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ONE DOLLAR

Harden selected as 'Player of The Year'

by **RON WEATHERFORD**

ECI basketball senior player Precis Harden has been selected as the GHSAA class A player of year and first team all-state.

This marks the first time in ECI girls basketball history that a player has won the player of the year honors.

Precis missed the first 6 games of the year this season and still managed to score 445 points drawing a crowd each time she reached the paint. She also led class A in scoring average at 29.7 points per game. The complete player, Harden led the team at the free throw line averaging 80%, along with 65 assists and 175 rebounds.

Harden closed out her career with a bang leading the Bulldogs to the Elite 8 of the state playoffs. The scoring machine led the team in scoring during the playoffs netting 40 against Charlton,

33 against Pelham and 42 against Greenville for a total of 115 points in three games.

The 5'11" forward accounted for 1,731 points during her Sophomore, Junior and Senior career. Harden surpassed the 1000 points mark in just

two years scoring 547 points her Sophomore year and 729 while a Junior.

Precis will be trading in her Bulldog uniform and will be playing for the Kennesaw State Owls next fall.



HARDEN HEADED TO THE GOAL



HARDEN GETTING READY TO SCORE



PH Tech Corporation coming to Swainsboro

Ken Warnock, CEO of the Emanuel County Development Authority announced, Monday that PH Tech Corporation, a leading manufacturer of premium vinyl windows and fiberglass entry door extrusions, is coming to Swainsboro which will create 30 new jobs here in Emanuel County.

Headquartered in Levis, Quebec, Canada, P.H. Tech specializes in



designing and manufacturing high-performance PVC windows and patio

door extrusions servicing customers throughout North America. Utilizing their own design, they assemble their own patio doors in both Leetsdale, PA and Levis, Quebec, respectively. Rooted in family values, it all began in the 60's. At the time, professional homebuilders Raymond and Dominique Dallaire struggled to find quality windows (Continued on page 2A)

Emanuel County Health Department offering Moderna vaccine

The Emanuel County Health Dept. has Moderna Vaccine for ages 18 years and older for those meeting the following criteria.

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Visit <https://gta-vas.powerappsportals.us/> to register for the vaccine. If you need assistance with registering, contact Emanuel County Health Department 478-237-7501.

Pursuit leads to arrest with multiple charges

After a short pursuit on March 16, 2021, Deputies Wilson Rodrigues and Cara Woods arrested Tyrease Devon Lanier of Swainsboro. Officers were looking for Lanier's vehicle as a result of an earlier pursuit. Deputy Rodrigues discovered 34 individual

bags of powder cocaine and 20 individual bags of marijuana. He also found a large bag of marijuana weighing 36 grams.

Lanier was charged with fleeing / attempting to elude a police officer,

driving with a suspended license, possession of drug related objects, possession of cocaine with intent to distribute and possession of marijuana with intent to distribute.



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PH Tech Corporation...

(From front page) to install in their homes. Entrepreneurs at heart, they decided to take matters into their own hands by designing, developing, and manufacturing their own systems which ultimately has led into what is known as P.H. Tech today.

Michael Andrade, Senior Advisor with PH Tech stated, "Last year, with continued success and growth in the U.S., P.H. Tech determined it was time to move further South to make our assembled patio door more accessible to our existing customer base, along with targeting new geographical regions - which brought us to Swainsboro."

"PH Tech Corporation is a natural fit for Emanuel County and our capable workforce. With one of the company's major customers located adjacent to their new production facility, (Wincore Window and Doors) the location was a natural fit for the two companies'

customer base," said Ken Warnock, CEO of the Swainsboro-Emanuel County Chamber of Commerce and Development Authority. "PH Tech is repurposing an existing 65,000 square foot facility for their new production operations which will include physical upgrades as well as their new production lines, making a total investment of \$3.5 million in our community."

"As our economy continues to rebound, one of our key priorities has been building upon the state's strong international relationships, and Canada has long been a strategic partner for trade, investment, and tourism. P.H. Tech coming to Emanuel County is yet another example of how the state's focus on attracting foreign direct investment impacts communities across the state," said Georgia Department of Economic Development Commissioner Pat Wilson. "It's a pleasure to welcome P.H.

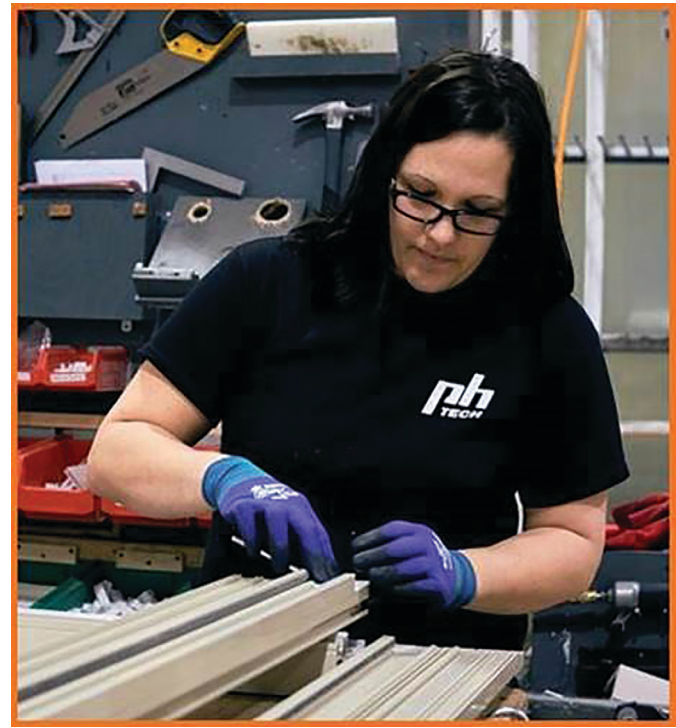
Tech to Swainsboro, and I thank them for the jobs and new opportunities they will create for Georgians."

Will Donaldson, Chairman of the Emanuel County Development Authority emphasized, "We are excited of PH Tech's decision to open their new US production facility in Swainsboro. The high-quality products PH Tech will produce will require a skilled and professional workforce that Emanuel County has and is eager to supply. This proves what hard work and a collaborative effort can do for our community when we all work together."

Emanuel County Commission Chairman Jim Sherrod added, "On behalf of the Emanuel County Commissioners, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to PH Tech on choosing Swainsboro and Emanuel County for their new US production facility and wish them contin-

ued success. The County Commission congratulates the Emanuel County Development Authority and the Georgia Department of Economic Development for their efforts in locating this great company's new operation to our community as well. We are excited about the new jobs and possibilities PH Tech brings to Emanuel County's future."

Swainsboro Mayor Charles Schwabe commented, I am especially enthusiastic about the quality of companies that continue to find Swainsboro and Emanuel County to be the place where their business can grow and partner with the community. PH Tech is a high quality, forward-leaning company and we are very excited to be a part of their future plans. Our thanks go to our Emanuel County Development Authority and the Georgia Department of Economic Development for once again bringing employment opportunities



PH TECH EMPLOYEE

and economic growth to our community."

"We are excited to be coming to Swainsboro and looking forward to being part of the community. In mid-April we will open our new 65,000 square foot plant in the heart of the city. With anticipated market growth, we see adding initially 15 new positions and ramp-

ing up to 30 new associates progressively over the next few years. Special thanks to the Emanuel County Development Authority and the Georgia Department of Economic Development for all their guidance and support as we navigated this process and set-up in Swainsboro," Andrade added.

Price speaks on Historic Twin City

by CASEY JONES

As a part of the ongoing weekly series in honor of Twin City celebrating its Centennial, *The Forest Blade* recently reached out to a longtime resident of the historic town, Nyla Price.

Price, who is 92 years old, and mother of two (Marsha and Drew Price) has lived in Twin City since she attended third grade in elementary school. Price is also a graduate of ECI but did not pursue any further education afterward.

"This is home to me and I love Twin City," says Price, who then goes on to say, "It's a lot different today than it was at one time."

Indeed, Twin City

wasn't always referred to as such, but instead, it used to be two separate towns. Those two towns were Graymont and Summit and in 1921, due to the Great Depression and in order to survive they would merge as one, becoming Twin City. Price says the primary elements within Twin City have mostly remained the same today, but there are some notable exemptions.

Price says of the missing elements, "When I first started living here, Twin City had around four or five grocery stores," but now there is only a singular grocery store in town. Price also says there was a shirt factory built-in 1949 that

was a long-time presence in the community. "It stayed open for a long time and it gave a lot of people jobs here," she says of the defunct business.

Price exclaims there also used to be a theatre in Twin City that was owned by Mr. Carr, as well as there once being two post offices. Price recalls that there were once "tent shows" residents would attend regularly. "That was the thing to do," she says, and in a town where special attractions are limited in their availability, this get-away was a significant opportunity for the community to come together. There were also five Churches that could be found within Twin City when Price was growing up, which included The Baptist Church, The First Baptist Church, The Primitive Baptist Church, The Methodist Church and The Church of God. Price regularly

attended The First Baptist Church growing up, but after getting married to her husband, she transitioned over to The Primitive Baptist Church, which she still attends today. While some elements come and go for Twin City, what has always remained the same is the spirit of the community and the passion each individual possesses for their beloved town.

Price says, "The thing about Twin City is that everybody knew everybody," and it's because Twin City is such a small town, that it's not hard to build a rapport with the residents. Of course, today people come and go, but the ideals of Twin City remain the same and those ideals are to treat each other with kindness and understanding, and above all supporting one another.

No one further exemplifies the spirit of Twin City and its ideals more

so than its mayor, Matt Donaldson. Price says of Donaldson, "He's a good mayor and I think he's really trying hard to represent Twin City and do what is best for the town. I think he is doing a truly wonderful job."

Mayor Donaldson's leadership and care for Twin City continues a long line of excellence that has been cultivated throughout the years, displayed by a variety of elected officials. Price recalls that former mayor Eileen Dudley possessed the very same attributes that Mayor Donaldson possesses today. She goes as far back to recall also that former Mayor Jimmy Greenway was no different in this regard either. Price says, "I can't say anything bad about any of them really. They were all really good Mayors and they tried really hard."

With this type of leadership at the head of Twin City and the con-



CENTENNIAL

tinued cultivation of the ideals ever present within Twin City, it's no wonder the town has made it 100 years and with no signs of slowing down, it's become ever apparent Twin City is here to stay! The *Forest Blade* would like to express its gratitude towards Mrs. Nyla Price for taking the time to attend this interview and give us her perspective of what it means to live in Twin City. We humbly thank you and wish you the very best of health going forward. Here's to another 100 years, Twin City!

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Chief Executive Officer, the late Julian Hester and his late daughter, Jan Hester. Jan was a senior at the University of Georgia when she died in an auto accident on April 15, 1990. In addition, the scholarship fund introduces and hopefully promotes a better understanding of the role played by the community banks in Georgia.

Scholarship applications may be obtained from any Durden Banking Co., Inc. office. For information, contact Joyce Cannady, scholarship coordinator, at (478)763-2121. Completed applications must be received by the bank by April 2, 2020.

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The truth about trash

by MAYOR CHARLES SCHWABE

It's all around us and getting worse all of time. And the simple truth about trash is, we just cannot afford it. Whether it is a result of the Covid shutdown, or our new shopping habits, or just a lack of caring and responsibility, trash is taking a terrible toll on our city. Trash decreases property value, it clogs our storm-water systems, it increases costs to our wastewater plant operation, it poses all sorts of environmental threats to our health, it wears out our street and sanitation equipment and worst of all it makes our city look like the people living here just don't care.

Just as we are about to see Swainsboro at its "Springtime Best", we are surrounded by litter, old tires, and discarded furniture. The good news is that we can fix this problem ourselves. Without money or special contractors or government regulations, we can all put forth a little elbow grease and make a difference. On Saturday, April 17, the City of Swainsboro will sponsor a clean-up day throughout the city limits. Clean up supplies will be provided along with trash dumpsters located at central spots. Tire collection and disposal spots will also be provided. The truth about trash is that we don't have to put up with it. We can have the cleanest city in the state if we care enough to make it happen. Please plan to participate in this effort and watch more details in the coming days.



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BOBCAT SPOT

What's going on at your hometown college!

Athletics Week in Review

Spring Break didn't slow our Bobcats down one bit, as they were busy at home and away on both the court and the field.

Softball started the week on Monday, March 15 at Brewton Parker against their JV team, losing game one 2-0 and winning game two 10-6. They then took on Andrew College at home, winning game one 4-2 and game two 2-1. Saturday saw the Georgia Highlands team in the Bobcat Den, where the Bobcats won game one 3-2 and game two 5-1, leaving the Lady Bobcats in first place in the conference with an undefeated conference record of 4 and 0.

Women's Basketball hit the court on Tuesday, March 16 to play South Georgia Tech on the Jets' home turf, losing 84-54, before welcoming them to the Bobcat Den on Friday, March 19. The Jets defeated the Bobcats 63-62, and then geared up to travel back to South Georgia Tech on Saturday. The Lady Bobcats were in action yesterday at Albany Tech, but scores were not available as of press time. They will be in action at home against Albany Tech on Thursday.

Men's Basketball was in action March 16 on the road against Georgia Highlands, losing 85-83. They will play again this Thursday at home against South Georgia Tech at 7:30 p.m.

On March 20, the Bobcat Baseball team traveled to ABAC and defeated the Stallions in 10-0 in game one and 6-4 in game two. With these victories, the Bobcats moved into 2nd place in the conference with a 3 and 1 conference record. They traveled to Gordon State yesterday to take on the Highlanders, but scores were not available as of press time.

Way to go, Bobcats! Keep up the good work and finish strong this season!



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- March 22 - May 31 - Summer and Fall Open Registration
- March 24 - Criminal Justice Club Meeting - 11:15 a.m.
- SPRINGO - 1 p.m.
- Swainsboro Middle School Tennis Match - 3:15 p.m.
- Women's History Month Banquet - 5:30 p.m.
- March 25 - Dodgeball in the JAM - 3 p.m.
- SMS Tennis Match - 3:15 p.m.
- Men's Home Basketball Game* - 7:30 p.m.
- March 26 - Staff Council Meeting - 2 p.m.
- March 27 - Baseball Home Game - Double-Header - 12 p.m.
- March 29 - Bobcat Regatta Competition Day - 1 p.m.
- Softball Home Game - Double-Header - 1 p.m.
- SMS Tennis Practice - 3:15 p.m.
- SHS Tennis Practice - 4 p.m.
- March 30 - Session II Last Day to Withdraw with No Academic Penalty - Augusta Only
- BCM Club Meeting - 10:45 p.m.
- Baseball Home Game - Double-Header - 12 p.m.
- Dodgeball in the MA - 3 p.m.
- SMS Tennis Match - 3:15 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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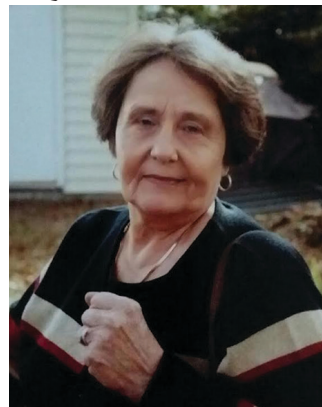
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Betty Anne Quick, 86

Betty Anne Quick, 86, entered into eternal rest on Tuesday, March 16, 2021, at her residence. Funeral services were held Saturday March 20, at 2 p.m. at Bark Camp Church with Reverend Daryl Cox and Reverend Terry Quick officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery. The family received friends one hour prior to the service.

Pallbearers were her grandsons.

Mrs. Quick was born November 22, 1934, to the late John Davis and Mildred Adams Burks. Betty was a wonderful, sweet, kind, and faithful pastor's wife for over 50 years and served beside him on the mission field in Brazil for two years. She was also a pianist and played for many churches over the years. Betty loved to do acts of service, such as cooking and feeding other people. After their retirement from the ministry, she co-owned Leonard Quick Builders in Augusta. Betty was a present member of Midville First Baptist Church. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by a brother, Harold Burks, and a sister, LouEllen Burks Stinson.



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Mrs. Quick is survived by her husband, Leonard Quick of Midville; three sons, Terry Quick of Milledgeville, Earl Quick (Patty) of San Antonio, TX, and Gerald Quick of Newnan; daughter, Glenda Quick Cox (Daryl) of Midville; brother, Charles Burks of Newnan; 12 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In honor of Betty's leadership and passion for Baptist Women's Missionary Work (WMU), please make any desired memorial contributions to the Midville First Baptist Church and designate them for the Annie Armstrong Easter offering for North American missions.

DeLoach-McKerley-Prescott Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Jean Edenfield Clifton, 95

Jean Edenfield Clifton, 95, wife of the late James Arthur Clifton, passed away Saturday, March 20, 2021 at her residence. Family and friends are invited to attend her visitation Saturday, March 27, from 10 to 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church of Swainsboro. A funeral service will begin at 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church with Dr. Robert Blankenship and Pastor Casey Shaw officiating. Burial will follow at Elam Baptist Church Cemetery, 5199 Elam Rd, in Millen.

