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ONE DOLLAR

Mill Creek Foundation Awards Grant to Arts Center Project

The Barbara & Tobe Karrh Community Arts Center was recently awarded a grant of \$10,000 from the Mill Creek Foundation. The grant funds will be utilized in completing the restoration of the property, located on North Green Street in downtown Swainsboro.

Once complete, The Karrh Center will feature a theater offering movie screenings and live performances, community gathering space, and a home for the Emanuel Arts Council (EAC) including an art gallery, EAC offices, and work/educational space.

"We are grateful to the Mill Creek Foundation for its support of this project. The Karrh Center will have a tremendous impact on our community through promoting the arts, providing affordable and accessible entertainment and educational opportunities, and supporting the local economy," said Kristin Hall, Co-Chair of the Emanuel Coalition for Cultural & Economic Development.

The Barbara & Tobe Karrh Community Arts Center is a project of the City of Swainsboro, with assistance from the Emanuel Coalition for Cultural

& Economic Development (ECCED), a 501 (c) 3 charitable organization that has led the project's fundraising efforts. Additional partners include the Emanuel County Board of Commissioners, the Emanuel Arts Council, the Swainsboro-Emanuel County Chamber of Commerce and Joint Development Authority, the Downtown Development Authority of Swainsboro, and a number of other local organizations.

Follow along with The Karrh Center's progress on Facebook @KarrhCenter.



EMANUEL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS WITH DR. JUDY

Special week honors Georgia's school boards

The Emanuel County School System is joining in a statewide celebration this week to salute the efforts of local school board members. The week of March 15-19, 2021 has been proclaimed School Board Appreciation Week in Georgia.

The weeklong observance calls attention to the contributions of local boards of education. "Citizens elect board members to represent the community's voice on education matters and to set the vision for the school district," said Dr. Kevin A. Judy, Superintendent. "Our board spends countless hours fulfilling its responsibilities and working together to continually improve our education system."

"We have a hard work-

ing board that has the same vision of creating the best educational environment for our students," said Dr. Judy. We would like to thank the men and women serving our school district and below is their names and years of service:

- Mason Henry, Chairman - 8th year
- Johnny Parker, Vice Chairman - 6th year
- John Allen Bailey - 4th year
- Del Brown - 4th year
- Phyllis Dixon - 2nd year
- Tanya Lane - 2nd year
- Sandra Swinney - 2nd year

As constitutional officers of Georgia, school board members are responsible for setting educational policies, employing school personnel,

providing buildings and equipment, operating a transportation system and disbursing school funds. As community leaders, school board members serve as advocates for the children in local public schools and must study, evaluate and decide what actions are in the best interest of those students.

The Georgia School Boards Association (GSBA) sponsors the celebration.

The mission of GSBA is to ensure excellence in the governance of local school systems by providing leadership, advocacy and services, and by representing the collective resolve of Georgia's 180 elected boards of education.



L-R LYNN BRINSON, DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR; JACQUIE BRASHER, EMANUEL ARTS COUNCIL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR; MAYOR CHARLES SCHWABE; KRISTIN HALL, ECCED CO-CHAIR; AL LAWSON, CITY ADMINISTRATOR; DENNY KEY, MILL CREEK FOUNDATION CHAIRMAN; KENNY GRIFFIN, EMANUEL ARTS COUNCIL CHAIRMAN; KEN WARNOCK, SWAINSBORO-EMANUEL COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND JOINT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY CEO

Board members hear update from District Attorney's Office

The Emanuel County Board of Commissioners convened for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Monday, March 15, at 6 p.m. at the John C. Coleman Hotel. Calling the meeting to order, Chairman Jim Sherrod welcomed all and thanked the media for their presence. Commissioner Desse Davis then led the invocation and Commissioner Hugh Foskey led in the pledge. Chairman Sherrod then announced an amendment to the night's agenda had been made and introduced District Attorney Tripp Fitzner to the room.

District Attorney

Fitzner presented an update on his office to the county officials, as well as what's ahead. He advised that out of the five counties in the circuit, Emanuel County has contributed 22.84 percent to the budget of the district attorney, public defenders, and superior court. He further advised that the office is at full capacity and gave details on operations and employees associated with the district attorney's office. Since taking office, two grand jury sessions have been held, with more than 60 indictments being made during the first session, and the second grand jury session

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Upcoming Events

*Listed events are subject to change.

Deana's Dash of Delish
Franklin Memorial Library
March 19, 10-11 a.m.

Lady Bobcat Basketball vs South Georgia Tech Online
March 18, 5:30 p.m.

Bobcat Basketball vs Georgia Highlands Online
March 18, 7:30 p.m.

Lady Bobcat Softball vs Georgia Highlands Online
March 20, 1 p.m.

Mayor Schwabe discusses millage rate

By Mayor Charles Schwabe

Over the past six weeks, there has been a good deal of discussion concerning the millage rate and the budget of the City of Swainsboro. In the interest of fairness, I think it would now be helpful to provide more information for this discussion, and I appreciate the opportunity to do so.

Let me first make it as clear as I possibly can in saying that no one dislikes taxes more than I do. Every mayor and city council member I have ever known has searched long and hard for ways to reduce city taxes. Unfortunately, the simple truth is that cities cost money to operate, and this is where the true pic-

ture of city budgets takes shape. Obviously, larger cities collect more property tax, ad valorem tax, sales tax, and business license fees and user fees, depending on whatever utilities that city may offer. Small cities with fewer tax-paying citizens and fewer retail stores naturally collect small-

er revenue amounts. Swainsboro is right in the middle of the comparison chart. Swainsboro serves a population of nearly 7,700 people with a "day-time working" population of 9,569. This puts our city in a category all its own when comparing it to Louisville with 2,600

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Board of Education holds monthly meeting

The Emanuel County Board of Education met on Tuesday, March 9, at 5:30 p.m. at the Emanuel County Institute cafe-

ria. Chairman Mason Henry welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. Vice Chair Johnny Parker delivered

the invocation followed by Chairman Henry lead the Pledge of Allegiance. The agenda night's agenda was then approved as

presented.

The Consent Agenda was presented as follows:

1. Minutes of the February 9, 2021 Board Meeting
 2. Financial Reports
 3. 5-Year Facility Plan Request
 4. Classified Loyal Service Discussion
- Superintendent Comments**
- Dr. Kevin A. Judy

thanked the ECI administrative team for hosting the meeting and for the phenomenal job they have done this year to keep the students and school safe while keeping the focus on academics.

• Board members were presented with tokens of appreciation from the schools in honor of Board Member Appreciation Week. Dr. Judy thanked

them for their service to the community and for the board wanting to help serve what they feel is an important part of this community – the education of our students.

• The governor has approved for Emanuel County School educators to be part of the COVID vaccination plan.

"For the last several weeks, we have been (Continued on page 5D)

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Virtual Family Astronomy Night to be held April 1

The Sudie A. Fulford Community Learning Center along with Magnolia Midlands Georgia Youth Science & Technology Centers (GYSTC), is hosting a free virtual Family Astronomy Night for students in kindergarten through fifth grade! The virtual event will be held through Zoom on Thurs-

day, April 1, 2021. The event will begin at 5:30 p.m. and end around 6:30 p.m.

The event will feature fun, hands on activities that children can do with their siblings or parents. The goal of the event is to teach children about the universe.

To register, email ehyoumans@ega.edu by

March 26. Please include the following in the email: name of child or children attending the session, what grade they are in, and the school they attend. After registering, free supplies for the event can be picked up at the Fulford Community Learning Center on Wednesday, March 31 from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Do you understand the Equality Act?

Read this open letter from Franklin Graham

The Emanuel Baptist Association is republishing the following open letter from Franklin Graham. We believe it is important to understand for the implications of the Equality Act. Please examine the following concerns and consider taking action. You can see the entire bill at <https://www.congress.gov/116/bills/hr5/BILLS-116hr5rfs.pdf>

Franklin Graham's open letter on the Equality Act:

Last month, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a very dangerous piece of legislation—the Equality Act—and now it's headed to the Senate. The Biden Administration has said they want to pass this within their first 100 days.

I cannot say this more emphatically—for people, for businesses, for churches, and for ministries of faith, the Equality Act is a threat to life as we know it in our nation today. It's a real game-changer.

This is not about politics—it's about Biblical truth and religious freedom. I urge you to contact Senator Jon Ossoff at (202) 224-3521 AND Senator Raphael Warnock at (202) 224-3543 and ask them to vote NO to the Equality Act. You can also call the U.S. Capitol switchboard at (202) 224-3121, and they will connect you with a Senate office. I also encourage you about your strong opposition to this bill. The progressive Left is zealous about this issue and will pull out all the stops to try to make it the law of the land.

- Under the broad reach of the Equality Act, schools, churches, and hospitals could be forced to accept the government's beliefs and mandates about sexual orientation and gender identity. That would be highly intrusive and incredibly far-reaching. It will threaten everyday speech where people can be fined or lose their jobs for using the wrong name or pronouns.
- The Equality Act will legislate that we allow boys in girls' sports, boys in girls' locker rooms, men in women's shelters, and men in women's prisons. It will force teachers and students to publicly pretend that a biological male is a female. Schools will be coerced to instruct first, second, and third graders that they can choose to be a boy or a girl, or neither, or both, making biological sex (and science) a relic of the past.
- The Equality Act will use the force of law across all 50 states to threaten the right of Christian and other religious ministries to hire people of shared faith to pursue a shared mission. Can you imagine a Christian organization being forced to hire people who have no passion for its beliefs, teachings, and mission—or who might even be hostile toward its deeply held beliefs? That doesn't work.
- The Equality Act will strip health professionals of their rights of conscience. It will force doctors and medical professionals who long to do no harm to engage in gender transition treatments such as hormone-blocking, cross-sex hormones, or surgery. It is obvious that a Catholic or faith-based hospital should not have to perform gender transition surgeries that go entirely against what they believe.
- The Equality Act will be a tool used by the government to deny or threaten accreditation to religious colleges and universities if they do not satisfy the demands of the secular Left to apply sexual orientation and gender identity to dorms, sports, places of privacy, and even teachings. The Act could be used as a weapon to threaten the availability of federal student loans and grants to students at certain disfavored religious schools.

These are just a few examples. Friends, this is a pivotal time for our nation. The impact of this legislation is immense. We must not remain silent and accept what we know is wrong—especially when we have the power to do something about it!

People of faith need to PRAY. Churches need to recognize the significance of this and pray corporately, asking for God's intervention and mercy to extend the religious freedoms we have been blessed with for so long.

We must act now in the remaining days before the Equality Act comes up for a vote in the U.S. Senate. As individuals, churches, and organizations, we need to let our senators know how important this is to us, and that we are asking them to vote an emphatic NO to the Equality Act.

Sincerely,
Franklin Graham
President CEO of Samaritan's Purse and the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association

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GUY AND JODI SINGLETARY
WITH SONS LYNDON, DESSIE, AND EMMITT

Hometown Public Servant: County Administrator Guy Singletary

This week's Hometown Public Servant is County Administrator L. Guy Singletary with Emanuel County Board of Commissioners.

During a recent interview with Singletary, he revealed that he and his wife, Jodi, are both natives of Emanuel County. After attending the University of Georgia, the couple decided to move back home and marry, but had a couple of obstacles to overcome before making the transition back home.

"This was in 2008, and the country was in a recession. Jobs were limited at that time, so I took a job as a business manager for an agricultural company in the Athens area. It took a little time to get all the way back home, but we are thankful to have been back for the last five years. I love living in rural Georgia. It offers a quality of life that can't be matched by the faster-paced parts of the state. My wife and I are also very family-oriented, and this is where our family is," Singletary explained.

Singletary has served the role as county administrator for the past five years. Prior to that, he served the same role in Johnson County for seven years.

"I don't know if anyone graduates from college and knows that they want to be a county administrator. The profession found me and I have loved it. While it can be difficult to manage the many different tasks and services that local governments provide, it is a very rewarding profession. Local government has an impact on the daily lives of citizens, and I enjoy being able to work to

improve the quality of life for the citizens of Emanuel County," Singletary commented.

Having a diverse job, the bulk of Singletary's responsibilities consist of local budget processing and financials. However, he also manages to find the time to work with all departments within Emanuel County public safety and works to ensure that the county provides effective and efficient services. The level of diversity that makes the job challenging only intrigues Singletary even more. In the recent interview, he expressed his passion for finding resolutions to challenges while working with a great group of elected officials, department heads and staff who help carry the workload.

"It's hard to give a full description of tasks performed on a daily basis because it varies greatly each day, but my biggest responsibilities include managing the county's administrative offices, including finance, human resource, budgeting and planning. I also spend a lot of time with department heads and elected officials finding ways to improve what we do. We are always looking for ways to provide a better service for the same amount of money or less," Singletary commented.

Requirements for Singletary's position change regularly. For instance, what was required of Singletary to perform his job 12 years ago is much different than requirements faced today. With a constant shift of federal and state policy, along with continuous shift of local community needs, continued education

is always required on Singletary's behalf. Thus, he considers it vital to stay as current as possible so that every decision and action made stays in compliance with the law.

Singletary's educational background includes a 2008 bachelor's degree from the University of Georgia. After realizing his passion for local government, Singletary continued his education and graduated from Valdosta State in 2011 with a master's in public administration.

Fun Fact: As a result of Singletary's years in local government, education, and other contributing factors, he is one of only a few ICMA credentialed managers in the state of Georgia!

Singletary is proud of his many accomplishments throughout his career, but the one accomplishment he's most proud of in the whole world is being a husband to his wife, Jodi, and a father to their three sons, Lyndon, Dessie and Emmitt.

In closing, Singletary would like to address the community by relaying the following message:

"Our county employees are great and hard-working people. They, too, are citizens of this community and want to see Emanuel County be the best it can be. They have families that they are trying to provide for and dreams that they hope to achieve. While they all care about their job, it is also a way for them to accomplish their goals. My hope is that the community sees our employees as their peers and not just another government employee."

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Athletics Week in Review

Last week saw the Bobcats having a bit of a slower week than usual. The Lady Bobcat Softball team took on Chattahoochee Valley in Phenix City, Ala. in three back-to-back games, losing game one 11 to 2, game two 9 to 7, and game three 16 to 6. The action continued with the Women's Basketball team taking on New Horizons Prep away on Thursday, March 11 and securing a win 11 to 75. The Baseball team took on South Georgia State at home in a double-header this past Saturday, winning game one 8 to 2 and losing game two 5 to 1 to kick off Spring Break.

Spring Break isn't slowing our Bobcats down, as the Softball team traveled to Brewton Parker on Monday for a double-header, then returned home to take on Andrew College in a double-header. The double-headers didn't stop there, as the Softball team will take on Pitt Community College at home on Wednesday beginning at noon, then will take on Georgia Highlands on Saturday beginning at 1 p.m.

The Baseball team also sees action this week, with two double-headers this week. On Tuesday, the Bobcats traveled to Georgia Highlands, and will travel to Tifton to take on ABAC on Saturday.

The Bobcat Basketball teams will also take to the court this week, with the Women's Basketball team traveling to South Georgia Tech yesterday to take on the Jets, then taking another swipe at them on Thursday at home beginning at 5:30 p.m. They'll once again travel to Americus to take on the Jets on Saturday.

The Men's Basketball team traveled to Georgia Highlands yesterday and will face the Chargers again at home on Thursday beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Remember, the Men's and Women's Basketball games are still closed to spectators due to COVID-19, but our Softball and Baseball games are open to fans as long as all rules are observed. Check out our Facebook page for all the details at www.facebook.com/EGSCBobcats.



