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ONE DOLLAR

Lady Bulldogs win Region Championship

by RON WEATHER-FORD

The ECI girls basketball team captured the Region 3 Championship Friday defeating Claxton 64-55. The Bulldogs defeated Screven Co. 79-64 in the first round, setting up the clash against the Tigers in the Championship game.

Senior Precnis Harden was the scoring leader in the game for ECI, putting 30 points on the board. NuTuri Smith was the other Bulldog in double digits with 14 points.

The Lady Dawgs hosted the first round of the state playoff Tuesday (yesterday) facing the Indians from Charlton Co.

Charlton enters the playoffs as the number four seed from region 2 with a season record of 14-9.

After a rough start to begin the season losing their first six games, the Bulldogs have reeled off 12 straight wins and enter the playoffs with a (Continued on page 2A)



SWAINSBORO CLAIMS REGION CHAMPIONSHIP

Swainsboro Tigers blow through Region Tournament

by TROUP BRINSON
The Swainsboro Tigers swept their two games of the region tournament with little resistance, claiming the championship by rolling the Toombs County Bulldogs 79-60. Swainsboro (16-1)

takes their #1 seed into the state playoffs, which will begin Wednesday night in the Tigers' Den against Bleckley County (5-20).

The Tigers are playing their best basketball at the most opportune

time, and their two region foes paid the price last week. With a swarming defense, Swainsboro overwhelmed Jeff Davis in the semifinals, jumping out to a 27-7 lead in the opening quarter. (Continued on page 2A)



LADY BULLDOGS



SCENE FROM EVENT

Red ribbon cutting held for Pam's Magic Sauce Cafe

Swainsboro-Emanuel County Chamber of Commerce and members of the community welcomed Pam's Magic Sauce Café as the chamber's newest member last week with a red ribbon cutting held on Thursday, February 18. The event took place at 4 p.m. and all guests were served Cowboy Fries and Georgia Dogs, signature dishes of Rod Patterson, founder of Pam's Magic Sauce. Trimmings of fries and cake were presented with each plate as well as drinks and t-shirts.

"I'm thankful that the Mayor of Twin City welcomed me with open arms, as well as the entire community and Chamber of Commerce. I look forward to being a part of the community and growing. I have additional locations in the works of opening as we speak and I cannot wait to share more information with the public in the near future. As excited as I am, I give all credit to God for such accomplishments and am thankful for the support received from the local community," Patterson stated.

Twin City centennial kick-off ceremony set for Friday

In celebration of its 100th year as an established city within Emanuel County, the city of Twin City will host a centennial kick-off ceremony this Friday, Feb. 26, from 11 a.m. until 12 p.m. The event will take place at the Twin City Welcome Center and will include a tour of the old city jail that has recently underwent renovation work. At this particular celebration, Twin City will highlight the mayors of Twin City from 1936 to current. Hope to see you there!



OFFICIALS AT MORING STREET SITE

Improving the view

Mayor Schwabe and Administrator Al Lawson are joined by members of ClearWater Solutions (CWS) as plans are reviewed for the landscaping and reclamation of a former blighted property on Moring Street. CWS is currently serving the City of Swainsboro as the contractor for Water, Wastewater, and Public Works operations, and contributes time and manpower to City projects as part of its partnership commitment to building communities. More blighted properties are scheduled for remediation or removal as part of a community cleanup in the coming year.

Pictured are Corey Lauber, Tommy White, Mayor Schwabe, Thomas Woods, Administrator Lawson, and Randy Scarboro.

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Lady Bulldogs win...

(From front page)
12-6 record and number one seed out of region three. The Bulldogs are averaging 48.7 points per game during the season.
Although you don't like to point to one player in a team sport, those six losses early in the season were without their senior scoring leader Harden. Precis didn't play her first game for ECI until January, and the Bulldogs haven't lost since her return.
The pre-season all-state player has averaged

27.5 points per game, scoring 330 points in just 12 games this season. Harden has scored 1,606 points during her career, including a whopping 729 last season.
The ECI boys basketball team will travel to Irwin Co. Wednesday as the number four seed from region three. The fifth-ranked Indians are the number one seed from region 2 with an 18-4 season record.
The Bulldogs' three tournament games could have gone either way. They defeated Screven

Co. in the first round 43-41. Eventually, region champion Portal defeated ECI 59-54 in the second.
The Bulldogs lost a close one to Claxton 60-59 to determine the third and fourth seeds in the region. The half ended with a 2-point advantage for Claxton. The Bulldogs brought the deficit down to a point in the third, down 41-40 with both teams matching in the fourth quarter with 19 points each, giving ECI a one-point loss to the Tigers.



MAYOR SCHWABE WITH GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS

Swainsboro Tigers...

(From front page)
The Yellow Jackets had no answer for Swainsboro's press, and Fred Seabrough dominated early with 13 first quarter points. Swainsboro led 43-17 at the half, and then things got really ugly as the Tigers poured it on in the 3rd quarter, winning the period 29-7 for a 72-24 lead. Swainsboro was able to coast the rest of the way and prepare for the championship game on Saturday night. Seabrough had a game-high 23 points, and Derrick Jones threw in 13 points.
On Saturday night, Swainsboro hosted the Toombs County Bull-

dogs, a surprise entry into the region championship as they struggled most of the season. However, an upset over rival Vidalia and a covid-influenced victory over Woodville-Tompkins gave them a shot at the championship. Swainsboro was not as sharp as the night before, turning the ball over and making mistakes on defense. Tyler Kelly carried the load early with 10 first-quarter points to give Swainsboro a 20-14 lead after a quarter. Swainsboro led 36-27 at the half, but it seemed as though they just couldn't find the intensity to put the Bulldogs away.

The 3rd quarter saw Derrick Jones get hot. Jones slammed the door shut with 15 points in the quarter for a 63-46 lead with one quarter remaining in the region championship game. Toombs County would make no run on this night, and the Tigers will be able to hang another championship banner. Kelly and Jones both finished with 24 points, and Fred Seabrough scored 13 points.
Swainsboro will host the Bleckley County Royals (5-20), Region 3-AA's #4 seed on Wednesday night in the first round of the state playoffs.



JEAN SCHWABE WITH GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS

Seedling Garden Club plants trees for Ga. Arbor Day

Members of Seedling Garden Club gathered at Meadow Lake Parkway on Monday, February 22, 2021 to plant trees in observance of Georgia Arbor Day. Plans to plant trees on the actual Ga. Arbor Day on Friday, February 19, 2021 had to be changed due to the weather. Meadow Lake Parkway was chosen to continue the row of trees already planted in this location. It is the dream of Seedling Garden Club and Mayor Schwabe to have trees planted from Hwy #1 South to Lams Bridge Road. Meadow Lake Parkway leads into entrance of East Georgia College. The oak trees were planted this year in honor of Swainsboro Mayor Charles Schwabe and in honor of Jean Schwabe, retired from East Georgia College.
Club president, Lucille Braswell, thanked everyone for attending this special dedication. Directing her comments to the honorees she stated, "Mayor the Seedling Garden Club would like to thank you for your dedication and support of our club over the years. Not only did you support our local club you also showed your support of projects of The Garden Club of

Georgia, Inc. by signing many proclamations on their behalf."
President Braswell commented to Jean Schwabe, "the Seedling Garden Club wants to thank you for all your support and guidance when it was time for flower shows held in the Sudie Fulford Learning center located on the campus of East Georgia College. You also worked hand in hand with us when the club was called on by Oleander District and the State to host state workshops and meetings. Over the many years of your help no matter what we asked of you, with your beautiful smile and gentle voice you were willing to meet our needs. We could not have such a success without your help." Everyone agreed these two were very deserving of this honor. As Braswell stated, "we wanted this to be in "honor of" not in "memory of." At the end of the dedication, Kay Peacock shared with the group a poem titled "Advice From a Tree." The poem was written by Ilan Shamir, an avid gardener and tree lover.
Members present were; Lucille Braswell,

Linda Dekle, Cheryl Goodman, Nancy Lisenby, Ann Peebles, Kay Peacock and Sandra Thompson. Also in attendance was Tim Goodman, Mike Lisenby and Bobby Peacock.
Special thanks to Eddie Lewis Signs, Frank Canady of Yard Master and Bobby Peacock for hauling trees to the site. A very big thank you to Shane and crew of Clearwater Solutions for sharing the machinery and digging the holes to plant trees. We "little old ladies" could not have done this without them.
The first Georgia Arbor Day was proclaimed by the Georgia General Assembly in December 1890. In 1941 the General Assembly set the third Friday in February as the day of Georgia's Arbor Day. This is an important date for garden clubs all over the state to plant trees. Garden Clubs believe that every tree planted on Arbor Day helps clean the air and water, beautify neighborhoods, provide home for wildlife, conserve energy and prevent soil erosion among many other benefits. Seedling Garden Club is proud to be part of this important date.

Happenings

*Listed events are subject to change.

Bobcat Baseball vs. Scoutz Sports Performance
Virtual event played from home
February 26, 12 p.m.

Third Annual Broken Clay Shoot
Bay Gall Sporting Clays, Garfield
February 27, 10 a.m.



THE LATE MR. BOOKER

A Moment in Black History

The late Mr. James L. Booker was the first African-American to become a law enforcement officer for the City of Swainsboro and County of Emanuel. This has been a Moment in Black History.
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Hometown Public Servant: Twin City Police Chief Hank Whiter

This week's Hometown Public Servant is Twin City Police Chief Hank Whiter. Chief Whiter has dedicated approximately 34 years to serving the public as a law enforcement officer.

He first entered the field as a campus officer while attending college at Savannah State. He later transferred over to city police. Apart from serving in the Savannah area, other locations Chief Whiter has served include Emanuel County and Jenkins County.

"I've always held an interest in law enforcement since I was young and still enjoy my profession today. I love the City of Twin City and Emanuel County," Chief Whiter stated.

Working under the leadership of Twin City Police Chief Johnny Lane, Whiter served the



CHIEF WHITERS

City of Twin City as assistant chief prior to taking a sergeant position with the Millen Police Department, where he stayed on staff until accepting his current position as Twin City Police Chief in August 2020.

Chief Whiter keeps a strong presence within Twin City and can often be seen on a regular basis directing traffic in the early morning and afternoon hours for Twin City

schools.

"Interaction with local youth is important to me. Most children within the area call me the candy man because I always try to present them with some sort of candy," Chief Whiter commented.

Chief Whiter and his wife reside in Millen and share the love for two daughters and three grandsons. He is a native of Perry, Georgia, and was born the ninth of 12 children to his parents.

In a 2020 interview conducted with Chief Whiter, one comment remains to be top priority to the Twin City Police Chief to this day, and that is to "make every law enforcement agency around the state, country, and maybe, even the world, jealous of Twin City."

Second arrest made in December shooting

On the evening of Tuesday, Feb. 16, the U.S. Marshall's Fugitive Task Force, GBI, Emanuel County Sheriff's Office and Swainsboro Police Department arrested William Jammal Givens for his association with the 2020 murder of Dajarius Zashawn McGuire. According to Emanuel County Sheriff Jeffrey Brewer, Givens is the second suspect arrested for the death of McGuire and has been charged with three counts of violation of street gang terrorism and prevention, two counts of aggravated assault and possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony. Givens was transported to the Emanuel County Courthouse for his first appearance hearing last week and is currently being held without bond.

Recap



GIVENS

On Monday, Dec. 28, between the hours of 6:30 and 7 p.m., two vehicles were traveling south on US #1 in Emanuel County when the trailing vehicle opened fire on the front vehicle, striking it several times.

McGuire, the passenger in the front vehicle, was killed in the gunfire. The driver of the vehicle, Daniqua S. Sanders, 21, of Swainsboro, was transported by EMS to Emanuel Medical Center, treated

and released.

On Jan. 2, warrants were issued for Jachon Tydarian Mills, the first suspect arrested for McGuire's death. Mills surrendered himself to the Emanuel County Jail just two days later on Jan. 4. Mills was charged with three counts of violation of street gang terrorism and prevention, two counts of aggravated assault, and possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony. Mills was held without bond until his preliminary hearing took place on Jan. 27. Represented by Attorney Kendall Gross in the Emanuel County Court House with the Honorable Judge Tommy Smith presiding, Mills was denied bond based on probable cause.

Stay tuned, more information will be released as received.

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What's going on at your hometown college!

Athletics Week in Review

Our Bobcats were in action again this week on the court and the diamond, with all four teams either on the road or at home. The week's action began on Tuesday, Feb. 16 when the Men's Basketball team took on Albany Tech at home, falling 77-65. The Women's Basketball game against Albany Tech was postponed, as was their second matchup against the team on Thursday.

On Wednesday, the Lady Bobcat Softball team took on USC Salkehatchie on the road and took home a win and a loss, scoring 12-5 in game one and 15-1 in game two. Britney Foster pitched all seven innings, allowing just seven hits and five runs. Sierra Taylor, Allana Hooks, Makenzie Wilkerson and Taylor Morgan led the team from the plate, where the Bobcats pounded out 20 hits in their first game. Game two saw a completely different game as the Lady Bobcats spotted the Indians nine runs in the bottom of the first inning and were unable to make up the difference over the course of the game.

The Men's Basketball team faced off against Gordon State on Thursday at home and brought in a win 70-57 for their first conference win for the season, and Coach Travis Garrett's first conference win as the Bobcats' head coach.

Saturday, Feb. 20 saw three of our teams in action, with the Men's Basketball team taking on Gordon State on the road and falling 68-64; the Women's Basketball team keeping their meeting with Albany Tech at home with a win 76-63; and the Lady Bobcats Softball team taking on USC Union in a double-header on the road at Spartanburg Methodist, winning game one 13-2 and falling in game two 14-9.

The Bobcats edged deeper into their season with games on Sunday, Feb. 21, rounding out the week as Bobcat Softball took on USC Union at home in a double-header and earning two wins—5-0 in game one and 4-1 in game two. The Bobcat Baseball team faced USC Lancaster at home in a double header and added to their eight-game winning streak with a win of 13-3 in game one and 9-8 in game two.

This leaves our Lady Bobcat Softball team sitting atop the GCAA Conference with eight wins and just four defeats, and Britney Foster set the EGSC record for most strikeouts in one game by an EGSC pitcher when she put down 13 Spartanburg Methodist players in their first game on Saturday.

Way to go, Bobcats!

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- February 24 - Black History Month Trivia with Student Life - 11 a.m.
Baseball Home Game - Double Header - 12 p.m.
- February 25 - Criminal Justice Club Meeting - 1 p.m.
Women's Home Basketball Game* - 5:30 p.m.
Men's Home Basketball Game* - 7:30 p.m.
- February 26 - Baseball Home Game - Double Header - 12 p.m.
- February 27 - Baseball Home Game - Double Header - 12 p.m.
Men's Home Basketball Game* - 3 p.m.
- March 1 - 12 Week Session Classes Begin - All Campuses
- March 2 - BCM Club Meeting - 10:45 a.m.
Baseball Home Game - Double Header - 12 p.m.
Softball Home Game - Double Header - 1 p.m.
Women's Basketball Home Game* - 5:30 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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Gratice Fortner, 85

Ms. Gratice Fortner, 85, of Kite, passed away Sunday, February 14, 2021, at her residence following an extended illness. Graveside service was Thursday, February 18, at 11:30 a.m. at Gumlog Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery with Rev. Burton Dixon officiating. Viewing was from 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday, February 18, at Gumlog Primitive Baptist Church. In compliance with the guidelines set by the CDC, 6-foot rule was enforced during visitation and service.

Ms. Fortner was born June 8, 1935, in Kite, to the late Leonard and Oris Tapley Price. She enjoyed fishing, planting flowers, crocheting, and cooking, as well as walking, looking at nature, and playing Farkle. Ms. Fortner is preceded in death by her parents; sister, Betty Jo Wheeler; and brothers, Monroe Price, Hubert Price, and Herman Price.

Survivors include her sons, Lynward (Theresa) Fortner of Milledgeville and Guy Fort-



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ner of Kite; sister, Joyce Moore of Kite; grandchildren, Kelly (Robin) Fortner of Swainsboro, Casey (Tiffany) Fortner of Lawrenceville, Amber Fortner of Milledgeville, and Mechele Fortner of Austin, TX; great-grandchildren, Aubrey Fortner, Piper Fortner, and Brodie and Jade; caregiver, Tabitha Nations; and several nieces, nephews and many friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Gumlog Perpetual Care Fund C/O Faye Brantley 2393 Midas Brantley Road Kite, GA 31049.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.

Roy Brantley Frady, 79

Mr. Roy Brantley Frady, 79, of Wrightsville, passed away Saturday, February 20, 2021 at his residence following an extended illness. Graveside service was Sunday, February 21, 2021, at 4 p.m. at Ivey Baptist Church Cemetery with Reverend Jimmy Allen and Deacon Chris Crawford officiating. The family received friends from 2 to 3:45 p.m. Sunday at Ivey Baptist Church. In compliance with the guidelines set by the CDC, 6-foot was enforced during visitation and service.

