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SCOTTY NASWORTHY, JERRY GRIFFEN, DONNIE McNEELY AND MAYOR SCHWABE

## Mayor presents new lease to veterans

As part of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the local chapter of Veterans of Foreign Wars, members of the VFW and American Legion were presented a new lease from the City of Swainsboro on land they were originally leased in 1948. In May of that year, the City Council agreed to provide the organization a site for construction of a chapter center. In commenting, Mayor Charles Schwabe explained, "The only problem was that a lease never was actually presented to the club. Last year after meeting with a group of veterans, we started playing "history detective" and found in the minutes of the May 1948 city council meeting all

the information we needed to generate a new lease. Council promptly passed a motion to do just that, now the organization is set for the next 100 years." When the local VFW was begun in 1946, over 50 returning WWII veterans signed the original charger which is displayed at the center. Schwabe added, "It's an inspiring thing to see the signatures of all these young men who went to war then came home to become the leaders of this community and build a future for us all, and today this group is still one of the most active civic groups we have."



CEDRIC SEABROUGH CHASES DOWN A LOOSE BALL

## SHS Tigers ready for region playoffs

by TROUP BRINSON  
 The Swainsboro Tigers (15-1) blew thru a tough region 2-AA this season to the tune of a perfect 12-0 to set themselves as the #1 seed heading into the region

playoffs this weekend. Swainsboro will host the winner of Bacon County/ Jeff Davis this Friday at 6 p.m. The winner of that semifinal matchup will play in the championship game Saturday. The Tigers gave head coach Brice Hobbs his 100<sup>th</sup> win of his Swainsboro coaching career by taking down Jeff Davis 68-61 in the final game of the regular season. (Continued on page 2A)



COMMISSIONERS AT MONDAY NIGHT'S MEETING

## Commissioners opt for two year term for chairman

by WHITLEY CLIFTON  
 The Emanuel County Board of Commissioners convened Monday, February 15, at 6 p.m. at the John C. Coleman Hotel in Swainsboro for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting. Calling the meeting to order, Chairman Jim Sherrod welcomed all before calling upon Commissioner Desse Davis to deliver the night's invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited by all. **Public hearings**  
 • An alcohol license for beer and wine (consumption on premises) submitted by Patricia Conner for McKinney's Pond was approved by board members. Commissioner Hugh Foskey cast the first motion for approval

and was backed by a second motion for approval by Commissioner James Canady. All remaining board members voted in favor.  
 • An alcohol licenses for beer and wine retail submitted by Belinda Denmark for Pat's Country Store was approved by the board. Commissioner Canady cast first motion for approval, Commissioner Foskey seconded, and all members voted unanimously. Minutes from the January 19, 2021 regular meeting and February 11, 2021 workshop meeting were approved as presented. Casting first motion for approval was Commissioners Foskey who was seconded by Commissioner Davis. (Continued on page 6A)

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# Dr. Judy's retirement approved at recent BOE meeting

The Emanuel County Board of Education convened Tuesday, Feb. 9, at 5:30 p.m. at the Swainsboro High School cafeteria, where the board approved the retirements of Superintendent Dr. Kevin A. Judy and Assistant Superintendent Toni Terwilliger. The board also approved the employment, retirement and resignation of several certified and classified employees during executive session, listed below.

The meeting began with Chairman Mason Henry welcoming all in attendance before delivering the night's invocation. Board member Johnny Parker followed with leading in the Pledge of Allegiance before the approval of the night's agenda being made.

Five items for discussion listed on the consent agenda were unanimously approved by board members. The five items included minutes from the Jan. 12, 2021 board meeting, financial reports, 2020/2021 fundraisers, surplus materials and extracurricular activity approval.

Dr. Kevin A. Judy announced the following:

- Budget meetings with administrative staff and departments have recently begun.

- A board/budget retreat has been set for 5:30 p.m. March 23 to discuss Emanuel County Schools' budgets, as well as the approval of new positions needed to be filled to ensure that the school system has the best candidates possible.

- Partnership with Ecovase, a company who performs static spraying of all Emanuel County School facilities and buses to help prevent Covid and other bacteria and viruses. Dr. Judy informed the Board that

all buses and schools were sprayed on Feb. 2 and will be done again in April.

- Dr. Judy thanked Southeastern Technical College for agreeing to allow the school system to utilize the parking lot next to the city auditorium for bus training purposes.

- Dr. Judy announced that he and Jansen Ware have been working with the staff of Swainsboro Middle School on renovations planned for the summer. He further stated that classrooms and hallways will receive new paint, lights, flooring and ceiling tiles, and that redesigning of the office and ISS area will take place to utilize wasted space in the area. Enclosing showers in the school's PE area was also discussed since they are no longer used and can provide additional storage for athletics and PE classes.

- Renovations have been completed in the Swainsboro High School Culinary Arts Lab. Dr. Judy gave board members a tour of the area following the night's meeting to highlight the phenomenal renovations and discussed the excitement for school students to begin utilizing the new area.

- Dr. Judy then went over first semester information packets prepared by Kinolved, a two-way communication module used by the school system for communication between parents, teachers and students. This communication system allows parents to respond back. It has the capability of translating up to 85 different languages and helps track attendance within the school district. Dr. Judy pointed out the breakdown by schools of their usage. A total of 290,598 messages have been exchanged so far this school year. Positive messages sent to parents totaled 13,458, which averages to 65

messages per student. This system is safety-secured and meets all requirements of FERPA. As an overview, school administrators can also see all messages sent between a parent and teacher. Inappropriate messages are forwarded to the superintendent. The school system wants to continue its usage.

- Dr. Judy thanked the administrative staff of Swainsboro High for hosting the night's meeting and for their hard work this year with keeping students and the school safe.

In reference to the board's executive session, the following approvals for employment, resignations, and retirements were discussed:

- Board members approved the employment for classified employees Angel Beasley, paraprofessional; and Sandra Allen and Logan Gay, substitute teachers.

- The board approved the resignation of certified employees Elizabeth DeVane and Donna Godowns, teachers.

- Board members approved the resignation of classified employees Susan Brinson, paraprofessional; and Tiffany Bush, SFS assistant.

- The board approved the retirement of certified employees Teresa Burke, human resource director; Maribeth Clark, principal; Dr. Kevin A. Judy, superintendent; Toni Terwilliger, assistant superintendent; Elaina Wilkes, psychologist; and Teresa Bright, Sharon Edenfield, Mary Hundley, Regina Paul, Connie Proctor, Cynthia H. Riner, Carrie Rowland, Paula Scott, Corbin Michael Williams, and Deborah Williams, teachers.

- Board members approved the retirement of classified employees Diane Morris, bookkeeper; and Carolyn Williams, paraprofessional.

## Arrest made in stop sign theft

On Thursday, Feb. 11, 2021, investigators with the Emanuel County Sheriff's Office arrested Ethan Jase Strickland, 21, of Lyons, in connection with the theft of two stop signs with solar-powered lights. Warrants for the arrest are outstanding for Cody Shane Williams, 28, of Cobbtown, also connected to the theft.

The stop signs were reported stolen from Leman Road on Dec. 22, 2020.

Investigators Matt Lamb and Ashley Denney uncovered information leading to the identities of Strickland and Williams. They began building their case, which culminated in arrest warrants being issued. Strickland is



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charged with two counts of Theft by Taking and two counts of Criminal Interference with Government Property. Williams' outstanding warrants are for the same charges.

Sheriff Brewer commended Lamb and Denney for their investigative skills in a case with minimal information initially available.



STOP SIGN AND SOLAR-POWERED LIGHT

## SHS Tigers ready...

(From front page)

Swainsboro came out shooting hot as Tyler Kelly lit up the Yellow Jackets for 10 points in the opening quarter. Fred Seabrough put in 9 points in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter to give Swainsboro a 37-28 lead at halftime.

Jeff Davis did a good job of making shots and hanging around, even closing the gap to 4 points in the final period as their bench cheered on the visitors. However, Swainsboro just had too much fire-power and salted the

game away for a comfortable win. Kelly led all scorers with 20 points while Seabrough and Demonte Smith put in 16 points each.

Heading into the playoffs, Swainsboro will need to ramp up the energy and play with more intensity.

"We got to handle the ball better down the stretch," said Hobbs when asked about what his team needed to do better with the post-season set to begin. "We also need to make our free throws if we are go-

ing to make a (playoff) run!"

Swainsboro won the title last year with a 30-2 record and overwhelmed teams defensively. The Tigers have the personnel on hand to squeeze teams into submission and this is the time of year to let it all loose. The 'Den' will be rocking as the playoffs start this weekend and the Tigers defend their region crown and get set to defend their state championship in the state playoffs just around the corner.

The Lady Tigers beat Jeff Davis and then won a coin toss to take the #4 region seed. Swainsboro Lady Tigers hosted Vidalia this week on Tuesday and will need a win to advance to play East Laurens on Thursday. Swainsboro dominated Jeff Davis 76-27. Serah Kelly had 20 points, Tanyia Williams had 18 points, and Jayden Wynn had 17 points. Swainsboro is 6-6 in the region and 8-8 overall.

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## Hometown Public Servant: EMS Director Courtney Terwilliger

This week's Hometown Public Servant is Emanuel Medical Services Director Courtney Terwilliger.

### Background info on Terwilliger

Born in Jacksonville, Florida, Terwilliger relocated to Emanuel County at the age of five years old.

According to Terwilliger, his father was from upstate New York and his mother was a local of Emanuel County. The family resided in North Florida where his father worked in the timber business prior to relocating to Emanuel County.

"My family moved back to Emanuel County after my grandmother died to help my grandfather with the family farm. I was five years old at the time, so Emanuel County is the only home I have known," Terwilliger said.

Family is the reason for Terwilliger's current placement in Emanuel County and why he chose to make Emanuel County his home.

"It's about family. My family and my wife's family were all in Emanuel County. The gift of family love is one of God's greatest gifts. And, I have been blessed with this gift here in Emanuel County. My wife, Toni, and I have been married for almost 39 years. On various days she has loved me, tolerated me, or resisted (successfully so far) the urge to kill me. She remains the love of my life and my best friend. We have raised two beautiful children, Ivy and Courtney III. We have been blessed to call Emanuel County our home," Terwilliger further stated.

### Professional Background

Terwilliger has been an EMS provider for 44 years and has served in the capacity of director for the past 42 years. Terwilliger spent 10 of those years serving as both EMS Director and County Emergency Management Agency Director. In addition, he has also served as Emanuel Medical Center's Continuous Quality Improvement coach and currently handles emergency preparedness, hazardous materials and coordinates the hospital's security.

Apart from serving the local community, Terwilliger also enjoys the partnerships developed with the county and with individuals across the state of Georgia.

"I have been encouraged by both the county government and the hospital administration to take a leadership role in statewide initiatives. With the assistance of Butch Parrish, the Speaker of the House appointed me to the Georgia Trauma Commission, where I have served for eight years. I chaired the Georgia Association of EMS for 14 years and the State EMS Advisory Council for 16 years. I appreciate the hospital administration and medical staff's support, particularly Dr. Clifton, EMS medical director. I appreciate the help of the county commissioners and other public safety organizations in our county. This support has given EMS the ability to serve our com-



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munity better," he stated.

**Fun fact:** Did you know that EMS Director Terwilliger was once certified as a firefighter at the Georgia Safety Training Center? It's true! During a recent interview with Terwilliger, he relayed this information for public knowledge. However, he advised that EMS has been his interest and is why he chose to stay committed to Emergency Medical Services.

### Education and Training

When speaking on what sparked his interest in serving the local community, Terwilliger's reasonings were simple.

"I took the EMT course when I was young and single. Instead of spending my nights being unproductive, I chose to take the course to learn what to do in an emergency, just for my knowledge and to preoccupy my time two nights a week," Terwilliger reflected.

According to Terwilliger, he enjoyed the training and was offered a job, which he took. Today, he states that he realized that it was not his plan, but God's calling. For this reason, the song "Bless the Broken Road" has a lot of meaning to Terwilliger.

"My initial degree was an associate degree in biology. I went to UGA and worked on a degree in forest resources but left before I completed the program. I recently received a BA degree from East Georgia State College in fire and emergency services administration. I am very appreciative to Dr. Lee Cheek and Professor Beverly Walker for developing this degree program," Terwilliger stated.

### Directing EMS

Terwilliger states that he enjoys working with a team of professional men and women who serve our community and commends them all for their superb job performance.

"Our local EMS professionals deserve recognition as public servants. These men and women see things every day that others do not want to see and perhaps could not deal with. They do it in a professional manner, and I am proud to be associated with them," Terwilliger stated.

"There is no day-to-day routine. The days I 'think' I have planned are often 'hijacked' by immediate needs. Most of my duties today are administrative, and I attend many meetings and webinars. I remain active on both the regional and state level and serve on several advisory committees. The profession is changing rapidly, and keeping up with the new opportunities and requirements is challenging," Terwilliger ended.

### EMS Employment Requirements

To be hired to work with EMS, one must go

through training, take the National Registry exam, and be licensed in Georgia. There is a recertification cycle every two years that requires the medics to complete specific training objectives. In addition to that, all the paramedics with the service are credentialed in two "post-license skills." These are the use of an advanced transportation ventilator and the initiation of additional units of blood.

### On board with EMS

One thing that the local community, including the medical community, may not understand is the depth and breadth of EMS professionals' skill set. EMS ambulances carry state-of-the-art cardiac monitors capable of 12 and 15 lead EKGs. These machines can connect to the internet in the ambulance and send this information to the hospitals receiving the patient. The paramedics are skilled at interpreting these EKGs and can take the patient to the most appropriate hospital. The units can monitor oxygen levels, waveform capnography, and non-invasive blood pressure readings. EMS also carries state-of-the-art hospital-grade ventilators, LUCUS II automatic CPR devices, and IV pumps to control medications given.

A second factor that is to be recognized for EMS job performance is the change in workload over the years. According to Terwilliger, when he first entered the EMS field, the department ran an average of approximately 55 calls per month, with almost all calls transferring the patients to Emanuel Medical Center. During last week's interview with Terwilliger, he highlighted that the EMS record volume for calls in one month is 427.

"On an average month, 25 percent of these calls involve a transfer to a more distant hospital. The most challenging issue with this is that we cannot schedule our calls. We may go for hours without a need and then have four calls come in within five minutes. It makes for a stressful situation, and COVID-19 has made it more so," Terwilliger explained.

A third item for discussion with EMS today is the change in weight of EMS patients.

"Today, it is common to have patients that weigh over 300 pounds, and we have several that are above 500 pounds. Add to that the stretcher's weight and interject old rickety stairs, and it makes for a very hazardous situation," Terwilliger concluded.

### Thoughts from Terwilliger to the community in which he serves

"First, I would like to thank the community for allowing me to serve in this role. The second comment is somewhat tongue-in-cheek. I am the second to the last person you want to deal with (the last is the funeral director). I would suggest to the citizens to put me out of business. To do this, wear your seat belts, keep your blood pressure under control, get checked for diabetes, exercise, and change your diet. An apple a day may keep the doctor away but does not stop the ambulance."

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## Bobcat Athletics Week in Review: February 7-14

Our Bobcats had a busy week starting with multiple games on February 9. The Lady Bobcat Softball team took on Spartanburg Methodist in a double-header and won both games, with a win of 12 to 4 in Game 1 and a shutout in Game 2 of 9 to 0.

The Men's Basketball team then took to the court to fight a hard battle against South Georgia State College. They fell 91 to 79 in a game that stayed close right up until the two-minute mark.

Bobcat Baseball entered the diamond against Combine Academy on February 10, kicking off two days of double-headers. The Bobcats came out on top in Game 1 on Wednesday with a score of 5 to 1, then picked up Game 2 in a clean shutout at 12 to 0. On February 11, the Bobcats took Game 1 with a score of 11 to 5, then rounded out the two days of play with a win in Game 2 of 4 to 3.

Also on February 11, the Men's Basketball team took to the road to face South Georgia State again, falling 91 to 53.

The Bobcats started this week in action with the Men's and Women's Basketball teams taking on Albany Tech on February 16. The Lady Bobcat Softball team will be on the road today, February 17, against USC Salkehatchie in a double-header.

Thursday will see the Lady Bobcat Basketball team on the road against Albany Tech, while the Men's Basketball team will take on Gordon State at home at 7:30 p.m.

Bobcat Baseball will take to the diamond on Friday against USC Lancaster at noon for a double-header, and Lady Bobcat Softball will be in action for a double-header against Spartanburg Methodist on their turf beginning at 1 p.m. The Lady Bobcats will match up again with Albany Tech on Saturday, this time at home, beginning at 1 p.m., while Men's Basketball will take on Gordon State in Barnesville at 3 p.m.