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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- March 15 - 19 - Spring Break - Swainsboro/Statesboro
- March 17 - EREA Committee Meeting - 10 a.m.
- Softball Home Game - Double Header - 12 p.m.
- March 18 - Fulford Advisory Board Meeting - 12 p.m.
- Women's Basketball Home Game - 5:30 p.m.
- Men's Basketball Home Game - 7:30 p.m.
- March 20 - Softball Home Game - Double Header - 1 p.m.
- March 21 - Bobcat Regatta Registration Deadline
- March 22 - Summer and Fall Registration Opens
- March 23 - BCM Club Meeting - 10:45 a.m.
- Volleyball Game - 3 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.

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



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Wednesday Night

5:30 PM - Bible Study
 6:30 PM - Family Dinner
 7:00 PM - Chancel Choir



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Enika S. Whicker, 46

Enika Shontell Whicker, age 46, departed this life on Thursday, February 25, 2021, at the House of Paradise Personal Care Home in Wadley. A Celebration of Life was held Saturday, March 6, at 1 p.m. at Green Cemetery in Midville with Lady Fahneisa Outen officiating and Apostle T.V. Outen as Eulogist.

Ms. Whicker was born May 15, 1974, in Tampa, Fla., to the late Enoch Whicker and the late Wauline Carswell. She was educated in Emanuel County, and was a member of Ada Grove Pentecostal Temple, which she loved dearly. Affectionately known as "Nika", she had a beautiful, loving spirit and shared many smiles with family and friends. For the love of her children, Nika sacrificed and did her best to give her girls a solid foundation. Ms. Whicker is preceded in



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death by her parents, and brother, Unreco Demetrius Carswell. Left to cherish Enika's memories are two daughters, Shikeia Whicker of Columbia, SC and Jasmine Knight of Charleston, SC; sister, Tranika Carswell of Swainsboro; brother, Enoch Carswell of Midville; aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, family, friends, and church family.

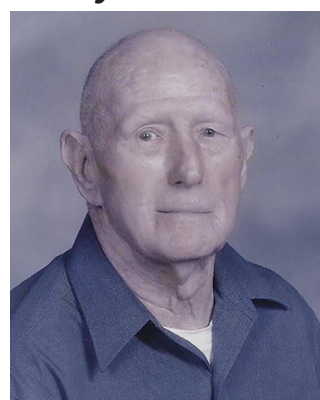
Jogresan Mortuary, Inc. was in charge of arrangements.

James Carlton Ely, Sr., 96

Mr. James Carlton Ely, Sr., age 96, of Soperton, passed away Wednesday, March 10, 2021, under the care of Community Hospice in Vidalia. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, March 14, at 2 p.m. at Blackville Church of God with Pastor Kip Boswell and Pastor Gordon Statum officiating. Mr. Ely was laid to rest beside his wife at Harmony Baptist Cemetery. His family received friends at the church on Sunday from 1 p.m. until the hour of service.

Serving as pallbearers were Rick Dickens, Chris Dickens, Craig Dickens, Brad Hanson, Jamey Toler, and Wayne Williams.

Born in Johnson County, Mr. Ely was the second oldest and last living of seven children born to the late Henry Lee and Lilly Mae Johnson Ely. His family moved about the area during his childhood with his father's work. At a very early age, as most farming families, Mr. Ely started working with the adults. His first employment was at the Adrian Saw Mill before being offered a job with Ivey Wilson as a mechanic at the Service Station. In the 1960's, Mr. Ely joined Adrian Housing as a mechanic, where he worked for over 35 years until retiring in the late 1990's. Although not formally educated, he was a mechanical and engineering genius. Mr. Ely gained his knowledge of common sense from years of having to find ways to make things work with what he had available. He loved to work and oftentimes would work on family and friend's cars and equipment late into the night to get them back on the road or the equipment back in the field.



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The Ely family were longtime members at the Blackville Church of God, dating back to the original church at the intersection of Highways 15 and 86. Mr. Ely was a Deacon at Blackville and for many years, played his guitar at the church. He enjoyed Bluegrass and Southern Gospel music, joking with kids, and could be found with children crawling up in his lap wherever he went. After raising his sons, Mr. Ely enjoyed traveling to watch them play in Adult Softball League games. An avid fan of NASCAR, for several years, he would make the annual trek to Daytona to cheer for the Richard Petty and Kyle Bush teams. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his wife of forty-eight years, Mavel Dean Dickens Ely; and siblings, Ruby Cannady, H.B. Ely, Barnett Ely, Jimmy Ely, Doris Thigpen, and Leland Ely.

Mr. Ely leaves behind his sons, Carlton Ely (Connie) and Bruce Ely, both of Soperton; two grandchildren, Kimberly Ely of Soperton and Kenneth Ely (Brandy) of Dublin; four great-grandchildren, Gage Mitchell, Charlee Ely, Cole Mitchell, and Jonah Ely; numerous nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews.

Sammons Funeral Home of Soperton was in charge of arrangements.

Summertown Food Pantry announces next distribution date

Summertown Food Pantry will open for distribution on Thursday, March 25, from 1 until 4 p.m. at Summertown Baptist Church. Please bring containers for distribution items.

Dorothy Brown Morrison, 87

Mrs. Dorothy Brown Morrison, 87, passed away March 10, 2021, at home surrounded by her loving family. Visitation was at Fox & Weeks Funeral Directors, Hodgson Chapel, on Friday, March 12, from 5 to 7 p.m. Graveside service was held at the Coleman Cemetery in Twin City on Saturday, March 13, at 2 p.m.

Mrs. Morrison was born September 13, 1933, in Twin City, to the late James Roscoe Brown and Marguerite Hall Brown. After growing up in Twin City, where she attended Emanuel County Institute, she attended Georgia Teachers College where she earned a degree in Home Economics. Mrs. Morrison taught for a number of years in Sardis, as well as Bradwell Institute in Hinesville. She was a long-time member of Windsor Forest Baptist Church, Windsor Forest Garden Club, and the Daughters of the American Revolution. Mrs. Morrison especially enjoyed having her family at her home for dinners and special occasions. An annual highlight was gathering the family for the Scottish games where she and her husband represented the Clan Morrison Society for twenty years. Mrs. Morrison is preceded in



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death by her parents and her brother, James Roscoe Brown Jr.

Mrs. Morrison is survived by her loving husband of 61 years, James Francis Morrison; sister, Shirley B. Crawford; three daughters, Jennifer M. Scott (Frank), Johanna M. Everson (Keith), and Alane M. Claxton (Duane); five grandchildren, Amanda L. Heldreth (Daniel), Amy L. Marona (Brenton), James R. Everson, David D. Claxton Jr., and Jenna A. Everson; and four great-grandchildren, Hudson J. Marona, Paxton L. Marona, Miller J. Heldreth, and Mason H. Heldreth.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Windsor Forest Baptist Church, 12521 White Bluff Rd., Savannah, GA 31419.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of local arrangements.

Carrol Clifton, 84

Mr. Carrol Clifton, age 84, passed away Monday, March 8, 2021, in Shamrock Nursing Home. Funeral services were held Friday, March 12, at 2 p.m. in the Chan Stanley Memorial Chapel of Stanley Funeral Home with Rev. David Pohto officiating. Burial followed in Dublin Memorial Gardens. The family received visitors from 1 to 1:45 p.m. prior to the service at the funeral home.

Mr. Clifton was born on March 30, 1936, in Jenkins County. He was a live-

stock buyer, and attended Olivet Baptist Church. Mr. Clifton is preceded in death by his parents, Elmer and Pearl Clifton, and his wife, Virginia Perkins Clifton.

Mr. Clifton is survived by his children, Tammie Corley, Steven Clifton (Ellen), and David Clifton; sister, Nell Oglesby; two grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

Stanley Funeral Home and Crematory/Dublin Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Jessie Ann Green, 78

Durden-Hudson Funeral Directors announces the death of Ms. Jessie Ann Green, age 78, of Adrian, on Saturday, March 13, 2021, at Emanuel Medical Center Nursing Home. Graveside services were held Monday, March 15, at 2 p.m. at Poplar Springs United Methodist Church Cemetery with Rev. Mark Hardin officiating. CDC social distancing guidelines were observed and masks were encouraged for your safety and health and well-being of others.

Ms. Green was born October 8, 1942, in Dublin, to the late Plas Duston and Mary Webb Green. She was a member of Poplar Springs United Methodist Church. Ms. Green loved animals and reading, especially her Bible. She enjoyed listening to music, especially the Oak Ridge Boys.

Survivors include sisters, Jimmie Stafford (Johnny Ray) and Betty Champlin (Mike), both of Swainsboro; brothers, Gene Duston Green (Ginger) and Carl



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Edward Green (Patricia), both of Adrian; nephews, Mike Stafford, Mitchell Stafford, Duston Green, Joel Champlin, Matt Green, and Mark Green; niece, Julie Champlin-Ligouri; and several great-nieces, great-nephews, extended family, and friends.

The family wants to thank Pruitt Health Hospice for their care, and a special thanks to the staff of Emanuel Medical Center Nursing Home for their love and care for Ms. Jessie Ann.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Sunshine House Children's Center, 328 W. Main Street, Swainsboro, GA 30401.

Durden-Hudson Funeral Directors was in charge of arrangements.

Solomon Johnson, 69

Mr. Solomon Johnson, Sr., 69, of Swainsboro, passed away Friday, March 12, 2021, at Emanuel Medical Center following a brief illness. Graveside services will be Saturday, March 20, at 1 p.m. at Swainsboro City Cemetery with Reverend Stanley Moore officiating. The family will receive friends at Chapman Funeral Home from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, March 19. In compliance with the guidelines set by the CDC, 6-foot rule will be enforced during service.

Pallbearers will be Meady Phillips, Tommy Lloyd, Valario Stephens, and Taurean Gardner.

Mr. Johnson was born March 14, 1951, to the late Tom Johnson and Ola Mae Mason Johnson. He was educated in the Emanuel County School System. Solomon was owner and operator of Johnson Construction and remained loyal to his masonry until his retirement. Mr. Johnson was lovingly known as "King Solomon" and "Big Cheese". He had a heart of gold and truly enjoyed helping others. Solomon was a member of Trinity Baptist Church. Mr. Johnson is preceded in death by his parents; son, Timothy Lee Johnson; daughter, Ola Bonita Johnson; sisters, Edna Poole and Elmer Lloyd; and brothers, Charles Seabrough, Arthur Seabrough, and Adam Bubba Seabrough.



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Survivors include his wife, Jacqueline Stephens Johnson of Swainsboro; son, Solomon Johnson, Jr. of Swainsboro; daughter, Karen (Reggie) Jones of Swainsboro; brother, Jimmy (Etha) Seabrough of Swainsboro; grandchildren, Solomon Keandre Johnson, Demetrios Stephens, Reginald L. Jones, Orlando Jones, Shandreka Jones, Arigon Jones, Michael Johnson, JaNae Johnson, Hannah Johnson, Solomon (SJ) Johnson, Taylor Johnson, Kayson Johnson, and Trey Cohen; great-grandchildren, Keri Stephens, Demetrios Outler, Don-tavious Stephens, Amarrion Youmans, Reginald Javion Jones, Chastin Jones, Haley Brooks, Chyna Jones, Laja Lovett, Cameron Jones, Braylee Ricks, Caleb Jones, Gavin Jones, Ethan Jones, Jayda Daniels, Bailey Jones, and Madilyn Jones; several nieces, nephews, and many friends.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro is in charge of the arrangements.

Daniel L. Gray II

Daniel L. Gray II, entered the presence of his Lord Saturday, March 6, 2021. He passed away at his home after an extended illness. The service was held at Pendleton Springs Baptist Church Saturday, March 13, at 2 p.m. with Reverend Walter Jarrell officiating. Burial followed in the Solomon Williamson Cemetery.

A native of Toombs County, Mr. Gray lived in Oak Park the past 30 years. It was his desire from childhood to become a soldier, and retired from active duty Army National Guard, Combat Engineers, with almost 34 years of service in 2005. He then went to work for the United States Postal Service. Mr. Gray had Associate degrees in Science and Criminal Justice, with a Paralegal Certification. He served his community as the former Mayor of the City of Oak Park, and was a former youth Pastor at First Baptist Church of Lyons. Mr. Gray was a member of Pendleton Springs Baptist Church, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Sons of American Legion 103. Golf, cooking, and antiques were his favorite pastimes. Dan was our "Hercules," who loved his family fiercely. To know him was to know compassion, understanding,



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and unconditional love. He brought joy and laughter wherever he went. Mr. Gray is preceded in death by his parents, George Thomas Gray and Betty Sue Groover Gray.

Survivors include his wife, Cindy Moore Gray; sons, Daniel Levi Gray III (Denise) and John Ryan Gray (Morgan); daughters, Natalie Gray and Brande Gray; step-daughters, Fran Merritt (Dale) and Michelle Newell (Cecil); bonus daughter, Pearl Taylor; two brothers, Charles T. Gray (Vickie) and Jimmy Gray (Mary Ann); grandchildren, Cody Gray, Casey Moses, Cole Gray, Mary Hannah Carter, Zoey Gray, Jude Gray Thompson, Charlotte Lanier, Reid Johnson, Turner Johnson, and Candis Polk.

In lieu of flowers, Dan asked that you do a random and unexpected act of kindness.

Ronald V. Hall Funeral Home of Vidalia was in charge of arrangements.

Miles Scarboro, Jr., 78

Mr. Miles Scarboro, Jr., died Friday, March 12, 2021, at Jefferson Hospital. He was cremated according to his wishes.

Mr. Miles was born in Jefferson County, son of the late Miles Scarboro, Sr. and Lizzie Lou Davis Scarboro. He had worked as a school bus driver and trainer. Mr. Miles is preceded in death by his parents, and a son, Rich-

ard W. Scarboro.

Survivors include his wife, Lila B. Scarboro; sons, William R. Scarboro and Robert Scarboro; daughter, April M. McGahee; sister, Harri-et Durden; 8 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren.

Tomlinson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Holy Zion Church of Metter having one-day Youth Revival

Youth Revival will be Sunday, March 28 with Pastor Hagins as speaker. Guest Churches will be House of Hope and Church of God in Christ. Sunday School will be at 10:30 a.m. and Worship Service will be at 11:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

In memory of Almeta Wilcher

Today is full of memories happiness and tears of birthday celebrations we've shared throughout the years. And though we'll always miss you, the endless joy you brought warms our hearts with gratitude and fills our every thought. Wherever you are resting we hope that you can see how precious and uplifting your memory is to us. We feel that you are with us in everything we do, so we'll celebrate your birthday but we'll spend it missing you.

Happy Heavenly 85th Birthday
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Your Family

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by BISHOP BERTHA JONES

It never fails. In life, we need each other. No man is an island, no man stands alone. It's important for us to be trustworthy. It's important to know we can rely on one another. When we are faced with difficult circumstances and tough decisions, we want to know there is someone to help us through.

When I was growing up, we relied on my mom and my dad. There were certain situations we took to our mom and there were certain things we would go to our dad. I always remembered when mom could not do it, my daddy could. We did a lot of canning food in jars. When we were ready for the contents in the jars, it usually took my dad to open it. It wasn't that he was always the strongest, but he was always the wisest. He would hit the bottom of the jar with the palm of his hand, or he would get a knife and pry the ring on the jar or he would just get a damp cloth to get a better grip. In any case, he would get the jar open. We would always brag that our daddy could do anything, yes he can.

With so many things going on in life today, who do you turn to? I recommend someone who can do anything. In St. Luke 1:37 the angel Gabriel tells Mary, "For with God, nothing shall be impossible." In other words, he said unto her, "Yes he can." Please know that God can take care of your every need. Paul reminded the saints at Philippians, "For my God shall supply all your need, according to his riches in glory."

So yes, know today that God can. Just tell yourself, "Yes He Can". If you need healing, yes he can. If you need deliverance for a bad habit, yes he can. If you need peace in a relationship or situation, yes he can. Just remember, my dad is not here anymore but my God is. God promised to never leave me nor forsake me. He said that he would be with me always, even to the end of the world. Now that, my friend, is security and confidence. Remember when no one else can handle it, God can.

