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## Georgia expands COVID vaccine eligibility

The Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH) and Governor Brian Kemp announced the state expanded COVID vaccine eligibility beginning March 25, 2021, to include all Georgians aged 16 and older. Increased COVID vaccine supply and significant progress in vaccinating Georgia seniors, our most vulnerable population, allows the state to move forward and to ensure all vaccine doses are being put into arms.

Vaccination, along with strict compliance with basic prevention measures - wear a mask, stay six feet from others, avoid large gatherings, wash your hands frequently - will help Georgia stop the spread of COVID-19.

These measures are critically important as SARs-CoV-2 variants continue to circulate and increase in Georgia. Currently, there are 367 confirmed COVID cases with variants statewide; 351 cases with the UK variant (B.1.1.7), 15 cases with the South Africa variant (B.1.351), and 1 case with the Brazil variant (P.1). These variants appear to spread more easily and quickly than other variants, which may lead to more cases of COVID-19.

Anyone with signs or symptoms of COVID-19 should be tested, regardless of

vaccination status or prior infection. Follow the advice of your health care provider about what you should do while you wait for your test results. COVID testing not only helps DPH control and mitigate infection, but it also provides valuable information about variants when positive test results are sequenced.

To find a vaccination location or to schedule an appointment, log on to [dph.ga.gov/covid-vaccine](http://dph.ga.gov/covid-vaccine) or visit [myvaccinegeorgia.com](http://myvaccinegeorgia.com) to schedule an appointment at a GEMA mass vaccination site.

**Important note:** Pfizer is the only COVID vaccine approved for teens 16 and 17 years old. Please schedule an appointment at CVS or Walgreens or at one of the GEMA mass vaccination sites to ensure Pfizer vaccine is available.

**Emanuel Medical Center provides the Moderna COVID vaccine which is only given to 18-year-olds and old. For more information and scheduling on Wednesdays at Emanuel Medical Center, contact Kathy Peebles or Carmen Tanner, 478-289-1100.**

For updates on COVID-19, follow @GaDPH and @GovKemp on Twitter and @GaDPH and @GovKemp on Facebook.



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EASTER BASKET WITH EGGS IN FRONT OF CROSS BEARING THORN CROWN

## ECSO joins ICAC Task Force to protect local youth from exploitation

On February 22, 2021, the Emanuel County Sheriff's Office became an affiliate member of the Georgia Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force. The mission of the Georgia Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force is to detect, investigate and prosecute instances of online child sexual exploitation in Georgia. Online child sexual exploitation includes child sexual abuse material, commonly referred to as child pornography, the online enticement of children and child sex trafficking among other crimes. The Georgia ICAC Task Force also provides internet safety education to members of our communities. The affiliates of the Georgia ICAC Task Force receive continuous specialized advanced training related to these technical investigations.



REDDISH WITH HIS CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

On March 22, 2021, Investigator Michael Reddish, of the Emanuel County Sheriff's Office, completed the first class in a series of training that

ICAC investigators can attend - The Introduction to ICAC Investigations. This training enables the sheriff's office to better investigate instances

of online child sexual exploitation that are occurring in our community. In 2020, the state of Georgia received (Continued on page 2A)

## Happy Easter!!!

*He is not here; he has risen! Luke 24:6-7*

The Forest-Blade will be closed on Good Friday, April 2. The office will resume normal hours Monday, April 5. The staff of The Forest-Blade hopes everyone enjoys the Easter weekend with their loved ones.

## High-speed chase leads to one arrest

At approximately 2 p.m., Friday, March 26, Emanuel County sheriff's deputies were dispatched to an address on Highway 57 West in reference to an unknown male driving a white Toyota Tacoma with black rims pulling into the resident's yard, exiting the vehicle and walking around the homesite uninvited. As deputies neared the residence, they were notified that the suspect had left the residence.

The first responding deputy came in contact with a white Toyota truck fitting the description traveling toward Swainsboro. As the deputy turned around to initiate a traffic stop, the suspect vehicle fled and was observed speeding

through US Bypass 1 at speeds exceeding 100 MPH with no regard to other traffic. A second deputy approaching to assist had to exit the roadway to avoid being struck by the fleeing suspect. Both deputies lost contact with the offending driver.

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# Hometown Public Servant: Kristin Cannady Hall

This week's Hometown Public Servant is Kristin Cannady Hall. Employed by the citizens of Emanuel County, Hall occupies the seat of clerk of court, serving Superior, State, Juvenile, and Magistrate Court.

"When you have the opportunity to be elected, you have 22,000 employers and I wouldn't have it any other way," Hall stated during a recent interview.

Hall has served the citizens of Emanuel County as clerk of court for eight years, with this year marking her ninth year of service. Prior to her elected title in Emanuel County, Hall worked in human resources while attending college at the University of Georgia.

### Hall's background

Raised in Emanuel County, Hall is a graduate of Swainsboro High School. After her high school graduation, she then attended the University of Georgia with no plans to return to Swainsboro as quickly as she had thought.

"During my first year of graduate school, while home for Thanksgiving, the opportunity for my husband to buy the Kwik Shop presented itself. We went from full time residents of Clarke County in December 1, 2008 to returning home and being business owners in Swainsboro by January 1, 2009. Three years later, the former clerk, Mr. Jay Lawson, announced his retirement and I had the opportunity to run and be elected. Our return to Swainsboro and the past thirteen years, I give God all the glory. It was definitely not something we could have orchestrated," Hall commented.

### Serving the people of Emanuel County

Abiding by God's will to serve locals of the county, Hall states that the people she serves are what she enjoys most about her job. No matter the good or the bad, Hall's desire to serve the people of Emanuel County is top priority to her.

"Emanuel County is a great community with so many wonderful people. Throughout school, I was always involved in service organizations and had great exposure to the community through those organizations. To be able to do that daily, and to interact with the citizens, is truly a blessing," she further elaborated.

### The workload associated with the title

As clerk of court, an elected position, Hall's ability to cover various areas all ranging in diversity is a requirement. The clerk of court's office handles all court records, from serious felonies to simple traffic citations, and all civil related court cases too. The clerk's office is responsible for jury sum-



HALL WITH HER FAMILY

mons and grand juries. All real estate documents are also handled through this office as well as process and approval of a citizen becoming a notary. The office is also a passport acceptance facility. In addition, the clerk of court and office staff serve as a liaison between the citizen and the judicial system. Working with local attorneys, other court personnel, law enforcement agencies, the banking industry, and other local governments, Hall wears multiple hats in the position she rightfully serves and says the office rarely experiences the same things two days in a row.

"There is always something different in the clerk's office," Hall further stated.

### Becoming clerk of court

A clerk cannot be elected without a high school diploma or equivalent. There is a residency requirement involved as well in serving the position. When elected to serve as clerk of court, Hall was required to complete a 40 hour course prior to taking her oath to enter office. After the 40 hour course, 15 hours of continuing education are required to be completed on an annual basis.

"The University of Georgia ICJE offers a certified clerk course that takes roughly four years to six years to complete. They require specific classes and a final paper to receive certification. I received this certification in April 2019. I routinely complete additional web based training

that is job specific and attend statewide trainings when offered," Hall highlighted during the interview.

### Hall addresses the community

"John Maxwell has a series on valuing people in which he states, 'You add value to people when you value them.' In my office, we hope that everyone feels valued, regardless of the situation they may find themselves in as it relates to court matters or personal situations they are experiencing. The people in our community are our greatest and most valuable asset. As an elected official and local business owner, I recognize and appreciate that we are the community we are because of the people that live in it. Each day I have the opportunity to interact with those people and each day I am thankful for that interaction," conclude Hall.

*Kristin is the wife of Mitch Hall. Together, they have three children, Camden, Brooks, and Ivy. The family enjoys time spent together as often as possible, loving every ball game, dance practice, and all the fun to be had in between. A warm-weather family, the Halls love taking trips to the beach and the lake and are looking forward to the coming months.*

*Hall is a member of First Baptist Church, the Rotary Club of Swainsboro, Emanuel Medical Center Hospital Foundation, The Historic Karrh Community Arts Centre project, and the local Chamber of Commerce.*

## High-speed chase..

(From front page)

A third deputy responding to assist witnessed the involved driver enter the intersection of Kite Road and West Main Street, broadside. In a press release made available by the sheriff's office via Facebook over the weekend, it was announced that the pursuit continued

on to West Main Street and then to East Main Street with the driver crossing lane to lane in an uncontrollable manner. The pursuit ended after the suspect vehicle sideswiped a vehicle at the intersection of GA Highway 56, causing the offending driver to lose control of the vehicle and strike a tree near Industrial Way.

The 23-year-old driver, identified as John Trevor Neikirk of Jacksonville, FL., was then apprehended and transported to the Emanuel County Jail where he was booked and charged with felony obstruction, DUI, felony fleeing/attempting to elude, reckless driving, and speeding.

## ECSCO joins ICAC..

(From front page)

over 11,600 tips from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) related to the online sexual exploitation of children in Georgia. The sheriff's office has a strong commitment to keeping the children in our community safe from those that seek to exploit and harm them.

"Sheriff Brewer approached me with the idea and I immediately jumped right on it. It's something he's very passionate about and I'm glad to have the opportunity to be a part of it," Reddish stated during a recent interview.

The Georgia ICAC Task Force, as one of 61 ICAC Task Forces across the country, has over 250 Georgia criminal justice agencies as members and all are committed to working together to combat online child sexual exploitation. The Georgia ICAC Task Force is managed and coordinated by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation. The ICAC Program, created by the U.S. Department of Justice, was developed in response to the increasing number of children and teenagers using the internet, the proliferation of child pornography, and the heightened online activity by predators searching for unsu-

pervised contact with underage victims.

Emanuel County Sheriff's Office is looking to break new ground in many areas by expanding services. The office is currently working to have Reddish a separate computer system to operate outside of the ECSCO system to ensure the county's system isn't compromised.

"This is a new venture for us and something that's been long overdue. We needed to have someone in this capacity and Michael was the chosen one," Sheriff Brewer stated. "Michael is self-motivated and always looking for something to do. When I approached Michael with this task, he was eagerly ready for the assignment. I think he's going to do great in this new area."

In addition to joining the ICAC task force, Reddish will also be taking a course in the near future on detecting and investigating cybercrimes such as financial fraud and other internet scams.

Anyone with information related to cases of child exploitation in our community is asked to contact the Emanuel County Sheriff's Office at 478-237-7526 or the Georgia Bureau of Investigation Child Exploitation Unit at 404-270-8870.

Tips can also be submitted by calling 1-800-

597-TIPS (8477), online at <https://gbi.georgia.gov/submit-tips-online>, or by downloading the See Something, Send Something mobile app.

The Georgia ICAC Task Force is one of a group of 61 regional task forces spread throughout the United States and funded by the United States Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. The Georgia ICAC Task Force began operations in April 2003 and has been in continuous operation since that time.

The Task Force is comprised of members from the GBI and over 230 affiliated law enforcement agencies and prosecutorial entities in the State of Georgia. The ICAC program was developed in response to the increasing number of children and teenagers using the internet, the proliferation of child pornography, and the heightened online activity by predators searching for unsupervised contact with underage victims. By helping state and local law enforcement agencies develop effective and sustainable responses to online child victimization and child pornography, the ICAC program delivers national resources at the local level.

In 2017, the ICAC Task Force made 350 arrests. There have been over 2,100 arrests in Georgia by the ICAC Task Force since its inception.

## EGSC plans return to full operations for 2021 Fall Semester

East Georgia State College is making plans to resume classes in the fall semester of 2021 with full operations and will offer a complete campus experience for students in campus housing. All campus services will be fully functioning, including campus dining, student activities, and athletics. EGSC's campuses in Augusta and Statesboro, hosted on Augusta University and Georgia Southern University, will resume operations under the same guidelines as the main

campus in Swainsboro.

The decision to resume full operations comes after the college temporarily suspended instruction in March of 2020 for two weeks and then continued the remainder of the semester in an online format because of COVID-19. Over the summer EGSC worked to come up with a safe plan as students returned for the fall semester. Protective face coverings are required in all campus buildings. Classrooms and other areas have been moved around so

students can be a safe distance apart. Extra hand sanitizing stations were added around campus along with signs notifying students and employees of all the new rules on campus. The EGSC webpage has an online form for students and employees to fill out if they have COVID-19 symptoms or have been exposed to someone who may have COVID-19.

Students are now nearing the end of the spring semester and the second semester that these new guidelines

have been in place. With the wide availability of the COVID-19 vaccine, students should return to college in the fall with every confidence that the campus has prepared for the safety of the students. As usual, some online classes are available for students who prefer that mode of instruction. EGSC will continue to monitor the spread of COVID in the area. The college has a contingency plan in place to ensure that instruction continues seamlessly in case of an emergency campus closure.

"I am excited that students will be back on campus and engaging in face-to-face classes. I look forward to club meetings resuming and student activities returning to normal," said Dr. Sandra Sharman, Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs. "The scourge of COVID, thankfully, has not greatly impacted our campus family. It will be wonderful to come together, again, and provide an exceptional educational experience for our students."

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The Citizens Bank of Swainsboro has been a member of the Swainsboro-Emanuel County Chamber of Commerce since 1959. We consider our membership dues to be an investment into our community, promoting economic and retail development in Swainsboro and Emanuel County. The Chamber of Commerce is the face of the community and supporting them with an annual investment and committing valuable time to their activities will yield future growth for your business and the community.

Citizens Bank of Swainsboro is located at 121 North Main Street. Hours of operation are Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Friday, 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m.; and Saturday (drive thru services only), 9 a.m. until 12 p.m.

Contact Citizens Bank by calling 478-237-7001 or visit their website: [www.cbs-lc.com](http://www.cbs-lc.com).

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# BOBCAT SPOT

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## Athletics Week in Review

Last week kicked off with the Bobcat Baseball team against Gordon State on Tuesday, March 23, losing game one to 7-0 and game two 10-3. Saturday saw them face off against Andrew College, losing game one 15-3 and winning game two 11-6. Yesterday saw them play a double-header against South Georgia, and scores were not available as of press time. They will next be in action on the road Saturday against South Georgia State.

The Lady Bobcat Basketball team took on Albany Tech on the Titans' home turf on March 23, winning 83-75. They then faced off against Andrew College at home yesterday in the first round of GCAA Playoffs, and scores were not available as of press time.

Men's Basketball took on South Georgia Tech at home on Thursday, March 25, winning 83-72, and then faced the Jets on their home turf on Saturday, losing 71-66. They were next in action against Georgia Highlands yesterday, though scores were not available as of press time.

Yesterday was also Sophomore Night for both of our Bobcat Basketball teams!

The Lady Bobcat Softball team faced off against ABAC in Tifton on Friday, March 26, winning game one 2-1 and falling in game two 6-5. They then took to the field at home against Georgia Military College in a double-header on Monday, March 29. They will next be in action on the road against Gordon College on Friday, April 2.

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- March 22 - May 31 - Summer and Fall Open Registration
- March 31 - Bobcat Regatta Competition Days
  - CoEd Floor Hockey - 3 p.m.
  - The BIG Egg Hunt - 5:30 p.m.
  - AAU Being Black in America Part II - 6 p.m.
- April 1 - 30 - Bobcat Appreciation Month
- April 1 - Donut Social - 11 a.m.
- 10th Annual Family Astronomy Night - Virtual Experience - 5:30 p.m.
- April 5 - 9 - Bobcat Appreciation Month - Student Week
- April 5 - 9 - Spring Break - Augusta Students Only
- April 5 - Graduation Ceremony Photos - 9 a.m.
- AAU Meeting - 1:30 p.m.
- April 6 - Session II Last Day to Withdraw with no Academic Penalty - Swainsboro/Statesboro
- Graduation Ceremony Photos - 9 a.m.
- BCM Club Meeting - 10:45 a.m.
- Volleyball Game - 3 p.m.

