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## Jones seeking position of magistrate judge

Regina Jones is the democratic candidate in Emanuel County's race for magistrate court.



**JONES**

The widow of the late Sam E. Jones Jr., she is the proud mother of Eric, Alysha, Ashauna, and the late Edwin Jones. Jones also has one granddaughter, Zyriah.

She lives every day carrying on the integrity and legacy of her parents, Bernice Heath Jones and the late Joe Louis Jones. Her paternal grandpar-

ents are the late Bishop Lee and Annel Jones, and (Continued on page 2A)



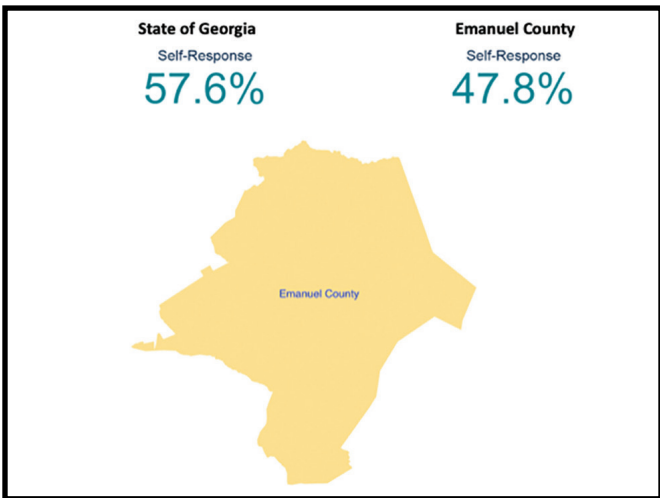
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BROWN

## Happy Independence Day!

Brinslee Brown is feeling mighty patriotic as this year's Fourth of July holiday approaches! She is the 2-year-old daughter of Hannah Porcel and Chad Brown of Twin City.

As we celebrate Independence Day, let us appreciate the good food, great company, and all our freedoms we enjoy today. Our office will be closed Friday, July 3, in observance of the Fourth. We will resume normal business hours Monday, July 6. Until then, stay safe and have fun celebrating the United States' birthday!



PERCENTAGE RATE COMPARISON OF STATE OF GEORGIA AND EMANUEL COUNTY

## Emanuel County census updates

Emanuel County Residents,

If you haven't already, please respond to the 2020 Census. In less than 10 minutes, you can help ensure that we receive our share of funding for our community that will last a decade. Each person completing the Census brings in an approximate \$4,000.

It is absolutely critical that our state has an accurate census count. The Census Information is especially critical for our students. The data collection from this will be the basis for all levels of legislative rep-

resentation for the next decade and determines the amount of federal funding that will be distributed to programs in our community. The funding from the 2020 Census impacts programs that we use every day; such as Title I Grants, the National School Lunch Program, the Special Education Grant Program (IDEA), and many more.

There is no doubt that the COVID-19 pandemic has brought a series of challenges to our community. However, this means that it is more important than ever important than ever (Continued on page 2A)

## You don't want to miss this!

by HALEI LAMB

What can we say? It's been *long* overdue. For years, we've been unhappy with our website. We didn't feel it served us or our readers well. Come Thursday, July 2, that's going to change—in a major way.

We as a company first began talking about revamping *EmanuelCountyLive.com* last summer. Careful not to rush the process, we met numerous times to research other websites, sort out what differences we wanted out of our new site, and talked over a few differ-



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ent companies to work with on the redesign process.

A year later, we're proud to announce that our web home, *Emanuel County Live*, will be up and running with a major facelift this week. On our new site, you'll find a plethora of newness in terms of organization, content, and user options. We are so

excited and hope you will be, too.

In full transparency, we feel confident launch day will go off seamlessly. However, just like our Election Night Live coverage, we hope that if we do run into an issue Thursday, you'll give us grace and understand that we will work diligently and quickly to

right the matter.

As always, we look forward to any constructive suggestions you may have after you've looked our site over. After all, we're here to serve you! In the meantime, expect little digital content from us Wednesday, July 1. For a sneak peek of the new site's content, see page 4D.

## This week's active coronavirus count: 60

by HALEI LAMB

According to the county commissioners' noon update before press time Tuesday, June 30, the total active cases of COVID-19 in Emanuel has now reached 60.

There have been

121 total confirmed cases.

Fifty-seven patients have recovered while four have died. Altogether, 1,798 patients have been tested; 304 of those patients are awaiting results.

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**Jones seeking position...**

(From front page) her maternal grandparents are the late Horace "Nave" and Oclear Heath. All of these individuals had a great influence on Jones' life as she continues to embrace their teachings. Her mantra is, "Strong people stand up for themselves; stronger people stand up for others. Jones is a believer and maintains her Christian faith. She serves faithfully at Williams Grove Holiness Church of the Living God as youth Sunday school

teacher. As president of the Georgia Diocese Youth Department, Jones has motivated youth to become Bible trivia winners for five consecutive years at the national level. Both of these roles allow her to fulfill one of her passions, mentoring youth.

A resident of Emanuel County, she attended Summertown Elementary and graduated from Swainsboro High School. She also attended East Georgia State College.

Jones has an extensive career rooted in law enforcement. Her career

began in November 1990, and she has held many positions over the 29 years. Some of these include but are not limited to: municipal court clerk in Garfield, Oak Park, Twin City, and Swainsboro; communications officer; administrative assistant; and other such law enforcement positions.

Jones is presently serving as administration assistant to the Emanuel County sheriff. She is also warrant clerk at the Emanuel County Sheriff's Office. In accordance with her position at the sheriff's

office, Jones is entrusted with confidential information as the terminal agency coordinator of Georgia Crime Information Center (GCIC) operations. She regularly stays updated and informed with relevant information by continuing education workshops and seminars throughout the state.

In recognition of the 29 years of service dedicated to Emanuel County citizens, Jones has received numerous awards and accolades. The one dearest to her heart is The Service Award of Emanuel County.

**Emanuel County census...**

(From front page) that we remain unified and do our best to help and serve our children and remain dedicated to their education and serve our community. Thankfully, it is easier

than ever to respond to the 2020 Census. Georgians can do it from the safety of their homes in **one of three ways**: online at [my2020census.gov](http://my2020census.gov), over the phone at 1-844-330-2020, or by mail us-

ing the paper questionnaire they received.

**August 11-October 31** Census takers will interview homes that haven't responded to the 2020 Census to help make sure everyone is counted.

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**This week's active...**

(From front page) This week's active count of 60 is, like several previous weeks, another increase from that of previous one. The reports from last Tuesday, June 23, were as follows:

- 31 active cases
- 77 confirmed cases
- 42 recovered
- 1,389 total patients tested

• 129 patients awaiting results

The only number that did not increase from last week to this week is the number of deaths, which was 4 as of June 23 as well.

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.



FALL 2019 STC PRACTICAL NURSING GRADUATES AND INSTRUCTORS

**Southeastern Technical College ranks number 1 in Georgia Practical Nursing Schools**

Southeastern Technical College (STC) has been ranked #1 in Georgia's practical nursing colleges by PRACTICALnursing.org. This review is based on National Council Licensure Examination for Licensed Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN) exam first-time pass rates over the past several years.

STC's Practical Nursing program is offered in Vidalia and in Swainsboro, designed to prepare students to write the NCLEX-PN for licensure as practical nurses. The program prepares graduates to give competent nursing care through a selected number of general core and occupational courses providing a variety of techniques and materials. Students take part

in a number of clinical experiences so that theory and practice are integrated under the guidance of the clinical instructor.

Once a student has completed general core and occupational classes, he/she is admitted into the Practical Nursing program based on a competitive admissions process. The program then generally takes a minimum of three consecutive semesters to complete. Students enter the program in either Fall or Spring semesters.

"The Practical Nursing faculty attributes this success and recognition to the dedicated faculty members, leadership, and staff at STC. We strive on a daily basis to promote excellence, teamwork, and consistency throughout

the Practical Nursing program. The faculty strive to make decisions regarding program development using evidenced-based practice, which teaches our students to provide high-quality patient care. We are shown support and encouragement by our leaders in administration and have dedicated staff members that work to make our program successful as well. We are grateful for this recognition and believe it truly reflects the commitment of the faculty to the success of each student," said Rachel Sikes, Practical Nursing instructor.

For more information on careers in nursing at STC, visit [www.southeasterntech.edu](http://www.southeasterntech.edu) or call (912) 538-3100 or (478) 289-2200.

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# EGSC professor re-elected to state political science executive committee



DR. CHEEK

East Georgia State College political science professor, Dr. H. Lee Cheek, has been elected to the Executive Committee of the Georgia Political Science Association for the third time in the last thirty years. Founded in 1968, the GPSA is the professional association for political science practitioners and educators in Georgia. Membership is drawn from the public, private and academic sectors. Cheek will help direct the scholarly work of the GPSA, oversee the planning of the annual conference, supervise the association's refereed scholarly journal, and promote civic literacy in the State of Georgia. According to the Association, "Dr. Cheek will have a great influence on the Association, providing vital insights and helping shape policies that are central to the continued improvement of our political science programs and teaching."