Build a forever home for Jesus Saves Church

In August 2019, Jesus Saves Church was created into existence, with services being hosted in small, 2-3 bedroom house on West Main Street in Swainsboro. Though the facility has been a blessing to churchgoers, it didn't take long for capacity levels to be exceeded at this location.

With such growth and blessings, Jesus Saves Church has since purchased a piece of land on the edge of the city limits of Swainsboro, where members are in high hopes of building a forever home for their church.

"The land has been cleared and prepped with prayerful anticipation that God would lead, guide, direct, and supply what is needed in His time in order to build Jesus Saves Church a forever home," commented Brad McKenzie, pastor of Jesus Saves Church.

According to Pastor McKenzie, the church has received great support in making this mission become a reality so far, but any prayers and financial support are always greatly appreciated.

"I know and trust that you will pray for our church and its progress. Specifically, the need is great, but small in the hand of God. I humbly ask that you pray for financial support of this endeavor (\$250,000) would provide full financial support. Please pray specifically. Pray for God's blessings over every seed that is sown into this ministry. Jesus Saves Church kindly asks the local community to help us pray that God will continue to send the resources needed to complete this Kingdom work." Pastor McKenzie further stated.

To help aid in Jesus Saves Church securing it's forever home, donations may be made via PayPal, Venmo, Cashapp, and via email to the following addresses:
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Farm Bureau announces art contest winner

Hannah Bishop, ninth grade Emanuel County homeschooler, was the recent winner in the Emanuel County Farm Bureau art contest. Shirley Stapleton, Emanuel County Farm Bureau (ECFB) office manager, and Dana Nasworthy, ECFB women's committee, presented Bishop with a check and certificate for making first place in the contest. Hannah is the daughter of Crystal Bishop.

Date set for Pinetree Festival Pageant

The 2021 Miss Pinetree Festival Pageant has been set for May 1, 2021 at 10 a.m. at the Swainsboro-Emanuel Auditorium.

Age divisions will include Baby Miss (0-11 months), Toddler Miss (12-23 months), Wee Miss (24-35 months), Tiny Miss (3-4 years), Little Miss (5-6 years), Young

Miss (7-9 years), Jr. Miss (10-12 years), Teen Miss Pinetree Festival (13-16 years), and Miss Pinetree Festival (17-22 years).

A beauty fee of \$50 is required per entry. Deadline to submit applications is set for April 26. Late fees will be applied to applications received after the deadline.

This year's Miss and Teen Miss winners will be required to enter Miss Georgia Forestry Pageant in June 2021, and only entry fees will be paid. The Miss winner will be awarded a \$500 scholarship.

For additional information, email pinetreefestivalpageants@gmail.com.

Georgia Southern announces Fall 2020 President's, Dean's Lists

Georgia Southern University recently recognized approximately 2,420 students for excellence in academics on the Fall 2020 President's List. To be eligible for the President's List, a student must have at least a 4.0 grade point average and carry a minimum of 12 hours for the semester. The following students from Emanuel County made President's List status:

Brooklyn Wilson of Adrian, Benjamin Ely of Twin City, Alexis Melchor and Jaylee Baird, both of Gar-

field; Tyronica Kelsey of Nunez, and Ansley Braddock, Jeremy Ellington, Sierra Hancock, Jacob Holden, Charley Kelly, Austin Oglesby, Anna Sanders and Carley Smith, all of Swainsboro.

Georgia Southern University also recently recognized approximately 3,850 students for excellence in academics on the Fall 2020 Dean's List. To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must have at least a 3.5 grade point average and carry a minimum of 12 hours for the semester.

The following students from Emanuel County made Dean's List status:

Kirsten Gray, Cameron Hadden, Tiernan Johnson, Jamielyn Jones, Calissa Mason, Rebecca Mason, Samantha Peebles, Bailey Sanders and Jency Stevens, all of Swainsboro

Garrett Storey and Megan Fleming, both of Adrian; Calton Bishop, Abigail Cowart and Willie Worthen, all of Garfield; and Mackenzie Cook, Mia Ellis, Dillion Slater and Jermiah Williams, all of Twin City

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Savvy Senior: Do I need to sign-up for Medicare if I'm still working?

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Looking Ahead

Dear Looking,

Whether you need to enroll in Medicare at 65 if you continue to work and have health insurance through your job depends on how large your employer is. The same rules apply if your health insurance comes from your spouse's job.

But first, let's review the basics. Remember that original Medicare has two parts: Part A, which provides hospital coverage and is free for most people. And Part B, which covers doctor's bills, lab tests and outpatient care. Part B also has a monthly premium, which is \$148.50 for most beneficiaries in 2021, but is higher for individuals

earning above \$88,000.

If you're already receiving Social Security, you'll automatically be enrolled in parts A and B when you turn 65, and you'll receive your Medicare card in the mail. It will include instructions to return it if you have work coverage that qualifies you for late enrollment. If you aren't yet receiving Social Security, you will have to apply, which you can do online at SSA.gov/medicare.

If you plan to continue working past the age of 65 and have health insurance from your job, your first step is to ask your benefits manager or human resources department how your employer insurance works with Medicare. In most cases, you should at least take Medicare Part A because it's free. (Note: If you're funding a health savings account you may not want to take Part A because you can't make contributions after

you enroll). But to decide whether to take Part B or not will depend on the size of your employer.

Small Employer

If your current employer has fewer than 20 employees, Medicare will be your primary insurer and you should enroll in Medicare Part B during your initial enrollment period. This is a seven-month period that includes the three months before, the month of, and the three months after your 65th birthday.

If you miss the seven-month sign-up window, you'll have to wait until the next general enrollment period, which runs from Jan. 1 to March 31 with benefits beginning the following July 1. You'll also incur a 10 percent penalty for each year you wait beyond your initial enrollment period, which will be tacked on to your monthly Part B premium.

Large Employer

If your employer has 20 or more employees, your employer's group health plan will be your primary insurer as long as you remain an active employee. If this is the case, you don't need to enroll in Part B when you turn 65 if you're satisfied with the coverage you are getting through your job. But if you do decide to enroll in Medicare, it will supplement your employer insurance by paying secondary on all of your claims.

Once your employment or group health coverage ends, you will then have eight months to sign up for Part B without a penalty. This is known as the Special Enrollment Period.

Check Drug Coverage

You also need to verify your prescription drug coverage. Call your benefits manager or insurance company to find out if your employer's prescription drug coverage is considered "creditable." If it is, you don't need to enroll in a Medicare Part D prescription drug plan. If it isn't, you should purchase a plan (see Medicare.gov/plan-compare) during your initial enrollment period or you'll incur a premium penalty (1 percent of the average national premium for every month you don't have coverage) if you enroll later.

If you have more questions or need help, contact your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (see ShiptaCenter.org), which offers free Medicare counseling. Or call the Medicare Rights Center helpline at 800-333-4114.

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.



March 16, 1961

Everett picked as Rotary president

Dick Everett was named president of the Swainsboro Rotary Club for the 1961-62 club year which began in July, according to an announcement Monday at the group's weekly meeting. He was installed in special ceremonies that summer and succeeded Denver Roddenberry. (visit emanuelcountydrive.com to see contestants' photos)

March 17, 1971

Midget All-Stars

Swainsboro Emanuel County Parks and Recreation Department's Midget All-Stars were among those teams participating in the First District Recreation tournament in Statesboro. Members of the team were Ruthie Lee Taylor, Phyllis Jones, Lynn Whitehead, Debra Coleman, Brenda Durden, Daphne Baldwin, Katherine Brown, Janice Hampton, Debbie Little, Kay Scarboro, Debbie Wyatt, Donna Brinson, and Teresa Daniels. (visit emanuelcountydrive.com to see contestants' photos)

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Airplane pilots flying in the Swainsboro area are safer now. That's because a new very high frequency omni-directional range (VOR) facility has been installed at the Emanuel County Airport in Swainsboro at a cost of \$29,177. It's the first of this particular type to be operated in Georgia. (visit emanuelcountydrive.com to see contestants' photos)

March 18, 1981

Prince contestants

Competing for the title of prince at Summertown School were Richard Snell, Rex Bishop, Michael Womack, Cecil Strong, Luther Hodges, Phillip Gambrell, Andre' Green, Jay Anderson, and Ron Roberts. Not

pictured was Burnett Oglesby. (visit emanuelcountydrive.com to see contestants' photos)

'Speed up'

Emanuel County 4-H Club members taking part in the 18th annual Teenage Nutrition marathon at Macon City Auditorium included Yonna Peebles, Cherria Spann, Mrs. Connie Page (volunteer 4-H leader), Sharon Stanford, and Jan Hooks. (visit emanuelcountydrive.com to see contestants' photos)

March 13, 1991

Taking oath

Nunez Mayor Edwin A. Kirby accepts the oath of office as mayor of Nunez. Administering the oath is Roberta Davenport, Emanuel County Probate Judge. Witnessing the swearing-in ceremony at Emanuel County Courthouse are Councilmen Curtis Smith and Napoleon Bennett, and Nunez Clerk, Marilyn Bennett. (visit emanuelcountydrive.com to see contestants' photos)

Gift for SHS

The trophy case at Swainsboro High School is a gift from the school's Class of 1969. Among members of the class taking part in presenting the gift were Roy Joe Boulineau, P.O. Youmans, Jerry Cadle, Buddy Breedlove, Mickey Garnto, Courtney Terwilliger, Patricia Bellamy Brown, Laverne Payne Braswell, Emmalene Rountree Youmans, and Bertha Jones McSween. The gift was a memorial of the class' deceased members, Tex Campbell and Bill Tiller. (visit emanuelcountydrive.com to see contestants' photos)

Handling mines

U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Donald S. Parrish demonstrated how to correctly handle a land mine during a training session at the Naval Explosive Ordinance Disposal School, Eglin Air Force Base, FL. Sgt. (visit emanuelcountydrive.com to see contestants' photos)

March 14, 2001

Building blocks

Officer Earl Jones supervised inmates as they laid the first blocks for the expansion of the Emanuel County Animal Shelter. The new addition housed 15 more dog pens to help alleviate over-crowding at the existing shelter. Also constructed at the shelter was a ramp for wheelchair access. (visit emanuelcountydrive.com to see contestants' photos)

Softball

ECI softball player, Amy Womack, signed a scholarship to play ball with the South Georgia College Tigers. She inked the deal Monday, March 12. ECI Asst. Coach Sheila Brown, Ellen Womack, Danny Wilkerson, and Lady Bulldog Coach Jim Brown were on hand as Womack committed to play for the Douglas school and its coach, Wes Brown. (visit emanuelcountydrive.com to see contestants' photos)

March 16, 2011

Pink Heals tour to visit Swainsboro

On April 2, 2011, Swainsboro had a chance of a lifetime: to see a group of individuals that travel the country and promote Breast Cancer Awareness. They were set up to sign, see, and photograph their pink fire truck at the Swainsboro High School parking lot. For the first time ever, the Pink Heals tour was in Swainsboro. Also that day was the First Annual 5K Run/Walk. (visit emanuelcountydrive.com to see contestants' photos)

Tigers win Citizens Bank Invitational Tournament

The Swainsboro Tigers put together a great day of baseball as they swept through the competition last Saturday enroute to a CBIT championship. (visit emanuelcountydrive.com to see contestants' photos)

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 SULLEE BODDIFORD, AND FOURTH RUNNER-UP EMMA MASON**

Miss ECI crowned in last weekend's pageant

Emanuel County Institute held its Miss ECI pageant Saturday, March 6.

In the Junior Miss ECI division, Smith Willoughby was announced winner,

Aniston O'Dell ranked first runner-up and Grace Elaine Swygert won second runner-up.

Competing in the Miss ECI division, Anna Kate Beasley was crowned

Miss ECI, Taylor Radford placed first runner-up, Sullee Boddiford won second runner-up, Addi Marsh placed third runner-up, and Emma Mason won fourth runner-up.

2021 EGSC Homecoming King, Queen announced

East Georgia State College named the 2021 Homecoming Court last week. The announcement was made during a virtual crowning event held in the EGSC auditorium. The event was streamed live on the EGSC Facebook page and each representative was featured.

Precious Coleman from Eastman, Ga, was named the 2021 Homecoming Queen. She was representing the African American Union (AAU) Club. First runner-up was Esperanza "Espí" Castro, a sophomore representing the women's basketball team. Second runner-up was Alexis Lundy. Lundy was representing the Student Government Association. Other representatives included Kenesia Crowley representing Resident Assistance, Chelsea Godwin representing the Art Club, and Shantel Tracy representing the Unity Club.

Elijah Worthen, a sophomore from Garfield, Ga, was named the 2021 Homecoming King. He was representing the African American Union (AAU) Club. First runner-up was Kevin Hunter who represented the Student Government Association. Second runner-up was Alexander Archie. Archie represented the Criminal Justice Club.

Last year's EGSC Homecoming Queen Ashanti Whitehead and King Tobias Lester attended the ceremony to assist with the crowning.

The virtual event can be viewed on the EGSC Facebook page. To view photos from the event, visit <https://www.flickr.com/photos/egcpr/albums/72157718607581266>.



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Cook of the Week

Featuring the recipes of...

Alivia Smith

This week's Cook of the Week is Alivia Smith. She is the 21 year old daughter of Mark and Shelli Smith. Livi is currently a nursing student at Georgia Southern University! After obtaining her Bachelor of Science in Nursing, she plans to move back to Swainsboro and work in the ER for a few years in order to obtain her masters in anesthesiology to become a certified registered nurse anesthetist. Alivia says she is looking forward to being able to move back home to Swainsboro to help provide exceptional healthcare to those in our community! In Alivia's spare time, she enjoys baking, spending time with friends, going to the lake and beach, and being the nanny to three precious kids! Here are three recipes she would like to share. Enjoy!



From the kitchen of Alivia

Reese's Peanut Butter Pie

- 1 (8-oz.) package cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 c. peanut butter
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1 1/2 c. powdered sugar
- 1 (8-oz.) container Cool Whip, thawed
- 2 c. chopped peanut butter cups, either mini or regular size peanut butter cups
- 1 store-bought Oreo or chocolate graham cracker crust

Beat cream cheese and peanut butter with an electric mixer until smooth. Mix in vanilla. Beat in powdered sugar until smooth. Fold in Cool Whip until blended. Fold in 1 1/2 cups chopped peanut butter cups. Spread filling into crust. Sprinkle remaining peanut butter cups on top. Refrigerate for 2 to 4 hours before serving.



From the kitchen of Alivia

Crockpot Chicken Chili

- 2 to 2 1/2 lbs. boneless, skinless chicken thighs
- 1 large yellow onion, diced
- 2 stalks celery, diced
- 2 (15-oz.) cans tomato puree (about 3 c.)
- 1 c. chicken broth or stock
- 4 cloves garlic, minced or pressed with a garlic press
- 2 Tbsp. chili powder
- 1 tsp. cumin
- 1 tsp. oregano
- 1 tsp. salt
- 2 (15-oz.) cans black beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 c. frozen corn kernels
- 1 Tbsp. cider vinegar
- Optional chili toppings:*
- Diced green onions
- Shredded cheese
- Diced avocado
- Chopped cilantro
- Sour cream

Place all ingredients into the crockpot and cook on low for approximately 6 hours or until chicken is done.



From the kitchen of Alivia

Sausage & Egg Brunch Dish

- 1lb. sausage
- 8 to 9 pieces white bread, slide into 4 pieces
- 2 c. milk
- 1 tsp. salt
- 8 eggs, well beaten
- 1/2 lb. grated cheddar cheese

Grease 9x12 inch dish and line bottom with bread. Brown sausage and drain. Cover bread with sausage. Mix remaining ingredients & pour over bread and sausage. Refrigerate overnight. Bake at 350°F for 1 hour.

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Seedling Garden Club holds meeting

The Seedling Garden Club held its monthly meeting on Monday, March 8, in the social hall of Swainsboro Methodist Church. Twenty-one members and one guest were in attendance.