Pallbearers were Tommy Marshall, Tony Price, Floyd Price, Walter Price, Russell Massey, Jerald Massey, and John Johnson. Honorary Pallbearer was Ronnie Scarborough.

Mr. Frady was born December 17, 1941 in Wrightsville to the late Thomas Carl Frady and Addie Johnson Frady. Roy was a simple man who led a simple life. He was a devoted husband and father, and his favorite times were those when he was surrounded by his family, especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Mr. Frady spent most of his years behind the steering wheel of a truck and was well respected in the trucking community. He never met a stranger and was always willing to help someone out whether he knew them



FRADY

or not. Roy was a bit of a prankster who always enjoyed laughing with family and friends. He also enjoyed hunting and fishing. Mr. Frady is preceded in death by his parents; brothers, A.J. Frady and Alvin Horton; and sisters, Loree Price and Sybil Mizell.

Survivors include his wife of 47 years, Lynn Frady of Wrightsville; sons, Tommy Frady and Jeff Frady, both of Wrightsville; daughters, Rhonda Marshall and Debbie (Kevin) Joiner, both of Wrightsville; grandchildren, Lee Marshall, Keeli Joiner, Kaci Joiner, and Keri Joiner; great-grandchildren, Cheyenne Marshall and Emilee Roberson; several nieces, nephews, and many friends.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospitals or Ivey Baptist Church.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.

Paul Ferdinand Pierre, Jr., 66

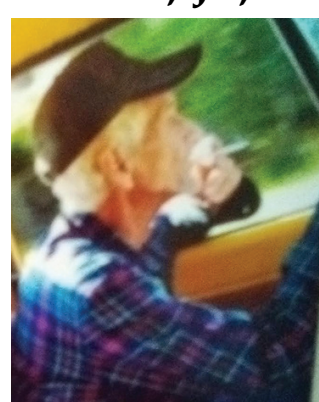
Durden-Hudson Funeral Directors announces the death of Mr. Paul Ferdinand Pierre Jr., age 66, of Swainsboro, on Tuesday, February 16, 2021, at his residence. Funeral services were held Thursday, February 18, at 11 a.m. in the Peebles-Curry Memorial Chapel with Rev. Josh Black officiating. The family received friends at the funeral home one hour prior to the service. CDC social distancing guidelines were observed and masks were encouraged for the safety and health and well-being of others. Interment was Saturday, February 20, at 11 a.m. in San Lorenzo Cemetery in St. Augustine, FL.

Pallbearers were Alan Dykes and Deacons of Summertown Baptist Church.

Mr. Pierre was born October 21, 1954, in St. Augustine, FL., to the late Paul F. Sr. and Ann Gray Pierre. He was retired and loved his family and Church. Mr. Pierre was a member of Summertown Baptist Church. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his wife, Cynthia Adams Pierre; son, Paul Ryan Pierre; and sister, Yvonne Pierre.

Survivors include daughters, Susan Meeks of Swainsboro and Michelle Cardenas of Daytona Beach, FL; sons, Richard Lee Pierre (Anna) of MI and Steven Pierre of Swainsboro; sister, Denise Lee (Robert) of Seattle, WA; former son-in-law, Francisco Cruz of Daytona Beach, FL; 14 Grandchildren; 1 Great-grandchild; nephews and extended family.

Durden-Hudson Funeral Directors was in charge of arrangements.



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Survivors include daughters, Susan Meeks of Swainsboro and Michelle Cardenas of Daytona Beach, FL; sons, Richard Lee Pierre (Anna) of MI and Steven Pierre of Swainsboro; sister, Denise Lee (Robert) of Seattle, WA; former son-in-law, Francisco Cruz of Daytona Beach, FL; 14 Grandchildren; 1 Great-grandchild; nephews and extended family.

Durden-Hudson Funeral Directors was in charge of arrangements.

Sarah L. Mason Shivers, 77

Ms. Sarah L. Mason Shivers, 77, passed away February 13, 2021 in Augusta with her daughters, her sister, and her brother by her side. Graveside services were held February 20, at 11 a.m. in the Swainsboro City Cemetery.

Mrs. Shivers was born October 15, 1943, as the first child to Cleo and Minnie Mason. She was a dedicated member of Mill Groves Baptist Church in Sardis. Ms. Shivers is preceded in death by five children.

Survivors include daughters, Mrs. Lucy Mason Kendrick (Willie), Tracy L. Shivers, and Stacy D. Shivers, all of Columbus; sons, Dennis Mason and Ben Mason, both of Swainsboro; sons, Dennis Mason and Ben Mason, both of Swainsboro; 14 grandchildren; 23 great grandchildren; siblings, J.W. Mason (Tina) & Isa-



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iah Mason of Swainsboro, James Mason (Theresa) of Waynesboro, Robert Mason (Lillian) & Larry Mason of Dublin; sisters, Lela M. Mason of Waynesboro, Eunice Barnes of Augusta, Jane Mason of Sardis; a host of nieces, nephews, and caregivers; close friends, Paula Deck-Bass, Mary Ann Foster, Darlene Gamble, Theresa Lassiter, & Nunny Turner.

Mosley's Funeral Home of Swainsboro, Georgia was in charge of arrangements.

Gussie Mary Patrick Howard, 97

Mrs. Gussie Mary Patrick Howard, 97, passed away on February 15, 2021. Graveside service was held Saturday, February 20, at 2 p.m. at Swainsboro City Cemetery with Pastor BJ Martin presiding and Eulogist Pastor Jeanette Harden.

Mrs. Howard was born October 27, 1923, in Bolingbroke, from the union of Henrietta and Augustus Patrick. Because Mrs. Gussie's mother died when she was only 16, she was raised by her maternal aunt Clara and uncle Mark Frazier of Macon, and graduated from Ballard High School in Macon in 1940. After completing high school, Mrs. Howard continued her education at Georgia Baptist College in Macon and Brewton Parker College in Mt. Vernon. Mrs. Howard is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Paul Howard, Sr.; daughter Cherlyn Paulann (Cupie); and



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grandson, David Smith. Surviving family members include six loving children, Augustus George Howard of Riverdale, Paul Lawrence (Petrine) Howard, Jr. of Atlanta, Mark Patrick Howard of Swainsboro, Dwight David (Sheryl) Howard of Fairburn, Jacqueline Ruth Howard of Riverdale, and Matthew Derrick Howard of Swainsboro; 9 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and other loved ones.

Mosley's Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Charles Alfred Coleman, 73

Mr. Charles Alfred Coleman, 73, of Swainsboro, passed away Thursday, February 11, 2021 at Rockdale Healthcare Center in Conyers following an extended illness. Graveside service was held Saturday, February 20, at 2 p.m. at Swainsboro City Cemetery with Reverend James E Love officiating. The family received friends from noon to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, February 20, at Chapman Funeral Home. In compliance with the guidelines set by the CDC, 6-foot rule was enforced during visitation and service.

Pallbearers were Kelvin Williams, Rodney Williams, Tiery Pennington, Alphonso Durden, Jr. and William Hill.

Mr. Coleman was born February 28, 1947, in Swainsboro to the late John Calvin and Willie Mae Malone Coleman. He is preceded in death by his parents; sister, Ardelle Brantley; brothers, James Coleman, Willie Clyde Coleman, and Elbert Coleman.

Survivors include his



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wife, Barbara B. Coleman of Jonesboro; sons, Charles A. Coleman and Chase A. Coleman, both of Jonesboro; daughter, Charnessa L. Coleman of McDonough; brothers, Lester Coleman of Swainsboro and Jerry Lee Randall of Denver, CO; sister, Arlane (Garnett) James of Bridgeton, NJ; God sister, Emma Nesbitt Wiley; grandchildren, Imani Coleman Murray (Keishan) of Jersey City, NJ, and Daylin Charles Coleman of McDonough; great-granddaughter, Kori Aleisha Murray; several nieces, nephews and many friends.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.

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Joyce Marsh McIntee, 75

Joyce Marsh McIntee passed away Thursday, February 18, 2021 at home following an extended illness.

Ms. McIntee was born October 8, 1945, in Swainsboro, to the late Louis (Buck) Marsh and Annie Akridge Marsh. She was a very strong woman. Joyce was diagnosed with cancer in May 1975, and was given only one year to live. Fighting every day to survive, she would do her exercises, cry, and pray. Every prayer, she would ask "Lord, please let me live to see my baby turn 18". She proved them wrong; she survived 45 years after fighting for her family, who she loved. Ms. McIntee is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Dave McIntee; sister Erlene Rowland; and brothers, Melvin Marsh and Phil Marsh.

The children all agree on this - "What is the one thing that you could say about Mama?" We all answered, "she loved her family and loved to fish (that's an Akridge thing), and would drink nothing but Coke." We were told a story "growing-up" about out grandmother (Mama Annie) who did not like going anywhere. She would always say she did not feel well. However, let someone drive up with fishing poles hanging out the windows on someone's car, she sure felt better in a hurry. That was our Mama, except Mama would not get out of bed until lunch unless a car drove up with those fishing poles (wide awake). Mama would say "you get the poles and tackle and I will get the crackers and coke - (no water); she said "water would rust a nail." It's amazing how Mama and Shelb caught the same fish at the same time.

Besides fishing, the happiest we saw our Mama is when the grandchildren and great-grandchildren would sit on the floor and she could see the smiles on their faces as they opened those Christmas presents (priceless). Mama would always say "Never forget where you came from, who your family and friends are, and always be thankful".

We would like to say "Thank You" to everyone who loved and prayed for our



MCINTEE

Mom. Thank you to Colon and Jean Henry for allowing Mama to be baptized in their pool on November 1, 2020. On that special day, not only was Joyce baptized, two of her children, John and Lynn, along with her granddaughter, Cheyenne, were also baptized. Thank you, Mr. Rusty Moore. Thank you to everyone at hospice and all the nurses and CNA's that came to Mama's - we could not have done this without "everyone". Mama will always be loved and surely missed.

Survivors include sons, John (Janet) Henry of Glenwood and Wayne Hall (Alicia Strickland) of Soperton; daughters, Lynn (Randy) Smith of Swainsboro, Lisa Scarboro (Robbie Wheeler) of Swainsboro, Carlene (Jerry) Lyles of Soperton, and "Little" Lynn (Tony) Brown of Dallas; step-children, Carrie (Michael) Douglas, David (Sandy) McIntee, Michael (Leslie) McIntee, and Denise McIntee, all of Canada; two beautiful ladies that Joyce and Dave helped raise, Madelyne (Dale) Meeks and Teresa Hall; sisters, Shelby (Ray) Hutcheson of Adrian, Gail Williamson of Swainsboro, and Marie Brown of Midville; a very special aunt/sister who were raised together, as sisters, went to school together, cooked, sewed, and always had there nightly phone calls, Jean Henry; loving, caring, heartwarming lady, Teresa Dixon; a special loving, outspoken, card-playing lady who Joyce considered a daughter, Vickie Williams; a person that she considered a son and shared a birthday with, Randy Akridge (Joyce always would have her name on the birthday cake first); 14 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; numerous step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren.

"Love" John, Lynn, Lisa, Carlene, Wayne and "Little" Lynn

Annette Dukes, 84

Mrs. Annette Dukes, age 84, of Wadley, entered into the loving arms of her Savior on Wednesday, February 17, 2021, at the Emanuel County Hospital. Graveside services were held Saturday, February 20, at 11 a.m. at Swainsboro City Cemetery with Rev. Kenneth Edge and Rev. Mike Palma officiating. Family visitation was held prior to the graveside service. Because of the family's concern for public health and safety during this pandemic, the family requested that social distancing and other safety precautions as outlined by the CDC be followed. Mrs. Annette Dukes was born in Emanuel County to Benjamin Jordan and Ether Bishop Moxley. She graduated from Swainsboro High School in 1954. Mrs. Dukes mar-

ried her husband, Jimmie I. Dukes, in 1967. She was a lady of faith who daily put her trust in God. Mrs. Dukes was a homemaker, and a loving and dedicated spouse for 47 years. She spent the last years of her husband's life as his faithful caregiver. Mrs. Dukes enjoyed flower gardening, time spent with family, and birdwatching, as she tended her feathered "flock" faithfully. She attended Emanuel Worship Center. Mrs. Dukes is preceded in death by her parents and husband. Survivors include her sister, Carolyn Canady (Edwin); and several nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Emanuel Worship Center. Tomlinson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Garfield church welcomes new pastor

In celebration of welcoming its new pastor, members of Hebron Primitive Baptist Church invite all to be in attendance this Sunday, February 28, to welcome Pastor Will Martin of Swainsboro. Service begins at 11 a.m. and all are encouraged to attend. Hebron Primitive Baptist Church is located on Hebron Road in Garfield.

Kids will say the funniest things

One day, while I was sitting in my office at home, my three-year-old little girl came into my office. Kids are so observant; they take in everything you say and do. She began to look around the room and fixed her eyes on a picture of Jesus on the cross, to which she said, "Daddy, I don't want Jesus to die on the cross." Me recognizing the child-like faith, I grabbed her and gave her a big hug and said to her, "It's ok, baby, Jesus is not dead anymore, He now lives in our hearts." Seeing the puzzled look on her three-year-old little face as she took a few moments to take it in, she backed up and looked at me and began to poke out her stomach with several pokes and said to me, "Look, daddy, He is trying to get out."

Although what she said gave me a big laugh, the words she spoke couldn't have been any more true. The truth is if you are a Christian, you too have Jesus on the inside of you, and He is desperately trying to get out to this lost and dying world. Someone once said, you can't be a Christian and keep it a secret. Everyone will know, because Jesus will be poking out. Is Jesus poking out of you?

"He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world." -1 John 4:4

If you don't know Jesus as your personal Lord and Savior, please accept Him today, before it's everlasting too late.

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Brad McKenzie
John 14:6

Emanuel County's Covid-19 virus and vaccine update

According to the county commissioners' update on Tuesday, February 23, the total active cases of COVID-19 in Emanuel has increased from 19 to 24 since last week's COVID-19 update report. The report on February 16 was as follows:

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

This week's most updated information made available on February 23 is as follows:

- 24 active cases
- 2,409 confirmed cases
- 2,304 recovered cases
- 81 deaths

Statics reported in the February 16 and February 23 reports reveal an increase of 5 active COVID-19 cases; an increase of 39 confirmed cases; an increase of 33 recoveries; and an increase of 1 death.

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 23, and was as follows:

- Total vaccinations administered: 4,213
- Total to have received the first vaccination: 2,894
- Total to have received the second vaccination: 1,319

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 county 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".



"Be careful what you wish for - it just might come true!" is a saying most of us have grown up with. It comes with no guarantee or assurance that what we ask for is what we will get. In fact, according to some, it may be the exact opposite and result in problems.

Wishing is imagining something in our minds that we want to come true - believing that our lives will be better or filled with happiness or joy or riches. It is wanting our lives to be more fulfilling or better or happier without our having to do anything or making any effort or changes.

But wishing is different from hoping - especially the hope that believers have in God. We can have unflinching and unwavering hope in God because He has done everything He has ever said He would do. There is no room for any doubt in Him or any of His promises. They are well documented and are a testimony to the fact that God is faithful and can be trusted to keep His Word.

God's faithfulness, the psalmist reminds us, is so predictable that it has become "a law in Israel." And this testimony of God's faithfulness is to be passed on by fathers to their children so they put their hope in God and "never forget His deeds."

God wants fathers to teach their children that hope does not come from politicians or policies. Nor does He want fathers to teach their children that they are to place their hope in acquiring wealth or worldly goods. And He does not want them to teach their children to place their hope in the knowledge or skills or talents they possess.

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SCENE FROM ARBOR DAY 2020

Arbor Day Foundation honors EGSC with 2020 Tree Campus Higher Education® Recognition

East Georgia State College was honored with 2020 Tree Campus Higher Education® recognition by the Arbor Day Foundation for its commitment to effective urban forest management.

“Tree Campuses and their students set examples for not only their student bodies but the surrounding communities showcasing how trees create a healthier environment,” said Dan Lambe, president of the Arbor Day Foundation. “Because of EGSC’s participation, air will be purer, water cleaner and students and faculty will be surrounded by the shade and beauty trees provide.”

The Tree Campus Higher Education program honors colleges and universities for effective campus forest management and for engaging staff and students in conservation goals. EGSC achieved the title by meeting Tree Campus Higher Education’s five standards, which include maintaining a tree advisory committee, a campus tree-care plan, dedicated annual expenditures for its campus tree program, an Arbor Day obser-

vance and student service-learning project. Currently there are 403 campuses across the United States with this recognition.

“East Georgia State College is very proud of its natural landscape, which lends an esthetic aspect to the educational experience at the college. Being recognized as a Tree Campus Higher Education enhances our status as an institution that recognizes and promotes the value of our natural heritage. We are lucky to be in a rural area with several different forest types on our campus. This natural landscape is not only beautiful, but it is a haven for a diverse wildlife community, and it is used for outdoor field projects in several of our biology classes,” said Dr. John Cadle, the Interim Chair of Biology. “Being part of the Tree Campus Higher Education community allows us many opportunities to celebrate the contributions that this natural setting provides to our student body and the broader community of which we are a part.”