Dr. H. Lee Cheek, Jr., is a Professor of Political Science and Director of the Correll Honors Program at East Georgia State College. He received his bachelor's degree from Western Carolina University, his M.Div. from Duke University, his M.P.A. from Western Carolina University, and his Ph.D. from The Catholic University of America.

He previously served as Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences at East Georgia State College; Dean of the School of Social Sciences at the University of North Georgia, as Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs at Athens State University in Alabama; and Vice-President for College Advancement and Professor of Political Science at Brewton-Parker College in Mt. Vernon, Georgia. Dr. Cheek taught at Brewton-Parker College from 1997-2000 and from 2005-2009. In 2000, 2006, and 2007, the student body of Brewton-Parker College selected Cheek as Professor of the Year; and, in 2008, the Jordon Excellence in Teaching was bestowed upon him by the College's faculty and administration. From 2000 to 2005, Dr. Cheek served as Associate Professor of Political Science at Lee University. In 2002, Dr. Cheek was given Lee University's Excellence in Scholarship award; and in 2004, he received Lee Uni-

versity's Excellence in Advising award. In 2008, Western Carolina University presented Dr. Cheek with the University's Distinguished Alumni Award for Academic and Professional Achievement.

He has been a congressional aide and a political consultant. Dr. Cheek's books include Political Philosophy and Cultural Renewal (Transaction/Rutgers, 2001; reprinted, Routledge, 2018 [with Kathy B. Cheek]); Calhoun and Popular Rule, published by the University of Missouri Press (2001; paper edition, 2004); Calhoun: Selected Speeches and Writings (Regnery, 2003); Order and Legitimacy (Transaction/Rutgers, 2004; reprinted, Routledge, 2017); an edition of Calhoun's A Disquisition on Government (St. Augustine's, 2007; reprinted, 2016); a critical edition of W. H. Mallock's The Limits of Pure Democracy (Transaction/Rutgers, 2007; reprinted, Routledge, 2017); Confronting Modernity: Towards a Theology of Ministry in the Wesleyan Tradition (Wesleyan Studies Society, 2010 [five printings to date]); an edition of the clas-

sic study, A Theory of Public Opinion (Transaction/Rutgers, 2013; reprinted, Routledge, 2017); Patrick-Henry Onslow Debate: Liberty and Republicanism in American Political Thought (Lexington, 2013); and, The Founding of the American Republic (Notre Dame University Press, 2022 [forthcoming]). He has also published dozens of scholarly articles in academic publications and is a regular commentator on American politics and religion. He currently serves on the editorial boards of Humanitas, The Political Science Reviewer, VoegelinView, Anamnesis, and The University Bookman, Studies in Burke, as a Senior Fellow of the Alexander Hamilton Institute, and as a Fellow of the Academy of Philosophy and Letters (elect).

Cheek has been a Fellow of the Wilbur Foundation, the Earhart Foundation, the Center for Judicial Studies, and the Center for International Media Studies. He is a senior minister in the United Methodist Church, and a former U.S Army chaplain.

# BOBCAT SPOT

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## Stay safe this holiday weekend!

East Georgia State College will be closed on Friday, July 3 for the Independence Day Holiday.

No matter how you celebrate, make sure you stay safe and take precautions against COVID-19. Remember to observe social distancing, wear a mask when staying six feet apart is not possible, wash your hands often for at least 20 seconds, and use hand sanitizer when you can't wash your hands.

We look forward to our students returning in the fall, and we want to make sure that everyone is staying safe and healthy so we can all enjoy a great semester. Check out the tips below from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) on wearing a mask properly! For more information, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/how-to-wear-cloth-face-coverings.html>

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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- July 3 - All Campuses Closed
- July 8 - Last Day to Withdraw Without Academic Penalty
- July 20 - Full Term and Session III End
- July 21 - 23 - Final Exams - All Campuses

For more information on EGSC's schedule and response to the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak, visit [www.ega.edu/COVID19](http://www.ega.edu/COVID19)



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ITEMS ON DISPLAY

# Music Memories Museum now at local antique mall

Main Street Market Antique Mall, located on West Main Street in Swainsboro, boasts 12,000 square feet of vending booths featuring antiques, collectibles, furniture, decor items, and other gifts items to provide a complete shopper's paradise for all. The antique mall recently added a new attraction to its operation—a Music Memories Museum featuring a private collection owned by Main Street Market Antique Mall's manager, Michael Bright.

This new addition has been acknowledged by *roadsideamerica.com* and showcases authen-

tic clothing and personal items belonging to famous music artist dating back to the 1950s to present-day Elvis Presley, Buddy Holly, Michael Jackson, Prince, BB King, Cher, Barbara Streisand, Frank Sinatra, Elton John, Jimi Hendrix, Jim Morrison, Janis Joplin, George Jones, Loretta Lynn, Johnny Cash, Tim McGraw, Faith Hill, Miranda Lambert, Luke Bryan, Waylon Jennings, Hank Williams Jr., and other artists. The museum also includes memorabilia and local music history regarding Swainsboro's historical Nancy Auditorium.

## Ronald Thomas Gay, 67

Funeral services for Ronald Thomas Gay, 67, were held Monday, June 29, 2020 at 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church of Jesup with Dr. Mike VonMoss officiating. Burial was held at 3 p.m. in the Swainsboro City Cemetery. He passed away Friday, June 26, at his home under the care of his family and Hospice of South Georgia.

Mr. Ronald Thomas Gay was born in Augusta. He was raised in Swainsboro before living in Wayne County several years and in Long County the past ten years. He was a graduate of Georgia Southern University earning a bachelor of science degree in business. Gay retired from the City of Jesup and was a later a sales representative for Liberty National Life Insurance Company. Having a green thumb, he enjoyed working in his yard and was very mechanically inclined. He was a member and deacon of First Baptist Church of Jesup and was



GAY

preceded in death by his parents, Thomas and Edna Gay.

Survivors include his wife, Lora Gay of Ludowici; brother and sister-in-law, Terry Gay and Fran of Swainsboro; and nephews, Adam Gay (Chastity), Jonathan Gay, and Daniel Gay.

Remembrances are suggested to First Baptist Jesup Capital Campaign, 185 S. Brunswick Street, Jesup, GA 31546.

This is a courtesy announcement by Chapman Funeral Home. Arrangements were under the direction of Howard Funeral Home in Ludowici.

## Johnny Shanon Averett, 43

Graveside services for Johnny Shanon Averett, 43, of Swainsboro were held Saturday, June 27, 2020, at 3 p.m. at Rehoboth Baptist Church Cemetery. The family received friends Friday, June 26, from 5 until 8 p.m. at Chapman Funeral Home. In compliance with guidelines set by the CDC, the 6-foot rule was enforced during viewing and service. He passed away Wednesday, June 24, 2020 at Emanuel Medical Center in Swainsboro following a brief illness.

Mr. Johnny Shanon Averett was born April 25, 1977 in Swainsboro to Johnny Edward Averett and Debra Lynn Davis Smoak. He was born and raised in Swainsboro and worked in construction for many years. Averett loved racing, hunting, fishing, and spending time with his friends. He loved all types of cars. Averett preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Robert Averett; maternal grandparents, Howell and Hilda Davis; and step-brother, Billy Smoak.

Survivors include his father, Edward (Terrie) Averett of Swainsboro; mother, Debra (Gaines) Smoak of Newington; son, Champ Averett of Swainsboro; daughter, Angel (Jonathan) Stevens of Swainsboro; grandson, Slate Stevens



AVERETT

of Swainsboro; companion, Mollie Smith of Swainsboro; paternal grandmother, Edna Averett of Twin City; brothers, Shane (Katherine) Averett, Jeremy (Whitney) Averett, both of Swainsboro, and Wes (Jennifer) Averett of Summertown; step-brothers, Phillip (Walkiria) Akridge of Summertown, Bryan Akridge of Norristown, and Curt (Amanda) Smoak of Hiltonia; step-sisters, Jessica Byrd of Norristown, Donna (Thomas) Oliver of Hiltonia, and Wendy (Chris) Young of Swainsboro; special aunts, Ann Johnson and Joan Morgan; and several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and many friends.

Pallbearers were Richard Miller, Carroll Morgan, Ben Woods, Kevin Flanders, Phillip Akridge, and Bryan Akridge.

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(L-R) 2018-2019 DIVISION 17 LT. GOVERNOR TIM GOODMAN, 2018-2019 SWAINSBORO KIWANIS CLUB PRESIDENT CHERYL GOODMAN, AND 2019-2020 DIVISION 17 LT. GOVERNOR DAN BENNETT

## 2018-2019 Swainsboro Kiwanis Club becomes Distinguished Club, awarded Governor's Cup

On Tuesday, June 23, 2020, Dan Bennett, the current Division 17 Lt. Governor for the Georgia District of Kiwanis, presented the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club with the 2018-2019 Kiwanis International Distinguished Club Award and with the 2018-2019 Georgia District Governor's Cup. Kiwanians Dess Smith, Cheryl Goodman, Tim Goodman, and Jane Durden were designated as 2018-2019 Distinguished Kiwanis Members. 2018-2019 President Cheryl Goodman was designated a Distinguished President and 2018-2019 Secretary Edwin Canady was designated a Distinguished Secretary. The club was also given banner awards for membership growth, Interclub completion, and "6 of 6" contributions to various district and international projects.