President Lucille Braswell welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. She welcomed former club member Martha Cobb to the meeting. Club members are hopeful that she will rejoin and become a Seedling Garden Club member. The meeting began with a devotional given by Ann Peebles. The devotionals were an "Irish Prayer" and an inspiration title, "Planting a Seed but God Made it Grow."

Treasurer Kay Peacock gave the financial report. She noted that all Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. dues were paid and additional monies sent for projects of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. that the club had approved. Secretary Cheryl Goodman presented the minutes of the February 2021 meeting. Both reports were approved as read.

President Braswell read a thank you note from Jean Schwabe thanking the club for the tree planted in her honor on Arbor Day. Yonna Bailey, yard of the month chairman, told club members that there wasn't a "Yard of the Month" for March 2021. With Spring coming maybe more yards will be ready for Yard of the Month.

Diana Malone, flower show chairman, gave an update on the plans for a flower show to be held in April 2022. The club voted not to have a flower show in 2021 due to COVID pandemic. President Braswell, Paula Karrh and Judy McWhorter will serve as co-chairman for the 2022 show.

The nominating committee to select new club officers for the 2021-2021 term reported and presented a slate of new officers. They are president, Diana Malone; first vice president, Nancy Lisenby; second vice president, Susan Morris; secretary, Lucille Braswell; treasurer, Kay Peacock; and parliamentarian, Judy McWhorter.

The slate of officers were approved as presented and will be installed at the May meeting. President Braswell thanked the nominating committee which consisted of Linda Dekle, McWhorter and Peacock.

The hostesses for the meeting were Dekle, Dot Kirby and Peacock. Using a St. Patrick's Day theme, homemade key lime cupcakes, packaged Cheez-It crackers and bottled water and drinks were served. Refreshments were served from a



HOSTESSES FOR SEEDLING GARDEN CLUB MARCH MEETING

table covered with a shamrock table runner. A green vase held an arrangement of forsythia. Cupcakes were placed on a green tray sporting a leprechaun hat, chips were served from a basket adorned with green ribbons. Green plates and shamrock napkins completed the serving table. Members were delighted to have refreshments again at meetings. The club had stopped this due to COVID. The hostesses still were careful on how refreshments were served at this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned by President Braswell. Kim Lamb won the raffle item.

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



PHOTO OF A HUMMINGBIRD TAKEN BY WANDA THOMPSON SCARBORO

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No, they're not here yet, but they are as close. They were spotted in Thomsville, Ga on March 13 and again in Richmond Hill on March 14. According to Hummingbird Center.com, our favorite bird, the ruby-throated hummingbird, arrived in Jacksonville on March 7th. In a single day, hum-

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Emanuel countians have seen these creatures arrive as early as March 16th and as late as March 29th. In 2020, they arrived March 17th.

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ClearWater Solutions offering scholarship to Swainsboro High seniors

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"We are excited to be able to increase the number of scholarships we are awarding this year," said company President Rick Ailiff. "We awarded two scholarships in 2019, ten last year, and we will award 14 this year. Our company is always looking for meaningful ways to give back to the communities in which we serve, and this is just one of those efforts."

In the Swainsboro area served by CWS, the company is currently accepting applications from seniors at Swainsboro High School for the \$1,000 scholarship.

The applications, along with the submittal instructions, can be obtained from the school's guidance office. Completed forms must be received by April 1.

In 2019, CWS started its scholarship program by awarding two \$1,000 scholarships. This year, the program was expanded to 14 scholarships for students in CWS service areas in Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia and South Carolina.

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LIVELY AND NATHAN RIDDLE MEET ON THE MOUND

Swainsboro Tigers knock off ECI

by TROUP BRINSON
The Swainsboro Tigers are quickly approaching their region schedule but with a week remaining on the non-region schedule, there is still work to do. Swainsboro notched their 3rd win of the season last week in Twin City, taking down the Bulldogs 8-6. Swainsboro improved to 3-8 on the season with 3 games this week before opening region against Vidalia in a 3 game series.

The win against ECI was a big one for a team looking to build some positive momentum.

Lenox Lively started and picked up the win, pitching all 7 innings. The Tigers let an early lead slip away in the 3rd inning but bounced back in the next half inning to score 3 runs and take a 6-4 lead that they would not relinquish. Derrick Jones led the way with 2 hits and Jacob Durden knocked in two runs for the winning team.

Swainsboro was not as fortunate in other games last week, giving up a lead late to Jefferson County in a 6-4 defeat and then getting no-hit in a 14-0 blow-

out against Appling County. Senior pitcher Elijah Loyd has been strong from the hill for a team that will need his best effort every time out. Swainsboro is extremely young with a number of freshmen in the starting lineup for a team that is not blessed with a potent offense.

Swainsboro will be in Bleckley County this Wednesday before hosting Jefferson County on Thursday. The Tigers will travel to Vidalia next Tuesday to begin their region schedule against a very talented Indians' squad.



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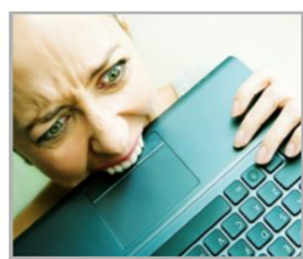
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Hughes and Bulldogs win pitchers' duel against Eagles

by **RON WEATHERFORD**

The ECI Bulldogs baseball team ended the week Friday in Millen, defeating Jenkins Co. 3-0 with both pitchers dominating batters.

Both pitchers, Trey Hughes for the Bulldogs and Justin Gray for the Eagles allowed a total of 4 hits with 20 strikeouts.

Hughes gave up a single in the second inning and didn't allow another hit for the rest of the game striking out nine in the 1 hit shutout.

The Bulldogs managed just 3 hits against Gray. But those hits came at opportune times with runners in scoring position.

The game remained scoreless until the top of the fifth inning with the Bulldogs changing the first zero off the scoreboard.

With one out in the fifth Bryce Kearson walked and later stole second to put himself in scoring position. Hughes scorched one to third scoring Kearson on the error by the third baseman to put ECI up 1-0.

Jack Walden led off the top of the sixth reaching on a dropped third strike and got into scoring position stealing second and third. Hudson Henry grounded to third as Walden beat the throw to home to put the Bulldogs up 2-0.

ECI added another run in the seventh inning. With Caleb Avery at second, another Eagle error on a hard hit ball by Hughes scored Avery for a 3-0 lead in the top of the seventh inning.

Hughes struck out the side in the bottom of the inning and the Bulldogs improved their season record to 6-3, 2-0 in region.

It was the second time last week ECI defeated the Eagles. The Bulldogs began the week hosting Jenkins Co. on Tuesday, June ninth taking the



HUGHES THROWS A STRIKE FROM DEEP CENTER TO NAIL RUNNER TAGGING FROM THIRD

game 3-1 to begin region play.

The bats were slow to get started as both teams had one hit each through the first 4 innings.

Chase Whitehead led off the bottom of the fifth with a double and advanced to third on a sac bunt hit by Joseph Stewart. Jeremy Jones scored Whitehead on a ground out for a 1-0 ECI lead.

Adam McQuig running for Stewart scored the second run of the inning on a Hughes single to put the Bulldogs up 2-0 after 5 innings.

Natavus Robertson led off the bottom of the sixth inning with a standup triple on a line shot to the center field fence.

Henry laced a single to right field a couple of batters later and the Bulldogs led the Eagles 3-0 with just three outs to get.

Jenkins put their only run of the game on two singles and a ground out in the top of the seventh to make the final score 3-1 Bulldogs.

During the two games last week against the Eagles, the two Bulldog pitchers and defense gave up just 5 hits and

one run.

Joseph Stewart toed the rubber for the game allowing 4 hits, striking out four Eagle Batters.

Trey Hughes led ECI at the plate going 2-3 and one RBI. The Bulldogs had 3 extra bases in the game with Whitehead and Stewart hitting doubles and Robertson with his triple.

In between the two games against the Eagles, the Bulldogs had a rematch game against Swainsboro on Wednesday.

ECI defeated the Tigers 2-0 earlier in the year and Swainsboro evened out the score taking the game against the Bulldogs 8-6.

The Tigers took a 2-0 lead in the second inning on two singles and three free passes. The inning ended in a double play with Hughes fielding a fly ball from deep center and threw a strike to home as Walden tagged the runner for the third out. The Tigers added one more run in the top of the third for a 3-0 lead.

In the bottom of the third Stewart and Jones singled with Charlie Rehberg reaching on a walk to load the bases with no outs. The

Bulldogs took the lead on two errors, hit batsman and a fielder choice for a 4-3 Bulldog score

The Tigers took back the lead in the top of the fifth on four straight walks, sac fly and a passed ball to make the score 6-4 Tigers.

The Bulldogs added a run in the fourth and seventh innings while the Tigers added two more in the sixth taking the win over ECI 8-6.

Jeremy Jones ended the game gong 2-3 with an RBI. Four other Bulldogs got one hit each.

Robertson started the game on the mound pitching 3 innings allowing 5 hits with two strikeouts. Rehberg relieved Robertson allowing four walks. Kearson took the mound for three innings allowing just one hit and Henry closed the game in the seventh giving up two hits.

The Bulldogs have another 3 game week. Monday they played McIntosh Co., today they are hosting Treutlen Co. and Friday they will be in Darien for their second game against McIntosh.

SAR holds Education Day at Brier Creek Battlefield

The Brier Creek Chapter and the Wiregrass Chapter, Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution traveled to the Brier Creek Battlefield in Screven County and set up four battlefield education stations for presentations to the general public on March 5, 2021. There were two education times, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., for the presentations to take place.

Station No. 1 was presented by SAR Dr. John Derden. His presentation was on what happened before, during and after the Battle at Brier Creek.

Station No. 2 was presented by SAR member Don Thomas and DAR member Pat Thomas. Their presentation was a SAR traveling trunk featuring Revolutionary War items of interest.

Station No. 3 was presented by Compatriot



ALTON MCCLOUD OF LITTLE RIVER CHAPTER IN THOMSON, WOODY WOODARD OF BRIER CREEK CHAPTER IN SCREVEN COUNTY, AND DESS SMITH III OF WIREGRASS CHAPTER IN SWAINSBORO

Allen Mincey. He presented the flintlock rifle. He told everything about this weapon of war, how it was used, how it was maintained and how it was made.

Station No. 4 was presented by Artillery

Commander Steve Burke. He had four tables of skins, artifacts and weapons that he held his presentation.

At the end of each session, Commander Burke fired his 6-pounder Naval Cannon. This is

the second annual presentation that the chapters have held at the Battlefield. Next year's third annual Education Day will be held at the battlefield on March 4, 2022 at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Georgia Ag Week celebrates farmers' many contributions

We have your peaches and blueberries here. We have your cotton here. We have your timber here. So, if you find yourself needing sweets, sweats or struts, there's a good chance you can get it – and a whole lot more - from right here in Georgia.

Nearly half of all U.S.-grown peanuts come from Georgia, making us far and away the No. 1 peanut state. Georgia is also the No. 1 state in broiler chickens and forestry. Georgia is No. 2 in cotton, pecans and watermelons and No. 3 in bell peppers, blueberries, cucumbers and peaches.

To celebrate farmers and the many contributions they make to our state, the Georgia Department of Agriculture has declared March 22-26 as Georgia Ag Week. This week is also National Ag Week and National Ag Day is March 23.

"Georgia farmers are proud of our place in the state's economy, and we're dedicated to providing safe, affordable and sustainable products for our fellow Georgians to enjoy," said Robert Fountain, Jr., Emanuel County Farm Bureau President. "While we're providing for our human neighbors, we're also work-

ing to protect wildlife habitat, soil and water resources. When Georgia farmers succeed, all of Georgia benefits."

The week-long Ag Week celebration will include these themed days: March 22 – Hands-On Garden Day; March 23 – Buy Georgia Grown; March 24 – Ag Hero Day; March 25 – Ag Literacy Day; March 26 – Make My Plate Georgia Grown Day. For more information, visit www.gfb.ag/agweek21.

On Ag Literacy Day, March 25, five Georgia Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Committee members will provide video recordings of themselves reading books that promote some of Georgia's top commodities. Members of the GFB Women's Leadership Committee are also providing virtual tours of their farms. Sign up to receive both sets of videos and GFB activities at www.gfb.ag/agweek.

Agriculture contributed \$70.1 billion to Georgia's economy in 2019, according to the University of Georgia's Center for Agribusiness and Economic Development (CAED). The center says food and fiber production and the process of getting the raw materials to consumers

contributed 359,220 jobs for Georgians in 2019. Agriculture celebrations are observed in March to coincide with the planting of spring crops.

From 2012 to 2017, U.S. farmers increased the number of acres on which they practice sustainable soil use and conservation efforts by 34 million acres. This includes planting more cover crops, using no-till and minimum tillage planting methods to conserve soil, preserve/increase soil nutrients and improve water quality. These practices also trap excess carbon in the soil and reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, agriculture contributed 10% of the U.S.' overall GHG emissions in 2018, the lowest percentage of the five major economic sectors.

Georgia Farm Bureau is the largest general farm organization in the state. It represents farmers and rural communities and connects consumers with agriculture. GFB also offers its members a wide variety of benefits, including insurance, travel and auto discounts. Enrollment in any of the member benefits is optional and not a requirement for membership.



Photo by LT. DAVID WAY
MAJOR ROBERTSON, SHERIFF BREWER, PARRISH ESKEW, HARLEY PAUL, OFFICE MANAGER BRIDGET CLIFTON, AND SGT. AL EVANS

Golden Harvest Food Bank donates to Nunez youth home

After disbursing food at the recent Golden Harvest Food Bank at the Garfield Food Pantry this past weekend, there were two pickup trucks remaining with leftover food. Rodriguez Wallace, representative of the food bank, reached out and made contact with Emanuel County Deputy Matt Davis and inquired on how the leftover food could be used as donation at the Georgia Sheriff's Youth Home. Responding to assist with the delivery were Sheriff Jeffrey Brewer, Major Nick Robertson, Lt. David Way, Sgt. Al Evans, and Cpl. Matt Davis. The sheriff and deputies loaded the food in patrol vehicles and transported it to the Georgia Sheriff's Youth Home in Nunez.

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Jail Report

The following persons have been booked into Emanuel County Jail, according to Emanuel County Sheriff Jeffrey Brewer, on warrants obtained by one of several local law enforcement agencies, designated by each name: Drug Task Force (DTF); Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI); Georgia Department of Pardons and Parole (GAPP); Georgia State Patrol (GSP); Emanuel County Sheriff's Office (ECOSO); 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 (CSRUI); Intensive Probation Service (IPS); or Probation Office (PROB).