Pallbearers will be grandsons, Michael Rountree, David Rountree, Bryan Rountree, John Preston Williams, Davis Griffin, Cody Clifton and great-grandsons, Nate Gleaton and Spencer Lawrence. Great-grandson, Sam Lawrence, will hand out programs.

Mrs. Clifton was born April 29, 1925, in Emanuel County, to the late William Edenfield and Annie Page Edenfield. She graduated from Emanuel County Institute in 1943. Mrs. Clifton was a member of the Agape Sunday School Class, First Baptist, Swainsboro and the Governor David Emanuel-Adam Brinson Chapter NSDAR. In addition to her husband and parents, she is preceded in



CLIFTON

death by her sisters, Veda Lewis, Mary Lou Willis, Lois Lawson McClain, Alma Curl, and Billie Lanier; and brothers, Ted Edenfield, Roy Edenfield, Snook Edenfield, and Jake Edenfield.

Survivors include four daughters, Lydia Rountree (Mike), Patricia Williams (Ricky), Debbie Williams (Dale), Diane Griffin (Skip); one son, Jim Clifton (Sherry); eleven grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren; 3 great-great-grandchildren; and loving nieces and nephews. The family wishes to extend their sincere gratitude to the staff of Pruitt Health Hospice for their compassionate care and concern for Mrs. Clifton. Should you so desire, memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church of Swainsboro.

Arrangements are by Tomlinson Funeral Home and Crematory.

Holy Zion to hold Easter program

Holy Zion Church of Metter is having an Old Fashioned Easter Program Sunday, April 4, 2021. Everyone is invited to attend! Pastor Johnny Jones and the congregation invites everyone to attend.

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Donald Duane Davis, 73

Mr. Donald Duane Davis, 73, of Swainsboro, passed away Wednesday, March 17, 2021, at his residence following an extended illness. Graveside services were held Friday, March 19, at 4 p.m. at New Hope Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery with Mr. Don Wilkes officiating. In compliance with the guidelines set by the CDC, 6-foot rule was enforced during service.

Mr. Davis was born August 17, 1947, in Macon, to the late Jack Davis and Elizabeth Roberts Davis. He was owner of Donald Davis Logging Company, and logged his entire life until retirement; his work was also his hobby. Mr. Davis's favorite pastime was spending time with family and friends at the lake, and passed down his love of lake life to his grandkids. He enjoyed vacationing with his wife and grandkids. Mr. Davis is preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include



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his wife, Joan Davis of Swainsboro; son, Dr. Anthony (Brandi) Davis of Swainsboro; daughter, Andrea Roberts of Swainsboro; brothers, Danny (Linda) Davis of Statesboro and Dennis (Theresa) Davis of Stillmore; grandchildren, Davis Lamb, Jack Davis, Andrew Lamb, and Anna Claire Davis; several nieces, nephews, and many friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Avenue, Floor 17, Chicago, IL 60601.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.

Olen Chance "O.C." Hutcheson, 73

Mr. Olen Chance "O.C." Hutcheson, 73, of Adrian, passed away Wednesday, March 18, 2021, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Memorial service was held Sunday, March 21, at 3:30 p.m. in the chapel at Chapman Funeral Home with Rev. Joe Bedgood and Rev. George Salyer officiating. The family received friends from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Sunday, March 21, at Chapman Funeral Home.

Mr. Hutcheson was born January 12, 1948, in Swainsboro, to the late Buford and Melba Darley Hutcheson. He was employed with the Emanuel Co. Road Department, and was a member of Corinth United Methodist Church. Mr. Hutcheson was a hardworking, loving, and gentle husband, father, brother, and friend. He enjoyed the outdoors, yardwork, and being with family. Mr. Hutcheson is preceded in death by his parents; brothers; Bobby and David Hutcheson; and granddaughter,



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Cadence Nicole Conley.

Survivors include his wife of 53 years, Phyllis Hutcheson of Adrian; son, Kevin (Tiffany) Hutcheson of Adrian; daughters, Karol (Brian) Key of Swainsboro, Krista Hutcheson of Swainsboro, and Kerri Hutcheson of Kite; brothers, Billy (Maudell) Hutcheson of Dublin, Ray (Shelby Jean) Hutcheson of Adrian; sisters, Betty (Harvard) Hudson of Kite, Sue (Herman) Strange of Metter, Shirley Hudson of Swainsboro, Jan Brantley of Adrian, and Fay (Chesley) Flanders of Summertown; 10 grandchildren; 29 first cousins; 25 nieces and nephews; lots of great and great-great nieces and nephews.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.

Holy Zion Church having one-day youth revival

Youth Revival at Holy Zion Church 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. Pastor Johnny Jones and the congregation invites everyone to attend.

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Stephanie Marie Roundtree, 31

Mrs. Stephanie Marie Roundtree, age 31, died peacefully knowing Heaven was her destination when leaving earth on March 20, 2021 at 3:38 pm. A memorial service was held Monday, March 22, at 3 p.m. in the chapel at Chapman Funeral Home with Pastor Rick Wilson officiating. In compliance with the guidelines set by the CDC, 6-foot rule will be enforced during service.



Mrs. Roundtree was born January 27, 1990, in New York. At the age of 4, she was brought to Georgia and soon resided in Oak Park and raised her son there. Stephanie graduated high school in 2008 at Swainsboro High School and attended college at Southeastern Technical College where she studied criminal justice in 2009, receiving grants from SGT. James L. Jordan memorial scholarship. Stephanie started with volunteering for the Oak Park Fire Department at the age of 18, and soon became a certified first responder and stayed on at the fire department for many years serving the community she lived in. While volunteering, she worked at Savannah Luggage for many years in the Swainsboro and Vidalia plants before leaving there to work with her father at 5 Points Store in Oak Park for a couple years before leaving. Mrs. Roundtree really enjoyed the time spent with her Daddy. She then started working at Jerry Blaxton Wrecker Towing and Recovery, which quickly turned into something she wanted to make a career out of. Jerry

taught her the ways of the trade and how to operate all the wreckers for best business as possible. Mrs. Roundtree also managed all of Jerry's office work. Jerry was a great boss man and a good friend. She worked at Jerry Blaxton Wrecker until the day of his departure on February 13, 2020. Mrs. Roundtree is preceded in death by her grandfather and grandmother, George and Gloria Breese, both of New York; grandfather, Charles Culbertson; father, Buddy Collins; and brother, Eddie Collins.

Mrs. Roundtree is survived by her only child, Trevor Roundtree, who was her whole world; mother, Trina Collins; sister, Trisha Breese (Shannon); nieces and nephew, Kendra, Chris, and Nateille; brother, Jeremy Breese; aunt Lisa and several other aunts and uncles; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Mellisa and A.J. Robertson; and father of her son, Justin Roundtree.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Trevor Roundtree savings account to PO Box 464, Hagan, GA 30429.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.

Carvy Snell: He truly made a difference

Metter GA—It was a grand morning for a funeral, if such things can be said. It was warm, not too cool, with a touch of wind. Spring was evident, revealing God's plan of renewal. It was the kind of day my good friend would spend, when not working, fishing with grandkids or playing a round of golf with buddies at the Metter Country Club.

Hundreds of Candler County citizens turned out to pay their respects to "Mr. Metter," whose passing on Friday left such a big void in many community projects and endeavors. To the many who were there, it had to feel like they had lost someone that might never be replaced, the end of an era if you will. Candler County had lost one of its favorite sons. And I had lost a close, close friend.

George C. "Carvy" Snell was as fine a man as you can find in these parts. Having deep ties to Candler County, he loved his place and his people with a passion. The preacher called him a "beacon to all" in his efforts to promote Candler County. I know he would have liked that moniker. We first met Carvy and his mother, Mrs. Virginia Snell, in the mid-1970s, when they started a new

newspaper in Metter. Both went into this newspaper endeavor seeking to be the very best in small town journalism. What happen elsewhere really didn't matter to them, it was what happened in Metter and Candler County that counted. That principle served them well and a short time later they purchased the Metter Advertiser, combining them into a single weekly award-winning newspaper. I never remember a year when The Advertiser didn't come home from the yearly Georgia Press Convention with a handful of "Better Newspaper Awards" for newspaper excellence. Each Wednesday morning, for the better part of 25 years, Carvy would bring his paper to Swainsboro to be printed. It was more than just printing day for us, we enjoyed talking about our communities, different newspaper and advertising ideas, comparing local politics, and talked high school sports of all kind. Two newspaper men with a cup of coffee and a Coke can be a dangerous thing.

Carvy was an avid supporter of everything good in Candler County. He was a huge supporter of the local Chamber of Commerce and Industrial Authority, He

served as chairman of his town's major community event, "Another Bloomin' Festival." He was more of a "behind-the-scenes" fellow in later years, incorporating a town-wide flea market and auction. The event now is a premier regional event with over 15,000 in attendance.

Carvy and I often traveled to Georgia Press Association board meetings across the state. He was elected president of the Association in 2000, just a year after I sold the Forest-Blade. That summer, he summoned me to the annual convention of the Georgia Press Association, where he presented me with the first "honorary member award." Coming from him, it was perhaps the finest honor I've ever received.

The preacher used one word to describe Carvy, and it was "love." He could not have chosen a better word. He loved his family, his friends, his community, the many organizations he supported, and the list goes on and on. He made me a better journalist and a better person, the kind of person we should all emulate. He truly made a difference and will be sorely missed!

Bill Roger Jr. Former Editor & Publisher Swainsboro Forest-Blade



Recently there was an article tucked away in a newspaper about a young girl in Georgia who feels no pain. She suffers from a rare congenital disease that affects the nervous system. She and other individuals who are born with congenital insensitivity must be carefully guarded. They must be taught that fire burns or that if they fall a bone might be broken or if they are struck in the head it may result in a concussion. It is frightening to think of having to live with no warning system to alert us to pain or sickness. It requires them to be under constant surveillance for their own protection.

There is another insensitivity, however, that is more serious - it is becoming insensitive to sin. Our minds become numb to the dangers of sin as we see degrading pictures of people improperly exposing themselves to attract attention to their sensuality. Or the constant stories of the happiness and pleasures that come from drinking alcoholic beverages. Then there are the endless stories about children being born out of wedlock to famous Hollywood celebrities and attractive pictures of them being praised and celebrated. Children, not old enough to understand God's plan for marriage, are taught that it is appropriate for families to have two moms or two dads. What was once identified as wrong is now right. But thank God that His Spirit is alive and anxious to convict hearts and change lives. "Deliver us and forgive us our sins for Your name's sake," said the psalmist. If we awaken to the danger of sin and confess, God will forgive us.

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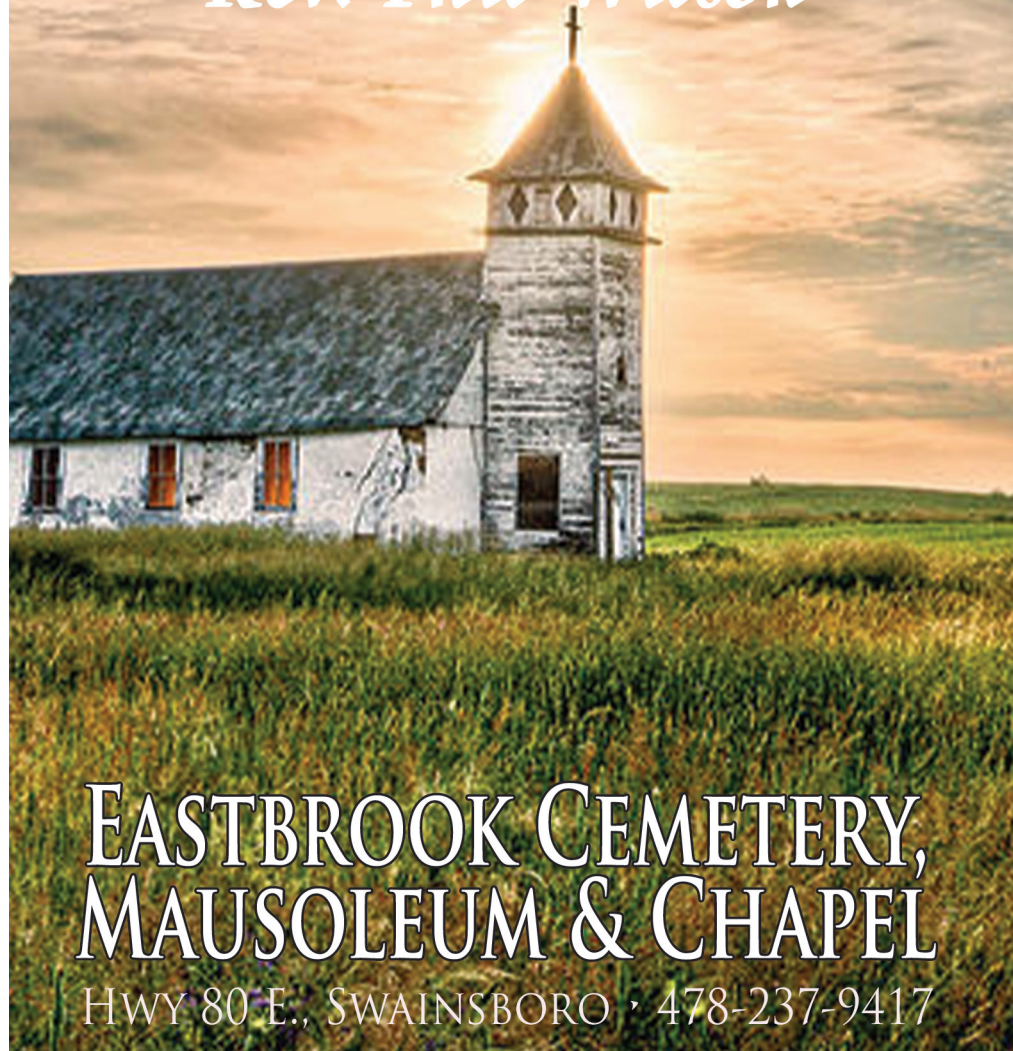


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Build a forever home for Jesus Saves Church



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:

PayPal:jesussaveschurchswainsboro@gmail.com

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Swainsboro woman admits defrauding government program designed to provide COVID-19 small business relief

Guilty plea includes repayment of \$66,400

An Emanuel County woman has admitted creating a fake business and using it to receive funding from a federal COVID-19 small business relief program.

Tracy Kirkland, 40, of Swainsboro, pled guilty to an information charging her with wire fraud, said David H. Estes, Acting U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia. The charge carries a maximum statutory penalty of 30 years in prison and a \$1 million fine. As a result of the plea, Kirkland agrees to repay \$66,400 and will forfeit a 2019 Dodge Charger and \$16,250. After any prison term, Kirkland could be required to spend up to three years on supervised release.

There is no parole in the federal system.

“Congress provided funding under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Security (CARES) Act specifically to help financially struggling businesses during the pandemic,” said Acting U.S. Attorney Estes. “Tracy Kirkland stole

from those funds, and she is being held accountable for that theft.”

As described in court documents and testimony, in August 2020 Kirkland received a federally guaranteed loan for \$66,400 under the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) Program comprised of funds appropriated by the CARES Act. In applying for the funding, Kirkland falsely claimed to own a business in Swainsboro with three employees, “Kirklands Hair N Beauty,” that had suffered economic harm because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Soon after receiving the SBA loan proceeds into her personal account, Kirkland, a previously convicted felon, used the funds to purchase a 2019 Dodge Charger R/T; made large cash withdrawals from her bank account; and made other non-business-related purchases.

SBA’s General Counsel Peggy Delinois

Hamilton stated, “We commend the work of the U.S. Attorney in prosecuting this case, involving SBA’s EIDL Program, which is designed to provide much-needed economic relief to small businesses that are greatly affected by the current pandemic. Such fraud hurts legitimate small businesses that need financial assistance. We appreciate the work of our Inspector General and other law enforcement partners to uncover and prosecute individuals who commit fraud in the CARES Act loan programs.”

The U.S. Small Business Administration Office of Inspector General is investigating the case with assistance from the Swainsboro Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Ammunition, with prosecution for the United States by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Steven H. Lee and Asset Recovery Unit Chief Xavier A. Cunningham.



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Moose Legion 1930 makes plush “Tommy the Moose” donations for local children

Members of the Moose Legion 1930 made donations to the Emanuel County Sheriff’s Office, Swainsboro Police Department, and the Sunshine House of Swainsboro on Friday, March 19. The donations consisted of “Tommy the Moose” plush toy dolls to be disbursed to local children within the area.

City of Twin City holds grand re-opening event for Pop Boogie Park

In celebration of its 100 years of establishment, the City of Twin City held a ribbon cutting and reopening event honoring Pop Boogie Park on Saturday, March 20. The event began at 2 p.m. with Twin City Mayor Matt Donaldson welcoming all present. Twin City Chief of Police then delivered the invocation and led in the National Anthem. Huddie Culbreth, Main Street Program director, then read aloud the history of the Pop Boogie Park.