The Bobcats will also have a busy Sunday, with the Lady Bobcat Softball team taking on USC Union in a double-header beginning at 1 p.m. and the Bobcat Baseball team in another double-header against USC Lancaster beginning at 1 p.m.

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  - February 18 - Men's Home Basketball Game\* - 7:30 p.m.
  - February 19 - 12 Week Session Drop for Non-Payment
  - February 20 - Women's Home Basketball Game\* - 1 p.m.
  - February 21 - Baseball Home Game - Double Header - 12 p.m.
  - February 22 - 26 - Add Back for Non-Payment - 12 Week Session Only
  - February 23 - BCM Club Meeting - 10:45 a.m.
  - Criminal Justice Club Meeting - 1 p.m.

\*Due to COVID-19 concerns, no fans or spectators are allowed at home athletic events for basketball. Fans are allowed at home baseball and softball games, but must observe all rules.

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## Wayne G. Irvin, 81

Mr. Wayne G. Irvin, age 81, formerly of Swainsboro, presently of Adrian, passed away peacefully on Tuesday evening, February 9, 2021, at Bethany Oaks Health and Rehabilitation Center in Vidalia. Funeral services were conducted and livestreamed Thursday, February 11, at 2 p.m. at the Blackville Church of God with Pastor Kip Boswell officiating. The family received friends on Thursday at the church from 1 p.m. until the hour of service. Mr. Irvin will be laid to rest with his parents and brothers in the family plot in Swainsboro City Cemetery.

Born in Carrolton, GA, he was the eldest of four children born to the late H. C. and Janie McRae Irvin. As a young child, the family moved to Swainsboro where Wayne was a graduate of Swainsboro High School Class of 1957. As a teenager, he worked in the family business, Irvin Implement Company, (the John Deere Dealership), which he would become the second-generation owner/operator until retiring in the mid 1970s. Mr. Irvin was meticulous and accomplished in everything he did, including woodworking, rebuilding John Deere engines, refurbishing old classic cars, Indian motorcy-



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cles, and taste testing Banana Pudding. He loved gospel music and was always standing and clapping, (sometimes in rhythm, sometimes not), and praising at the Blackville Church of God. In addition to his parents, Mr. Irvin is preceded in death by his two brothers, Sidney McLain Irvin and William McRae (Billy Mac) Irvin.

Mr. Irvin leaves behind his wife, Joan Rowland Irvin of Adrian; children, Wayne "Noot" Irvin (Karen) of Swainsboro, Regina Harrell (Mike) of North Augusta, SC, Renee Martin of North Augusta, SC, Jay DeWayne Irvin (Kristie) of Swainsboro, Jeff Eno (Kristi) of Canton, and Missy Eno of Murfreesboro, TN; sister, Linda Winn (Walter) of NC; fourteen grandchildren; thirteen great-grandchildren; and a niece and a nephew.

Sammons Funeral Home, The Tradition Since 1917, Soperton, Georgia.

## Dwayne Alan Foots, 42

On February 5, 2021 Dwayne Alan Foots was called home to rest. A celebration of life was held Saturday, February 13, 2021 at 12 p.m. at the Swainsboro City Auditorium. Rev. Leroy Jordan presided and Pastor Nick Robertson officiated. Interment was in the Swainsboro City Cemetery.

Mr. Dwayne Alan Foots was born on November 10, 1978, in Emanuel County Hospital to Alice Foots of Swainsboro and Edward Wise of Vidalia. At an early age, he joined Coleman Temple Holiness Church, where he served as a junior deacon and sang in the choir. Later, he joined Consuming Fire Ministries in Swainsboro.

Foots was preceded in death by his baby girl, Deorie Foots; brother, Hal Foots; paternal grandparents, Sarah Nell and Adam Wise Jr.; and maternal grandparents, Rev. Clarence Coleman and Rev. Lucille Coleman.

He remains cherished in loving memories by his wife, Carla Foots, sons; Dorein Foots, Caziah Foots, Calynn Foots and Shanjuaneya Wadley; and one daughter, Yale Foots, all of Swainsboro; parents, Alice Foots of



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Swainsboro and Edward (Dorothy) Wise of Vidalia; four sisters, Lucy Foots of Lithonia, Raven Wise of Vidalia, Brooke (Jimmy) Hodges of Augusta, and Daniell Foots of Swainsboro; four brothers, Timothy (Angela) Foots of Holiday, Fla., Mark (Bonita) Wise of Suffolk, Va., Dallas Wise of Virginia Beach, Va., and Bryon Foots of Swainsboro; one sister-in-law, Crystal Wilson of Greenville, SC; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, other family members and friends.

Pallbearers were Mike Smith, Clifford Williams, James Ellison, Sergio Washington, Lynn Foots and Brandon Hamiel. Honorary pallbearers were members of Norfolk Southern Railroad. Flower bearers were Swainsboro Class of 1998.

Mosley's Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## John William "J.W." Hook, 73

Mr. John William "J.W." Hooks, 73, of Swainsboro, passed away Wednesday, February 10, 2021, at AU Medical Center in Augusta following an extended illness. Funeral services were held Saturday, February 13, at 11 a.m. at El Bethel Baptist Church with Reverends Joe Bedgood, Louis Pearce and Ray Jenkins officiating. Interment followed in Eastbrook Cemetery & Mausoleum. The family received friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, February 12, at Chapman Funeral Home. In compliance with the guidelines set by the CDC, 6-foot rule was enforced during visitation and service.

Pallbearers were Larry Morrison, Jeff Newsome, Bobby Mason, Cliff Mason, Ben Thompson, Shawn Riner, and Chris Fowler. Honorary pallbearers were Mike Henry, Raymond Riner, Joe Kirkland, Steve Johnson, and Stebo Moore.

Mr. Hooks was born February 21, 1947, in Swainsboro, to the late John A. Hooks and Burrell Fordham Hooks.



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He was a member of El Bethel Baptist Church. Mr. Hooks is preceded in death by his parents; granddaughter, Taylor Hooks; and sister, Connie Oglesby.

Survivors include his wife, Mickey Hooks of Swainsboro; son, Shawn (Brook) Hooks of Swainsboro; daughter, Tabatha (Ray) Downer of Swainsboro; brother, Ronnie Hooks of Tampa, FL; sisters, Hazel Harris of Mobile, AL and Vickie Gay of Swainsboro; grandchildren, Jarrod (Susannah) Downer, Jada Downer, Chase Hooks, Makayla Clifton, Charla Clifton, and William Tate Hooks; several nieces, nephews, and many friends.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.

## Almeta Richards, 80

Almeta Richards, formerly of Freeport, New York, passed away on Wednesday February 3, 2021, at Cambridge Post-Acute Care Center in Snellville. Graveside services were held Wednesday, February 10, 2021 in the Swainsboro City Cemetery with Pastor Leonard Richards presenting the eulogy.

Originally from Swainsboro, Almeta Richards moved to New York, settling in the small town of Freeport. During her time in Freeport, she became a fixture in the community. Richards was very active in the church, Greater 2<sup>nd</sup> Baptist Church, as she served on several boards and committees. In addition to her commitment to the church, Richards was also union president at AFL-CIO Hospital Laundry Facility and a certified home health care worker. More importantly, Richards was an individual who held everyone accountable for their actions



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with her strong words. She always demanded greatness and pushed individuals to achieve great heights, even in the face of adversity and uncertainty.

Survivors include three children, Ricky and Joann Richards of New York, Vickie and Scott Floyd of Las Vegas, Nevada, and Paula Richards of Atlanta; seven grandchildren, Angel Bell, Lamar Bell, Ronald Adams, Marquise Williams, Dennis Bouknight, Corey and Chena Hackett, and Kimani Hackett; 10 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

Mosley's Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## Van Harris Wheeler, 70

Mr. Van Harris Wheeler, 70, resident of Swainsboro, died Sunday, February 14, 2021 at his residence. Mr. Wheeler was born in Emanuel County, son of the late John T. Wheeler and Frances Bridges Wheeler. He had lived in Florida for many years and returned to Swainsboro 19 years ago. Wheeler was a security officer. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife,

Victoria Beach; a sister, Catherine Hopkins; and a brother, Marvin Wheeler.

Survivors include a brother; Paul Wheeler; three sisters, Sarah Farrow, Vicky Fowler, and Lynn Price; and several nieces and nephews.

The family will hold a private memorial service at a later date.

Arrangements are by Tomlinson Funeral Home and Crematory.



## Otis Lee Williams, 82

Mr. Otis Lee Williams, Jr., 82, of Swainsboro, passed away Saturday, February 6, 2021, at Emanuel Medical Center following an extended illness. Funeral services were Sunday, February 14, at 2 p.m. at the Swainsboro City Auditorium with Reverends Jerry Armstrong and Melvin Adams, Jr. officiating. Interment followed in the Mt. Gilead Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery. The family received friends from 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday, February 13, at Chapman Funeral Home. In compliance with the guidelines set by the CDC, 6-foot rule was enforced during visitation and service.

Mr. Williams was born April 1, 1938, in Canoochee, to the late Otis L. Williams, Sr. and Twillie Walker Pierce. He was a truck driver for Twin City Concrete, and a member at Mt. Gilead Missionary Baptist Church. Mr. Williams is preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Telda Tina Corley, and sons, Henry Chance and Jimmy Fann.



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Survivors include his sons, Deacon John E. Parker, Charlie Clark, and Herbert Artis, all of Swainsboro, Jermaine Jackson and Andre' Jackson, both of Canoochee, Charles Riddles of Florida, Herman (Martha) Murphy of Maryland, and Michael E. Parker of Fairburn; daughter, Cherry Ann Sweet of Augusta; devoted cousin/surrogate sister, Mamie W. Pierce of Swainsboro; uncle, Fletcher (Sadie) Nobles of Swainsboro; a host of grandchildren, cousins, and friends.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.

## Addressing your worst enemy

by PASTOR NICK ROBERTSON, CONSUMING FIRE MINISTRIES

We all know this horrible enemy called the devil, who wants to take everything you have and cast you into a place of entire loneliness. The devil has put on many disguises to accomplish his mission over the years in each of our lives. He has tempted people to do horrific things, but he is not our worst enemy. Guessing time... Who is closest to you than anyone else and is around you all the time? This person has done the most damage in your life. I am sure some of you are seeing your spouse in your mind right now, but it's not them, it's YOU. Yes, you.

Let me explain the reason I say we are our own worst enemy and not the devil or demons. Let's start by evaluating a portion of the story of Job in the bible. Satan wanted to totally destroy Job but God said this in Job 1:12 KJV, "..., only upon his soul do not touch." This next statement is very important to understanding as we progress. Our soul is the place where our will, intellect, and emotions dwell. The soul is where we remember and feel things in life, the bible references it as our heart in some context. If the will of a person has been broken, it was because the soul was affected by an outside influence. If our intellect is not full, it is because of an outside influence that caused a false perception to be a personal reality to an individual. If a person's emotions are damaged, it is because of a wound that happened to that person's soul. The soul is what brings life to a person. It was created whole by God but outside influences may darken it.

The point that we get from the scripture mentioned above is, though the enemy may attack our body and possessions, he cannot touch our soul physically. So, his master plan is to influence us by the things that happen to us or that is said about us, to get us to accept a negative view. Once we accept the negative into our hearts, it takes root into the soul. I could name many scriptures to help bring this

into perspective, but I end with these: Luke 6:45 and Ephesians 6:12. The scripture in Ephesians explains that we are not in a battle with other people but with the evil one. The scripture in Luke explains that what a person speaks will display what is in their soul (heart). Therefore, I believe that the worst enemy we have to face is ourselves. We are in control of what we let into our hearts (souls).

When another person says cruel and evil things about you and to you, we should realize that the enemy is using this person's mouth to make us believe negativity. I give an example, if you are in a relationship and your partner tells you that no one loves you but them, DON'T believe this. If you believe this, you damage your own soul. If you let this into your heart, it will make it hard for you to believe that God loves you. I have met and counseled people who do not believe that God loves them. Sadly, this comes from negative words from co-workers, family members, friends (boyfriend/girlfriend), and/or spouses. This we all know, that God paid a great price that shows how much He does love you. The price was His Son. God has given you a special gift that He wrapped your individuality in, your soul. Your individuality is loved by God and He wants you to keep it pure before Him. Don't let the enemy influence you to be an enemy against yourself. We can't stop the words from being spoken or the trauma that may happen, but we can stop ourselves from believing the enemy. Let us believe what God has said and not the enemy. It's not the possession you have, your appearance, or your health status. It is about your soul that will be judged in the day of judgement. Will God be pleased at what you believe about yourself and others? If not, reject the poison of lies from the enemy and dive into God's perfect and loving word to see what He says about you. I promise, it will have a positive effect on your will, intellect, and emotions or just simply put... your soul.

In light of recent concerns received regarding citations issued to individuals using local county dumpsites, Magistrate Judge Dawn Braddy, County Administrator Guy Singletary, and Emanuel County Code Officers Justin Morris and Stephen Graham sat down in a meeting with *The Blade* to discuss and address concerns.

According to Singletary, the county, on average, spends approximately \$150,000 per year picking up trash off the grounds of dumpsites and roadsides throughout the county, which includes an approximate 300 miles of paved roads and an additional 600 miles of dirt roads. In addition to the \$150k spent on trash pickup, an additional \$1,000,000 is dedicated to the disposal of trash in trash containers. If everyone did their part to help with litter control, this number could be reduced.

"Emanuel County code enforcement officers are asked by the Board of Commissioners to help clean up the community. Our biggest concerns received from the community is the dumpsites and trash on the side of the roadways. We have a significant amount of trash to deal with, above and beyond what we've ever handled, and for the most part, we do a pretty good job at handling it. However, it could be handled much better if we received more compliance from residents. Just think of where county funds could be allocated if we didn't have to spend \$150,000 each year picking up trash off the ground," Singletary commented.

The county's base fine per charge is approximately \$200, plus state add-ons of \$90. The county can charge up to \$500 per charge, which would end up totaling to \$725 with the add-ons of \$225. One or two citations with two charges on each could be no less than \$580. Judge Braddy, based on the violation, has decreased the fine in half at times to try to help the citizens.

"I try to treat people with respect and equality, just as I like to be treated and is what I promised in my 2020 election campaign," Judge Braddy stated.

In addition to trash accumulating on the ground, issues with items being left at dumpsites for others to pick up was another topic addressed during the Wednesday meeting session.

"The county dumpsites are not 'swap shops'. When large items are left on the grounds at trash sites, it prevents dump trucks from emptying trash cans and others from being able to park in close range to the trash cans to dispose of their trash. Large items or commercial building's garbage should be taken to the transfer station, not county dumpsites," Singletary added.

**For those who do not know:** Emanuel County's transfer station has changed its hours of operation to be more suitable for citizens to use. The new hours of Emanuel County's transfer station are 8 a.m. until 5:30 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, and from 8 a.m. until 12 p.m. on Wednesdays. The transfer station is closed Sundays. Loads taken to the transfer station that weigh in less than one ton are free. Individuals hauling loads to the transfer station that exceed one ton will have to pay approximately \$40 per ton. Also to be noted, credit cards are now being accepted as forms of payment.

"If you have items that are in good condition and think someone can use them, please do not put them on the ground at dump sites, because this will cause a citation to be issued. Contact area churches that accept gently used items to assist those in need or the Hinton House located in Adrian. We all have to work together to keep Emanuel County clean," Judge Braddy stated.

"For the past couple of years, our code enforcement officers have been issuing a ton of citations. We are fortunate to have a judge who will hold people accountable for their actions but, at the same time, uses discretion and judgement to determine if that person has made a mistake and needs to be forgiven or warned. The commissioners and I support Judge Braddy and her decisions to the fullest," Singletary commented.

"The citizens of the county are fortunate that we have a code. And the reason I say that is - there is nothing within this county code that isn't in the state code. We're talking misdemeanors here. Throwing trash on the ground is a state misdemeanor. Do you want that to go on your record? I think it's great that we have a code that informs the citizens when they are wrong and let it be adjudicated without hitting individual's records," Code Enforcement Officer Graham stated.

"What we do, most of the time, is try to make contact with the individual involved so that the issue can be resolved instead of a citation or warning being issued," Code Enforcement Officer Morris stated.

Singletary went on to commend the code enforcement officers for their superb job performance with not only handling trash-related issues, but also for other jobs performed with building

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inspections and permits, trash violations on both public and private properties, assisting with the county's timber ordinance, as well as responding to calls regarding nuisance animals and noise violations.

"Our wheels for trash are always spinning and it's a huge collaboration that has to be handled case by case, which is what Judge Braddy does," stated Singletary.

### Define Codes:

Codes are the parameters a governing body places on what may be done and how it may be done within its jurisdiction. Cities and counties derive their authority to write and enforce code from the state constitution, their subsequent municipal charter, and statutes established by the state legislature; the charter outlines the authority of elected officials to manage affairs within the community through its code.