The Arbor Day Foundation has helped

campuses throughout the country plant thousands of trees, and Tree Campus Higher Education colleges and universities invested more than \$51 million in campus forest management last year. This work directly supports the Arbor Day Foundation’s Time for Trees initiative — an unprecedented effort to plant 100 million trees in forests and communities and inspire 5 million tree planters by 2022. Last year, Tree Campus Higher Education schools have collectively planted 39,178 trees and engaged 81,535 tree planters — helping us work toward these critical goals.

More information about the program is available at treecampus-highered.org and on the EGSC website at <http://www.ega.edu/treecampus>.

About the Arbor Day Foundation: The Arbor Day Foundation is a million-member nonprofit conservation and education organization with the mission to inspire people to plant, nurture and celebrate trees. More information is available at arborday.org.

PruittHealth Hospice Partner Spotlight



Christi Womack, RN
Assistant Director
Hospice Services

Christi Womack was born in Swainsboro, Georgia. She currently resides in Twin City with her daughters, Briley and Kinsley Womack. Her hobbies include spending time with her girls, family, and friends. She also enjoys shopping, baking, and traveling. Christi is a 2001 graduate of Swainsboro High School. She graduated from South University with her BSN. Christi started her career at Pruitt Hospice as a case manager in 2016 and was promoted to her current title as Assistant Director in 2018. Christi is a team player, always willing to help others, very knowledgeable in her role and we are blessed to have her!

When asked what she likes most about her job she says, “I am blessed to work with an amazing work family. I honestly enjoy my job and coming to work every day.”

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Lanier-Moore VFW Post 5745 Turns 75

On Feb. 15, 1946, 56 individuals from Emanuel County, who had not many years before, volunteered again to bring a Local Veterans of Foreign Wars Post to Swainsboro. Named in honor of the first two individuals from Emanuel County killed in World War II, Julian D. Lanier and John J. Moore, the Lanier-Moore VFW Post 5745 has been representing veterans and their families for the last 75 years.

On Feb. 15, 2021, at a small ceremony at the Emanuel County Veterans Center on Kite Hwy., the post was issued several mementos of their 75 years of service to their veterans and community. Senator Billy Hickman, Georgia State Senator of the 4th District, presented State Senate Resolution

#74 commending the post for their long service to the community.

Georgia VFW State Jr. Vice Commander Jim Willis presented a 75th Diamond Jubilee award from Veterans of Foreign Wars National Headquarters. While speaking, he also mentioned how uncommon it is for a post to have such a long history in a community.

The final event for the evening was Mayor Charles Schwabe presenting a new lease for the land where the Emanuel County Veterans Center Building sits to the Emanuel County Veterans Association. This new lease will maintain the property for the Veterans for the next 100 years.

The Emanuel County Veterans Association membership includes

all veterans and their immediate family members and maintains the building where both the American Legion Swainsboro Post 103 and Lanier-Moore VFW Post 5745 hold their monthly meeting and events for veterans. The building was constructed in 1946, and for the past seven months, has undergone renovations to include floors sanding and re-finish (original flooring), painting, new cabinets in the kitchen, and it is still ongoing. The VFW Post 5745 would like to thank those from the community that donate, especially the Mill Creek Foundation and Walmart for grants to make this all possible. The veterans of this great county plan to continue being a supporter of the community for many years to come.



SCENES FROM EVENT



Southeastern Technical College Names Semi-Finalists for GOAL Program

Four Southeastern Technical College (STC) students have been selected as the College's semi-finalists for the Georgia Occupational Award of Leadership (GOAL). Chosen as semi-finalists are:

Emily Ely, Dental Hygiene Degree Program

Kimbrell Higginbotham, Dental Hygiene Degree Program

Erica Paige Murphy, Associate of Science in Nursing Program

Claudia Martinez Wilson, Healthcare Management Degree Program & Medical Assisting Diploma Program

GOAL, a statewide program of the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG), honors excellence in academics and leadership among

the state's technical college students. GOAL winners are selected at each of the state's 22 technical colleges.

"The purpose of the GOAL program is to spotlight the outstanding achievement by students in Georgia's technical colleges and to emphasize the importance of technical education in today's global

workforce," said Natalie Osborne, STC's GOAL Coordinator.

Students were nominated by their instructors. A screening committee of STC employees selected the four semi-finalists after conducting interviews with all nominees.

A panel of business, civic, and industry leaders from the communi-

ty will evaluate these four students in the next round of interviews and select one to be the Southeastern Technical College 2021 GOAL Winner. The GOAL winner will compete in regional judging in April. In May, all college winners will be recognized and the nine regional finalists, three from each region, will be announced and

will compete at the state level. One student will then be named as the statewide GOAL winner. That student becomes an ambassador for Georgia's entire technical college system and receives a grand prize of a brand new car provided by KIA Motors, the statewide corporate sponsor of Georgia's GOAL program.

Southeastern Tech names 2021 Staff Member of the Year

The staff member of the year award is a prestigious award created to recognize a staff member who has exemplified excellence in their day-to-day job, as well as contributed in other ways to make Southeastern Technical College a success during the past year. The award is given to an employee of the College who is neither a faculty member nor a member of the Executive Council. Benefits include a cash award from the STC Foundation, an engraved plaque, and a designated parking space to use throughout 2021.

Congratulations to Southeastern Technical College's 2021 Staff Member of the Year, Valerie Ennis, Admissions Assistant!

Ennis said, "Admissions is the face of STC. It is an applicant's first impression of the College; therefore, attitude, warmth, and cus-

tomers service are crucial to making a connection with applicants and promoting a positive image for STC. I feel that I embody these attributes and contribute to the positive, caring, student-oriented first impression that STC is known for. I could not be included in a more deserving finalist group and I am honored to be associated with the current nominees, former nominees, and previous winners. These are individuals that model the positive, caring, supportive, and family-orientated work environment of which I am proud to be a member."

The 2021 finalists were Valerie Ennis, Admissions Assistant, Gina Robison, Dean of Business Technologies and Human Services, and Melanie Walker, Student Navigator/VA Specialist/Financial Aid.



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Swainsboro Rotarians discuss plans for upcoming Pine Tree Festival pageant

The Swainsboro Rotary club met at the Rustic Grill on Monday, Feb. 22, 2021, during the noon hour. Guy Singletary, president, called the meeting to order and the prayer, pledge and 4 way test were recited by members. Steven McCommas, Assistant District Governor 2020-2021, gave some brief comments about Rotary in our area. The bulk of the meeting was spent discussing the Pinetree Festival Pageant, which the Rotary Club sponsors every year.

A committee meeting was held at the Durden Bank Conference the previous week and some of the details were discussed and finalized. That committee consisted of President Singletary, John Allen Bailey, Wade Johnson, Zack Frye, Greg Johnson, Kristen Hall, Carmen Tanner, Jessica Bedingfield, Patti Hendley, Dori Johnson and Tanya Lane. After having to cancel the pageant last year due to Covid, the club is excited to once again be able to hold this event for the community.

The Miss Division, ages 17-22, is now a scholarship, and the winner will receive \$500. The Miss and Teen Miss will be preliminaries to the Miss Georgia Forestry Pageant that is held in Tifton in July. This is a new addition to the pageant and will be a requirement of the winner. The Swainsboro Rotary Club will have more details in the upcoming weeks. There is also a Facebook page that will give more details and the entry information and price for registration.

After some discussion, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be Monday, March 1, 2021 at The Rustic Grill.



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Durden Bank of Twin City raises green for Blue Jeans for Babies

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Savvy Senior: How to choose a hospice care program

Dear Savvy Senior,
Where can I turn to find a good Medicare covered hospice provider? My husband's mother has a terminal condition and wants to die at home, if possible, so I'm helping out where I can.
Sad Sandy

Dear Sandy,
Hospice is a wonderful option in the last months of life because it offers a variety of services, not only to those who are dying, but also to those left behind. Here's what you should know about hospice care,

along with some tips to help you choose one.

Understanding Hospice

Hospice care is a unique service that provides medical care, pain management, and emotional and spiritual support to people who are in the last stages of a terminal illness – it does not speed up or slow down the process of dying. Hospice's goal is to simply keep the patient as comfortable and pain-free as possible, with loved ones nearby until death.

The various services provided by a hospice program comes from a team

of professionals that works together to accommodate all the patients' end-of-life needs.

The team typically includes hospice doctors that will work with the primary physician and family members to draft up a care plan; nurses who dispense medication for pain control; home care aids that attend to personal needs like eating and bathing; social workers who help the patient and the family prepare for end of life; clergy members who provide spiritual counseling, if desired; and volunteers that fill a variety of niches, from sitting with the patient to helping clean and maintain their property.

Some hospices even offer massage or music therapy, and nearly all provide bereavement services for relatives and short-term inpatient respite care to give family caregivers a break.

Most hospice patients receive care in their own home. However, hospice will go wherever the patient is – hospital, nursing home or assisted living residence. Some even have their own facility to use as an option.

To receive hospice, your mother-in-law must get a referral from her physician stating that her life expectancy is six months or less.

It's also important to know that home-based hospice care does not mean that a hospice nurse or volunteer is in the home 24 hours a day. Services are based on need and/or what you request. Hospice care can also be stopped at any time if your mother-in-law's health improves or if she decides to re-enter cure-oriented treatments.

How to Choose

The best time to prepare for hospice and consider your options is before it's necessary, so you're not making decisions during a stressful time. There are more than 4,300 hospice care agencies in the U.S., so depending on where you live, you may have several options from which to choose.

To locate a good hospice in your area, ask your mother-in-law's doctor or the discharge planner at your local hospital for a referral, or you can search online at Medicare.gov/care-compare, which provides lists and ratings of hospice providers in your area.

When choosing, look for an established hospice that has been operating for a few years and one that is certified by Medicare. To help you select one, the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization offers a worksheet of questions to ask CaringInfo.org.

Medicare Coverage

Medicare covers all aspects of hospice care and services for its beneficiaries. There is no deductible for hospice services although there may be a very small co-payment – such as \$5 for each prescription drug for pain and symptom control, or a 5 percent share for inpatient respite care. Medicaid also covers hospice in most states, as do most private health insurance plans.

For more information, see the "Medicare Hospice Benefits" online booklet at Medicare.gov/pubs/pdf/02154-medicare-hospice-benefits.pdf.

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



February 23, 1961

2nd Grade Play

Second graders presented a play Feb. 23 at the Chapel program in the Swainsboro Primary School Auditorium entitled "George Washington Mystery". Play casts were Ernestine Smith, Randy Tapley, Ronnie Conley, Tommie Lee Oglesby, Nancy Smith, Chucky Moye, Rebecca Bailey, Randy Jones, Jerry Waller, Phillip Pritchard, Donna Thigpen, Marsha Derriso, Charles Sewell, Brenda Lawson, Jimmy Raley, Patricia Morris, Ruby Lee Headricks, Talmadge Hooks, Jerry Scarboro, Sharlene Stapleton, Edith McNure, Patricia Latham, Mike Fields, Ricky Tapley, Jeanette Wiggins, and Charlie Willis. (visit emanuelcountydrive.com to see contestants photos)

Swainsboro gets check from Georgia Power Co.

A check for \$8,477.22 was delivered to the City of Swainsboro by L.W. Pruitt, manager of the Georgia Power Co. This payment represents three percent of the gross receipts in 1960 from sale of electric power to commercial and residential customers of the Company under the municipal partnership plan.

February 24, 1971

Where's the fire?

Swainsboro Fire Department is now better equipped for fire fighting. The department has a new F900 Ford truck. Jimmy Morgan, owner, Franklin-Overstreet and Company, local Ford dealership, presents the truck's keys to City Councilman Roger Shaw. Fire Chief J.D. Wilkerson and Fireman Jerry Odum look on. The truck has a 534 cubic inch engine and is equipped with Howe fire-fighting equipment. It has a 1,000-gallon pumping capacity and all the latest modern equipment. The fire-fighting equipment was installed by the Howe company in Roanoke, VA. (visit emanuelcountydrive.com to see contestants photos)

Jaycettes help

Emanuel County Hospital, Swainsboro, has a brand new incubator for the nursery, a gift from Swainsboro Jaycettes. Admiring the new unit in the hospital are Mrs. Bill Canady, Jaycette president, Mrs. Virgil Wells and Mrs. Fred Womack. (visit emanuelcountydrive.com to see contestants photos)

February 25, 1981

A hostage?

Jimmy Harper, Swainsboro High School principal, finds himself

in quite a predicament as Emanuel County Nursing Home residents, Felton Hutcheson and Mrs. Cora Johnson, tie him up and blindfold him to hold him for \$1,000 ransom. Mr. Harper will be held Saturday in an undisclosed location until donations to Emanuel County Heart Fund totaling \$1,000 have been received at the nursing home. Residents of the home also participated in a rock and roll marathon in conjunction with the drive to fight heart disease. (visit emanuelcountydrive.com to see contestants photos)

Something new

Mrs. Paula Cadle, past Swainsboro Jaycette president, displays plaque registering support of past equipment donations to Emanuel County Hospital, as Mary Lou Holland, obstetrical supervisor, uses the fetal stethoscope recently donated to the hospital, on Mrs. Capers Brazzell, obstetrical patient. Looking on is Mrs. Chip Durden, Jaycette president. (visit emanuelcountydrive.com to see contestants photos)

Region winners

Swainsboro High School Future Business Leaders of America who have won certificates at the Region V Mini Conference at Hancock Central High School, Sparta, Saturday, include Donna Glisson, first place in job interview, Teresa Walden, first in Typing II, Kristie Clements, second in Miss FBLA, and Randy Green, fourth in public speaking. Misses Glisson, Walden, and Clements will represent the SHS chapter at the State FBLA leadership conference in Atlanta May 1-3. These students competed against FBLA members from 28 schools throughout Region V. (visit emanuelcountydrive.com to see contestants photos)

February 27, 1991

Ready to recycle

Members of the Swainsboro/Emanuel County Recycling Center Advisory Board make last minute preparations for opening of the Recycling Center. Labeling proper bins and operating the baler are Cindy Flanders, Linda Sconyers, Marie Wofford, Mike Sewell, Ricky Stevens, Dewayne Tanner, and Connie Page. The Center began accepting recyclable materials Thursday, Feb. 28. Ribbon cutting ceremonies were held Friday, March 8. (visit emanuelcountydrive.com to see contestants photos)

In 'she' comes!

Joe Cross, pressman, and Frank Canady, production superintendent, check as *The Blade's* new press unit rolled into the building for installation. Mark Henry, assistant pressman, stood in the background. The unit increases the press

capacity of the newspaper by 25%. (visit emanuelcountydrive.com to see contestants photos)

February 28, 2001

Top dragster

Justin Strickland won the first race of the season at Savannah Dragway and continued to burn up the track. In his second year in the Junior Alcohol Dragster division, Strickland won the first race with a time of 9.75, pushing his car down the track at roughly 65 MPH and beating out seven other competitors. Currently the points leader, Strickland ran to first at 67 MPH for a time of 9.39 seconds on Feb. 17. He finished second Feb. 24 in Savannah. He is the 11-year-old son of Alan and Barbara Strickland. (visit emanuelcountydrive.com to see contestants photos)

Mite All-Stars

Swainsboro-Emanuel County Parks and Recreation Department Mite All-Stars competed in Vidalia Feb. 17. Players were Kawaskie Coleman, Byron Fouts, Javi'er Bullard, Knox Robinson, Eddie Ferrell, Tyson Hackett, Darren Worthen, Zachary Jones, Tyler Dale, J.D. McCain, and Javec King. Ronnie Womack and Woody Nasworthy coached the team. (visit emanuelcountydrive.com to see contestants photos)

February 23, 2011

Tigers win Region Championship!!!

The Swainsboro Tigers (19-7) finished off the thrilling run through the region tournament held last week in the Tigers' Den with an 82-69 win over the previously undefeated Laney Wildcats Saturday night. The Tigers played a complete basketball game and led throughout to clinch the exciting finale before a packed and energetic crowd. The team celebrated their win with Coach Jordan. (visit emanuelcountydrive.com to see contestants photos)

Adamses win golf tournament

Jake Adams of Swainsboro, son of Blake and Beth Adams, competed in a Parent-Child Golf Tournament hosted by the PGA Tour at Walt Disney World in Orlando, FL. The format was a six-hole, alternate shot event pairing PGA Tour players with their children. Jake competed in the three and under age division with his father, Blake. They played the six holes in five under par and went to win the tournament by 11 shots. Jake received a huge 1st place Mickey Mouse trophy for their effort. (visit emanuelcountydrive.com to see contestants photos)

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JIM COWART AND MICHELLE MILLSAP WITH AMERICAN RED CROSS VOLUNTEER

Durden Banking Company hosts community blood drive

Durden Banking Company hosted a community blood drive with the American Red Cross on Feb. 10, 2021. A total of 19 units were collected during the community blood drive.