Robert James Bly, 49, 2689 US Hwy 1 N, entered 3/8/21; Theft/rec/stolen prop/Probation Violation - Out of County/VGCSA Drugs schedule I&II drugs/VGCSA/vio ga control subst act; ECOSO
 Tyrone Untario Carswell, Jr, 22, 311 W. 6th Ave, Stillmore, entered 3/8/21; Driving lic susp/rev/Failure to stop at stop sign/Obstr/ofc; released

3/8/21; ECOSO
 Felecia Dawn Shivers, 36, 311 New St, entered 3/8/21; Simp battery; released 3/9/21; SPD
 Maranda Blake Roberson, 22, 244 Bonsue Dr, entered 3/8/21; Disorderly conduct/Obstr/ofc; ECOSO
 David Kreiss, 45, 616 Swift St, Twin City, entered 3/8/21; Bench warrant - Out of County/Certain firearms/dang weapon/sil/sawed-off gun/poss/Firearm poss by conv felon/Firearm poss by conv felon/Firearm disch on prop of another; SPD
 Dwayne Lashon Sanders, 46, 425 N. Coleman St, Public drunk/Probation/State court/Middle Ga Probation; SPD
 Benedict Anthony Campbell, 59, 1202 Judy Place, Vidalia, entered 3/9/21; DUI/drugs/Failure to maintain lane/Open container/VGCSA possession of drug related object; released 3/10/21; ECOSO
 Jason Lamichael Barnes,

33, 70 Lakeside Ave, Helena, entered 3/9/21; Driving lic susp/rev/Other/ Child restraint violation/Open container; released 3/9/21; SPD
 Robert Lewis Jackson, 35, 207 Southvalley St, Wrightsville, entered 3/9/21; Simp battery/Battery/simp battery-family violence; released 3/10/21; ECOSO
 Cody Shane Williams, 28, 2019 Coleman Bridge Rd, Cobbtown, entered 3/9/21; Theft/taking/Theft/taking/Crim interference w/govt prop/Crim interference w/govt prop; ECOSO
 Ansley Lyn Dasher, 27, 160 Hall St, Hinesville, entered 3/10/21; VGCSA possession of drug related object/VGCSA/vio ga control subst act; released 3/10/21; SPD
 Chevy Clay Sluder, 18, 225 JM Spearman Rd, Adrian, entered 3/10/21; DUI/drugs/Speeding 15-29 MPH over; released 3/11/21; ECOSO
 Justin Jesse Roberson,

34, 848 Buck Corbin Rd, Soperton, entered 3/11/21; Simp battery/Aggr assault; ECOSO
 Joanne Rochelle Bell, 1190 New Hope Church Rd, entered 3/11/21; Theft/shoplifting/Probation/State court/Middle Ga Probation; released 3/11/21; SPD
 Traavis Devon Patterson, 42, 915 Old Wadley Rd, entered 3/11/21; Aggr assault/Probation/Superior court/Probation/Superior court/Other/Headlight requirements; SPD
 Kuame Jamar Pringle, 27, 8616 S. Justine St, Chicago, IL, entered 3/12/21; Driving lic susp/rev/Speeding 15-29 MPH over; released 3/12/21; ECOSO
 Joshua Robert Magness, 17, 3387 N. Expressway, Griffin, entered 3/12/21; VGCSA possession marijuana/VGCSA possession of drug related object/Obstr/ofc/VGCSA/vio ga control subst act/Going inside guard line

w/weap/liqr/drugs; ECOSO
 Joy Amber Patterson, 44, 1602 Aster St, Beaufort, SC, entered 3/12/21; DUI/drugs/Following too close; released 3/13/21; GSP
 Tiffany Alicia Williams, 34, 316 W. Moring St, entered 3/12/21; Probation/Superior court/Probation violation - Out of County' SPD
 Roy Edward Hadden, Jr, 50, 138 5th Ave, Twin City, entered 3/12/21; Probation/State court/Middle Ga Probation/Theft/shoplifting; ECOSO
 Jairo Perez, 17, 7602 Antler Ln, Charlotte, NC, entered 3/13/21; Speeding 30+ MPH over/Driving while unlicensed/expired; released 3/13/21; SPD
 Tramani Williams Ingram, 27, 5137 Branchpoint Dr, Valdosta, entered 3/13/21; VGCS marijuana/poss less than oz/Driving lic susp/rev/Speeding 15-29 MPH over; released 3/13/21; SPD
 Jayson Michael

Carter, 30, 102 Marin St, Milledgeville, entered 3/13/21; DUI/drugs/Speeding 15-29 MPH over/Failure to maintain lane/Other; released 3/13/21
 Octavio Martinez, 27, Mustang Rd, entered 3/13/21; Driving while unlicensed/expired/Other; released 3/13/21; SPD
 George Wayne Gregory, 29, 192 Union Chapel Rd, entered 3/13/21; Bench warrant/State court/Battery/simp battery-family violence/Driving lic susp/rev; ECOSO
 Henry Chance Collins, 28, 38 Sam Overstreet Rd, Twin City, entered 3/13/21; DUI/alch; released 3/14/21; GSP
 Robert Henry Williams, JR, 56, 998 Green Spence Rd, Midville, entered 3/13/21; Other; SPD
 Shakenya Lamar Adams, 28, 832 N. Mosiac St, Millen, entered 3/14/21; Speeding <14 MPH over/Driving lic susp/rev; released 3/14/21; SPD

Five sentenced in Superior Court

The following occurred during the Emanuel County Superior Court January 2021 term:

Anthony Lamar Rice negotiated a plea of guilty (alford) on one count sale of methamphetamine. He was fined \$50 and sentenced to 10 years, with the first 13 months to be served in confinement and the remainder to be served on probation. Rice received 13 months credit from time served in custody.

Ryan Elbert Rodreguez AKA Bowling negotiated a plea of guilty on one count escape. He was fined \$50 and sentenced to 10 years probation (15 months to serve with credit).

Richard Layne Brubaker negotiated a plea of guilty (alford) on one count possession of methamphetamine. He was fined \$50 and sentenced to 3 years probation. Brubaker received credit for time served in custody from 8/24/18

- 5/26/20.

Clinton Wayne Scarboro negotiated a plea of guilty (alford) on one count possession of cocaine. He also negotiated a plea of guilty on one count possession of amphetamine, one count possession of marijuana (less than 1 oz.), and one count obstruction of officer. Scarboro was fined \$1,000 and sentenced to 15 years, with the first 17 months to be served in confinement. He received credit for time served in custody from 7/19/19 - 12/10/20.

During the Emanuel County Superior Court February 2021 term:

Dylan Robin McNair negotiated a plea of guilty (alford) on one count burglary - second degree. He was fined \$50 and sentenced to five years probation.

Sheriff's Reports

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

March 8

Deputies responded to Hwy 192 N in reference to a stolen ATV.

A Chevy SUV was abandoned on Hwy 192 S and eft a spot blocking complainant's view coming out of their driveway. The vehicle had no tag displayed, and was towed.

Deputies responded to Bonsue Dr. in reference to a dispute between grandmother and granddaughter.

EmCo Sheriff's Office was contacted by Elbert County Sheriff's Office in reference to a stolen dirt bike that was purchased from someone out of town.

Victim stated he was traveling on Jukes Rd. when he ran into a washout causing damage to his vehicle.

March 9

Deputies were dispatched to W. 4th Ave. in reference to a possible prowler. Deputies spoke with complainant who advised he heard what he thought was someone walking on his back porch.

Deputies were dispatched to I16 in reference to a stranded motorist. It was advised that the caller's vehicle had run out of gas. Deputies provided the motorist with enough gas to make it to the nearest gas station.

Deputies responded to SPD in reference to a walk-in report of a domestic dispute.

Deputies responded to Pike Johnson Rd. to a two vehicle MVA with no injuries.

Deputies assisted the fire department with a structure fire on Gross-Green Rd.

March 10

Victim backed into offender's vehicle at Swainsboro Middle School causing moderate damage.

Deputy met with complainant on Long Bay Dr. in reference to a damage to property incident. C/o stated she arrived home to find that someone entered her residence and damaged a TV. C/o further stated she believes her son damaged the property out of spite due to a previous incident. C/o also stated that offender did not have permission to be on her property and would have forced his way in.

Deputy responded to Hebron Rd. in Garfield for a female stating that someone broke into her house and attacked her. Deputies arrived on scene and spoke with victim who denied EMS for her injuries. Offender was unable to be located due to fleeing the scene.

Complainant stated offender was renting his mobile home on Ed Youmans Rd., but within the last couple of years. Offender lost his job so complainant tried helping him out by allowing him to keep the mobile home. An agreement was made for offender to pay as much as possible and when he started working again, he could catch the rent back up. C/o stated offender has not paid him in over a year and on one else has been staying at the mobile home, but some dogs the offender left inside the residence, and now the dogs have destroyed the inside of the residence, making it unlivable and not worth paying the money to fix it. C/o stated he sent the offender a written letter back in August of 2020 that he wanted him to get all his belongings out of the mobile home by September, but offender never went to get any of it so cc/o figured that he just abandoned the property. C/o also stated that he just hired someone to start taking the mobile home apart so it could be removed from the property and offender showed up at the residence and started loading up the metal on a trailer that was taken off of the mobile home. Deputy went over to listed residence and spoke with offender and advised him to remove the metal off of his trailer or he would be charged with theft and offender advised deputy that he had already paid c/o \$13,000 towards the mobile home in agreement that it was rent to own and he had never been served with an eviction before the c/o started having the mobile home taken apart. Offender stated he is missing several items, including a refrigerator, stove, PlayStation, metal roofing, and movies, and advised he has already filed a report about the items being removed without his permission.

Deputy observed a vehicle traveling 70 MPH in a 45 MPH zone, at which time he initiated his emergency equipment and the vehicle pulled over. Upon making contact with the driver, he had red glazed eyes and could barely hold them open, had slurred speech, and seemed very disoriented. Deputy asked offender if he had smoked any marijuana and he stated he had. Deputy then ran offender's license to find he was wanted out of Toombs County.

March 11

Complainant stated offender has been texting his phone wanting him to get offender's wife to call him and has been doing it from several different numbers. C/o has to offender multiple times to quit texting him

but he won't. C/o stated before he called 911, offender went to his residence and sat in the middle of the road and wouldn't leave, but finally left before deputy arrived on scene. C/o stated he just wants offender to leave him alone and the witness also stated she has filed for divorce and she doesn't want offender trying to make any contact with her as well.

Deputies were dispatched to Buck Corbin Rd. In Oak Park in reference to a domestic disturbance. While enroute, deputies were advised by 911 that both subjects were mobile and the male subject was attempting to ram and run the victim off the road. While running code, deputies were further advised that the male subject had rammed victim's vehicle, and were also advised that the victim was attempting to make it to the Red Roof in Oak Park. Upon arrival, deputy made contact with victim while another deputy made contact with offender. Upon further investigation, deputy determined through victim's statements and physical evidence that the victim's vehicle had been struck twice.

March 12

Complainant stated offender was doing some work on his house and when he got back home, his new hot water heater was swapped out with an older one.

Offender was located at 5th Ave. and taken into custody for two outstanding warrants.

March 13

Deputies responded to Union Chapel Rd. in reference to a domestic dispute involving the theft of a vehicle. Vehicle was recovered and offender was arrested.

March 14

Deputies were dispatched to Dellwood Baptist Church in reference to an alarm. Motion was advised to the Sanctuary. Deputy arrived as church was opening for service and was advised the alarm had been set off accidentally.

Deputies were dispatched to I16 West in reference to a reckless driver. The call was transferred to Candler County and advised the reckless vehicle to be a tractor trailer speeding and failing to maintain lane.

Deputies were dispatched to Hwy 192 S. in reference to loud music in the area. Contact was made with a gathering of people in the Graymont Park area whom at the time had music playing at a low volume. It was advised there had been subjects that left the area prior to deputies arriving playing loud music.

Complainant stated she and her husband are in the process of a divorce and her husband is refusing to return their child. C/o stated she lives in Clarksville, TN and her husband has the child on Whispering Pines in Statesboro. C/o also stated she was visiting family on Beasley Rd. Complainant was advised of the process for obtaining an emergency child custody order.

March 15

Deputies were dispatched to Maple Ave. in reference to someone looking in a window of complainant's residence. C/o stated she heard what sounded like someone knocking on a window on the rear side of the residence. Deputies checked the area but did not locate any persons or further disturbances.

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Swainsboro Police Reports

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

March 3

Officers took a walk-in report with a man stating he put his bag down somewhere and his wallet was taken four months ago.

Officers were dispatched in reference to a storage unit being broken into. Complainant states someone cut the lock and took her brand new grill, her container full of clothes, and an autographed jersey.

Officers spoke with local male who claims his roommate drove his vehicle and the wrong tag was on it when he returned the vehicle.

Officer pulled over a vehicle with one headlight out. Driver did not have a license and the officer smelled alcohol on her breath and noticed an open beer bottle. Driver stated she had drunk just a little bit of beer earlier. She agreed to testing and was not over the legal limit. The officer advised the driver to have someone come pick her up. Citation for headlight violation, driving while unlicensed, and open container of alcohol within motor vehicle.

March 4

Officers were dispatched in reference to a report of a burglary. Complainant states someone broke into her house but nothing was missing. She states the bedroom window was broken, but according to officers it seemed to be broken from the inside. Complainant started raising her voice when officers told her that the window was broken from the inside.

Officers were dispatched to a local hotel due to the fact someone wanted to rent a room for a couple of hours. The man turned in his key the next morning and was screaming and fussing at the front desk asking why the cleaning crew had been in there

and that his wallet was missing.

Officers were dispatched in reference to a damaged vehicle. Complainant states she brought her car to this location to get her lights fixed. When the guy shut her trunk, his cell phone flew up and hit her back glass and shattered it. She spoke with the owner and he said he would order her a new window. She needed to leave the vehicle with them to have the window replaced and she stated she was not leaving her car with him. She stated they hung up and she has been unable to reach him since then.

Officer pulled over a vehicle for window tint. While on traffic stop, the officer placed the driver on hold for Bleckley county for outstanding warrants.

Officers were dispatched in reference to serving two probation warrants. Officers went to what was believed to be the males residence. Contact was made with a female resident in the apartment and upon consent, the male was found hiding in the shower. He was then placed under arrest for outstanding warrants.

March 5

Officers were dispatched stating there was a shooting with one victim having gun shot wounds to the left shoulder area. Officers found several shell casings around the local park. Three shooters were identified, who pulled ski mask down before opening fire on civilians at the local park.

Officers conducted a traffic stop due to a vehicle speeding. Driver was not licensed and attempted to run. Officers pulled him over and found him in local apartments. Driver was taken to the county jail.

March 6

Officers were dispatched for the purpose of damage to property.

Complainant states when he came back home from work that his bottom doorknob was loose and that it was the manager of the apartment complex that did it. States when he turned the knob, it fell off.

Officers attempted to conduct a traffic stop when the driver took off on foot. Officers were able to identify him. The officers contacted a family member who made contact with the driver informing him he needed to come back to the scene. He did so and received his citation for driving suspended license.

Officers pulled out behind a vehicle and conducted a traffic stop. Driver stated she didn't have a license. Driver was then arrested for operating a motor vehicle on the roadways of the state of GA without a driver's license.

Officers were dispatched to a local store in reference to shoplifting.

Officers received a call from an individual wishing to remain anonymous about a possible prostitution ring. 911 operator was advised that this individual was pimping out numerous girls.

Officers were dispatched in reference to harassment. Complainant states that her ex-boyfriend of a week has been harassing her via texting, calling and social media.

Officers responded to a call in reference to a dispute. Units were flagged down by offender that stated she was followed into a local store by a male cursing and threatening her. Complainant has been trying to get him evicted from their home for a week now.

March 7

Officers went to a brush and structure fire. Home owner states they were cleaning around the area when the fire occurred.

Officers were dispatched in reference to harassment. Victim states her ex-boyfriend is harassing her and was

located inside of her apartment building and allegedly had a gun on him. Later statements from the offender show that the complainant was "entertaining" the offender. The officers advised them both to not have any communication with each other.

Officers conducted a traffic stop and placed a driver under arrest for driving while unlicensed.

Officers were calling in reference to a burglary. Complainant noticed the deadbolt was no longer locked. Complainant noticed that the deep freezer in the back was missing food items as well as all of the food out of the pantry and kitchen cabinets. Complainant states this is her deceased brother's residence and she had not checked it for about a month.

Officers responded to a call in reference to harassment. Complainant states that his cousin drove into his yard and started yelling at him and told him "he better not mess with her grandmother again or else."

Officers were dispatched in reference to the complainant stating that the offender and her husband still had numerous items that were used to decorate for the wedding. The complainant stated that the couple did return some items from the wedding, however not all of the items. The husband informed officers that the items were used for the wedding and left there at the building upon the complainant's request. The couple stated that they did not have any of the complainant's items and ask that the officer tell her to not bother them anymore.

March 8

Officer was dispatched to Latitude 105 to meet with complainant who is the Property Manager. C/o stated that one of her tenants accused her and her staff of going into his apartment without permission and damag-

ing his door knobs. C/o stated this is not true and that this has been an ongoing issue between her and offender.