Emanuel County Code Enforcement "Mission Statement"

The mission of the Code Enforcement Department is to enforce the county codes, to promote, protect, and improve the health, safety and welfare of the citizens and visitors of Emanuel County. The Emanuel County Code is listed on the county website and can be located by visiting [https://library.municode.com/ga/emanuel\\_county/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances](https://library.municode.com/ga/emanuel_county/codes/code_of_ordinances). To report violations of Emanuel County's code, contact should be made with the Code Enforcement Office, Magistrate Office, or County Commissioners Office.

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# EGSC Foundation receives grant for honeybees, pollinator garden

The East Georgia State College Foundation recently received two grants from the Mill Creek Foundation to supply honeybees for the EGSC Bobcat Apiary and to establish a wildflower pollinator garden at the main campus.

The EGSC Bobcat Apiary was established in 2015 on the college's campus to help educate local school groups, visitors, and EGSC students, faculty, and staff about the importance of pollinators. In 2016, the college was designated as the 14<sup>th</sup> Bee Campus USA affiliate in the nation. The current project involves expanding the apiary by purchasing honeybees to set up eight honeybee hives. Five hives will be setup in the apiary on the main campus and the other three hives will be installed at the college's second apiary located off campus. The installation of the honeybees will expand upon the college's efforts to educate the community and the college of the importance of bees in the environment and promote pollinator awareness and habitat protection.

The hives will be installed by EGSC students who are interested in working with honeybees and members of the Bobcat Beekeeping Club which was established in the Fall of 2019. This project is hoped to establish self-sustaining apiaries so the stronger hives can be used to boost colonies that have been weakened due to disease, pests, or queen loss. It's also a goal of the project to increase outreach, student involvement, and the interest of beekeeping to the point that more people become beekeepers.

The second project receiving a grant involves the purchase of a tiller, topsoil, and wildflower seed to grow a wildflower garden on the EGSC campus. As a Bee Campus affiliate, EGSC committed itself to promote pollinator education and the establishment of and protection of pollinator habitats, both on campus and in the community. The goal for this project is to finish establishing an approximately 200 square foot wildflower garden and the establishment of additional gardens. The pollinator gardens will also help pollinators by providing them with healthy habitats.

Each project costs approximately \$1,200 and is planned to be completed in the Spring. East Georgia State College, the Bobcat Beekeeping Club, staff, and students would like to thank the Mill Creek Foundation for the opportunity to obtain these grants to further just one of the many missions of EGSC.



HONEYBEES ON EGSC CAMPUS

"I would personally like to thank the Mill Creek Foundation's Board of Directors for funding these projects," said Dr. Paul Cerpovicz, EGSC professor. "The Foundation has been absolutely wonderful over the years in providing support to EGSC in its efforts to increase the educational and cultural opportunities available for its students, faculty and staff, as well as the local community. I am very grateful for their support in helping us to fulfill our Bee Campus USA goals to help promote educational awareness and appreciation of honeybees and other pollinators, and the establishment and protection of their habitats."

To learn more about the Bobcat Apiary, visit <http://www.ega.edu/bobcat-apiary>.

## Summertown Food Pantry announces upcoming date for distribution

Summertown Food Pantry will open for February distribution on Thursday, Feb. 25, from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. Please bring containers for distribution items.

## Commissioners opt for...

(From front page) and February 11, 2021 workshop meeting were approved as presented. Casting first motion for approval was Commissioners Foskey who was seconded by Commissioner Davis.

### In reference to new business:

- 10 vehicles were approved for surplus by board members. They included old county work trucks that have recently been replaced, as well as vehicles from the Emanuel County Sheriff's Office.

- Commissioners approved the purchase of motor graders, a discussion/action held on a regular basis every five years. Having received two bids: John Deere (\$367,124.68) and CAT (\$375,267.94), commissioners opted for the lowest bid, John Deere. The submitted price includes 10 machines with equipment. The prices submitted were annual quotes. The annual difference of submitted quotes was \$8,143.26 and the five year difference was

\$40,716.30.

- Board members approved three municipal election intergovernmental agreements submitted by Stillmore, Twin City, and Swainsboro for the upcoming election year.

- Board members approved the purchase of a transfer station truck. County Administrator Guy Singletary advised that the semi-truck, also referred to as a "spot truck", in mind for purchase is a used truck that fits the needs of the county, with a quote price of \$18,000. He further advised that the county is currently using a truck loaned by the Sullivans at no charge until a county purchase could be made. Making motion for approval was Commissioner Keith Thompson. Commissioner Desse Davis seconded and all remaining board members voted in favor.

- Singletary told board members that two bids for a service truck have been received. He explained that the service truck is

a critical piece of equipment used by the county and suggested the approval of the lowest bid. Of the two bids, Beck Ford quoted a bid price of \$157,000 and Peach State Ford bid \$143,876. The bids are for a Ford F550 featuring a service body, crane, and other functions. Board members opted to accept the lowest bid from Peach State Ford. Making first motion was Commissioner Davis, who was seconded by Commissioner Canady.

- Board members then held a discussion on chairman term for the Board of Commissioners. In favor that a two-year term will better serve the commissioners than having a one-year term limit for chairman, Commissioner Thompson made first motion of approval. Commissioner Foskey seconded this motion and all remaining board members voted in favor, except Commissioner Canady who opposed.

- Singletary discussed an expired term and need for the ap-

pointment for the tax assessors board. The expired term being Moscoe Dawkins, who has served more than 40 years on the board and is one of the county's longest serving employees. Commissioner Thompson commended Dawkins for his commitment and work performed for the county. A motion to reappoint Dawkins to his current position was made by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Canady, with all remaining board members voting in favor.

Prior to adjournment of the night's session, Chairman Sherrod read the following letter on behalf of Emanuel County Sheriff Jeffrey Brewer:

"On Thursday, Feb. 11, investigators with Emanuel County Sheriff's Office arrested Ethan Chase Strickland in connection with the theft of two stop signs with solar power lights. Cody Shane Williams has outstanding warrants for the same theft. These are the stop signs

stolen from Lehman Road on December 22, 2020. The victims in this case are the tax paying citizens of Emanuel County. Contrary to an early statement released to a news outlet which stated, "We're no closer today finding out who did this than back in late December," is not accurate. Investigator Matt Lamb and Investigator Ashley Denney were hot on their trail. Sheriff Brewer states that criminal cases have to be proven and this takes time. With some cases, periodic updates are not given because it could jeopardize the outcome. Investigator Lamb and Investigator Denney discovered the names of these individuals in mid-January. They began building their case which led to arrest warrants being issued. Sheriff Brewer commended Lamb and Denney for their investigative skills and for those who gave information to begin with."

With no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

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## DAR announces essay winners

Each year, the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) annually sponsors the American History Essay Contest for students in grades 5-8. The Governor David Emanuel-Adam Brinson Chapter, NSDAR, promoted this essay contest to students in all schools in Emanuel County. The topic for 2020-2021 was the Boston Massacre. March 5, 2020 marked the 250th anniversary of this historic event. The students were required to write their essay from the perspective of someone living in Boston and witnessing the events of March 5.

The following students

submitted the best essay from their grade at the school-level of competition: Eighth grade - Jamie Gunter, David Emanuel Academy (DEA); Hallie Kate Johnson, Emanuel County Institute (ECI); and Ariel Averett, Swainsboro Middle School (SMS).

Seventh grade - Addalyn Terwilliger, DEA; Arachige Nimna Samadhi Salgado, ECI; and Alexis Le'unna Mercer, SMS.

Sixth grade - Tucker Free, DEA; and Lilly DeLeon, ECI.

Fifth grade - Aubrey Scott, DEA.

Essays of the school winners were evaluated to determine a chapter winner as follows:

Ariel Averett, eighth grade; Addalyn Terwilliger, seventh grade; Tucker Free, sixth grade; and Aubrey Scott, fifth grade.

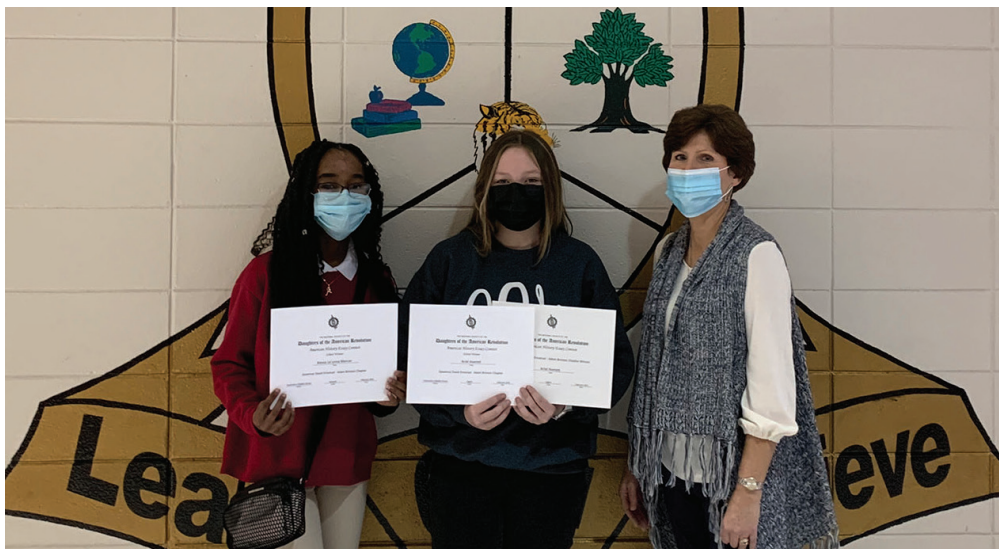
The four chapter winners received a certificate and \$25 check.

These essays advanced to district-level competition. Scott was the southeast district winner. Her essay will be forwarded for state-level competition.

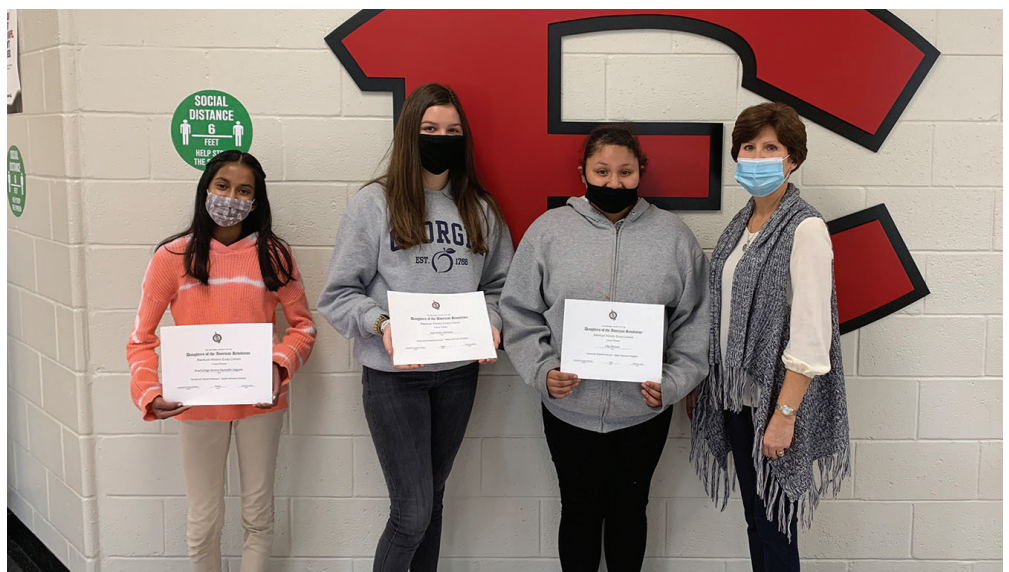
"We are thankful for each student who took the time to learn more about the Boston Massacre and write an essay," shared Lynn Torrance, DAR member, who coordinated the local participation. "You are all to be commended."




DEA STUDENTS GUNTER, TERWILLIGER, SCOTT, AND FREE WITH TORRANCE



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## Seedling Garden Club visits Main Street Market

For the monthly meeting of Seedling Garden Club, they met on Monday, Feb. 8, at Swainsboro Main Street Market. Before the meeting was called to order, members enjoyed browsing all the antique garden tools and the beautiful antique flower vases that were on display by vendors.

President Lucille Braswell called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Two new members were welcomed. They were Kathryn Fowler of Soperton and Becky Daniels.

In the business session, the treasurer's report by Kay Peacock and secretary's report by Cheryl Goodman was approved as presented. Yonna Bailey, yard of the month chairman, reported due to the weather, no yard of the month was selected for February. The club discussed and voted not to have a flower show this year due to the unrest still in the Covid-19 spread. The club voted to continue to donate \$25 to The Garden Club of Georgia's projects. The club also voted to plant a tree on Arbor

Day, Friday, Feb. 19. The tree will be planted at Meadowlake Parkway in honor of Swainsboro Mayor Charles Schwabe.

President Braswell appointed a committee for officers for 2021-2023 term. The committee is composed of Linda Dekle, Kay Peacock and Judy McWhorter. Going by club's bylaws names will be presented at the March meeting, voted on at the April meeting and installed at the May meeting. Wanda Scarboro, club's "bird watcher," reported that birds are dying from salmonella from bird feeders. This might explain why you don't see as many birds now.

President Braswell introduced Michael Bright, manager of Swainsboro Main Street Market, who presented the program for the evening. Bright opened his presentation by singing the song, "What a Wonderful World." If you will listen to the words of the song you will understand why garden clubbers work so hard to promote their projects. Using the words of the song, clubbers say, "I ask myself-What a

Wonderful World."

Bright stated this is his seventh year as the store's manager. He was approached by the Downtown Development Authority in January 2013 and given 90 days to improve Main Street Market or it would be shut down. It now has more than 150 new visitors sign its guestbook every month. The interest of the club's meeting was Bright's Music Memories Museum located inside the market. Bright, a 20-year music industry veteran, decided the museum would be a great accent to Swainsboro's already shared music history. For instance, Hank Williams, Jr. first performed on stage of the Nancy Auditorium in Swainsboro in 1968. One of the suits once owned by Williams is on display in the museum. Bright shared his large privately-owned collection of autographs, personal items and personal clothing owned by country, rock 'n roll and R&B singers.

You may ask, "What has such a program have to do with garden club?" Well, to answer your question, first, Main Street Market is full of antiques and history, which garden clubs are interested in, and if you look at music, you can compare and see how music connects with flowers. The club enjoyed the educational, entertaining meeting.

Hostesses for the meeting were Cheryl Goodman, Wanda Scarboro and Judy McWhorter. Attending the meeting were 12 members and 1 visitor.

The meeting adjourned with Nancy Lisenby winning the raffle item. The club makes sure it follows the guidelines for meetings by wearing face masks and social distancing. Masks are removed only for picture taking.

Seedling Garden Club is a member of National Garden Clubs, Deep South Region, The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. and Oleander District.