"Durden Banking Company is committed to strengthening our community and helping meet hospital and patient needs through blood donations," said Jim Cowart, City President Twin City. "This

blood drive was our way of giving staff, colleagues and neighbors an opportunity to help save lives."

Blood is a perishable product that can only come from volunteer blood donors. With someone in the U.S. needing blood every two seconds, blood products must be constantly replenished, according to the Red Cross.

"We urge community members to donate

blood and help ensure that patients in local hospitals have a supply of blood ready and waiting before an emergency occurs. There's no better feeling than knowing that your blood donation may give someone a second chance at life."

According to the Red Cross, donors with all blood types are needed, especially those with types O negative, A negative and B negative.



PATRICK, BLACK, GARRETT

Kiwanis enjoys Valentine's meeting

The Kiwanis Club of Swainsboro held its weekly meeting, Tuesday night, February 16, 2021 at the New China Restaurant at 7 p.m. With President Dess Smith III presiding, there were 28 in attendance including 6 guests, former Lt. Governor Gary Howard, Rebekah Black, Jimmy Wedincamp, Brenda Henry, Zane Scarboro and Betty Clapham. The red-velvet cake, donated by Dwight Watt, was won by Cayla Page. The Domino's pizza, donated by Domino's Pizza, was won by Betty Clapham.

Deana Patrick hosted the program for the evening. Members of the Kiwanis Club and guests were given a Valentine's Day gift of cookies, cupcakes, and other delights made by Patrick and Past President Petite Garrett. Patrick introduced Rebekah Black, librarian at the Franklin Memorial Library. Born in Indonesia, Black returned to Swainsboro, hometown of her parents, and taught in the Emanuel County school system before coming to Franklin Memorial. Black entertained club members

and guests with her guitar as provided Valentine goodies were enjoyed.

If you would like to become a member of the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club, please contact membership chair Jane Durden at 478-494-4113 or e-mail her at hsdurden@bell-south.net. Also, if you would like more information about this club and the many community service projects performed each year, visit the following website: <http://www.swainsborokiwanis.org> or to the Swainsboro Kiwanis Facebook page.

Cook of the Week

Featuring the recipes of...

Avery Williams



This week's Cooks of the Week is Avery Williams. She is an employee at Citizens Bank of Swainsboro. In her spare time, Avery enjoys shopping, spending time with family and friends, and trying new recipes. Here are three recipes she would like to share. Enjoy!



From the kitchen of Avery

Pecan Pie Thumbprint Cookies

cookie dough:

- 1 c. unsalted butter, softened
- 1/2 c. granulated sugar
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 2 and 1/4 c. all-purpose flour

pecan pie filling:

- 1/3 c. brown sugar
- 1/4 c. light corn syrup
- 1 Tbsp. melted butter
- 1/2 tsp. vanilla
- 3/4 c. chopped pecans

Preheat oven to 350°F. Line two baking sheets with parchment paper or spray with non-stick cooking spray.

Cookie Dough: In bowl of an electric mixer fitted with paddle attachment, beat butter and sugar until smooth. Beat in vanilla. Add flour and beat on low until just combined and then on medium-high until well combined and a thick, soft dough is formed. Pinch off small portions of the dough and form into 1-inch balls. Place 1 inch apart on the prepared baking sheets.

Pecan Pie Filling: In a medium mixing bowl, whisk together the brown sugar, corn syrup, melted butter and vanilla. Stir in pecans until well combined. Lightly press your thumb into the center of each ball and fill the well with 1/2 teaspoon of the pecan pie filling. Bake for 20-22 minutes or until the filling starts to caramelize on top and the cookies start to turn a light golden brown. Let cookies cool on the baking sheet for 5 minutes before transferring to a wire rack to cool completely.



From the kitchen of Avery

Mini Mason Jar Lid Strawberry Pies

Crust

- 1 c. (2 sticks) salted butter, cubed and chilled
- 1/4 c. granulated sugar
- 2 2/3 c. all purpose-flour
- 1/4 c. ice cold water

Assembly

- 18 Tbsp. (a little more than a cup) strawberry jam, jelly, or preserves
- 1 Tbsp. heavy cream
- 1 Tbsp. sparkling sugar

Place chilled, cubed butter, sugar, and flour in a food processor and pulse until you have coarse crumbs. Add water slowly as you process until a dough forms, add more or less water as needed. Pour the dough (may be a bit crumbly) onto a piece of plastic wrap, knead to bring together, and wrap into the shape of a disk. Chill for at least 2-3 hours. When you are ready to assemble and bake the pies, allow the dough to set out at room temperature for 15-20 minutes, and then roll it out on a well-floured surface. Check to see if the dough is sticking often, adding more flour as needed.

Preheat oven to 400°F. Prepare a baking sheet with nine mason jar lids laid out. Use another small mason jar ring (not the wide mouth size) to cut out 18 circles in the dough. Roll each circle out so it is slightly larger, and then place it in the jar lid, letting the dough come up the sides. Spoon about one tablespoon of strawberry jam into each pie. Gather and roll remaining dough into a rectangle and cut out strips to weave the lattice top. Cut six 1/2 inch by 3 inch strips, weave them together, and then use a mason jar ring to cut the latticed dough into a circle. Use a metal spatula to transfer the circle onto the top of the pie. Repeat the process for each pie.

When pies are assembled, brush each one with heavy cream and sprinkle sparkling sugar generously on top. Bake for 13-15 minutes, or until the top of the pies are just beginning to brown. Let the pies cool for 5-10 minutes in the ring, and then press from the bottom to remove the ring and lid.

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A place to be cherished

Of all the duties associated with being Mayor, one that I especially enjoy is visiting the different departments and areas of city responsibility. You can learn a lot by talking with the good people who actually do the work, day in and day out. There's one place, however, where that's not quite so. It may sound a little odd, but talking isn't really nec-

essary here. This is a quiet, peaceful place. Many of us have friends and family there. In the spring and summer, city employees struggle to tame the grass and weeds, and control the shrubbery. Sometimes we win a little, usually Mother Nature wins more., but whatever the season, you can stand there in the middle of the Swainsboro City Cemetery and you just

get the feeling that the good souls and the long-departed legends understand that the living are just trying to take care of things as best they can, and it's alright. This is a gentle place where history and memory flow together to give you a pretty good lesson on the story of this community. Some of the names written in granite and marble all around you

are the names of the city leaders and builders, but most are the names of the solid, hard-working people who just got up and got to work and made a life and a home for their families. This is a place of the highest honor, reverence, gratitude, inspiration, and love., It's not always an easy place to be, but if you happen to come here, you might learn a little about the

Mayor Charles Schwabe



life of this town and some good folks who lived here and called it home. Nope, not much conversation here, but a place to be cherished by us all.

One of the goals of the City this year is to

focus on a campaign to enhance and improve our City Cemetery. If you have any suggestions or comments about improvements, you may submit them to: information@cityof-swainsboro.org.

A conversation on politics with Junior E. Lee

I called Junior E. Lee, general manager of the Yarbrough Worldwide Media and Pest Control Company, located in Greater Garfield, Georgia, to see if he could help me make sense of the strange political world in which we find ourselves these days. Junior is not only one of most highly-respected political analysts in the nation, he is also a pest control professional. That is a unique combination. Try calling the snoots in the newsroom at the New York Times and see if anybody there can tell you how to keep flea beetles from eating holes in your collard greens. Junior had just returned from Arveen Ridley's place

where he had been spraying for cow ticks. He was headed over to Aunt Flossie Fulmer's where he intends to take a peek inside her drawers. I hope he is talking about looking for carpenter ants but I have to be careful how I deal with Junior. Pest control professionals tend to be very temperamental. I told Junior I had gotten a lot of mail about my columns on Donald Trump. I was surprised how many people who say they are Republicans agreed with me that the presidential election was over and that it was time to move on. And then there were those who claim that the election was a fraud and seemed to want to blame me for having brought the sub-

ject up. One even accused me of being a liberal. While I accepted the criticism with equanimity, I am sure a lot of Chardonnay-sipping, left-leaning weenies would feel otherwise. Junior cautioned me to be careful what I say about Trump these days. If his supporters tore up the United States Capitol and talked about taking Mike Pence and Nancy Pelosi hostage, what would keep them from storming the headquarters of the Yarbrough Worldwide Media and Pest Control Company in Greater Garfield, Georgia and taking him or our trusted colleague, Figby, hostage? He was particularly concerned about the guy wear-

ing the buffalo head running loose in Greater Garfield. Buffaloes are known as a haven for lice and the last thing the town needs besides a mob attacking our headquarters is a lice infestation. Junior says he has stashed away a considerable amount of malathion just to be on the safe side. It not only works on lice, it has shown to be effective on fruit flies, too. Leave it to Junior E. Lee to cover all the bases. I told Junior that while several readers admitted that the Capitol riots went too far, they wanted to know why nobody seems upset with a bunch of young hooligans looting and burning down buildings, turning over police cars and barricading roads. Junior said that the riots have occurred in cities with liberal mayors. Also, the goons are treated with kid gloves by the media which are infested with more liberals than lacewing larvae in a cotton patch. (Junior

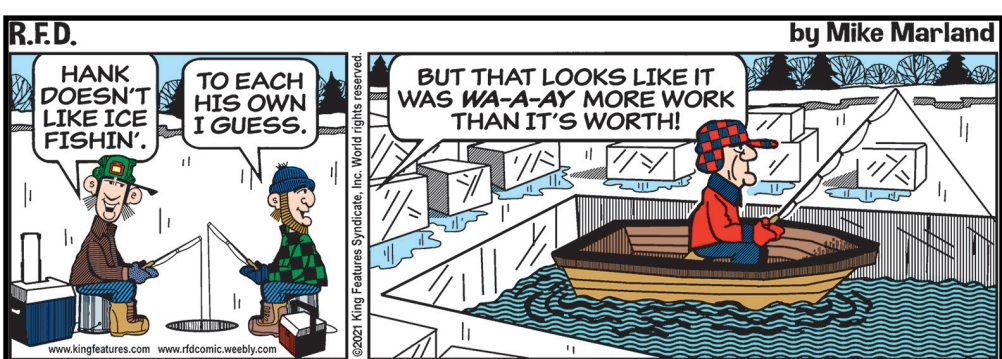
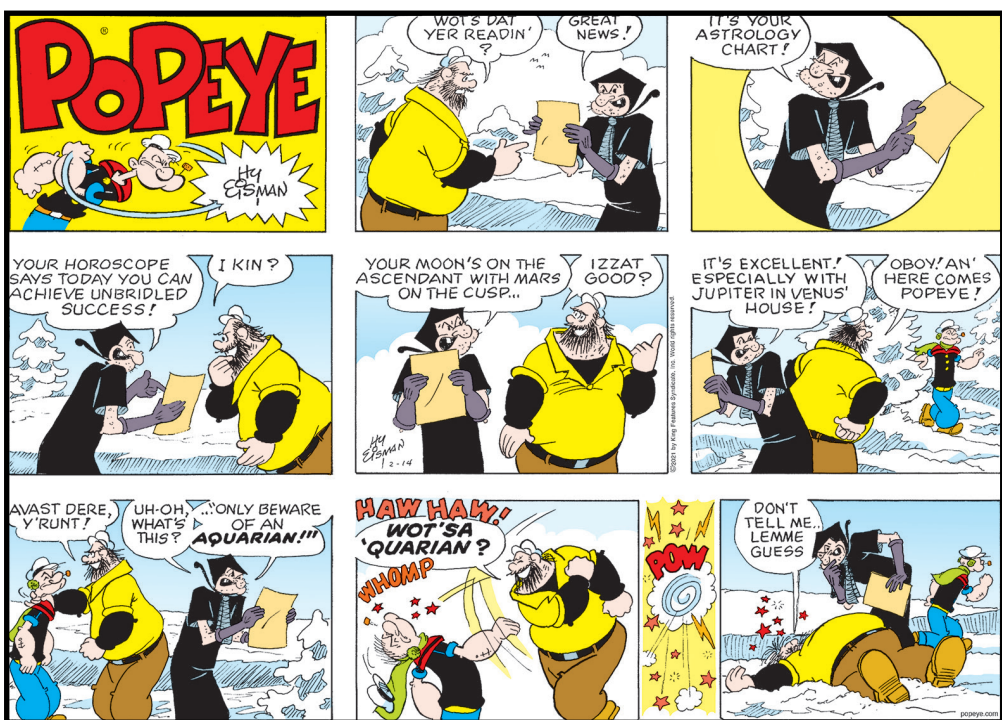
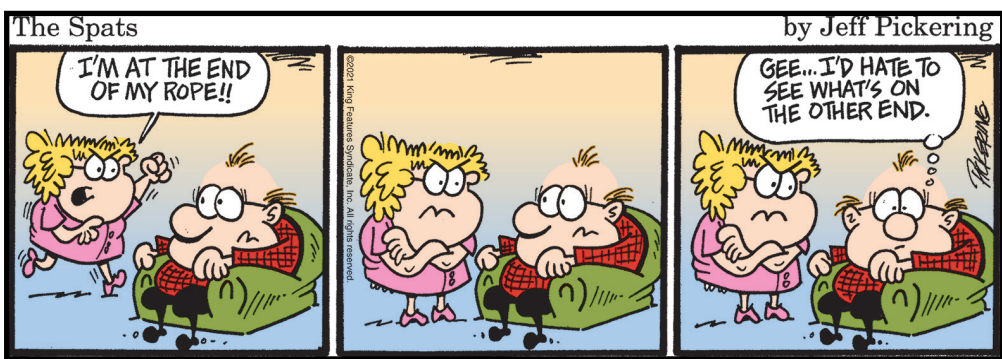
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and his pest control analogies again!) He said since I am a liberal, I should have been able to answer my own question. I told him that was just what one reader thought and that I didn't appreciate his sarcasm. Junior said he was just joshing. He says he knows some liberals and that I have got a long way to go before I could ever qualify as one. I'd have to refuse to recite the Pledge of Allegiance, kneel during the National Anthem and demand that North Dakota be given back to the Chippewas. I hope that reader sees this. In closing, I asked Junior E. Lee if things were ever going to get back to normal or was this the way life was going to be - Republicans fighting with Republicans; Democrats spending money faster than they can print it; a pandemic that won't seem

to go away; QAnon conspiracies; calls to defund the police. It is all so depressing. Junior said not to worry. NASA has told him there is a chance that a giant asteroid headed this way could hit us in 2068. That would take care of the Proud Boys, global warming and all the other stuff. I don't know where he hears these things but I would suggest that we take it seriously. To be on the safe side, I am going to pray for forgiveness for all my many transgressions. Junior says the only thing he plans to do is to take a long look inside Aunt Flossie Felmer's drawers. There is only Junior E. Lee. Thank goodness. You can reach Dick Yarbrough at dick@dickyarbrough.com; at P.O. Box 725373, Atlanta, Georgia 31139 or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/dickyarb.

Editorial Cartoons



The Family Scrooge

Uncle Ed would squeeze a penny until Lincoln's face was no longer visible. He wasn't the kindly uncle who would buy you an ice cream cone. In other words he was tight and stingy.

When his wife begged for a new car, he purchased her a huge eye-popping diamond ring. His best friend once asked, "why did you buy your wife that expensive diamond, when you knew she needed a car instead?" He patted his friend on his back and answered with a sly grin on his face; "Now where would I find a fake car?"

He once had a window air conditioner that he took out of the window of his electric bill was too high during the hot summer months, and stored it in the barn until the bill came down substantially. His wife and children must have gone through some trying times and developed a layer of thick skin, because Lord knows they need it!

Toward the end of his life when an ambulance was needed, he refused to get in because he thought three hundred dollars was too

Ronnie Johnson



much of a steep fee for a short ride to the hospital. He demanded his wife take him instead tot he hospital in their run-down station wagon that seldom started on the first try. Looking intently at his wife's reaction, he said "that's highway robbery!" He never owned a house because he always rented. He and his family never indulged in a more expensive lifestyle. They are mostly home grown retables and raised the own livestock . They never owned a new vehicle, and never visited a mechanic, because Ed did his own mechanic work.

Uncle Ed was not much of a church goer. I think he seldom went because he wasn't willing to part with 10% of his weekly earnings. He often said he was more "spiritual" than religious, because the spirit has no boundaries or material substance, where as religion needs money to pay the preacher and the church bills, and that takes money

and more money. But Aunt Carolyn and the children went to church regularly, and always paid the 10% myth to the Lord's work and good graces, and the family was blessed and prospered. When Uncle Ed died last week, it was discovered that he was a millionaire many times over. Aunt Carolyn had been a retired school teacher in South Carolina and they had never chased any of her checks. He had also retired from the Bomb Plant and only spent a small portion of his weekly check. It seemed Uncle Ed had enjoyed saving money, rather than spending it. It was like collecting antiques, which one never sells or gets rid of. He collected money like one cherishes stamps or collects baseball cards. You give up the fleeting, simple pleasures of life, for a payoff in the future that may never come your way again.