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

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

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### Wednesday Night

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

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## Peggy Watson Braswell, 72

Mrs. Peggy Watson Braswell, 72, of Swainsboro, passed away Tuesday, March 23, 2021, at East Georgia Regional Medical Center in Statesboro following an extended illness. Funeral services were Thursday, March 25, at 11 a.m. in the chapel at Chapman Funeral Home with Reverend Mark Hardin officiating. Interment followed in Eastbrook Cemetery & Mausoleum. The family received friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 24, at Chapman Funeral Home. In compliance with the guidelines set by the CDC, 6-foot rule was enforced during visitation and service.

Pallbearers will be Travis Akridge, Ryan Kersey, Jerry Jones, Jared Chalker, Richard Jones, and Dale Cannady.

Mrs. Braswell was born December 30, 1948, in Metter, to the late Walter Buford Watson "Pete" and Mary Lawson Watson. She attended Emanuel County Institute, Central Georgia Technical College, East Georgia College, and Swainsboro Technical College. Mrs. Braswell was a master cosmetologist and a former owner/operator of a salon. She retired in March of 2018 from Southeastern Technical College with 41 years. Mrs. Braswell received multiple Instructor of the Year Nominee Awards. She also received Rick Perkins Teacher of the Year Award and got multiple nominations by the Cosmetology Educators



**BRASWELL**

of America for Educator of the Year. Mrs. Braswell was the Skills USA Vica Advisor, and served as Chairperson for STC Faculty Council and also for the East Central Consortium of Cosmetology Instructors. She was of the Baptist Faith. Mrs. Braswell is preceded in death by her parents; infant son; and brother, Jeff Watson.

Survivors include her husband, Fred Braswell of Swainsboro; sons, Clint (Nickole) Braswell of Adrian and Dave (Debra) Henry of Twin City; stepdaughter, Tammy Chalker of Swainsboro; stepsons, Chris Braswell of Milledgeville and Barry Braswell of Adrian; grandchildren, Jared Chalker of Swainsboro, Hannah Henry of Twin City, and Maggie Rae Braswell of Adrian; great-grandson, Braiden Chalker; brother, Joe (Linda) Watson of Twin City; several nieces, nephews and many friends.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.

## Loretta Lee Weller, 79

Mrs. Loretta Lee Weller, age 79, departed this life on March 14, 2021. Graveside service was held Saturday, March 20, at 11 a.m. in the Swainsboro City Cemetery with Elder Keith McKinney presiding and Pastor Melvin Adams as Eulogist.

Mrs. Weller was born February 18, 1942, in Swainsboro, to the late Rev. Joseph D. Lee and Creama Bell Lee. She attended Swainsboro High School and worked various jobs after graduating. Later, she lived in Brooklyn, NY, where she worked many years at a well-known retail store. Mrs. Weller then attended cosmetology school in New York and received her license. She was a member of the Greater Saint James Missionary Baptist Church. Mrs. Weller had no biological children, but she was a mother to many of the family members with her



**WELLER**

love, her concern, and her guidance that meant a lot to the family. Mrs. Weller is preceded in death by her loving parents; sisters, Louise Young, Josie Bell Johnson, Betty Jean Ricks, and Alma V. McKinney; and brother, Charles Lee.

Mrs. Weller leaves fond memories that will always be cherished by her sister, Carolyn Wright (Louis); a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Reno Tapley Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

## Summertown Baptist Church to hold community Easter event

Summertown Baptist Church will sponsor a Summertown Community Easter Celebration featuring an egg hunt, games and more on Saturday, April 3. The event will be held from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Summertown Community Center. A hotdog and chip lunch will be provided. Come join the fun!

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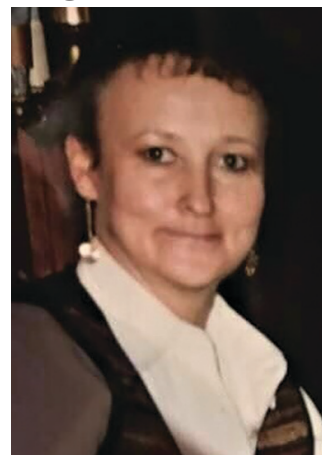
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## Brenda Paige, 76

Durden-Hudson Funeral Directors announces the death of Mrs. Brenda Paige, age 76, of Twin City, on Wednesday, March 24, 2021, at Emory University Hospital in North East Atlanta.

Graveside services were conducted on Tuesday, March 30, at 2 p.m. at Eastbrook Cemetery and Mausoleum with Rev. Chris Holt officiating. Visitation was one hour prior to the service at the cemetery. CDC social distancing guidelines were observed and masks were encouraged for the safety and health and well-being of others.

Born in Savannah to Charles E. and Mary Lou Robbins Mikell, Brenda grew up in Metter. She has been a resident of Emanuel County since 1994. Brenda worked as a clerk at the gift counter at Wilson Pharmacy of Swainsboro for over ten years. She loved flowers and was a gardener with a green thumb. Brenda had many hobbies and interests. She enjoyed anything from woodworking and jewelry making, to carving wood and refinishing furniture. Brenda was a jack of all trades and was an extremely talented artist. She could even install her own ceiling fans. "She probably has more saws



**PAIGE**

and tools than Swainsboro Supply". Mrs. Paige is preceded in death by her parents; sister, Betty Herrington; and brother, Billy Mikell.

Survivors include her husband of 20 years, Charles E. Paige of Twin City; daughters, Connie Huffman of Elgin, Oklahoma and Elaina B. Wilkes (Charles) of Twin City; sons, Tony L. Beasley of Aiken, SC and Bruce Paige (Danielle) of Marblehead, Massachusetts; sister, Donna Lynn (Donald) of Register; grandchildren, Haley Landers (Chance), Wyatt Huffman (Shelby), Skyler Wilkes, Grace Beasley, Savannah Paige, and Noah Paige; great-grandchildren, Callen Landers, and Waylon Huffman.

Durden-Hudson Funeral Directors was in charge of arrangements.

## Mary Ann "Bobbi" Moore, 81

Mrs. Mary Ann "Bobbi" Moore, 81, of Twin City, passed away Friday, March 26, 2021, at Memorial Medical Center in Savannah following an extended illness. Funeral services were Monday, March 29, at 3 p.m. in the chapel of Chapman Funeral Home with Reverend Ray Braddy officiating. Interment followed in Old Canoochee Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery. The family received friends from 2 until 3 p.m. Monday, March 29, at Chapman Funeral Home. In compliance with the guidelines set by the CDC, 6-foot rule was enforced during visitation and service.

Pallbearers were Trai Johnson, Timmy Baker, Johnny Baker, Jimmy Neal, Rosby McKenzie, and Tim Durden. Honorary Pallbearers were Wes Wammock and Robbie Baker.

Mrs. Moore was born May 30, 1939, in Statesboro, to the late Johnny Baker and Pauline Williams Baker. She loved flowers, gardening, crafts, and fishing. Mrs. Moore was a homemaker, and worked at Twin City Shirt Factory, Argo Mills, and Ogeechee Home Health.



**MOORE**

She was a member of Twin City First Baptist Church for 43 years. Mrs. Moore is preceded in death by her parents; son, Gary Turner; sisters, Kathleen Nichols, Patia Martin, and Ann (Billi) Tucker.

Survivors include her husband of 56 years, Jerry Moore of Twin City; son, Stebo (Stacy) Moore of Twin City; brothers, Gene (Louise) Baker and Robert Baker, both of Twin City; sister, Linda (Kenny) Rich of Twin City; grandchildren, Chandler Moore, Mabry Moore, Wes Wammock, all of Twin City, and Morgan Rich of Garfield; great-grandchildren, Addi Rich and Gray Rich; several nieces, nephews, and many friends.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.

## Mattie Hunter, 68

Mr. Mattie Hunter, age 68, of Twin City, passed away Wednesday, March 17, 2021, at University Hospital in Augusta following an extended illness. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 27, at 1 p.m. in the Johnson Chapel of Garfield.

Mrs. Hunter was born September 11, 1952, to the late Daisy Bostic and Sherp Bostic. She was married to Bubba Hunter of Statesboro. Mrs. Hunter was a beautiful soul that loved God, life, and her family, and always had a smile that brought joy to anyone she was around. She was a very outspoken, caring, and loving person.

Mrs. Hunter leaves behind two daughters, Rebecca Hunter and Kisha



**HUNTER**

Hunter, both of Metter; son, Danny Hunter of Twin City; brothers, Flag Bostic of Twin City, Jimmy Price of Augusta, and Bobby Bostic of Statesboro; sister, Rosie Lee Bostic of Swainsboro; many nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

Mosley's Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**Barbara Ann Brooker, 57**

Barbara Ann Brooker, age 57, passed away Monday, March 22, 2021. Graveside service was held Saturday, March 27, at 3 p.m. in the Swainsboro City Cemetery with Bishop Bertha Jones as Eulogist.

Ms. Brooker was born in Dublin on September 1, 1963 to Sarah Lee (Dunbar) Henderson and the late Bobby Henderson. She was the oldest of 10 brothers and sisters. Ms. Brooker was married to the late Sgt. James A. Brooker of Hampton, SC, in Augusta, 1986. She was loved by many, but her most important role was being a devoted mother and grandmother. Ms. Brooker is preceded in death by her father and husband.

Ms. Brooker leaves to cherish fond memories with her two children, Rodrigus Henderson and Kashema Gibbs (Richard); her mother; siblings, Patricia Williams



**BROOKER**

of Swainsboro, Angie Brent of Elizabethtown, KT, Anthony Clark of Augusta, Matthew Clark of Chicago, IL, Otis Henderson of Atlanta, Leon Henderson and James Edward (Ted) Henderson of Connecticut, and Tayla (Kelvin) Henderson of Dublin; grandchildren, Ciera Henderson, Anthony Brown, and Richard Gibbs, Jr; a host of aunts and uncles; nieces, nephews, other relatives, and caring friends. Mosley's Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**Latisha Denise Rutherford, 42**

Miss Latisha Denise Rutherford, age 42, left her earthly home for her heavenly home on Sunday, March 21, 2021. Graveside service was held Sunday, March 28, at 1 p.m. in Johnson Chapel Church Cemetery with Rev. Dewayne Rollins as Eulogist.

Miss Rutherford was born November 22, 1978, to Regina L. Stokes and Ray C. Hughes. She graduated from Portal High School in 1997 and received her CNA certificate after graduation. Miss Rutherford owned and operated her own home daycare center. After a few years, she returned to the medical field as an ER Tech for Candler County Hospital. She attended EGSC and earned her associate degree, and was employed as a medical assistant with East Georgia. Latisha recently enrolled back in school to further her medical degree as a RN. Miss Rutherford is preceded in death by her father.



**RUTHERFORD**

She leaves to cherish her many memories with her three children Quinton Q. Torrence of Atlanta, Jaleel Rutherford and Taniya R. Simmons, both of Swainsboro; her mother, Regina (Chris) Stokes of Glennville; sister, Tawanda K. Bailey of Statesboro; Taquita L. (Derrick) Hills and Latika L. Cuyler, both of Swainsboro; brothers, Leroy C. Ball and Shon Hughes, Jr. of Statesboro, and Dwight Hughes of Millen; many other relatives and friends.

Mosley's Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**Sonya Michelle Bradford, 53**

Mrs. Sonya Michelle Bradford, age 53, transitioned to be with the Lord on March 17, 2021, after an extended illness. Funeral service was conducted on Tuesday, March 23, 2021, at 2 p.m. in Brinson Hill Church Cemetery in Wadley with Minister Betty Perez presiding and Rev. Dr. David Kemp as Eulogist.

Mrs. Bradford was born January 28, 1968, to James Strowbridge and Barbara Jordan-Strowbridge of Wadley. She was a graduate of Louisville High School, class of 1987, a graduate of STC, EGSC, and South Georgia College of Nursing. Mrs. Bradford loved her career as an RBN and enjoyed serving others. In May, 1990, she married Kelvin Bradford. Mrs. Bradford is preceded in death by her parents; and brother, Eric Myers.

Mrs. Bradford leaves to cherish her memories with her husband



**BRADFORD**

of 30 years; sons, Rshad (Keara) Bradford of Junction City, KS and Martavious Bradford of Warner Robins, two grandchildren, Rashad Alan Matthews of Baxley and Kearrie Bradford of Junction City, KS; siblings, Veronica (Sherman) Meardith and Jeremy Strowbridge, both of Grovetown, and James (Catina) Strowbridge of Statesboro; a host of uncles, aunts, cousins, other relatives, and friends.

Mosley's Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

*Mt. Olivet Baptist Church of Garfield to host fundraiser to fight childhood hunger*

The youth at Mount Olivet Baptist Church of Garfield will host a bake sale and lemonade stand to raise money for World Vision's 30-Hour Famine and Weekend Blessings. The fundraising event is set for Thursday, April 8, from 9 a.m. until, and will be held in front of South Auction and Realty, located at 338 E. Main Street in Swainsboro. Leslie Frederick, youth leader for the church, asks everyone to please come out and support the youth as they work to help in the fight against childhood hunger.

**United Primitive Baptist Church announces Easter plans**



United Primitive Baptist Church will host Sunrise Service this Easter Sunday beginning at 7 a.m. A breakfast will be served at 8 a.m. and will be followed by a Bible story reading at 9 a.m. Church service will be held at 10 a.m. The church is located at 246 West Main Street in Swainsboro.

*Holy Zion to host old fashioned Easter program*

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



**Eastbrook Cemetery & Chapman Funeral Home Invites You To Our Easter Sunrise Service Sunday April 4th at 7:15a.m. @ Eastbrook Cemetery & Mausoleum Message and Music by Rev. Phil Wilson**



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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:

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## I believe God... sometimes

by PASTOR NICK ROBERTSON, CONSUMING FIRE MINISTRIES

The Bible describes faith not only as a gift from God (Romans 12:3; Ephesians 2:8), but also as a choice on our part. For example, Proverbs 3:5 commands: "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding."

This means we all have an important moment-to-moment decision to make: Will we believe the promises of God or depend on our own intelligence and reasoning instead?

I must admit when I evaluated myself to see where I stood with this question, I found that I believe God sometimes. This broke my heart because I know that I broke His heart with my unbelief. I have come to an understanding that I will share with you. Belief and faith are not used as the same thing sometimes, but faith is the ultimate position we must have with God. I have found that this word equation helped me see the difference in the two: Belief + Action = Faith.

We began to form our belief from a pattern of thinking/thoughts. So, what we think becomes a part of what we believe. Then, what we believe determines if we will have any action and no action equals no Faith. Let's be honest, some of us have said that we believe God will handle a situation for us but yet our actions reveal we have no faith. To say "I give this problem to you God" but then try to handle it yourself is the proof that your belief process has been tainted.

Example time: I previously spoke with some friends of mine who we just found out they are pregnant. We are all very happy for them. I asked the wife why it took so long for her to tell her husband, family and friends. She explained that she was concerned about having a miscarriage and wanted to wait before she told everyone. While this is something we have all heard and can understand the feeling of, is it faith. First, I am not alluding to if anyone has had a miscarriage that it is because of their faith, THIS IS NOT WHAT I'M

SAYING. What I would like for us to examine is this: If your belief were that of Gods loving involvement in our life, we would not think of the negative. We would believe the positive. If my friend was believing that God would see her through, she would have (action) told everyone from the beginning.

I have found myself not believing God's word as I should which affects my faith sometimes, but knowledge is power. I am making the decision to have more positive thoughts to construct better belief, not just sometimes but all the time. I understand that things happen that are detrimental to us, but here is what's required of us in those times... faith that God is with us and that He will help us through the problem, grief, etc.

So why do people sometimes suffer even after they have prayed? Although I don't claim to understand each and every situation, I know that sometimes things seem delayed because God's timing is different from ours. We shouldn't get discouraged if we don't see an instantaneous miracle every time we pray for something.

I would be giving you the full gospel if I did not also say that I've also seen times when God's blessings were blocked by unresolved sin or disobedience. At the Cross, Jesus defeated both sin and sickness (1 Peter 2:24). But if we expect to access His power, we must also make a commitment to turn from any known areas of disobedience.

