Juvenile Courtroom at the EMANUEL County Courthouse, Swainsboro, Georgia.**

The parties notified hereby are entitled to legal counsel in the proceedings, and the Court will appoint legal counsel if any party should be unable, without undue hardship, to employ counsel. You are further notified that you will lose all rights to the child and will not be entitled to object to the termination of your rights to the children unless, within thirty days of receipt of this notice, you file:

A petition to legitimate the children pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 19-7-22; and Notice of the filing of the petition to legitimate with the Emanuel County Juvenile Court.

The Findings of Fact and Order of Disposition made at the Provisional Hearing will become final at the Final Hearing unless the party served by publication appears at the Final Hearing. If the party served by publication fails to appear at the Final Hearing on the petition, the Findings of Fact and Interlocutory Orders made will become final without further evidence and will be governed by the Juvenile Court Code as if made at the Final Hearing. If the party served by publication appears at the Final Hearing, the Interlocutory findings and Orders shall be vacated and disregarded, and the hearing shall proceed upon the allegations of the motion.

The parties notified hereby are entitled to legal counsel in the proceedings, and the Court will appoint legal counsel if any party should be unable, without undue hardship, to employ counsel. A copy of this petition may be obtained at no charge from the Office of the Clerk of Court between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.
WITNESS, the Honorable Sherri McDonald, Judge of said Juvenile Court.
This _____ day of _____, 2020.

Clerk, Emanuel County Juvenile Court

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NOTICE OF INCORPORATION
Notice is given that articles of incorporation that will incorporate Reflections of Love Christian Ministry, Inc have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the **Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code**. The initial registered office of the corporation is located at **428 West Main Street, Swainsboro, Georgia 30401** and its initial registered agent at such address is **Victor Manuel Figueroa, Jr.**

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
In Re : Name Change
Civil Action File No. 20CV1
FINAL ORDER
The above and foregoing Petition to Change Name coming on to be heard pursuant to law, and it appearing that notice has been published pursuant to law and that no objections have been timely filed, and it further appearing that sufficient grounds exist for the granting of the relief

prayed for in said Petition and that no reason appears showing why said prayers should not be granted,
(a) That the name of Joyce Richards, Petitioners , be changed to DayYah Bhat,Tsizown Yisrael
(b)That such name change shall not operate to authorize petitioner to fraudulently deprive others of any legal rights under the law.
SO ORDERED, this ____ day of _____, 20____.
JUDGE, Superior Courts
Southern Judicial Circuit
Presented by:

Joyce Richards
Petitioner

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One smart chick...

(From front page)

“My head was always in a book, so one summer I taught him how to read, starting with a Berenstain Bears book. And, now he can read anything you give him,” Heard says with an enthusiastic smile.

Since October 2019, Heard has brought that genuine all-in, can-do approach to bear in her new role at the “all feather” association, where she is responsible for administering USPOULTRY and the USPOULTRY Foundation’s comprehensive research program and Board Research Initiative program. All told, these programs are funded to the tune of \$1 million annually on a wide range of poultry and egg production and processing topics.

It’s a big job, tailor-made for the poultry veterinarian, who by all counts is a bit of an overachiever. As the former director of the federal National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) for eight years, Heard oversaw the successful voluntary federal program that coordinates and evaluates state and industry programs to establish poultry breeding stock, commercial poultry and hatchery product standards for all 50 states and Puerto Rico.

Before that, Heard spent several years as a student researcher in the field, working with several industry and government organizations, including the Poultry Diagnostic Research Center; USDA Agricultural Research Service’s (ARS) Southeast Poultry Research Laboratory and the USDA-ARS Russell Research Center; and Foster Farms Turkey, Fieldale Farms and Pilgrim’s Pride, among others.

Meatingplace interviewed Heard to get a read on her vision for leading the association’s research initiatives and programs into the future — and what her next great achievement might be.

Meatingplace: What drew you to accept the position as director of research at USPOULTRY, and what do you like best about the job so far?

HEARD: I have worked with the folks here at USPOULTRY for many, many years. It’s a great group of people. Everyone here is extremely hard working and dedicated to serving the industry. I really like that aspect of the association. And, I’m super excited to be in the position that I’m in right now. The previous director, Dr. John Glisson, who has been my mentor, has done some awesome things with the program over the last eight years. It’s a real honor to step into his shoes.

The USPOULTRY research program is one of a kind. It’s dynamic and it’s constantly evolving to meet the needs of the poultry industry. The research mission of USPOULTRY gives me the opportunity to really make a difference. In this position, I have the ability to be right at the forefront and that’s just where I like to be. I get to meet and work closely with the researchers and be of assistance and service to the industry. That’s what’s most important to me in any position that I’m in, using my knowledge and expertise to give back to the industry.