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Swainsboro Lady Tigers rolling into the state playoffs

by TROUP BRINSON

The Swainsboro Lady Tigers (10-9) have been a hot team as the state playoffs start this week, winning 6 of their past 8 games. Swainsboro took down Vidalia last Tuesday in the first round of the region playoffs 50-43 to lock down a berth into the state playoffs and completed their week with a 62-55 win versus Toombs County to secure a #3 seed.

The Tigers came out against Vidalia determined defensively to make the Indians earn every inch they moved on the court. Swainsboro scored the first 12 points, and Vidalia didn't get a shot to the rim for the first 4.5 minutes as the Tigers turned the Indians over repeatedly to take complete control. Serah Kelly led the way with 18 points, and Meyah Rawls and Jayden Wynn each had 11 points.

Swainsboro matched up with the #1 seed and top 5 ranked East Laurens Falcons next, los-



#20 WYNN HAS BEEN ELECTRIC ON DEFENSE

ing a close one 46-41. This put the Tigers in a #3/4 seed battle against Toombs County, and Swainsboro came out with the victory 62-55 to catapult them into a state playoff road game on Tuesday against Lamar County. Swainsboro once again turned on the defense in the opening quarter controlling the action 19-7 as Kelly went off for 12 points in the first period. The Tigers

maintained their lead throughout and secured a 7-point victory.

Swainsboro traveled to Lamar County on Tuesday to play a very difficult first round match-up against an opponent who is 17-5 and the #2 seed from Region 3-AA, a very strong region. Scores were not available as of press time. We will post scores on emanuel-countylive.com as they become available.

Garrett named interim EGSC men's basketball coach

East Georgia State College is proud to announce Travis Garrett as the interim head coach for the EGSC men's basketball team. Garrett comes to Swainsboro from Americus, Georgia.

Garrett brings over 20 years of coaching and recruiting experience to EGSC. For the past five years, he was the head coach of the men's basketball team at South Georgia Technical College. Before his time at South Georgia Technical College, Garrett held the head coach position at the University of South Carolina Salkehatchie. While at

USC Salkehatchie Garrett built the program from the ground up and made them into one of the most respected programs in the region.

Throughout his time in college, Garrett stayed on the basketball court. While obtaining his associate of arts degree at College of Central Florida in Ocala, Florida, he was on the basketball team and was named one of the top 100 Junior College Players in the U.S. by Street and Smith Magazine. He continued his education at Stetson University in Deland, Florida, where he re-



GARRETT

ceived his Bachelor of Arts in sports management. During his time at Stetson University, Garrett was on the Trans America Athletic Conference All-Tournament basketball team.

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10U BOYS ALLSTAR BASKETBALL TEAM

SECRD 10U Boys Allstar Team is district runner-up

Swainsboro-Emanuel County Recreation Department's 10U Boys Allstar Basketball Team finished runner-up in the Georgia Recreation and Park Association Class "B" First District Tournament held Feb. 16-19 in Springfield.

Members of the 10U Boys Allstar Team are

Jayvion Sherrod, Malcolm Steele, Artis Kingsberry, Kamarion Dukes, Quintin Dukes, Ty'kevius Worthen, Caden Watson, Zi'len Boynton, Ashton David and Charlie Fluellen. Coaches are David Coleman, Kawame Coleman and Quintin Dukes.

The Allstar Team be-

gan tournament play by defeating Washington County on Feb. 16. They lost to Rincon in the championship game on Feb. 19.

The district tournament was hosted by Effingham County Recreation and Parks and played at the Clarence E. Morgan Complex Gym.

SECRD 8U, 12U Boys compete in district tournament

Swainsboro-Emanuel County Recreation Department's 8U and 12U Boys Allstar Basketball Teams competed in the Georgia Recreation and Park Association Class "B" First District Tournaments held Feb. 16-19 in Springfield. Hosted by Effingham County Recreation and Parks, the tournaments were played at the Clarence E. Morgan Complex Gym.

The 8U Boys were defeated by Washington County in their first game on Feb. 17. The 12U Boys also lost their first game to Washington County on Feb. 18.

Members of the 8U Boys Allstar team are Jonquin McKinney, ShaRon Sherrod, Emery Watson, Justin Nobles, Cameron Williams, Terrance Coleman, KJ Coleman, Jayce Sherrod, Drake Clements and De'marion Jones. Coaches are Jonquin McKinney and Kawasquie Coleman.

Members of the 12U Boys Allstar Team are Jayden Butler, Elijah Smith, Cameron Woods, Landon Stapleton, Thomas Purvis, Deme-



SECRD 8U BOYS ALLSTAR BASKETBALL TEAM



SECRD 12U BOYS ALLSTAR BASKETBALL TEAM

treous Hamiel, Dexter Trey Faircloth. Coaches Parrish, Calynn Fouts, Colten Lewis and Jacob are Dexter Parrish and Michael Woods.

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Swainsboro Police Reports

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

February 13

Officers were notified by an unknown person that a vehicle was leaving the restaurant and was very intoxicated. Officer followed the vehicle and observed the driver fail to maintain his lane of traffic several times, at which point he made a traffic stop. Officer made contact with the driver and asked him to step

out of his vehicle. He then asked for his license and was told that his tires are way too wide and he goes out of the lane all the time. Officer could smell a strong odor of alcohol and was asked if he would take a PBT test and he stated yes. Driver's eyes were red and bloodshot, his gait was unsteady, and his speech was mumbled and slow.

Officer was dispatched to Allen St. in reference to a problem with dogs.

Complainant stated dogs keep going in her yard trying to bite her child.

Officer was dispatched to New St. in reference to a burglary. Upon arrival, officer spoke with complainant who stated someone broke into his residence and stole cleaning supplies, and believes he knows who did it.

February 14

Officer made contact with complainant who stated that her passenger side rear window was shot and that her front

windshield had 2 more pellet shots in it.

Officer was dispatched to Tractor Supply in reference to the theft of 2 utility trailers. Upon arrival, officers spoke with c/o, he stated the trailers on the lot utilized a cable to connect them all together, along with individual tongue locks, and the cable was cut.

February 15

Officer responded to Prosperity Dr. in reference to stolen property. Upon arrival, officers met with complainant who stated she was sitting in her vehicle on Oak St. when a male snatched \$72 in cash out of her hand through the window and ran into the woods. C/o stated she was told who the offender was, but could not positively identify him as the suspect in question.

Officer was dispatched to Wincore in reference to a disgruntled, recently terminated employee. Upon arrival, officer spoke with complainant who stated the offender refused to listen to an immediate supervisor and became angry and verbally abusive toward staff. C/o stated offender made a threat as he was leaving, as he was told numerous times to leave. C/o further stated offender flipped a table over as he was leaving the building.

February 16

Officers were traveling Southbound on South Coleman Street behind a silver vehicle. Upon running the vehicles tag, it was discovered that the registration on the car was suspended. Officer imitated a traffic stop

where it was discovered that the drivers license was suspended. Driver was placed under arrest and transported to the SPD.

Officers were dispatched to Lee Street in reference to an individual who claimed that someone swapped out the rims on his vehicle.

Officer ran the tag on the vehicle in front of him which came back with no insurance. The officer stopped the vehicle and spoke with the driver who states she just paid it not long ago. They attempted to contact the insurance company with no luck. The officer had the car towed and took the driver back to her residence by her request.

February 17

Officers were dispatched in reference to a report stating he has two storage units, one of which the lock has been cut off. He did not notice anything missing, but noticed a drawer on a dresser was open.

Officers were dispatched with a complaint that the complainants ex kept harassing and threatening her because she stated talking to his Dad. She had messages from the offender to show the officers. Complainant stated that she was scared and wanted to report this and have the paper trail of him harassing her.

Officers were dispatched in reference to some stolen paperwork. The complainant stated that he was in court that day in reference to an eviction notice. He stated that the judge needed some paperwork that

was issued to him and it was at his residence. When he returned home to get the paperwork that someone unknown to him had entered his room without permission and took the court papers. He states it had to be someone who had a key, but was unable to get in touch with management.

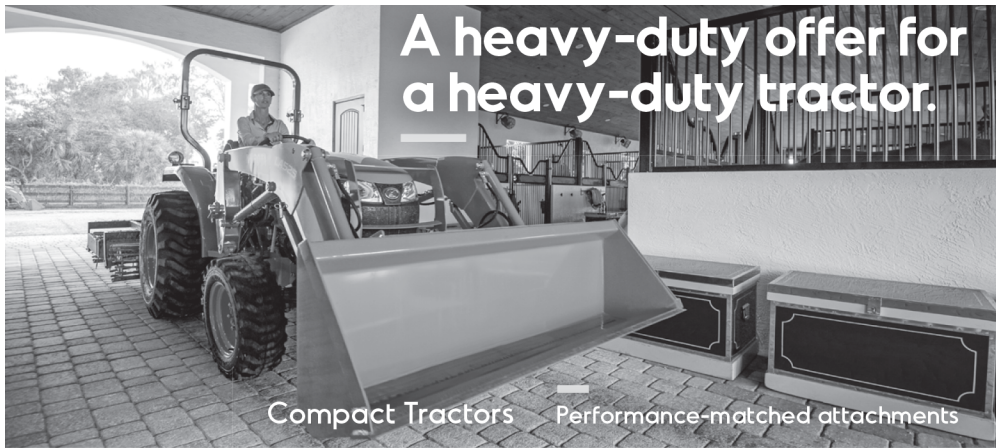
February 18

Officer stopped a driver who immediately let the officer know he did not have any license and that it was suspended and he just ran to the store for a couple of items. The driver asked the officer to contact his girlfriend whom of which was the owner of the vehicle to avoid a towing fee, where they later came and got the vehicle.

Officers were patrolling the streets and were dispatched in reference to a male wanting to make a report of a female going against a restraining order in place.

Officers were informed of a stolen vehicle being in a local business' parking lot. No one was inside the vehicle and the doors were unlocked. The next list wrecker arrived on the scene and towed the vehicle.

Officers responded in reference to a glass break alarm. While looking through the window it appeared that the cash register drawer was missing. Officers called the key holder to come to the scene so the building could be searched with K-9. During the hunt from the K-9, officers recovered the missing cash register.



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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).

Michael Lee Young, Jr, 41, 135 Martin Luther King Ave, Millen, entered 2/15/01; Driving lic susp/rev/hold for out of county billing; released 2/15/01; SPD

Omari Demarcus Tharpe-Reid, 22, 2609 Luke Dr, Ellenwood, entered 2/15/01; Reckless driving/Driving lic susp/rev/DUI/alch/Speeding <14 MPH over/VGCSA marijuana/poss less than oz; released 2/16/21; GSP

Sue Teliah Naklen, 21, 7067 Naktong Cir, Fort Stewart, entered 2/15/21; Speeding 30+ MPH over/Reckless driving; released 2/15/21; ECSO

Chad Anthony Barrett, 26, 132 Maple St, Metter, entered 2/16/21; Sexual exploit/children; ECSO

Hart Brantley Raburn,

22, 32085 Hwy 129, Metter, entered 2/16/21; Hold for Candler County

Christian Leandra Jones, 29, 5871 Old Wellborn Trace, Lithonia, entered 2/16/21; Speeding <14 MPH over/Reckless driving/VGCSA/vio ga control subst act/VGCSA possession marijuana w/intent to distribute; ECSO

James Frank Dixon, 327 Old Monticello Rd, Milledgeville, entered 2/16/21; Unregistered vehicle/Driving lic susp/rev; released 2/16/21; SPD

William Jammal Givens, 23, 343 S. Racetrack St, entered 2/16/21; Murder/Ga street gang terror prevent act/ Ga street gang terror prevent act/ Ga street gang terror prevent act/Aggr assault/Aggr assault/Poss of firearm during commission of felony; SPD

Albert Lee Davis, 66, 612 Freedom St, entered 2/16/21; Probation/ Superior court; DCS

Thomas Cole Morris, 33, 456 McLeod Bridge Rd, entered 2/17/21; VGCSA/vio ga control subst act/VGCSA possession of drug related object; released 2/17/21; SPD

Billy Jack Brantley, 31 Old River Rd, Midville, entered 2/17/21; Forgery-1st deg/ Forgery 1st deg/ False report crime; released 2/17/21; SPD

Warren Clifton Williams, 52, 83 Williams Rd, Kite,

entered 2/17/21; Other; released 2/18/21; SPD

Trinity Lee Royal, IV, 30, 141 Harrison St, entered 2/17/21; Probation/ Superior court; ECSO

Jaquan Damarquez Cheley, 21, 415 Braswell Blvd, entered 2/17/21; Probation/ Superior court; ECSO

Dean Tanner, 25, 308 Hwy 221 S, Adrian, entered 2/17/21; Probation/ Superior court; ECSO

Christopher Shane Richardson, 27, 118 Falcon Trl, entered 2/17/21; Entering auto/ Entering auto/ Entering auto/ Theft/ taking; released 2/17/21; ECSO

Micah Thanh Phan, 41, 19 Dellwood Dr, entered 2/17/21; Contempt of court; SPD

Clinton Wayne Scarboro, 30, 340 Huntington Cir, Vidalia, entered 2/17/21; Parole violation; ECSO

Christopher Michael Loman, 48, 102 Frasier St, Pikeville, TN, entered 2/18/21; DUI/alch; ECSO

Tiera Lashae Mapp, 21, 2843 Springfield Rd, Sparta, entered 2/18/21; Driving lic susp/rev/ Speeding <14 MPH over/VGCSA marijuana/poss less than oz; released 2/18/21; ECSO

Quatara Tneshia Parrish, 25, 505 Colegrove Rd, entered 2/18/21; Simp assault; released 2/19/21; SPD

Dennishia Aaireyonna Pierce, 20, 638 Turner Dr, entered 2/19/21; Cruelty to children 1st & 2nd deg; released 2/19/21; WALK-IN

Teresa Newman, 36, 868 Coleman Chapel Rd, Bartow, entered 2/19/21; Probation/State court/ Middle Ga Probation; released 2/19/21; SPD

Wayne Lynn Hopper, 59, 101 Blackberry Rd, entered 2/19/21; Theft/conversion; ECSO

Chad Anthony Long, 42, 136 Beach St, Cochran, entered 2/19/21; Hold for out of county billing; ECSO

Paul Harvey Lariscey, 70, 1607 Griffin Ferry Rd, Lyons, entered 2/19/21; Terror threats and ats; released 2/19/21; WALK-IN

Susan Juanita Foskey, 53, 353 Modoc Rd, entered 2/19/21; Driving lic susp/rev/ Probation/ Superior court; ECSO

Christopher Ottis Gay, 36, 150 Kemp Rd, entered 2/19/21; Bench warrant/ State court/ Probation/ Superior court; WALK-IN

Zayvian Jerome Cogle, 19, 1201 Candlewood Ct, Hephzibah, entered 2/19/21; VGCSA possession marijuana; released 2/19/21; ECSC

Omar Marque Burnett, 24, 222 Carver St, entered 2/19/21; VGCSA possession marijuana; released 2/20/21; SPD

Nautica Bryshae Crawford, 21, 132 Ochwalkee Rd, Glenwood, entered 2/19/21; Aggr assault/VGCSA marijuana/poss less than oz; SPD

Jalaree Lorelle Bates, 17, 127 Modoc Rd, entered 2/19/21; VGCSA marijuana/poss than oz; released 2/20/21; SPD

Radejia E'miyah Mackey, 18, 132 Ochwalkee Rd, Glennwood, entered 2/19/21; VGCSA marijuana/poss less than oz; released 2/20/21; SPD

Shakarrie Ladreia Moye, 17, 127 Modoc Rd, entered 2/19/21; VGCSA marijuana/poss less than oz; released 2/20/21; SPD

Ben Tyriff Gurley, 34, 3221 Ellis St, Brunswick, entered 2/20/21; Hold for out of county billing; ECSO

Dante J. Goines, 26, 2774 Grand Ave, Atlanta, entered 2/20/21; VCGSA marijuana/poss less than oz/ Give false name/ false info/police; released 2/20/21; ECSO

Corey Best, 31, 311 Modoc Rd, entered 2/20/21; Probation/ Superior court; SPD

Darius Antonio Jones Davis, 23, 6075 N. Shallowhill Dr, Bartlett, TN, entered 2/20/21; Speeding <14 MPH over/ Driving lic susp/rev; released 2/20/21; ECSO

Zonnie Nichelle Beasley, 25, 1602 Clyde Blvd, Vidalia, entered 2/20/21;

DUI/ drugs/ Driving lic susp/rev; released 2/21/21; GSP

Marquiz Rashard Freeman, 32, 510 Oak St, entered 2/20/21; Burglary/VGCSA poss dangerous drugs; SPD

David Timothy Sherrod, 53, 106 Gloria Dr, Milledgeville, entered 2/21/21; Open container/ Failure to obey traffic control device/ Headlight requirements/ DUI/alch; released 2/21/21; GSP

Joseph Erik Johnson, 41, 162 Joe Byne Rd, entered 2/21/21; DUI/alch/ Speeding <14 MPH over/ Open container/ Driving while unlicensed/ expired/ DUI/ endangering child; released 2/21/21; ECSO

Shcameron Shiquez Dyquan Coleman, 24, 137 Midville Rd, entered 2/21/21; Driving lic susp/rev/ Other; released 2/21/21; ECSO

Calvin Mario Monroe, 33, 235 Oak Grove Church Rd, entered 2/21/21; DUI/alch/ VGCSA poss dangerous drugs/ Speeding <14 MPH over; GSP

Jose Marcellno, 33, 437 Fairground Rd, entered 2/21/21; DUI/alch/ Fail to maintain Lane/ Driving while unlicensed/ expired; released 2/21/21; ECSO

German Blanco Sanchez, 35, 110 Bonnie Rd, entered 2/21/21; Driving while unlicensed/ expired; released 2/21/21

Sheriff's Reports

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

February 12
Complainant stated he discovered a dent on his vehicle. Co. believes it may have occurred while the vehicle was unattended in a parking lot.