Mayor Donaldson then gave special recognition to the family members of Pop Boogie Brinson and James L. Carmichael, and trustees of the Mill Creek Foundation as well as Twin City councilmembers and employees who played a helping hand in the park’s re-opening. The ribbon cutting then took place and was followed by a special presentation, a signage hung up on the park’s concession stand. Mayor Donaldson then said closing remarks prior

to asking Gail Williamson to preside in prayer of the day’s served meal. Those in attendance then enjoyed a grilled chicken meal served with macaroni and cheese, green beans, dessert and drink while enjoyed watching ball players play ball once again at Pop Boogie Park.

Chicken for this event was donated by Crider’s of Stillmore. This event can be viewed online by visiting Emanuel County Live’s Facebook page.



Grand jury returns 36 true bills

The January 2021 term of the Emanuel County Grand Jury reconvened Wednesday, March 1, 2021, and considered 36 bills of indictment presented by the District Attorney's Office. The grand jurors returned true bills for all cases. There being no further business, the grand jury recessed, subject to recall.

Dominic Trevell Davis – One count fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer and one count driving under the influence of alcohol.

Vander Daniel Cowart – one count fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer and one count reckless driving.

Dale Marty Hill, Jr. – one count aggravated assault (family violence), one count cruelty to a child in the third degree, and one count battery (family violence).

Douglas Gerod Franklin, Jr. – One count fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer, one count possession of hydrocodone, one count possession of marijuana, and one count obstruction of an officer.

Jeremiah Daniel Porter – One count possession of contraband by an inmate, one count possession of methamphetamine, and one count possession of marijuana (less than an ounce).

Stacia Ambrianna Burke, Trystian Samantha Burke, Sharon Renee Hozey, Kimberly Danielle Jackson a/k/a Kimberly Danielle Meeks, Brionna Rae Lynch, and Skylar Maria Martin – One count aggravated assault (Burke, Burke, Hozey, Jackson/Meeks, Lynch, and Martin), and three counts aggravated assault (Hozey).

Crystal Lynn Akridge a/k/a Crystal Akridge Lane and Melissa Susan Librizzi – One count burglary in the first degree.

Phillipe Aaron Riner – One count aggravated stalking.

Fioon Lakeal Robertson – One count burglary in the second degree.

Artis J. Ford – One count aggravated assault.

Kasey Allen Sikes – One count possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute.

Blake Curtis Cook – One

count possession of a schedule III controlled substance (buprenorphine hydrochloride) and one count possession of a firearm during the commission of a crime.

Dakota Bobby – Bryant Blount – one count sale of methamphetamine.

Tracy Delaine Kirkland – One count fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer

Damien Scott W. Wallace – One count fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer and one count suspended license.

Jasmine Brooke Edge and Isaac Hunter Lyles – One count trafficking in methamphetamine.

Nicholas Alexander Gladin and Angie Salinas – Two counts sale of methamphetamine (Gladin and Salinas), one count possession of methamphetamine (Gladin and Salinas), one count possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony (Gladin and Salinas), one count possession of drug related objects (Gladin and Salinas), and one count possession of a firearm by a convicted felon (Gladin).

Walter Lamar Dickerson – One count possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute.

Barry Mandrelle Davis – One count tampering with evidence.

Nicholas Jonvantay Hall – One count possession of methamphetamine and one count obstruction of an officer.

Jamieson Jashawn Lee Dorsey – One count fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer, one count criminal damage to property in the second degree, one count possession of marijuana with intent to distribute, one count possession of a drug related object, one count reckless driving, and one count improper headlights.

Frisscardo Garnell Bostic – One count possession of marijuana with intent to distribute, one count fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer, one count obstruction of an officer, one count suspended license, one count violation of duty upon striking fixed object, one count tag light violation, and one count failure to

maintain lane.

Charlie Lambry – One count cruelty to animals.

Michael Anthony Denson – One count possession of cocaine with intent to distribute, one count fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer, and one count obstruction of an officer.

Aaron Michael Williams – Four counts sale of methamphetamine.

Jonathan Donta Coney – Four counts cruelty to a child in the second degree, one count obstruction of an officer, and one count fleeing for attempting to elude a police officer.

Miguel Gutierrez – One count kidnapping, one count criminal attempt to commit a felony (kidnapping), one count burglary in the first degree, one count possession of tools for the commission of a crime, and two counts aggravated stalking.

Corenthius Damal Lekeith Wilcher – One count possession of amphetamine with intent to distribute, one count possession of marijuana (less than one ounce), and one count obstruction of an officer.

Russell Clinton Givens, Jr., - One count aggravated assault, one count burglary in the first degree, one count false imprisonment, and one count criminal damage to property in the second degree.

Christopher Sanchez Parker - One count burglary in the second degree.

Johnathan Wade Futch – One count battery and one count aggravated assault.

Shannon O'Brian McKinney, Jr. – One count criminal damage to property in the second degree.

Javaris Damon Johnson – One count aggravated assault.

Shawn Mitchell Martinez – One count burglary in the second degree.

Michael Wayne Collins – Five counts burglary in the first degree.

Javonte Quatavious Daniels – One count aggravated assault.

Canoochee Country Clean-up Day

Concerned citizens in the Canoochee area have a clean-up day planned for Saturday, March 27 from 9 a.m. to noon. Highways within a two-mile radius of Canoochee are expected to be litter free by Saturday afternoon.

The following sponsors have designated areas to clean and would love for you to come join them:

Smith's Canoochee Store (Tim and Renee Smith) – Canoochee Swainsboro Road; Sherrod Quality Deer Processing (Jim and Helen Sherrod) – Highway 192 North; Canoochee Catfish (Terry and Joanna Bell) – Canoochee Garfield Road; Scuffletown Hunting Club (Jess Anderson) – Herndon Road; Joe Hatcher Construction (Joe and Jody Hatcher, Zeb Hurst) – Herndon Road; Cool Breeze 192 Sales (Steve Clark) – Highway 192 North; Kaluba Country Blinds (Hank Aldridge, Woody Smith, Arthur Jones) – Canoochee Bypass, Scuffletown Road; The Rountree Family (Mike and Lydia) – Canoochee Bypass; Southeast Well Drilling (Blake Marsh, Chase Johnson) – Canoochee Garfield Road; DRB Realty (David and Rhett Blount) – Noonday Church Road and Highway 192; Durden Banking Company (G.W. and Wade Johnson) – Highway 192 North; Friendship Farms (David Horton) – Herndon Road.

Following the clean-up, there will be free hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks at Smith's Canoochee Store. A Bouncy House will also be at the store for the young ones to enjoy.

The Emanuel County Commissioners and Emanuel County Road Department will provide bags, pick-up sticks and safety signs. The Emanuel County Sheriff's Department will be on hand to patrol the area for everyone's safety.

Everyone is encouraged to come out and help with the clean-up!

Jesus Saves Church announces Easter Family Fun Night

Jesus Saves Church will host a community Easter Family Fun night featuring an Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 3. The egg hunt will begin at 5 p.m. and a hotdog meal with all the trimmings will be served at 5:30 p.m. At 6 p.m., a special music performance is set to take place and will be followed by a message delivered by Pastor Josh Black. The event will take place at the church's lot located on Georgia Highway 56 North, Swainsboro.

Ohoopsee River Conservation District now offering feral swine control services

The Ohoopsee River Conservation District is excited to announce their participation in the Georgia Association of Conservation Districts' (GACD) Feral Swine District Initiative. Landowners located within Emanuel, Montgomery, Toombs, Treutlen, and Wheeler counties are invited to participate in the District's feral swine control services.

Feral swine have become increasingly detrimental in Georgia, causing significant damage to agricultural crops and natural resources throughout the state. The economic impact of damage caused by feral swine in Georgia is estimated at over \$150 million. Feral swine are one of the greatest invasive species challenges facing Georgia.

Following an Initiative spearheaded by the Brier Creek Conservation District, Conservation Districts throughout Georgia are partnering with GACD to acquire feral swine control equipment and are contracting with local Hog Control Custodians to eradicate feral swine within the

District.

Lynn Jonnson, Chair of the Ohoopsee River Conservation District, says, "Due to the tremendous financial and informational assistance of GACD, we have been able to purchase a Jager Pro feral hog trapping system for our District. Feral hogs have caused tremendous damage to crops, to our land and landscapes, as well as polluting our water resources. Through this program, we hope to be part of controlling and eradicating these pests."

The Ohoopsee River Conservation District serves as the local voice for soil and water conservation with producers and landowners in Emanuel, Montgomery, Toombs, Treutlen, and Wheeler counties.

If you are interested in hog control services, please contact the District's Hog Control Custodian, John McDonald, Jr. at 912-245-2173 or mcdonald40697@gmail.com. For more information about GACD's Feral Swine District Initiative, visit www.gacd.us/feralswine, email info@gacd.us or call 1-833-411-GACD.

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Hometown Public Servant: Adrian Police Chief Kyle Strickland

This week's Hometown Public Servant is Adrian Police Department's Chief Kyle Strickland. Born in Charleston, South Carolina, Chief Strickland relocated to Soperton, Treutlen County, with his family at a young age. It was in Treutlen County where he began his law enforcement career with the county's sheriff department as a jailer. He later attended the police academy and then worked with the Soperton Police Department for almost another three years before transferring in his line of work to serve the City of Adrian.

"I felt the City of Adrian was the best fit for me where I could make a difference and help the city to grow while I grew personally as well," Chief Strickland commented in regard to his change of

employment.

Chief Strickland began his career with Adrian Police Department as sergeant on June 26, 2019 and was later appointed to interim chief on Feb. 10, 2020.

"I grew up in a law enforcement family and had always dreamed of following in my dad's and granddad's footsteps. Serving the people of my community is my passion and seeing the people that I serve to prosper is the best feeling in the world," Chief Strickland further stated.

Chief Strickland's day-to-day duties vary vastly, from being in office dealing with paperwork and tending to incoming and outgoing calls to patrolling the city, patrolling traffic, and responding to calls of service. Of his many tasks performed, Chief

Strickland says the most enjoyable part about his job is seeing children follow and accomplish their dreams, bringing joy to local youth during the Christmas holidays, and comforting grieving families when tragic strikes.

"Knowing that I had a part in bringing peace and happiness to others, especially those I serve, is an amazing feeling to me," Chief Strickland explained.

Becoming a law enforcement officer

The State of Georgia requires that all certified police officers go through the police (AKA mandate) training. In addition, officers are also required to have a minimum of 20 hours of training each year that includes use of force and de-escalation tactics as well as firearm requalification. Officers

also have to undergo specialized training for tasks that are performed on a daily basis such as DUI enforcement, speed detection, and other specific training for on-the-job tasks. In addition to the requirements of being a police officer, a chief of police is required to conduct a minimum of 25 hours in training each year as well as specialized executive training.

When discussing education with Chief Strickland, he expressed his desire to continuously pursue continued education in order to serve his community to the best of his ability. In a recent interview, Chief Strickland discussed countless hours of training he has completed that were not required and also discussed his attendance at the University of Phoenix, where he

is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and business management. He also strives to stay current on all state and U.S. Supreme Court case laws and any other available training to make the Adrian Police Department and City of Adrian be the best it can possibly be.

Chief Strickland's words to the public

"Law enforcement is different today than it was in the past. We work with a lot of diversity and make sure that we treat everyone with dignity and respect that they deserve - no matter what. The department has come a long way since I entered office as chief, and the credit for this can be given to many. We protect our



CHIEF STRICKLAND citizens by our service to the community, and their collective efforts is what makes our department thrive, as well as local law enforcement partners and the hard work and dedication of our city officers. I'd like to thank everyone who has stood behind me personally as well as our department to help us grow to what we are today," Chief Strickland concluded.



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BRIER CREEK CHAPTER COLOR GUARD COMMANDER STEVE BURKE, DESS SMITH III, WILDER SMITH, JR. ALL DUAL MEMBERS OF THE BRIER CREEK CHAPTER AND MASTER OF CEREMONIES, BCRWBA, INC. AND PRESIDENT STEPHEN HAMMOND

BCRWBA, Inc. holds second annual banquet

The Brier Creek Revolutionary War Battlefield Association, Inc held its second annual banquet at the Cadillac Ranch in Screven County on Friday night, March 5, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. With President Stephen Hammond presiding, there were 51 in attendance.

The banquet opened up with President Hammond's call to order. President Hammond then called for the presentation of colors, presented by the Brier Creek Chapter Color Guard. Chairman of the Board of Directors, Compatriot Tommy Christopher, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

After the welcome from President Hammond, Joseph Vancura, Jr., senior vice president of the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution, brought

greetings.

The invocation and blessing were presented by the Brier Creek Chapter President Wayne Howard. An outstanding meal was then served by caterer, *Happy's Restaurant* from Swainsboro.

The speaker for the evening was Dr. John K. Derden, who presented his program on *The American Revolution: Legacies and Challenges*. Dr. Derden is a retired history professor from East Georgia State College, a member of the BCRWBA, Inc. and a member of the Wiregrass Chapter in Swainsboro.

The benediction was presented by Compatriot Wayne Howard.

A Family That Prays Together, Stays Together

by PASTOR BRAD MCKENZIE, JESUS SAVES CHURCH

I once talked with a couple who shared with me that they had been praying together at home, which I was excited to hear. Except unfortunately for them, it created somewhat of an interesting situation. It seemed that at some

point during the prayer, the wife was asking God to forgive them for taking all their blessings for granted and not appreciating everything that God was doing for them. When the wife opened her eyes, to her surprise the husband was pointing at her as if to be telling God "Her God, not me." "You

know I appreciate all my blessings." Well as you can imagine, the wife got quite upset at the husband saying, "I can't believe you would call me out like that". I can see this happening and it paints a bold, yet humorous picture. But in reality we do that alot. It's easy to call out other people for their sins,

when we have a share of our own sins. I've heard that it's easier to pick out problems with other people, when we deal with it ourselves. The bible says in Matt 7 to remove the plank from our own eye and we can see clearly to remove the speck from our brothers eye (or in this case, our spouse eye).

Sad to report that most families do not pray together anymore. Most men in fact confess that they have never actually led a prayer out loud over their family at home. If this describes your prayer life I want to encourage you today to take the first step tonight and grab your spouse by the hand and

begin to pray. First ask God to help remove the plank from your eye.

If you have never accepted Jesus as your personal Lord and Savior, I want to encourage you to do that right now, before it's too late. John 14:6

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Henry crowned Miss TCE

Twin City Elementary School hosted its pageant on Friday, March 12. The following contestants were crowned in the school's pageant:

TCE Prince Division – Ryder Tharpe received first runner-up and Cole Cowart was crowned winner.

TCE Princess Division – Jocelyn Lovett, fourth runner-up; Hendlee Williams, third runner up; Lyndi Simmons, second runner-up; Livi Simmons, first runner-up; and Maddie Sherrod was crowned winner.

Little Mister - Justin Nobles, third runner-up; Kade Durden, second runner-up;

Caleb Albor, first runner-up, and Ezekial Pague, winner.

Little Miss Division – Addison Rich, fourth runner-up; Chelsea Grimes, third runner-up; Dicey Lane, second runner-up; Natalie Bunn, first runner-up; and Joleigh Coxwell, winner.

Miss TCE – Joni Wimberly, fourth runner-up; Chanlee Youmans, third runner-up; Alyssa Barnes, second runner-up; Charley Mitchell, first runner-up; and Hadleigh Kate Henry, winner.