To receive the Distinguished Club recognition a Kiwanis club must show a net increase in membership, impact the community by completing a signature project, sponsor a Kiwanis Service Leadership (SLP) Program, participate in Club Leadership Education (CLE) training, and financially support the Kiwanis International Children's Fund. The Swainsboro Kiwanis Club satisfied all the criteria beginning with a growth in membership. The club's signature project was a collaboration with the Swainsboro Pre-K that included reading activities like the Book-A-Ween and Dr. Seuss' Birthday, a Christmas Bike Give-a-way, and Pre-K Fun Day. The Swainsboro Kiwanis Club sponsors the East Georgia State College Circle K as the club's SLP. Six members of the club completed the Georgia District Officers and Board (GOB) training, and the club donated over \$300 to the Kiwanis International Children's fund.

There are nine criteria to complete to win the Governor's Cup. Beyond the criteria for Distinguished Club, the Governor's Cup requires participation at all division and district events,

completion of an inter-club visit to all Kiwanis clubs within the division, a donation to all 5 district projects, and on-time completion of all reports required by the Georgia District and Kiwanis International. Members of the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club attended all Division 17 Council meetings, the Division 17 Rally, the Georgia District Convention, and the Kiwanis International Convention in Orlando. 2018-2019 Lt. Governor Tim Goodman was particularly appreciative of the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club for planning and sponsoring the Division 17 Rally.

During the 2018-2019 year the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club completed over 50 interclub visits to all 11 Division 17 Kiwanis clubs and to the Louisville Kiwanis Club outside Division 17. The club donated to the non-profit Auditory-Verbal Center, the Georgia District Art and Music Showcase, The Georgia District Kiwanis Foundation, the Georgia District Kiwanis

Leadership Program, and Tomorrow's Leaders which supports District SLP's. The members of the club averaged over 40 hours of service per club member and have raised funds to support various other activities and organizations in the community. The club also sponsored two Scout-BSA units, a Dixie Youth baseball team, and even the Dublin Kiwanis Club.

The most ambitious project during the 2018-2019 year was a 100 plus items-a-month project to show support for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Georgia District. During each month of the year, the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club was able to donate money and hundreds of items to people of all ages and to local schools and organizations. 2018-2019 President Cheryl Goodman would like to recognize all Swainsboro Kiwanis Club and EGSC Circle K members for their hard work and dedication during this last year.

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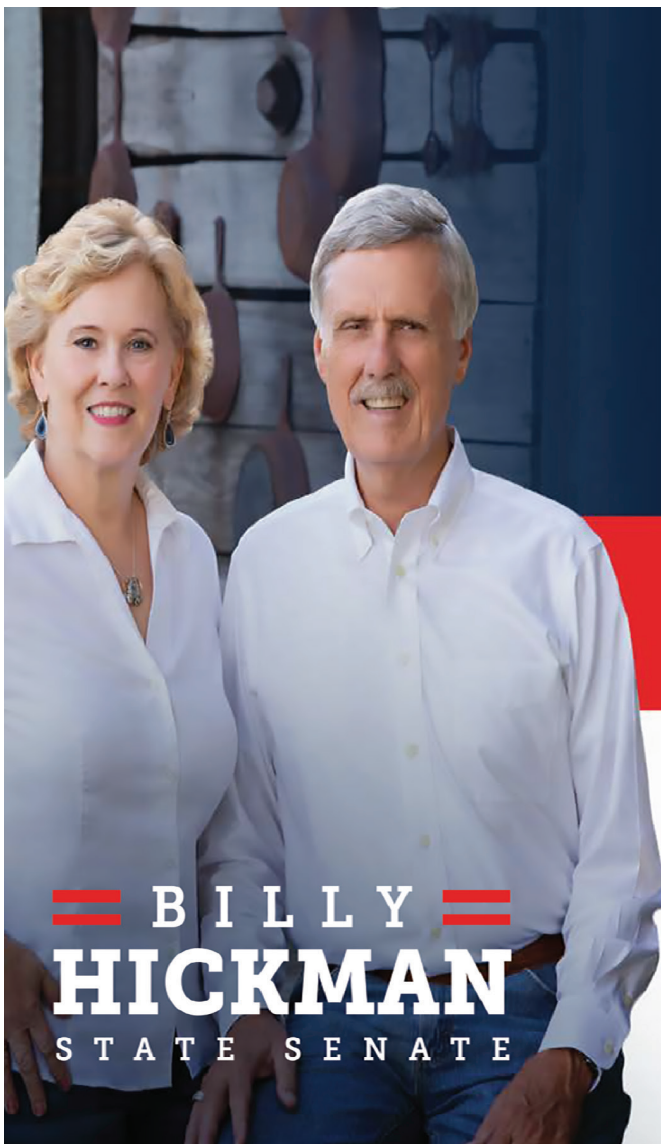
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## Social News B

## McDaniel, Brown to exchange vows in July wedding

Allen and Peggy McDaniel of Swainsboro are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Harlie Nicole McDaniel, to Mr. Boulder Ryan Brown, son of Del and Joy Brown of Kite.

The bride-elect is a 2017 Swainsboro High School graduate and a 2019 graduate of East Georgia State College, where she obtained an Associate of Arts in History. Miss McDaniel is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing through Georgia Southwestern State University. Employed by Pinetucky Country Meats, she is the granddaughter of Linda Fortner of Lyons, Larry and Debbie McDaniel of Swainsboro, and the late Robert Fortner of Kite.

The future groom is a 2015 Emanuel County Institute graduate. He is also employed by Pinetucky Country Meats. He is the grand-



MR. BROWN AND MISS McDANIEL

son of Leonard and Sandra McMillan of Bainbridge and the late George Toller and Jennelle Toller of Eufaula, Alabama. The wedding is set for July 18, 2020 at 5 p.m.

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## Slater twins turn one

Leila Katherine "Leila Kate" and Amelia-Rae Jean "Millie-Rae" Slater were born July 1, 2019 to Regan Slater and Kari-Lin Smith Swygert. They were welcomed home by close friends and family, including their four big sisters Allie Slater, Grace Elaine Swygert, Lizzie Bell Swygert, and Madison Slater.

the granddaughters of Wilder Smith Jr and the late Elaine Smith of Swainsboro, Karen Snellgrove Daniels of Swainsboro, and Keith Slater of Stillmore.

"It has been an amazing year watching our babies learn to smile, roll over, laugh, crawl, and even take their first steps. They are a blessing to all of our lives, straight from God, and we can't wait

to see what He has in store for them for the many years to come," stated Regan and Kari-Lin.

Birthday invitations are extended to all family and friends that helped welcome Leila Katherine and Millie-Rae Jean into this world. The celebration will be begin at 10 a.m. this Saturday, July 4, at the family's home in Stillmore.

## Meadows family welcomes home baby boy

Mr. and Mrs. Carter L. Meadows III of Swainsboro are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Jack Ray Meadows. He was born June 14 at Meadows Regional Medical Center in Vidalia. He weighed 7 pounds 10 ounces, and was 20 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Singletary of Eastman.

Paternal Grandparents are Mrs. Angelia Sconyers, the late Carter Lee

Meadows Jr., and the late Tommy Sconyers of Swainsboro.

Great Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sheldon Strickland of Eastman, Mr. Edward Singletary of Eastman, the late Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ray Peebles of Swainsboro, the late Dr. and Mrs. Carter Lee Meadows of Swainsboro, and the late Mrs. Denise Shepard of Jesup.

Jack was greeted at home by his big brother Carter Lee Meadows IV, age 4.



JACK RAY MEADOWS

## Kiwanis Club hosts Lieutenant Governor at weekly meeting

Fifteen members of the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club and Division Seventeen Lieutenant Governor Dan Bennett met Tuesday, June 23, at New China for their regular club meeting. Members were seated in a private dining room and followed social distancing for the meeting and the meal.

The meeting was called to order by President Petite Garrett, who welcomed club members including Dwight Watt, who is usually in Tennessee during the week teaching college-level computer science, and Dan Bennett from Reidsville.

Following prayer concerns brought up by members and a positive update on Mary Ellen Smith, who had knee surgery that day, Jane

Durden led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Travis Garrett prayed for our country and blessed the food.

During the business segment of the meeting, President Petite asked members about their concerns to continue meeting. The membership voted to meet every other week with the next meeting to be held July 7 at the Rustic Grille on Highway 80. Dwight Watt's intern has revised our club's website, which can be found at www.swainsborokiwanis.org. The club thanked Dwight for his work on creating and maintaining our website, emailing the club's bulletins, and working with Mary Ellen Smith on updating our Facebook page.

Under the direction of Tammy Allen, our club is continuing to collect children's books to be distributed later this summer.