February 13
Deputies responded to Canoochee Rd. in reference to a single motor vehicle accident, with the vehicle partially in a pond.

February 14
Deputies were dispatched to Gardenia Rd. in reference to a vehicle stuck in a roadway. Upon arrival, vehicle was observed to be stuck in the roadway covered with standing water. It appeared as though the vehicle bottomed out due to ruts in the road. Vehicle was towed and it appeared to have received water damage to the interior, as well as damage to the rear bumper received in the process of removing the vehicle.

Complainant stated a firearm was stolen from his vehicle on Maple Rd.

February 15
Deputies were dispatched to the area of Hwy 1 N. in reference to a wrong way driver. The vehicle was advised to be traveling S. in the northbound lane.

February 16
Complainant stated she wanted to file a complaint because her baby daddy went inside her residence and took two heaters that he paid for but she was using them to keep the kids warm.

Complainant stated she took her boyfriend to work at Crider and he refused to get out of the vehicle so she tried pushing him out and he grabbed her by the throat and began choking her so she punched him and he let go of her and got out of the vehicle. A witness who road with them stated c/o and offender argued the whole time they were traveling to Crider but he never saw either one physically touch one another and when they arrived at Crider, the offender got out of the vehicle and went inside. Offender stated he never put his hands on c/o; she just stated showing out because he didn't want

to go to work. No physical marks were visible on either party.

Complainant stated offender left the residence a few days ago and is now staying in Fitzgerald, but before he left, he put bolts inside the intake of her vehicle causing the motor to lock down and he also stole several items from her daughter. C/o stated she has pictures and texts to prove that the offender admitted to doing everything.

Complainant stated her and her boyfriend got into an argument over hot water for showering and an altercation happened where both parties struck each other in the face. There were no visible marks on either party.

Deputy met with complainant in reference to missing currency. C/o stated he checked his safe deposit box at Durden Bank to find money missing. C/o further stated that the money in question partly belonged to his mother and that his brother also had access to the box as well.

February 17
Deputies were dispatched to Leopard Cir. For a welfare check after receiving several calls from offender.

Deputies responded to Hwy 80 W. in reference to a reckless driver.

Deputies responded to SW Railroad Ave in Oak Park in reference to a suspicious vehicle in the roadway. Upon arrival, the vehicle was partially parked in front of a residence. Upon making contact with the homeowner, it was discovered that the vehicle belonged to a visitor.

February 18
Deputies responded to Kite Rd. in reference to a male subject standing in the ditch.

Deputies, along with EMS and Fire Department, were dispatched to Hwy 192 S. for a single vehicle rollover with entrapments. GSP responded and the scene was turned over to them.

Deputies responded to Keith Screws Rd. in reference to an ATV accident with a female pinned under the four-wheeler.

Deputies responded to

New Hope Rd. in reference to two males trespassing.

Deputies were dispatched to Lindsey Rd. in reference to an abandoned vehicle. Listed vehicle was observed to be partially blocking the roadway.

Deputies were dispatched to Griffin Ferry Rd. in reference to a single vehicle accident. Victim stated she was traveling S. on Griffin Ferry Rd. when she swerved to avoid striking a deer.

Deputies were dispatched to Bishop Chapel Rd. in reference to a washout in the roadway. County Road Dept. was notified.

February 19
Deputies were dispatched to Injunction Rd. for loud music coming from a vehicle parked at the residence. Contact was made with an occupant of the vehicle who had to be awakened.

Complainant stated an argument between her and offender started when he tried to snatch her phone out of her hand and when he couldn't get her phone, he grabbed her and held her down on the floor, but she was able to kick him off. C/o then stated that after she kicked him off of her, he then busted a whole through the coffee table with his foot. When deputies arrived, c/o stated offender had already left the scene.

Contact was made with offender on Blackberry Rd. during which time the subject was taken into police custody for the purposes of serving an eviction order and an active arrest warrant made through the EmCo Court system.

Complainant stated he received two W2's in the mail from Handi-House of Swainsboro saying he made \$20k last year but he has not worked there since 2018 or 2019. C/o stated he called Handi-House and talked to someone who stated she had him still employed there and had been receiving a check. C/o then asked what happened to his checks and subject stated that Dave had been getting them and was supposed to be giving them to him.

Deputy made a traffic

arrest on I16.

February 20
Complainant stated offender has dogs across the road from him on Price Williams Rd. and they have been going into his yard killing his chickens and this was not the first time it has happened. While at c/o's residence, victim stated he walks down Price Williams Rd. every day and when he walks by offender's house, he has to have a stick because they always attack him. Deputy went to offender's house but noone was home and he was bit several times by three of the dogs, at which time he called for animal control to retrieve the dogs.

Complainant stated he was out of town with his daughter when he received a text from the offender out of the blue saying that he knew how to get into the complainant's residence real easily and c/o was worried that offender might break into his home while he was away.

Deputies responded to S. 2nd St. in reference to a verbal domestic dispute between a mother and a son.

Deputies responded to McKenzie Dr. in reference to a gunshot wound.

February 21
Deputy responded to Trout Trail for a report of a prowler. Deputy made contact with c/o and was unable to find any prowlers near the residence.

Complainant stated she heard something outside her bedroom window on Scott St. that sounded like they were trying to get under her residence. When deputy arrived, he checked the residence and surrounding area but was unable to locate anyone or any evidence that someone had been there.

Complainant stated he was over at offender's house on Hwy 192 S. getting some milk that they had picked up for him and their dog growled at him as he was trying to leave so he kicked at the dog to get him away and as he was walking back to his residence, the dog attacked his dog. C/o stated he was trying to break the dogs apart and he was bit by offender's dog. C/o also

stated this is not the first time he has had problems with offender's dog. Deputy spoke with offender and she stated her dog never growled at c/o; that he just tried to kick her dog for no reason and when he was breaking the dogs apart from fighting, he was bit by both dogs. Offender further stated that when c/o was trying to get the dogs apart that he beat her dog in the back with a metal rake.

Deputy responded to Whetsell Rd. for a complainant of a stolen SD card. Deputy made contact with victim and offender and was able to retrieve the SD card, which appeared to not be damaged and returned it to the victim.

Deputy responded to Canoochee Rd. for a vehicle collision with possible entrapment. Upon arrival, deputy discovered there was no entrapment and the vehicle had run off the road in a culvert. Driver was able to exit the vehicle and was found t be intoxicated.

Deputies were dispatched to Roy Woods Rd. in reference to criminal trespass.


Deputies were dispatched to Herrington St. in reference to members of a motorcycle club parking motorcycles in front of their residence. Contact was made with the owners of the motorcycles who moved them away from the residence.

Deputy met with complainant on Lambs Bridge Rd. in reference to damage to property. Damage found on the scene consisted of appx. 200 yards of fence and cattle gate. A single vehicle left the roadway and struck the opening to the gate then back onto the roadway.

Deputies were dispatched to Hwy 80 E in the area of Twin City in reference to a cow in the roadway.

Deputy responded to the area of Bishop Chapel Rd. for a noise complaint. A resident in the area complained there was loud music and it was after hours for loud noise. Deputy rode the area and did not observe the music coming from a business in the area that was no louder than necessary.

Deputy made a DUI arrest on Canoochee Rd.



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A tribute to Coach A

by ALEXIS PARKER ROBERSON

Alexandria Lanette Walden will go down in history as the first African American female head coach of the Swainsboro High School Lady Tigers basketball program. Walden began her coaching journey as an assistant coach for the Statesboro Blue Devils in 2009 until 2014, when she received a call from the late great Coach Bobby Andrews that completely changed her life. Walden credits Coach Andrews as a great mentor and inspiration to her and many others. Additionally, his mentorship has helped to develop her personally and professionally.

Walden graduated with honors from Swainsboro High School in 2005. She enrolled in East Georgia State College, then transferred to Georgia Southern University where she received her Bachelor's Degree in Multimedia Communication with a minor in Exercise Science with an emphasis on Coaching Behavior, and she earned her Master's degree in Higher Education from Ashford University. With her educational success, drive to motivate and mentor youth, and her love for the game of basketball, Walden was a top candidate for the position of head coach.

Walden holds many accomplishments throughout her coaching career as a head coach. Those accomplishments include being named Coach of the Year Region 3-AA, 2015-2016; Region Champs 3-AA Girls Basketball, 2015-2016, Sweet Sixteen State Playoffs Region 3-AA, 2015-2016; Region Runner-Ups 3-AA, (2014-2015 1st Round State Playoffs)(2017-2018 State Playoffs 23-5 Sweet 16); 4th in Region 2-AA (2016-2017 First Round State Playoffs)(2018-2019 Sweet 16); and current 2020-2021 3rd in Region 2-AA, pending where the playoffs may lead the Lady Tigers this year. Walden's coaching record of wins/losses is now current 123-62. Professional Learning Community Training, 2014. As an assistant coach, under the leadership of Coach Jeff Sier, Walden's accomplishments include two -time Region Champions, Sweet Sixteen appearances, and Elite Eight appearances. Many of her former players have been chosen as All-State and All-Star participants. Understanding the importance of an education, Walden has always stressed the importance of earning a degree. As a result, several of her former players graduated with honors and have played or are currently playing basketball on the collegiate level. She also coached a player who currently plays in the WNBA.

Walden has been coaching for 13 years

with the last seven years coaching in Swainsboro. Even more rewarding is the fact that Walden was selected as the Teacher of the Year for Swainsboro High School during both 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school terms. Walden is fully dedicated to her students as a teacher and to her players as a coach. She has followed through with a commitment to her players to ensure that she will not only coach them the game of basketball but how to become and maintain being a student athlete as they learn how to compose themselves on and off the court. Further, she has ensured her players form a sisterhood throughout the season and thereafter. Her coaching staff has been developed with expectations of carrying out her mission and vision for the Lady Tigers basketball program.

Walden has refocused the Lady Tigers basketball program by ensuring that her players are involved in the community in ways to give back. Walden and her team follow through with weekend community service at Brown Hill Chapel Baptist Church in Swainsboro, Ga; participate in Toys for Tots; and so many other community-based outreach programs. She is a very vocal coach who will stand firmly behind her players while holding them to a high standard of achievement for their future success. One of Walden's quotes she loves to refer back to as an educator and coach is "Learn from yesterday, live for today, and hope for tomorrow." The quotes reflect her philosophy for those students that feel they have too much distracting them from learning and being a better person.

Walden is supported by her loving husband, Mark Walden III, and children, Mckinley and Mark Walden Jr. Walden is continuing a legacy that was started by her late grandmother, Mrs. Agnes S. Parker, who was the first African American to own and operate a childcare center in Swainsboro. Her teachings are sure to have aided in Walden's passion and commitment to others.

During years when Walden played high school basketball and intermural sports on a collegiate level, she begins to embrace her knowledge of the game of any sport played. Walden set high standards as head coach for all former/current players apart of her program. As head coach she has turned the Lady Tigers basketball program around in the right direction for the better. Her patience and resilience as a strong leader and individual have touched lives across the board regarding the student body and in the community. In honor and celebration of Coach

Alexandria Walden for Black History month, her family (sisters, husband, children and nephews), coaching staff, former players, current players and basketball parents would like to show our appreciation for how much she has done with the Swainsboro High School Lady Tigers Basketball Program as being the first African American female Head Basketball Coach. Here are some thoughts from former/current players, former/current coaching staff, former/current parents, and former/current managers that have been touched by Coach A playing under her leadership:

"Coach A, If I had the chance to say something, I'd say... You are phenomenal, influential, aspiring, caring, loving, a back breaker, and the BEST COACH ever! No matter the situation we NEVER LACK! You always make sure we have anything WIN or LOSE!! Through the years you've stressed the importance of being a young lady and carrying yourself well on and off the court. Your presence is everything although we hate when you say "on the X, BASELINE, or 35 seconds." Constructive criticism is another term you have stressed over my years of playing, many can and can not take it but all you want is for us to be better, get better, and do better. I could type so much more, but COACH A., you DESERVE this!! I love you!! P. S. - I played for Coach A starting my 6th grade year during the summer. Every summer I had the opportunity to play with her JV girls in several games during summer league. So, on count, Coach A has coached me for 6 years this season." **Current SHS Lady Tigers player**

"She's always been the best role model, mentor, coach and someone I could always talk to. Definitely the life of the party! I had the honor to play for Coach Alex in 2008-2012. I think, I'm old now!" **Former Lady Blue Devils Player**

"She's a good person. A good mother. If I needed someone to talk to I could go to her. Coach Alex's coaching career in Swainsboro started when I became a freshman in high school. I played under her all 4 years. She was supportive and showed me tough love. Now I am a junior in college and she still supports me and is there anytime I need her." **Former Lady Tigers Player**

"If I could say anything about OUR sister as a coach it would be, she's never afraid to evolve her coaching style to fit her team. With every challenge she's faced, she finds a way to reach the young ladies she coaches." **Former SHS Lady Tigers Manager/Assistant Coach**

"I done played for



Coach A for 2 years now and she is a good coach. She is outgoing, she cares for her team. She will do anything to keep us straight and she makes sure our grades good as well as make sure we are good outside of basketball." **Current SHS Lady Tigers Player**

"Coach Alex Walden is a dedicated coach who inspires her athletes and students to become the best versions of themselves. Her authentic approach pushes them outside of their comfort zone, while guiding them along the path to success. Emanuel County is blessed to have Coach Walden as an educator coach, and mentor." **SHS Counselor/Lady Tigers Basketball Cheerleading Coach**

"Coach Alex is so much more than a coach, she is a great teacher, motivator, and mother figure to so many of the kids she has impacted throughout her coaching and teaching career... since accepting the position as head coach, Alex has had to fight through adversity from all angles, but has proven that she can produce a winning program not only on the court but off the court... her program produces great citizens to the community...most of the players in her program are honor students/graduates and they even do community service once a month... anyone who has been blessed to come through this program will tell you Coach A is one of a kind!" **Husband and Current Lady Tigers Community Volunteer Assistant Coach**

"Coach Alex is one of the BEST people I've ever met! She's outgoing, loving, caring, funny and so much more. She will always keep it real with you, there is no sugarcoating!! She's like another mother to me. She has never let me down and I admire her in so many ways. I love her so much!" **Former Lady Tigers Manager**

"I'd say she's a really great coach! She's focused on working with the team as a unit and building so everybody

is ready for anything that may come at them, and that's great because you're building a solid foundation." **Former Lady Blue Devils Player 2009-2013**

"Coach A is caring, hardworking and passionate about basketball." **Current SHS Lady Tigers Manager**

"Coach A is truly a caring coach. She doesn't come to practice just to coach us on our game and leave, she treats us like family, she treats every single one of us as we're her daughters. She's always checking in making sure we've eaten, making sure we're doing good academically, keeping us on track teaching us life lessons, she gives us her all. She always looking for opportunities to give us and she is always fighting for her girls. She's a coach you can look up to as a role model and mother figure because even when she's tired, "she's always grinding". WE all love her for that because we have a Coach who is always putting in work if not for her family or herself, then for her team." **Current Lady Tigers Player**

"If I could say anything about Coach A, I would say that she has impacted the life of so many women including mine. Coach A is not just a basketball coach. She is a second mother, a tutor, counselor and anything you could possibly need. She not only pushed me to be the best basketball player I could be but the best woman I could be. Even though I have graduated high school and my basketball career has ended I can count on Coach A to be there if I need her. My life has been changed for the better since Coach Alex has come into it." **Former SHS Lady Tigers Player 2015-2019**

"Coach A has been a positive influence in my children's lives on and off the court. Charley played for her from 2015-2019. She always made sure the girls had what they needed in the classroom, in the locker room, on the court,

in their homes, etc. She made sure the girls were registered for the SAT/ACT tests and had access to scholarship and college information. She not only focused on grades and basketball but she also provided opportunities for the girls to participate in community service projects within our community. Although my daughter has graduated and is in college, Coach A still reaches out to check in with her. Not only has she been there for Charley but she has been there for Tyler. She checks on him and has made herself available if he needs any help or just needs a pack of crackers. Coach A definitely left a mark on our family and a lifelong friendship has been created through her love for young people and basketball. We salute you Coach Alex!" **Former SHS Lady Tigers Basketball Parent**