Finally, it's crucial to embrace the truth about God's desire to see us blessed. The truth will set us free (John 8:32), yet often God's people are "destroyed for lack of knowledge" (Hosea 4:6). God does want YOU to have joy, love, and peace. Don't let the enemy tell you that the blessings of our God is not for you. I encourage you today to resolve in your heart that you will believe the promises of God — for every blessing your Heavenly Father wants to give you. Use your spiritual authority over the devil's work. Keep standing in faith, choosing to believe God to fulfill His Word!

# Jesus Christ, 33

Jesus Christ, 33 of Nazareth, died Friday on Mount Calvary, also known as Golgotha, the place of the skull. Betrayed by the apostle Judas, Jesus was crucified by the Romans by order of the ruler Pontius Pilate. The causes of death were crucifixion, extreme exhaustion, severe torture, and loss of blood.

Jesus Christ, a descendant of Abraham, was a member of the House of David. He was the son of the late Joseph, a carpenter of Nazareth, and Mary, His devoted Mother. Jesus was born in a stable in the city of Bethlehem, Judea. He is survived by his mother Mary, His faithful apostles, numerous disciples, and many other followers.

Jesus was self-educated and spent most of His adult life working as a teacher. Jesus also occasionally worked as a Medical Doctor and it is reported that He healed many patients. Up until



JESUS ON THE CROSS

the time of His death, Jesus was teaching and sharing the Good News, healing the sick, touching the lone-

ly, feeding the hungry, and helping the poor.

Jesus was most noted for telling parables about His Father's Kingdom and performing miracles, such as feeding over 5,000 people with only five loaves of bread and two fish, and healing a man who was born blind. On the day before His death, He held a Last Supper celebrating the Passover Feast, at which He foretold His death.

The body was quickly buried in a stone grave, which was donated by Joseph of Arimathea, a loyal friend of the family. By order of Pontius Pilate, a boulder was rolled in front of the tomb. Roman soldiers were put on guard.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that everyone try to live as Jesus did. Donations may be sent to anyone in need.

**HE IS RISEN!**  
Mark 16 1:7. Have a blessed Easter!

## Swainsboro Primary students engage in an exciting night of STEM

A talented group of kindergarten through second graders turned a Tuesday evening into a creative science adventure during a virtual STEM NIGHT, March 16th, co-sponsored by Magnolia Midlands Georgia Youth Science & Technology Center and Swainsboro Primary School. Participating children let their skill and imaginations soar as they worked on experiments and projects grounded in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).

The children worked with supplies generously donated by community sponsors to investigate the dimensions of sound, force, shapes, and problem solving. Their hands-on work produced models and prototypes that illustrated these concepts. Swainsboro Primary School Principal, Maribeth Clark said, "Our STEM Night was a huge success! This event allowed our students an opportunity to participate in hands-on experiments while being a member of a Zoom virtual classroom. Students were so excited to be able to work independent-



SCENE TAKEN FROM VIRTUAL EVENT

ly while belonging to the larger group. The night provided lots of laughter, learning, problem solving, and thinking outside of the box while having fun!"

STEM NIGHTS (Days and Weekends too) are signature events at GYSTC member kindergarten through middle schools throughout Georgia. There, students join with parents, teachers and community members to celebrate science through exhibits, performances, discussions, group activities and especially displays of potential STEM careers students might pursue in the future. Erin Youmans, GYSTC Coordinator for the Magnolia Midlands Region said,

"We are so fortunate to be able to use technology to continue to reach out to students at area schools and host events like our Virtual Family Nights."

GYSTC is an educational non-profit wholly dedicated to increasing K-8 teacher competence in STEM through support and professional learning opportunities. GYSTC works with public, private and charter school districts to encourage equality and excellence in STEM education for children throughout Georgia. For more information about activities in the Magnolia Midlands GYSTC Region, contact Erin Youmans at ehyoumans@ega.edu or (478) 289-2094. For inquiries about GYSTC and its many programs and resources, Contact Cody Richards at (470) 578-7592 or cricha48@kennesaw.edu

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 Psalm 59:16

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# Greene and Wilson Chosen as Southeastern Tech's 2021 Rick Perkins and GOAL Winners

William 'Chip' Greene, Electronics Technology Instructor, has been awarded Southeastern Technical College's (STC) Rick Perkins Instructor of the Year and Claudia Martinez Wilson, a Medical Assisting student from Emanuel County, has been named as the College's winner of the Georgia Occupational Award of Leadership (GOAL).

The announcement of winners was made at Southeastern Tech's 2021 Rick Perkins & GOAL Awards Ceremony on March 15 in the Toombs Auditorium in Vidalia by President Larry Calhoun. The ceremony was also livestreamed via Facebook and may be viewed at

facebook.com/SoutheasternTechnicalCollege.

The Rick Perkins Award for Excellence in Technical Instruction honors technical education's most outstanding instructors. The award is designed to recognize and honor technical college instructors who make significant contributions to technical education through innovation and leadership in their fields. Instructors are nominated for the Rick Perkins Award by their peers.

STC's other finalists for the Rick Perkins Award were Maxine Garnto, Nurse Aide Instructor, and David Standard, Psychology Instructor.

GOAL, a statewide pro-

gram of the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG), honors excellence in academics and leadership among the state's technical college students. The purpose of the GOAL program is to spotlight outstanding achievements by students in Georgia's technical colleges and to emphasize the importance of technical education in today's global workforce.

A screening committee of college administrators reviewed each of the instructors' nominations for GOAL and conducted personal interviews with the students. Four finalists were chosen to give a speech and interview with a panel of local business and industry leaders for a winner to be chosen. That panel considered the students' qualities like academic achievement, personal character, leadership abilities, and enthusiasm for technical education.

The GOAL runners-up



**2021 RICK PERKINS INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR WILLIAM GREENE, STC PRESIDENT LARRY CALHOUN, AND 2021 GOAL STUDENT OF THE YEAR CLAUDIA MARTINEZ WILSON**

were Emily Ely, Dental Hygiene student from Emanuel County, Kimbrell Higginbotham, Dental Hygiene student from Appling County, and Paige Murphy, Associate of Science in Nursing student from Toombs County.

Local winners will proceed to regional judging in April which will include students and instructors from the other 21 TCSG's colleges. Nine regional finalists, three finalists from

the three regions, will be announced during state competition. A panel of leaders from the business, industry, and government sectors will conduct the interviews. One instructor will be named as the statewide Rick Perkins winner and one student will be named as the statewide GOAL winner.

The Rick Perkins Award winner serves as an ambassador for technical education in Georgia.

The State GOAL Winner, TCSG's Student of the Year, becomes the student ambassador for Georgia's entire technical college system and receives a grand prize of a brand new car provided by Kia Motors Manufacturing Georgia, a statewide corporate sponsor of Georgia's GOAL program.

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## FESA Director at EGSC set to publish textbook in May 2021

Director and Associate Professor of the Fire and Emergency Services Administration (FESA) degree program at East Georgia State College, Beverley Walker, will have an academic textbook published in May 2021, entitled "Community Risk Reduction: Principles and Practice." The publisher is Jones & Bartlett Learning, a division of Ascend Learning. The textbook will be available in late June.

The textbook meets the requirements for the Community Risk Reduction course model curriculum published by the National Fire Academy through the Fire and Emergency Services Higher Education (FESHE) section. This course is taught at East Georgia State College as part of the Bachelor of Arts in FESA required curriculum.

"When the FESA program first began at EGSC, I was surprised to find that there was not a rec-

ommended textbook for the Community Risk Reduction course," said Walker. "Since this was my area of expertise and my passion during my fire service career, I thought it only fitting that I should fill that gap and assist others that may not have a background in CRR."

Community Risk Reduction, or CRR, is a process that involves a primary approach to safety and prevention of fires and unintentional injuries in today's communities. It is a targeted and systematic process that has proven successful in communities throughout America. "This book will not only be used by colleges and universities across the country that utilize the FESHE curriculum, it will be used by practitioners, chief officers, and students at the National Fire Academy. It is my 'give-back' for my years of service in the field of fire and injury prevention and mitigation," said Walker.

Beverley has a Bachelor

of Science in Criminal Justice and a Master of Public Administration from Georgia State University in Atlanta, Georgia. She also earned her Master of Education from Columbus State University in Columbus, Georgia. In 2007, Beverley completed the Executive Fire Officer program at the National Fire Academy. Beverley holds multiple certifications and awards as a result of her commitment to fire and emergency services and the safety of the community.

Prior to joining the faculty at EGSC, Beverley's 25-year fire service career started with the LaGrange Fire Department in LaGrange, Georgia. After 15 years of service as a firefighter, educator, and investigator for the citizens of LaGrange, she continued her work with Hall County Fire Services in Gainesville, Georgia. She continued her work in prevention as a lieutenant in the Fire Marshal's Office at



**WALKER**

Hall County Fire Services, in charge of the community education programs. While at Hall County Fire, Beverley was recognized as the State of Georgia Fire and Life Safety Educator of the Year for 2007.

Beverley was instrumental in developing a multitude of programs and events to promote safety in the community. She worked with a variety of organizations and communities to provide safety education, promote behavioral changes, and provide safety equipment for the benefit of all ages.



**OVERTURNED FORD F150**

## Two injured in Canoochee wreck

by BILL CAHILL

A male driver and female passenger were transported to the hospital following a crash on Womack Road in Canoochee on Saturday, March 27. The involved vehicle, a 2009 Ford F150 pickup, rolled over after the driver lost control of the vehicle, went into a ditch, struck the embankment, and rolled over crushing the roof of the truck. Post 19 of the Georgia State Patrol investigated the crash.





## Thompson couple celebrates 50 years of marriage

by WANDA THOMPSON SCARBORO

*"When you realize you want to spend the rest of your life with somebody, you want the rest of your life to start as soon as possible."*

Although this quote came from the movie, *When Harry Met Sally*, it must have been the same thoughts Nancy Gail Edwards and Roy Arthur Thompson had in 1971.

Gail and Roy dated their senior days at Swainsboro High School in 1970 and one year later on March 21, 1971, they married at the First Baptist Church, Swainsboro at 3 p.m. in the afternoon. Now, 50 years later, they celebrated this special day with many of their friends who were in attendance at the wedding - good friends like Topy Hicks Campbell, Penny Hicks Nelson, Craig Wilson, Ginny Maupin Kasper, Susan Fagler Stephens, Donnie and Sharon Davis Wilson, Susan Thompson Faircloth, Nick Kraus, and Phyllis Thompson Reddish.

The couple chose the



MRS. AND MR. THOMPSON

rustic Cadle Barn for their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary gathering. Upon entering, a round table with a white overlaid linen cloth held the wedding picture of the bride and groom in 1971 and a present day picture of them. Also, on the table was a large flower arrangement of yellow

roses, lilies, mums, and white snapdragons in a gold vase designed by Angela Sconyers.

A low country boil was served. A refreshment tables held an assortment of desserts and finger foods, including cupcakes and fruit cups. Atop the three layer

cupcake display was the original cake topper of a bride and groom from their wedding day. Also, on the table was a framed picture containing the bride's bouquet from 1970 and the original wedding invitation.

Guests were served a decadent chocolate layer

cake covered in roses. The delicacy was made by Baker's Pride Bakery of Savannah.

For her special day, Gail was lovely in a gold metallic blouse with off-white pants. Her wrist corsage was made up of yellow roses and baby's breath. For his special day, Roy was handsome in a blue blazer, light blue shirt and khaki pants, with a yellow rose boutonniere.

Guests were requested not to bring gifts, but one guest did not receive the message and presented them with a Thompson Family photo album dating back to Reubin Thompson, who served in the Revolutionary War.

Hosting the once-in-a-lifetime celebration were Gail and Roy's two children, Drew and wife, Renee, and granddaughter, Lucy, of Savannah, and Becky Len Thompson, and Tiffany Noell, and grandsons, Ben and Elliot, of Savannah. Also, hosting were Lynn and Margie Scott of Melbourne, Florida.

The couple celebrated their second honeymoon in the North Georgia mountains.



G.K. Chesterton was a famous English writer. He is held in high esteem for his poetry, respected for his work as a journalist and his works in philosophy. He was once named by Time magazine as a "man of colossal genius."

Once, while traveling on a train, he became so engrossed in the book he was reading that he forgot his destination. As the train made its last stop, the conductor went to him and said, "Sir, this is the end of the line."

He frantically searched his pockets for his ticket but could not find it. Not being able to find it, he looked bewildered and confused. Sensing his predicament, the conductor asked, "Where were you going?" After a lengthy pause he said to the conductor, "I can't remember. I'll have to phone my wife and ask her."

The writer of Psalm 80 recognized that the children of Israel had abandoned their relationship with God. With a heavy heart he prayed, "Restore us, O God, make Your face shine upon us that we may be saved." Realizing that they were going in the wrong direction he asked God to "restore them and save them." And He did!

Throughout history, from the dawn of Creation until this very moment, God has never abandoned anyone. It is always the other way around: we have abandoned Him.

A mother received a letter from her son in prison. In his despair he wrote her and said that he got into trouble because God had abandoned him. With a heart filled with love and sadness she wrote, "Son, if you do not feel the closeness of God it is because you have left Him."

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- Line Up Location: Behind Sonic Drive-In at the Exchange Club tent •
- Line Up Time: 9:30 am • Step Off: 10:30 am • Entry Fee - \$25 per group (This includes non-profit groups.)

Profit: \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Profit: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Float: \_\_\_\_\_ Car/Truck: \_\_\_\_\_ Walking Unit: \_\_\_\_\_ Golf Cart: \_\_\_\_\_

### Official Rules

The Pine Tree Festival Committee will not provide floats.

You must provide your own sign for your vehicle, float, etc. Please initial here: \_\_\_\_\_

You must be 16 years of age and have a driver's license to drive in the parade. Only trucks, cars, tractors, tour bikes, cruiser bikes and golf carts are allowed. All wheels must remain

on the ground at all times. No wheelies. No spinning wheels, etc. No tricks of any kind. Please initial here: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are participating in the float competition, your float must have a pine tree or timber theme that goes along with our festival in order to be included in the competition. Please initial here: \_\_\_\_\_

Awards will be given to the overall first, second, and third place float winners. NO candy or other objects will be allowed to be thrown from vehicles or floats in the parade. If you are caught throwing items, you will be disqualified from the competition. While the festival committee discourages candy/item distribution, you may distribute providing you are wearing a face masks (covering both nose & mouth) and gloves. Please initial here: \_\_\_\_\_

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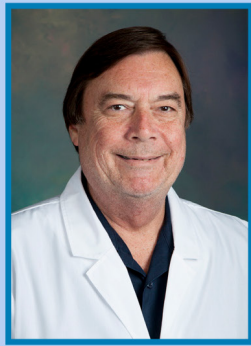
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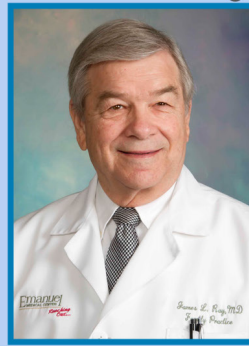
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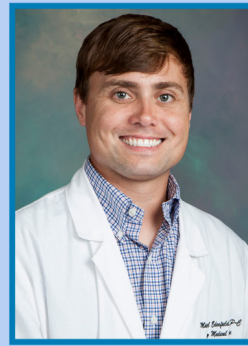
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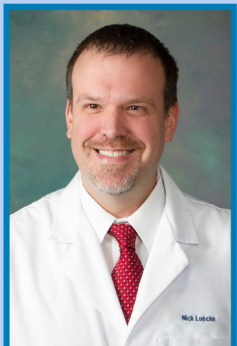
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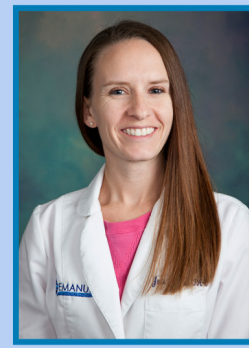
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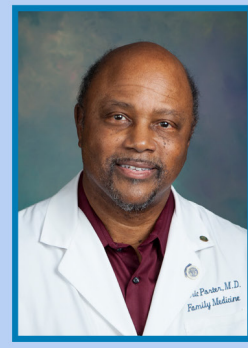
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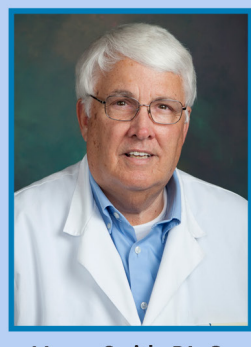
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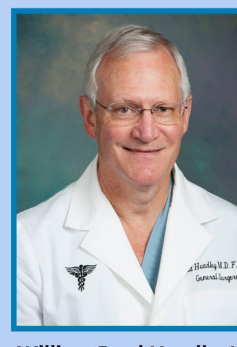
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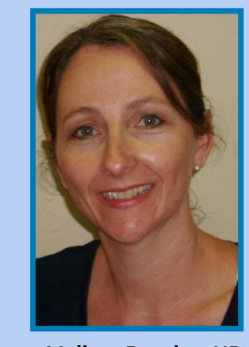
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PINE SISKIN

## Have you seen this bird?

by WANDA THOMPSON SCARBORO

Yes, you have. He, along with several, several more, is a Pine Siskin and they are probably at your feeder right now. These birds are in what is called an irruption year, where large numbers of siskins migrate to Georgia for the winter. The birds are experiencing a food shortage up north. While being fun to watch, they are feisty but will empty a

feeder in minutes. Many states, including Texas, California, Washington, Oregon, Virginia, North Carolina and, as recent as last week, South Carolina are currently experiencing salmonellosis outbreak. These states recommend taking all feeders down.