Judge Jim Daughtry then took the stage to fine himself and Bobbie Daughtry for arriving late. Also fined were Jane Durden and Tim Goodman for not wearing name tags and Cheryl Goodman for having her picture in the local newspaper.

Gary Couse, sports reporter for the club, reported that NASCAR's recent race winners at Talladega were Ryan Blaney in first place followed by Ricky Stenhouse, Jr., and Aric Almirola. In the absence of local sports reporter Frank Patrick, President Petite reported that local sports, with the exception of the Dixie Youth League, have been suspended. The critically endangered species of the day is the Borneo Pygmy elephant.

Following an introduction by Jane Durden, Dr. Carlos Cunha, a Swainsboro Kiwanis Club member, presented the program for the evening. Dr. Cunha has been on the staff at East Georgia State College over a year, where he serves as the Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences. Carlos has been playing the guitar almost thirty years. Using his Yamaha acoustic guitar, he treated the members to his playing and singing of "Hello in There" by John Prine, "Stairway to Heaven" by Led Zep-



CARLOS CUNHA (SEATED) AND JANE DURDEN (STANDING)

pelin, and "Don't Think Twice" by Bob Dylan.

Next on the agenda were the drawing for a fresh blueberry cobbler baked and donated by Deana Patrick which generated \$56.00 and won by Gary Couse and the drawing for the Domino's pizza, won by Dan Bennett. President Petite adjourned

the meeting, and members were given a mini loaf of Amish bread, baked by Petite, as they left. The July 7 meeting at Rustic Grille will be hosted by Jane Durden, and the cake will be provided by Frank Patrick.

If you would like to become a member of our club, contact Jane Durden, our

membership chair, at 478-494-4113 or email her at [hsdurden@bellsouth.net](mailto:hsdurden@bellsouth.net). New member registration fees are being suspended now through September 30, so now is the time to join. To learn more about Swainsboro Kiwanis Club and its many community service projects, visit our Swainsboro Kiwanis Facebook page.

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# Savvy Senior: RV travel tips in the summer of COVID-19

Dear Savvy Senior,  
Can you write a column on RV travel for novices? My husband and I have been cooped up all spring and summer because of the coronavirus and would like to take a trip using a rented RV but could use some tips and want to be safe.

Recently Retired  
Dear Recently,  
Recreational-vehicle (or RV) travel has become a very popular option among U.S. retirees over the past few decades and is probably one of the safest and most convenient ways to get away this summer.

Because it's a small home on wheels, RV travel will allow you to distance yourself from crowds of people and reduce your risk of COVID exposure that comes with other forms of travel, i.e. air/train travel, hotel/Airbnb lodging and eating in restaurants. But there are still risks – especially in public places like gas stations, shared restrooms and picnic areas – so exercise caution. If you've never traveled by motor home or RV, here are a few tips to consider.

**Renting an RV**  
To help you determine the RV size and model you need for your trip, consider your budget, destination and the number of travelers. If it's just you and your husband, and you're visiting several locations and driving lots of miles you may want a smaller motor home with better fuel economy. But if you're taking other family members or friends, you may want a larger RV with slide outs and more sleeping areas. See [GoRVing.com](http://GoRVing.com) for a breakdown of all the different types of RVs available today.

To locate an RV rental dealer near you visit [CruiseAmerica.com](http://CruiseAmerica.com), one of the largest RV rental companies in the world or search the Recreation Vehicle Rental Association at [RVRA.org](http://RVRA.org). Or use peer-to-peer RV rental sites like [RVshare.com](http://RVshare.com) or [Outdoorsy.com](http://Outdoorsy.com), which are usually a little cheaper.

Rental costs will vary greatly depending on what you choose and how far you drive, ranging anywhere from \$50 up to \$500 per day.

When renting a rig, be sure you get detailed instructions from the owner or rental compa-

ny on how to use the RV's systems, including the generator, air-conditioning, leveling, slide outs, electric and entertainment, as well as how to empty waste tanks and refill fresh water.

You should also know that because of COVID-19, most RV rental companies are vigilant about cleaning and disinfecting their units. But if you want to be extra safe, the CDC offers tips at [CDC.gov/COVID19](http://CDC.gov/COVID19) – type "Cleaning and Disinfecting Your Home" in the search bar.

**Trip Planning Tips**  
It's always wise to map out your trip route and reserve your campgrounds in advance, especially now during the pandemic, because some campgrounds and RV parks, as well as local, state, and national public parks may be closed or operating with restrictions.

A free tool that can help you plan your trip is [Roadtrippers.com](http://Roadtrippers.com), which lets you plot out routes, calculate mileage and travel time, and will identify RV campgrounds, points of interest and restaurants along the way.

You should also consider becoming a Good Sam Club member ([GoodSam.com/club](http://GoodSam.com/club), \$29/year), which provides access to its web-based trip planner, camping and fuel discounts, and a copy of the Good Sam Guide Series that features detailed information on more than 12,000

private RV parks and public campgrounds.

Most RV parks rent spaces on a nightly or weekly basis with rates typically ranging from \$30 to \$50 per night, however some in city and country parks may be \$10 or even free.

RV parks can also range from rustic facilities with limited or no utility hookups, as are more often found in state and national parks, to luxury resorts with amenities that rival fine hotels.

For first-time RV renters, staying at a fully loaded RV park or campground with full hookups, a dump station, and staff on site is highly recommended. Look at [Kampgrounds of America \(KOA.com\)](http://Kampgrounds of America (KOA.com)) or [ReserveAmerica.com](http://ReserveAmerica.com) to browse the accommodations.

And for more safe travel tips this summer, visit [Coronavirus.gov](http://Coronavirus.gov) – click on "specific resources for travelers."

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit [SavvySenior.org](http://SavvySenior.org). Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

## Cook of the Week

Featuring the recipes of...

### The Hutchesons



This week's Cooks of the Week are Riley, Erin, Kalem, and Nellie Hutcheson. They are the children of Seth Hutcheson and Abrill Adams and Kaiti and John Wolfe. Erin and Nellie enjoy taking gymnastics, Riley enjoys riding horses, and Kalem enjoys riding in the river. They also all enjoy spending time with family, swimming, and fishing. Here are a few of their favorite recipes they would like to share. Enjoy



From the kitchen of *The Hutchesons*

#### BEST Mac and Cheese Ever

- 8 oz. elbow macaroni
- 2 TBSP. butter
- 2 TBSP. all purpose flour
- 2 c. milk
- 8 oz. shredded mild cheddar cheese
- Salt and pepper to taste

Cook pasta. Melt butter over med-low heat; whisk in flour until smooth. Cook, whisking constantly for two minutes. Gradually whisk in milk and cook, whisking constantly for five minutes or until thickened. Remove from heat. Stir in salt and pepper, one cup cheese and pasta. Transfer to baking dish and top with remaining cheese. Bake at 400°F for 20 minutes or until bubbly.



From the kitchen of *The Hutchesons*

#### Hamburger Dip

- 2-2.5 lb. hamburger meat
- 1 pack mild taco seasoning
- 2 cans Rotel mild tomatoes
- 1 16 oz. Velveeta cheese

Cook meat. Add all ingredients to crockpot and cook on low until cheese is melted. Enjoy with your favorite tortilla chips!



From the kitchen of *The Hutchesons*

#### MaMa's Homemade Ice Cream

- 6 eggs
- 1 can evaporated milk
- Half gallon whole milk
- 2 c. sugar
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Beat eggs until light. Beat in sugar. Add milk and vanilla. Pour into churn until thick.



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Many people see that one side of God. Whenever there is a disaster or a tragedy they point a finger and say, "What kind of a god would do that? See, that's why I can't believe in him. I can't trust him."

Psalms 97 seems to add to the confusion. It begins with a statement about the Lord reigning and that we ought to be glad and rejoice. Then the Psalmist writes, "Clouds and thick darkness surround Him, righteousness and justice are the foundations of His throne." If that is the only picture of God that people have, no wonder they are frightened. Most people would be.

But what did the Psalmist mean when he wrote those words? He is reminding us that God exposes and expresses Himself on His terms. Our God is a Holy God - and He, in love and compassion, made Himself available through His Son. When we read that He is surrounded by "clouds and darkness" it does not mean that He is hiding from us and is unapproachable. Not at all. Only that we come to Him on His terms. And what are His terms?

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In 1870 the Congress made the 4th of July an unpaid holiday for federal employees. In 1941, Congress declared 4th of July a paid federal holiday.



Independence Day became a federal holiday in 1870.



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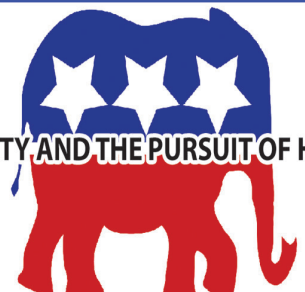
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The Danny "Stat Cat" Henry Athletic Scholarship for 2020 was awarded to Kade Youmans and Josie Drake last week. The two were photographed with Henry on Tiger Field on June 19 as the scholarship's namesake presented the recipients with their plaques. Both Youmans and Drake are part of Swainsboro High School's Class of 2020.