"Coach A, as she is affectionately called, returned to Emanuel County during my 10th grade year. I started with her as Manager, then Coach's Assistant, and now as Assistant Coach, Head of Junior Varsity Girls Basketball. She has sent 5 girls to play basketball at the collegiate level from Swainsboro High School. She coaches as well as teaches at SHS, and stresses these things to her students and her players: life skills, basketball skills, decision-making skills and much more. To her players, she emphasizes that they are students first and athletes second. Before "Coach A" returned, SHS Lady Tigers had not made it to State Playoffs since 2012-2013. Since her return, we have made it to State Playoffs every year except last year. She has produced 3 of our 1,000 Points Club members. Asia Brown, a former player of "Coach A," holds the record of highest points scored in a single game at SHS. Jasmine Faulkner, also a member of the 1,000 Points Club, was Assistant Coach under Coach Walden in the 2014-2015 basketball season. "Coach A's" overall record as of today is 123

wins and 62 “lessons” - not losses. Our season record for this year is 10 and 9.” **Current Assistant Coach/Head Coach JV**

“Coach Alex is such an amazing coach. She knows the game of basketball very well. Throughout my years of playing basketball, she’s the best coach I’ve ever had. Not only was she like a coach to me, she was like a second mother to me also. She helped me with a lot through high school. I appreciate and love her so much. Swainsboro High School basketball program is very lucky to have her as a coach! She has also made the basketball program so much better in many ways. I’m so proud of her when it comes to being a coach.” **Former SHS Lady Tigers Player**

“Coach A is a loving, caring woman who these young ladies need as their leader. She’s not only a coach, to me she’s someone who cares about the young ladies making it further in life. She keeps them uplifted and on top of everything from the sports to the work in the classroom. The players sometimes might not like it but it’s nothing but love from Coach A. You don’t find too many coaches who care about your child’s schooling but Coach A does and I love it about her. One thing I can say about Coach A, she gets it from her mom and grandparents, they had hearts just like that too. So Coach A, from me to you, keep on caring, sharing, and loving, God has so much more in store for you.” **Current SHS Lady Tigers Parent**

“Coach Alex is a good coach, she has her team best interest in the game on and off the court. I admire her how she not only cares about them playing basketball, she cares most about their education and that’s a plus for me!” **Current SHS Lady Tigers Parent**

“To the coach who loves the game of basketball and the competitive spirit that comes with it. During games she isn’t the one to sit on the sidelines quietly. No, she is on her feet giving her players her all just like she is expecting her players to do. I salute you Coach A for breaking barriers and knocking down walls!! Keep doing your thing my girl!!!” **Current SHS Lady Tigers Parent**

“Coach Alex is definitely one-of-a-kind Coach for me. I played JV for 2 years with her and it was the best. She was not only a coach who showed me how to be the best player I could be but an amazing mentor, who I can look to randomly call about anything to this

day and give me advice that I can take in all aspects of my life!” **Former Lady Blue Devils Player 2011-2015**

“She’s a great coach, I love her like a mother. She’s very caring, very motivational, and very influential. She made us better not only as a team but as a people too. She still checks up on me even though I’ve graduated. She’s just an amazing and loving person.” **Former SHS Lady Tigers player**

“As a sister to Coach A, I have always admired and looked up to her and the role she plays as a sister, mother, wife, educator, influencer, and coach. If I could describe her in one word it would be “Unbreakable.” No matter what obstacles she faces, she always finds a way to be strong, keep her head up, and give it her all. Coach Alex is more than coach, she strives to mold and build young ladies up to not only reach their athletic potential, but she teaches them the importance of education, family, giving back to the community, and putting God first. I am beyond proud of how much she has accomplished as Swainsboro High School’s FIRST African American Girl’s Varsity Basketball Head Coach. Not only does she speak and teach the change we all hope to see in our community, she is the CHANGE! Thank you for being who you are Coach A.” **Little Sister**

“Coach Alex was always a great mentor on the court and off the court She always kept it real with me and kept me laughing! She was one of the few that took me under their wing at such a young age. I admire her for always showing me and my family so much love and support during times when needed it the most.” **Former Lady Blue Devils Player 2011-2015**

“It would be the way she is engaged in our life’s on and off the court. The first thing she asks about when we talk is how my grades are. She’s more engaged into your academics because that can take you a long way. Coach A has always been a huge role model in my life and a big mother figure. She taught me a lot about being disciplined and respectful because someone is always watching. We bumped heads at times but it was all out of the love she had for me and the potential she seen in me. I’ll never forget my senior year because it made me a much better person in today’s world. I got taught many lessons that year but it was only to encourage me to do better.” **Former SHS Lady Tigers Player**

“She was always

passionate about everything she did and pushed everybody to be the best they could be.” **Former Lady Blue Devils Player 2009-2013**

“I think she is a great coach and an excellent role model for young people! That’s from Day!! Nothing but respect from me! I love Coach Alex no matter where she coaches, they will be blessed to have her!!!” **Former Lady Blue Devils Parent**

“Growing up, sports were my go-to, and often, my spare time was spent shooting hoops and pretending that I was an all-star college athlete. I would count down and shoot buzzer beaters to win the game. These small things became my main source of happiness. I always practiced hard because I wanted to be better, and there was always an improvement that I could make. I was involved in recreation basketball and ATAP basketball during my middle school years, and I continued these sports into high school. Instead of being cursed with bad a coach, I was blessed with inspiring African American coach by the name of Coach A. My Coach A loved the game of basketball and the competitive spirit that came with it. During games she wasn’t just one to sit on the sideline quietly. No, she was on her feet giving us her all just like she expected us to give our all. I will always remember our game against Toombs County when we were becoming extremely submissive--we were letting them walk all over us. She knew what it took to get our head in the game. She had been coaching us for years so she knew how we started most games kind of cold, and she had the knowledge to snap us out of it. She called a time out and screamed at us, and this is what pumped us up. We went out there and left it all on the court. We were no longer intimidated by Toombs County. We were playing basketball, and we were playing basketball not to lose, but to win. The way she pushes me, lets me know that I can be in the WNBA. After saying all of this, I want her to know that she is the best thing that happened to me and Swainsboro High School. Period Coach A!!!” **Current SHS Lady Tigers Player**

“One of the best coaches I’ve ever worked with. She’s not only a coach on the court but a mentor/big sister off the court. Sometimes things she says may come off harsh but I know she always wanted the best for me and my peers. Always supportive even after high school. Alex definitely cares

about her girls and her passion for coaching showed through her genuine love for everyone of her girls.” **Former Lady Blue Devils Player 2009-2013**



deserved to be held by our Coach A. We love you Coach A!” **Current SHS Lady Tigers Parent**

“Coach A was not only a coach, but so much more...a mentor, a mother on and off the court and a teacher. She taught us to strive for the best and go hard from the start to the finish. She always told us “When you are on the floor be a team because we are ALL we have right now.” Yes, we were good athletes but she pushed us to be great STUDENT athletes. I appreciate the love and care Coach A have for us all.” **Former SHS Lady Tigers Player**

“Coach A genuinely cares about the student athlete’s well-being. For her it is bigger than the game of basketball. She teaches these student athletes life lessons. Lessons they can use after they are done playing the game basketball. She was hired during a time when the girl’s program was on a down slide. Since her hire, the program has been playing at a successful level. The lady Tigers basketball is known across the states a fierce competitive team. She also shows and gives respect to all that she works with. That’s what makes it such a pleasure to work with her. She makes the program feel like a family. I know her mentor Coach Bobby Andrews would be proud of the work she has done.” **Current SHS Lady Tigers Assistant Coach**

“As your sister and statistician, If I could say anything about you Coach A is how I am beyond proud of you! Your passion, your leadership, facing adversity, building relationships, mentoring the youth, standing for something along with embracing the youth who are in need of supports, and being the CHANGE needed in this community. Your patience and resilience as a coach, your dedication to the

rebuilding of the basketball program to have a solid foundation of having a sisterhood/family throughout each season is the root of why you’re such an amazing coach. Coach Alex is one of a kind, the love for the game of basketball and the love she has for her players doesn’t just come around once a year during the season, it’s all year round, which she embraces her team as her family. You deserve your flowers now Coach Alex as you have done such an amazing job with turning this basketball program around for the better for SHS. Some don’t see your vision for your basketball program but knowing just how incredible you are as a sister, mother, wife, educator, and coach speaks for itself. Emanuel County is blessed to have such a strong African American Woman to lead The SHS Lady Tigers basketball program in the direction it needs to go in, for the better. “ A good Coach can change the game, A great Coach can change a Life.” Coach A, you have been changing lives since you started this journey and it’s a blessing to witness history in the making. Your nephews and I salute you Coach Alex, know you are walking in your purpose!!!” **Former SHS Lady Tigers Statistician and Sister**

Happy Black History Month and Salute, Coach Alex Walden. Hope this little token of appreciation from your basketball family and others around who have had the opportunity to take part in your coaching career warms your heart in knowing what you mean to so many within your community along with your Statesboro Community. We love you, Coach Alex, and we are all happy to be a part of this Black History knowing that you are the first African American Female Lady Tigers Varsity Basketball Head Coach of SHS.

“She was always

about her girls and her passion for coaching showed through her genuine love for everyone of her girls.” **Former Lady Blue Devils Player 2009-2013**

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National All-American Running Hound Classic takes place in Emanuel County

The All-American Running Hound Classic took place in Emanuel County at the Dellwood fox pen on Bird Flanders Road from Feb 15-19. This elite competition for field trial fox hounds is held on an annual basis, with the president selecting the location each year.

"The last All-American Running Hound Classic to take place in Emanuel County was four years ago. There was also one held here in 2012. As this year's voted president, my first choice was Emanuel County. We all love it here. This event brings in people from all over the United States, and Swainsboro has accommodated us greatly," President Brian Haas commented.

Prior to kicking off the four-day competition, a large banquet was held for members at the Swainsboro Country Club on Sunday, Feb. 14, where lifetime achievement awards were presented, and members enjoyed good food and a night of socializing. The following day, Feb. 15, through Feb. 17, consisted of competition that narrowed the numbers of competitors. By the end of the day on Feb. 17, only the top 15 percent of the initial entries were left to compete for the top 10. A bench show was also held on this day.

On the final day of the All-American Running Hound Classic, the following hounds were named the top 10 elite: C&C and Wild Boy,

first place; Tart's Sister, second place; Brown's Burton, third place; Lakehill's Thigh Bone, fourth place; L.S. Iceman, fifth place; Ellis' Baddy Girl, sixth place; Kennedy's Ms. Ann II, seventh place; Bobby's Chase, eighth place; Bake's Big Show, ninth place; and C&C Tuff, tenth place.

To view more photos and live footage of this event, check out the Emanuel County Live Facebook page.

Did you know: Three weeks ago, an event was hosted at the same location as the All-American Running Hound Classic that benefitted the Shriner's Hospital? According to President Haas, the benefit event raised approximately \$6,000!

Bulldogs begin season with two wins

by RON WEATHER-FORD

After two cancellations this week, the ECI Bulldogs finally got 2021 baseball underway capturing two wins to begin the season.

Tuesday's home opener against Burke Co. was cancelled due to conditions at the wet weather pond AKA Joe Harvey Field. The game against Treutlen Co. on Thursday was also cancelled.

Due to one team's cancellation to play, the Bulldogs were a last-minute addition to the annual CBIT Diamond Day hosted by the Swainsboro Tigers baseball team.

The Bulldogs first game was a 3 p.m. game against the host team Tigers. ECI took the game 2-0 for their first win of

the season.

Both pitchers, Lawson Mercer for the Bulldogs and Kaleb Edenfield for the Tigers, kept batters off balance with 19 strikeouts between them, allowing just nine hits during the game.

The game remained scoreless through five innings. Both teams left runners in scoring positions during the early innings but could not get the timely hit to push runners across.

The Bulldogs got the first run of the game in the top of the sixth on a throwing error when Jack Walden stole third and scored when the ball got past the third baseman, putting ECI up 1-0.

With one out in the seventh, Natavus Robertson reached first and

advanced to third when Hudson Henry found first on a Tiger error. Trey Hughes squeezed bunted Robertson across the plate as the Bulldogs took a 2-0 lead in the top of the seventh inning.

Mercer and the defense limited the Tigers to a single in the bottom of the inning to end the game with a 2-0 shutout win.

Jack Walden led the Bulldogs at the plate with two hits including a double. Hughes and Robertson got the other two hits for ECI.

Mercer went the distance on the mound allowing just five hits, striking out seven Tigers.

The Bulldogs played Washington Co. a few minutes later in their second game of the day. Unlike the low-scoring affair

EGSC Lady Bobcats named GCAA Players of the Week

Two of East Georgia State College's softball players have been named Georgia Collegiate Athletic Association (GCAA) players of the week. Sierra Taylor was named Player of the Week for EGSC's conference, and Britney Foster was named Pitcher of the Week for the second time this season.

Taylor had a .526 batting average, 6 R, 1 3B, 4 2B, 1 HR, 6 RBI's 9 PO's in six games

played last week. Foster was 3-0; IP: 20, R: 7, ER: 7, K's: 24, 3 BB and ERA: 3.15 in three games last week.

This is the second time



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in EGSC's history that the softball program has had a Player of the Week and a Pitcher of the Week for the conference during the same week.



TAYLOR

To view more information about the GCAA Players of the Week, visit https://thegcaa.com/information/2020-21/GCAA_SB_Player_of_the_Week_2021_web.pdf.

EGSC Lady Bobcat Softball Team update

The Lady Bobcats Softball Team defeated USC Union Sunday at East Georgia State College by scores of 5-0 and 4-1. The Lady Bobcats finished the week with four wins and just two defeats.

Britney Foster picked up three of the Bobcat wins on the mound with Madison Bussell getting a victory and

Payten Strickland with a save.

At the plate, Sierra Taylor lead the Bobcats with 10 hits, six RBIs and six runs scored.

She hit four singles, three doubles, one triple and one homerun on the week.

The Lady Bobcats finished the week with an overall record of 8 and 4 on the season.



TAYLOR

SECRD to hold local track and field meet

Swainsboro-Emanuel County Recreation Department will hold its county-wide track and field meet Saturday, March 13, at 10 a.m. at Swainsboro High School's Tiger Field. Participants should report at 9:30 a.m. Meet will begin promptly at 10 a.m.

Boys and girls ages 7 - 14 may compete in three events, two running and one field event or one running and two field events. Participants must be 7 as of Dec. 31, 2021 and cannot be 15 as of Dec. 31, 2021 in order to participate. Only boys and girls placing first in the local meet will advance to the district meet.

Registration is required prior to the track meet. No registrations will take place the day of the track meet. Registration will be held Monday, March 1, through Friday, March 5, at Swainsboro-Emanuel County Recreation Department, 632 McLeod Bridge Road, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Registration fee is \$5. For further information, contact the Recreation Department at 237-8098.

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 This 28th day of January, 2021.
 Michele Renee Lyons, Executrix of the Estate of Robert Patrick Lyons, decedent
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF ALMA MAE KING
ESTATE NO. 21E0012
DECEASED
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
NOTICE

TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern:
LAMANDA ELAINE COLTER has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate of **ALMA MAE KING** deceased, of said County. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before **10:00 A.M. MARCH 1, 2021**.