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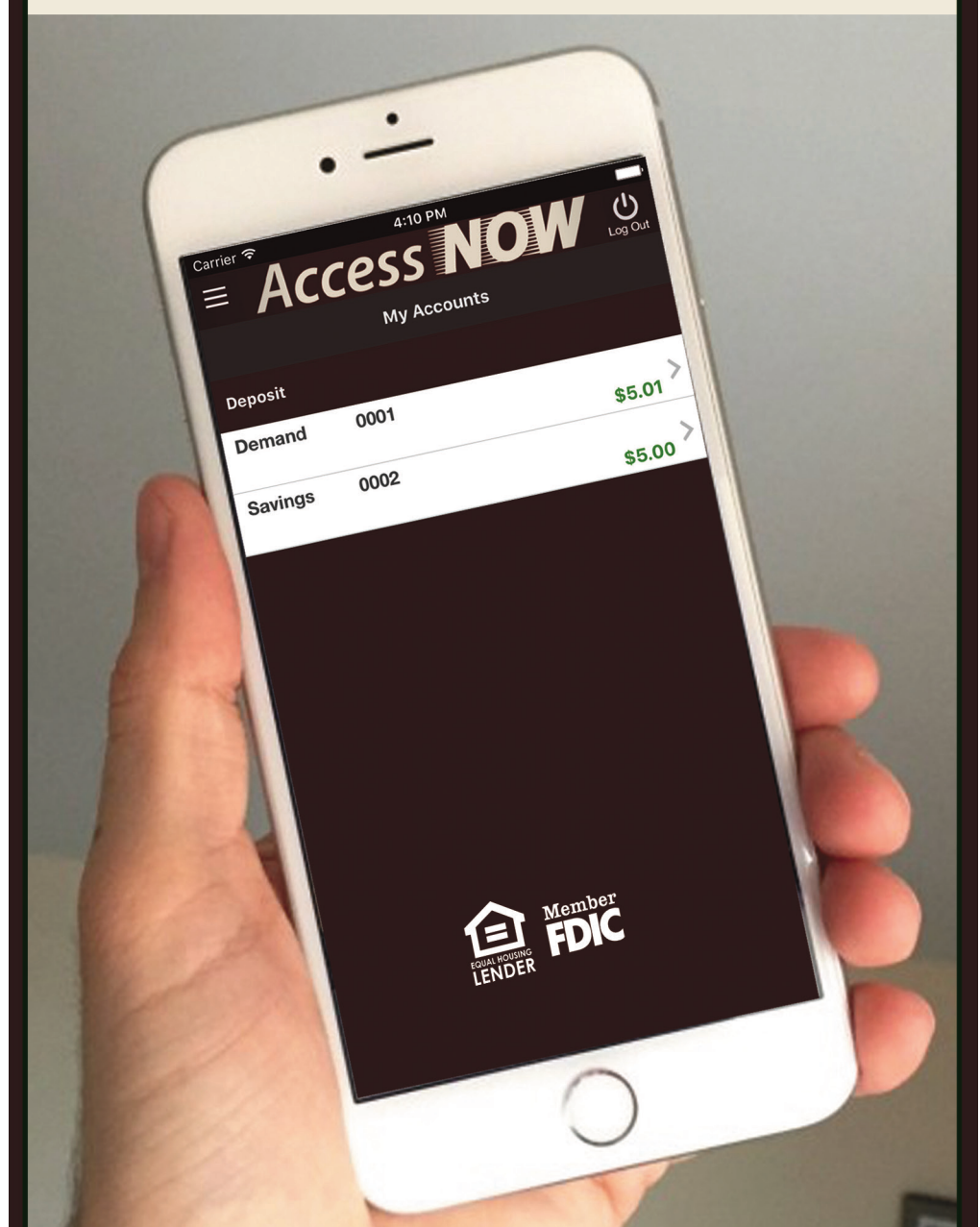


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Unsteady at 70

Dear Unsteady,
Most people don't think much about practicing their balance, but they need to. As we age, our balance declines if it isn't practiced, which can lead to falls that often result in a broken bone.

Every year more than one in four people age

65 and older fall, and the risk increases with age. Here's what you should know about balance problems, along with some different exercises that can help you improve it.

Aging Affects Balance

Balance is something most people take for granted until it's challenged by a medical condition, medication or advanced age, which dulls our balance senses and causes most seniors to gradually become less stable on their feet over time.

Poor balance can also lead to a vicious cycle of inactivity. You feel a

little unsteady, so you curtail certain activities. If you're inactive, you're not challenging your balance systems or using your muscles. As a result, both balance and strength suffer. Simple acts like strolling through a grocery store or getting up from a chair become trickier. That shakes your confidence, so you become even less active.

Balance Exercises

If you have a balance problem that is not tied to illness, medication or some other specific cause, simple exercises can help preserve and improve your balance. Here are four exercises you can do that will help:

- **One-legged stands:** Stand on one foot for 30 seconds, or longer, then switch to the other foot. In the beginning, you might want to have a wall or chair to hold on to. Or, for an extra challenge try closing your eyes, or standing on a throw pillow or Bosu ball (an inflated rubber disc on a stable platform).

- **Heel-to-toe walking:** Take 20 steps while looking straight ahead. Think of a sobriety test.

- **Standing up:** Without using your hands, get up from a straight-backed chair and sit back down 10 to 20 times. This improves balance and leg strength.

- **Tai chi:** Research has shown that the Asian practice of tai chi – which uses a combination of slow, graceful movements, meditation and deep breathing – can help reduce the risk of falls.

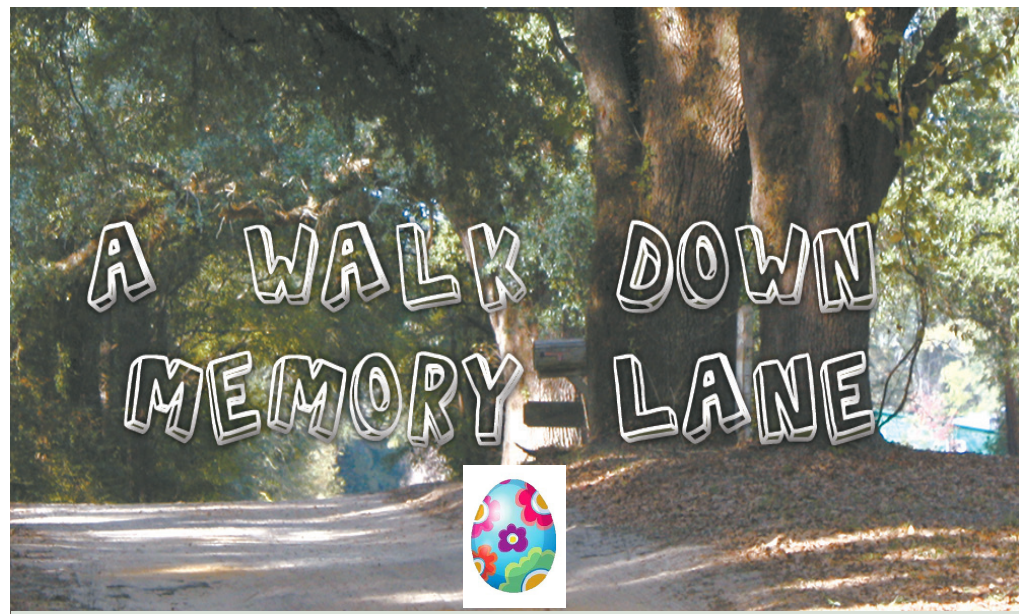
For more information on different balance exercises you can do at home, there are a variety of balance and strength exercises and beginner Tai Chi DVDs you can purchase at Amazon.com or through Amazon Prime video.

There are also senior fitness programs, like SilverSneakers (silversneakers.com) and Silver&Fit (silverandfit.com), that offer online classes that can guide you through a series of exercises you can do at home during the pandemic.

See a Doctor

I do, however, want to emphasize that if you've already fallen, are noticeably dizzy or unsteady, or have a medical condition affecting your balance, you need to see a doctor. They might refer you to a physical therapist or to an appropriate balance-training class in your community. It's also important to know that many medicines and medical conditions – from Parkinson's disease to diabetes to inner-ear disorders – can affect balance.

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 23, 1961

Ensign L.H. Thompson, Jr. graduates from Navy OCS

Navy Ens. Lin H. Thompson, Jr., son of Mr. & Mrs. L.H. Thompson of Swainsboro, was graduated on March 3, from the Naval Officer Candidate School at the Naval Base, Newport, R.I.

Funds approved for city's future development plans

Swainsboro is one of five Georgia communities that received federal funds in preparation of comprehensive plans for growth development, according to announcements last Friday by Congressman Elliott Hagan and Senator Herman Talmadge. The Urban Renewal Administration approved a \$16,630 grant to the Georgia Department of Commerce to be used in aiding Swainsboro, Hazlehurst, Hinesville, Homerville, and Lavonia for their local planning programs.

March 24, 1971

29 pounds?

Mrs. Ray Scott landed this 29-pound grouper over the weekend at Panama City, FL. This is just one of the catch Mr. and Mrs. Scott brought back from their weekend fishing trip. They also landed a quantity of red snappers. (visit emanuelcountylive.com to see contestants' photos)

Cpl. Campbell completed Marine service

Corporal Tex G. Campbell of Swainsboro completed his duty with the U.S. Marine Corps at Camp Lejeune, NC. He was expected to receive his discharge in July. (visit emanuelcountylive.com to see contestants' photos)

March 25, 1981

Basic techniques

R.W. Hooks of Swainsboro Floral Company taught basic techniques of creative

flower arranging in a continuing education course, "Floral Design", at Emanuel County Junior College beginning March 31. Classes met from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Tuesday for five weeks. (visit emanuelcountylive.com to see contestants' photos)

At White House reception

Blade Editor and Mrs. Bill Rogers were among members of the National Newspaper Association invited to a reception at the White House. Photographed were NNA Executive Vice President Mel Street and Mrs. Street, NNA Immediate Past President Bill Rogers, Sr. and Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. Reagan, President Reagan, and Mr. and Mrs. Ken Williams. Mr. Williams served as chairman of the NNA Government Affairs Conference held in Washington during the week of March 9 – 14. Mr. and Mrs. James H. Morgan of Swainsboro were also among those invited to the reception. Mr. Morgan was a columnist for The Blade. (visit emanuelcountylive.com to see contestants' photos)

March 20, 1991

They're superior

VOCA students who earned superior honors for ECI were: Mario Webb, Mary Ann Grimes, Kym Holbrook, Felicia Robinson, Denise Branch, Lakesha Branch, Cheryl Grimes, Turkessa Gordon, Ann Goff, Chris Warner, Anthony Walden, Tmeka Brown, Ann Allen, Sonja Carlie, Tonya Reynolds, Carla Williams, Jimmy Burke, DeWayne Rollins, Regina Reese, Michael Lovett, David Clemens, Shannon Scott, Denny Scott, Ray Stokes, McGarrett Gordon, Don Hadden, and Sheldon Johnson. (visit emanuelcountylive.com to see contestants' photos)

Good Citizen

LaToya Denise "Toya" Williams, SHS senior, was honored guest of Gov. David Emanuel DAR as she was presented the organization's "Good Citizen" honors at a meeting Thursday.

Pictured with her are Mary Pat Walden and Becky Bray. (visit emanuelcountylive.com to see contestants' photos)

March 21, 2001

'Bluebirds and Things' featured at Seedling Garden Club meeting

Monday, March 12, the Seedling Garden Club had a special guest who shared many of her lovely creations with the club. Anita Lewis of "Bluebirds and Things" shared with the group methods of painting on glass and clay pots. (visit emanuelcountylive.com to see contestants' photos)

Attending cosmetology workshop

Among students participating in the workshop were Shewanda Warner, Tonya Wilkerson, Diana Evans, Sandra Proctor, Mandy Henry, Carla Bennett, Tiffany Jones, T'Neil Phipps, Sandy Story, Rebecca Colston, Valada Elliott, and demonstrator, Joanna Cochran. (visit emanuelcountylive.com to see contestants' photos)

March 23, 2011

Main Street Market to open doors

The Main Street Market at the Boneyard opened Thursday, March 24, at 11 a.m. Offering shoppers a large selection of antiques, art, collectables, and crafts, the Market is also a gathering place for local events and a coffee shop. (visit emanuelcountylive.com to see contestants' photos)

Swainsboro Raceway adds on

Swainsboro Raceway added three hospitality suites, plus a new scoring tower to its facility during the off season. The suites are heated and air conditioned, and include flat screen TV's, as well as a great view of the raceway. (visit emanuelcountylive.com to see contestants' photos)

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DEA announces honor students for third nine weeks of school year

According to David Emanuel Academy's Headmaster Haylee Free, the following students have achieved honorary status for the third nine weeks of the 2020-2021 school year:

Headmasters List

Walker Arp, Sarah Beecher, Case Black, Blakely Brinson, Ellis Claxton, Phoebe Daniel, Addison Griner, Easton Hall, Julian Hodges, Violet Lai Tyam, Kavya Patel, McKenleigh Tankersley, Layla Clark, Lauree Douglas, Dalton Flowers, Greyson Gowen, Tyran Kirby, Evie Moore, Bryton

Rowland, Weston Wilkes, Ava Williams, Bentley Brinson, Eli Hackle, Jacob Lewis, Charlie McRae, Lawton Wiggins, Kaley Flowers, Lara McNure, Henny Patel, Sheppard Purcell, Alba Ricks, Amelia Wilkes, Emily McRae, Aubrey Scott, A.J. Edenfield, Ethan Fields, Bailey McNure, Addalyn Terwilliger, Aubrey Williams, Emma Lai Tyam, Peyton Lee, Preyton Free, Cheyanne Howard, Chloe Calhoun and Rachel Shaw

Honor Roll

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Johnson, Adah Way, Beau Andrews, Milly Farmer, Mary Bess Fields, Farrah Williamson, Blaine Fordham, Thomas Cain, Halli Hammock, Kate Yeomans, Sophie Young, Presley Gowen, Slayde Holloway, Gracie Scruggs, Madison Slater, Anna Sutton, Tucker Free, Braydon Lawson, Colten Lewis, Payton Peebles, Mason Williams, Juddson Wilkes, Clayton Hood, Sara Fennell, Billy Martin, Emma Taylor, Grace Catherine Hood, Alana Tant and AnnaKade Clemens

Brewer speaks to EREA about crime prevention

The monthly meeting of the Emanuel Retired Educators Association was held by Zoom, on February 17, 2021, at noon. President Elise Turner called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. She then introduced Swainsboro Elementary School Principal, Valorie Watkins. Ms. Watkins welcomed members and shared that while it had been a challenging year, it had also been a very good year with teachers focusing on learning goals. The school has learned to do many things differently this year because of COVID. Ms. Watkins stated that she looked forward to having EREA back at the school for an in-person meeting. President Turner provided the invocation.

President Turner then welcomed Emanuel County Sheriff Jeffrey Brewer. Sheriff Brewer shared a variety of crime prevention tips for everyone. His useful tips included the following:

- Home Safety Tips**
- Use smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors if you use gas in your home.
 - Don't wear loose clothing when cooking.
 - Turn pot handles inward when cooking.
 - Have fire extinguishers available.
 - Use a deadbolt on your doors.
 - Utilize a timer on lights and TV.
 - Don't open an exterior door until you can verify who is at the door.
 - Never tell anyone

you are alone.

- Leave a spare key with a trusted neighbor in the event you are locked out of your home.
- Make sure your house number is placed outside and is visible.

Car Safety Tips

- Never leave valuables in your car in plain view.
- Never leave keys in your car.
- Avoid hiding a spare car key on your vehicle. (using key magnets)
- When shopping and returning to your car, always look around the area of your car, and have your key ready. Make a quick glance inside your car before entering it. Once inside, insert the key and immediately lock doors.

Phone Scams

- Do not answer your cell phone unless you recognize the number.
- Know that the IRS will NEVER contact you by phone.
- Never give out your credit card information or your bank account information over the phone.

Following the presentation, the treasurer's report and minutes from January's meeting were approved as presented. Other business included committee reports. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be held by Zoom on April 21 at Emanuel County Institute. The guest speaker will be Jeffrey Williamson, founding partner of J.L. Williamson Law Group,



SHERIFF BREWER



SES PRINCIPAL WATKINS



EREA PRESIDENT TURNER

LLC in Statesboro. Mr. Williamson's presentation will focus on elder law.

EREA is one of 128 local units of the Georgia Retired Educators Association (GREA). EREA and GREA are voices for the state legislature and the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia.

Emanuel Retired Educators Association meet for second planning session for 50th anniversary celebration

On March 17, at 10 a.m. in the Sudie A. Fulford Learning Center, EREA members met to update ideas/suggestions for their organization's 50th Anniversary. The celebration is planned for next year on May 18, 2022. It is tentatively scheduled to be held in the Richard L. Brown Dining Hall at East Georgia State College at 12 p.m.

Members present were Elise Turner, Bobbie Daughtry, Jean Schwabe, Syvetta Young, Carolyn Derden, John Derden, Lynn Torrance, and Kim Hooks. Members absent included Erma Jenkins and Rhunette Brinson.

The next planning meeting will be May 12 at 10 a.m. at the Sudie A. Fulford Learning Center.

Cook of the Week

Featuring the recipes of...

Dani Kate Parker



This week's Cook of the Week is Dani Kate Parker daughter of Russell and Ashley Parker. Dani Kate is three years old and attends school at Southeastern Technical College. She loves dancing at Southern Dance Connection, playing t-ball, swimming, riding the four-wheeler, being outdoors, and playing with baby Parker. When Dani Kate grows up, she wants to be a pharmacist like her mommy. Here are three recipes that Dani Kate would like to share. Enjoy!



From the kitchen of Dani Kate

Fluffy Scrambled Eggs

- 4 large eggs
- 1/4 c. half-n-half
- 1/4 tsp. Kosher salt
- 1 Tbsp. unsalted butter
- Pepper to taste

In a medium mixing bowl, whisk together eggs, half-n-half, salt and pepper. Melt butter in a small nonstick pan over medium heat. Add eggs to center of pan and immediately reduce heat to medium-low. Wait for edges to start to set, then, gently push the eggs from one end of the pan to the other. Continue this process, pausing in between swipes to allow uncooked egg to settle on warm pan and cook, gently pushing liquid to form curds. Once eggs are cooked to your liking, remove from pan and enjoy!



From the kitchen of Dani Kate

- 1lb. Ground Beef
- 2 Tbsp. Garlic
- 1 onion
- 3 1/4 c. Spaghetti sauce
- 1/4 c. Parmesan, grated
- 1/2 c. water
- 8 oz. of Spaghetti noodles (whole or broken into pieces)

In a large pot, brown the meat with the onion. Drain. Add garlic and let cook for about one minute. Add spaghetti sauce and water. Bring to a boil. Add spaghetti noodles and reduce heat. Cook covered 17-20 minutes, or until the noodles are done, stirring occasionally. Add more water if needed. Stir in parmesan cheese.