**February 16, 1961**

### Walden is 'Outstanding Young Farmer' for 1960

Billy Walden of near Canoochee has been named "Outstanding Young Farmer of the Year" in Emanuel County. His selection was announced last Wednesday night at the annual banquet of the Swainsboro Junior Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Walden and two runners-up, Frank Wimberly of Swainsboro and W.D. Johnson of Twin City, received plaques in recognition of their "outstanding farming operations". (visit [emanuelcountydrive.com](http://emanuelcountydrive.com) to see contestants photos)

**Receives trophy**

Flo Frederick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E.A. Drake, Norristown, receives trophy for outstanding bowling skill from "Woody" Wood at Midtown Lane, Albany. She had a 608 series, the highest ever bowled in an Albany Women's League. The series was bowled in the Working Girls' League at Albany. (visit [emanuelcountydrive.com](http://emanuelcountydrive.com) to see contestants photos)

**February 17, 1971**

### Kindergarten enjoy parties

The three kindergarten groups of the First United Methodist Church enjoyed their Valentine Party last Friday. Each child had a shoe box which they called their "post office box". Their names were written in large print on the end of the box and each child tried to deliver his own Valentines to their friends by matching the names on the envelopes to the names on each mail box. Fun was had by all. Punch and cookies were served. (visit [emanuelcountydrive.com](http://emanuelcountydrive.com) to see contestants photos)

**Ready to go**

Russell Giles and Artis Ford get assistance from Band Directors Tom Durden and Elson Tims, Jr. in mapping out plans for the annual sale of Community Birthday Calendars in Swainsboro. The annual sale will be kicked off by members of the Swainsboro High School Tiger Band in a canvass of the city Monday evening. (visit [emanuelcountydrive.com](http://emanuelcountydrive.com) to see contestants photos)

**February 18, 1981**

**Examine drawings**  
Savannah architect Richard Gilpin explains drawings of Swainsboro's new retirement apartments to be constructed by the Swainsboro Presbyterian Housing

Corporation Members of the new corporation's board of directors. (visit [emanuelcountydrive.com](http://emanuelcountydrive.com) to see contestants photos)

**Young shoppers**

Wayne Hall, stock manager at the local Piggly Wiggly store, talks with Mrs. Mattie Jean Douglas during a visit to the store by Miss Thelma Trice's kindergarten class. Among students touring the facility are Andre' Mountain, Denise Edenfield, and Tiffany Gillis. Mrs. Douglas served as a chaperone for the students. (visit [emanuelcountydrive.com](http://emanuelcountydrive.com) to see contestants photos)

**February 20, 1991**

### Bypass selected by DOT

Georgia Dept. of Transportation has approved the "Alternate A" plan for a highway bypass for Swainsboro. The bypass would be west of Swainsboro and would consist of a two-lane rural roadway on a four-lane right of way. The decision is announced within the legal columns of this issue of *The Blade*. "Alternate A" was one of several plans suggested to provide the free flow of traffic through or around Swainsboro as part of the proposed Developmental Highway System, which would provide Interstate-type highways to rural sections of Georgia now not served by the Federal Interstate System. (visit [emanuelcountydrive.com](http://emanuelcountydrive.com) to see contestants photos)

**Official opening**

Taking part in the ribbon cutting ceremonies for opening of the new Hardee's restaurant are Milton Gray, Ezra Price, Robert Wiggins, owner, Vicki Messer, area manager, Roy Kilpatrick, Ellen Barrett, manager, Jeanette Hall, Bob Wiggins, owner, Frank Canady, Roy Thompson, and Richard McNeely. (visit [emanuelcountydrive.com](http://emanuelcountydrive.com) to see contestants photos)

**February 14, 2001**

### Seven Tigers take first step toward college careers on signing day

Seven Swainsboro Tigers took the next step and inked letters of intent to play football at the college level on National Signing Day, Feb. 7, in the school's media center. Five of the seven, Brandon Andrews, Titus Peebles, Charles Silas, Damien Coleman, and Jason Samples signed with Division I schools while Cameron Brazzell and Kyle Palmer signed

with Division II schools. Andrews will play at Georgia Southern, Silas will be a Gamecock at Lou Holtz's University of South Carolina, Peebles will play in the Sunbelt conference at Middle Tennessee State University, Coleman and Samples will both help Troy State enter the Division I ranks as the school steps up from Division II, Brazzell is headed to Tennessee and the University of the South at Sewanee, and Palmer is headed to West Georgia University in Carrollton. (visit [emanuelcountydrive.com](http://emanuelcountydrive.com) to see contestants photos)

### Connie Thurman featured in Atlanta newspaper

Connie Thurman, owner and operator of Coleman House Inn and Catered Creations in Swainsboro, was recently highlighted in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution's Chefs of the South feature. The article highlighted Thurman's accomplishments including the fact that she caters several special events for Georgia Southern University, local civic clubs, and organizations at Catered Creations. Thurman carves Georgia Southern College's Eagle logo into chocolate and other foods she prepares for the school. (visit [emanuelcountydrive.com](http://emanuelcountydrive.com) to see contestants photos)

**February 16, 2011**

### 1951 State Champions!

Several members of the Swainsboro High School 1951 State Champion baseball team are A.W. Lawson, Gene Stone, Doc Claxton, Swainsboro Mayor Charles Schwabe, Cliff Walton, Frank Wimberly, and Billy Harrell. Mayor Schwabe's father, Ed Schwabe, was the coach for this historic team. Other members were Charlie Waller, Roger "Roddy" Rich, Oscar Odum, Jack Lawson, Elwin Coleman, Sewell Youmans, Rene Kemp, Carroll Patton, and Frank Bagley. (visit [emanuelcountydrive.com](http://emanuelcountydrive.com) to see contestants photos)

### SPS students make 'hats'

Swainsboro Primary Kindergarten students in Ginny Smith and Yonna Bailey's class had fun making "hats" to celebrate a learning focused on beginning sounds. The "hats" ploaced on their "heads" by their "hands" did not flatten their "hair"!!! (visit [emanuelcountydrive.com](http://emanuelcountydrive.com) to see contestants photos)



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## Glad Garden Club returns to Sudie A. Fulford Center

The Glad Garden Club held its regular meeting on February 8, 2021 and is very proud to be able to return to the Sudie A. Fulford Community Learning Center located just inside the main gate on the beautiful campus of the East Georgia State College. The Learning Center has been closed for several months due to the COVID-19 pandemic but is now open with current COVID-19 guidelines in place. Each room is set up to make sure that visitors are socially distanced and face masks are to be worn at all times while in the building. The club is very thankful that the center is once again available as the accommodations are peaceful and picturesque. Members were also greeted by a new director. Founding Director Jean Schwabe retired in December but has left the center well cared for. Harley Smith is the new coordinator of communications and the Fulford Center. Smith started her education at EGSC and later finished her degree at Georgia Southern University, majoring in journalism and public relations. She was also Miss EGSC in 2013. Smith has worked at WTOC as their multimedia journalist but came back to her roots at EGSC in 2019 as communications coordinator, then easily moved into her new role after Schwabe retired.

The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m. by President Sylvia Durden. She was happy to announce and introduce new member BeeBee Connell of Swainsboro. Old friends are precious and priceless but new members are important and dear.

Inspirational message was given by Carolyn Brown referring to Matthew 25:25, "and I was afraid and went and hid my talent in the ground". Words of encouragement: Don't let the circumstances of what is happening cause you to lose your talent and gift to others.

Margaret Sweet shared an interesting presentation about the Franklin Tree. *Franklinia alatamaha*, commonly called the Franklin Tree, is indigenous to Georgia. Genus name honors Benjamin Franklin. It is America's first rare tree. John Bartram was appointed Royal Botanist for North America by King George III in 1765. In that same year John Bartram and his son William discovered this tree growing in a 2-3-acre tract along the banks of the Altamaha River. The Franklin Tree has never been observed growing in any other place than along the Altamaha River. In a return trip in 1773, Bartram collected seed from this site and brought it back to Bartram's garden in Phil-

adelphia where the tree was successfully grown. This tree has been extinct in the wild since 1803. It isn't even known precisely why this tree disappeared in the wild. It has been perpetuated only by cultivation by (all plants derive from the seed collected by Bartram) not only because of its rarity but also because of its attractive flowers and foliage. Its genetic base is quite narrow because all plants/trees currently in existence in the world come from the seeds collected by the Bartrams.

Correspondence was reviewed as thank you notes were received. Among them was a thank you from Kristin Hall for the club's donation to the Barbara and Tobe Karrh Community Arts Center home of the Historic Dixie Theatre. The theatre first opened in 1934 and not only ran contemporary films but a variety of vaudeville acts. Its doors closed in the late '60s and generally remained empty until the proprietor W.M.Karrh's grandsons, Bill and Jim, donated the property to the City of Swainsboro for redevelopment into a community arts center. For further information go to [www.KarrhCenter.com](http://www.KarrhCenter.com)

Due to COVID-19, October District Meeting was cancelled this past year, so awards were given to presidents at district board meeting. Glad Garden Club is proud to have won several awards, as a designated small club of under 29 members, at the National Garden Club, the Deep South Region, and the Garden Club of Georgia level. Club members are in hopes and pray to be able to have more real meetings to celebrate and have fellowship with dear friends that they have been unable to meet with this past year due to COVID-19.

Plans are in the works to plant a tree as an Arbor Day celebration in April. Discussion was also had on what the club may do as a fundraiser this year. This will probably involve the community. Future trips and programs were discussed as there are many COVID-19 guidelines to be followed.

*Glad Garden Club follows strict CDC guidelines and protocols but if you would like to have some great fun with a great group of sassy seniors, Glad Garden Club members are your type. Glad Garden Club attempts to meet every second Monday of the month September through May at 10 a.m. at the Sudie A. Fulford Community Learning Center unless otherwise notified.*

*The Glad Garden Club is a member of the National Garden Clubs Inc., Deep South Region, the Garden Club of Georgia Inc., of the Oleander District.*



Photo by Mark Williams Photography  
DADDY- DAUGHTER ATTENDEES

## SECRD holds annual Daddy-Daughter Dance

Over 40 couples enjoyed this year's Daddy-Daughter Dance hosted by Swainsboro-Emanuel County Recreation Department Friday evening, February 12. The annual event was held in the Recreation Department Gym with limited attendance due to Covid-19 guidelines. The event was for girls ages 4 and up and their father or an adult escort. The girls enjoyed an evening of socializing and dancing to a variety of music provided by disc jockey Joey Crapps. Refreshments were also served throughout the evening.



PAM AKRIDGE PRESENTS CHECK TO OWENS

## Owens wins New Year Resolution contest!

This year's winner of *The Forest-Blade's* annual New Year Resolution contest was Wanda Owens. She was awarded \$100 for participating in this year's contest! Be sure to stay on the lookout for more ways to play and win with *The Blade!*

## Emanuel County's Covid-19 virus and vaccine update

According to the county commissioners' update on Tuesday, February 16, the total active cases of COVID-19 in Emanuel has decreased from 49 to 19 since last week's COVID-19 update report. The report on February 9 was as follows:

- 49 active cases
- 2,357 confirmed cases

- 2,228 recovered cases
- 80 deaths

This week's most updated information made available on February 16 is as follows:

- 19 active cases
- 2,370 confirmed cases
- 2,271 recovered cases
- 80 deaths

Statics reported in the February 9 and February 16 reports reveal a decrease of 30 active COVID-19 cases; an increase of 13 confirmed cases; an increase of 43 recoveries; and a stagnant death rate. Newly implemented into the social media postings of Emanuel

County Board of Commissioners is the Emanuel County Weekly COVID-19 Vaccination Update. This data is the most up to date and is provided in a joint effort by the Emanuel Medical Center, East Georgia Healthcare Center, Emanuel County Health Department, Shop-Rite Pharmacy, and the Emanuel County Board of Commissioners. The most recent report regarding 1A+ vaccinations was made Tuesday, February 16, and was as follows: Total vaccinations administered: 3,016 Total to have received the first vaccination: 2,354 Total to have received the second vaccination: 662 Please Note: Emanuel County Board of Commissioners strive to give Emanuel County the most up-to-date and correct information, with data coming from different state-wide sources. Please understand that sometimes information is delayed, and the coun-

ty office will update information as soon as it is received. Be sure to follow the Emanuel County Board of Commissioner's Facebook page and turn your notifications "ON".

**Seeds of Hope**

"How many more times do I have to tell you before you remember what I'm trying to teach you?" asked Jim's Dad. "Probably as many times as it takes for me to see what's in it for me," answered Jim. Most of us have been involved in similar "discussions." Some "lessons" are more difficult to learn than others if we see no immediate benefits. So it was with the Children of Israel. Psalm 78 begins with a plea from God: "Oh my people, hear my teaching!" Notice that God is pleading with His people to hear Him. There is a difference between listening and hearing. We often listen but do not hear. So God emphasized that fact: "listen to the words of my mouth." Of course we want to know what He means when He asks us to "listen to the words of my mouth." Then, as now, many only listen when any speaker has anything to say that has value to them - even God. If we do not believe that the words of the speaker - even God - will benefit us personally and tangibly we will not hear their voice. Sadly, what was true then is true today. God spoke to the Israelites many times on many different occasions through many different individuals and unexpected miracles. Yet, His message did not penetrate into the depth of their hearts and make a lasting impression in their lives. They seemed to forget the importance of His teachings and paid a price. If we listen to and obey His Word, He will reward us.

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EGSC SOFTBALL TEAM

## EGSC Lady Bobcats sweep Spartanburg Methodist on softball diamond

The East Georgia State College Lady Bobcats softball team continued their winning ways with a double-header sweep of Spartanburg Methodist on Tuesday, Feb. 9.

The Bobcats were led in game one at the plate by Jana Crews, Makenzie Wilkerson, Taylor Morgan and Dani Wells. Each of these Bobcats had two hits as the Bobcats amassed 11 total hits on the day in route to a 12 - 4 victory.

On the mound for the Bobcats was Freshman Britney Foster who would get the victory with five innings of

work, six strikeouts, allowing four hits and only one earned run.

Game two would see the Bobcats continue their hitting ways with Jana Crews, Alaina Lee and Allana Hooks, all having three-hit performances. Hooks had four RBIs for the Bobcats with two doubles and one single as the Bobcats cruised to a 9 - 0 win.

Madison Poole got the win with two innings of work with Madison Bussell getting the save for the Bobcats. Payten Strickland closed out the final inning for the Bobcats with a 1, 2, 3 inning.

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# Sheriff's Reports

According to the Emanuel County Sheriff's Office...

## February 8

Deputies were dispatched to a call on Hwy

80 W. about a person ringing the doorbell and looking intoxicated and driving off after it being the wrong address. Deputy was traveling W. on

Hwy 80 when the vehicle turned in front of another deputy, at which time he initiated a traffic stop. Deputies approached the vehicle to identify the driver due to c/o's call and the driver was visibly intoxicated.

Deputies received a call at Union Chapel Rd. in reference to a male subject making threats to his mother. Upon arrival, offender was very belligerent towards deputies and subsequently was placed under arrest for disorderly conduct for his actions.

Complainant stated someone is burning something in the woods near Moss Trail and it's keeping him awake at night.

Deputies served a 10-13 without incident on Laurel Dr.

Deputies were dispatched to Hwy 80 E. in reference to a reckless driver.

Deputies were dispatched to Bus. 1 S. in reference to a golf cart traveling recklessly on the roadway.

## February 9

Deputies received a transfer call from Toombs County 911 center stating they received a call from a female subject threatening self-harm. Toombs 911 advised they pinged

her cellphone in the area of Wilkes Cemetery Rd. and deputies responded to the area.

Deputy responded to Old Reidsville Rd. in reference to a harassing communications report. Upon arrival, complainant state she had had issues involving the offenders and that they have escalated the harassing communications by having different people ride by her residence and take photos of her and her husband while they are sitting on their porch.

Complainant stated she was at LJR pellet mill when a known driver pulled up stating that she hit her vehicle and then jumped back in her freightliner and left.

Complainant stated offender went on her property in Dellwood and took her mixed breed dog off the chain.

Deputy responded to Eloise St. for to a suspicious vehicle.

## February 10

Deputies, along with EMS and first responders, were dispatched to Dellwood Rd. in reference to an unresponsive male.

Deputy made an arrest for revoked license.

Complainant stated that while traveling down Hwy 1 S. she ran over a tire tread in the roadway causing slight damage to the passenger side of her vehicle.

Deputy made a speeding arrest.

Deputies served an arrest warrant on offender on Maple Rd.

Deputy met with complainant in reference to a report concerning a TPO violation that was said to have involved offender. C/o stated offender attempted to contact her through her child, which is a violation of the court order that was served to offender.

Deputies responded to Maple Ave. in Stillmore in reference to a domestic disturbance call concerning two parties. Victim stated she and her daughter had gotten into physical altercation that ensued over a cell phone. Victim further stated her daughter took her phone and after she had gotten it back, her daughter jumped on her and punched her in the face. While on scene, contact was made with offender during which time offender was believed to be under the influence of a CNS- type controlled substance. Offender showed signs of erratic behavior that consisted of compulsive tweaking and disorganized response to questions. Victim stated offender did not live at her

residence and stated she wanted to press charges.

Complainant stated a vehicle was taken from his residence and did not have a tag displayed.

## February 11

Complainant stated she received a 1099 from Ohio Dept. of Job & Family Services stating she had received \$4870 in unemployment compensation. C/o stated she received no such payment and was employed in GA for all of 2020.

Witness stated someone called her mother claiming to be from Publishers Clearing House asking her to send them \$600 for a fee to receive lottery winnings her mother supposedly won.

## February 12

Deputies responded to Hawhammock Church Road in reference to theft of currency. Report taken from complaint and proper process was explained.

Deputy located a stolen vehicle on US 1 South Bypass while performing routine patrol techniques. Deputies made contact with the offender and placed him under arrest without incident.

Offender was transported to the Emanuel County Jail without incident. Vehicle was turned over to owner. Case officer was notified of the incident.

Complainant stated that the victim states he traded a 1998 Tahoe for the offenders 1997 Ford Truck and signed the title over to him. After the trade, the listed offender went to the tag office and applied for a replacement title saying he lost his. Now the victim cannot get the F150 registered.

Arrest was made on I-16 84 West Bound due to possession of drug related items/Narcotic equipment was located in vehicle.

## February 13

Deputy responded to Oak Park Hwy for a stolen firearms and stolen wallet report. Complainant later discovered firearms in his home, but was unsure about the whereabouts of his wallet and apologized for not thoroughly searching the home before calling 911.