Salmonellosis is a fatal bacterial infection that rapidly spreads through populations of wild birds via feces-contaminated food and water.

Most often, it originates when birds flock to feeders or baths. Infected individuals will appear lethargic, puffed/fluff-up, with eyes partially closed; on occasion, eyes also appear swollen, red, or irritated.

Georgia DHR recommends if you find dead birds, report the finding to them. Do not touch the birds. Feeders should be cleaned regularly with 10 percent bleach solution.

## Savvy Senior: How to Search for Senior Discounts in 2021

Dear Savvy Senior, I just turned 60 and would like to find out the best way to go about locating senior discounts.

Looking to Save  
Dear Looking,

One of the best, yet underutilized perks of growing older in the United States is the many discounts that are available to older adults.

There are literally thousands of discounts on a wide variety of products and services including restaurants, grocery stores, travel and lodging, entertainment, retail and apparel, health and beauty, automotive services and much more. These discounts – typically ranging between 5 and 25 percent off – can add up to save you hundreds of dollars each year.

So, if you don't mind admitting your age, here are some tips and tools to help you find the discounts you may be eligible for.

Ask!

The first thing to know is that most businesses don't advertise them, but many give senior discounts just for the asking, so don't be shy.

You also need to know that while some discounts are available as soon as you turn 50, most don't kick in until you turn 55, 60, 62 or 65.

Search Online

Because senior discounts frequently change and can vary depending on where you live and the time of the year, the internet is the easiest way to locate them.

A good place to start is at [TheSeniorList.com](http://TheSeniorList.com) (click on the "Senior Discounts" tab), which provides a large list of discounts in categories, i.e., restaurant dining, grocery stores, retail stores, prescription

medications, travel discounts and more.

You can also search for discounts by provider. Go to a search engine like Google and Yahoo and type in the business or organization you're curious about, followed by "senior discount" or "senior discount tickets."

If you use a smartphone, there are also apps you can use like the "Senior Discounts & Coupons" app (available on the App Store and Google Play), which categorizes discounts by age and type.

Join a Club

Another good avenue to senior discounts is through membership organizations like AARP, which offers its members age 50 and older a wide variety of discounts through affiliate businesses (see [AARPdiscounts.com](http://AARPdiscounts.com)).

If, however, you don't like or agree with AARP, there are other organizations you can join that also provide discounts like the American Seniors Association ([AmericanSeniors.org](http://AmericanSeniors.org)), the American Automobile Association ([AAA.com](http://AAA.com)), or for retired federal workers, the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association ([NARFE.org](http://NARFE.org)).

Types of Discounts

Here's an abbreviated rundown of some of the different types of discounts you can expect to find.

**Restaurants:** Senior discounts are common at restaurants and fast-food establishments – like Applebee's, Arby's, Burger King, Chili's, Denny's and IHOP – ranging from free/discounted drinks, to discounts off your total order.

**Retailers:** Many thrift stores like Goodwill and Salvation Army, and

certain retailers like TJ Maxx, Banana Republic, Kohl's, Michaels, Ross and Walgreens stores offer a break to seniors on certain days of the week.

**Grocery stores:** Many locally owned grocery stores offer senior discount programs, as do some chains like BI-LO, Piggly-Wiggly, Fry's Food Stores, New Seasons, Fred Meyer, and Hy-Vee, which offer discounts on certain days of the week, but they vary by location.

**Travel:** American, United and Southwest Airlines provide limited senior fares in the U.S. to passengers 65 and older, while British Airlines offers AARP members discounts of up to \$200. Amtrak provides a 15 percent discount to travelers over 62. Most car rental companies give discounts to 50-plus customers or those who belong to organizations like AARP. Royal Caribbean, Norwegian, Celebrity and Carnival cruise lines offer discount rates to cruisers 55 and over. And, most hotels offer senior discounts, usually ranging from 10 to 20 percent.

**Entertainment:** Most movie theaters, museums, golf courses, ski slopes and other public entertainment venues provide reduced admission to seniors over 60 or 65. And the National Park Service offers a lifetime senior pass for those 62 and older for \$80 (see [nps.gov/planyourvisit/passes.htm](http://nps.gov/planyourvisit/passes.htm)).

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

## Cook of the Week

Featuring the recipes of...

### Brooke McBroom

This week's Cook of the Week is Brooke McBroom. Brooke is a certified pharmacy technician at IHS Pharmacy & Gifts in Metter. She is engaged to Gage Bell of Swainsboro, and they are expecting their first child in April. Together, they have two dogs, an Australian shepherd named Calli and a Boykin Spaniel named Jax. Brooke enjoys crafting, being by the pool, and riding the Can-Am on hot summer days in her free time!

She is the 22-year-old daughter of Dwayne McBroom of Swainsboro and John and Tonya Morel of Irving, TX. Here are three recipes she would like to share. Enjoy!



From the kitchen of Brooke

#### Dill Pickle Pasta Salad

*Creamy Dill Dressing*



- 1 box (16 oz.) rotini pasta
- 1/3 c. dill pickle juice (from the pickle jar)
- 2 c. chopped baby dill pickles
- 1 block (8 oz.) Colby Jack cheese, cubed small
- 1 small white onion, finely chopped

- 1 c. mayonnaise
- 1/2 c. sour cream
- 1/3 c. dill pickle juice (from the pickle jar)
- 2 Tbsp. chopped fresh dill (or 1 tablespoon dried dill)
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. pepper

Cook pasta according to package directions. (Don't forget to add some salt to the boiling water before adding the pasta. - I add about 1 teaspoon, give or take.) Drain pasta and rinse with cold water. Transfer pasta into a mixing bowl and add 1/3 cup of the pickle juice to the drained and rinsed pasta and let it sit while you prepare the rest. Chop dill pickles and cheese into small cubes/pieces. Finely chop white onion. Drain the pasta again that was sitting in the pickle juice. Add it to a large bowl along with chopped pickles, cheese, and white onion.

In small bowl, combine all dressing ingredients and pour over the pasta salad. Stir everything together to combine well. Salad can be eaten right away or after being refrigerated for 1-2 hours. but I prefer it cold, and if you do too, then cover it and refrigerate it for 1-2 hours. Leftovers do keep well in the fridge and are still delicious but the dressing thickens up and it's not as creamy as when you first make it.

#### Chocolate Peanut Butter Dream Bars



- 1 16- oz. package peanut butter sandwich cookies, divided
- 4 Tbsp. butter
- 1/2 stick butter, melted
- 4 oz. cream cheese at room temperature
- 1/2 c. confectioners' sugar
- 1/3 c. creamy peanut butter
- 1 8- ounce container Cool Whip, divided
- 1 3.9 oz. package instant chocolate Jell-O Pudding Mix
- 1 1/2 c. milk
- 1/4 c. milk chocolate chips
- 1/4 c. peanut butter chips



Preheat the oven to 350°F. In a blender or food processor, finely crush 24 cookies.

In a medium bowl, mix together melted butter and finely crushed cookies until well moistened. Press into an ungreased 8"X8" baking dish. Bake for 10 minutes. Allow crust to cool completely before proceeding. In the meantime, mix package of pudding with the 1 1/2 cups of milk in a small bowl.

In a mixing bowl, beat cream cheese, confectioners' sugar, and peanut butter together. Fold in 1 cup of Cool Whip and mix until well blended. Spread chocolate pudding over cooled crust. Place dollops of cream cheese mixture over pudding layer and with an offset spatula, gently spread to completely cover. Spread remaining Cool Whip over cream cheese. Refrigerate two hours. Place into freezer for a half hour to completely set and allow for neat slices.

In a plastic bag, break up the 8 remaining cookies. Sprinkle cookies and chocolate / peanut butter chips over the top just before serving.

From the kitchen of Brooke

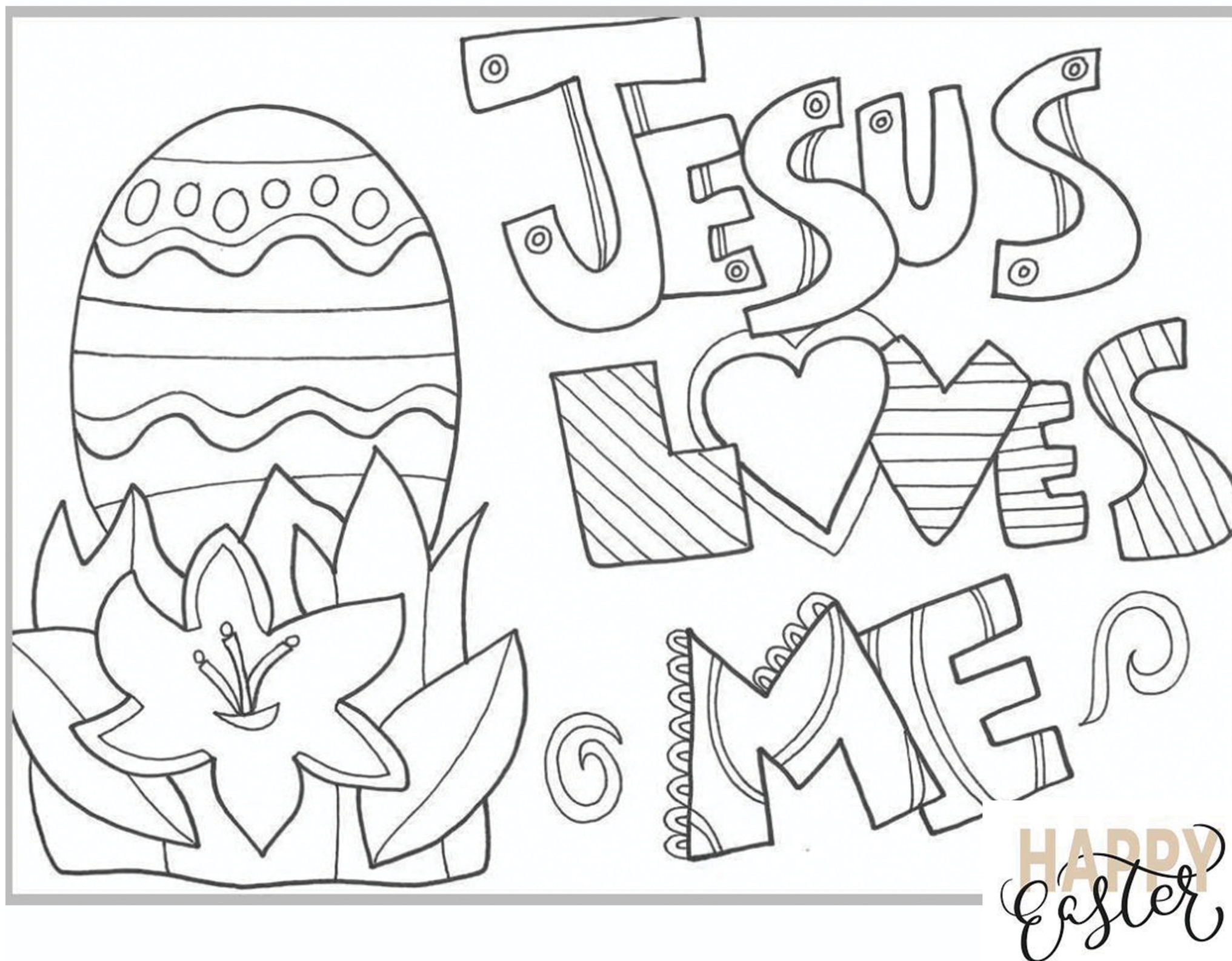
#### Creamy taco Dip



- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1 (1-oz.) package taco seasoning
- 1 (10-oz.) can diced tomatoes and green chilies, undrained
- 1 (8-oz.) package cream cheese, cut into cubes

In a large skillet over medium-high heat, cook ground beef until crumbled and no longer pink. Drain. Add taco seasoning, diced tomatoes and green chilies and cream cheese to skillet. Stir until cheese melts. Serve warm with tortilla chips.

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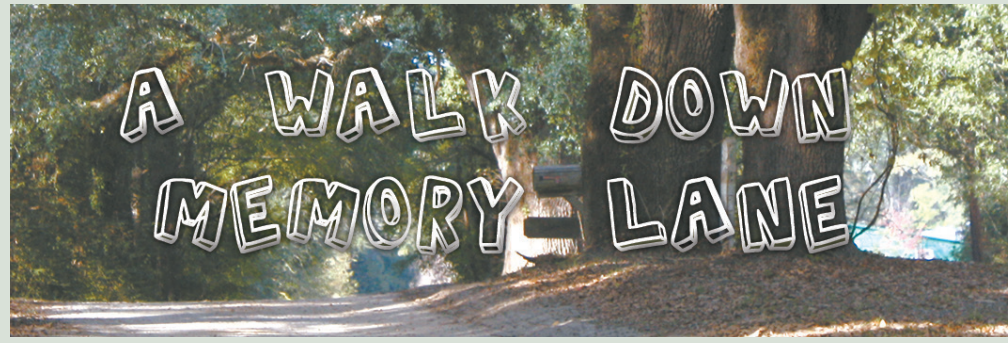
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**March 30, 1961**

*Rev. Brooks selected again as evangelist to Jamaica*

The Rev. C. Otis Brooks, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Swainsboro, was among more than 90 Southern Baptist evangelists, including seven Georgia pastors, who conducted an extensive evangelistic crusade for the 250 Baptist church of Jamaica April 16-30. It was his third visit to Jamaica for a preaching mission. (visit [emanuelcountylive.com](http://emanuelcountylive.com) to see contestants' photos)

*Mrs. Wilson captured title in HD dress revue*

The highlight at the Emanuel County Home Demonstration meeting held Friday, March 24 at the 4-H club house, was the dress revue. Mrs. Hansel Wilson (fifth from left on front row), won. She wore a double-breasted beige and light brown tapestry outfit. She was from the Brittain-Canooshee club. (visit [emanuelcountylive.com](http://emanuelcountylive.com) to see contestants' photos)

**March 31, 1971**

*She's the first*

Miss Kay Frazier, student at Adrian High School, accepted the first "Young American Award" presented by Swainsboro Exchange Club. Making the presentation was Fred Womack, awards committee chairman. John C. Spivey, father of the "Young American" project, looked on. Miss Frazier is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Frazier of Adrian. (visit [emanuelcountylive.com](http://emanuelcountylive.com) to see contestants' photos)

*First place winners*

Swainsboro High School students who took first places in Region 2-AA literary competition were Lillian Robinson, member of girls' trio, Rebecca Bailey, girls' essay, Lonnie Wynn, girls' essay, and Sharon Sconyers, home economics. Not shown was another first place winner, Geneva Johnson, the third member of the girls'

trio. The group represented Swainsboro High in state competition later that Spring. (visit [emanuelcountylive.com](http://emanuelcountylive.com) to see contestants' photos)