From the kitchen of Dani Kate

Soft and Chewy Sugar Cookies

- 1 c. Butter
- 1 1/4 c. Sugar
- 2 1/2 c. All-purpose flour
- 1/2 tsp. Baking Soda
- 1/2 tsp. Baking Powder
- 1/4 tsp. Salt
- 2 tsp. Vanilla Extract
- 1 Egg
- 1/2 tsp. Almond Extract, optional

Preheat oven 350°F and line a baking sheet with parchment paper (or coat with baking spray). In a large bowl with standing mixer or hand mixer, cream butter and sugar together until light and fluffy, about one minute. Add in egg, vanilla extract, and almond extract; beat until combined. Add in flour, baking soda, baking powder, and salt. Mix until just combined, making sure to scrape down sides of bowl. Roll dough into 1" balls and roll in sugar. Place on baking sheet, about 2' apart. Bake for 10-11 minutes, or until cookies have set. Allow to cool and enjoy!

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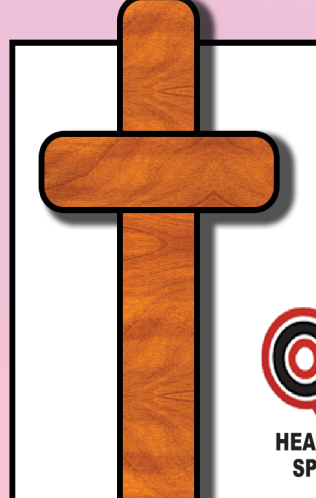
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Total Wellness Series begins at the Fulford Center, Queensborough National Bank & Trust Company hosts first session

The first session of the 2021 Total Wellness Series was held March 16 at the Sudie A. Fulford Community Learning Center on the campus of East Georgia State College. The first session of the year was hosted by Queensborough National Bank and Trust Company. Morrell McCaskill, Statesboro Market President and Wealth Planner with Queensborough National Bank and Trust Company spoke about Life Insurance: Planting for the Next Generation. McCaskill covered a variety of topics ranging from last will and testaments, life insurance policies, estates, beneficiary information, and much more. Mc-

Caskill, along with Vicki Anderson, the Swainsboro branch manager, and Market President Mack Griffin answered questions from the group. East Georgia State College, along with the community, would like to thank Queensborough National Bank and Trust Company and the presenters for the wonderful information that was passed along and the lunch and prizes that were provided.

Each session of the Total Wellness series is FREE and is made possible through a partnership with Queensborough National Bank and Trust Company, East Georgia Healthcare Center, East

Georgia State College, Emanuel Medical Center, UGA Extension, and CarePartners. There is no cost to participate, and enrollment is limited to 20 people. The sessions feature lunch, a presentation, handouts and door prizes all provided by the host of the session.

Social distancing guidelines are followed, and face coverings are required. The next session is scheduled for May 18 at noon. The session will be hosted by Emanuel Medical Center. Pre-registration is required and may be made with Harley Smith at the Fulford Center at (478) 289-2464 or by email hdsmith@ega.edu.



McCASKILL AND TOTAL WELLNESS PARTICIPANTS

Schools Can Win Up to \$2,500 during Woodmen-Life's America Is... Video Contest

WoodmenLife is sponsoring its fifth "America Is..." Video Contest, which aims to foster patriotism in elementary school students and show pride in their school and community. Students and school representatives across the nation have the opportunity to win up to \$2,500 for their school.

This year's theme is "America, the Beautiful," and classrooms in grades K through eighth can submit original, up-to-60-second videos illustrating the contest theme.

Students featured in video entries must be wearing masks or other appropriate facial coverings, per CDC COVID-19 guidelines, to be eligible.

After such a unique year in 2020, WoodmenLife wants to provide a way for students to showcase their creativity and help give back to their schools at the same time. All elementary school classroom teachers, band directors, coaches, principals, and school-affiliated organizations are eligible to participate. Videos can be sub-

mitted between March 15 and April 5 through the WoodmenLife corporate Facebook page. Voting for the winners will then take place April 7 through 12 on the same page, and the top three entries will be announced on April 15. The cash prizes are:

- Grand Prize: \$2,500
- Second Place: \$1,500
- Third Place: \$1,000

For full contest rules and details and to submit video entries, please visit Facebook.com/WoodmenLife.



SWAINSBORO KIWANIS CLUB WITH DONATIONS TO SPS PRINCIPAL MARIBETH CLARK

Kiwanis donate to SPS

Swainsboro Kiwanis Club recently made a donation to Swainsboro Primary which included cases of water, Primary writing journals, antibacterial Clorox wipes, and a monetary donation. Since students are unable to use water fountains due to COVID restrictions, water bottles are necessary to ensure students have something to drink throughout the school day. SPS is so thankful for this generous donation. It will help our students tremendously.



Raising money, having fun

Saturday, March 20 was a very good day for the small community of Canoochee. With the help of quite a few folks, Canoochee Fun Day was held at Smith's Canoochee Store. The day's events included a raffle for the Clothing Pantry at New Beginnings Church in Swainsboro, raffle for the State Scholarship Baseball Program, turkey contest, bounce house for the kids, and free hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks for everyone.

"We're here today to bring our community out for a common cause. Everybody around has gotten involved to help raise money for the pantry and scholarship program," said Hank Aldridge with the Scuffletown Hunting Club.

Local winners of the Clothing Pantry raffle included Amanda Taylor - 1187 shotgun and a camouflage T-shirt; Brandon Beasley - deer head ornament; Reagan Moxley - family pizza dinner from Smith's Canoochee Store; Jim Sherrod - case

of Cokes; Zack Peebles - turkey call; Corey Chalker - Canoochee Country cap; Ethan Conway - camouflage T-shirt; Kade Youmans - Canoochee Country cap; Ron & Stacy Womack - Canoochee Catfish dinner; Cade Womack - fishing shirt; and Jason Hadden - Altamaha Trading Post turkey shirt. A total of 22 prizes were given away.

In the turkey contest, prizes were awarded to anyone who killed a turkey Saturday. The only person who got a bird was Dylan Peebles. He won a turkey plaque and \$100 cash donated by Smith's Canoochee Store.

A second raffle was held for the Statewide Scholarship Program, which will benefit the southeast. According to Aldridge, approximately 20 scholarships will be awarded to high school students. These scholarships will be given in memory of two men who were leaders in high school baseball, Eddie Ashley and Henry Cochran. Family members of Ashley were on-hand to

assist with the drawings. Many other people who have participated in the program will also be recognized when the scholarships are presented.

"Many of our locals were able to play in state all-star games because of this - Mitchell Stafford, Michael Bender, Michael Kersey and Brad Riner, to name a few," Aldridge explained. The big winner of \$1,000 in accessories, donated by Daniels Chevrolet, was the Johnson County Softball Team. We will have a full story on the scholarship winners when the awards are presented.

Sponsors for the day, along with Smith's Canoochee Store and Daniels Chevrolet, were Scuffletown Hunting Club, Billy Lively Turkey Calls, Canoochee Catfish, Altamaha Trading Post, Sherrod Quality Deer Processing, Kaluba Country Blinds, Georgia Dugout Club and Coca-Cola (Justin Moxley and Dennis Key).





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Lady Bobcats are first in GCAA Conference after wins

The East Georgia State College Lady Bobcats Softball Team won two conference games over Andrew College on Tuesday, March 16, at Bobcat Field.

In game one the Bobcats won 4 to 2 with a strong pitching performance from freshman Britney Foster who struck out eight Andrew batters in seven innings. At the plate Taylor Morgan hit two doubles, along with Allana Hooks hitting one double to give the Bobcats the victory at 4 to 2.

In game two it came down to the bottom of the seventh inning for the Bobcats with the game tied at 1 to 1. Allana Hooks hit a solo homerun in the fourth inning to tie the game at 1 to 1. The Bobcats had the bases loaded with one out. Stephanie Ruffin hit a fly ball to the left letting Taylor Frye tag from third to score the winning run for the Bobcats at 2 to 1. Madison Bussell held the Andrew team to only one run in seven innings of work to preserve the victory for the

Lady Bobcats who sit alone in first place in the conference.

Head Coach Chuck Wimberly stated after the victories, "we pitched great, and our defense made play after play giving us a chance. At the plate we got timely hits and ran the bases really well. I am so proud of this group and their accomplishments this season so far as our dug-out has energy and we play with a lot of heart and passion."



BOBCATS IN ACTION



LOYD PITCHING

Swainsboro Tigers to open region with 3 game Vidalia series

by TROUP BRINSON
The Swainsboro Tigers (5-9) completed their non-region schedule last week and will tie up with the Vidalia Indians 3 times this week to kick off Region 2-AA. Vidalia is 9-4 on the season and one of the favorites to claim a region crown at season's end.

In non-region action, the Tigers claimed victories in 2 out of 3 games last week. Swainsboro took down Treutlen County 14-3 and Jefferson County 1-0, sandwiched around a 4-2 loss to Bleckley County.

The offense showed up against Treutlen County, scoring 13 total runs in the 4th and 5th innings to mercy rule the Vikings. Lenox Lively starred, allowing only 1 hit over 5 innings and getting 3 hits at the plate himself. Gaston Kirby also had 3 hits for the winning Tigers.

On Wednesday, Swainsboro matched up with a tough Bleckley County squad. Swainsboro's offense was unable to keep the momentum going from the previous day's outburst, managing only

1 hit. Elijah Loyd was effective over 5 innings in the close loss.

Friday's game against Jefferson County continued the search for consistent offense as the Tigers were only able to find 3 hit and 1 run for the game. However, the pitching was dominant, led by 4 one-hit innings from Nathan Riddle and 3 terrific innings by Jacob Durden for the shutout victory.

Swainsboro will be on the road against Vidalia on Tuesday and Friday and host the Indians on Thursday.

EGSC Softball, Baseball Teams claim weekend victories

The East Georgia State College Softball Team defeated Georgia Highlands on Saturday, March 20 by scores of 3 to 2 and 5 to 1.

In game one the Bobcats led 2 to 0 until the seventh inning when Georgia Highlands came charging back to tie the game at 2 to 2 in the top of the seventh. The Bobcats, however, walked off with the victory in the bottom of the seventh inning with a pass ball, errant throw from the Georgia Highlands pitcher that would score Sierra Taylor from third base to give the Bobcats the walk-off victory at 3 to 2.

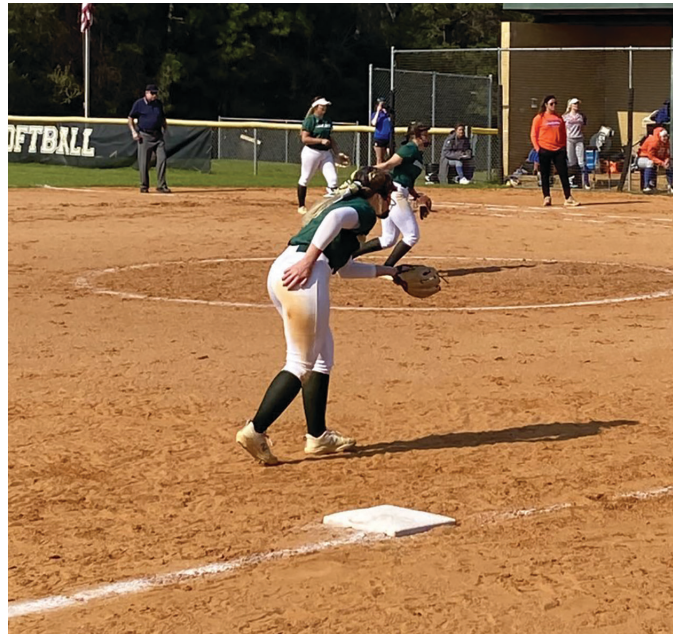
In game two Bobcat pitcher Madison Bussell completely shut-down the Highlands batters allowing four hits in seven innings of work. At the plate Allana Hooks, Alaina Lee, Taylor Morgan, Sierra Taylor, Madison Denning, Dani Wells, and Stephanie Ruffin all provided key hits for the

Lady Bobcats in route to a 5 to 1 game two win. With the victories, the Lady Bobcats are in first place in the conference with an undefeated conference record of 4 and 0.

On the Baseball Diamond, the Bobcats traveled to Tifton to take on ABAC in a double header. The Bobcats fired up the bats early in game one and never looked back!

They defeated ABAC 10 to 0 in game one and 6 to 4 in game two. With the victories, the EGSC Baseball Team has moved into second place in the conference with a 3 and 1 conference record.

The Bobcats have won 18 of their last 22 games on the baseball diamond and look to move into first place this week when they play Gordon State.



EGSC SOFTBALL PITCHER IN ACTION



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At tale of two games

by RON WEATHER-FORD

The Bulldog baseball team played home and away games last week against McIntosh Co. with both teams taking the win on the away field.

Dickens began his Tale of Two Cities with the line "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times....". That pretty much describes the two games against McIntosh Co. for the Bulldogs last week.

McIntosh defeated the Bulldogs 7-3 in a sloppy error filled game on Monday. ECI evened the score

Friday leaving Darien run ruling the Bucs in 5 innings 12-0 on 13 hits, with no errors allowing just 2 batters to reach base.

The Bulldogs were scheduled to play Treutlen Co. on Wednesday, but for the fifth time this season a game at Joe Harvey field had to be cancelled because of wet field conditions.

It did not take long for the Buccaneers to take the lead in the game Monday. With the lead off batter on, the third batter in the lineup poked one over the centerfield fence for McIntosh's first home run

of the season putting ECI in an early hole 2-0.

The Bucs added two more runs in the second on the backs of three straight singles to lead off the inning for a 4-0 score.

ECI got on the board in the bottom of the third after a Natavus Robertson walk and two Buccaneer errors to make the score 4-1.

Four Bulldogs errors led to one run in the fourth and two more in the fifth to put ECI in a deeper hole 7-1.

ECI added a run in the fifth and seventh innings to make the final score 7-3.

The Bucs gave ECI plenty of base runners giving up 7 hits and 8 walks. It was a shaky game on the defensive side of the ball also with the Bulldogs committing 6 errors.

Hudson Henry led ECI at the plate going 3-4. Bryce Kearson ended the game with two hits with two other Bulldogs picking up one hit each.

Joseph Stewart started on the mound for ECI giving up 7 hits with 7 runs, 4 earned. Kearson closed out the final 2 innings allowing no hits. Neither pitcher allowed a walk.

The Bulldogs run ruled the Bucs Friday in 5 innings scoring 12 runs on 13 hits, hitting 3 triples, one double, committing no errors, allowing just 2 hits with no walks.



REHBERG SNAGS A FLY BALL AGAINST BUCCANEERS

Before the Buccaneers put on the batting helmets, they found themselves down 3-0.

The Bulldogs led off the game with a Kearson walk and 4 consecutive singles by Hughes, Robertson, Caleb Avery and Jack Walden as ECI took a 3-0 lead in the first inning sending nine men to the plate.

With Hughes in scoring position after a single and error, Caleb Avery plated Hughes as the Bulldogs took a 4-0 lead in the second inning.

With runners on in the top of the third inning, PJ Farnum, in the lineup for the first time this season, scores two on a triple to make the score 6-0. Farnum later scored on a wild pitch with ECI taking a 7-0 lead in the bottom of the third.

The Bulldogs added a second layer of icing in the fifth inning scoring five more runs. With Avery on after an error, Jack Walden put runners in scoring position with a double. Avery scored on a passed ball. Chase Whitehead singles in McQuaig running for Walden for a 9-0 score.

With 2 outs the Bulldogs put three more runs on the board. With Whitehead on, Farnum hits his second triple of the game. Kearson matches Farnum's triple with his own for a 11-0 lead. The Bulldogs put the final nail in the coffin when Hughes reached on an error scoring Kearson.

The Bucs went down in order in the bottom of the fifth giving the Bulldogs the 12-0 victory and a 3-1 region record.

Hughes was dealing on the mound allowing just 2 hits with no walks for his second consecutive shutout. In his last two games against Jenkins Co. and McIntosh, the senior hurler has given up a total of 3 hits with no walks or runs.

Caleb Avery led ECI with 3 hits. Trey Hughes and Jack Walden had 2 hits along with Farnum who had 2 triples. Whitehead, Kearson, Robertson, and Henry had one hit each.

The Bulldogs have three games on the schedule this week. Tuesday, they played Bryan Co. in Pembroke. Thursday they will hit the road again to face Savannah Christian in a non-region game and Friday will have a rematch with Bryan Co. at Joe Harvey Field.