Deputy responded to Old Reidsville Road in reference to a male that was seen outside a window. Upon arrival suspect was gone in a possible green color truck, no further information at this time.

Deputies were dispatched to Hebron Road in Garfield in reference to an unknown subject knocking on complainant's door.

Deputies were dis-

patched to McKenzie Drive in reference to criminal trespass.

Complainant stated she is in the middle of a divorce with the offender and has a Restraining Order on him. On this day while she was eating at Huddle House in Swainsboro some of the offenders kin were riding through taking pictures of her.

Deputies received a call about shots being fired on Canoochee Road near the city limits. Deputies patrolled the area with negative contact.

Deputies assisted GSP with a two vehicle MVA on US Highway 80 West. Minor injuries reported.

Deputies were dispatched to US 1 South near Nunez Lexsy Road where the Victim was traveling when his vehicle struck an 8x16 homemade trailer ramp belonging to the offender. The victim's vehicle sustained flat tires from the incident.

## February 14

Deputies were dispatched to Bishop Chapel Church Road due to a listed vehicle stuck in the ditch on listed roadway occupied by the offender and witness. Driver was arrested for an outstanding warrant.

Deputy responded to the incident on Angelfish Lane in reference to an unresponsive male.

## February 15

Deputies were dispatched to the area of Highway 1 North in reference to a wrong way driver. The vehicle was advised to be traveling South in the Northbound lane. Responding deputies did not locate any vehicles traveling the wrong way, finding traffic to be flowing normally.

Deputies were dispatched to Gardenia Road in reference to a vehicle stuck in the roadway. Upon arriving on scene, listed vehicle was observed to be stuck in a portion of the roadway covered with standing water. It appeared as though the vehicle had bottomed out due to ruts in the road. Daniels Chevrolet Towing was contacted to remove the vehicle. Vehicle did appear to have received water damage to the interior, as well as minor damage to the rear bumper received in the process of removing the vehicle. At the time it was unknown if there were any further mechanical damages. County Road Department was notified.

## Public Notice

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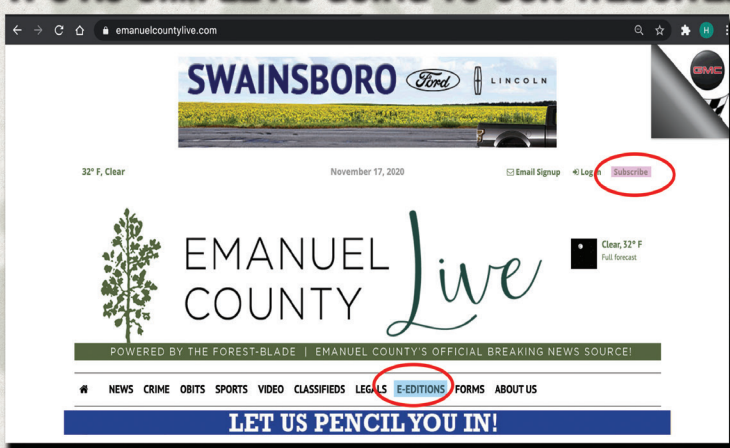
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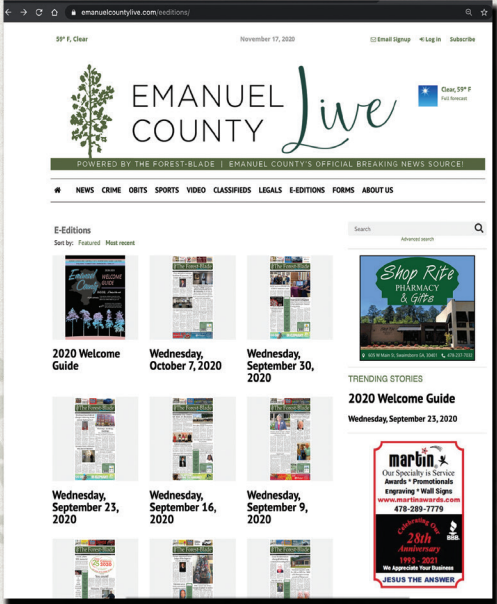
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# Twin City Police Reports

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

## February 15

Officer conducted a traffic stop for a no tag display. Investigators determined the vehicle to be lawfully purchased and driven until registration could be obtained. Further investigation revealed that the passenger was in possession of firearm after being adjudicated a felon in Georgia. Passenger was arrested and warrants will be obtained to effect the charge.



## Jail Report

The following persons have been booked into Emanuel County Jail, according to Emanuel County Sheriff Jeffrey Brewer, 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 (ECSO); 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).

Bobby Lee Parker, 39, 1379 Edenfield Rd, Twin City, entered 02/12/21; Probation/Superior Court, Theft By Taking/Motor Vehicle; ECSO

Markell Antavious

Kelsey, 24, entered 02/12/21; Certain firearms/Dang weapon/sil/sawedoff gun/poss. Firearm poss by conv felon; ECSO/HARDEN

Casandra Rose Pannell, 35, 147 N. Jones St, Midville, entered 02/12/21; Marijuana/poss less than oz/Possession Cocaine w/ intent to distribute; SPD

Bryce Alexander Elliot, 18, 1112 Appleton Ave, Macon, entered 02/13/21; Fail to Maintain Lane/DUI/Alcohol/Under 21; released 02/14/2021; SPD

Brandon Marquise Tippins, 34, 24 Pine St. Statesboro, entered 02/14/21; Driving lic susp/Speeding 15-29 MPH over/Battery/simp battery-family violence; ECSO

Shown Lekeith Johnson, 26, 387 Maple Drive/126

New Life Rd, entered 02/14/21; Battery/simp battery-family violence; SPD/ECSO

Rafael Demetruis Mack, 33, 616 South Railroad, Twin City, entered 02/10/21; Firearm poss by conv felon; released 02/12/21; TC-2

Crystal Lynn Lumoey, 37, 3799 Harrington St, Lyons, entered 02/10/21; Driving license susp/rev; released 02/10/21; ECSO

Jase Ethan Strickland, 21, 2018 Thompson Pond Rd, Lyons, entered; Theft/taking/Crim interference w/govt prop; ECSO

Tiffany Lamb Copeland, 34, entered 02/11/21; Probation/Superior Court; WALK-IN

Karolyne Medeiros Silva, 26, 670 Dekalb Ave Unit 2248, Atlanta, entered 02/11/21; Speeding 30+ MPH over/

Reckless Driving; released 02/11/21; ESCO

Daniel Joseph Cook, 45, 498 S. Peachtree Rd, East Dublin, entered 02/12/21; Possession of Drug Related object/control subst act/Speeding 15-29 MPH over; released 02/13/21; ECSO

Harrison Donte Sherrod, 25, 586 Curtis St, entered 02/12/21; Marijuana/poss less than oz/Theft/Shoplifting/Terror threats and acts/Obstr/Hindering of Officer; ECSO

Joshua Bryon Horton, 38, 7766 Hwy 297, entered 02/12/21; Driving lic susp/rev; released 02/12/21; ECSO

George Wayne Gregory, 29, 192 Union Chapel Rd, entered 02/08/21; Disorderly conduct; released 02/10/21; ECSO

Richard Miller, 51, 111 Perry Dairy Rd; entered

02/08/21; DUI/Alcohol; released 02/09/21; ECSO

Kevin Ashley Epps, 43, 505 Fairground Rd, entered 02/08/21; DUI/Alcohol; released 02/09/21; ECSO

Nickey Rodney Hicks, 52, 20 Daniels Lane, Davisboro, entered 02/09/21; Speeding 30+ MPH over/ Driving While Unlicensed/Expired; released 02/10/21; ECSO

Gyasi Ryan Mitchell, 33, 309 Everet Drive, Vidalia, entered 02/10/21; Speeding <14 MPH over/ Marijuana/poss less than oz/Drugs schedule I & ii drugs/ Firearm/knife poses/crime/attempt crime; release 02/11/21; SPD

Crystal Dawn Hitt, 42, 216 Maple Ave, entered 02/10/21; Battery/simp battery-family violence; ECSO

Cassandra Noel Hood, 32, 205 Calhoun St, entered 02/10/21; Probation/Swainsboro PD/Middle GA Probation; SPD

Robert Madison Jr., 67, 20 Maple Rd, entered 02/10/21; Sexual offend regist/provide false info; released 02/11/21; ECSO

Julius Keith Robinson, 50, 35 Stirling St, Savannah, entered 02/10/21; Speeding 15-29 MPH over/ Driving lic susp/rev; released 02/11/21; ECSO

Eurasia Shareka Williams, 30, 121 Michelle St, Garden City, entered 02/10/21; Reckless Driving/Speeding 30+ MPH over; released 02/10/21; ECSO

## Swainsboro Police Reports

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

**February 8**

Officers placed woman under arrest and transported to Emanuel County jail. Other officer searched both females and the bag because they had stated that there was a pipe in there.

Officers responded to the SPD in reference to a walk-in report with the complainant stating that the father of her children is harassing her via text and call. He has threatened to "shoot up her house with the kids in it" and continues to curse at her and call her names. She was advised to block all numbers from him and file for a TPO.

Officers were dispatched in reference to offenders that were causing a scene. Offenders spoke to officers outside of business stating that the complainant refused to allow them to pick up their semi-truck. The complainant reported that the offender still owed an outstanding bill of nearly \$4000 and that the truck has been on the site for approximately 18 months. All parties were advised that this is a civil matter and should be resolved through the magistrate court.

Officers responded to the Swainsboro apartments on Est Pine Street in reference to a complaint that a door that had been kicked in. Complainant stated that she believes her boyfriend had kicked her front door in for her not allowing her to borrow her vehicle. Offender was not on the scene. There was damage to the door frame and the door would not close. Maintenance was called to repair the door.

At a traffic stop, an officer was provided with the driver of the cars sisters name and date of birth. The driver was advised to come sign the citation for driving while unlicensed and interference with officer or warrants will be taken for false information.

**February 12**

Officers and Sargent responded to the SPD in reference to a damaged to vehicle report. Complainant stated that sometime between the day before and that morning her passenger side mirror was struck by what she believes to be another vehicle. The mirror was visibly hanging off of the door frame. Sargent advised that she is not sure exactly when or where it happened.

Officers and Sargent met with complainant at the SPD in reference to criminal trespass. She advised that her e-boyfriend has been calling her and she believes that he was at her home peaking into her windows early that morning. Complainant noticed footprints that she believed to be ex-boyfriends outside of her bedroom window and noticed a slab of wood and cinder blocks moved around her yard. She was advised through the TPO process through superior court and advised to call 911 is she ever feels

unsafe.

Officer was positioned for a vehicle left in the complainant's yard. The owner of the vehicle stated that her boyfriend had drove the car to this location and had left it there. She states that's she did not know why he left it there in this yard. She was then instructed to get the keys to it and get it out of the yard now or it was getting towed. She left the scene and came back with the keys and retrieved the vehicle from the location.

Officers responded to Robins Federal Credit Union in reference to a found wallet. The wallet in question was turned over by an employee of the bank. The wallet contained a GA Drivers license, EBT Card, Cashapp card, and an American Express Card. Wallet was turned in sometime last week by an unknown individual. Wallet was transported to the SPD, logged, and placed into temporary evidence locker for safekeeping.

Officer stopped a Black Chevrolet HHR traveling North on South Main Street in Swainsboro because the front passenger tire was sparking. The HHR pulled into Advanced Auto Parts and was informed of the issues with the tire. When information was run through the system, the officer learned that the Drivers license was suspended and there was an outstanding warrant out if Toombs County. 911 was asked to verify the warrant, which was valid, but that Toombs County did not want to place a hold on the driver. She has two juveniles in the vehicle with her, since she is from Millen the officer opted to take her to the police department to be fingerprinted and released on citation. Once they arrived at the Police Department and fingerprinted, she was cited for Driving while licenses were suspended. She was served with an official notice of license suspension. She was released on citation and then transported with the juveniles back to Advance Auto Parts and was accompanied with officer until a licensed driver arrived to turn the car over to.

Officer initiated a traffic stop on a Black Ford SUV as they were turning into Zaxbys, due to the fact of driving with no headlights in the cover of darkness. The officer approached the car and informed the driver as to why he was stopped. The driver informed the officer that he was driving his friends car and that he was unsure of how to turn on the lights. The officer showed the driver how to turn on the lights and asked for his license. While speaking with the driver, the officer noticed that the driver's eyes were glossy and watery and that the three occupants of the vehicle were dressed in Hula attire as if they had just left a party. The officer asked the individuals if they had been to a party, they answered yes. The officer smelt an odor

of alcoholic beverage coming from the breath of the driver as they were speaking. The drivers name and date of birth were run in the system, but the officer misunderstood the year and had to come back to speak with the driver twice, which led to asking the driver to step out of the car and the officer asked the driver if he would be willing to blow on a portable breath test (PBT) and informed him it was not admissible in court and it was only to give the officer a bases of what level of intoxication he was at. The driver agreed, and was unsteady and constantly moving to include stretching his hands to his feet and stumbling. The officer called for another officer to come in due to the fact of the PBT not performing correctly. While waiting on the other officer, the driver admitted to the first officer that he had actually consumed 7-8 beer instead of 2 like he had initially told him. He was instructed on how to perform the test and his intoxication level was at .15 and he was informed that he was under arrest for driving under the influence of alcohol under the age of 21. The driver was asked if he needed anything from the vehicle. The other passengers had someone come to pick them up and contact the owner of the car. The driver was transported to the SPD where he had to perform a second PBT. The driver was escorted in, fingerprinted and released to a sober driver on the account of current COVID-19 restrictions set in place with Emanuel County Jail. It was made clear prior to being released that he could not be behind the wheel of a vehicle and it was made clear to the individual picking the driver up as well. The individual picking the driver up stated that he would be sleeping at his house and his responsibility for the rest of the night. Diver was issued with two citations and provided with a copy of the test results.

Officers were called to Stevens Drive with the complaint of loud music. The home owner stated he did not aware the music could be heard outside of his home. He was advised this as a reoccurring problem and any further calls would result in a citation being issued. Home owner was polite and stated it would not happen again.

While conducting a stationary speed enforcement on Highway 80, an Officer observed a vehicle estimated to be going 15 MPH over. The radar displayed speed of 60 MPH in a 45 MPH zone. The vehicle was stopped and the officer asked the driver for her license. She stated she did not have a license. Officer contacted the sergeant asking about traffic infractions due to the issue f the language barrier. Officer returned to the vehicle and informed driver she would be arrested for driving while unlicensed. Driver was able to call a licensed driver

to come pick up the vehicle and she was transported to the SPD where she was fingerprinted and then released on citation.

Officers were dispatched to SPD in reference to a report. Driver stated she was in the line at Swainsboro Popeyes and her vehicle was side swiped by a black Chevrolet truck, causing damage to the front passenger side of the vehicle. Driver spoke to the driver of the truck and got his name. No information was given on the vehicle. No further information at this time.

Officer was dispatched to King Circle in reference to a report. Driver stated that when she got home from work that he noticed damage to the front end of her bumper of her vehicle. She stated the only place she had been today was work. Driver states she works at Wincore. Officer did observe the damage to the front bumper of the vehicle. No further information at this time.

Officer was dispatched to Lucky Street in reference to a domestic in progress. Upon arrival officers met with complainant and victim who stated that offender pulled up in a gray Jeep with the front bumper missing and got out and started cursing at them, stating he had something for them and kept verbally abusing them in order to start a fight. Complainant stated the offender always has several guns in the vehicle and he verbally associated himself as a part of the local Crip Gang. The Complainant stated that her daughter is dating the offender, that she wants to go be with him and that she is also pregnant. The Daughter stated that the offender did not do anything and none of this was true. Officers went to Lee Street due to another officer seeing the vehicle in the yard. Offender stated he was not even on Lucky Street today and that the Complainant is lying and is trying to get him in trouble due to another incident that happened this past Friday night. Officers asked for consent to search the vehicle when they saw Offender putting something into the back of the Jeep. Offender agreed and the officers proceeded to do so, but the Offender withdrew consent and the search was stopped.

Officer pulled vehicle over, once speaking with the driver asking for his license, the Officer noticed his speech was slurred, his eyes were glazed over and he had a strong odor of alcohol. The officer asked the driver if he had consumed any alcohol. The driver admitted he had one 12oz beer about one hour ago. The officer asked him to step out of the car, where he was then swaying while walking to the back of his vehicle. The officer asked him if he would take a Field Sobriety test and the driver agreed. The driver took the test and failed, which

he was then placed under arrest for driving under the influence of alcohol.

Officers were dispatched to SPD in reference to a Domestic in progress. Upon arrival, the offender was standing in the lobby and stated that she and her husband got into an argument over him being on the telephone and she grabbed it and threw it up against the wall breaking it. The husband had the same story but also stated that no one passed any licks. The husband told the sergeant that he had somewhere he could stay that night.