**April 1, 1981**

*VOCA winners*

Emanuel County Institute winners in Vocational Opportunities Clubs of America's recent region contest were Mary Carswell, Lila R. Johnson, Lisa Cumbee, Rhonda Ward, Bobby Sherrod, Vicki Johnson, Sylvia Jones, Lee Otis Johnson, and David Akridge. (visit [emanuelcountylive.com](http://emanuelcountylive.com) to see contestants' photos)

*Rocking away*

Freddie Buxton and Penny Blace, members of the vocal ensemble at Swainsboro High School, rocked to raise money for SHS band's Spring concert tour to begin May 7. The band and members of the vocal ensemble toured south Georgia and central Florida and wound the trip up with a trip to Disney World on May 9. The rock-a-thon was held Saturday on the Courthouse Square in Swainsboro. (visit [emanuelcountylive.com](http://emanuelcountylive.com) to see contestants' photos)

**March 27, 1991**

*Sgt. Peacock received Bobby Powell Award*

Sgt. Richard Peacock of Swainsboro Police Department, was recipient of the Bobby Powell Memorial award. This is the highest award given by Swainsboro Exchange Club during its annual law enforcement/public service appreciation banquet. The event was held Tuesday, March 19, in the East Georgia College Student Center. (visit [emanuelcountylive.com](http://emanuelcountylive.com) to see contestants' photos)

*Senate pages*

Senator Bill English and Lt. Governor Pierre Howard, greeted Emanuel Countians at the State Capitol. Connie Page, accompanied 4-H Club members to Atlanta. Serving as pages were Becky Way and Amanda Hooks, and 4-H Club mem-

bers, Jodi Farrow, Benjie Fennell, and Juliann Mack. (visit [emanuelcountylive.com](http://emanuelcountylive.com) to see contestants' photos)

**March 28, 2001**

*Kalmanson Gallery to feature Georgia Artists with Disabilities*

Georgia Artists with Disabilities' touring exhibit of 2000-2001 exhibition winners were featured throughout the month of May at Emanuel Arts Council's Kalmanson Gallery. Reception for the exhibit, sponsored by the Pilot Club of Emanuel County, was Sunday, May 1 from 2-3:30 p.m. (visit [emanuelcountylive.com](http://emanuelcountylive.com) to see contestants' photos)

*County spelling champ*

Kevin Phillips was the county spelling bee champ. The Adrian School of Performing Arts student was joined by his Language Arts teacher, Phyllis Stephens, and Debbie Meadows, ASPA spelling bee coordinator. (visit [emanuelcountylive.com](http://emanuelcountylive.com) to see contestants' photos)

**March 30, 2011**

*Nordson to expand operations*

Nordson Corporation, a global leader in precision dispensing and other related technologies, expanded its operations in Swainsboro. The company built a new 135,000 sq. ft. building, more than twice the size of its present operation, on Empire Expressway in Emanuel County Industrial Park West. (visit [emanuelcountylive.com](http://emanuelcountylive.com) to see contestants' photos)

*Swainsboro Tiger signs with GSU*

Swainsboro Tiger athlete Lynquez Blair signed a football scholarship to play with Georgia State University. Pictured with Blair are Cheryl Blair, Lynquez Blair, Lynn Benjamin, SHS Principal Dr. Sonji Leach, Counselor Angie Johnson, Football Coach David Johnson, and Athletic Director and Asst. Principal Rob Gray. (visit [emanuelcountylive.com](http://emanuelcountylive.com) to see contestants' photos)



# DEA announces Eagle Extravaganza Luau Edition


David Emanuel Academy will host The Eagle Extravaganza Luau Edition on Saturday, April 17, beginning at 6 p.m. at Beaver Creek Plantation, located at 3698 US Hwy. 80 East in Twin City. Contagious

Band will be performing live at this event, and a meal consisting of a cocktail buffet, pan seared salmon and marinated grilled pork chops will also be provided.

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## PruittHealth Hospice Partner Spotlight




Elizabeth Way was born in Swainsboro, Georgia, where she lives with her wonderful husband David and two spectacular children, Bethany and Noah. Her hobbies include spending time with family and friends, reading, playing the piano and singing. Elizabeth is a 1994 graduate of Swainsboro High School. She graduated from Middle Georgia College with her ASN in 1998 and from Georgia Southern University with her BSN in 2007. Elizabeth worked at Pruitt Hospice 19 years ago while remaining part-time at Emanuel Medical Center and two years ago joined the Pruitt Hospice team in her current position. Elizabeth is a team player who believes in never asking someone to do what she would not do. We are blessed to have her!

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### Baseball Complex dedicated to Woody Nasworthy

Swainsboro-Emanuel County Parks and Recreation Department's Baseball Complex was named and dedicated to Woody Nasworthy in a ceremony Monday afternoon, March 22. Nasworthy retired from Swainsboro-Emanuel County Parks and Recreation Department (SECRD) as Assistant Director in 2003 after 35 years of service to the community.

During the ceremony, SECRD Assistant Director Jerry Lawson commented on the influence Nasworthy had on Recreation Department players as well as employees over the years and the success of the teams he coached which included several state championships. Lawson added that his influence was still felt here at the Recreation Department and it was only fitting that the baseball complex be forever known as the Woody Nasworthy Baseball Complex.

Following Lawson's presentation, the "Woody Nasworthy Baseball Complex"

sign was unveiled.

During comments following the unveiling, Nasworthy thanked his Lord and Savior and his family for sacrifices they made while he was working long nights at the ballfields. He thanked all the tremendous people he had worked with, especially Billy Carmichael and Ronnie Womack, and expressed appreciation for the good rapport he had with all the mayors, city council members and city administrators through the years.

Nasworthy was joined by his wife, Joy, and family, Heather, Wes and Levi Cowart and Tracy Chapman. Also attending were Mayor Charles Schwabe, City Administrator Al Lawson, County Commissioner and Recreation Board Member Jim Sherrod, Recreation Authority Member Erma Jenkins, Recreation Department staff, Coach Hank Aldridge and a host of extended family and friends.



WOMACK WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY AT DEDICATION

### Softball Complex dedicated to Ronnie Womack

Ronnie Womack was recognized Monday, March 22, by Swainsboro-Emanuel County Parks and Recreation Department (SECRD) when their Softball Complex was dedicated and named in his honor. Womack retired as Director of SECRD in 2013 following 38 years of service to Swainsboro and Emanuel County.

SECRD Assistant Director Jerry Lawson reflected on the many contributions Womack has made to the department and community and the influence he has had over the many children who came through the Recreation Department. Lawson commented, "On a personal note, I have had only a few men who had a huge influence in my life...My dad, of course, and Ronnie Womack, Billy Carmichael and Woody Nasworthy." He added that Womack, along

with Carmichael, Nasworthy and Connie Thompson Kight, were synonymous with Swainsboro-Emanuel County Parks and Recreation Department. In closing, Lawson said that Womack's dedication to the department included his coaching many all-star teams and several state championship teams and it was only fitting that the Softball Complex be forever known as the Ronnie Womack Softball Complex.

Following the presentation, the "Ronnie Womack Softball Complex" sign was unveiled.

In comments following the presentation, Womack called the dedication a humbling experience and said he couldn't have worked with a better group of people than Billy Carmichael, Woody Nasworthy, Connie Kight and the countless num-

ber of kids who worked and played ball at the Recreation Department. He thanked his wife and family for the sacrifices they made during his late nights working at the ball fields. He added it was truly an honor and appreciated all the support from his family, friends and community.

Womack was joined by his wife, Vikki, and family, Ron, Stacy, Cade and Cal Womack and Tyler and Megan Womack, Briley and Kinsley, Cayley and Ben. Also attending were Mayor Charles Schwabe, City Administrator Al Lawson, County Commissioner and Recreation Board Member Jim Sherrod, Recreation Authority Board Member Erma Jenkins, Recreation Department staff, Coach Hank Aldridge and a host of extended family and friends.

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## Bulldogs in the Meat of their Region Schedule

by RON WEATHER-FORD

With the exception of a rematch against Southeast Bulloch on April seventh, the Bulldogs have an all region schedule the rest of the season.

Currently the Bulldogs are tied with Claxton and McIntosh Co. with a 4-2 region record. Nipping at their heels are Screven Co. and Bryan Co. who split the two games last week against the Bulldogs. ECI will play Claxton in a couple weeks. Metter leads the region with a 5-1 record. Without a sweep of their remaining region games, Jenkins Co. and Portal are pretty much out of the playoff picture.

The Bulldogs and the 10<sup>th</sup> ranked Metter Tigers play the final week of the regular season. Unlike with the split region in the past, there will be no region tournament for playoff seeding. The top four teams will advance to the state playoffs.

Up first this week for the Bulldogs is Screven Co. who dropped down to single A and joined region three. The Gamecocks are currently 3-3 in region.

As mentioned, the Bulldogs and Bryan Co. split their two games played last week. The Indians defeated ECI

4-3 in Pembroke and the Bulldogs evened the series Friday with a 7-1 win. In between those 2 games the Bulldogs took a ride to Chatham Parkway for what turned out to be a 12-1 trouncing by Savannah Christian who are ranked fifth in class A ball.

Bryce Kearson started for the Bulldogs in Tuesday's game against Bryan. After giving up three hits including a 3-run homerun in the first inning, the sophomore settled down and allowed just two hits for the final 6 innings.

Down 3-0 the Bulldogs clawed back in the top of the second inning. With Chase Whitehead on after a single, PJ Farnum plated ECI's first run on his third triple in two games. Farnum later scored on a wild pitch with the Bulldogs down by a run 3-2.

A single and an error led to the Indians 4<sup>th</sup> and final run of the game in the bottom of the fourth.

The hot hitting Farnum scored the third run for ECI. On after a single, Farnum advanced to third on a Trey Hughes hit and scored on a Natavus Robertson sac fly to make the score 4-3.

Farnum led ECI at the plate gong 2-2 in-



THE BULLDOGS HAVE GIVEN UP JUST ONE RUN IN HUGHES' LAST 3 STARTS

cluding the triple. Four other Bulldogs picked up one hit each.

Thursday the Bulldogs were soundly defeated by Savannah Christian 12-1 in five innings. The only Bulldog collecting a hit for the day was a Kearson double in the top of the third inning scoring Chase Whitehead who was on after a walk.

Charlie Rehberg started the game lasting 1 1/3 innings giving up 7 runs on 6 hits. Roberston relieved

Rehberg in the second allowing 3 hits and 3 earned runs. The highlight of the day for the Bulldogs was freshman Andrew Chalkley facing the last 10 Raider batters giving up no hits, runs or walks.

The Bulldogs hosted Bryan Co. Friday, taking the game against the Indians 7-1.

ECI took a first inning 1-0 lead on a Robertson sac fly scoring Hughes from third.

The Indians scored their only run of the game in the top of the third after a walk and back to back doubles scoring one for a 1-1 tie.

ECI took back the lead in the bottom of the inning. Kearson led off the inning with a single and advanced to second on a sac bunt by Hughes. With Kearson on third, Joseph Stewart scored Kearson on a sac fly for a 2-1 lead. Jack Walden singled in Robertson as the Bulldogs extended their lead to 3-1. Freshman Hudson Henry put the icing on the inning with his and the Bulldog's first home run of the season over the left center fence for a 5-1 ECI lead.

ECI added 2 more runs in the bottom of the fifth to make the final score of the game 7-1.

Hughes toed the rubber for ECI going seven innings allowing just 4 hits with three strikeouts. The senior workhorse has given up just one run over his last 3 starts.

Hughes and Kearson each had 2 hits for the game with Henry leading in the RBI category scoring 2 runs on his 4 bagger.

For the first time in the last few weeks the Bulldogs have just 2 games on tap this week. Tuesday, they played Screven Co. in Sylvia and end the week Thursday hosting the Gamecocks at Joe Harvey.



TWIN CALVES WITH THEIR MOTHER

## Twin calves born on Thompson Farm

by WANDA THOMPSON SCARBORO

Nothing is any cuter than a baby calf, but twin baby calves – now that's just too cute!

Although not uncommon, it is quite interesting to have twin calves. Thompson Feed Lot, owned by Randy Thompson of Swainsboro, had a healthy male and female calf born to one of his Charolais/Black Angus cows last week. The twins were born a

couple of hours apart. According to various sources, it seems statistics vary as to how often this happens. With beef cattle, most agree one of 200 births. Holsteins are well known for "twinning". Cows who twin calves have a high likelihood of doing it again. Twins require more care, attention, and management skills.

In March 2019, a cow in Oregon gave birth to triplets. The odds of having triplets are one in 105,000.

## Junior Boys Baseball Registration

The Swainsboro-Emanuel County Parks and Recreation Department is holding registration for Junior Boys Baseball March 29-April 9 for players ages 13-14 years old. To be eligible, players may not turn 15 before September 2, 2021 and must live or attend school in Emanuel County. New players must provide a copy of their birth certificate at time of registration. For more information, contact the Recreation Department at 478-237-8098.



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LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AT TRAINING

## The Refuge provides training to local law enforcement

On Thursday, March 18, The Refuge Domestic Violence Shelter provided training on services provided by the shelter and The Refuge Sexual Assault Center to Emanuel County Sheriff's Office, Swainsboro Police Department, and Stillmore Police Department. The organization focused the presentation on predominant aggressor, protective orders, sexual assault exams and the collection process, as well as training on non-fatal strangulation.



## Knotty Pine Annual Pine Tree Festival 2021 Knotty Pine-5K Swainsboro, Georgia Saturday, May 8, 2021



The Swainsboro Kiwanis Club, in conjunction with the annual Pine Tree Festival, is sponsoring the Knotty Pine 5K and Fun Run on May 8, 2021 starting at 8:00 am. Awards ceremony - 9:15.

Registration for 5K by April 23, 2021 - \$25.00 - (after April 24 - \$30.00) Race day registration and check-in for the 5K begins at 6:30 am on the corner of Green Street and Moring Street in Swainsboro, Georgia. Race day registration for the 5K is \$30.00. Registration after April 24 does not guarantee a T-shirt.

COVID-19 safeguards will be observed, with all present requested to wear face covering except those actively running in the 5K. Runners and all spectators and workers should observe safe distancing. Hand sanitizer and wipes will be available. A virtual option will be available for runners to choose their own course on the day of the race. The course could be inside, outside, and/or stationary. Just report the results to Tim Goodman on race day. You will be mailed a t-shirt but will be eligible for medals.

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ENTRY FEE (Please Check): Pre-registration for 5K \_\_\_\_\_ \$25 (\$30 after April 24)

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Waiver and Release: In consideration of the acceptance of this entry to the Knotty Pine 5K, I waive all claims for myself, my heirs and assigns and hereby release and forever discharge any and all rights and claims which I may hereafter accrue against the Kiwanis Club of Swainsboro, Inc., the Swainsboro/Emanuel County Festival Foundation, event sponsors, event volunteers, and their officers, directors and agents, for any and all injuries or illnesses suffered by me while participating in this event. By registering for the Knotty Pine 5K, you are acknowledging that an inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. By participating in or attending the 5k run, you and any guest voluntarily assume all risk related to exposure to COVID-19 and agree not to hold the Kiwanis Club of Swainsboro/Emanuel County Festival Foundation, event sponsors, event volunteers, and their officers, directors and agents, liable for any illness or injury. I hereby grant full permission to the above entities and individuals to use my likeness in any photograph, videotape, motion picture, recording or any other record of this event for any legitimate purpose including, but not limited to event publicity.

Participant's signature (under 18 legal guardian) \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

\* MAIL ENTRY FORM AND CHECK TO: Knotty Pine Run c/o Tim Goodman  
812 Nassau Street  
Swainsboro, Ga 30401



## 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 (ECSSO); 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).