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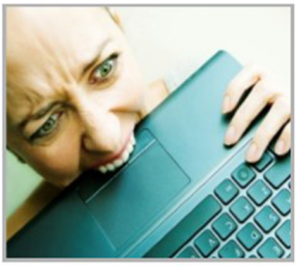
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# McComas attends Rotary meeting, installs new officers

The Swainsboro Rotary club held its annual installation banquet Thursday, June 25, 2020 at The Cadle Barn.

Steven McComas, assistant district governor for 2020-2021, was the speaker and installed Guy Singletary as president for this year.

McComas is the CEO for Pineland-Cogentes, Inc., a managed information technology consulting and services firm operating throughout the southeastern United States with offices in Metter, Vidalia, Atlanta, and Milledgeville. His wife, Jennifer, was also in attendance. She is a practicing attorney representing the State of Georgia Department of Family and Children



**PATTI HENDLEY, PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR; WADE JOHNSON, TREASURER; JESSICA BEDINGFIELD, PRESIDENT ELECT; GREG JOHNSON, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR; KRISTIN HALL, PAST PRESIDENT; JOHN ALLEN BAILEY, SECRETARY; GUY SINGLETARY, 2020-2021 PRESIDENT; VERNON HARDY, FAMILY OF ROTARY CHAIR; AND McCOMAS**

Services in the Middle Judicial Circuit.

The club enjoyed a meal and fellowship

prior to the installation ceremony.

# Farm Bureau Scholarship winner

Kadin Rhett Harper was recently awarded the 2020 Dolan E. Brown Memorial Scholarship by Emanuel County Farm Bureau. Harper is a 2020 honor graduate of Emanuel County Institute. During his high school years some of Harper's activities included football, baseball, basketball, Senior Beta, and FFA. He was a member of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Leaders.

Harper was raised on a farm where he learned early about agriculture. Feeding cattle, baling hay, harvesting peanuts, and combing corn taught him responsibility and hard work.

Harper plans to attend East Georgia State College, transferring to Georgia Southern University to obtain a degree in Agricultural Science and Education. His plans are to become an Ag teacher. Harper's

hope is to help young people prepare for their future by using their resources, skills and abilities.

Harper is the son of Chad and Melissa Harper, and is a member of the youth group at Twin

city First Baptist Church.

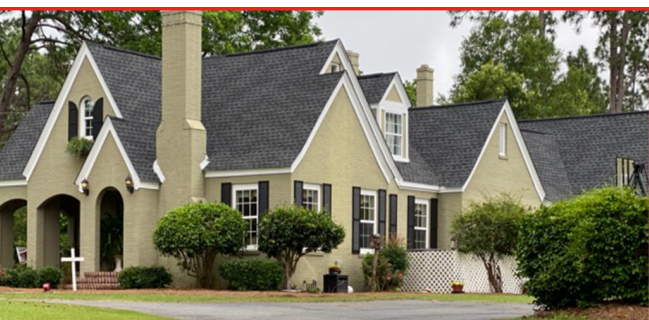
Dolan Brown served as Emanuel County Farm Bureau president from 1963 to 1983, and was a member of the Board of Directors until his death in 2006. He served on the Georgia Farm Bureau

State Board of Directors for 40 years.

Mr. Brown was very active in the agriculture sector, serving on various commodity boards, as well being active in his church and community.



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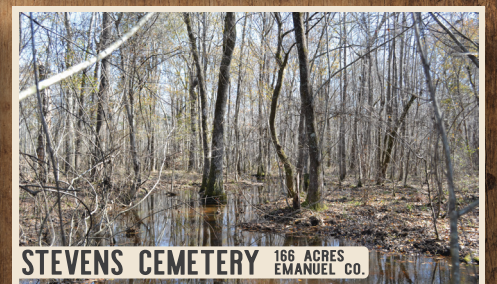
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## Swainsboro Police Reports

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

**June 19**  
Officer was dispatched to an East Pine Street address in reference to a report involving theft by taking.

Officer responded to a North Main Street address in reference to a report of criminal trespass. Additional charges of obstruction law enforcement officers and possession of drug related object were also charged against the involved offender.

**June 20**  
Officer made a traffic stop in reference to a driver performing an improper u-turn at an intersection. During the traffic stop the driver was found to be operating the vehicle with a suspended license. An arrest was made.

Officer responded to a South Main Street address in reference to a female urinating in a parking lot. Officer attempted to locate the involved person but was unable to do so.

Officer was dispatched to a Kite Road address in reference to a report involving a simple battery offense.

**June 21**  
Complainant reported damaged property. Officer responded to a Brantley Street address in reference to a 911 hang up call with screaming heard in the background. Upon arrival, an involved offender was placed under arrest and shared with failure to comply with officer, damaged property, and simple battery.

**June 22**  
Officer responded to a South Main Street address in reference to a concerned citizen reporting possible drug use. While on scene, officer found the involved offender to be in possession of marijuana (less than an ounce) and also located a straw with white residue on it inside an involved car of the offender. An arrest was made.

**June 23**  
Officer responded to a 911 dispatch call to a South Main Street address in reference to a private property accident. Complainant reported theft by deception. Officer was dispatched to a Gumlog Road address in reference to a dispute.

**June 24**  
Emanuel County 911 dispatched officer to a Claxton Avenue address in reference to a report involving theft by taking of \$1500 or less. Officer along with animal control responded to a King Circle Drive address in reference to a report involving animal

cruelty. The involved offending party was cited three citations for animal cruelty and three additional citations for vaccination required. An small puppy was also forfeited willingly to animal control by the offender.

**June 25**  
Officer was dispatched to a North Racetrack address in reference to criminal trespass of private property. Complainant reported a damaged vehicle.

Officer responded to an address on Solomon Street in reference to a report involving harassing phone calls. An additional complainant reported harassing phone calls.

Officer responded to an address on Mist Street in reference to a report of entering of an auto with intent to commit theft and damage to private property in the second degree.

Officer was dispatched to an address on North Racetrack Street in reference to a report involving criminal trespass of private property. Officer responded to a Solomon Street address in reference to a report of harassing phone calls.

Officer responded to a Dawson Street address in reference to a report of burglary by forced entry. **June 26**  
Officer and animal control responded to a Prosperity Drive address in reference to a report of a dog at large.

Officer submitted recovered property to SPD chief of police. Officer responded to a 911 dispatch call at a North Anderson Drive address in reference to a dispute. Emanuel County 911 dispatched officer to an address on Industrial Way in reference to a report of a simple battery offense.

Officer responded to a South Main Street address in reference to a damaged vehicle report. Officer responded to an address on West Martin Luther King Boulevard in reference to a report of loitering or prowling.

**June 27**  
Emanuel County 911 dispatched officer to an address on Jerome Street in reference to a simple battery offense. While on scene, officer made contacted with a wanted offender from several counties, including Emanuel County. A warrant was served and an arrest was made.

Officer responded to an East Main Street address in reference to a report involving theft by deception. While on scene, officer learned false report of a crime

to be involved. Complainant reported a simple battery offense.

**June 28**  
While in the area of North Main Street, officer witnessed the sound of 5-10 rapid shots fired near the area of Lucky Street and Lee Street. Officer responded to the area and located several hulls laying on Jerome Street between New and Lee Streets. No involved offender was located. Evidence was collected and sealed and placed in an evidence locker at police headquarters.

Officer responded to an address on South Main Street in reference to a report of a damaged vehicle. Officer made a traffic stop in reference to a vehicle being operated without tag lights properly displaying a license plate. During the traffic stop, officer found the driver to be in violation of open container. An arrest was made.

Officer was dispatched to an address on Project Street in reference to a dispute. Emanuel County 911 dispatched officers to the area of Flanders Street and Lee Street in reference to discharging of firearms within city limits. No contact was made with subjects nor were any injuries or damaged property witnessed.

Officer responded to a Marion Street address in reference to a dispute. Officer responded to an address on Williams Street in reference to a report involving robbery by sudden snatching. The involved offender was unable to be located. **June 29**  
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## Twin City Police Reports

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

**June 19**  
Officer responded to an address on Old Swainsboro Road in reference to a report of a stolen bicycle.

**June 28**  
Officer made a traffic stop after observing a driver's failure to maintain lane. During the traffic stop, officer found the driver to be under the influence of prescription drugs. An arrest was



## 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).

Russell Clint Givens, 34, 2829 Maple Rd.; entered 6/22/20; False imprison, Aggr assault, Burglary, Crim damage to prop; released 6/24/20; SPD

Kyle Lee Durden, 27, 891 Sunset Dr.; entered 6/23/20; VGCSA Marijuana/poss less than oz; released 6/23/20; SPD

Deputies with Emanuel County Sheriff's Office (ECSCO) reported...

**June 23**  
Complainant reported fraudulent activity. Deputy responded to an address in regards to a report of burglary by forced entry.

**June 24**  
Deputy assisted other agencies with a motor vehicle crash on Griffin Ferry near 5 points. Complainant reported a lost or stolen tag.