Officers were dispatched to the SPD in reference to a report. Complainant states that while in Wal-Mart a male subject whom she knows put his arms around her waist and she told him to get off of her. He then rolled his eyes and walked away. No further information at this time.

Officers were dispatched to Best Western on South Main Street in reference to a TV that was broken by an individual that rented the room the previous night. The house keeper of the hotel was the one who noticed the TV and mirror were both broken, but did not mention the mirror due to it being inexpensive.

Officer was observing traffic when he ran a GA tag on a white Lincoln Town car and noticed an expired registration, and proceeded to stop the vehicle when it was safe to do so. The officer informed the driver that his insurance was invalid, and called another officer to give him a ride back to his residence.

Officer was dispatched to Wendy's in reference to obscene phone calls to the manager.

Officer was dispatched to Youngblood Street in reference to the resident stating her ex-boyfriend was making

threats against her and riding by her residence. She was advised to see the Magistrate Judge in order to obtain a TOP against her ex-boyfriend.

Officer was dispatched to West Moring Street stating that their building was broken into by someone with a key or by someone lifting the bar in the back to the back door. Complainant states that there was \$400 worth of laundry detergent stolen from under the counter as well as a rose gold watch and an iPad 5<sup>th</sup> generation.

Officer responded to Calhoun Street in reference to an outstanding probation warrant. The offender was advised that probation had a warrant for her arrest. She stated that she had a broken right hand, so she was not handcuffed. She was transported to the Emanuel County Jail.

Officer was positioned at North Main Street when a single gun shot was fired, sounding like it was fired in the area of Lucky Street and the car wash on N. Green Street. Officers rode the area and were not able to locate any shell casings or possible offenders.

Officers responded in reference to Damage to property. The complainant advised that the offender broke a \$3000-\$4000 granite counter top. The offender advised that he did not intend to break it and it was an accident. The complainant informed the officer the was trespassing and did not live in the building nor was he on any lease agreement.

Officers were dispatched in reference to a report stating that a tag was taken off of a vehicle due to not using the vehicle anymore. He stated the tag was in his place of business, but he has since then misplaced the tag.

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# Editorials Columns

## Playmates

It is wonderful to have good friends that share our interests, concerns, fun times and not-so fun times. Friends are special blessings. From early childhood, I can name many whom I cherish as friends, but though we had many fun times, a playmate is in another category. When I reminisce back to my playmates, one name comes to mind--Nick Herrington.

The Herrington family, Mr. Seab, Mrs. Lucille and Nick, moved into the apartment in the house of Mrs. Harley Brown just across Bell St. from my home Mrs. Brown was a widow who supplemented her income by renting half of her house as an apartment. Many children lived there through the years--but my memorable playmate was Nick. Mr. Herrington came to Swainsboro in late forties to be manager of the new A&P store and introduced us to many unknown delights. Since Nick and I were inseparable in

our playing, Mrs. Lucille often made a picnic for us to eat under the big tree. The sandwich was always made with Peter Pan Peanut Butter. I had eaten lots of peanut butter but none as creamy and spreadable as Peter Pan. Our beverage was made from red powder from a can, mixed with water in a pitcher and poured over ice. The time was near the end of WWII, and Cokes were scarce due to rationing of sugar. This was my introduction to--you guessed it--Kool Ade. Except for time in school, Nick and I spent every possible waking hour in play. All it took was saying, "let's play like" and we became Roy Rogers and Dale Evans, Tarzan and Jane or whatever we had recently seen at the Dixie. In one of our "play likes" my Dale was slinging a jump rope around in the air as a lasso. The jump rope had wooden handles. Nick was in my range, and the handle popped him just above his

eyebrow. Blood gushed out. My Saeb was sitting at the kitchen table eating his noon meal and watching us playing outside. When he saw the accident and blood, he jumped from the back steps, gathered Nick in his arms and raced up the block to Dr. Brown's hospital. I ran right behind them following the trail of blood--terrified. I sat on the steps of the hospital sobbing. I knew when I saw the blood that Nick would surely die. Aside from concern for him, I knew if I had killed Nick, I was in big trouble. Shortly, Mr. Seab came out with Nick in his arms and a few stitches above his eyebrow. The only consequence was my jump rope was put away for a while and used only for jumping in the future. My father grew a special red grape on the huge vine in our back yard. The early fall grapes were not for eating but wine making. Mr. Seab contributed the needed sugar to add to

the grapes that would ferment in a large crock with a spigot. Don't know how they judged when the juice had fermented into wine, but it did. Mr. Seab and my father often ended their work day sitting together under the grapevine enjoying a glass of homemade wine before supper. Nick and I watched them open the spigot and fill their glass with what looked delicious to us. Of course, we determined to secretly give it a try on our own, and we did. We found a time with none of our parents nearby and opened the spigot to each fill a tea glass with the lovely purple drink. We found it tasty, sweet and felt really good as it went down our throat but did not expect what happened next. I remember a lot of "sickness" and feeling dizzy. My mother asked, "What is wrong with you?" I answered, "Seems like I am going crazy." Nick was having the same experience. I think the

## Shirley Proctor Twiss



"morning after" condition lasted for all the next day. Our parents discussed punishment but decided that we had been punished enough. Nick and I laughed about this every time we met in the future. He always referred to this as, "The time we got into our Daddy's wine." The years passed, and Nick and I were always friends but no longer playmates. Later we connected again when Nick and my future husband were in the same fraternity at Georgia Tech.

When I saw his obituary in the Blade, I felt sorrow in the loss of my old playmate but pride and joy in the life time of the man. After graduating from Tech, he was commissioned and served his commitment to the US Army. After active duty,

he and Annelle returned to make his hometown their home. Nick began his career with Swainsboro Supply Company that had been started by his father and grown with much success. Nick continued to own and manage the company for more than forty years. Swainsboro Supply was a hallmark company in the business growth of Swainsboro. Nick and Annelle were a vital part of every aspect of the growth and quality of life in your (and my hometown). Nick, I know you fulfilled you parent's greatest dreams for you. Rest in Peace, my old playmate, with dreams of a childhood of happy play, and a manhood of love and fulfillment dancing through your head. Write to Shirley at [sptwiss@gmail.com](mailto:sptwiss@gmail.com)

## Week of February 13, 2021

I blush as I write this (well, not really) but things are going well at the University of Georgia, the nation's oldest state-char-

tered university, located in Athens, the Classic City of the South. UGA President Jere Morehead's State of the University address notes

among other positives that U.S. News and World Report ranks my alma mater in the top 20 (#15) of all public universities in the

nation. Oh, did I mention we just got our 25th Rhodes Scholar? All that and a pretty fair football team, too. Our cup runneth over. . . . In the interest of equal time, I will say that while most Republican politicians in Georgia seem to have lost their tongues, a couple of Georgia Tech grads in the Legislature are showing some real backbone in standing up to the torch-and-pitchfork crowd still smarting over the results of the presidential election. Former Yellow Jacket pitcher and current Lt. Gov. Geoff Duncan seems not the least bit intimidated by the ominous rumblings coming from the Trumpsters about his future political career nor is he hesitant to speak his piece about the election being over and done with. . . . Another Georgia Tech loyalist, State Rep. Bert Reeves, R-Cobb County, calls U.S. Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene "an embarrassment to Georgia" and "the face of radical political extremism." Reeves does not say such things lightly. If Republicans have a lick of political sense, they will listen to these two men or get ready to hand the keys to the Governor's office over to Democrat Stacey Abrams next November. . . . Speaking of Greene (must we?) here is proof that political buffoonery in Georgia is color-blind. First, there was Cong. Cynthia McKinney, a Black woman whose only contributions to our state were a bunch of wacky conspiracy theories and positioning herself on the aisle at each State of the Union address in order

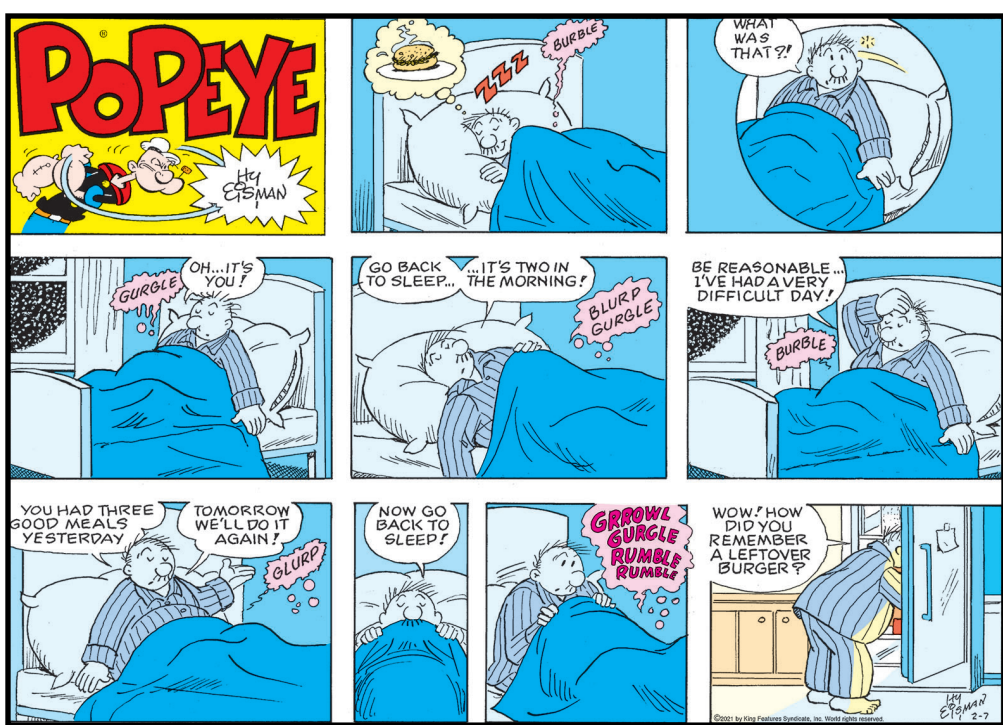
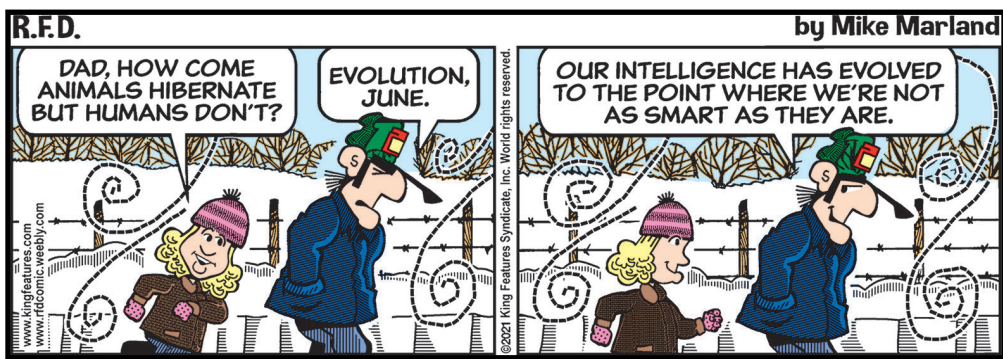
## Dick Yarbrough



to wet-kiss whatever unfortunate president happened to be coming by. Greene, white as new-driven snow, is equally wacky. . . . Greene, newly elected from Georgia's 14th congressional district held a press conference recently to say she was sorry -- sort of -- for saying things like suggesting that the California wildfires were started by a space laser beam which was controlled by the Rothschilds, a prominent Jewish banking company, and (my favorite) that then-Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg was being played by a body double. (Who? Dolly Parton?) She was summarily stripped of all of her committee assignments, meaning her constituents can expect taxation without representation. If she plays her cards right, Greene could replace McKinney as our next Ambassador to Outer Space. . . . I don't know if you watched the Super Bowl or not. According to the ratings, not many did. As is my wont, I didn't turn on the television until after the National Anthem was played and I changed channels during the half-time show because I have no idea who those people are. So why do I bring this up? It turns out that Tampa Bay coach Bruce Arians is the oldest coach to win a Super Bowl and Tom Brady is the oldest quarterback to do so. You better watch us old folks. We rock! . . .

We are coming up on the 25th anniversary of the 1996 Centennial Olympic Games in Atlanta. While I'm not sure if there will be an official celebration or not, I will have my own anniversary to celebrate. Two years after the Games, I was asked to write a guest column about how well the city did in hosting the event. I said Atlanta blew the Games. The city government was racist, the business community was more worried about traffic than how the city would appear to the world and the local media was in over their heads. That led to another column and then another and now 23 years and some 2,000 columns later, I find myself the most widely-syndicated columnist in Georgia. . . . Finally, the outpouring of support I have received across the state following the loss of the beloved Woman Who Shares My Name has been nothing short of overwhelming. So many of you have told me how you welcome me into your homes each week and how you have grieved for me and with me. The experience has reminded me that words have meaning and to be careful in my use of them. So I will leave you with these two simple words: Thank you. You can reach Dick Yarbrough at [dick@dickyarbrough.com](mailto:dick@dickyarbrough.com); at P.O. Box 725373, Atlanta, Georgia 31139 or on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/dickyarb](http://www.facebook.com/dickyarb).

## Editorial Cartoons



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We welcome Letters to the Editor from our readers. However, due to increasing production costs, we must request that letters be kept to approximately 350 words. All letters must be signed by at least one person. Address and telephone number of the writer should also be given.

The Blade reserves the right to edit letters and limit the number of letters on any one subject from any one person.



## ECI announces honorary students for second nine weeks

According to Principal Anetria Edenfield, the following students have earned honors for the second nine weeks of the 2020-2021 school year:

### STAR HONOR ROLL Sixth Grade:

JoAnna Arms, Lauran Bedgood, Madison Bell, Alivia Conley, Davis Johnson, Gunner Johnson, Gage Johnson, Slayden Lanigan, Andrew Marsh, Ashton McNear, Austin McNear, Kir Perez, Reese Raines, Deryon Stapleton

### Seventh Grade:

Brooklyn Dorsey, Raylin Hudson, Jacob McBride, Morgan Nie, Arachchige Salgado, Erin Stanford, Lola Walden

### Eighth Grade:

Jacob Avery, Leonel Gonzalez-Demillon, Aralyn Grimes, Kinley Grimes, Halli Kate Johnson, Billy Jones, Madalyn Jones, Gabriel Lee, Allie Rigdon, Janna Scott

### Ninth Grade:

Cola Akridge, Jasper Baker, Andrew Chalkley, Alaina Conley, Asia Gibbons, Wallee Kersey, Aliya McCoy, Conner Merier, Ansley Moxley, Jarei Oglesby, Haley Patel, Brailey Radford, Charles Rehberg, Arachchige Salgado, William Sasser, Jack Walden

### Tenth Grade:

Jacey Allen, Sullee Boddiford, Charla Clifton, Anna Claire Davis, Aubrey Harrison, Lawson Mercer, Elizabeth Millsaps, Malaina Nasworthy, Karly Olliff, Jordan Prew, Brigett Rachels, Caroline Salinas, Carlin Stewart, Allyson Taylor, Shanna Wilkerson, Martha Woodward

### Eleventh Grade:

Salma Cueva Santana, Diamond Daughtry,

Karime Gonzalez-Demillon, Landon Goodman, Jalasia Gordon, Marlana Griner, Nathan Headrick, Henry Hobbs, Jada Hooks, Alayha Hudson, Faith Mincey, Nevaeh Patterson, Tmyra Peterson, Taylor Rachels, Trevor Radford, Shelby Roberson, Natavus Robertson, Adam Sanders, AnnaLayne Scarboro, Karmen Thompson, Jamariya Turner, Zaren Williford

### Twelfth Grade:

Destiny Akridge, Kaitlyn Arnold, Jessica Clifton, Jack Davis, Destiny Foreman, Ada Godwin, Madison Grimm, Zoie Harrell, Precious Heath, Kelly Joseph, Sarah Kersey, Breana Librizzi, Molly McBride, Haley Page, Andrea Pullen, Taylor Radford, Morgan Rehberg, Audrey Rich, Jerica Scott, Matthew Smith, N'uturi Smith, Jesley Snellgrove, Alexis Wiggins, Zada Anna Williford, Catarina Wilson

### HONOR ROLL

#### Sixth Grade:

Maverick Allen, Jon Bowen, Anna Bowman, Ja'Shon Branch, ShayLynn Brantley, Brooklyn Crosby, Aaden Cumbee, Mary Katherine Durden, Travoski Harris, Aaron Matthews, Eric Murray, Aniston O'Dell, Jayden Purvis, Jayla Rhodes, Brayden Rich, Carlee Sherrod, Aaron Spears, Knox Tharpe, Westyn Wilkerson

#### Seventh Grade:

Melvin Akridge, Tuff Boddiford, Carolyn Cox, Hunter Griffis, Jordan Handsom, Makaileigh Handsom, Braeden Hooks, Max McBride, Braxton Oliver, Raymond Parillo, Jenna Grace Roberson, Trinity Taylor, Grayson

Thompson, Matthew Trail, Hailey Way, Briley Womack

#### Eighth Grade:

Matti Cochran, Jaelynn Dixon-Rowland, Raelyn Frederick, Jayna Kearson, Hunter Lane, Mylie Rose Lane, Spencer Lawrence, Abbey Marsh, Jacob McBride, Emily Rachels, JaMyra Shivers, Grace Swygert, Sean Wilkerson

#### Ninth Grade:

Colton Allen, Elizabeth Allen, Jacin Baltazar-Zamora, Charles Creamer, Shaquila Evans-Ray, Angel Guest, Alynnza Hughes, Henley Johnson, Aden McQuaig, Nicholas Newkirt, Brycen Purvis, Zachary Rowe, Hunter Spears

#### Tenth Grade:

Caleb Avery, Robert Bell, LaHarry Farnum, Andrew Grimes, Kelsey Harper, Jolie Hawkins, Haley Henry, Kellie Howell, Bryce Kearson, Sarah Catherine Kraus, James Myers, Austin Roberson, David Stapleton, Myia Steele, Shayla Stephenson, William Taylor, Kaden Wiese

#### Eleventh Grade:

Ashton Allen, Emily Chatham, Olivia Collins, Mikiyah Coney, Jenna Dixon-Rowland, Zhen Folds, Carlton Gamble, Kristan Jackson, Ethan Morton, Brock Pellerin, Blake Sanders, Rafael Silva-Tomas, Semya Williams

#### Twelfth Grade:

Vivian Allen, Reginald Blockett, Brendan Boatwright, Olivia Canady, Robert Fortner, Brandon Hatcher, Kati-Brooke Hooks, Trey Hughes, Emma Mason, Grace McBride, Haylee Roberson, Bailey Sause, Morgan Taylor



WIREGRASS CHAPTER PRESIDENT SMITH PRESENTING PROGRAM

## Smith speaks to Brier Creek

The Brier Creek Chapter, Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution held its monthly meeting Thursday night, Feb. 11, at 7 p.m. at the American Legion in Sylvania. Before the meeting, at 6 p.m., 10 members of the chapter met at Pop's Kitchen in Sylvania for a great meal in fellowship. With President Wayne Howard presiding, there were 18 members and guests in attendance.