Terry Lee Bailey, Jr, 23, 128 Bonnie Rd, entered 3/22/21; Driving while unlicensed/expired; released 3/22/21; SPD

Roy Anthony Prater, 57, 2428 Dorman Dr, Portsmouth, OH, entered 3/22/21; Hold for out of county billing; BROUGHT BY EFFINGHAM

Ronny Gene Sherrord, 45, 124 W. 4th St, Stillmore, entered 3/22/21; Child molest/ Child molest/ Crim attempt/Child molest/ Child molest/ Child molest/; ECSSO

Henry Charles Sanford, Jr, 21, 22 Columbia St, Adrian; Burglary/ Burglary; released

3/22/21; ECSSO

Jerry Jones, 64, 4216 Bath Edie Rd, Hephzibah; entered 3/22/21; Driving lic susp/rev; released 3/22/21; SPD

Andrew Jarrell Lillard, 45, 247 Paul Lockley Rd, Lyons, entered 3/22/21; Theft/shoplifting/VGCSA/vio ga control subst act/Going inside guard line w/weap/liqr/drugs; SPD

Robert Glenn Lovett, 56, 657 US Hwy 221 S, Adrian, entered 3/22/21; DUI/alch/Open container; GSP

Jason Blane Coggins, 41, 1178 Piney Grove, Hephzibah, entered 3/22/21; Hold for Richmond County; released 3/25/21; ECSSO

Carl Eugene Mincey, 61, 1061 Canoochee Rd, entered 3/22/21; DUI/alch/Failure to stop at stop sign/Hold for out of state extradition; released 3/25/21; SPD

Melissa Ann Herrington, 45, 237 Stewart Rd, entered 3/22/21; Bond revocation/Bench warrant/

Superior court; ECSSO

Derrick Brent Jackson, 34, 1764 MLK Jr Dr, Soperton, entered 3/23/21; Probation/Superior court; ECSSO

Clayton Robert Patterson, 24, 2323 Howell Farms Trace, Ackworth, entered 3/23/21; VGCSA marijuana/poss less than oz; released 3/23/21; Ga DPS

Lauren Thay Hawkins, 27, 5801 Altama Ave, Brunswick, entered 3/24/21; VGCSA possession marijuana/VGCSA possession of drug related object/VGCSA/vio ga control subst act; released 3/26/21; ECSSO

Vergis Javius Sanders, 38, 1141 Bowman St, Macon, entered 3/24/21; Speeding <14 MPH over/VGCSA marijuana/poss less than oz/VGCSA possession of drug related object/Open container/ Poss of firearm during commission of felony/VGCSA/vio ga control subst act/VGCSA/vio ga control subst act; released

3/26/21; ECSSO

Araceli Garcia Munoz, 35, 644 Canoochee Rd, entered 3/24/21; Driving while unlicensed/expired; released 3/24/21; SPD

Jaun Martinez Rivers, Jr, 27, 264 Lelan Ln, McDonough, entered 3/25/21; Driving lic susp/rev/Speeding 15-29 MOH over; released 3/25/21; ECSSO

Christina Regina Lockett, 34, 529 Gumlog Rd, entered 3/25/21; Driving lic susp/rev; released 3/25/21; SPD

Michael Shane Webb, 47, 2237 Bay Springs Rd, Adrian, entered 3/25/21; DUI/alch; released 3/26/21; ECSSO

Sai'von D'Andre Berry, 21, 6066 Meridian Dr, Ackworth, entered 3/25/21; Driving lic susp/rev/Speeding <14 MPH over; released 3/25/21; ECSSO

Shannon Neil Purser, 29, 142 Cumberland Rd, Griffin, entered 3/25/21; Speeding <14 MPH over/VGCSA possession mar-

juana; released 3/26/21; ECSSO

Joqueil Kameron Watson, 27, 411 Lucky St, entered 3/26/21; Driving lic susp/rev/Other; released 3/26/21; SPD

John Trevor Neikirk, 23, 8740 6th Ave, Jacksonville, FL, entered 3/26/21; Flee/attempt to elude police/fel/off/Obstr/ofc/Failure to stop at stop sign/Duty/stop at scene/hitrun/leave scene/Speeding 30+ MPH over/DUI/alch/Reckless driving; ECSSO

Jamie Lance Steed, 44, 505 Laurel Hill Rd, Clyn, entered 3/26/21; Burglary; ECSSO

Chevy Clay Sluder, 18, 225 Jim Spearman Rd, Adrian, entered 3/26/21; VGCSA marijuana/poss less than oz; released 3/27/21; SPD

Garcia Domingo, 46, 25 Quick Loop, entered 3/26/21; Driving while unlicensed/expired; released 3/26/21; SPD

Leon Christopher Lee, 36, 54 Saint Galilee Rd, Midville, entered 3/26/21;

Driving lic susp/rev; released 3/26/21; SPD

Christopher Ottis Gay, 36, 150 Kemp Rd, entered 3/26/21; Driving lic susp/rev; released 3/26/21; SPD

Robert Lewis Montgomery, 53, Latitude 105, entered 3/26/21; VGCSA marijuana/poss less than oz/VGCSA/vio ga control subst act; SPD

Charles Andre Buie, 40, 148 Glenwood Dr, entered 3/27/21; DUI/alch/Tag light requirements/Driving lic susp/rev; released 3/27/21; GSP

Keturah Tiera Williams, 25, 704 Pine Trails Dr, Waynesboro, entered 3/27/21; DUI/Refusal/Failure to maintain lane; released 3/27/21; SPD

Brittany Chante Carswell, 34, 705 North E St, Vidalia, entered 3/28/21; Driving lic susp/rev; released 3/28/21; SPD

Tony Laqui Cooper, 31, 851-A Prosperity Dr, entered 3/28/21; Failure to stop at stop sign/Driving lic susp/rev; released 3/28/21; SPD

## Swainsboro Police Reports

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

### March 17

Officer was dispatched to S. Main St. in reference to damage to a vehicle.

### March 19

Officers responded to W. Moring St. in reference to an unwanted person. Upon arrival, units could hear arguing inside the house and knocked on the door to make their presence known. Offender opened the door and advised everything was fine and victim advised she did not want offender at her house. It was then found that offender went to the residence to check on victim and victim let offender in the house. Victim then did not allow offender to leave so that she could record him being at her house so "people wouldn't think she was crazy". Victim was advised to not allow offender back into her house if she does not want him there. Offender was served a criminal trespass notice to stay away from victim's residence. Officer responded to WalMart in reference to an irate customer. Upon arrival, officer walked to the electronics department and heard offender speaking loudly with an employee. Officer made contact with offender and advised him to quieten down and asked him to tell him what the argument was about. Offender stated he purchased a phone and the employee would not switch his phone number over. Officer told offender that they were not required to do that and he would have to contact StraightTalk. Offender stated they had done it for him before. Officer then advised offender again to settle down and to not be loud in the store and that if he continued being loud, he would be arrested for disorderly conduct. Officer could smell alcohol coming from his person and that along with his boisterous behavior was enough to arrest him. Offender then settled down and got a refund for his purchase. Officers walked offender out of the store and gave him a trespass form from WalMart and was advised that if he returned, he would be arrested.

Officer ran the tag on a vehicle to find it had suspended registration and no insurance, at which time he initiated a traffic stop. Upon running the driver's license, they were found to be suspended.

Officer ran the tag on a vehicle to find it had no valid insurance, at which time she initiated a traffic stop.

### March 20

Officer was dispatched to Thompson St. for people screaming and hollering. Upon arrival, contact was made with offender who stated she and her sister were leaving a party and she called 911 because her sister was damaging her vehicle.

Officer responded to King Circle Dr. in reference to a report of two dogs that were running free attacking her dog.

Officer was dispatched to N. Main St. in reference to an attempted entering auto. Complainant reported an unknown offender approached her vehicle and attempted to open her door. C/o instructed offender to leave but he would not comply. Offender then called 911 and offender walked away.

Officer responded to Industrial Way in reference to a damaged mailbox.

Officer ran the tag of a vehicle to find it was uninsured with suspended registration, at which time she initiated a traffic stop.

### March 21

Complainant went to the PD to make a report on offender. C/o and offender work together at Waffle King and offender started fussing at her about the amount of grits she was distributing to customers and offender started cussing at her with customers in the restaurant. C/o also stated offender pushed her as she was trying to leave.

Officer responded to Harvey's in reference to damage to a vehicle.

Officer responded to W. Church St. in reference to a dispute with a neighbor about her music being too loud.

Officers were dispatched to the area of S. Racetrack St. for loud music. Complaints were made several times the day before and contact was made with offender who was advised of the complaints and was advised to keep the music down. Upon arrival, officer could clearly hear loud bass, loud enough that the door bell was rang multiple times and the door was knocked on with no response from inside. After several minutes, the occupants noticed the flashing blue lights out front and a male came to the door. The male was asked if he was the primary resident of the residence and he stated he was, and was detained for failure to comply. At this point, another person got loud stating it was her residence and she was responsible for her home. Both parties were released and with compliance from offender, she was issued a citation for loud music.

Officer observed a vehicle traveling at 60 MPH in a 30 MPH zone, at which time he initiated a traffic stop. Upon checking the driver's license and registration, it was found that the vehicle had suspended registration and no insurance.

Officers were dispatched to D&I for a fight between a neph-

ew and his uncle. Complainant stated her son was truck in the face by the uncle.

Officers were dispatched to Family Dollar in reference to a vehicle that has been left in the parking lot for a week.

Officer responded to W. Moring St. in reference to a stolen debit card.

Officer responded to N. Racetrack St. in reference to a stolen phone.

### March 22

Officer conducted a traffic stop due to stop sign violation. Drivers informed the officer he did not have his license and the officer ran his information in the system and discovered his license was suspended. Driver was placed under arrest and transported to jail.

Officers were dispatched to a local store in reference to a man stealing a Gillette razor. He was charged with shoplifting concealed items. Once taken to jail, officers found a blue baggie inside his pants pocket that had crystal like substance inside which was tested and came back positive as methamphetamine.

Officers met with complainant upon arrival and she stated that her ex-boyfriend damaged her home. She stated that he got mad because she was moving into her own place. There was significant damage to the property with multiple holes kicked in the walls and cabinets torn off of the walls. The property was totally destroyed.

Officers were dispatched to a home where the mother stated that her son lives in Statesboro with his roommate. She stated that her son was in a romantic relationship with the offender. When her son broke up with the offender, she has been causing them trouble. Harassing him, driving around their house and starting altercations with the son. The ex-girlfriend supposedly drug him down the road by his shirt from the vehicle and attempted to hit him with her vehicle. The son spoke with the officers and agreed with his mother on her statement.

Officers conducted a traffic stop on a silver Trail Blazer with a cardboard tag stating "Tag applied for." The officer informed them of why they were stopped and asked for their license. The drivers license was suspended. The driver was arrested and taken to jail. Once there, the officers were notified that he had an outstanding state probation warrant from 2017.

### March 23

Officers were dispatched where a woman states she was threatened with a knife. She stated she did not have time for this because she is pregnant and wanted this documented in case she had to defend herself. The offender states the complainant is lying on her and was starting with her and was calling her children bald headed. There were several witnesses who stated that same thing.

Officers responded to a woman who states she left a local store and drove to a local fast food restaurant and realized she left her wallet in the store.

Officers were dispatched to an area near railroad tracks to meet with deputies who were out with an elderly female who had passed out on the street. It was stated by deputies that this elderly woman was walking and fell face first on the ground. An ambulance was called to check her out. Officers spoke with the woman, asking her for her name and address. She stated that she lives with her son and daughter-in-law and that they had been stealing from her and not giving her all of her medication she needed. She said her daughter-in-law constantly screams at her and cusses her out. Officers returned the woman to her residence and spoke with the daughter-in-law. The officer asked if she knew she had left and if she was on any medication. She showed the officer her mother-in-laws medication. The daughter-in-law informed the officer that her mother-in-law was on medication for anxiety as well as other medications, but had not had them that day. She stated that she had some type of infection and was confined to a back room in the house. She also stated that she has never hit her, but they did have a verbal altercation earlier that day.

Officers were dispatched to a dispute between a mother and son. The 17 year old son stated she stays on him all the time and he was tired of it and was leaving because she tried to hit him with a computer desk. The mother stated that she did not try to hit him with a desk but she did spank him twice with a belt on the butt because he keeps letting a girl come over and go in his room and she is not going to have that in her house. The mother stated that her son started kicking the door trying to get in to her and saying inappropriate things. The son was placed in handcuffs, but after speaking with officers and promising to respect his mother he was then released into his mothers custody again.

Officers responded to a call with the complainant stating this was her 95 year old fathers house and they were taking him to a nursing home when she noticed the back porch had been broken into. They stole approximately \$250 worth of various food items out of the freezer and approximately \$150

worth of clothing including her father's old army jacket.

Officers took a statement that a male noticed that one of his \$400 golf clubs was missing, but doesn't have any idea who would have taken it.

### March 24

Officers conducted a traffic stop and informed the driver he was stopped because the two main brake lights on his van were not working. She showed her passport for identification purposes, but did not have a drivers license. She was allowed to call a licensed driver to pick up the vehicle. She was then arrested and transported to jail.

Officers met with complainant about damage to their mailbox. The mailbox had been pried open and the lock had been damaged.

Officers had a vehicle towed from the street that was abandoned on city property for a long time with the right front tire missing. The officer was able to contact the person listed on the print out and he stated that he sold the car to his son and when he told him to change the name on the tag, he got mad and parked the vehicle, but until today he did not know where. That conversation with his son was about a year ago. The father informed the officer he did not know where his son was and he was not worried about the vehicle stating to "do what you have to do."

### March 25

Officers were dispatched to a local store for an accidental firearm discharge. The driver stated while at the stop sign, she was looking through her bag and her glock 43-x discharged. The driver's side window was shattered and the driver's door mirror was damaged, but nobody was harmed and the location of the bullet was unknown.

Officers were given a debit card by Swainsboro police department, turned in as lost or stolen. Card was recovered in a local restaurants parking lot and taken to the police department for safe keeping.

Officer initiated a traffic stop and the driver stated she did not have a driver's license and that it had been suspended for a failure to appear in Laurens County back in 2016. Driver contacted someone to come pick up the vehicle and she was transported to jail.

### March 26

Officers responded to a call to a local gas station where two females were standing outside of their car by the gas pumps, arguing with a male and female who had their three juvenile children with them. The complainant states one of the children were mocking her in the store and when she addressed it, the juveniles mother started yelling at her and then followed her to the gas pumps mocking her and trying to start a fight. The mother of the children states the offender came into the store and tried to provoke her into a fight because she is dating one of the female's ex-boyfriend. Stating that she had been harassed and threatened over facebook by her for two weeks. She stated that she blocked both of the females. Officers separated the parties and advised of remedies available to them.

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## Sheriff's Reports

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

**March 21**  
Deputy responded to Hwy 86 E. in reference to a burglary.

**March 22**  
Complainant reported an attempted internet scam.

Deputies responded to Quick Loop in reference to someone trying to steal a motorcycle.

Complainant stated he placed an order with a business called Stocky's in FL and paid with his debit card, but has not received the order and when he attempts to contact the business, he gets the run around.

Complainant stated she received threats from unknown suspects that her grandson in Augusta is going to be harmed and that they know where she lives and intend to harm her also.

**March 23**  
Deputies responded to Mt. Shady Church Rd. in reference to criminal trespass.

Complainant stated she

received an email from the DOL stating her SS# had been used to file for unemployment. C/o further stated she had not filed for any unemployment.

Deputies were dispatched to Canoochee Garfield Rd. in reference to offender jumping out of complainant's vehicle and running in to the woods.

**March 24**  
Complainant stated she was traveling down Herndon Rd. when a deer ran out in front of her and struck her vehicle, causing moderate damage.

Deputies responded to Lynn St. in reference to a residential alarm. Upon arrival, deputies made contact with the homeowner who advised that she accidentally set the alarm off.

Deputies were dispatched to McKenzie Dr. in reference to a civil issue.