Complainant reported criminal trespass. **June 25**  
Complainant reported a theft by taking offense. Complainant reported theft of an automobile.

Complainant reported a fraud offense after receiving a bad or worthless check in the amount of \$2,950. Complainant reported a burglary by non forced entry offense.

Deputies were dispatched to an address on Gwenda Street in reference to harassing communications. Complainant reported a fraud offense after receiving a check in the amount of \$2,000. Complainant reported damaged property and a traffic offense.

Complainant made a miscellaneous report. **June 26**  
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Johanna Griswold Davis, 40, 105 Shiloh Ct., Fitzgerald; entered 6/23/20; Dui/drugs, Duty/stop at scene/hitrun/leave scene, Driving on Wrong Side of Road, Reckless Driving, Failure to Maintain Lane, No proof of insurance; GSP

Leon James Jr., 45, 406 N. Racetrack St., C-4; entered 6/23/20; Driving lic susp/rev; released 6/24/20; TCPD

Chidi Anthony Nwadigo, 29, 1605 Morganton Rd., Fayetteville, North Carolina; entered 6/24/20; Battery/simp battery-family violence; released 6/24/20; SPD

Larry Burton Bailey, 47, 239 Gary St.; entered 6/24/20; VGCSA Possession of Drug Related Object, VGCSA Drugs schedule i & ii, Seat belt violation; released 6/26/20; GSP

Erecka Monice Roundtree, 38, 707 Thompson St., Lot 11, Vidalia; entered 6/26/20; Probation/Superior Court; released 6/28/20;

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Raphael Roche Ford Jr., 32, 331 Jerome St.; entered 6/27/20; Probation/Superior Court, Hold for Out of County Billing; SPD

Calvin Mitch Jackson, 49, 697 Empire Expressway; entered 6/27/20; Disorderly Conduct; released 6/27/20; ECSCO

Michael Keith Brown Jr., 38, 409 Lewis St. Apt.; entered 6/28/20; Aggr battery, Driving While Unlicensed/Expired, Open Container; SPD

Sabrina Kay Jackson, 42, 3022 GA Hwy. 15, Vidalia; entered 6/28/20; Failure to Maintain Lane, Dui/drugs; TCPD

Jessie Dewayne Weeks Jr., 27, 222 JM Spearman Rd., Adrian; entered 6/28/20; Probation/State Court/Middle Ga Probation; WALK-IN

Theophilus Vandale Thomas, 40, 901 Woodrow Ave., Dublin; entered 6/28/20; Dui/alch, Speeding School Zone 15-29 MPH over; released 6/29/20; GSP

Complainant reported a criminal trespass offense. **June 28**  
Complainant reported lost or mislaid property. Deputies responded to an address on Empire Expressway in reference to a disorderly conduct offense.

Deputies responded to an address on Christopher Drive Ext. in reference to a report. Deputies assisted GSP with a one vehicle car crash on Highway 80 near Twin City.

**June 29**  
Deputy responded to Wadley Coleman Lake Road near US 1 in reference to a vehicle fire. Deputies responded to i-16 East at mile marker 93 in reference to a domestic dispute.



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## Editorials Columns

### Question: Is facial recognition reliable?

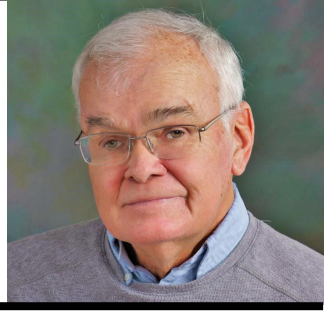
Answer:  
A lot has been made of facial recognition in the last few years. It has been used in various ways to spot people in crowds, to identify users of phones, to let them in the phone, to determine who people are in pictures on Facebook, etc.  
The current reports are that the programs that do facial recognition are apparently not really reliable on identifying people and quite often mis-identify people.  
One study said they

showed a facial recognition program that was supposed to identify people who had mug shots and were wanted for some crime, the photos of members of the USA Congress. Twenty-eight members of congress were identified as matching mug shots. The stories said these were all misidentification and a high number of wrong identifications. Of course, there are a number of people that would comment it probably really was the oppo-

sition and the program failed to match a number of Congress people to mug shots. In any event, it failed to make correct identifications.  
Apparently one issue is who all the program has been trained to identify and then identifying similar type people. Apparently one of the ways Facebook has worked on getting more accuracy is by publishing posts that go viral wanting people to post pictures of themselves, like this spring wanting a high school

picture and current picture of you.  
Facial recognition works by using Artificial Intelligence (AI) and getting the machines to teach themselves as they look at large quantities of pictures of the same people to find ways to make them unique.  
In my opinion it is something we can use as a tool to help in doing stuff but to use for legal purposes it has a distance to go. Misidentifying someone going to a ballgame or going to catch an

## Dwight Watt



airplane flight can substantially harm them. Relying on that technology and missing the terrorist could be very harmful also. It needs to be a tool that we verify in other ways also before acting.  
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Dwight Watt does computer work for businesses, individuals and organizations and teaches about computers at a college in northwest Georgia. His webpage is [www.dwightwatt.com](http://www.dwightwatt.com).

### Some random thoughts on some unsettling times

If you are still watching television news (I rarely do these days), you will notice that the protests across the country seem to be as much generational as racial. There are a lot of young white kids marching with blacks. That tells me these protests are going to be with us awhile. What youngsters lack in perspective, they make up for in passion. ...

Protesters seem intent on erasing any vestiges of Southern history. That includes tearing down statues and changing the names of anything associated with the past. But how do they propose to handle the issue of the 14 counties in Georgia named for Confederate soldiers and politicians? And what about the Democratic Party? If

protesters are going to tarnish the image of famed journalist Henry W. Grady, why give a pass to the party of Gene Talmadge and Marvin Griffin and Roy Harris? (Look them up, kiddies.) ...  
I must admit I look on the Confederate statue issue with some ambivalence. In all my years of dealing with special interest groups, the meanest and surli-

est was the old Georgia state flag crowd for whom the War Between the States still rages. The flag that featured the Confederate battle standard was adopted in 1956 in defiance to the beginnings of the civil rights struggles. During the planning for the 1996 Centennial Olympic Games, flaggers demanded the flag be flown at the state-owned venues, despite Olympic rules saying only the flag of the host country and the Olympic flag could be flown. That wasn't good enough for them and we endured all kinds of nasty threats corporately and me personally. When Gov. Roy Barnes changed the flag in 2001 and lost reelection to Sonny Perdue, the flaggers took credit, only to have Perdue change it anyway. I have no sympathy for that bunch. They lost my good will years ago. ...

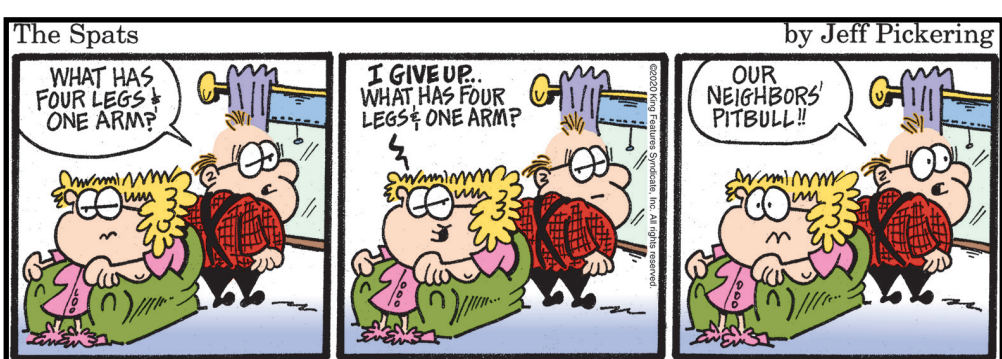
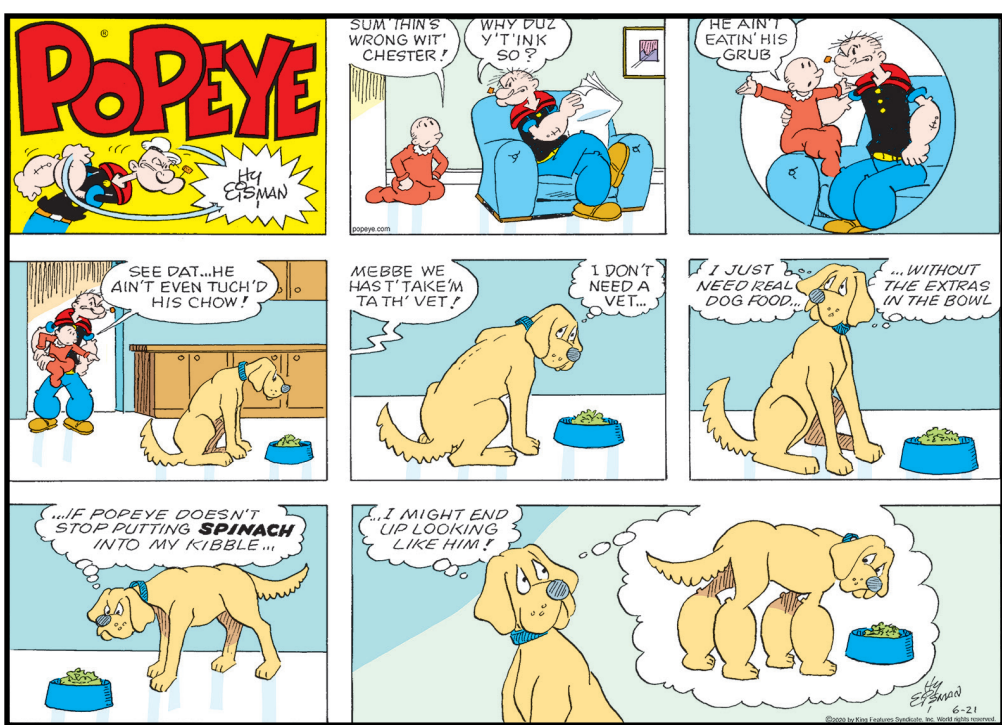
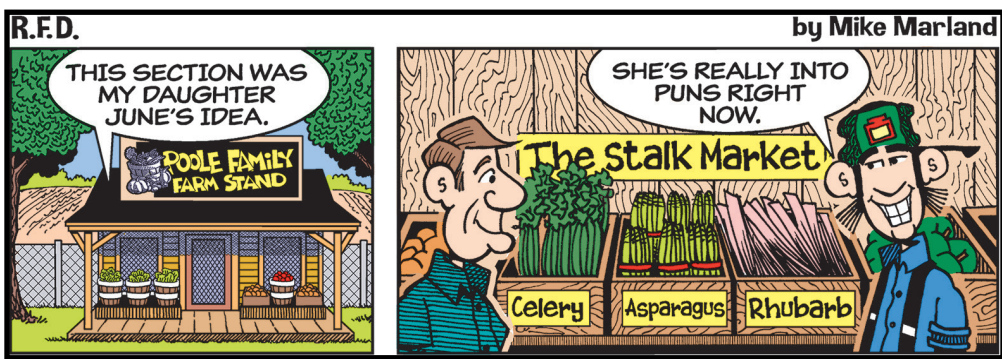
## Dick Yarbrough