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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY

By virtue of Power of Sale contained in Deed to Secure Debt from **JON W. LEE** and **JOHNNA GAY LEE** hereinafter Grantor(s), to **SOUTHERN BANK**, dated April 12, 2005, recorded in Deed Book 252, Pages 60-63, with the Clerk of Superior Court, Emanuel County Records, and having been last modified December 14, 2012 and recorded in Emanuel County records; said Deed to Secure Debt being given to secure a Note(s) and Security Agreement(s) in the amount of \$47,563.66; there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door at Emanuel County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on **Tuesday, March 2, 2021** the

following described property: All that tract or parcel of land together with any improvements thereon, situated, lying and being in the County of Emanuel, 1429th G.M. District, containing 1.49 acres as shown by plat of same prepared by Donald W. Marsh, Surveyor, dated March 29, 2005, and recorded in Plat Book 21, Page 364, in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Emanuel County, Georgia. Said plat is by express reference incorporated herein for a more full, complete and accurate description of said property. Said property being bounded now or formerly, as follows: North and East by land of George Handberry; South by Grey Mule Farm Road; and West by George Handberry. ALSO included on said property is a 28'x76' 1998 Fleetwood 47648 Mobile Home, VIN #GAFLW75A68569CD11 and GAFLW75B68569CD11. Tax Map No. 189 003B Pursuant to O.C.G.A. 44-14-162.2, the entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage with Debtor is: Southern Bank, P.O. Box 927, Waynesboro, Georgia 30390. Telephone number 706-437-7315. Please understand that the secured creditor is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the mortgage instrument. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Jon and Johanna Lee. **Said property is on Grey Mule Farm Road, Garfield, GA 30425.**

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. The debt secured by said Deed to Secure Debt has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, non-payment of the monthly installments on said loan. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, including attorney's fees. Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes, special assessments, unpaid utility bills constituting liens against the property, and all Security Deeds, liens and encumbrances existing when the above-described Deed to Secure Debt was filed for record. Southern Bank, As Attorney-in-Fact for the Above-named Grantor(s) **MARK L. WILHELM, P.C.**
 By: Mark L. Wilhelm
 3527 Wheeler Road, Suite 401
 Augusta, Georgia 30909
 Telephone: (706) 868-9646

THIS LAW FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT, ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY

All creditors of the estate of Johnathan Fitzgerald Kelly, decedent, late of Emanuel County, are hereby notified to render in their demands to Jerry N. Cadle, P.C., P.O. Box 68, Swainsboro, GA 30401 according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.
 This 26th day of January, 2021.
 Tamiko Kinnebrew, Executrix of the Estate of Johnathan Fitzgerald Kelly, decedent
 Jerry N. Cadle, P.C.
 P.O. Box 68
 Swainsboro, GA 30401

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF JOHNSON

By virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain Deed to Secure Debt from Ty H. Powell to Peoples Bank, dated November 7, 2014, filed on November 14, 2014, and recorded in Deed Book 350, pages 299-303, in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Johnson County, Georgia, and additionally recorded on September 15, 2015, in Deed Book 421, pages 366-370, in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Emanuel County, Georgia, which secured a promissory note from Smith Farms, Inc. to Peoples Bank, in the original principal amount of \$600,000.00, there will be sold at public outcry for cash to the highest bidder before the courthouse doors of said Johnson County, Georgia, between the legal hours of sale on March 2, 2021, the first Tuesday of March, 2021, by Peoples Bank, as attorney-in-fact for Ty H. Powell, the following described property, to-wit:
TRACT NUMBER ONE:
 All that certain tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the 55th G.M. District of Johnson County, Georgia, containing 137.7 acres, more or less, and being more particularly shown as Tract No. 2, on that certain plat of survey prepared by Marvin D. Clements, Registered Surveyor, dated May 8, 1978, and recorded in Plat Book 7, page 49, in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Johnson County, Georgia, which plat and the record thereof is incorporated herein and made a part of this description.
LESS AND EXCEPT:
 That certain one (1) acre tract conveyed to Debra Leigh Powell, as recorded in Deed Book 134, page 341 and shown by a plat of survey,

of record in Plat Book 10, page 40, Johnson County Deed Records.
TRACT NUMBER TWO:
 All that certain tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the 55th G.M. District of Johnson County, Georgia, and in the 1452nd G.M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia, containing 310.2 acres, more or less, and being more particularly shown as Tract No. 4, on that certain plat of survey prepared by Marvin D. Clements, Registered Surveyor, dated May 8, 1978, and recorded in Plat Book 7, page 50, in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Johnson County, Georgia, which plat and the record thereof is incorporated herein and made a part of this description.
LESS AND EXCEPT:
 That certain one (1) acre tract described in a Deed of Gift recorded in Deed Book 331, pages 328-9 and shown by a plat of survey, of record in Plat Book 15, page 276, Johnson County Deed Records.
TRACT NUMBER THREE:
 All that certain tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the 55th G.M. District of Johnson County, Georgia, containing 67.50 acres, more or less, and being more particularly shown as Tract "B", on that certain plat of survey prepared by Marvin D. Clements, Registered Surveyor, dated May 23, 1973, and recorded in Plat Book 5, page 42, in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Johnson County, Georgia, which plat and the record thereof is incorporated herein and made a part of this description.
TRACT NUMBER FOUR:
 All that certain tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the 55th G.M. District of Johnson County, Georgia, containing two (2) acres, more or less, and being triangular in shape, and described as follows: North by the right-of-way of a county dirt road; East for a total distance of 1,142 feet, more or less, by land of John Powell; and West by the right-of-way of Martin Road. Said tract is located to the east of Tract B, and is a portion of Tract A, as shown on that certain plat of survey prepared by Marvin D. Clements, Registered Surveyor, dated May 23, 1973, and recorded in Plat Book 5, page 42, in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Johnson County, Georgia, which plat and the record thereof is incorporated herein and made a part of this description.

LESS AND EXCEPT THE FOLLOWING TRACTS:
a. That 199.92 acre tract, as shown as "Tract #1", on that plat of survey, recorded in Plat Book 20, page 44, Johnson County Deed Records;
b. That 59.47 acre tract, as shown on that plat of survey, recorded in Plat Book 20, page 45, Johnson County Deed Records; and
c. That 15.04 acre tract, as shown as "Tract #3", on that plat of survey, recorded in Plat Book 20, page 44, Johnson County Deed Records.

The indebtedness secured by said Deed to Secure Debt having been declared due and payable because of default in the payment of the indebtedness secured, thereby this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of the sale, including attorney's fees, notice of intention to collect attorney's fees having been given as provided by law. A copy of this legal advertisement (Notice of Sale Under Power) which was sent to the Johnson County legal organ and the Emanuel County legal organ has been mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested to Ty H. Powell and Smith Farms, Inc., as required by Georgia law, O.C.G.A. §44-14-162.2. The property will be sold as the property of Ty H. Powell, subject to the following: (1) all prior restrictive covenants, easements, right-of-ways, or encumbrances; (2) all valid zoning ordinances; (3) matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey of the property; and (4) all outstanding taxes, assessments, unpaid bills, charges, and expenses that constitute liens against the property, whether due and payable or not yet due and payable. Peoples Bank is the holder of the Note and Deed to Secure Debt to the property in accordance with O.C.G.A. §44-14-162.2. The person that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtors and her address is as follows: Christopher Braddy, and he may be reached at the Peoples Bank office, 299 W. Liberty Avenue, Lyons, GA 30436, or by telephone at (912) 524-2000. The foregoing notwithstanding, nothing in O.C.G.A. 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require Peoples Bank to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the Deed to Secure Debt described herein. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale from day to day, and to withdraw said property from sale and subsequently to reoffer same in the event no reasonable bid is received and accepted.

To the best of the undersigned's knowledge and belief, the party in possession is Ty H. Powell, tenants, or parties claiming under the aforementioned. The sale will be conducted subject to (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed, including but not limited to a determination that the loan was not reinstated prior to the foreclosure. Peoples Bank, as Attorney-in-fact for Ty H. Powell
 Tom Everett
 Attorney at Law
 P.O. Box 1840
 Vidalia, GA 30475
 (912) 537-8875
 This attorney is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF EMANUEL

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain Deed to Secure Debt from Harry P. Kennedy, Jr. (the "Grantor") to and in favor of Spivey State Bank, a Division of Persons Banking Company (the "Grantee" or "Lender") dated September 4, 2004, filed for record September 8, 2004 and recorded in Deed Book 233, Page 83, Emanuel County, Georgia records (the "Security Deed"); securing that certain Promissory Note from Henry P. Kennedy, Jr. to and in favor of Spivey State Bank, a Division of Persons Banking Company dated October 25, 2013 in the original principal sum of ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY TWO AND 48/100 DOLLARS (\$186,552.48) (the "Note"); there will be sold at public outcry by Lender as attorney-in-fact of Grantor to the highest bidder for cash before the legal hours for sale before the Courthouse door in Emanuel County, Georgia, on the first Tuesday in March, 2021, the following described land, improvements and appurtenances (hereinafter, referred to as the "Premises") to wit:

All that tract or parcel of land lying, situate and being in the 57th 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 SQUARE AND 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 SURVIVOR 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 15th, 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 thereafter 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 (MICHIE 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, SHERPHERD, 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

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 11th 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 undersigned, filed her Petition to the Superior Court of Emanuel County, Georgia on the 10th 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 10th day of February, 2021.
 Date 2/10/21

LILLIE ELIZABETH BARROW WHITSON, PETITIONER
PAUL K. COOK, EAQ.
P.T. 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: L.M., DOB: 2/14/2009, CASE NOS. 21-JV-10 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 Jennifer T. McComas, Petitioner's Attorney, whose mailing address is 128 Jackson Street, Vidalia, Georgia, 30474, 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 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 (Continued on page 4D)

Legals

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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 legitimize the children pursuant to O.C.G.A. §19-7-22; and (b) notice of the filing of the petition to legitimize 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 legitimize the children pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 19-7-22; and (b) Notice of the filing of the petition to legitimize 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.

JAMES KLEPPE,
Civil Action No. 20-CV-330
Defendant

NOTICE OF SUMMONS-SERVICE 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 3rd day of February, 2021.

Clerk of Superior Court
Emanuel, County

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY

All creditors of the estate of William Nelson Arnold, decedent, late of Emanuel County, are hereby notified to render in their demands to Jerry N. Cadle, P.C., P.O. Box 68, Swainsboro, GA 30401 according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment. This 16th day of February, 2021.

Jerry N. Cadle, Executor of the Estate of William Nelson Arnold, decedent
Jerry N. Cadle, P.C.
P.O. Box 68
Swainsboro, GA 30401

NOTICE TO DEBTORS & CREDITOR STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF EMANUEL

IN RE: ESTATE OF RHODUS BISHOP LAMPP, SR., DECEASED. All creditors of the Estate of RHODUS BISHOP LAMPP, SR., late of Emanuel County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned within the time allowed by law, properly made out; and all persons indebted to the said estate are hereby requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned. This 18th day of February, 2021.

Rhodus Bishop Lampp, Jr., Executor of the Estate of Rhodus Bishop Lampp, Sr. Deceased
c/o J. Frank Smith, Jr.
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 27
Vidalia, GA 30475
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News from Under the Gold Dome: House passes legislation to automatically enroll thousands of Georgia's most vulnerable children in health insurance

by REPRESENTATIVE BUTCH PARRISH, GEORGIA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, 158th DISTRICT

My colleagues and I returned to the Gold Dome on Tuesday, February 16 for the sixth week of the 2021 legislative session. We spent three productive days in session this week and passed more legislation on the House floor and in our committees. By the end of the week, we finished Legislative Day 19, and the half-way point of the session and the important "Crossover Day" deadline are both right around the corner.

HB 163: PeachCare Coverage

The House unanimously passed legislation at the beginning of the week which seeks to automatically enroll thousands of Georgia's most vulnerable children in health insurance. House Bill 163 would require the Georgia Department of Community Health to submit an amendment to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to implement "express lane" eligibility in Medicaid and the PeachCare for Kids Program. Upon federal approval of this plan, the Georgia Department of Human Services (DHS) would automatically enroll and renew eligible children who have already qualified for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) in Medicaid and PeachCare for Kids.

There are approximately 120,000 children enrolled in SNAP who are also eligible for our state health insurance programs, yet some of these children miss out on this coverage because they have to complete a separate application with the DHS. By eliminating the need for families to submit the same information twice with the DHS, this legislation could close this coverage gap and help ensure that uninsured children receive the health care coverage that they deserve.

HB154: Amending the State Adoption Code

This bill is part of the ongoing efforts started in 2016. HB154 makes several changes to the state adoption code. The changes make the adoption process smoother by identifying and correcting multiple inefficiencies in the adoption system. Always keeping in mind that the safety and well-being of children is the top priority, this bill simply increases the speed and efficiency of adoptions, thus improving the rate of adoption and foster care.



REPRESENTATIVE PARRISH IN SESSION

HB146: Parental Leave for State Employees

HB146 provides eligible full-time state employees for additional three weeks of paid parental leave. To be eligible, one must have been employed for six continuous months. Parental leave is given to employees experiencing the life event of giving birth, adoption, or foster care. As the economy and job market continue to recover, providing this crucial benefit to our state employees would help Georgia retain and recruit the best and brightest workforce.

HB128 Gracie's Law

We also unanimously passed this bill, which was inspired by Gracie Joy Nobles, a Georgia child with Down syndrome, to help safeguard against organ transplant discrimination for children and adults living with disabilities. If Gracie's Law is enacted, individuals who are candidates for an anatomical gift

or organ transplant would not be deemed ineligible or denied insurance coverage or a medical referral solely based on the individual's physical or mental disability.

Additionally, if an individual cannot independently meet medical requirements after a transplant operation but has an adequate support system to assist with these recovery needs, the individual would not be deemed ineligible for the transplant. Children's Health Care of Atlanta (CHOA), which performs most of the pediatric solid organ transplants in the state, has expressed support for this legislation and also reported that there is no medical reason to warrant such discrimination. This is another piece of legislation that passed in the House last session with bipartisan support, and I hope that Gracie's Law will cross the finish line this year after consideration from the Senate.

Crossover Day

We will reach the halfway point of the session when we return for Legislative Day 20 on Monday, February 22, and we will continue to work diligently to pass House bills before Day 28, or "Crossover Day," which is the last day that a House bill can pass in the House Chamber and still be eligible to become law this session. Community input is extremely important to the legislative process, so I hope to hear from you before this important deadline.

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 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

PUBLIC NOTICE

The public is hereby notified that Cristal Aquino has applied to the City of Oak Park for a license to sell beer, liquor and wine C.O.P. in the City of Oak Park, Georgia at the following address: 3123 Highway 1 South, Oak Park, Georgia, 30401. The city of Oak Park will conduct a public hearing into the merits of this application at the monthly meeting on Thursday, March 4, 2021.

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.

AUCTION

Online Auction

Bidding Begins Monday, March 1, 2021
Bidding Ends Friday, March 5, 2021 at 2:00 P.M.

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Emanuel County Board of Education Vehicle/ Equipment Surplus Sale

Items may be inspected at the Bus Shop located at 343 Fairground Road between 9:00 am - 12:00 pm February 17, 2021 - March 3, 2021

Bid Sheets with descriptions are available at the Bus Shop or BOE Central Office. Sealed bids will be opened at 2:00 pm, March 3, 2021 at the BOE Central Office.

For more information, call 237-6674.
The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.
Emanuel County Schools is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Legislative Update - Week 6: Governor Kemp signs the Amended Fiscal Year 2021 Budget

by SENATOR BILLY HICKMAN

Dear Friends,
We wrapped up another productive week in the State Senate. During the campaign, I promised to take my conservative values and business experience to the Senate. I have never wavered from that guarantee nor have I forgotten my promise to always put the hard working folks of District 4 first - ahead of the special interest groups. I will continue to work hard to deliver results for my constituents. Keep reading to find out what went on this week under the

gold dome!
From JoAnn and I, we'd like to thank everyone who reached out on Monday to wish us a Happy 46th Anniversary. This job wouldn't be possible without JoAnn by my side, and I will always be blessed by her love and patience. Here is to many happy years to come!
That same day, Governor Kemp signed the Amended Fiscal Year 2021 Budget. The graphic below highlights several key areas the state wisely dedicated resources towards.
Perhaps what is most

impressive about the budget is that there will be no new agency cuts, no furloughs, no layoffs, and **no new taxes**. This is what conservative leadership looks like from Governor Kemp and our legislative leaders.
It was my privilege to recognize Dr. Charles Bond - the first African-American faculty member at Georgia Southern University. I was delighted to thank him for his contributions to Georgia Southern and for making higher education a more inclusive place for all.
As you know, I have

been committed to ending human trafficking in the Peach State and will continue to do all in my power to aid in the healing of survivors. Our First Lady has been a powerful voice and a tireless champion in the fight against the sex trade.
I am sure you have realized that I enjoy highlighting constituents who visit the Capitol every week. This week, I am recognizing Judge Michael Muldrew!
If you have plans to be in Atlanta, be sure to stop by my office. I'd love to hear from you and grab a photo. You never know



SENATOR HICKMAN AND WIFE, JoANN who you are going to run into!
Sunday evening, I will be heading back to Atlanta for another busy week in the Senate. If you have any issues that you would like to discuss or if you want to stop by and say "hello", please reach out to me at billy.hickman@senate.ga.gov or 404-656-5035. Be sure to check out mySenate website to keep track of legislation that I am introducing and signing onto.

OFFICE OF GOVERNOR
BRIAN P. KEMP

AMENDED FY2021 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

FULLY FUNDS ENROLLMENT GROWTH FOR BOARD OF REGENTS AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM.

OVER \$610 MILLION IN QBE FUNDING FOR K-12 SCHOOLS.

ONE-TIME \$1,000 BONUS FOR STATE EMPLOYEES MAKING LESS THAN \$80,000 ANUALLY.

\$20 MILLION TO EXPAND RURAL BROADBAND ACCESS.

\$1 MILLION IN MARKETING FUNDS TO REVIVE GEORGIA TOURISM INDUSTRY.

NEARLY \$300,000 FOR GEORGIA COORDINATING CENTER TO SUPPORT HOSPITALS AND HEALTHCARE HEROES.

NO NEW AGENCY CUTS, NO FURLOUGHES, NO LAYOFFS, AND NO NEW TAXES.

B.P.K.

GOVERNOR BRIAN KEMP'S AMENDED FY2021 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

Public Notice

At approximately 3:00 pm on Thursday, February 18, 2021, the City of Swainsboro wastewater plant operated by Clearwater Solutions had a discharge of unknown volume from a surging manhole located near the intersection of Meadowlake Pkwy and Industrial Way. The incidental spill of untreated biosolids was discharged to the Yam Grande Creek. The issue has since been resolved

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