PUBLIC HEARING

City of Swainsboro

NOTICE is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the City of

Swainsboro in the Swainsboro Fire Station Classroom on April 5, 2021 at 6:00PM. The intent of the public hearing is to give the citizens of Swainsboro an opportunity to offer comments and become informed of the addition of an Ordinance to Amend the City code for the City of Swainsboro as to the Occupational taxes,

Administrative Fees, and Regulatory Fees for other purposes of the City of Swainsboro, as described in the O.C.G.A Code, Chapter 18 Section 18-42A through 18-43. The entire

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Tanner speaks to Kiwanis

The Kiwanis Club of Swainsboro held its weekly meeting on Tuesday night, March 16, 2021 at the Rustic Grill at 7 p.m. With President Dess Smith III presiding, there were 33 members and guests in attendance including 5 Zoomers. The club's guests for the evening were Savannah Tanner, EGSC Circle K'er Brianna Librizzi and Immediate Past Governor Debbie Brillling. The caramel cake, donated by Paul Cerpovicz and baked by Petite Garrett, was won by Rosa Amerson and the Domino's pizza, donated by Domino's Pizza, was won by Monica Wren. Joe Ware was the pro-

gram host. He introduced Savannah Tanner, Emanuel County Extension Agent. Tanner presented a program on soil. She noted that it is was not dirt because of the importance of taking care of our soil due to its economic impact. Soil is composed of organic matter (5%), air (25%), water (25%), and minerals (45%). She talked about soil texture, structure, and chemical properties and how we

need to get our soil tested in order to adjust those things we can adjust. She talked about the importance of adjusting the acidity (ph), the need for the introduction of organic matter, and adjusting the amounts of some of the 20 macro, secondary, and micro plant nutrients with fertilizers. She passed out soil sample bags and explained the proper techniques for collecting a soil sample.

If you would like to become a member of the Kiwanis Club, please contact Membership Chair Jane Durden at 478-494-4113 or e-mail her at hsdurden@bellsouth.com. If you would like more information about this club and the many community service projects performed each year, go to the Kiwanis Club website at: <http://www.swainsborokiwanis.org> or to the Swainsboro Kiwanis Facebook page.



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

Todd Lee Alston, 40, 452 Peebles St, entered 3/15/21; Driving lic susp/rev/Unregistered vehicle/No insurance/Speeding 15-29 MPH over; released 3/15/21; SPD

Jeffery T. Gatewood, 36, 7778 Ginfer Lane N, Charleston, SC, entered 3/15/21; Other/Obstr/ofc/Acq lic plate/conceal id of veh/Fleeing/attempt to elude ofc/Speeding < 14 MPH over/Driving lic susp/rev/No insurance; released 3/17/21; SPD

Thomas H. Woods III, 51, entered 3/15/21; Driving lic susp/rev/Suspended registration/Bench warrant/State court; SPD

David Mondragon Bolanos, 30, 723 Campell Cir, Atlanta, entered 3/15/21; Speeding < 14 MPH over/Driving while unlicensed/expired; released 3/16/21

Christopher Lamar Cody, 39, 20-A Creasant Dr, Seal, AL, entered 3/15/21; Theft by taking/motor vehicle/Hold for out of county billing/Hold for out of county billing; ECSCO

Angela Michelle McDaniel, 37, 59 Fowler Rd, Twin City, entered 3/15/21; Theft/shoplifting; released 3/15/21; SPD

Keith Antonio Walthour, 30, 22 Winnie Dell Ln, Brunswick, entered 3/15/21; Speeding < 14 MPH over/VGCSA marijuana/poss less than oz/VGCSA possession of drug related object/Driving lic susp/rev; released 3/16/21; ECSCO

Tyrese Devon Lanier, 25 Redbud Ave, entered 3/16/21; Fleeing/attempt to elude ofc/Driving lic susp/rev/VGCSA possession of drug related object;

ECSCO

Keith Bernard Young Jr, 33, 510 Oak St, entered 3/16/21; VGCSA/vio ga control subst act/Probation/Superior court/Bench warrant/State court/VGCSA possession marijuana/VGCSA possession cocaine/Fleeing/attempt to elude ofc/Reckless driving/VGCSA possession cocaine/VGCSA marijuana/poss less than oz; SPD

Monica Jalyah Willis, 23, 23 Railroad St, Adrian, entered 3/16/21; Bench warrant/State court; ECSCO

Joseph Wright Copeland, 36, 54 Panther Rd, entered 3/16/21; Crim damage to prop; WALK-IN

Kateria Joinae Christian, 21, 100 Bermuda Run, Statesboro, entered 3/16/21; Flee/attempt to elude police/VGCSA/vio ga control subst act/Suspended registration/Failure to stop at stop sign/Failure to maintain lane/Seatbelt violation/Reckless driving/VGCSA possession of drug related object/VGCSA marijuana/poss less than oz/Speeding 30+ MPH over/No insurance; released 3/19/21; ECSCO

Jesus Marsh Delacruz, 29, 421 N. Main St, entered 3/16/21; Driving lic susp/rev/Improper backing; released 3/16/21; SPD

Jonathan Steffner Shelly, 41, 1299 White St, Atlanta, entered 3/16/21; Expired tag/Speeding < 14 MPH over/DUI/alch; released 3/18/21; GSP

Joshua Maurice Brown, 23, 463 Norwood Ave, entered 3/16/21; Other/VGCSA possession of drug related object; SPD

Johnnie Lee Dixon Jr, 33, 254 Glenwood Rd, entered 3/17/21; Probation/Superior court; ECSCO

Tess Danielle Grumme, 31, 408 Pony Trail, Statesboro, entered 3/17/21; Probation/Superior court; ECSCO

Brandon Fidel Mendieta, 21, 468 Thigpen Dr, entered 3/17/21; Probation/Superior court; ECSCO

Brittany Semoan Pullens, 31, 221 Lee St, entered 3/17/21; Probation/Superior court; ECSCO

Wyatt Cameron Adams, 19, 961 Scarboro Church Rd, Twin City, entered 3/17/21; Battery/simp battery-family violence; ECSCO

Cierra Nicole Cox, 22, 2542 Chesterbrooke Dr, Lithonia, entered 3/17/21; Speeding 15-29 MPH over/Driving lic susp/rev; released 3/17/21; ECSCO

Jerome Walker, 49, 1525 Laurel Crossing Pkwy, Buford, entered 3/18/21; Hold for out of state extradition; ECSCO

Christopher Shane Richardson, 27, 118 Falcon Trl, entered 3/18/21; VGCSA/vio control subst act/Driving lic susp/rev/Other/VGCSA possession of drug related object/VGCA marijuana/poss less than oz/Other/Probation/Swainsboro PD/Middle Ga probation/Probation/Swainsboro PD/Middle Ga Probation; ECSCO

Billy Ricks Sr, 62, 307 Poplar St, entered 3/18/21; Child Support/Superior court Contempt order/Child Support/Superior court Contempt order/Child Support/Superior court Contempt order; released 3/19/21; ECSCO

Vincent Aaron Johnson, 32, 1619 Hwy 57 W, entered 3/18/21; Child Support/Superior court Contempt order/Battery; ECSCO

Rodney Roddricus Moye, 29, 2019 Scootch Davis Rd, Louisville, entered 3/19/21; DUI/Refusal/Obstr/ofc/Speeding 30+ MPH over/Reckless driving/Open container; released 3/19/21; ECSCO

Qunisha Carrianna Redding, 28, 1068 Hwy 56 N, entered 3/19/21; Obstr/ofc; released 3/19/21; ECSCO

Ethan Kuang Zhang, 20, 2218 Landing Walk Dr, Daluth, entered 3/19/21; Speeding 15-29 MPH over/Driving lic susp/rev; released 3/19/21; ECSCO

Zanani Zahaai Hosang, 21, 310 Miller Dr, Elberton, entered 3/19/21; Speeding 15-29 MPH over/Other/Flee/attempt to elude police/Driving lic susp/rev

Eric Rashon Worthen, 28, 504 Waller Pass, entered 3/19/21; Probation/Superior court; ECSCO

Kimberly Dawn Glisson, 36, 936 Hwy 57 E, Twin City, entered 3/20/21; Theft/taking; SPD

Kadarius Dayquon Moye, 19, 1015 MLK Jr Dr, Dublin, entered 3/20/21; Speeding 30+ MPH over/Driving lic susp/rev; released 3/20/21; ECSCO

Edwin Daniel Valente-Ortiz, 20, 32 Clover Circle, Ridgeland, SC, entered 3/20/21; Driving lic susp/rev; released 3/21/21; ECSCO

Warren Clifton Williams, 52, 83 Williams Rd, Kite, entered 3/21/21; Hold for out of county billing; SP

Sheriff's Reports

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

March 16

Deputies initiated a traffic stop in which the driver refused to stop and wrecked his vehicle shortly after. Offender fled on foot but was arrested minutes later.

Complainant stated someone broke the window to her husband's residence on Bonnie Rd.

Deputy responded to Rainbow Ridge for a report of a stolen phone.

Deputies met with complainant on Williams Rd. in reference to a report concerning theft of services. C/o is an employee of Jefferson Energy Cooperative. Further investigation revealed that power lines had been modified and connected to said address in an unlawful manner from a nearby Jefferson Energy power pole. At the time of initial investigation, the structure of he said address was supplied with stolen electricity.

Complainant stated offender has trespassed onto his property several times. Offender was previously a resident of the property and has left personal items on the property.

March 17

Deputy received a call from EMC/ER in reference to offender having some type of pipe on her person when she was transported to the CT room. Upon deputy's arrival, he spoke with offender who admitted to the pipe being hers and had smoked meth.

Complainant stated a deer struck her vehicle while traveling on Whippoorwill Rd.

Deputy was dispatched to US 1 North in reference to a theft. Upon arrival, deputy stoke with complainant and he stated that someone made entry into the cell tower area and took some copper strips and

plates off the tower causing about \$1500 in damage to the tower.

March 18

Vehicle was observed to be abandoned on the side of the road near an address on Hwy 80 E. Upon inspection, the left rear window was observed to be busted out. The vehicle was locked but due to the broken window, access could easily be made. It is unknown if the damage to the vehicle was present before the vehicle was eft at the location or if it occurred while abandoned.

Deputies assisted TCPD with a traffic stop on N. Railroad Ave. Offender had an outstanding warrant through SC. After confirming extradition, offender was placed under arrest to await pick up from SC.

Deputy respo0nded to McLeod Bridge Rd. in reference to a subject that had fallen asleep in the middle of the roadway in a vehicle.

Deputies responded to Pendleton Spring Rd. in reference to a vehicle off the roadway. Upon arrival, no injuries were reported and complainant advised that she lost control due to heavy rain. Vehicle sustained minor damage.

Deputies responded to Old Wadley Rd. in reference to damage to property. Upon arrival, complainant advised that she owns the property but lives out of state and discovered that people have been trespassing on her property on all-terrain vehicle and have been destroying her property. C/o also advised that she had posted signs and they have all been removed and wishes to keep further vehicle off her property.

Offender was located at a Poplar St. residence and taken into custody for multiple outstanding warrants.

Offender was located at a Hwy 57 W residence and taken into custody for multiple outstanding warrants.

Complainant stated he struck a deer causing damage to his vehicle. Damage was advised to be to the front end and undercarriage.

March 19

Complainant stated offender that lives behind her is her distant cousin but since he had been living there it has been nothing but problems with him playing loud music at all hours, shining lights into her windows, and riding 4-wheelers at 2 in the morning, making it very hard for her and victim to get any sleep most of the time. C/o also stated that she has tried talking with offender but it just keeps on happening. C/o stated she had to get onto offender's kids for riding the 4-wheeler across her back field that they rent out to a farmer and offender started cussing her out stating she couldn't tell him or his kids what to do. Deputy went to offender's residence and spoke with him about the incident and he advised that he was given permission by c/o's brother to ride on the property and that he had not been paying loud music at night and the only reason he has been shining lights over into her field is because people have been going onto his property stealing gas out of his truck. Deputy then advised offender that he was not longer allowed to ride on c/o's property because the victim is the owner of the property. Deputy also advised offender that he needed to keep the music down so the neighbors could not hear it and that he did not need to ride his 4-wheeler at 2 in the morning when people are trying to sleep.

March 20

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Center requested a call be made to a female in relation to a vehicle she had just bought breaking down on the way back to the residence. Deputy spoke with her on the phone

then went in route to Hwy 192 and spoke with c/o. Vehicle was left at the scene off the roadway.

Deputy observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed, at which time he activated his radar and confirmed the speed of 8 MPH in a 55 MPH zone. Deputy crossed the median and activated his blue lights and the vehicle increased speed. Vehicle failed to stop at the traffic light, then pulled over. Deputy exited his vehicle and the driver pulled away. Deputy then continued his chase and driver finally stopped. Offender was taken in for speeding, eluding, running red light, and suspended license.

Complainant stated someone stole the tag off of her vehicle while it was in Oak Park.

Deputy attempted to stop a vehicle, who continued to drive towards his residence. Once the driver stopped, it was determined that he was impaired and refused to comply and began to pull away from deputy as he was being placed under arrest. The driver's girlfriend went outside and tried to pull deputy away from arresting her boyfriend, and they were both arrested.

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appeared to be a flat tire. There was a note on the windshield advising the owner would return to the vehicle with a new tire on 3/21.

Deputies responded to a call on Sunfish Lane in reference to a domestic involving child custody. Upon arrival, deputies spoke with complainants who were sitting in a vehicle in the middle of Sunfish Lane. Both parties were separated and deputies spoke with them. Complainant stated they are married but they have been separated since Nov. staying in separate locations but they have been trying to work things out so sometimes he will stay the weekend at her sister's residence with her but they got into an argument and when he went to leave, he snatched their son out of her arms and put him in his vehicle and tried to leave with him. C/o stated she opened the door of the vehicle and tried to get her son but offender tried to drive off

from her. Deputies then asked offender why he was trying to take the child and he stated that he did not snatch the child from c/o, and he just wanted his son to go home with him. Deputy then advised offender that he thought it was best for the child to stay with the mother being it was so late and he had to drive to his residence in Statesboro.

March 21

Deputy responded to Rustic Grill for a complaint stating they no longer wanted to pay for their t-go order because it was too expensive.

Deputies were dispatched to Flat's Lounge in reference to loud music and a large crowd. Reporting deputy traveled to the location and did observe loud music coming from the building as well as a parking lot full of vehicle. Deputy contacted owner of the establishment to advise of the complaint.

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March 10

Officer checked a vehicle tag and it came back uninsured. Officer then confirmed the insurance was not valid and initiated a traffic stop. Officer approached the vehicle and driver admitted that there was no insurance on the vehicle. When advised that the vehicle would be towed, offender became visibly and audibly irate and began cursing. Offender was offered a ride to his residence but angrily advised he didn't want a ride and began walking away from the scene.

Officer responded to Dollar General in reference to a shoplifter. Officer made contact with offender and explained to her about the report and she stated she was not shoplifting and the officer could check her. Offender removed a knife from her purse and handed it to officer. Officer then observed offender slip something into the shop-

ping basket from her purse while she was kneeling on the ground. Another officer arrived to assist. Offender was then detained and upon checking the shopping basket, a used syringe was found. Officer then checked offender's purse and found a used glass pipe and a short plastic straw. Officers then viewed the camera footage to find offender had put items in her boot. It was also discovered that offender entered had three plastic bags containing a crystal-like substance that field tested positive for meth.

March 11

Officer was dispatched to the Moose Lodge in reference to a possible theft. Upon arrival, complainant stated that the former administrator (offender) was recently voted out of his position as administrator by members of the Moose Club and offender removed nearly all of the alcoholic beverages, administrator's computer, all keys to doors/pool tables, and the business's alcohol license from the building sometime between March 7 - March 11. C/o needed some form of documentation for the incident for club purposes. Offender was unable to give exact descriptions of the missing items, but had a general idea.

Officer responded to Turner Dr. in reference to stolen property. Upon arrival, complainant stated that appx. \$2000 worth of roofing metal was stolen from the yard of his rental property. Residence occupant told officer that she did not hear or see anyone in the yard and her dog always barks when someone walks onto the property and claims that all metal is accounted for.

Officers responded to King Circle in reference to an unwanted person. Complainant stated she wanted offender away from the residence due to them arguing and him being too loud. Offender was packing his things and ended up leaving with his mother.

Officer observed a vehicle enter the highway without any lights on, at which time he initiated a traffic stop. The driver explained that he did not have his license but provided officer with his name and DOB. The information was entered into GCIC several times and came back with nothing, therefore led the officer to believe the driver was providing false info. The driver exited the vehicle and was placed into handcuffs. He then gave consent for officers to retrieve his wallet from the vehicle and the driver's ID card was found. Upon running offender's information, it was discovered that he had a warrant for his arrest. It was also discovered that the vehicle had suspended registration.

Officer was dispatched to Market St. in reference to a dispute. Upon arrival, victim stated offender was not performing his

community service in the prescribed manner. Victim stated offender would make excuses for not working and became sarcastic when given directions.

Officer responded to Sunset Inn in reference to a dispute. Upon arrival, officer made contact with complainant who advised that she and her boyfriend were sharing a hotel room and offender became verbally offensive due to him being intoxicated.

Officer was dispatched to Murphy's in reference to an individual approaching strangers and begging for money. Officer was aware of prior incidents involving offender entering local businesses begging for money, causing patrons to feel uncomfortable.