**March 25**  
Complainant stated there were people running around hiding on her property trying to kill her. C/o also stated the names of the individuals and does not know why they are trying to hurt her and wants them to stop. C/o tried showing deputy a video she recorded on her phone that showed them being in her yard but he was unable to see anything on the video. Deputy spoke with c/o's daughter who stated she thought her mother may be having some sort of mental breakdown or that she may possible be on drugs and she wanted to know what they could do to have her sent somewhere to be checked out.

Complainant stated while traveling down Wadley Coleman Lake Rd, she struck a deer, causing moderate damage to the front passenger side headlight of her vehicle.

Deputy responded to Oak Grove Church Rd. in Swainsboro for a call dispatched as what sounded like a burglary.

Deputy responded to ECDC to talk with complainant about a stolen boat. C/o stated he believed ECSO had sto-

len his boat that Jenkins County was charging him for stealing. Deputy later found out that JCSO had holds on c/o for a theft by taking charge of the said boat and they also were supposed to have possession of the boat.

Deputy was dispatched to Hwy 57 E in reference to a man wrecked in a ditch, and the driver was stumbling possibly intoxicated. He was then advised that the driver had a flat tire and a Stillmore unit was out with him. Upon deputy's arrival, he approached the driver and asked him what was going on. The driver stated he had a flat tire and was waiting on his girlfriend. Deputy noticed the driver had slurred speech and glazed eyes that were bloodshot.

**March 26**  
Deputies were dispatched to Hwy 192 S in reference to a stranded motorist. Complainant stated his vehicle became disabled due to unknown mechanical issues.

Deputy responded to Oak Park Hwy S in reference to the complainant calling stating that someone was trying to kill her and she did not feel safe where she was at. When deputy arrived, he searched the area around the residence but did not see anyone. When c/o answered the door, she stated that someone was inside her residence so deputy searched inside but was unable to locate anyone. C/o stated people have been making plans to do something to her and that they have been following her around everywhere she goes. C/o also stated that she did not feel safe at the residence she was at so she asked if he could take her to her friend's residence in Toombs County. Deputy then transported c/o over to another residence in Toombs County.

Complainant stated she was on Hwy 23 in front of Durden Bank when someone shot her back passenger window. Once on scene, deputy noticed the window looked to have been shot by a pellet rifle. Deputies went to a residence on N. Railroad St. where the listed offender had been seen carrying around a pellet rifle and on the front porch in plain view was a BB gun.

Deputies went to a Hwy 57 W residence in reference to someone parking in the driveway and knocking on complainant's door.

**March 28**  
Deputies were dispatched to Hwy 80 W in reference to a vehicle in the ditch. It appeared as though the vehicle had been traveling West on Hwy 80 W, negotiating a curve near the intersection of Meeks Rd. when it traveled off the right shoulder of the roadway. It appeared as though the vehicle came back onto the roadway and the driver overcorrected, causing the vehicle to travel back off the right shoulder and become stuck in mud in the ditch. The vehicle was abandoned at the location with no visible damages.

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## Nine sentenced in Superior Court

The following occurred during the Emanuel County Superior Court October 2019 and January 2021 terms:

**October 2019**  
**Amanda Wilson** negotiated a plea of guilty on one count criminal attempt to entice child, one count sexual battery, and one count public indecency. She was fined \$500 and sentenced to 15 years and 24 months probation.

**Willie James Ford** negotiated a plea of guilty on one count possession of cocaine. He was fined \$50 and sentenced to 15 years probation.

**January 2021**  
**Joseph Douglas Paul** negotiated a plea of guilty on one count possession of methamphetamine, one count possession of marijuana, and one count theft by shoplifting. He was fined \$50 and sentenced to 3 years.

**Terry Bernard Sheppard** negotiated a plea of guilty on one count theft by taking. Sheppard was fined \$50 and sentenced to 20

years, with the first 5 years to be served in confinement.

**Amy Lauree Morris Whitaker** negotiated a plea of guilty on one count attempt to violate the GA controlled substance act. She was fined \$50 and sentenced to 1 year and 6 months probation.

**Jimmy Lee Williamson** negotiated a plea of guilty on one count cruelty to children in the second degree. He was fined \$1,000 and sentenced to 5 years probation.

**Anthony Deshawn Randall** negotiated a plea of guilty (alford) on one count aggravated assault (FV) and two counts cruelty to children 3<sup>rd</sup> degree. He was fined \$50 and sentenced to 10 years probation.

**Michael Howell** negotiated a plea of guilty (alford) on one count possession of marijuana with intent to distribute. He was fined \$100 and sentenced to 10 years probation.

**Jerry Wilkerson** negotiated a plea of guilty on one count possession of methamphetamine, one

count DUI, one count possession of drug related object and one count habitual violator. He was fined \$50 and sentenced to 8 years probation.

**Wilkerson** faced additional charges under three separate criminal action numbers. Sentences for these offenses are as follows:

**Wilkerson** negotiated a plea of guilty on one count driving without license. He was fined \$50 and sentenced to 5 years. In addition, he was fined \$100 for a failure to wear seat belt charge.

**Wilkerson** negotiated a plea of guilty on one count fleeing to elude, one count driving without license, and one count DUI. He was fined \$50 and sentenced to 10 years with the first 5 years to be served in confinement.

**Wilkerson** negotiated a plea of guilty on one count possession of methamphetamine. He was fined \$50 and sentenced to 3 years.

## Kersey sentenced in Superior Court

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

David Eric Kersey negotiated a plea of guilty on one count burglary 1<sup>st</sup> degree and one count theft by taking. He was fined \$50 and sentenced to 20 years. The first 10 years are to be served in confinement and the remainder to be served on probation.

In a different criminal case, Kersey negotiated a plea of guilty on two counts burglary 2<sup>nd</sup> degree. For this, he was fined \$50 and sentenced to 10 years.

## Chlorine leak at water well fixed quickly

by Bill Cahill, SFD-PIO

A leaking valve on a 100 pound cylinder caused a hazardous materials incident at a municipal water well Monday morning. At 10:21 a.m. on Monday March 29, Swainsboro firefighters were dispatched to the scene at Kite Road and McLeod Bridge Road. Following Emergency Response Guidelines, a determination was made to block traffic within a half mile of the leak. This closed Kite Road, McLeod Bridge Road and the Airport. Residents and occupants of businesses were advised to shelter in place. Technicians from the Swainsboro Hazmat Team made entry and were able to close the valve fully. The incident was contained at 11:25 a.m. and was placed under control at 12:07 p.m.. Mutual aid technicians from Metter Fire-Rescue assisted Swainsboro Fire units. Sheriff's deputies and Swainsboro Police handled control of detouring traffic.

This is another example of our city tax dollars at work. If Swainsboro had not had a Hazmat team, the situation could have taken up to five hours to clear up.



HAZMAT TECHNICIANS IN LEVEL A GEAR MONITORING AIR SAMPLES



HAZMAT TEAM MAKING ENTRY INTO BUILDING



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It is always wise to think before we talk and ask Good to guide our words. And it is important to look to the Lord for insight before we leap into the unknown. It is certainly critical to pray before we proceed with any plan. If we ever fear we are failing it's time to fall on our knees and ask God to come to our rescue. Looking to the Lord for His directions will give us confidence that we are following His will for our lives and can then count on His presence. To make the right choice we must listen for God's voice.  
Not only is God interested in who we are but what we do. He is no more interested in the missionary than he is the mechanic. He is no more concerned for a preacher than He is a politician. We read in His Word that "God so loved the world" - and that means everyone on it! That assures us that He has a plan for every life and will reveal His plan to those who willingly search for it and carefully follow it.  
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We must always be alert for His voice. He constantly speaks to each of us and wants to lead us on the path He has designed for us. As He was with the Israelites then so He is with us now: "He guided with a cloud by day and light from a fire all night." His presence is constant. In daylight or darkness, He waits to be our guide.  
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# GASSAR holds 242nd anniversary event

Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution Brier Creek and Wiregrass Chapters along with the Governor David Emanuel - Adam Brinson Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolutions held the 242nd Anniversary Celebration of the Battle at Brier Creek on the battlefield, Saturday, March 6, 2021 at 11 a.m.

The Master of Ceremonies for this event was Compatriot Tommy Christopher. This was Compatriot Christopher's sixth year as the MC. The invocation was given by Brier

Creek President Wayne Howard followed by the playing of *Amazing Grace* and *Flowers of the Forest* by bag piper Dave Crampton of the Edward Telfair Chapter of the GASSAR. Compatriot Scotty Scott then led in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Compatriot Wilder Smith, Jr. leading in the National Anthem.

MC Christopher then introduced several special guests who brought greetings from their respective organizations. Compatriot Ruskin Powell of the Wiregrass Chapter introduced this year's speaker, Artillery Commander Steve

Burke of the Wiregrass Chapter. Compatriot Burke's presentation was titled, *The American Soldier*. Burke presented an outstanding program that included soldiers that fought in battle at Brier Creek and mentioned some descendants of these soldiers that still live today in Screven and surrounding counties.

After Burke finished his presentation, MC Christopher called on each wreath presenter to present their wreath as he called their names. There was a total of 56 wreath presenters. Next, MC Christopher asked that the Georgia Society

Combined Award Winning Color Guard to retrieve the colors. Then, Commander Scott Collins of the Flintlock and Cannon detail ordered a 3-round volley alternating Flintlocks and then Cannon firing. Flintlocks used were the 50 Cal. Pennsylvania/Kentucky Rifles and the Brown Bess 75 cal. Muskets. Cannons used were the 6-pounder Mortar and the 6-pounder Naval Cannon. After the volley, the bugler, CW4 Larry Hyatt played *Last Post* and then *Taps*.

*Last Post* is a 17th Century bugle call played as a final farewell,

symbolizing the fact that the duty of the dead soldier(s) is over and they can rest in peace. *Last Post* was used until *Taps* was introduced in 1862.

During this celebration, and while *Last Post* was played, a militia soldier, Compatriot Allen Mincey from the Brier Creek Chapter, slowly walked away from the celebration into the

woods. After *Taps* were played, Color Guard Commander Bill Palmer gave the command to retire the colors. At this time, President Wayne Howard said the benediction after which MC Christopher gave the closing remarks and reminded everyone that next year's 243rd Celebration's would be on March 4 and 5, 2022.



**BRIER CREEK ARTILLERY COMMANDER STEVE BURKE PRESENTING HIS PROGRAM, THE AMERICAN SOLDIER**



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**GEORGIA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE JON BURNS BRINGING GREETINGS FROM THE GEORGIA HOUSE**

## Coach Lunsford meets with Emanuel County Eagle Club

The Eagle Club of Emanuel County held a dinner to celebrate the love of Georgia Southern University and its athletics on Tuesday, March 23. Held at the Yeomans' Barn, the event was a night of camaraderie and sports talk. A meal of barbecue, grilled chicken and the trimmings, prepared by Boneyard Barbecue in Soperton, was served.

In attendance were head football coach, Chad Lunsford, and Athletic Director, Jared Benko. Coach Chad Lunsford discussed recruits and hot players to watch in the upcoming season. Jared Benko showed a video of the upcoming outdoor practice facility that would also serve as a place for concerts and other events in Statesboro.

"We really like promoting this event to be about family and instilling the connection of why we are an Eagle," stated Eagle lover, Jill Scarboro.

Georgia Southern is part of the Sunbelt Conference. They were only one of two teams (the other being Alabama) that played thirteen games last year. Georgia Southern defeated LA Tech 38-3 for the New Orleans Bowl Championship on December 23, 2020.

GS's Spring Game will be held April 24, 2021 at 1:00pm.

The Eagles hosts its first Power Five opponent at Paulson on November 20th when BYU comes to Staesboro. Georgia Southern takes on SEC's Arkansas this year on October 2 as well.

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Courtney Soley  
Oak Park City Clerk

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# River Rats set \$500k donation goal for 30<sup>th</sup> trip down Ogeechee River

In 1992, a group of men got together to plan a fun boat trip down the Ogeechee River. The three-day trip would include two nights of camping on the river banks, with 11 boats in attendance. Needing a name for their group, The River Rats were formed. Each person had to pay a fee to cover the cost of the trip – meals, etc.

At the end of the first trip, The River Rats returned home with \$100 in extra cash and decided to donate to The Sunshine House. Even though the boaters agreed that was not a lot of money, it felt good to be able to help someone.

The group of men then decided to make each trip a fundraising event and have successfully done so through sales of t-shirts, raffle tickets, boat paddle bidding, and sponsorships for boats from businesses and individuals. In doing so, local organizations such as The Sunshine House, Georgia Sheriff's Youth Home, and the Shriners (including the son of a River Rats boater) have benefitted.

Over the years, The River Rats have had as many as 42 boats make the trip, treading 132 miles on water. The group of men leaves at daylight on a Friday

from the Bull Hole in Jenkins County and end each trip on Sunday at Kings Ferry in Chatham County. According to 'old timers' Albert Hall and William Riner, each trip holds a lot of memories.

"Some years were very challenging. I remember having to get out of my boat and pull it across logs to be able to go on down the river. But in the end it has always been worth it," said Hall.

**Fun fact:** Hall has made all 30 trips and Riner has made every river trip except one.

Each year, a new t-shirt design is created for the weekend trip,

as well as a custom-designed paddle that is coveted by all the River Rats. On Saturday night, the men bid on the boat paddle, with the proceeds also going to the fundraiser. According to Hall and Riner, the paddle has raised as much as \$4,000. This year's shirt and paddle have a very sentimental meaning behind them and serve as a remembrance of the late Bobby Murray, with the shirt having a picture of Murray's river house screen-printed on it. Murray, who recently passed away, allowed the River Rats to camp at his place in Effingham County every year.

According to Hall and Riner, they met Murray during their first trip down the river, and he welcomed the River Rats to camp on his riverside property, which became a tradition. After his December 2020 passing, the group has still been welcomed by loved ones of Murray to continue the tradition.

This year, The River Rats are asking for support in their annual fundraiser in order to successfully reach their \$500,000 lifetime goal, with this year's funds being dedicated to the Shriners' Greenville Hospital. The group of men will set out on Friday, April 16, and

will return Sunday, April 18.

"We have a goal this year to raise at least \$31,965. That will total \$500,000 in donations for 30 years of doing this trip," stated Riner.

The River Rats would like to express their gratitude to everyone who has supported the group's efforts in the past and look forward to support received in future trips.

For more information on the upcoming trip as well as ways to make donations, contact Hall or Riner or any River Rat.

Photos taken from archives of The Forest-Blade since 1992.

**Tour de Ogeechee group enjoys river, camping**  
By LUCY F. MOORE  
Lifestyle Editor

"I was proud of everyone. I was the last man each day and I can honestly say we left everything as good or better than we arrived," Rosby McKenzie stated as he discussed the "First Annual Tour de Ogeechee."

(I didn't bother to mention it couldn't literally be an annual event until they've done it again.)


Rosby told me he had a few reservations as plans unfolded for he and his group of "River Rats," thinking to himself this could turn into a rowdy adventure. I could understand that. Think about it--20 men, 11 boats, fishing, camping and having a good time. But McKenzie was happy to report everyone put litter in their boats until they could dispose of it properly. They raked and cleaned their campsites actually leaving the areas they utilized cleaner than when they arrived.

"River Rats" consisted of McKenzie, Mark Anderson, Runt Hackle, Johnnie Taylor, Gene Hall, Aaron Hall, Frank Hall, Graham Lawson, Gene Key, Randall Ray, Chris Moore, Joel Mimbs, Joe Nasworthy, William Riner, Craig Williamson, Jack Oglesby, Albert Hall, Greg Gaston, Larry Bell and Brian Bird. The support group, which provided assistance launching and docking, were Wendell Walden, Jeff Davis, Neal Hutchenson and Brent Mann.

The group departed 6:30 Friday morning, April 3, from Millen Bridge. They paddled their boats and floated the Ogeechee to Williams Landing where they fished, camped, had fellowship and ate steaks. "Does that mean you didn't catch

any?" I couldn't resist asking. Rosby assured me they did—they cleaned and cooked the fish Saturday night after pitching camp at the steel bridge in Effingham County. Sunday around noon, families and the support group met the "river rats" in Savannah.