Also, I like to stay busy, and right now in the research program, we have between 35 and 45 active poultry research projects going on, with about \$3 million dollars invested at any given time. To date, we’ve invested over \$32 million into tackling the issues of the poultry industry. That number is going to continue to grow, and I’m really excited and happy to be a part of being able to focus our funding in areas where it’s most needed.

Meatingplace: What’s your vision for the USPOULTRY research program?

HEARD: First and foremost, I plan to continue the great work of my predecessors in making sure that USPOULTRY’s research program is timely, responsive and effective in terms of the changing needs of the industry.

Second, I would like to continue to increase support for the university poultry research community. There’s been diminished availability and research funds and this has had very visible effects on the university poultry researchers over the last 25 years. University researchers cannot thrive in an academic environment unless they have funding for their projects. Likewise, departments of poultry science and other centers that perform poultry research cannot effectively justify their existence within a university unless they can be partially funded for their programs with external research dollars.

I would like to collaborate with other organizations and associations dedicated to

funding much-needed poultry research so that we can combine our research dollars and money and foster opportunities for researchers. And, I would like to attract more innovators and scientists to the area of poultry health research through the USPOULTRY research program.

Another goal of mine is to get out into the field more to monitor and assist firsthand with our ongoing funded research projects, so I can use my training and education as a poultry veterinarian out in the field as well. I don’t want to just sit in the office and read researchers’ progress reports and think ‘Gosh, I wonder how this went?’ I would like to be there to see [the research] going on, to be involved.

Meatingplace: You mention funding challenges faced by poultry researchers. Why is this an issue and what can be done to address it?

HEARD: As available competitive research funds have dwindled, the viability of poultry research as an academic vocation for young researchers has weakened. And the attractiveness of a department of poultry science as a research unit for a university to support has faded. We have seen poultry science departments either closed or merged with animal science departments. In the United States, we currently only have six departments of poultry science, and there is one of those that may no longer exist after this year. They’re typically struggling to maintain productivity because of dramatic reductions in their operating budgets. In many cases, when a faculty member or a poultry scientist retires that position is left vacant.

Today, poultry researchers have to resort to every option possible for research funds. Very important research is still being performed at our universities but it is primarily being funded by private companies and research foundations. It is extremely important to me that we continue to fund those researchers who devote their time, their efforts and their knowledge specifically on poultry research, because we need them.

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Meatingplace: What do you think are the most exciting developments in poultry science over the last decade?

HEARD: One of the most exciting developments is robotics in the poultry industry. Of course, research continues in the traditional areas of poultry production and health. However, we’ve seen exceedingly more emphasis on progress and advancement in robotics, in the processing plant specifically.

We currently have active research projects ongoing to develop robotics to perform some of the routine online tasks in the processing plant. We also have research studies going on right now on how robotics can be used in the field as well, to assist with monitoring flock health, and in welfare issues, such as weighing birds, helping with catching birds and general animal welfare. I think this trend has started a few years back, and I think it’s going to continue to grow in the poultry industry as we move forward.

Also, augmented reality and virtual reality technology is becoming more commonly used in the industry. Augmented reality applied in the processing plant can be used for training purposes, so [operators] can actually see in real time what is actually happening. Here at USPOULTRY, we’re tapping into the virtual reality/augmented reality world as well, and working with some poultry companies to develop that technology for use in their companies.

Meatingplace: Any other big developments?

HEARD: The other significant development is the changes in antibiotic use within the poultry industry and the introduction of No Antibiotics Ever [NAE] programs. As you know, during the period 2013-2017, FDA made changes to antibiotic usage guidelines for food animal industries. The veterinarian feed directive required veterinarian oversight of antibiotic usage and FDA guidance for industry restricted the use of medically important antibiotics. Medically important antibiotics are those that have been declared to be important for humans...so [these] can now only be used in poultry for therapeutic

purposes.

During that same period of time, in response to consumer interest, many companies that sell poultry products announced plans to cease selling products that originated from flocks treated with antibiotics. And this created a market for the No Antibiotic Ever [chicken], which has really just kind of taken off. I believe that over 50% of the industry produces NAE poultry.

But I would emphasize, the poultry industry is not trying to eliminate antibiotic usage. Instead, it has shifted away from it for medically important antibiotics, those that are not important for human medicine. The industry knows that antibiotics stewardship is the goal, and there’s still today several diseases that require occasional use of antibiotic intervention, such as necrotic enteritis and E. coli infections.