department and putting the money toward "public programs that will support working-class and poor Chicagoans." Then on Memorial Day weekend, 18 people were killed in a 24-hour period, making that 245 murders since the first of the year in Chicago. The Chicago Sun-Times reports most homicide victims in Chicago are young black men and that the suspects are, too. No comment from Black Lives Matter. ...  
I saw a young white female flouncing around the governor's mansion with a "Defund the Police" sign. I wonder how she would feel if she got dragged into an alley on the mean streets of Atlanta. Who would she call? Colick Kaperdoodle? Her mommy? ...  
Speaking of Malfunction Junction, aka, the City Too Busy to Hate, and home to a demoralized police force, records show that arrests over a recent two-week period in Atlanta were down 72% from the same period last year. Narcotics arrests were down 95%, while shooting incidents tripled and the number of shooting victims almost quadrupled. Serious domestic crimes rose by 57%. The sad thing is the areas most impacted

by these crimes are the poor neighborhoods. Let's ask them how they feel about defunding the police. Or maybe the armed thugs guarding the burned-out Wendy's restaurant in southeast Atlanta will deign to help out. ...  
Finally, the University of Georgia Redcoat Band has announced it will no longer play Tara's Theme from *Gone with the Wind* at football games. No problem here. I never liked the movie anyway. Instead, they will play "Georgia on my Mind," the greatest song in the history of mankind and made famous by Ray Charles Robinson, of Albany, Georgia. Warning to all you do-gooders, the ACLU, eager-beaver kids and Colick Kaperdoodle admirers: Don't even think about messing with "Georgia on my Mind." And if you choose to kneel while that sacred paean is being performed, it had better be out of profound and reverential respect. We aren't having this conversation again.  
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(L-R) 2018-2019 SWAINSBORO KIWANIS CLUB PRESIDENT CHERYL GOODMAN, 2018-2019 DIVISION 17 LT. GOVERNOR TIM GOODMAN, 2019-2020 DIVISION 17 LT. GOVERNOR DAN BENNETT, AND 2018-2019 SWAINSBORO KIWANIS CLUB MEMBERSHIP CHAIR JANE DURDEN NOT PICTURED: 2018-2019 SWAINSBORO KIWANIS CLUB VICE PRESIDENT DESS SMITH

## Four Swainsboro Kiwanis Club members receive Distinguished Member Awards from Kiwanis International

Four Swainsboro Kiwanis Club members receive Distinguished Member Awards from Kiwanis International. Poly Lat, recently passed 2018-2019 President of Kiwanis International, was described as a true Kiwanian who helped children in the Philippines and around the world and worked tirelessly to ensure all children have the opportunity to thrive. He truly represented what Kiwanis is all about. During his presidency President Lat developed a set of criteria for Kiwanis districts, divisions, clubs, and members to become distinguished. On Tuesday, June 23, the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club received a 2018-2019 Kiwanis International Distinguished Service Award from Kiwanis International and 2018-2019 President Cheryl Goodman was designated a Distinguished President and 2018-

2019 Secretary Edwin Canady was designated a Distinguished Member Secretary. In addition, four members of the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club received special recognition as Distinguished Kiwanis Members. Jane Durden was designated distinguished for membership and education, presented to the member who best exemplifies excellence in growing the club, including encouragement of members to invite new people and work toward building a stronger membership. Cheryl Goodman was designated distinguished for community impact, presented to the member who best exemplifies excellence in service to the community through the Kiwanis club's signature and other projects and programs, and the club's sponsored Service Leadership Programs. Tim Goodman was designated distinguished for our Kiwanis image,

presented to the member who best exemplifies excellence in promoting Kiwanis in the community, strengthening the Kiwanis brand and making Kiwanis known as the organization that most supports children. Dess Smith was designated distinguished for financial viability, presented to the member who best exemplifies excellence in supporting Kiwanis fundraising, leading by example as an individual and demonstrating strong stewardship of and for the club's financial resources. Current Lt. Governor Dan Bennett presented the awards and praised the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club for a great 2018-2019 year and encouraged the club to continue the good work. He noted the delay in the presentation of the awards because of the COVID-19 pandemic and offered praise for our continued efforts during this trying time.

## Have you filled out your Census form?

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Income by Class			
Property taxes		12,134.73	
Vehicle tax		2731.93	
Sales tax		20636.95	
Beer revenue		4240.91	
Utility Franchise tax		13,391.31	
Insurance Premium tax		14,406.66	
<b>Total Income From taxes</b>			<b>67542.49</b>
Fire Dept(fire Hydrants)		2600	
Water revenues		20449	
Tank Maintenance		18000	
Garbage Revenue		19800	
Fines And Forfeitures		7000	
Business License		625	
Business License Insurance		1942.5	
Gov Ser Fees		10800	
Interest Income		500	
Total Income from other sources		81716.5	81716.5
<b>Total Income For City Operations</b>			<b>149258.99</b>
Expenditures by Department			
Administration			
Salaries		3500	*city council and mayor salary
Utilities		13098.99	
Supplies		500	
Insurance		7000	
Legal(auditor)		1700	
Advertisements		200	
Payroll Taxes		9000	
Street Lights		10200	
School/Training		300	
Election		300	
<b>Total For Administration</b>			<b>45798.99</b>
Sanitation and streets			
Salary		2580	
Trash Pick-up		14580	
Repairs and Supplies		300	
<b>Total for Sanitation</b>			<b>17460</b>
Police Department			
Salaries		31800	
Supplies		400	
Gas		1000	
Uniforms		300	
Utilities (police phone &fax)		500	
Auto Expense		1500	
Judge		700	
Prisoners		500	
Courtware/Internet police car		7000	
Annuities		2800	
Defense Attorney		300	
Clerk of Court		1200	
<b>Total for Police Department</b>			<b>48000</b>
Fire Department			
Truck Expense		500	
Supplies		300	
Salary		600	
<b>Total for Fire Department</b>			<b>1400</b>
Water Department			
Salaries		28000	
Supplies		400	
Fees		1200	
Tank Maintenance		7000	
<b>Total for Water</b>			<b>36600</b>
<b>Total For All Departments (Expenditures)</b>			<b>149258.99</b>
Loan Payment(debt reduction)			4800
net			0 *retired debt
Budget Balance			0
SPLOST BUDGET (capitol outlay)			
Income from Splost		25,000	
Splost Expenditures		25,000	
NET			0
Reimbursement other accounts for Splost expenditures			\$0
Equipment			\$1,500
Insulation to fire house			\$0
Drainage Improvements & street improvements			\$5,000
<b>Total Expenditures</b>			<b>\$6,500</b>

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INSTALLED OFFICERS



NEAL PRESENTS CHECK TO LANE AND OMALLEY WITH WEEKEND BLESSINGS

## Twin City Lions Club swears in new officers

Recently, Twin City Lions Club installed its new officers. Installed officers are as follows:

Richard Underwood, president; Brandon Jones, vice president; Bid Jines, secretary; Kirk Cavanah, treasurer; GW Johnson Jr., tail twister/membership; John Turner, lion tamer/caretaker; and Tommy Neal, immediate past president. These new officers are photographed with this story.