Officer observed a vehicle with valid registration but no insurance, at which time he initiated a traffic stop. Upon making contact with the driver, it was discovered that he did not have a valid driver's license.

Officers observed a vehicle pull out of a residence with no tail-lights on. Officer initiated a traffic stop to find the driver's license were suspended for failure to appear.

Officer observed a male subject yelling and walking in the middle of the street and made contact with him. Offender threw an alcoholic beverage can to the side of the roadway and officer observed offender sway while he was walking. Officer could smell alcohol coming from offender's breath and offender confessed to having a "stem" on his person.

March 9

Officer noticed a vehicle with no tag displayed and conducted a traffic stop. When making contact with the driver, offender stated he had just recently bought the vehicle and was in the process of getting a tag but he did have insurance. Upon running offender's info, it was found that the registration was cancelled and his license were suspended for insurance reasons.

Officer met with complainant who stated offender was trying to break in his house and when she could not get in, she began throwing bricks, and hit his mother's car with a stick.

Complainant filed a report at SPD on damage to his vehicle.

Officer took a report in reference to criminal trespass that occurred on Washington Ave.

Officer ran the tag on a vehicle to check for valid insurance and registra-

tion and it was returned with valid insurance and expired registration, at which time he initiated a traffic stop. Officer made contact with the driver and asked for his license and offender stated he did not have them with him. Officer returned to his unit and ran offender's info to find his license were suspended and he was wanted out of Jeff Davis.

March 10

Officer was dispatched to Days Inn in reference to an individual smoking in a room.

Officer ran the tag display on a vehicle and it came back registered to another vehicle, at which time she initiated a traffic stop. Officer made contact with driver and he advised it was taken off of another vehicle before it was repossessed because he was only traveling up the road. Vehicle had no registration or valid insurance, and it was discovered that the driver had a suspended license.

Officer ran the tag display to find the vehicle was uninsured, at which time she initiated a traffic stop.

Officer ran the tag display on a vehicle to find it had suspended registration and no active insurance, at which time she initiated a traffic stop.

Officer made a final attempt to get the registered owner of a vehicle to remove the vehicle and when he advised offender who he was, he hung up. Vehicle had been left at location for appx. 3 weeks.

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Logging equipment burns in Stillmore


by BILL CAHILL

While on routine patrol on Tuesday afternoon, March 9, a Stillmore police officer discovered and radioed in a fire on Griffin Ferry Road in Stillmore. A John Deere 843K Feller Bucher tree cutter valued at \$300,000 was burning at a logging operation site. A heavy fire condition involved the engine compartment and extended to and damaged the cab.

Due to volatile hydraulic fluids burning, first arriving Metter firefighters using an inch and three-quarter attack line to apply firefighting foam to blanket and extinguish the fire while cooling the hydraulic storage tank. They were assisted by Georgia Forestry Commission and Twin City firefighters.

There's still time to apply for low-cost spay, neuter today!

The Staff of the Betty Gambrell Animal Shelter along with Emanuel County Humane Society members announce the availability of low-cost spay/neuter subsidy applications for Emanuel County residents only. Applications are available at the following locations: *The Forest-Blade*, Betty Gambrell Animal Shelter, Franklin Memorial Library, McRae's Veterinary Clinic and Swainsboro City Hall. All applications must be returned to the shelter, located at 343 Market Street in Swainsboro. Please note that special needs applications will take precedence. To inquire on additional information, contact the shelter at 478-237-4040.




Pursuant to OCGA § 40-6-391 notice is hereby given that Crystal Dawn Barwick of Twin City Ga, Emanuel 30471 was convicted of the offense of 2nd DUI on the 4th day of May 2020 in the State Court of Candler County Georgia.

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If we who are Christ's disciples are to be worthwhile witnesses of God's Message, His name on us must be more than skin deep. It must be heart deep. Not only is His name to be on our lips but penetrate every area of our lives. Not only should it come out of our mouths, but it should be obvious in everything we do. The psalmist said, "But they would flatter Him with their mouths, lying to Him with their tongues, their hearts were not loyal to His covenant."

Perhaps we can understand what the psalmist was talking about when we think of those who sing, "I Love to Tell the Story" but never witness to anyone. Or, someone who sings, "Have Thine Own Way Lord" with everyone but me. Or, "Take My Life and Let It Be" - yes, let it be right where it is - please don't bother me. I'm too busy.

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Editorials Columns

Random thoughts

It seems like the obituaries and the jail report are the most favorite features of *The Forest-Blade*. Every week, someone is dying that I went to school with or someone I have known on a personal basis.

When someone goes to jail, there is a strong possibility that a family member or a close friend will bail them out. But, with death, there is no option. The Bible is emphatic on this subject because death comes to every living thing.

When I was a young, carefree lad, death was never in my rearview window. I was too busy living my life forward and straight ahead. But, my mother was a different story. She went straight to *The Forest-Blade* obituaries every Wednesday. There

was always a class member or a distant cousin gracing the obituary with a detailed write-up and a picture that was easily 20 years old. So much for an inflated ego, even in death.

Wiser men than I have said we become our parents as we grow older, and no wiser words of wisdom have ever been spoken.

It seems that I am now seeing the world through my parents' own eyes rather than my own interpretation through rose-colored glasses.

Young people, like me, were still wet behind the ears, thinking they had all the answers to life and urgent problems. Little did we know that two wise old owls, in the form of our parents, had all the answers but our teenage egos were

too inflated to trust their wisdom and life experiences.

Where have the years gone? I realize that possibly two or three generations have come and gone as I have gotten older. It seemed I struggled to reach the ripe old age of sixteen to get my driver's license and graduate from high school, but, now, it seems that newborn babies grow into adulthood overnight, and we older people seem to have a birthday twice a year.

Maybe the wise old humorist was right when he asked, "Why did God waish his precious time on young people when we older folks would appreciate it so much more?"

My sister asked me recently if I could go

back 30 years in my life, would I? My answer was a resounding No! I don't want to go back to face the trials and tribulations or take the baby steps needed to reach the age that I am now, which is an appreciative senior citizen.

I don't agree with the fellow who said he would like to start his life over with what he knows now. Little does he realize that life changes from generation to generation and requires a different mindset from past experiences.

At a recent class reunion, we were asked to stand individually and tell something about ourselves since high school graduation. When it came to my turn, I stood and said loud and clear, "I am twice the person I used to be." My

Ronnie Johnson



classmates erupted in sincere belly laughs because I had literally gone from 130 pounds on graduation day to a hefty 260 pounds at my 50th high school reunion. It didn't matter that I had accomplished anything else in my life after that remark.

I was twice the person that I used to be in more ways than one. I have become closer to God and nature. I don't sweat the small stuff because this too will pass. True wisdom comes from the heart and not a textbook. Everyone is special and God plays no

favorites.

We don't need improvements. We are complete and wonderful just as we are. Honey draws more bees than vinegar. This also applies to humans as well. It takes fewer muscles to smile than frown and remember that being kind or giving a sincere compliment won't hurt your puffed pride or ego. To have a friend, be one. Life is short, just a little compassion and kindness goes a long way, and, by all means, life is a special gift – always handle it with care.

A Son of the South and proud of it

I am a Son of the South and proud of it. Born here, raised here and, God willing, will be planted here. The South is and always will be my home. Have we always been a perfect place? Far from it. The notion of separate-but-equal was anything but in the South in which I was raised. Blacks rode in the back of the bus and attended substandard schools. They couldn't eat in our restaurants or attend our churches or shop in our stores. They were required to serve in the military but discouraged to the point of intimidation from registering to vote. Blacks were accused of crimes they didn't

commit and too many lost their lives as a result. It was not our finest hour. The civil rights movement of the '60's changed the dynamics. It was a painful but necessary time. There is disagreement as to just how much things have changed but in my view they have and for the better. There are special interest groups on both sides of the racial divide who will disagree. That is understandable because it is in their political and financial interest to do so. They will never be satisfied. I grew up thinking that bigotry existed only in the South until I ventured north and heard the lo-

cal disparaging Greeks, Italians, Poles, Jews, Irish Catholics and, yes, Blacks. I discovered that prejudice was not regional. Neither was hypocrisy. I grieve that what has made being Southern so special has come under attack. It started with the "Fergit, Hell!" crowd glorifying a way of life that no longer exists and probably never did. Their Lost Cause was exemplified by supporters of the old Georgia state flag which resembled the Confederate battle flag; as ornery a bunch of people as I have ever dealt with and I have dealt with a bunch of ornery folks in my long career.

They threatened and bullied and postured but totally misread public support of their cause. The state flag was changed during the Perdue Administration with the overwhelming approval of Georgians. Now they are reduced to watching the pendulum swing the other way and having to endure politically-correct zealots tearing down statues and trying to obliterate anything having to do with Southern history, without knowing what they are talking about. The flaggers with their heads turned toward the past and a war long ago lost do not represent my South. Neither do the fanatics trying to rewrite the history of the region by destroying it. In some ways, their actions are eerily reminiscent of the Taliban's efforts to wipe out Afghanistan's history 20 years ago. My South is gentle and polite. We grew up saying "Yes, ma'am" and "No ma'am" and "Thank you." I still do. Friday night football was a social gathering. It still is. We went to church

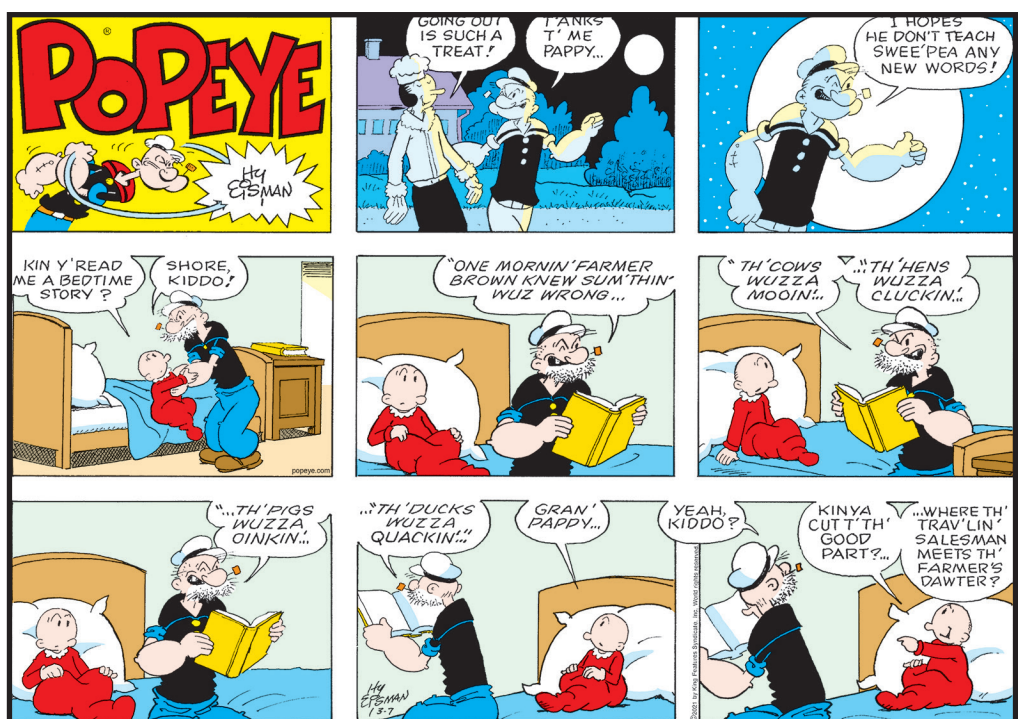
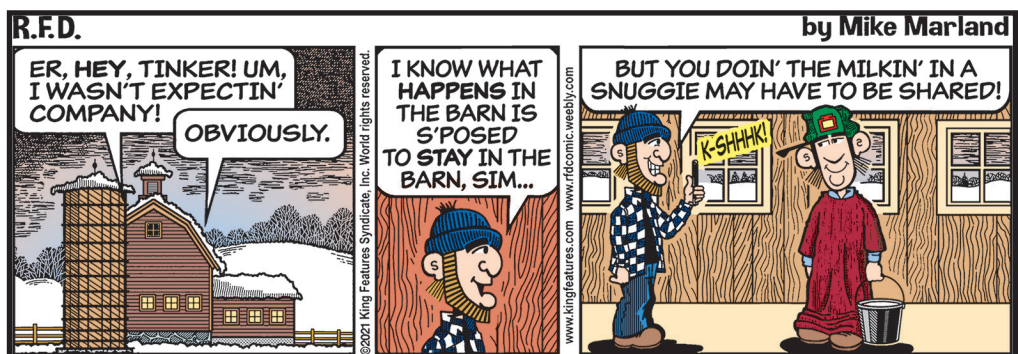
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on Sunday and on Wednesday nights, too. Nobody locked their doors. Southern cooking was equal parts lard, salt and fried. We ate supper because dinner was at noon. And nobody in the South prepared a meal. It was fixed, as in, "Come on in the house and wash your hands. Momma is fixing supper." People laugh at how we talk. The laugh is on them. It is everybody else that talks funny. Yes, our speech pattern may be slow but as my daddy used to say, we think fast. In the South, we will tell you what we want you to know when we are ready for you to know it. My daddy, the quintessential Southern philosopher, also used to say we wasted a lot of money painting lines down the middle of the highway because nobody goes north to live, they all come south. And stay. If you want to see the real

South, you will need to venture out from the killing fields of Atlanta and environs. That area is about as southern as South Bronx and just about as hazardous. Head in any direction – north, south, east or west – and you will find a South of mountains and lakes, pecan and peach and apple orchards, rolling farmlands and pristine ocean beaches. It is a special place filled with God-fearing people who love their country, sweet tea and each another. This is the South that I love. This is why I am proud to be a Son of the South. If you don't agree that this is hallowed and holy soil, I can only say, "Bless your heart." It is not a compliment. 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



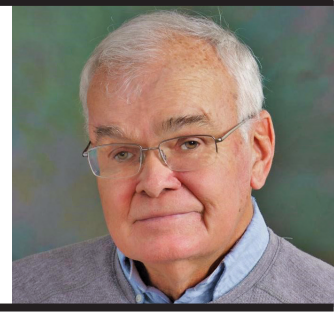
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The web site for the free filing at the IRS site is <https://www.irs.gov/filing/free-file-do-your-federal-taxes-for-free>. The limitations on being able to file free are listed and when I wrote this are that your income must be \$72,000 or less. However, if your income is above that amount you can still complete free

Dwight Watt



forms there, but you must either print and mail or pay a company to electronic file.

The organizations listed there are all approved by the IRS and are the electronic filing of taxes companies you already see selling their programs in stores and on the Internet including places like Intuit TurboTax, TaxAct, TaxSlayer, and more.

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ings and checking accounts. These free or probably even buying tax programs probably will not work for people like Warren Buffett or Bill Gates or the Waltons, however I do not expect people in those situations to be asking me for advice on a freeway to file their income taxes. However, they can get free electronic forms from IRS just like we used to could get free paper tax forms to fill out at the Post Offices.

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

Dwight Watt does computer work for businesses, individuals and organizations and teaches about computers at a technical college in northwest Georgia. His webpage is www.dwrightwatt.com.

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THREE OF 20 SHELTER INTAKES SENT TO RESCUE

Betty Gambrell Animal Shelter sends 20 to rescue

On Tuesday, March 9, the Betty Gambrell Animal Shelter sent off 20 shelter pups to rescue to ensure they are one step closer to finding their fur-ever homes! The following day, the rescue group transporting the 20 furbabies from Emanuel County and an additional 15 love-pups from other locations arrived in Buffalo, New York to be one stop closer in finding families of their very own!