Meatingplace: Has there been any research on the impact of reduced antibiotic usage in the poultry industry?

HEARD: Yes, USPOULTRY recently announced the release of the first-ever report on antibiotic usage in the United States for the poultry industry. The report was compiled by Dr. Randy Singer [University of Minnesota], our funded researcher for this project. It was supported by USPOULTRY, as well as FDA and USDA, and it covers the broiler and turkey industries from the hatchery to the day of slaughter from 2013 to 2017. This was the first report ever to span that length of time looking at antibiotic use within the industry.

The report represents data from 72-93% of the broiler industry and 77-82% of the turkey industry, which really gives us a good idea of how antibiotics are used in the poultry industry. And, because it’s based on data from the majority of these industry companies, it provides confidence that the data found in this report are accurate estimates of antibiotic use in the entire broiler and turkey industries. It’s significant that the industry voluntarily gave this information to produce this report. The poultry industry has exerted tremendous effort towards improving antibiotics stewardship.

The report captures the response of the broiler and turkey industries to the regulatory rulings and market voices that affected antibiotic usage during this five-year period. And, it clearly demonstrates the ability and desire of the poultry industry to improve antibiotic stewardship and shift dramatically away from the use of medically important antibiotics.

We’re going to continue to monitor antibiotics used in the poultry industry, fund this project and publish the report each year.

Meatingplace: What kinds of food safety research is on the docket for USPOULTRY?

HEARD: USPOULTRY has invested millions of dollars towards funding research for food safety, and we will continue to do so as issues arise. New research will definitely help the industry to learn even better ways to reduce potential hazards and meet the needs of consumers for safe, wholesome poultry products being produced in the United States.

The food safety research has been and continues to be very broad based, with scientists looking at many varied aspects of the topic. Much effort has been invested in first understanding the impacts of poultry housing and production practices with regard to contamination of poultry products. Research has provided innovations in using vaccines to control the colonization of salmonella within poultry. Today, we have research underway to improve current salmonella vaccines and to develop similar vaccines to control campylobacter, which is another huge food safety concern within the poultry industry.

From a pre-harvest perspective, we’ve also got university-based research trials in progress on commercialized feed and drinking water system products used to control salmonella colonization of poultry within poultry houses. Likewise, research is active in the area of competitive exclusion to determine a practical method to use [this approach] to reduce the colonization of poultry for salmonella and campylobacter.

Reducing of the contamination of poultry meat throughout and after the slaughter process is another focus of many of our ongoing food safety research projects. The use of chemicals and the application methods for those chemicals to reduce contamination continues to be a major emphasis for research. For example, we recently published a paper on the use of peracetic acid in the processing plant.

Meatingplace: With campylobacter per-

formance standards for poultry on the horizon, do you think there will be more research on this bug?

HEARD: I believe so. I think this is going to be kind of a compounding, where we learn a little bit here, we learn a little bit there. A lot of the research that we fund, I would say most of it is on salmonella as opposed to campy, but a lot of the same principles can be applied to campylobacter as well.

As far as the performance standards, yes, I think it’s going to take a while for us to dig down and figure out how we can best apply research to help producers and processors meet those standards. I think a lot of that is going to happen in the field, seeing what is there and how it’s coming through the processing plant. We have a lot more work to do but I think it’s going to all come together so that we can figure out a good way to help processors meet the campylobacter performance standards in order to maintain their operations.

Meatingplace: Will the USPOULTRY research program continue to advance studies on woody breast?

HEARD: Much of the woody breast research in the U.S. has been funded by USPOULTRY and the USPOULTRY Foundation. It is a huge issue. Over the past few years, as we know, an economically important condition affecting the breast muscle of broiler chickens called wooden or woody breast emerged in the broiler industry. The condition is characterized by hard or chewy areas within the breast meat, making it unsuitable to be used as breast fillets.

Woody breast is a good example of how major issues within the poultry industry can be confronted and solved through applied research. In the past five to 10 years, USPOULTRY and the USPOULTRY Foundation have funded 10 research projects on woody breast. In every project, we found more and more little bits of information that we’re able to put together. The accumulated knowledge gained through those research efforts have led to a better understanding of woody breast and white striping to provide some pathways to solutions. Many of the projects in progress are focused on characterizing these problems, discovering the causes, and finding methods to reduce the incidents.

Other projects are focused on using imaging technologies to identify affected breast fillets during processing. For example, we recently funded a project that has led to a novel method of sorting breast fillets in the processing plant. This bioelectrical impedance analysis method can be used effectively to differentiate between normal and severely affected woody breast meat in the processing plant.