The program for the evening was presented by the Wiregrass Chapter President Wilder Smith, Jr. His topic was the *Battle at Moore's Creek Bridge*. The bat-

tle occurred on Feb. 27, 1776, 244 years ago. The location of the battle was near Wilmington, NC. The North Carolina commanders were James Moore, Richard Caswell and Alexander Lillington with a force of 1,050 militia. Great Britain's commanders were Donald MacDonald, Donald MacLeod and John Campbell with a force of 700-800 for the battle and 1,400 - 1,600 at the start of march. Casualties and losses were one killed and one wounded for the North Carolina Militia and 50 killed or wounded and 850 captured for the British.

The Battle of Moore's

Creek Bridge was a minor conflict of the American Revolutionary War that was fought near Wilmington, NC. The victory of the North Carolina Provincial Congress' militia force over British governor Josiah Martin's reinforcements at Moore's Creek marked the decisive turning point of the revolution in North Carolina. American independence would be declared less than five months later.

If you would like to become a member of this chapter, contact President Wayne Howard at 912-690-4626 or e-mail him at 1950.mon.goose@gmail.com.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

### Oak Park Water System Has Levels of Gross Alpha Drinking Water Standards.

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do and what we did (are doing) to correct this situation. We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. We have been notified by the State that our water system exceeded the maximum contaminant levels (MCL) for Gross Alpha and Combined Radium during the following calendar quarters:

10/01/2020 - 12/31/2020

Associated Violation IDs#: 2021-21744

#### What should I do?

- There is nothing you need to do. **You do not need to** boil your water or take other corrective actions. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.
- If you have a severely compromised immune system, have an infant, are pregnant, or are elderly, you may be at increased risk and should seek advice from your health care providers about drinking this water.

#### What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified within 24 hours. However, certain minerals are radioactive and may emit a form of radiation know as alpha radiation. Some people who drink water containing alpha emitters in excess of the MCL over many years have an increase risk of getting cancer. Some people who drink water containing radium 226 or 228 in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increase risk of getting cancer.

#### What is being done?

We are working with a Georgia State agency to evaluate the water supply and are researching options to correct the problem. These options may include treating the water to remove the Gross Alpha and Combined Radium contaminant. We anticipate resolving the problem as quickly as possible.

For more information, please contact Mayor Mickey Lindsey at 912-578-4115 or at City Hall, 3857 Harrington St., Lyons, GA 30436

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SCENE FROM CRASH

## Oh, Deer!!!

by BILL CAHILL, ECFD PIO

Saturday evening, February 13, was typical of our recent weather. Cold, Damp and Drizzle. Shortly after 8:40 p.m., a Ford F-150 pickup truck was headed east on Canoochee Road before Brinson Cemetery Road. Suddenly, a deer appeared directly in front of the truck. The male driver, from East Dublin swerved to the right to avoid striking the animal. However, he found he was now on the wet and muddy shoulder of the roadway. As he attempted to gain control of the vehicle, he slid sideways across the roadway and ended up in the pond.

Around 8:45 p.m., Emanuel County EMS medics, firefighters with Engine 200 from Swainsboro, Engine 312 from Canoochee, two sheriff's deputies, a trooper from GSP Post 19 and a tow truck descended on the scene. There were no injuries, the truck received a mud bath and the deer lived to try again!



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## Legals & Classifieds D

### News from under the Gold Dome: several bills voted on

by REPRESENTATIVE BUTCH PARRISH, GEORGIA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE, 158<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT

Monday, February 8, marked the start of the fifth week of the 2021 legislative session. During this busy week, the House Rules Committee began holding regular meetings each day, and as a result, my colleagues and I voted on several bills on the House floor. By the end of the week, we completed legislative day 16 and are moving closer to the halfway point of the 40-day session.

We unanimously passed legislation this week to curb third-party solicitations that cause Georgia's small businesses and individuals to lose money each year. House Bill 153 would require any person or entity who mails a solicitation for services related to corporate filings with the Secretary of State to include a disclaimer at the top of the document noting that the document is not a bill or official government document. These unfair and deceptive solicitations are known to look very similar to government documents and have misled businesses into paying more to use a third-party service.

The Amended Fiscal Year 2021 (AFY 2021) budget, or House Bill 80, also received final passage this week. As passed, the AFY21 budget totals \$25.56 billion and addresses many of the areas where finances were reduced during last year's budget cycle.

Some of these are:

- K-12 education made up the largest single expenditure in the budget at \$9.6 billion, including a \$567 million restoration of funds initially cut from the original FY21 budget.

- \$40 million to procure 520 new school buses, which function not only as transportation for students, but also serve the vital purposes of delivering lunches to children in rural areas and serving as Wi-Fi hotspots.

- To assist with the on-going COVID-19 pandemic, \$27 million was allocated to the Department of Public Health to revamp and modernize their IT infrastructure and public health surveillance technology. This funding will not only help speed up research on COVID-19, but will help identify potential future outbreaks.

While these are only a few highlights, I encourage you to take a look at the full budget <https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/58910> for more information on how your tax dollars are allocated.

Further, Governor Brian Kemp, Lt. Governor Geoff Duncan, Speaker David Ralston (R-Blue Ridge) and other members of House and Senate leadership gathered this week to announce that 57,159 state employees who earn less than \$80,000 will receive a one-time bonus of \$1,000 during the current fiscal year. Leveraging savings from federal assistance, the AFY 2021 budget in-



REPRESENTATIVE PARRISH

cludes an additional \$59.6 million for these hardworking employees, and the \$80,000 cap aligns with the Teacher Salary Schedule's maximum salary.

To address a more than 90 percent turnover rate, correctional officers will also receive this bonus in addition to a 10 percent salary increase that is included in this budget. Since the pandemic began almost a year ago, our state employees have worked tirelessly to continue to provide state services to every Georgian and this bonus is a way to thank them for their dedication to our state.

Gov. Kemp, Lt. Gov. Duncan and Speaker Ralston announced the expansion of rural broadband service across 18 counties in Middle Georgia

through a new Electric Membership Cooperation (EMC) partnership. The House has spearheaded initiatives and legislation in recent years to support rural economic development, including broadband expansion.

After Presidents Day, we will return for another eventful week under the Gold Dome. As bills continue to make their way through the legislative process, please contact me with any questions or concerns you have regarding potential policies that may impact our district. I hope to hear from you this legislative session.

*I remain dedicated to serving your interests as your state representative, and I hope that you will [contact me](#) with any questions or concerns you may have regarding*

the legislative session or with any proposals or recommendations for future legislation.

You can also stay in touch by visiting our website at [www.house.ga.gov](http://www.house.ga.gov) to watch a live stream of the House in action, as well as archived committee meetings, and review legislation that we are considering.

Follow me on [facebook](#) for updates throughout the year.

Thank you for allowing me to be your representative.

Sincerely,  
Representative Butch Parrish

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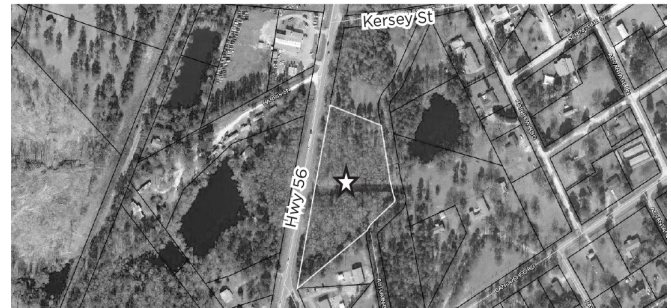
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The public is further notified that the City of Oak Park will conduct an informal hearing in order to determine if the applicant meets the criteria and standards established by the City of Oak Park and by state law. All interested parties, the applicant included, who wish to be heard on said matter should be present at said meeting to present any evidence they wish the City of Oak Park to consider relative to the application. All persons wishing to be heard shall give testimony under oath, which will be recorded either by licensed court reporter or notary public, all in compliance with the City of Oak Park Ordinance.

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All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Fair Housing Act which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitations or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status including or national origin, or an limitation or discrimination." Familial status includes children under the age of 18 living with parents or legal custodians, pregnant women and people securing custody of children under 18. This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis. The Equal Housing Opportunity logo is a symbol of that promise.

## Now Taking Applications!

### SWAINSBORO HOUSING AUTHORITY

420 N. Racetrack Street  
Swainsboro, GA 30401  
Phone: 478-237-7381

Apartments for Family, Singles, Elderly



and Disabled Persons  
HUD Subsidized



## Help Wanted

**Now hiring truck drivers.**  
We pay per mile loaded and unloaded.  
For more details please call **912-367-9160**



Williams Dairy Trucking Inc

## For all your pest control needs!

Termite • Pest Control



478-237-0711

Troy Parrish

Cell: 478-279-3978

## DRIVERS WANTED

**Benefits Available**

Home most nights

Must have 2 years experience  
hauling oversized loads

Please call 478-237-6708 to inquire.

## Georgia Correctional Industries is hiring for a

- General Trades Tech 2 position located at Rogers Farm in Reidsville, GA.
- We also have Correctional Officer positions available at Rogers Farm.

Please email resume or state application to Nicole.Gaultney@gdc.ga.gov For more information please call 912/557-7705.

## ScotBilt Homes has Immediate Job Openings!

You will work in a factory setting performing various tasks related to residential construction—wood framing, cabinet building, electrical wiring, plumbing, trim carpentry, finishes and cleaning.

### Minimum Requirements:

- Previous experience in building trades, manufacturing or other related fields preferred but not required. We will train the right individuals.
- Reliable transportation.
- Ability to read measurements (tape measure) and understand basic line drawings.
- Familiar with the operation of small tools and woodworking equipment.
- Ability to handle physical workload.

### Salary & Benefits:

- \$10 to \$13 Hourly, depending upon experience.
- Hourly rate bonus and Productivity bonus available
- Medical, Dental, & Vision Insurance Offered
- Paid Holidays and Vacation

**ScotBilt Homes is taking all available precautions to keep our current and potential employees safe during the COVID-19 outbreak.**

Please apply in person Monday—Friday, 8:00 AM until 3:00 PM at:  
**ScotBilt Homes of North Georgia, Inc.**

1415 Chestnut Avenue  
Millen, GA 30442

ScotBilt Homes, Inc. is a Drug Free/Equal Opportunity Employer

## Happy Random Act of Kindness Day!

Each year, on February 17, Random Act of Kindness Day is celebrated nationally.

Make a note to do nice things throughout the day today. Need some ideas? We've collected a few that will get you started from National Day Calendar.

- Pay for the coffee or meal of the person in front (or behind) of you in line.

- Leave a kind note for someone, no explanation needed.

- Share words of encouragement. You never know who might need them.

- Put your skills to work for someone in need. For example, offer to create a résumé for someone seeking a new job.

- Drop off a load of groceries at the local food pantry.

- Mail a "thinking of you" card to someone you've not talked to in a while.

- Order a bouquet of flowers to be delivered to anyone in the hospital. That means, call the florist and tell them to pick a hospital or nursing home and deliver flowers to the person the front desk thinks needs it the most. It could be a sick child, an elderly person with no family or college student down on their luck.

- Send a thank you note to the local fire department, police departments or any military personnel.

- Just smile.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY 9-1-1 CLIPART

## Happy Birthday 9-1-1!

49 years ago today, By 1967, President the first-ever 911 Lyndon B. Johnson's call took place in Haleyville, Alabama. When Alabama Speaker of the House Rankin Fite dialed those three digits, he was connected to Congressman Tom Bevill, who was waiting for the call at the local police station. The occasion marked the first successful implementation of '911' as a designated telephone number for reporting emergencies. The push to establish a universal emergency number began in 1957, when the National Association of Fire Chiefs advocated for the use of a single telephone number to report fires. The United States Congress began exploring the idea in 1958.

AT&T continued its work toward unveiling the first 911 system, which it planned to debut in Huntington, Indiana. However, in a bit of a technological arms race, the independent Alabama Telephone Company rushed to implement its own system. It did so in Haleyville, AL, in February 1968, beating AT&T to the punch. By 1977, 17% of the United States had 911 service. Today, nearly all municipalities have access to a 911 emergency communication system.

Fun fact: Emanuel County established 911 October 31, 1994! This year, the local office will celebrate 27 years serving the local community!

Thank you all for your dedication and hard work over the years!

## HELP WANTED

First Baptist Church of Swainsboro is looking for a part-time, Ministries Assistant: Mon-Thurs, 9am-4pm. Must have confidence with current technology, good communications skills, maintains confidentiality, has an eye for detail, & works well with others.

Must be self-motivated and shows up on time with a bright and positive attitude. Preferred candidates will have experience with Windows & Mac Operating Systems, MS Office 365 (especially Publisher), WordPress, YouTube, Facebook, ProPresenter & mail merging. Pay is commensurate with experience.

Email resume with references to:  
pastorcasey@fbcswainsboro.org.









# Legals

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after, referred to as the "Premises") to wit:

All that tract or parcel of land lying, situate and being in the 57<sup>th</sup> G.M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia, containing 1.5 acres, more or less, as shown on a Plat of Survey prepared by Jack D. Cooper, Surveyor, dated June 28, 1985, which was recorded in Plat Book 11, Page 776, of the records of the Office of Clerk, Emanuel Superior Court. Said Plat by reference hereto is incorporated herein for a more full, complete, and accurate description of said property. Said tract of land being bounded as shown on said plat, now or formerly as follows: North, South and West by the lands of Anne Sigmon and Perry Kennedy; and East by a county paved road.

The above described tract of land is the same as that conveyed to Harry P. Kennedy, Jr. by warranty Deed from Anne Sigmon, Perry Kennedy, Jr. and Blanche B. Kennedy dated July 10, 1985, which was recorded in Deed Book IT, Page 8, of the records of the Office of Clerk, Emanuel Superior Court.

Tax Parcel ID No. 143-024A

The indebtedness evidenced by the Note is due and payable and remains unpaid. The Security Deed therefore has become and is now foreclosable according to its terms. Accordingly, the Premises will be sold at public outcry pursuant to the terms of the power of sale provided in the Security Deed.

The Premises will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis without recourse against Lender and without representation or warranty of any kind or nature whatsoever by Lender with respect thereto.