Officer responded to Tractor Supply in reference to a shoplifter. Officer was reviewing the camera footage and advised units that offender was seen attempting to remove items from the store in a bag. When offender stopped store employees, she advised them that she had a receipt for the items, but she did not. Animal control was contacted to take possession of the dog offender had with her in the store. Offender was handcuffed and taken to jail for shoplifting and issued a criminal trespass order from Tractor Supply.

Officer took a report from complainant who stated a bulldog went into her yard and killed her dog.

March 12

Officers responded to Washington St. in reference to complainant stating she has been getting harassed by the mother of her boyfriend's children. Offender stated she went to the residence unannounced looking for her son and c/o stated offender was beating on the door and when asked to leave, she stated she was not going nowhere.

Officers responded to Hickory Trace in reference to a domestic dispute. Upon arrival, officers made contact with offender as he was leaving the apartment and got into his vehicle and was trying to leave when officer made contact with him. Offender stated he did not have anything to say to the police. Complainant stated she and offender had a heated verbal altercation over relationship issues. C/o also stated there was no physical altercation, however, offender was bleeding. While talking to c/o, officer observed a small spot of blood on c/o's sweatshirt and asked if she was injured and she said not.

March 13

Officers observed a vehicle without taillights and initiated a traffic stop. The officer asked the driver for his license and ran the numbers with the information coming back with invalid license through the state of Florida. Driver was transported to the police department.

Officers were dispatched to a local business due to an employee finding a child's pink bicycle in the wood line. Officers took bicycle in, no further information at this time.

Officer stopped a vehicle for going 66 in a 35. Driver did not speak any English and had to use an app to translate back and forth with the officer. Driver stated he did not have a license. The officer contacted over the radio asking for an officer fluent in Spanish was nearby. That officer came to the scene and explained to the

driver what was going on and he was placed under arrest.

Officer conducted a traffic stop due to vehicle going about 55 in a 45, the officer waited to see if the driver was going to slow down going into the 35 MPH zone, but the driver did not slow down. The officer had to catch up with the vehicle and pulled the vehicle over and asked for license. The officer informed the driver he could smell marijuana. The driver stated he did not have any marijuana on him, but had smoked in the car the day before. The officer informed the driver that he was legally allowed to search the car due to the smell and the driver was okay with that and informed him that he does have a weapon in the bag in the backseat and there may be marijuana in there as well. Officer called in for backup, then they proceeded to search the vehicle. Officers found marijuana in a bag inside of a bottle and a gun. Officers secured the marijuana and charged the driver for speeding and marijuana.

Officers responded to a call wit female stating that her ex-boyfriend came into her residence and jumped on her and damaged her property. He then left in her vehicle before officers arrived. Victim was bruised and scratched from ex-boyfriend.

Officers conducted a traffic stop and driver did not have a license.

Officers have a bench warrant on man who failed to appear, he informed the officer he had a crack pipe on him and he smelled like alcohol. Officers arrested him and transported him to the jail.

March 14

Officer conducted a traffic stop and the officer informed her that she was speeding. The driver stated she could not get a ticket because she has a state job. The officer ran her license and it came back suspended for failure to appear with a serve date. She was placed under arrest when the officer smelled a strong odor off marijuana on her.

Officers were dispatched to a 911 call from a man who states he was going to pick up someone from their home for church and was not getting an answer to the knocks on the doors or windows. Looking in the window the man was face down on his bedroom floor. The gained entry to the back door and found him deceased in his bedroom.

Officers were stopped by a man while patrolling, stating he needed to make a report. A man was harassing him by shooting him birds, yelling and cursing at him. Then he woke up the next morning to multiple missed Facebook calls. He stated he has not and will not respond to this man and his behavior.

Officers were dispatched to a local fast-food restaurant stating a U-Haul came through the drive thru earlier that day and bent part of the awning.

Officers respond in reference to possible burglary. Complainant states when he arrived home from work that day, his front door was kicked open. No items were missing.

March 15

Officers were dispatched for damage to a vehicle. Owner stated that about two nights ago he was woken up to noises around his home, but with a quick look around everything appeared to be okay. He later noticed that the cover

was removed from his street bike and a hose was pulled outside the flaring and the cap was removed from his rear sway bar.

Officers were dispatched to a local store where a woman was trying to shoplift store items. Using self-checkout she was scanning some items and putting the other non-scanned items in the bags together. She had a juvenile with her, her husband was contacted to pick up the child as well as the buggy full of purchased items. Once the child was picked up and safe, the mother was arrested and transported.

Officer conducted a traffic stop for a vehicle speeding. The officer discovered the vehicle had suspended registration and no insurance. The driver stated that was his aunt's car and he was just borrowing it. Driver's license was also suspended for failure to appear. He was arrested and transported to the jail.

Officers were dispatched in reference to an individual that would not get out of the caller's vehicle. Driver states she just met the offender a few days ago and gave him a ride to Warner Robins, Swainsboro, and back to Dublin for \$20 in gas money. The complainant states she was lonely due to Covid and was looking for a friend. The offender's version of events varied from the report by the complainant.

Officers met up with complainant and wife about lost revalidation stickers that were purchased last month but they are not unable to locate it.

Officer conducted a traffic stop due to vehicle having suspended registration. Officer was dispatched and stated that this same vehicle has already been warned. The drivers' license was suspended due to failure to appear. He was placed under arrest and transported.

Officers responded to an apartment complex in reference to a report of harassment. Victim states she took out a temporary restraining order out against her ex-boyfriend and that the judge signed the TPO that day and the ex-boyfriend sent her a video message threatening to slap her and her new boyfriend if he sees them at the club. The video was pointed toward his feet and never showed his face. She was advised to call back if the harassment continued.

Officers responded to a store where the offender and the complainant were asked to step indie of the office in reference to the merchandise he attempted to conceal. He rang up an item for \$2.00 in the self-checkout that was valued at a much greater price instead of asking for assistance in the store for the barcode for this item. The price of the item was reprinted.

Officer was contacted by phone call stating they were fighting at a ball field. No fighting upon arrival, two parents were confrontational in the parking lot.

Officers attempted to conduct a traffic stop due to speeding and the vehicle did not stop. The officer called for backup and followed the vehicle. Driver ran the stop sign and passed another vehicle in a no passing zone. The driver slid out the vehicle and ran through a yard on foot. Marijuana was found on the driver's seat as well as crack cocaine on the floor between the driver's seat and the door. The suspect was not found, the

drugs were collected and the vehicle was towed.

March 16

Officer was dispatched to Latitude 105 in reference to deposit account fraud. Upon arrival, complainant stated offender continuously contacted her via telephone during the early morning hours and laughed at her. C/o reported that an unauthorized transaction occurred on her Vero account for \$200 and offender has access to her account.

Officer responded to Calhoun St. in reference to a dispute between stepparents and complainant. C/o advised that her stepfather and his girlfriend live at the residence. Offender got into a verbal altercation with c/o after he confronted them about allegedly stealing unemployment money and money from c/o's stimulus check. Officer relayed information given from both parties to another officer, then went back to the front door and did not see offender. Officer began knocking on the open door and offender went to front door from the rear of the residence with a white powdery residue on her nostril. It was then discovered that offender had an outstanding warrant for her arrest for possession of meth.

Officer was dispatched to Easy Stop I reference to a man begging for money in the parking lot.

Officer responded to Liberty St. to an unwanted person. Complainant state that offender keeps going to the residence where c/o's ill mother lives and causes problems and steals things. C/o has power of attorney over her mother and advised that offender is no longer welcome at the residence.

Officer approached the driveway on N. Main St. and a vehicle began to brake into the roadway. Officer had to apply his brakes hard to make a sharp correction to avoid hitting the vehicle. Officer initiated his emergency lights, turned around, and performed a traffic stop. After obtaining the driver's license, it was found that he had suspended license.

Officer responded to S. Main St. in reference to a complaint about an individual asking people for money. Offender was arrested for failure to comply with officers on the basis of offender being issued numerous citations in the last two months regarding him walking up to people asking for money. Once under arrest, a search was executed of his person at which point a glass pipe commonly used for smoking crack cocaine was found.

Officer responded to Summitt Ave. in reference to a dispute between ex-partners. Complainant informed officer she was worried where her ex might do as he threatened to place drugs inside of her vehicle in an attempt to get her in trouble.

Officer was dispatched to SPD in reference to complainant stating a few days prior, he was at Family Dollar and when he got home, e noticed he had damage to the front bumper of his vehicle.

Officer was dispatched to Happiness Dr. in reference to a prowler on the property. Upon arrival, officer made contact with the homeowner, who stated that someone had been on her carport and jiggled the door handle attempting to gain entry into her home.



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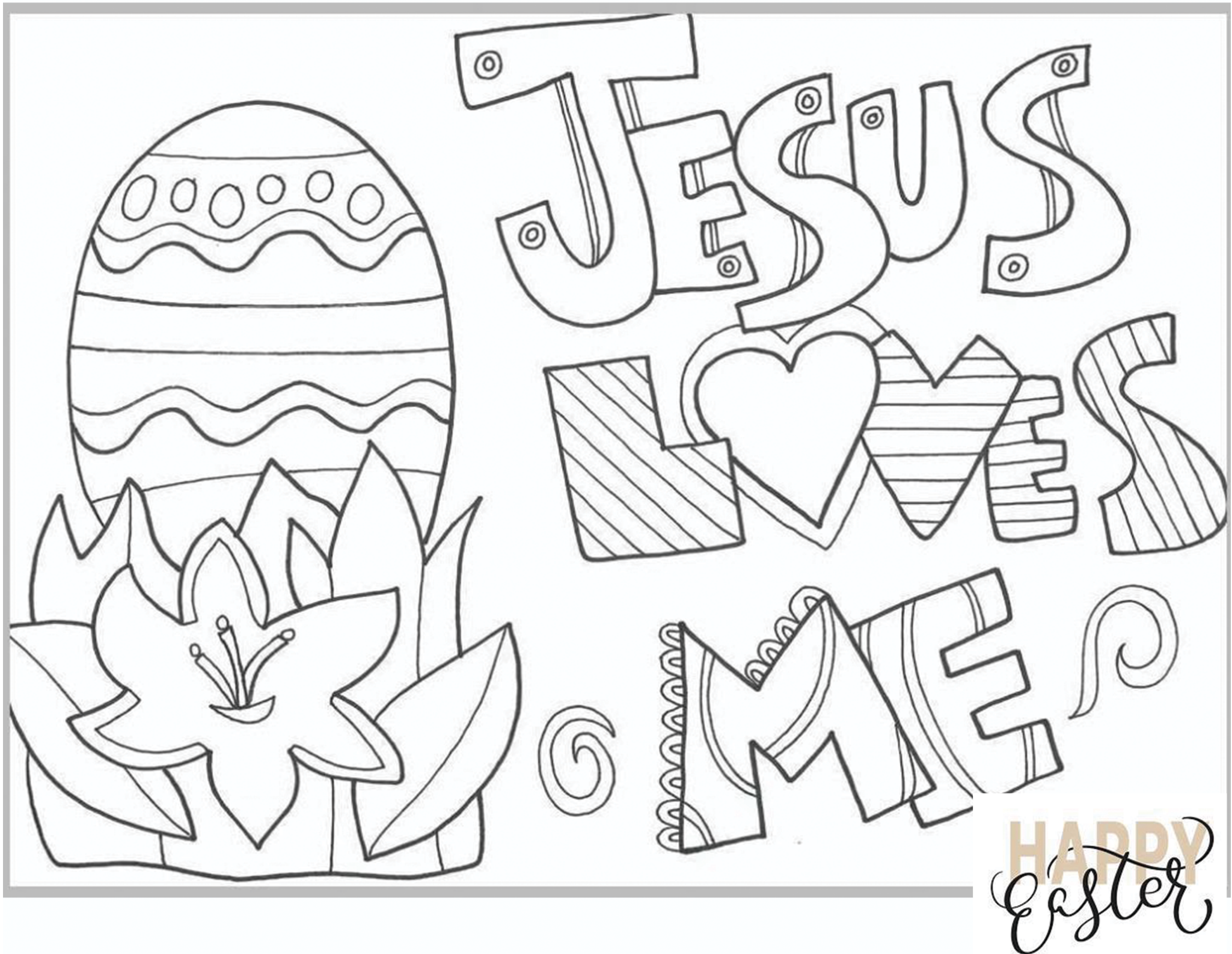
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Editorials Columns

Grandma's biscuits

Grandma went all out when the preacher came for Sunday dinner. She had heard, which was common knowledge, that the preacher's favorite meal was fried chicken.

It seemed when the Rhode Island Red chicken flock needed thinning out, the preacher always came to Sunday dinner.

The chickens came to realize that their lives were on the line when grandma gave them extra shelled corn at 9 a.m. on Sunday morning, whereas, their feeding time was always just before sundown. They smelled a rat and ran up

under the house while the unlucky ones couldn't resist the shelled corn and sacrificed their lives for the preacher's voracious appetite.

Grandma urged her 10 children to watch their table manners and save the bigger pieces of chicken for Reverend Terry.

My daddy didn't always listen to grandma's wise council and reached for an extra piece of fried chicken. She politely reached for his right ear and gave it a circular twist to get her message across. "I said just one piece today!"

The table was always

a hungry man's dream. There was a huge steaming bowl of fresh butterbeans, sliced tomatoes, fried okra, sweet skillet corn, homemade vegetable soup, and blackberry and apple pie with thick cream for dessert. But, the one item that was always on the table was grandma's huge buttermilk biscuits that went well with fresh garden vegetables and southern fried chicken. If there were any biscuits left over from the meal, grandma pitched them from the back porch to the hound dogs below. With so much practice,

the biscuits always found their mark into the hound dog's open mouth and seldom hit the ground.

As Preacher Terry thanked grandma for the delicious meal and slowly ambled toward the back porch, grandma realized that a pair of kittens were about to get under the preacher's feet and trip him up, causing him to fall. Without thinking, she scooped up the small kittens from the floor and tossed them one by one from the porch.

The greedy old hound dogs were waiting with open mouths, thinking

Ronnie Johnson



that they were about to receive a warm, soft biscuit straight from grandma's oven. The wayward biscuits had found their mark, and the hunting dogs walked away satisfied.

Little Mary Ann let out a mournful cry, realizing that the dogs had swallowed her pet kittens. Preacher Terry was lost for words and drew little

Mary Ann closer to him. "It is so tragic," Brother Terry exclaimed, "Hopefully something good will happen from this."

As the last words of sympathy spilled from his mouth, the hound dogs sheepishly came from the back of the house followed by two slimy balls of wet fur, looking none the worse.

From birdfeeders to poets, there is always something to celebrate

We are winding down the first quarter of 2021 and I am holding my breath. After all, it was the first quarter of 2020 when the world as we know it became a world we didn't know at all and one we are still trying to come to terms with. So far in 2021, we have observed Black History Month and Women's History Month. The emphasis given these two observances have tended to overshadow other noteworthy celebrations such as National Bird-feeding Month – but not in my backyard. Move over Harriet Tubman and Bella Abzug. You have earned your place in history but don't forget the robins and bluebirds and woodpeckers.