The Betty Gambrell Animal Shelter serves as a safe haven for abandoned, neglected, or uncared for canines. Visitors are always welcome and shelter pups are always ready to meet your acquaintance when visiting the shelter. The shelter is always accepting donations as well. To inquire more information on adopting a shelter pup, volunteering, or donating to the animal shelter, contact the Betty Gambrell Animal Shelter at 478-237-4040.

DEA students win Farm Bureau's essay contest

Emanuel County Farm Bureau is proud to announce the 2021 Middle School Essay Contest Winners. Each year the Women's Committee sponsors this contest to help students understand the importance of agriculture in our everyday life. Each year they must write on a certain topic and the topic this year was "How GFB Farm Markets and Agritourism in General Benefit Farms and Consumers."

First place winner was Bryan Beasley, 2nd place was Aubrey Williams and 3rd place was Juddson Wilkes. All are 7th grade

students at David Emanuel Academy. The top three received a cash prize and all participants received a certificate. Dana Nasworthy, ECFB Women's committee and Laura Moore, DEA teacher, presented the students their awards.



NASWORTHY, WILKES, BEASLEY, WILLIAMS, AND MOORE

Have you completed the survey?

The Georgia School Boards Association is assisting the Emanuel County School Board by conducting the preliminary steps in choosing a new superintendent for our school system. GSBA will receive the applications and present all of them to the Emanuel County School Board sometime

after the application deadline of April 4, 2021. Meanwhile, the Emanuel County School Board wants to hear from you - parents, guardians, employees and any other members of the community - on what characteristics you believe the new superintendent should possess. Please take a few minutes of your

time to complete this short survey. A summary of the survey results will be given to the Emanuel County School Board for their use as the applications are reviewed and select candidates are interviewed. The survey link can be found on the district's website www.emmanuel.k12.ga.us.

Republican Party to Hold Caucus & County Convention

On Saturday, April 17, 2021 at 9:00 a.m., the Emanuel County Republican Party will convene Precinct Caucuses to elect Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the Emanuel County Republican Party Convention. The County Convention will convene at 10:00 a.m. on April 17, 2021, at the same location for the purpose of electing county party officers and Delegates and Alternates to the Congressional District Convention and the State Convention. Additionally, the Convention will conduct all other business as necessary.

Both the Precinct Caucuses and County Convention will be held at the Emanuel County Court House in Swainsboro, Georgia. The County Convention will convene at 10: a.m.

All Emanuel County residents who are legally registered to vote and believe in the principles of the Republican Party are urged to participate in this process.

The 12th Congressional District Convention will convene on Saturday, May 15, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. in Vidalia, Georgia. The District Convention will be electing officers for the district and State Committee members for the next biennial.

The Georgia Republican Party State Convention will convene at 2:00p.m. on Friday, June 4, 2021, in a location to be determined and will elect State party officers for the next biennial, in addition to conducting all other business as necessary.

Delegates and Alternates will be required to pay a fee, which is to cover the cost of the Convention.

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News From Under the Gold Dome: House Bill 479 passes unanimously



REPRESENTATIVE PARRISH

by **REPRESENTATIVE BUTCH PARRISH,** STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 158

Monday, March 8, 2021 marked Legislative Day 28, or "Crossover Day," and the beginning of the ninth week of the 2021 legislative session. Crossover Day is a crucial deadline for the House and Senate as this is the last day for bills to pass out of the legislative chamber from which they originated to remain eligible to be signed into law this year. As a result, Crossover Day was one of the longest days of this session.

House members from across the aisle came together last week to unanimously pass House Bill 479, which would repeal Georgia's antiquated citizen's arrest law. Under HB 479:

- Law enforcement officers would only be able to make an arrest for an offense outside of their jurisdiction if the offense is committed in an officer's presence or within his or her immediate knowledge, when the officer is in immediate pursuit of an offender for an offense first committed within the officer's jurisdiction or while assisting another officer in his or her jurisdiction

- Would authorize retail store and food service establishment owners and employees to detain someone if they reasonably believe that the individual committed or attempted to commit shoplifting, theft or fraud

- Would prohibit any use of force that is intended or likely to cause great bodily harm or death

- State motor weight inspectors and licensed private detectives, or security businesses may detain individuals when conducting their official business. However, the legislation clarifies that if these private citizens detain an individual, they must release the individual or contact law enforcement within a reasonable time

House Bill 255, or the "Sexual Assault Reform Act of 2021," also passed unanimously on Crossover Day to improve the state's handling of sexual assault cases.

- Implement a statewide sexual assault kit tracking system to

specifically for dating violence which is not currently covered by a TPO for family violence.

It would ensure that victims in abusive dating relationships have access to immediate relief and would allow judges to order the abuser to seek counseling or participate in educational programs.

We also passed House Bill 236 to increase police monitoring after a TPO for family violence is issued.

The House also passed House Bill 290, the "Patient and Resident Representation and Visitation Act," in an effort to protect visitation rights for authorized legal representatives of patients or residents in hospitals and long-term care facilities, which has been an issue for families throughout the pandemic. Hospitals and long-term care facilities would be prohibited from implementing policies that deny in-person physical contact with a designated legal representative for at least one hour per day during any hospitalization, treatment or residence that lasts longer than 12 hours.

We passed another bipartisan measure last week that would address sexual abuse crimes against children in the state.

House Bill 109, the "Child Victim Protection Act of 2021," would extend the amount of time that survivors of childhood sexual abuse can file civil action from two years to four years if the abuse occurred after July 1, 2015 and has proven to have caused physical or psychological harm.

Victims between 23 and 38 years old would also be able to bring a civil action for recovery of damages because of childhood sexual abuse that occurred under an entity's supervision, such as a non-profit or religious organization.

These civil actions could be brought against an entity if the entity was aware or should have been aware that such abuse occurred under its watch and failed to take remedial action against the alleged abuser.

This legislation would send a strong message that childhood sexual abuse will not be tolerated in Georgia, hold organizations accountable for protecting children under their care, and support victims of childhood sexual abuse.

We also passed two measures last week that would extend protections to survivors of domestic violence in Georgia.

- House Bill 231 would create a new temporary protective order (TPO)

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Legals

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 (912) 538-0900

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF MARGIE D. THIGPEN, ESTATE NO. 21E0026 DECEASED
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE
 TO: TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern:
GLEND A. AVERY has petitioned for to be appointed administrator of the estate of **MARGIE D. THIGPEN** 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 29, 2021.
BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
DON E. WILKES
 Judge of the Probate Court
 By: **Jeanie Hooks**
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF SKYLEE DIANE MELLER, ESTATE NO. 21E0029 MINOR NOTICE
 Date of second publication, if any March 17, 2021
TO: RICHARD MELLER JR.
 You are hereby notified that **CHRISTA SKIPPER BRASWELL** has filed a Petition seeking to be appointed temporary guardian of the above-named Minor. All objections to the Petition to the appointment of a temporary guardian or the appointment of the Petitioner as temporary guardian, must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and be filed with this Court no later than fourteen (14) days after this notice is mailed, or ten (10) days after this notice is personally served upon you, or ten (10) days after the second publication of this notice if you are served by publication. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or Georgia probate court clerk and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact Probate Court personnel for the required amount of filing fees.
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DON E. WILKES
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
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March 17, 2021
TO: RICHARD MELLER JR.
 You are hereby notified that **CHRISTA SKIPPER BRASWELL** has filed a Petition seeking to be appointed temporary guardian of the above-named Minor. All objections to the Petition to the appointment of a temporary guardian or the appointment of the Petitioner as temporary guardian, must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and be filed with this Court no later than fourteen (14) days after this notice is mailed, or ten (10) days after this notice is personally served upon you, or ten (10) days after the second publication of this notice if you are served by publication. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or Georgia probate court clerk and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact Probate Court personnel for the required amount of filing fees.
NOTE: If a natural guardian files a timely objection to the creation of the temporary guardianship, the Petition will be dismissed. If a natural guardian files an objection to the appointment of the Petitioner as guardian, or if a parent who is not a natural guardian files an objection to the Petition, a hearing on the matter shall be scheduled at a later date. If no objection is filed, the Petition may be granted without a hearing.
DON E. WILKES
 Judge of the Probate Court
 By: **Jeanie Hooks**
 Clerk of the Probate Court
 P.O. Box 70 / 125 S. Main Street Swainsboro, Ga. 30401
 Address
 478-237-7091
 Telephone Number

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF RAYNE CHEYANNE MELLER, ESTATE NO. 21E0027 MINOR NOTICE
 Date of second publication, if any March 17, 2021
TO: RICHARD MELLER JR.
 You are hereby notified that **CHRISTA SKIPPER BRASWELL** has filed a Petition seeking to be appointed temporary guardian of the above-named Minor. All objections to the Petition to the appointment of a temporary guardian or the appointment of the Petitioner as temporary guardian, must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and be filed with this Court no later than fourteen (14) days after this notice is mailed, or ten (10) days after this notice is personally served upon you, or ten (10) days after the second publication of this notice if you are served by publication. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or Georgia probate court clerk and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact Probate Court personnel for the required amount of filing fees.
NOTE: If a natural guardian files a timely objection to the creation of the temporary guardianship, the Petition will be dismissed. If a natural guardian files an objection to the appointment of the Petitioner as guardian, or if a parent who is not a natural guardian files an objection to the Petition, a hearing on the matter shall be scheduled at a later date. If no objection is filed, the Petition may be granted without a hearing.
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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER, EMANUEL COUNTY
 Pursuant to the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Shirley Young and Joseph Young to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Fidelity Mortgage, a Division of Delta Funding Corporation, its successors and assigns dated 10/18/2006** and recorded in Deed Book 278 Page 147 Emanuel County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by **HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as Indenture Trustee for the registered Noteholders of Renaissance Home Equity Loan Trust 2006-4**, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of **\$40,000.00**, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of **Emanuel County, Georgia** (or such other area as designated by Order of the Superior Court of said county), within the legal hours of sale on **April 6, 2021** (being the first Tuesday of said month unless said date falls on a Federal Holiday, in which case being the first Wednesday of said month), the following described property:
The following described property, to wit: All those lots or parcels of land, situate, lying and being in the 53rd G.M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia, and in the City of Swainsboro, known and designated as Lots Nos. 46 and 47 on that certain plat dated August 29, 1969, prepared by Walter K. Maupin, Surveyor, and recorded in Plat Book 5, Page 253, of the records of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Emanuel County, Georgia. Said plat is by express reference hereby incorporated herein for a more full and complete and accurate description of said property, said lots together being bounded as follows: On the North by Oak Street; on the East by Hill Avenue; on the South by Dawson Street and on the West by land of Rayfield Moore and land of Joseph Young. For informational purposes only: the APN is shown by the county assessor as S41-101; source of title

is book GR, page 172 (recorded 07/19/76)
 The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). Said property is commonly known as **519 Oak St., Swainsboro, GA 30401** together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): **Estate/Heirs of Shirley Young and Estate/Heirs of Joseph Young** or tenant or tenants. **PHH Mortgage Corporation** is the entity or individual designated who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage.
PHH Mortgage Corporation One Mortgage Way Mount Laurel, NJ 08054 (800) 750-2518
Note, however, that such entity or individual is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan.
 Said property will be sold subject to: (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), (b) unpaid water or sewage bills that constitute a lien against the property whether due and payable or not yet due and payable and which may not be of record, (c) the right of redemption of any taxing authority, (d) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (e) any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.
 The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and non-judicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided immediately above.
HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as Indenture Trustee for the registered Noteholders of Renaissance Home Equity Loan Trust 2006-4 as agent and Attorney in Fact for **Shirley Young and Joseph Young**
 Aldridge Pite, LLP, 15 Piedmont Center, 3575 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 500, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7637, 1017-4904A
THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 1017-4904A

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF DAVID HARRISON SMITH, ESTATE NO. 21E0025 DECEASED
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE
[Note: Strike the sentence in parenthesis below if not applicable.]
TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern:
BETTY H. SMITH has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of **DAVID HARRISON SMITH** 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. APRIL 5, 2021.
BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
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Swainsboro, GA 30401
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY
 All creditors of the estate of Jeanine Carter Reddish, 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 4th day of March, 2021. Richard Michael Reddish, Sr. and Cecilia Reddish Thompson, Co-Executors of the Estate of Jeanine Carter Reddish, decedent
 Jerry N. Cadle, P.C. P.O. Box 68 Swainsboro, GA 30401

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF BRENDA R. CREWS, ESTATE NO. 21E0031 DECEASED
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE
[Note: Strike the sentence in parenthesis below if not applicable.]
TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern:
JAMES E. CREWS has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of **BRENDA R. CREWS** 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. APRIL 5, 2021.
BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
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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 Kim Reese t/n/a Kim Swindle (the "Grantor") to and in favor of Spivey State Bank (the "Grantee" or "Lender") dated October 4, 2013, filed for record October 7, 2013 and recorded in Deed Book 392, Page 97, Emanuel County, Georgia records (the "Security Deed"); securing that certain Promissory Note from Kim L. Reese to and in favor of Spivey State Bank dated August 7, 2014 in the original principal sum of THIRTY TWO THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED NINETY SEVEN AND 16/100 DOLLARS (\$32,197.16) (the "Note"); there will be sold at public outcry by Lender as attorney-in-fact of Grantor to the highest bidder for cash between the legal hours for sale before the Courthouse door in Emanuel County, Georgia, on the first Tuesday in April, 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 City of Swainsboro, 53rd G.M. District of Emanuel County, Georgia, designated as Lot 4 and the Eastern 15 feet of Lot 3 of Mrs. James B. Mason Subdivision, fronting a combined distance of 80 feet on the Northern side of Curtis Street as shown on a plat of survey dated January 19, 1956, made by J.D. McLeod, Surveyor, which is recorded in the Office of Clerk, Emanuel Superior Court in Deed Book DR, Page 525 to which reference is made as a part of this description. Said property is bounded now or formerly as follows: North by the lands of Benjamin Norbert and lands of Jane B. Barnes; East by lands of Eugene C. Cuyler; South by Curtis Street; and West by lands of Gay Nell Price Estate.
 Said property is the same as that conveyed by a Warranty Deed dated October 4, 2013 from Laura Anne Kirby to Kim Reese t/n/a Kim Swindle, which is recorded in the Office of Clerk, Emanuel Superior Court in Deed Book 392, Pages 95-96.
 Said property is the same as that conveyed by Administrators Deed dated February 26, 1999 from John Kirby as Administrator of the Estate of Gaynell Price, John Kirby, Kim Swindle, Larry Dean Price and Deborah Gentry, all individually and as their interest may appear to Kim Swindle and Laura Anne Kirby, which is recorded in the Office of Clerk, Emanuel Superior Court in Deed Book 124, Pages 457-458. Tax Parcel ID No. 541 072.
 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 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 Kim Reese
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