Quality assurance personal can use this method as an efficient handheld system in the processing plant to ensure the quality of the meat being sent to the customers. Also, this method can reduce human error in sorting breast fillets, and companies can use this device to determine the percentage of normal versus severely affected woody breast fillets, and track trends by season to see if there are any seasonal changes, or management practices that go along with the incidents of woody breast.

Meatingplace: Where do you think poultry research will be headed in the future?

HEARD: It’s difficult to predict where poultry research will go, but to some degree I think it will continue to focus on the traditional poultry diseases, poultry health and poultry animal welfare. I think a lot will be based on government pressure and consumer activism. Continuing efforts in animal welfare, environmental management, food safety and alternative methods of disease control are very likely. I think that we’ll see more in artificial intelligence and robotics, and virtual and augmented reality. And, I’m seeing it already. I’m getting significant numbers of research proposals in those areas.

I think the public’s concern for welfare of animals produced for food has become a major driver of change in food animal industries, and this probably has had more of a significant effect on the poultry industry than any other industry. Fortunately, the perceptions of animal welfare held by its advocates are based on very little science. Until recently, few truly scientific studies have been conducted to evaluate poultry welfare. Studies have been completed, and are underway, to evaluate many aspects of the impact of poultry production practices, the egg industry and on the welfare of birds.

News from under the Gold Dome

by REP. BUTCH PARRISH, District 158

Yesterday, Governor Kemp announced he is lifting restrictions for certain businesses and allowing them to reopen Friday, April 24th, 2020 and Monday, April 27, 2020. These businesses must follow the necessary guidelines set in place by the Governor's executive order and take every effort to practice social distancing to ensure the safety of themselves, their staff,

and their customers. Please visit the links below for more information:

- <https://gov.georgia.gov/press-releases/2020-04-20/gov-kemp-updates-georgians-covid-19>
- <https://gov.georgia.gov/executive-action/executive-orders/2020-executive-orders>

It is important to note that some businesses will remain closed until further notice. Check out the graphics below for

lists of services opening and services that must remain closed.

To stay up-to-date on our state's response to COVID-19 and explore options for financial relief during these uncertain times check out the following:

- <https://dph.georgia.gov/novelcoronavirus>
- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>
- <https://dph.georgia.gov/covid-19-daily-status-report>

• <https://gov.georgia.gov/press-releases>

• <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>

• <https://dol.georgia.gov/blog/new-information-filing-unemployment-partial-claims-and-reemployment-services>

It is also important to note that state and federal taxes will not be due until July 15, 2020. Stay safe and remain cautious!

Please reach out to me if you have any questions.

I am honored to serve the 158th House district and to continue to represent you as the Chairman of the House Health Sub-Committee on Appropriations. I also serve as a member of the Economic Development, Banks and Banking, and Rules Committees.

Please feel free to contact me throughout the session with your thoughts or concerns on pending issues, or whenever I can be of service. My legislative office is located in Room 245 of the State Capitol, and you can reach me by phone at 404-463-2247 or email me at butch.parrish@house.ga.gov.

Follow me on Facebook for updates throughout the year.

STATEWIDE SHELTER IN PLACE UPDATE

Businesses that are allowed to reopen on Friday, April 24, 2020:

- Gyms
- Fitness Centers
- Bowling Alleys
- Body Art Studios
- Barber Shops
- Beauty Salons
- Esthetician Services
- Hair Design Services
- Massage Therapists
- Nail Care Artists
- Cosmetology Schools
- Hair Design Schools
- Barber Schools
- Esthetics Schools
- Nail Care Schools



BUSINESSES ALLOWED TO REOPEN FRIDAY, APRIL 24

STATEWIDE SHELTER IN PLACE UPDATE

Important Information

On Monday, April 27, 2020 movie theaters, private social clubs, and restaurant dine-in services will be allowed to reopen. These services will all be subject to specific social distancing and sanitation mandates.



BUSINESSES ALLOWED TO REOPEN MONDAY, APRIL 27

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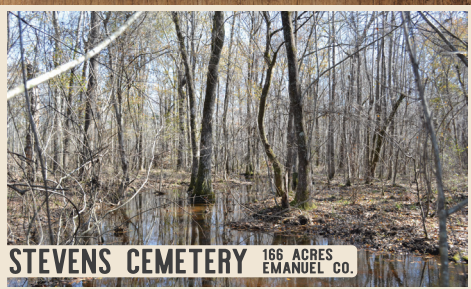
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