Also pictured are past president Tommy Neal with Angel Lane and Niamh Omalley of Weekend Blessings back in March. Omalley and Lane attended a meeting and were presented with a \$500 check.

The Twin City Lions Club hosts meetings on the first and third Friday of each month but has currently suspended all meetings until considered safe to reconvene due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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## Look, Listen, Yield

By Bill Cahill SFD PIO  
Until recently, the rule when approaching a railroad crossing was "Stop, Look, and Listen". The stop signs were replaced with "Yield" signs. As a driver of a motor vehicle, you are required to yield to the train.

Around 12:20 p.m. Tuesday, June 23, the 67-year-old male driver of a Chevrolet Trailblazer LS drove across un-signalized railroad crossing 732 680 U MP F178.27, located on East Pine Street, directly in the path of a slow-moving local freight train. The pilot, hand-rails, and steps of Georgia Southern Railroad Company locomotive #1816 struck the drivers door of the SUV, spinning it around and off the road-

way. The driver of the vehicle was treated by EMS and transported to the Airport and flown to Augusta University Medical Center.

Swainsboro Firefighters on Squad 1 and Swainsboro Police responded to the crash. Georgia State Patrol conducted the investigation.



INVOLVED SUV



INVOLVED LOCOMOTIVE



CRASHED NISSAN ALTIMA

## Two injured in Oak Park wreck

By Bill Cahill SFD PIO

Shortly after 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 23, Emanuel County EMS, firefighters from Oak Park, and Sheriff's deputies were sent to a two-vehicle crash on Griffin Ferry Road.

Two occupants of a 2007 Nissan Altima 2.5S four door sedan were transported with non-life-threatening injuries by EMS to Meadows Regional Medical Center in Vidalia. The driver of a BMW 330I was not injured in the crash. A third vehicle believed to have caused the crash was located on US 1 South and stopped in Lyons by Toombs County Sheriff and Lyons Police.

Georgia State Patrol is investigating the crash.

## Legals

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA  
IN RE: ESTATE OF CARL ALAN BRYANT, ESTATE NO. 20E0059  
DECEASED  
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION  
NOTICE  
TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern:  
TESSIE ANN BRYANT has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate of CARL ALAN BRYANT 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. JULY 20, 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  
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Telephone Number  
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA  
BIANCA S. MOOREMAN WARD  
CIVIL ACTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
PLAINTIFF,  
V  
BRANDON MICHAEL WARD  
DEFENDANT  
**NOTICE TO NONRESIDENT DEFFDANT**  
To: Brandon Micheal Ward  
By order of the Court for service by publication dated 6/17, 2020, you

hereby notified that on 6/17,2020, BIANCA S. MOOREMAN WARD filed suit against you for Divorce. You are required to file with the Clerk of Superior Court and to serve upon Plaintiff's attorney, William H. McWhorter, Jr., an answer in writing within sixty days (60) days of 6/17,2020.  
Witness the Honorable, Robert S. Reeves, Judge of the Superior County of Emanuel County, this 6/17,2020  
Judge, Superior Court of Emanuel County, Georgia  
Middle Judicial Circuit

STATE OF GEORGIA, COUNTY OF EMANUEL  
All debtors or creditors of the Estate of Billy C. Winn, 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 to make immediate payment to me.  
This 22nd day of May, 2020.  
Linda Carlisle  
Executrix of the Estate of Billy C. Winn, deceased  
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**Education and Experience**

- Minimum 5 years POST Certified Police Officer experience.
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- Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice, Business or Public Administration, Psychology, or related field from an accredited college or university is preferred but not required
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**We are God's children**

BY JOYCE MEYER

Isaiah 49:15 shows us that our heavenly Father wants us to come to Him as children. In this verse, the Lord uses the example of a nursing mother and how she tenderly cares for and has compassion on her child and their needs. Our heavenly Father wants us to know that we are His precious little ones—His children—and when we come to Him as such, we show that we trust Him, which releases His power to care for us.

God is not like unreliable, untrustworthy people—you can trust Him. If people in your past have hurt you, know that He's not going to treat you that way. He will care for you as a loving father does, because He loves you.

When we don't receive the care and love that we should in our childhood, it causes fears that were never in God's plan for us. Parents are to be a mirror image in the physical realm of what our relationship with God is supposed to be like in the spiritual realm. When people are raised in dysfunctional homes, it usually causes problems in their relationship with the Lord, but it doesn't have to stop them from having a healthy, close relationship with Him.

I pray that as you read these words and think about what I'm sharing, God will set you free to be a mature adult who can come to your heavenly Father in a childlike way. He loves you so much!

**Prayer Starter:** Father, please heal me where I'm broken inside, and teach me how to come to You as my heavenly Father. Thank You for seeing and caring for me as Your child. In Jesus' Name, amen.

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# News from under the Gold Dome

by REP. BUTCH PARRISH, District 158  
 Last Friday, June 26, we adjourned the Legislative Session Sine Die which ends the biennial legislative session. Sine Die is a Latin term literally meaning "No More Days". This was the latest adjourning legislative session in Georgia history. The House of Representatives took many precautions to mitigate any virus spread as you will see in my photographs. The members were spaced apart using the Chamber Gallery and the Appropriations meeting room. We were

required to be tested for COVID-19 before returning and all had to wear masks.  
 There was much work to be done in the final two weeks after being suspended for three months. Many of our final days lasted over 18 hours and even included a historic Saturday session. The COVID-19 pandemic wreaked havoc on Georgia's economy and of course the state's budget. We were forced to make tough decisions and yet keep our schools, healthcare, and public safety intact.  
 We passed an historic

Hate Crimes Bill. House Bill 426 would allow enhanced criminal penalties to be levied against those who target their victims on the basis of race, gender, sexual orientation, sex, national origin, religion, or physical or mental disability.  
 We increased protections for our seniors living in care homes and our children. Now, those who prey on our children or aging population will feel the full extent of the law to proactively protect as well as severely prosecute criminals.  
 We tackled the unfair practice of medical

"Surprise Billing". If signed by the Governor, when you are treated in an emergency situation, all out of network providers must send the invoice to the insurance company and not you. For non-emergency services the patient must provide verbal & written consent before receiving services from an out of network provider. This was much needed and will end the sticker shock of the final medical bill.  
 Over the next few weeks, I will be highlighting and expounding on these bills and others. Until then, stay

safe, wear a mask, social distance, and wash your hands!  
 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



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 Follow me on Facebook for updates throughout the year.

## One injured in Sunday morning wreck

by BILL CAHILL, SFD PIO  
 A 17-year-old female driver was hurt in a rollover crash at the beginning of this week. Shortly before 1 a.m. on Sunday, June 28, 911 dispatched Emanuel County EMS, firefighters from Twin City, sheriff's deputies, and Georgia State Patrol to Highway 80 East by Willow Springs Cemetery for a crash. Arriving on scene, units found the injured

driver by a 2007 Chevrolet four-door Silverado that was laying on its side against a tree. The vehicle had left the roadway, traveled along the shoulder and rolled up the embankment into the tree.  
 EMS treated and transported the driver to Emanuel Medical Center with non-life-threatening injuries. Georgia State Patrol conducted the investigation.



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Dear community,

Future Generation Youth's 17th annual book drive has begun for the upcoming school year for local children. I know the has been a very challenging year for us all, with loss of jobs, lay offs, the COVID-19 virus, and just all uncertainties and hardships experienced. But, you know, we know that God is in control. In the name of Jesus Christ, we will make it through this. There is victory in Jesus Christ.

I ask again for prayers from the community for success once again in our effort to help our children. I just want to say that I love my community and all the people in it. Every person. I ask God to bless each of you, to provide every need, and take care of every family and individual. I have read in the Bible somewhere that Jesus Christ washed his disciples feet and he told them, "Let this be an example to you." He also said, "Love one another, as I have loved you." I think that's very powerful. I always feel something good every time I read those Bible versus.

Our location for this year's book bag drive will take place in the big parking lot of Swainsboro-Emanuel County Parks and Recreation Department and will be held Saturday, August 1, 2020 from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. Traffic will be directed, one with in and one way out. We will give parents the book bag through the driver's side windows to prevent individuals from getting out of vehicles. I'd also like to provide snack sacks for the children, so , please, bring them. We would love to see them and wish them good luck this year.

Parents, this is the safest way to host the book bag drive in concert with COVID-19 procedure. The safety of the public, as well as the children, is most important. I did not want this year to go by without helping children. I know this is different from all other book bag drives, but you know God is able and He will provide.

We are going to do our best, in the name of Jesus Christ. All volunteer and staff will have a P.P.E. We are looking forward to serving our children once again. God bless you all.

You may contact me at 478-494-2106. My address is 11 Laurel St., Swainsboro.  
 Love you all,

Ronnie Shuemake  
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