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN THE INTEREST OF: I. M. SEX: F DOB: 09/20/2016 CASE # 21JV12 C. M. SEX: M DOB: 11/23/2014 C. M. SEX: M DOB: 11/24/2015 C. M. SEX: M DOB: 03/02/2019 Children Under 18 Years of Age. NOTICE OF SUMMONS
TO: TAQUANNA KEIRA MOORE, CORY MICHAEL MOORE, SR., and any unknown, biological father of the above named children born to Taquanna Moore at WS Atlanta Medical Center, Grady Health System or Orange Park Medical enter.
 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 9, 2021, you are hereby notified that you may obtain a copy of the petition from the Clerk of the Juvenile Court of Emanuel County, Georgia and may file with the Clerk of said Court and serve upon Marnique Oliver, Petitioner's Attorney, whose mailing address is P.O. Box 308, 115 S. Racetrack Street, Swainsboro, Georgia, 30401, an answer to the petition at any time prior to the Final Hearing.
 You are hereby commanded and required to appear before this court on the **6th day of May, 2021 at the EMANUEL County Courthouse in Swainsboro, Georgia at 10:00 a.m. for a FINAL HEARING** and show cause, if any you have, why the relief requested in the petition should not be granted. You are hereby commanded and required to appear before this Court at said final hearing or the findings of the Court will be made the permanent order of this Court in the above case. You must attend the final hearing in order to preserve your rights. At the final hearing you will be given an opportunity to show cause, if any you have, why the relief requested in the petition should not be granted. Prior to the Final Hearing a Provisional Hearing on the petition will be held before the Court on **April 22, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. in the Juvenile Courtroom at the EMANUEL County Courthouse, Swainsboro, Georgia.**
 The parties notified hereby are entitled to legal counsel in the proceedings, and the Court will appoint legal counsel if any party should be unable, without undue hardship, to employ counsel.
 You are further notified that you will lose all rights to the children and will not be entitled to object to the termination of your rights to the children unless, within thirty days of receipt of this notice, you file:
 (a) A petition to legitimate the children pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 19-7-22; and
 (b) Notice of the filing of the petition to legitimate with the Emanuel County Juvenile Court.
 The Findings of Fact and Order of Disposition made at the Provisional Hearing will become final at the Final Hearing unless the party served by publication appears at the Final Hearing. If the party served by publication fails to appear at the Final Hearing on the petition, the Findings of Fact and Interlocutory Orders made will become final without further evidence and will be governed by the Juvenile Court Code as if made at the Final Hearing. If the party served by publication appears at the Final Hearing, the Interlocutory findings and Orders shall be vacated and disregarded, and the hearing shall proceed upon the allegations of the motion.
 The parties notified hereby are entitled to legal counsel in the proceedings,

and the Court will appoint legal counsel if any party should be unable, without undue hardship, to employ counsel.
 A copy of this petition may be obtained at no charge from the Office of the Clerk of Court between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.
 WITNESS, the Honorable Sherri McDonald, Judge of said Juvenile Court.
 This _____ day of _____, 2021.
 _____ Clerk,
 Emanuel County Juvenile Court
READ CAREFULLY
 This Summons requires you to be present at a formal hearing in the Juvenile Court.
 The child or children and other parties involved may be represented by a lawyer at all stages of these proceedings.
 If you want a lawyer, you may choose and hire your own lawyer. If you want to hire a lawyer, please contact your lawyer immediately.
 If you want a lawyer but are not able to hire a lawyer without undue financial hardship, you may ask for a lawyer to be appointed to represent you. The Court would inquire into your financial circumstances and if the Court finds you to be financially unable to hire a lawyer, then a lawyer will be appointed to represent you.
 If you want a lawyer appointed to represent you, you must let the Court or the officer of this Court handling this case know that you want a lawyer immediately.

COUNTY OF EMANUEL STATE OF GEORGIA
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
 ESTATE OF:
MARY HELEN ROBINSON
 ESTATE NO. 20E0124
 All creditors of the Estate of **MARY HELEN ROBINSON** are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned in accordance to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
 This 9th day of March, 2021.
 Stephanie Nicole Foreman
 1806 Sportsman Lake Road Fort Mill, SC 29715
 Marc M. Bruce
 Edenfield, Cox & Bruce
 115 Savannah Avenue Statesboro, Georgia 30458

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF LINDA MARLENE SCONYERS, ESTATE NO. 21E0036 DECEASED
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE
TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern:
LISA LAURETTE HOOD has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of **LINDA MARLENE SCONYERS** 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. APRIL 12, 2021.
BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY
 All creditors of the estate of Sydney Kate Smith, 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 11th day of March, 2021.
 Thomas B. Garrett, Administrator of the Estate of Sydney Kate Smith, decedent
 Jerry N. Cadle, P.C. P.O. Box 68 Swainsboro, GA 30401



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Just write your favorite places for food, bargains, automotive needs, as well as other favorites on the form below. Mail it to The Readers' Choice Awards, c/o The Forest-Blade, P.O. Box 938, Swainsboro, GA 30401, or bring it by our office. One lucky person will win \$100 in a drawing from contest entries. Absolute entry deadline is Friday, April 23, 2021 at 5 :00 PM.

At least 25 of the categories must be filled out.

Simply write in your favorite choice in each category!

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| Best All-Around Fast Food _____ | Best Chiropractor _____ | Best Paint & Body Shop _____ |
| Best Pizza _____ | Best All-Around Business _____ | Best Deputy _____ |
| Best Salad Bar _____ | Best All-Around Industry _____ | Best Mortgage Company _____ |
| Best Burger _____ | Best Funeral Home _____ | Best Bridal Registry _____ |
| Best Breakfast _____ | Best Optometrist _____ | Best Cash Advance Store _____ |
| Best Lunch _____ | Best Dental Service _____ | Best Drive Thru Window (Food) _____ |
| Best Dinner _____ | Best Physician _____ | Best Drive Thru Window (Service) _____ |
| Best Buffet _____ | Best Nurse (Employed Where?) _____ | Best Drive Thru Window (Bank) _____ |
| Best Desserts _____ | Best Pest Control _____ | Best Tanning Salon _____ |
| Best Vegetables _____ | Best Veterinarian _____ | Best Mattress Store _____ |
| Best Sandwiches _____ | Best Daycare Facility _____ | Best EMT _____ |
| Best Seafood _____ | Best Automotive Dealership _____ | Best Wrecker Service _____ |
| Best Fried Chicken _____ | Best Automotive Salesperson _____ | Best Lodging _____ |
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| Best Place to Buy Meats _____ | Best Landscape Company _____ | Best Monument Service _____ |
| Best Place to Buy Produce _____ | Best Furniture Store _____ | Best Medical Assistant _____ |
| Best Grocery Store _____ | Best Appliance Store _____ | Best Diesel Repair Shop _____ |
| Best Florist _____ | Best Convenience Store _____ | Best Rental Store _____ |
| Best Gift Shop _____ | Best Retirement Center _____ | Best Nursing Home _____ |
| Best Liquor Store _____ | Best Manufactured Housing _____ | Best Feed & Seed Store _____ |
| Best Carpet/Flooring _____ | Best Photographer _____ | Best Fitness Center _____ |
| Best Hardware Store _____ | Best Hair Salon _____ | Best Mini Storage _____ |
| Best Sporting Goods Store _____ | Best Hair Stylist _____ | Best Land Clearing _____ |
| Best Contractor/Builder/Remodeler _____ | Best CNA (Employed Where?) _____ | Best Used Car Lot _____ |
| Best Heating & Air Service _____ | Best Roofing Company _____ | Best Taxi Service _____ |
| Best Plumber _____ | Best Dry Cleaner _____ | Best Tax Preparer _____ |
| Best Antique Shop _____ | Best Carpet Cleaner _____ | Best Finance Co. Loan Officer _____ |
| Best CPA Firm _____ | Best Men's Clothing Store _____ | Best Housekeeper _____ |
| Best Gas Station _____ | Best Women's Clothing Store _____ | Best Credit Counseling _____ |
| Best Small Engine Repair _____ | Best Children's Clothing Store _____ | Best Nail Salon _____ |
| Best All Around Bank _____ | Best Shoe Store _____ | Best Accredited DME Provider _____ |
| Best Bank Loan Processor _____ | Best Jewelry Store _____ | Best Speech/Hearing Specialist _____ |
| Best Bank Teller _____ | Best Pharmacy _____ | Best Auction Company _____ |
| Best Bank Customer Service Rep _____ | Best Policeman _____ | Best Pool Service _____ |
| Best Loan Officer _____ | Best Fireman _____ | Best Town/City to live in Emanuel County _____ |
| Best Finance Company _____ | Best Propane Gas Provider _____ | Best Dog Groomer _____ |
| Best Place To Buy Tires _____ | Best Auto Parts Store _____ | Best Computer Repair Service _____ |
| Best Oil Change _____ | Best Car Wash _____ | Best Principal _____ |
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| | Best ATV Store _____ | |
| | Best Attorney _____ | |
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Rules: Entries must be submitted on official newspaper entry ballot. Photocopies will not be accepted. Entries must be received by Friday, April 23, 2021 at 5:00 PM. Mail to: Reader's Choice Awards, c/o The Forest-Blade, P.O. Box 938., Swainsboro, GA 30401, or bring it by our office! Announcement of the winners will appear in the Reader's Choice edition in May of 2021. Decision of the judges is final. The Forest-Blade will not be responsible for entries lost or delayed in the mail for any reason. All entries become property of The Forest-Blade. Employees of the Forest-Blade are not eligible.

Mayor Schwabe discusses...

(From front page)
 people, Eastman with 4,998 people, Metter with 3,960 people, or comparing it to Dublin with 15,828 people or Vidalia with 10,845 people. To compare Swainsboro to these particular cities is not actually relevant. Nevertheless, it is true that in the smaller cities with fewer people, it takes less money to provide water, waste water, roads, police, fire, and public work operations, and conversely the larger cities will have a richer tax base from which to draw from in supporting its budget. In addition, many cities small and large have extra revenue streams from the sale of electricity, natural gas, cable TV, Internet service, and telephone, which is a major help in supporting their budgets and keeping millage rates low. Unfortunately, Swainsboro's only supplemental income is from the sale of water and waste water services. We should also be fair and honest in examining and comparing the

tax base in Swainsboro. The median household income in Swainsboro is \$26,604, one of the lowest of any city in the surrounding area. The median home appraised value is \$69,300, again one of the lowest of any city in the surrounding area. In housing, more people in Swainsboro rent than own homes. These facts mean that the overall economic strength of the community in terms of the tax base is not strong. Consequently, there is less money in circulation, fewer stores to provide jobs and services, and less taxable income and tax on sales. All of this puts more of a budget burden on property tax, which results in an increase in millage. The productive approach to this problem is to grow our tax base with more business activity, more new housing, more commercial revenue, and increased population so that the tax rates are fair and more evenly spread among property owners.

In this discussion, I would also suggest that

millage rates should not be thought of as the only way to evaluate a city's tax structure and liability. In real-world terms, the only true picture of the difference in property tax between towns would be the side-by-side comparison of actual tax bills on similar properties. When this was recently done, the results showed that city taxes on a \$100,000 house were either close to the same or even less in Swainsboro than nearby towns. To compare the total impact and effect of property tax between cities using nothing but the millage rate, is sort of like driving down the road with blinders on at night. You will see a very narrow glimpse of where you are headed, but you will miss the larger picture. Cities prepare financial statements using different criteria for organizing information and numbers. Without examining these budgets line-by-line, you are comparing apples to oranges when you post bits and pieces of information from

internet sources comparing municipal budgets. Many of the services provided by the City of Swainsboro are included in the financial report, but are not shown on any form. That is clearly illustrated by the fact that this city does not charge for impact fees, does not impose the full charge standard formula for building permits, or does not impose added fees required by many state mandated regulations. Most surrounding cities charge citizens for the pick-up of discarded household goods and even yard rubbish and even yard rubbish and even yard rubbish. This city does not charge for that, no does it charge for semi-annual disposal of automobile and truck tires. This city does not charge for assistance in working with the Development Authority to bring manufacturing jobs here as we did with Nordson, America Knits, HotSet, Wincore, and Faircloth Forest Products. There is much more that could be told, but the point is this: you don't always

see the level of service of an organization or a city government written on a ledger sheet. I will agree with those who feel our city budget seems high. When I became Mayor, the millage rate was already at its current level. It has gone down slightly since then, but never increase. In late summer of every year, city government meets and works on ideas and proposals for bringing expenditures down, and even eliminating some programs. We have done that many, many times. But we also think about new possibilities and opportunities that will make this a better place. It is a balancing act to hold the line on spending while still providing citizens with the services and the city they want. During the last decade and a half, this city has provided new facilities for Police and Fire Departments, rebuilt our water/waste water treatment plant, opened the East Georgia Regional Airport, closed on old city landfill and successfully permitted

a new one, paved more than 85 city streets, and brought new recreational, seasonal, and cultural activities to the community. All of that was done without using tax money from the property owners in Swainsboro. That is a collective effort of the people who are elected by this town's voters. There is often disagreement, and sometimes progress is hard to bring about, but that is the system we honor in this country. We are always interested in any suggestions or well-thought-out ideas for improvements in the government of this city that you may have. You are encouraged to bring them to us.

I will close by reminding you readers that every city is unique. Every city has special challenges, goals, and gifts. But the one thing that every city has to have to grow and prosper is the strength and spirit of its people. That is the secret to success, and that is beyond the measure of dollars and cents.

Board members hear...

(From front page)

resulting in more than 40 indictments. Fitzner then addressed future focuses for the office, such as gangs, an early intervention program through a faith-based element, and the launching of free classes on community interest. Concluding his announcement, Fitzner expressed his appreciation to the commissioners for what they do for the county. Chairman Sherrod thanked Fitzner for the update and expressed his appreciation and excitement for the district attorney.

Commissioners then proceeded to the night's agenda and entertained motion to approve minutes from the February 15, 2021 meeting and the March 11, 2021 workshop meeting. Commissioner Davis motioned for approval of the minutes as presented and Commissioner James Canady seconded. The vote passed unanimously.

In reference to new business:

- Commissioners approved a 10-year lease agreement with Debra Sharpe of Farm Circle Road for \$500 per year.

- Board members approved to enter automatic aid agreements with the city of Swainsboro. County Administrator L. Guy Singletary announced this is an annual procedure done each year between the city and county.

- Administrator Singletary addressed the board with a request to enter contract with Lovin Contracting Company. He advised that the Covid-19 pandemic locked down work details and that only one of the two details had resumed the jobs at this time. Jefferson County and Twin City work details were used for this job. Administrator Singletary further stated that Jefferson County covers mostly trash site pickups, and the Twin City detail works roadside, and that the Twin City detail has not resumed jobs at this time. He then suggested, in effort to keep the roadways clean in Emanuel County, to enter a contract in the amount of \$61,048.75. This contract would include 300 miles of paved roadside trash pickup detail for a year. Commissioner Davis motioned for approval to enter contract, and Commissioner Canady seconded. All remaining members voted unanimously in favor.

Administrator Singletary and Chairman Sherrod addressed concerns with having to allocate such funds to pick up trash and urged the public to not litter. Chairman Sherrod announced that the board has not had to step in



DISTRICT ATTORNEY SPEAKS TO BOARD MEMBERS

to make changes to the ordinance but stated that actions would be taken if the littering issue isn't resolved. He further commended Administrator Singletary for contracting work that was within the same approximate budget amount that the county pays for regular detail to be performed by the Twin City location. Administrator Singletary anticipates a difference to be noticed within the next six months.

Chairman Sherrod then entertained a motion to enter into executive session. Commissioners Canady cast first motion to enter into executive session and Commissioner Foskey seconded.

Board of Education...

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 steadily working with East Georgia Healthcare and the Health Department on getting these vaccinations. Our community is very blessed to have the health care facilities that we have. The mass vaccination of staff will begin this Friday, March 12, with around 163 employees signed up," Dr. Judy stated.

The Health Department will be giving vaccinations at the new Twin City gymnasium and East Georgia Healthcare will be administering vaccinations at the Swainsboro Middle School cafeteria. Second shots will be given on Friday, April 16.

- This year's Spring

Break will be April 5-9.
 • A budget meeting will be held for the board on Tuesday, March 23, at 5:30 p.m. at the central office.

Following discussion of consent agenda and hearing comments from Superintendent Dr. Judy, the board approved the consent agenda as presented.

Board members then entered into executive session. During this session, the following decisions were made:

- The board approved the employment of certified employee Precious Swinney, teacher.

- Board members approved the employment of classified employees Deanna

Clark and Janie Trull, substitute SFS; Carla Lamb, bus driver; and Misty McKenzie, substitute teacher.

- The board approved the resignation of certified employees Michelle Beauprez and Amanda Reynolds, teachers.

- Board members approved the resignation of classified employees Angel Oliver and Ela Machado, paraprofessionals; and Geraldine Rountree, custodian.

- The board approved the retirement of classified employees Karan Jan Brantley and Linda Childs, paraprofessionals; and Bonnie Bullock, clerical.



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