The proceeds of the sale are to be applied first to the expenses of the sale and all proceedings in connection therewith, including attorney's fees (notice of intention to collect attorney's fees having been given), then to the payment of all sums secured by the Security Deed, and the remainder, if any, will be paid to the person or persons legally entitled thereto, all as provided in the Note and Security Deed. The Premises shall be sold as the property of Grantor, subject to all restrictions, easements and other matters of record that are prior to the Security Deed and to which the Security Deed is subject and to any unpaid city, county and state ad valorem or assessment relating to the Premises. The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) final audit and confirmation of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed.

To the best of the undersigned's knowledge and belief, the owner of the Premises is the Grantor and the party or parties in possession of the Premises is the Grantor or tenants of the Grantor.

By: Michael J. Marshall, Esq.  
Attorney for Spivey State Bank,  
A Division of Persons Banking Company as  
Attorney in Fact for Harry P. Kennedy, Jr.  
THIS LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.  
MICHAEL J. MARSHALL, LLC  
3717 Vineville Avenue  
Macon, Georgia 31204  
(478) 405-9001 Telephone

## NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY

By virtue of the Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed given from David F. Good and Anita T. Good to CitiFinancial Services, Inc, dated 04/04/2006, recorded 04/06/2006 in Deed Book 266, Page 235, Emanuel County, Georgia records, and as last assigned to Community Loan Servicing, LLC F/K/A Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC by virtue of assignment recorded in Deed Book 438, Page 216, Emanuel County, Georgia records, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date in the principal amount of FORTY-SEVEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-ONE AND 64/100 DOLLARS (\$47,151.64), with interest thereon as provided for therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Emanuel County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in March 2021 by Community Loan Servicing, LLC F/K/A Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, as Attorney in Fact for David F. Good and Anita T. Good, all property described in said Security Deed including but not limited to the following described property: All that certain parcel of land lying and being situated in the County of Emanuel, State of GA, to-wit:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE 1748TH G.M. DISTRICT OF EMANUEL COUNTY, GEORGIA, CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY THREE-FOURTHS (3/4) OF AN ACRE, MORE OR LESS, AND BEING APPROXIMATELY 157.5 FEET ON EACH SIDE, AND FRONTING 157.5 FEET ON THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY OF U.S. HIGHWAY NO. 80 AND BEING

BOUNDED NOW OR FORMERLY AS FOLLOWS: NORTH AND WEST BY GLAIR WOODLANDS CORPORATION, FORMERLY MRS. L.G. COLEMAN; EAST BY LANDS OF P.M. WILLIAMS; AND SOUTH BY THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF U.S. HIGHWAY NO. 80.

Tax Map Reference: 15-6 Being that parcel of land conveyed to DAVID F. GOOD AND ANITA T. GOOD, FOR AND DURING THEIR JOINT LIVES, AND UPON THE DEATH OF EITHER OF THEM, THEN TO THE SURIVIVOR OF THEM from ELIZABETH L. DOUGLAS by that deed dated 12/17/1987 and recorded 01/06/1988 in deed book 5, at page 459 of the EMANUEL County, GA Public Registry.

Said property being known as 2737 HWY 80 W, ADRIAN, GA 31002 according to the present numbering system in Emanuel County. The indebtedness secured by said Security Deed has been declared due because of default under the terms of said Security Deed and Note. The indebtedness remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same, all expenses of the sale, including attorneys' fees and all other payments provided for under the terms of the Security Deed and Note. Said property will be sold subject to the following items which may affect the title to said property: any superior Security Deeds of record; all zoning ordinances; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; any outstanding taxes, including but not limited to ad valorem taxes, which constitute liens upon said property; special assessments; all outstanding bills for public utilities which constitute liens upon said property; all restrictive covenants, easements, rights-of-way and any other matters of record superior to said Security Deed. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Anita T Good, David F Good or tenant(s). The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan. The name of the person or entity who has the full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage is: Community Loan Servicing, LLC, 4425 Ponce de Leon Boulevard, 5th Floor, Coral Gables, FL 33146, 1-800-771-0299. THIS LAW FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. The Geheren Firm, P.C., 4828 Ashford Dunwoody Road, 2nd Floor, Atlanta, GA 30338 TEL (678) 587-9500.

## NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY-WHEREAS,

heretofore on August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014, **TAMMY LEE MARSH** did execute and deliver to **THE CITIZENS BANK OF SWAINSBORO** of the State of Georgia, a Deed to Secure Debt conveying the land described in Schedule "A" below; and, **WHEREAS**, said Deed to Secure Debt was executed to secure a Note of even date therewith in the original amount of **TWELVE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SIXTY FOUR AND NO/100 (\$12,164.00) DOLLARS**, together with all other indebtedness of the Borrower to the Lender then due or that might thereafter become due, or hereafter contracted, including any renewals or modifications thereof which was or would be evidenced by the Note or Notes from **TAMMY LEE MARSH**, all of which is shown by said Deed to Secure Debt recorded in the Office of Clerk, Emanuel County Superior Court, in Deed Book 404, Pages 433-436 and, **WHEREAS**, said Note and Deed to Secure Debt as described therein, which were due and payable in monthly installments are past due and **TAMMY LEE MARSH** has been notified that the mortgage is in default and that the lender(s) therein has elected to accelerate payment of said Note(s); and, **WHEREAS**, notice has been given to **TAMMY LEE MARSH**, as required by O.C.G.A. 44-14-162 through 44-14-163.4 (MICHE 1982).

**NOW THEREFORE**, according to the terms of said Deed to Secure Debt and the laws in such cases made and provided, the undersigned will expose for sale to the highest and best bidder for cash, the property described in said Deed to Secure Debt from after proper advertisement, on the first Tuesday in March, 2021, to-wit: March 2, 2021 between the legal hours of sale before the courthouse door Swainsboro, Georgia. Said sale will be subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes, and the purchaser will be responsible for any Georgia Real Estate Transfer Tax. Proceeds from said sale will be used first, to pay the cost and expense of said sale; second, to pay the balance on the indebtedness mentioned above due by **TAMMY LEE MARSH**, and third, to pay the surplus, if any, to the person or persons legally entitled thereto.

This 12th day of January, 2021.

**THE CITIZENS BANK OF SWAINSBORO, As Attorney-in-Fact for TAMMY LEE MARSH SHEPHERD, GARY & McWHORTER, LLC**

**Attorneys at Law P.O. Drawer 99 Swainsboro, Georgia 30401 (478) 237-7551 EXHIBIT "A"**

**All that tract or parcel of land lying, situate and being in the 49th G.M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia, containing 0.8 of n acre, fronting a distance of 108.3 feet on the Southwestern side of Drew Bennett Road (County Road #21) as shown on a plat of Survey dated August 15, 1983, made by Walter K. Maupin, Surveyor, which is recorded in the Office of Clerk of Superior Court of Emanuel County in Plat Book 11 Page 329 to which reference is made as a part of this description. Said property is bounded now or formerly as follows: Northwest by lands of Ray Wilcher; Northeast by Drew Bennett Road (County Road #21); Southeast by lands of Ray Wilcher; and Southwest by lands of Ray Wilcher.**

**Said property is the same as that conveyed by a Deed dated May 17, 2014 from the Ray Wilcher to Tammy L. Marsh, which is recorded in the Office of Clerk, Emanuel County Superior Court in Deed Book 401, Pages 237-238.**

**SUBJECT TO: Existing easements for public utilities, rights of way.**

**PORTION OF EMANUEL COUNTY TAX MAP: 173, Parcel 020A**

I Notice is given that articles of incorporation that will incorporate **GITA & HASU, INC** have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the **Georgia Business Corporation Code**. The initial registered office of the corporation is located at **407 S MAIN ST, SWAINSBORO, GA, 30401** and its initial registered agent at such address is **HUBERT H HENDRIX**.

## TRADE NAME REGISTRATION State of Georgia, Emanuel County

To whom it may concern: Swainsboro Livestock & Auction, LLC whose address is P.O. Box 566, 310 Lambs Bridge Rd. in Swainsboro, Georgia 30401. The following trade name, to wit: Southern Livestock; and that the nature of said business is Cattle Auction.

This statement is made in conformity with O.A.G.A 10-1-490 et seq. requiring the filing of such statement with the Clerk of Superior Court of this county.

This the 21 day of January, 2021.

## NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER, EMANUEL COUNTY

Pursuant to the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Shirley Young and Joseph Young to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Fidelity Mortgage, a Division of Delta Funding Corporation, its successors and assigns** dated **10/18/2006** and recorded in Deed Book **278** Page **147** Emanuel County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by **HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as Indenture Trustee for the registered Noteholders of Renaissance Home Equity Loan Trust 2006-4**, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of **\$40,000.00**, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Emanuel County, Georgia (or such other area as designated by Order of the Superior Court of said county), within the legal hours of sale on **March 2, 2021** (being the first Tuesday of said month unless said date falls on a Federal Holiday, in which case being the first Wednesday of said month), the following described property:

**The following described property, to wit: All those lots or parcels of land, situate, lying and being in the 53rd G.M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia, and in the City of Swainsboro, known and designated as Lots Nos. 46 and 47 on that certain plat dated August 29, 1969, prepared by Walter K. Maupin, Surveyor, and recorded in Plat Book 5, Page 253, of the records of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Emanuel County, Georgia. Said plat is by express reference hereby incorporated herein for a more full and complete and accurate description of said property, said lots together being bounded as follows: On the North by Oak Street; on the East by Hill Avenue; on the South by Dawson Street and on the West by land of Rayfield Moore and land of Joseph Young.**

**For informational purposes only: the APN is shown by the county assessor as S41-101; source of title is book GR, page 172 (recorded 07/19/76)**

The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and

by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).

Said property is commonly known as **519 Oak St., Swainsboro, GA 30401** together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): **Estate/Heirs of Shirley Young and Estate/Heirs of Joseph Young** or tenant or tenants.

**PHH Mortgage Corporation** is the entity or individual designated who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage.

**PHH Mortgage Corporation One Mortgage Way Mount Laurel, NJ 08054 (800) 750-2518**

Note, however, that such entity or individual is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan.

Said property will be sold subject to: (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), (b) unpaid water or sewage bills that constitute a lien against the property whether due and payable or not yet due and payable and which may not be of record, (c) the right of redemption of any taxing authority, (d) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (e) any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.

The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and non-judicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided immediately above.

**HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as Indenture Trustee for the registered Noteholders of Renaissance Home Equity Loan Trust 2006-4** as agent and Attorney in Fact for **Shirley Young and Joseph Young**

Aldridge Pite, LLP, 15 Piedmont Center, 3575 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 500, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7637.

1017-4851A

THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 1017-4851A

## NOTICE

The petition of **BRLINDA DAVIS**, temporary guardian of said minor, having been read and considered, shall be filed; and a copy together with this notice shall be served upon the natural guardian, **TYONE FORTESCUE**, as provided by law. The natural guardian, **TYONE FORTESUE** is hereby notified that the judge of the probate court may dissolve the temporary guardianship and relieve the temporary guardian of all obligations in connection with the guardianship. If appropriate under the circumstances, however, this case may be transferred to the Juvenile Court of Emanuel County for resolution. In the event of consent by a natural guardian or legal custodian, this Court shall terminate the guardianship of **DAWSON JAMES DOWNS** ten days after personal services has been completed. This 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021.

Judge Don E. Wilkes  
Emanuel County Probate Court

## COUNTY OF EMANUEL STATE OF GEORGIA NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

Notice is hereby given that LILLIE ELIZABETH BARROW WHITSON, the undersign, filed her Petition to the Superior Court of Emanuel County, Georgia on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021, praying that her name be changed from LILLIE ELIZABETH BARROW WHITSON TO ELIZABETH BARROW WHITSON.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to law to any interested or affected party to appear in said Court and to diel objection to said name change. Objections must be filed with said Court within thirty (30) days of the filing of said petition.

This 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021.  
Date 2/10/21

LILLIE ELIZABETH BARROW WHITSON, PETITIONER  
PAUL K. COOK, EAQ.  
THE COOK LAW FIRM, LLC  
P.O. Box 63  
Vidalia, Georgia 30475  
912-537-8875-Telephone  
912-5537-1821-Facsimile

## IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

**IN THE INTEREST OF: K. C. SEX: F DOB: 12/22/2014 CASE #**

**C.M. SEX: M DOB: 3/27/2017 Children Under 18 Years of Age. NOTICE OF SUMMONS TO: KANDICE MITHCELL, mother**

**R.D., DOB: 4/2/2019, 21-JV-10**

**Minor Children.**

## NOTICE OF SUMMONS

TO: BENJAMIN PAUL MASON, and DAKOTA JAMES DRIGGERS, as well as any person who may be the biological father of the above-referenced children, born to RACHEL BRANTLEY DRIGGERS at Meadows Regional Medical Center in Vidalia, Georgia.

You are hereby notified that the above-styled action has been brought by the Emanuel County Division of Family and Children Services, and the Georgia Division of Family and Children Services, seeking to terminate your parental rights with regard to the above-referenced children; 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 January 22, 2021, 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 **6th day of May, 2021 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 on the 25th day of March, 2021, at the Emanuel County Courthouse in Swainsboro, Georgia at 10:00 a.m., and show cause, if any you have, why the relief requested in the petition should not be granted.

The hearing scheduled above is a provisional hearing held pursuant to O.C.G.A. §1511163 and O.C. G.A. §15-11-282. The final hearing in this matter is scheduled on the 22nd day of April, 2021 at the Emanuel County Courthouse in Swainsboro, Georgia, at 10:00 a.m. You are hereby commanded and required to appear before this Court at said final hearing or pursuant to O.C.G.A. §1511163 and O.C. G.A. §15-11-282 the findings of the Court made at the provisional hearing will be made the permanent order of this Court in the above case.

Be advised if you fail to attend the provisional hearing, 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.

If you fail to appear, the court can terminate your parental rights in your absence.

Any biological father, known or unknown, is hereby notified that he will lose all rights to the children and will not be entitled to object to the termination of his rights to the children unless, within thirty days of receipt of this notice, he files:

(a) a petition to legitimate the children pursuant to O.C.G.A. §19-7-22; and

(b) notice of the filing of the petition to legitimate with the Tattnall County Juvenile Court.

If the court at the trial finds that the facts set out in the petition to terminate parental rights are true and that termination of your rights will serve the best interests of your children, the court can enter a judgment ending your rights to your children.

If the judgment terminates your parental rights, you will no longer have any rights to your children. This means that you will not have the right to visit, contact, or have custody of your child or make any decisions affecting your children or your children's earnings or property. Your children will be legally freed to be adopted by someone else.

Even if your parental rights are terminated:

(1) You will still be responsible for providing financial support (child support payments) for your child's care unless and until your child is adopted; and

(2) Your child can still inherit from you unless and until your children is/ are adopted.

This is a very serious matter. You should contact an attorney immediately so that you can be prepared for the court hearing. You have the right to hire an attorney and to have him or her represent you. If you cannot afford to hire an attorney, the court will appoint an attorney if the court finds that you are an indigent person. Whether or not you decide to hire an attorney, you have the right to attend the hearing of your case, to call witnesses on your behalf, and to question those witnesses brought against you.

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. If you have any questions concerning this notice, you may call the Clerk's office. The telephone number is (478) 237-8911. WITNESS, the Honorable Sherri McDonald, Judge of said Juvenile Court. This \_\_\_day of \_\_\_, 2021.

Clerk,  
Emanuel County Juvenile Court

## IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

**IN THE INTEREST OF: K. C. SEX: F DOB: 12/22/2014 CASE #**

**C.M. SEX: M DOB: 3/27/2017 Children Under 18 Years of Age. NOTICE OF SUMMONS TO: KANDICE MITHCELL, mother**

of the above referenced children born to Kandice Louis Mitchell at East Georgia Medical Center.

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 February 10, 2021, you are hereby notified that you may obtain a copy of the petition from the Clerk of the Juvenile Court of Jefferson 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 **6th day of May, 2021 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 **April 22, 2021 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 children 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) A petition to legitimate the children pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 19-7-22; and

(b) 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 \_\_\_, 2021.

Clerk, Emanuel County Juvenile Court

## IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

SABRINA KLEPPE

Plaintiff,

v.

Civil Action No. 20-CV-330

JAMES KLEPPE, Defendant

## NOTICE OF SUMMONS-DERVICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: James Kleppe, Defendant Named Above:

You are hereby notified that the above styled action seeking Divorce [state the relief sought]

Was filed against you in said court on Dec 14, 2020, and that by reason of an order for service of summons by publication entered by the court on Feb 3, 2021 you are hereby commanded and required to file with the clerk of said court and serve upon Sabrina Kleppe, plaintiff, whose address is 952 Hwy 1 N. Swainsboro and answer to the complaint within (60) days of the date of the order for service by publication. If you fail to do so, judgement will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Witness the Honorable Bobby Reeves, Judge of said Court

This the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2021.

Clerk of Superior Court  
Emanuel, County