Their lives matter, too. It costs a king's ransom so hot that squirrels won't touch the stuff. It seems that birds don't have taste buds and squirrels do. This has made the squirrels very angry with me. I think they would like to chew my nose off. Not only that but given all the flapdoodle over election results in Georgia, I completely overlooked National Squirrel Appreciation Day (Jan. 21st.) Maybe next year. March is also Irish-American Heritage Month. The first two weeks of the month are dedicated to getting ready to celebrate St. Patrick's Day and the last two weeks are devoted to getting

over St. Patrick's Day. April is a biggie. First, there is Arab-American Month. For some reason, it is not observed by the U.S. government just a few states and some school districts. I had better leave this one alone. Arabs don't strike me as having a funny bone. The last time I jerked their hijab, they didn't take it very well. National Poetry Month is also in April. The Academy of American Poets said it was inspired by the success of Black History Month and Women's History Month and wanted in on the action. ("Blacks and Women have had their due. Let's now have a shoutout for poets, too. Burma Shave.") Confederate History

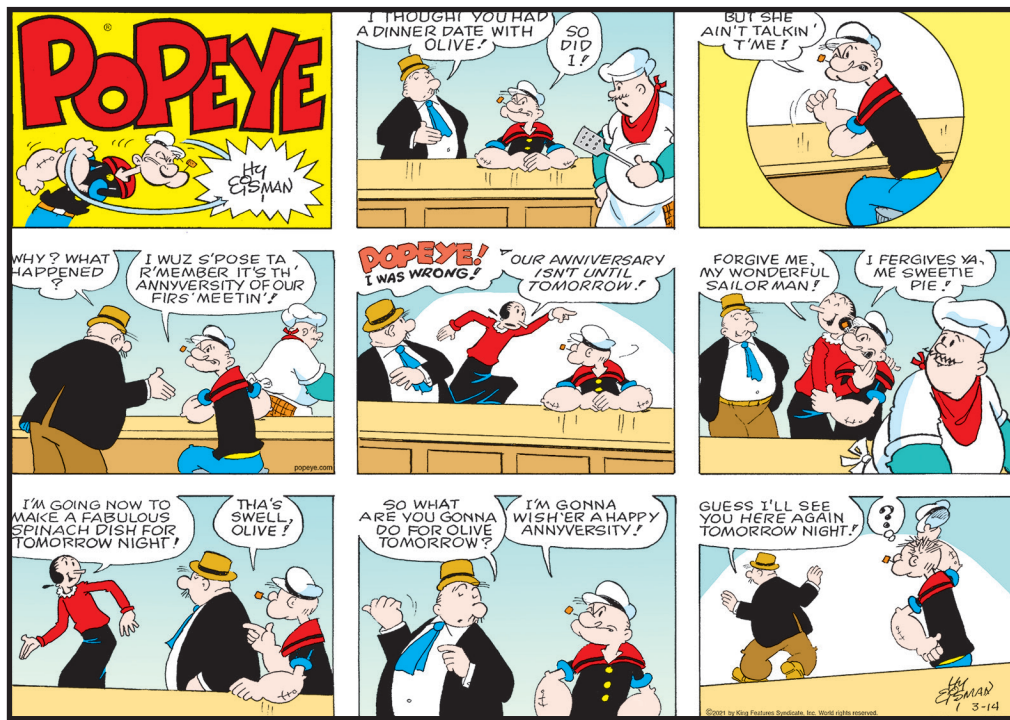
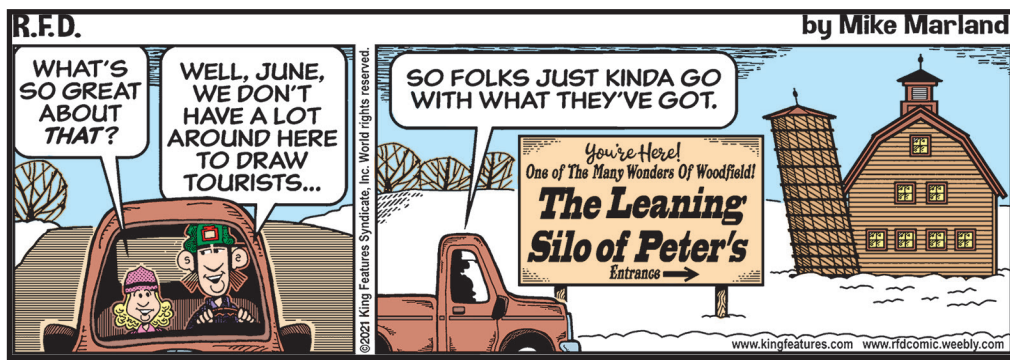
Month is in April. That used to be a big deal in the South with cotillion balls and Stephen Foster songs but not anymore. The politically-correct police have pretty much put the kibosh on that stuff. Anyone caught whistling "Dixie" will be sent to re-education camps in the People's Republic of Portland. Truth squads will comb the region looking for statues of Jed Clampett and Boss Hogg. Instead of Southern hospitality, we will be required to talk loud, say "Fuhgeddaboudit" and refer to each other as "Meathead." I am not looking forward to April. May is Asian-Pacific-American Month as well as Haitian Heritage Month as well as Jewish American Month as well as South Asian Heritage Month. That about covers the gamut, except for Kazakhstan. Kazakhstan might want to take a look at August. We've got LGBT Pride Month in June and National Ice Cream Month in July but nothing in August. They need to move before Uzbekistan finds out. Gospel Music Heritage

Dick Yarbrough



Month occurs in September. Can I get an amen? While the PC police and their posse are trying to stomp out everything Southern, they had best not mess with gospel music. I know for a fact that God likes Bill Gaither and Hovie Lister, Vestal and Happy Goodman and the Blackwood Brothers (Roy, Doyle, James and Roy's, son R.W.) a whole lot more than He does a bunch of narrow-minded twits trying to rewrite history to suit themselves. Can I get another amen? In October, we've got Italian-American Heritage Month, Polish-American Heritage Month and Filipino-American History Month. If it is too hot in August for Kazakhstans, they should check out October. That's a nice time of year but they had better hurry. We are running out of months. November is Native American Indian/Alaska Native Heritage Month and, more importantly, the annual Birthday Bash, when great-grandson Cameron Charles Yarbrough and I are saluted for our significant contributions to personkind and snarf down a lot of ice cream and cake. December is pretty much wide open. Maybe Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan could split the month between them. I doubt the rest of us would know the difference. That pretty much covers the year 2021. Looking ahead to next year, I am hoping to find space on the calendar for Humor-Impaired Month, a time to recognize liberal weenies, Trump grumps, overpaid and irrelevant professional athletes, anybody who chooses to live in Malfunction Junction, aka, the City of Atlanta voluntarily and British royalty. It is long overdue. 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



Ques What is encryption?


Answer: Encryption is an important part of the usage of computers and the Internet to assure only people that should see your message see it. Encryption is not something new with computers. It goes way back in history. With encryption you are altering the contents of a message so if someone that does not know the key will not know what is in the message. The following sentence is encrypted using a simple method. Vjku ku cp gpetavf ogucig. It looks like I jut ran fingers across keyboard and makes no sense. However, if I give you the key then you can read it. The key I used is that I changed all letters to letters higher, so a became c, b became d, etc. Now you can look and it and decrypt it and know what I wrote. The message is This is an

Dwight Watt



encrypted message. With computers today they use a complex algorithm to do the encrypting, so it is not this simple to decrypt. Basically, the key I gave you was one character of add two letters. The keys used by most encryption methods today are 256 or 512 characters long. You will see statements tat using this length key or using another length key will require a certain amount of time for t a computer to guess its way thru. However, be aware those numbers reduce all the time so a key may take 6 months to guess on machines today, but we are making faster and faster machines, and the new machines next month will do it quicker, so they are figuring newer algorithms and using longer keys to keep secrets. Remember in WWII the

Code Talkers (Navaho Indians) broke the key that the Germans were using so the Allies could read German messages. When you use HTTPS as the protocol for web pages it is encrypting information that is sent form the page. That way a hacker getting the message between the sender and receiver cannot read it. For this reason, when you send PII (personal identifiable information) or credit card numbers, etc. across the Internet you want it sent encrypted. The way to know that is if the URL (address) of the site in the address bar in your browser (Chrome, Firefox, Edge, etc.) shows either it starts with https:// or shows a locked lock.




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Emanuel Probation Detention Center has Correctional Officers, Correctional Sergeant, Part-time Instructor 2 (Teacher), Supply/Warehouse Clerk 2, and Food Service Supervisor positions available.

Please submit a State of Georgia application; resumes are welcomed but will not be used in lieu of an application. For information regarding salary and job requirements, please contact Swainsboro: Nielia Phillips at 478.289.2814, Fax 478.289.2755, and email nielia.phillips@gdc.ga.gov, and Twin City: Virginia McAllister at 478.763.2400, Fax 478.763.3686, and email virginia.mcallister@gdc.ga.gov. A State of Georgia application can be found on www.gdcjobs.com.

News from under the Gold Dome

by REPRESENTATIVE BUTCH PARRISH, STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 158

We resumed our legislative business on Monday, March 15, 2021. During the 10th week of the 2021 legislative session, more Senate bills made their way out of their assigned House committees and were voted on in the House Chamber. We also convened for a joint session to hear Georgia Supreme Court Chief Justice Herold D. Melton deliver the annual State of the Judiciary address. Legislative Day 40, or "Sine Die," is quickly approaching, but there is still much more work to be done before we adjourn on March 31.

On Tuesday, March 16, Chief Justice Melton delivered his third and final State of the Judiciary address, which is an opportunity for the legislature to receive an update on what Georgia's courts have accomplished during the previous year and what lies ahead for our judicial branch. During his speech, Chief Justice Melton reflected on his upcoming retirement from the Supreme Court, where he has served for the last 16 years. He also announced that the Supreme Court unanimously voted to name Presiding Justice David Nahmias, who also joined us for the address, as the next chief justice.

Throughout the pandemic and the Statewide Judiciary Emergency, the courts have remained open to address essential functions and critical cases, such as domestic abuse restraining orders, criminal bond hearings, mental health commitment hearings, and cases where an immediate liberty or safety concern was present. Under the direction of Chief Justice Melton and the state's Judicial Council, state courts and the Supreme Court have transitioned to video conferencing as a safer alternative to in-person proceedings, among other necessary rule changes to get our courts to a fully functioning capacity during the pandemic. As a result of the pandemic, criminal and civil jury trials have been suspended for most of the last year due to the number of people involved and the length of such

trials. However, suspending these trials created a backlog within the judicial system, and although the trial suspension was lifted in recent weeks, the backlog continues to grow, and it could take the courts up to three years to catch up on these trials. Due to the backlog of cases, the state's statutory speedy trial deadline has been temporarily suspended under the Statewide Judiciary Emergency, but Chief Justice Melton urged the General Assembly to champion legislation to address this issue long term.

To aid with this issue we passed Senate Bill 163 to provide a solution to the court's handling of backlogged cases. When the Statewide Judiciary Emergency eventually ends, SB 163 would allow chief judges of Georgia's superior court judicial circuits or state courts to continue to suspend statutory speedy trial deadlines until the deadlines could be reasonably met. The bill includes a sunset date of June 20, 2023, to specifically target this backlog, but the chief justice of the Supreme Court would also have the ability to reinstate the speedy trial requirements at his or her discretion before this sunset date. This bill is a top priority to the Judicial Council and Georgia's superior and state courts this session, and I am confident that this legislation will extend necessary support to the courts as they work through the case backlog over the next few years.

We also overwhelmingly passed Senate Bill 88, which offers several innovative solutions meant to strengthen the teacher pipeline for Georgia schools. SB 88 would:

- Allow the Georgia teacher of the year to serve as advisor ex officio to the State Board of Education, ensuring that our best teachers can help guide this important agency

- Require local school systems to support a non-traditional teacher certification pathway for veterans to become certified teachers.

- Revise the state's tiered evaluation system for teachers to allow schools to focus their observational resour-

es towards teachers who need more support in the classroom

- Require the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (PSC) to create innovative programs to promote teacher education programs at Georgia's historically black colleges and universities

- Would direct the PSC to provide aspiring teachers with increased coursework in differentiated instruction and reading fundamentals, which would better prepare new teachers before they enter the classroom

- Ensure that Georgia is recruiting and retaining the brightest educators for our students and work to steer Georgia schools in the best direction for years to come

We also gave final passage to Senate Bill 34 to support survivors of human trafficking as they rebuild their lives in Georgia. In addition to victims of family violence, SB 34 would also allow human trafficking victims to petition for a name change "under seal," which means these petitions would be processed by the court confidentially and would not become a part of public record. Not only would this legislation provide privacy and peace of mind to these survivors, it would also allow them to remain safe and protected from those who exploited them. This legislation would work in lockstep with the House's recent legislative efforts to restore justice and well-being to survivors of human trafficking, and SB 34 has now been sent to the governor's office to be signed into law.

We only have five legislative days remaining this session. We will return on Monday to vote on more Senate bills on the House floor, as well as give final approval to House bills that were amended by the Senate. Even with the end of session in sight, I hope to continue to hear what you think about legislative matters that impact our community and our state.

I remain dedicated to serving your interests as your state representative, and I hope that you will [contact me](#) with any questions or concerns you may have regarding the legislative session or with any proposals or recommendations for future legislation.

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

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Legals

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:
 GLENDA D. 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.

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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.

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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY

All creditors of the estate of Cecil Herbert 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 Cecil Herbert Reddish, decedent
 Jerry N. Cadle, P.C.
 P.O. Box 68
 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.
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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

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 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.

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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 1/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.

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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,
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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 center.

You are hereby notified that the above-styled action has been brought by the EMANUEL County Department of Family and Children Services, and the Georgia Department of Human Services, seeking to terminate your parental rights with regard to the above referenced child; that said action has been filed in the Juvenile Court of Emanuel County, Georgia; and that by reason of an Order for Service of Summons by Publication dated February 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 Marriquee 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.

DON E. WILKES
 Judge of the Probate Court
 By: Jeanie Hooks

Clerk of the Probate Court
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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

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY

All creditors of the estate of Dona Elaine Glass, 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.

Gail Dillard, Executrix of the Estate of Dona Elaine Glass, 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 DAISY PEARL ROYAL, ESTATE NO. 21E0039
DECEASED
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
NOTICE

TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern:
 WILLIE ALBERT ROBINSON has petitioned for to be appointed administrator of the estate of DAISY PEARL ROYAL 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 19, 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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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF U.S. HIGHWAY 1 BYPASS PUMP STATION AND FORCE MAIN ALTERNATE ROUTE for the EMANUEL COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

EDA 04-79-07368
Sealed proposals will be received by the Emanuel County Development Authority at 102 South Main Street, Swainsboro, Georgia, 30401 until 2:00 p.m. local time, Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read. No submitted bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids for a period of 60 days.
All Bidders must have a State of Georgia Utility Contractor License and must employ a state "Utility Manager" certificate holder who will have oversight of all the work. The work to be done consists of furnishing all materials, equipment and labor for the construction of:
 Division One: Force Main Construction of approximately 14,780 L.F. of 10-inch PVC and 1,222 L.F. of 10-inch ductile iron force main, 520 L.F. 16-inch steel casing by jack and bore, 13 combination vacuum and air release valve manholes with appurtenances and storm water monitoring. Time allotted for this work is 180 consecutive calendar days for substantial completion and 210 days for final completion.
 Division Two: Sewage Pump Station Construction of one (1) duplex raw sewage pump station and corrosion

inhibitor system including site work, wetwell, piping, fencing, access drive, electrical, pumps, painting, and all appurtenances. Time allotted for this work is 240 consecutive calendar days for substantial completion and 270 days for final completion.

Proposals for the complete work in one or more general contracts shall be made on the proposal form provided and shall contain prices in words and figures for the work bid on.

The work to be performed under this contract (EDA 04-79-07368) is on a project partially funded with Federal funds from the U. S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration and therefore is subject to Federal laws and regulations associated with that program. The work to be performed under this contract must also comply with all applicable federal, state, territorial, and local laws, and in particular, the federal public laws, Executive Orders, OMB Circular, and local requirements.

All proposals shall be accompanied by a Bid Bond drawn in favor of the Emanuel County Development Authority, in the amount of at least 5% of the lump sum bid for the complete work; such Bid Bond representing that the Bidder, if awarded the contract, will promptly enter into a contract and furnish Performance Bond and Payment Bond as provided by law and approved by the Attorney for the Emanuel County Development Authority. Each bond shall be equal to 100% of the contract amount. The Bid Bond shall be forfeited to the Emanuel County Development Authority as liquidated damages if the Bidder fails to execute the contract and provide Performance and Payment Bonds within 10 days after being notified that he has been awarded the contract.

Drawings and Specifications are open to public inspection at the office of the Emanuel County Development Authority and at the offices of Turnipseed Engineers in Augusta and Atlanta, Georgia.

Copies of the plans and specifications may be obtained from Turnipseed Engineers, 4210 Columbia Road, Building 3, Augusta, Georgia 30907, upon receipt of \$225. Additional reduced drawings are available for \$125.

Digital copies of the documents are not available. Upon receipt of all documents in undamaged condition within 30 days after the date of opening of bids, half of the deposit will be refunded.

The difference between the deposit and the amount refunded represents the cost of reproduction. No refund will be made for documents received after 30 days or in damaged condition.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities.

Emanuel County Development Authority:
 By: Jack Bareford, President

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF PAUL PIERRE JR, ESTATE NO. 31E0040
DECEASED
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
NOTICE

TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern:
 STEVEN RAY PIERRE has petitioned for to be appointed administrator of the estate of PAUL PIERRE JR. deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has 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 26, 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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Legislative Update: Week 10

by SENATOR BILLY HICKMAN
 It may be hard to believe, but the 2021 Legislative Session is almost over. We have just 5 days left.

Since the start of session in January, I've worked on dozens of bills such as "The Tax Return on Investment Act of 2021", legislation to aid in the healing process for human trafficking survivors, help for small businesses, election reform, and importantly the budget.

While we have been working hard and have passed some great legislation, we still need to pass a final election reform bill. I promise that we will pass a final version that secures our voting process and restores faith in our elections.

I took an opportunity to pay tribute to a great Georgian from Metter, Carvy Snell, who recently passed away. Carvy was the owner and publisher of the Metter Adviser where he touched so many lives

in Candler county. I was humbled to honor him in the Senate.

When I am in Atlanta during the week, I always look forward to visits from friends and neighbors. This week we had a particularly special visitor - Congressman Rick Allen!

Congressman Allen is a conservative champion and does a fantastic job representing Georgia in D.C.

While we are close to the end of session, there is still important work to do before we adjourn. This week I will be working on election reform as well as the Senate version of the June 2022 budget. If you have any questions or feedback, please reach out to me at billy.hickman@senate.ga.gov or 404-656-5035. If you are interested in learning more about the legislation that I have been working on, you can visit my Senate website.

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