Why was I interested in this trek? Rosby told me the trip started with just a few of the guys wanting to travel the Ogeechee for fun. They ended up having tee shirts made, boosting business for JM Tees, an enterprise of Julianna Mack and Swainsboro High School. The fellows all pitched in to raise money to fund the trip and when they realized they had about \$100 to spare, they gave it to the Sunshine House, Exchange Club's project to help abused children not only in Emanuel, but others in the Middle Judicial Circuit as well. That's worthy of a story in my book.



FIRST TRIP IN 1992

The Blade Swainsboro, Ga. 30401, April 21, 1993 9B



**Tour de Ogeechee**

For the second consecutive year Albert Hall of Swainsboro led a group from Swainsboro and Jefferson Co. on a tour of the Ogeechee River. Hall guided 14 other boats on a three-day trip to Savannah, spending two nights in tents on the Ogeechee's banks. Funds for the nightly meals were raised from t-shirt sales with the surplus being donated to the Sunshine House in Swainsboro. Everyone returned home Sunday afternoon in good, but weary condition.

1993 TRIP

6A The Blade, Swainsboro, Ga. 30401, April 20, 1994

**Sports/Outdoors**



**1994 tour's end**

For the third consecutive year, the River Rats of Emanuel and Jefferson counties returned home Sunday afternoon in good, but weary condition. The group of 22 men took the three-day trip to Savannah, spending two nights in tents on the Ogeechee's banks. Other than being home weary, the group returned home in good shape.

1994 TRIP

**The 1995 River Rats..**



1995 TRIP

**The 1996 River Rats**



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**The 1997 River Rats**



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**THE 2000 RIVER RATS**



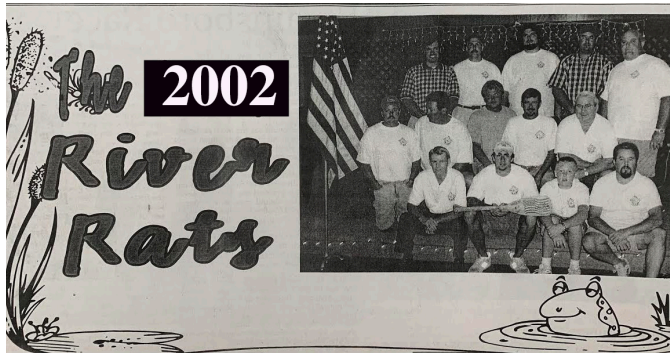
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**2001 River Rats**



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**The 2005 River Rats**



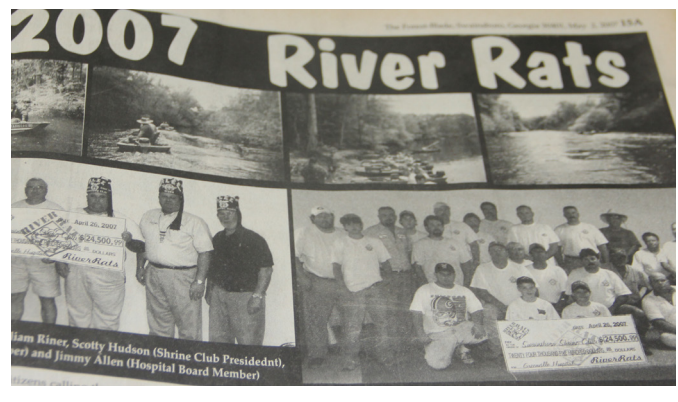
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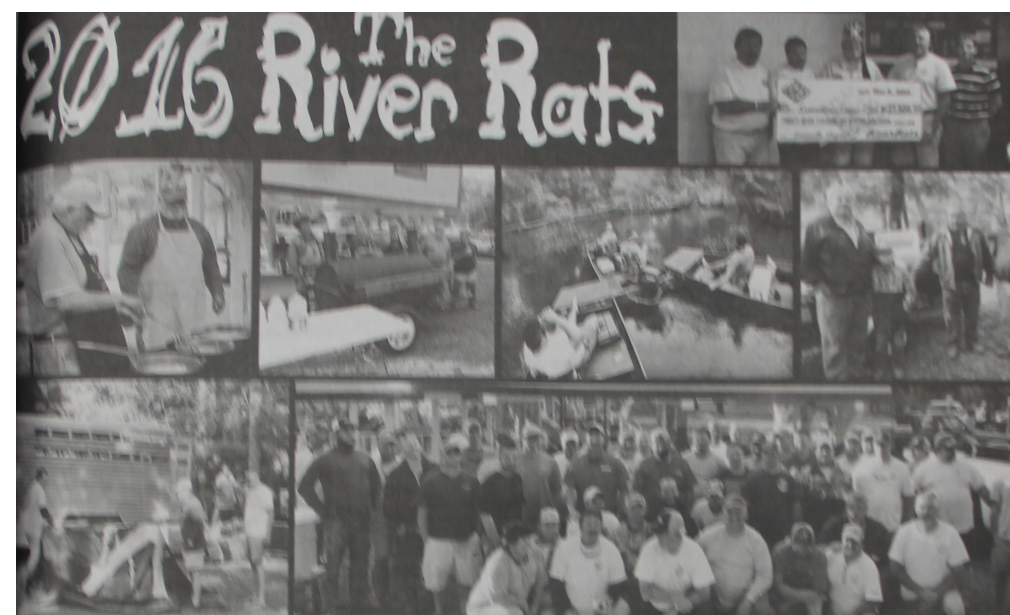
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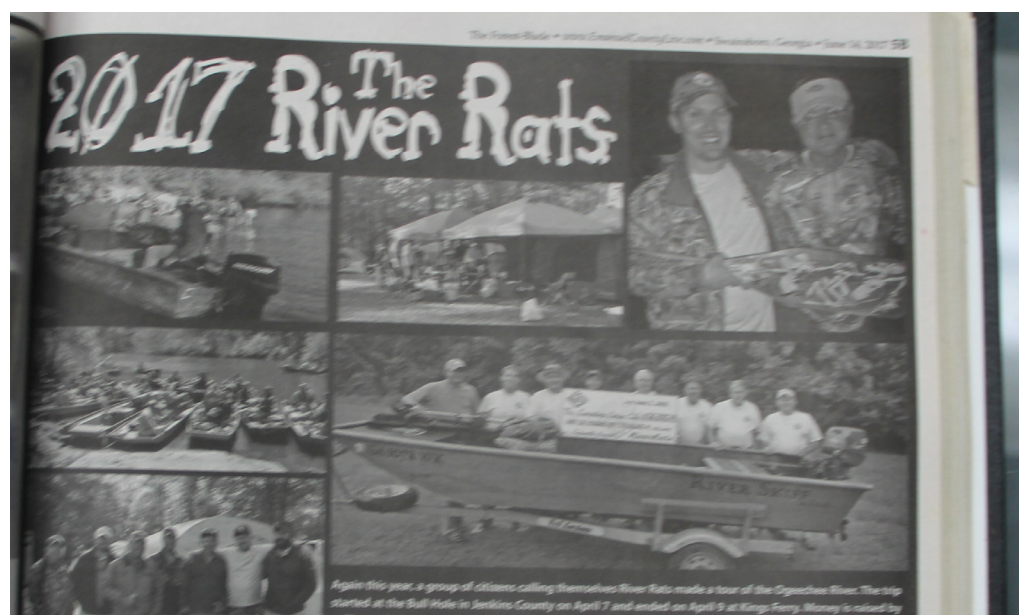
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2019 TRIP



2020 TRIP

## Editorials Columns

### Spring ????

"According to the calendar, we are just past the first day of spring, March 20. When tulips and daffodils start to bloom, I hope this is a sign that that *spring has sprung*. I do not have faith in that groundhog whether he pops from his hole in Pennsylvania or South Carolina. March is always an "iffy" month. It shifts regularly from sunny and pleasant to unpack the jackets. We can be sure that pleasant months are ahead with lovely weather and possibly progress in controlling the pandemic. Rather than talk about weather, now most conversations usually

start with, "Have you gotten the vaccines?" Thankfully, I hear more "yes" than "no", and that is encouraging. Does anyone other than Bobby Sasser and I remember lining up with your entire class to go to the auditorium to get your "shots." Fearful diseases were taking many lives and especially children. Epidemics spread rapidly. Treatments could be given, but there was no prevention without vaccines. Diphtheria caused difficulty in breathing and often death. Tetanus, (then called "lock jaw"), affected the nervous system causing painful contractions

of jaw and neck muscles. Pertussis, (called whooping cough), was a highly contagious respiratory disease and many times fatal for small children. Individual vaccines for each were given by injection which we called "shots". Today, all infants receive a combined vaccine called DPT, and those disease names are no longer heard. Small pox was also a deadly threat. This disease covered the body with blisters which caused life-time disfigurement. The small pox vaccine was not given by injection; a scratch was made on the arm and a small dosage of

the virus was put in the skin laceration. It was covered over with a clear little cup that allowed the forming scar to show. When the small scar appeared, the vaccine had immunized the receiver. We were quite proud to show off our small pox scar. For many years, my scar was still visible on my arm. Small pox has been completely eliminated all over the world. Polio vaccines came much later and have been successful in removing the threat and fear of polio that my parents experienced. This period was in the mid to late forties. There was no

### Shirley Proctor Twiss



confusion about how, where, when, and if we were to sign up for the vaccines. All were readily available, free of charge, and given at the child's school or the county health department for others. One person led this county-wide effort to give all of Emanuel County access to the life-saving vaccines. The County Health Department consisted of one person, County Nurse, Emma

Marshburn. She went to every school in the county, explained the necessity of the vaccine, and gave the injections herself. She tops the list of Emanuel County Heroes. Thank you Miss Emma for getting vaccines into my arm before the diseases could reach me. I hope you add "Thank you for Miss Emma" to your nightly prayers.

Write to Shirley at [sptwiss@gmail.com](mailto:sptwiss@gmail.com).

### Needing to remember what Easter is all about

In memory of my beloved wife with whom I shared many joyous Easters

I wish I had been there. In Jerusalem. With Jesus.

I wish I could have witnessed the events of a week that changed the world forever.

I wish I could have accompanied Jesus into the city as he rode astride a donkey and

watched the crowds throw their cloaks before him, cheering the man they thought had come to lift the yoke of Roman oppression from their necks. I wonder if I would have gotten caught up in all the excitement and hoped that when he took over, Jesus would give me a high-level job in his administration.

I wish I could have

asked him why he was riding a donkey. It was a well-known fact that conquering kings ride stallions, not donkeys. I suspect Jesus would have smiled at me and said he was not the Prince of War. He was the Prince of Peace.

I wish I could have been there when Jesus overturned the tables in the temple and ran off the moneychangers selling their live-

stock and doves at inflated prices. He called the place a "den of thieves." It wasn't the first time a religious institution had lost sight of its real purpose and, sadly, it won't be the last.

I wish I could have told Jesus that his rare display of temper had played right into the hands of the local power structure that felt threatened by his popularity. I would have reminded him that they wanted to get rid of him and were just looking for an excuse and that he had given them a big one. I suspect he already knew that.

I wish I could have seen the look on the faces of the religious leaders when they tried to engage him in debate and got their theological heads handed to them. I would have laughed and clapped and hooted at them until I saw the look on the face of Christ. This wasn't a game to him.

I wish I had been there to keep an eye on Judas Iscariot. He probably thought that the way Jesus was acting, we were all going to get in trouble and he wanted no part of it. I would have told Judas to get with the program and quit whining. It likely would have done no good. The man was pure evil.

I wish I could have been with Jesus during the Passover

### Dick Yarbrough



meal. The Last Supper. When he washed the feet of his followers and served them bread and wine and told them that if they wanted to be great, they must become servants as he had been. He already knew that Judas would betray him and Peter would deny him and that dark hours lay ahead. Still he maintained his serenity because he had accomplished what he had set out to do just three short years ago.

I wish I could have been some comfort to him in garden at Gethsemane, although I am not sure what I could have said or done that would have made any difference. Knowing me, I would have gotten into a confrontation with the mob that came for him and would probably have tried to get a piece of Judas. I think that would have greatly disappointed Jesus who would have wondered if I had remembered anything he had said over the past three years.

I wish I knew what I would have done during the mockery of a trial, the humiliations he suffered and the Crucifixion. Would I have thrown up my hands in despair and left him to die? Would

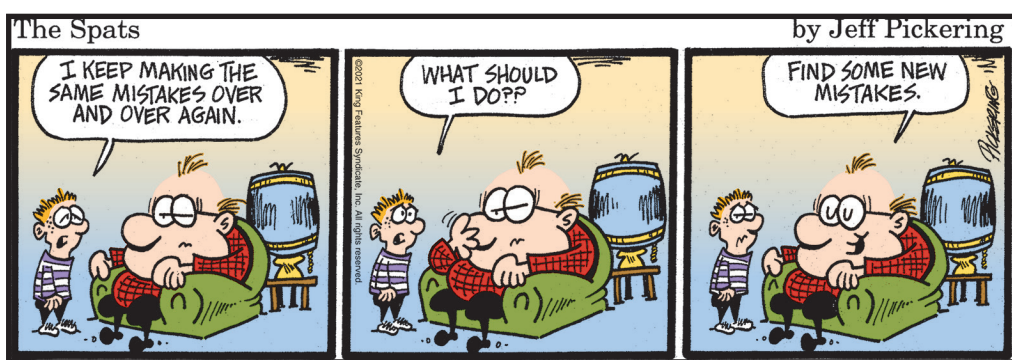
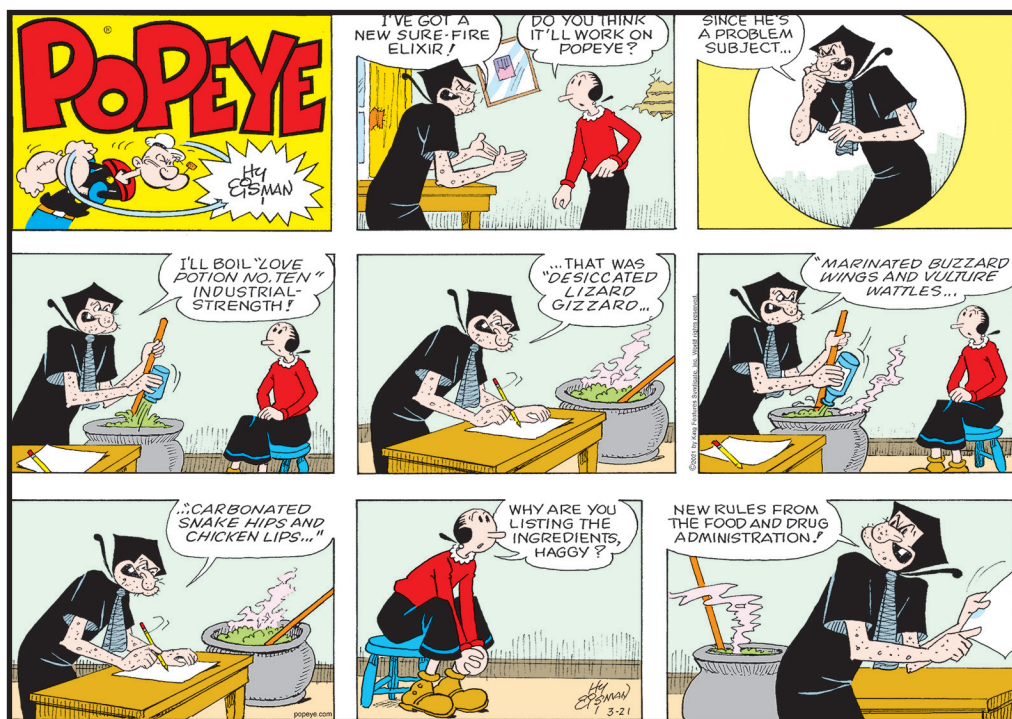
I have worried that I might be next? Would I have denied knowing him? These are easy questions to answer in hindsight, but I suspect I would have been scared then. Very scared.

I wish I had been with his followers on that extraordinary morning three days later when they looked in the tomb. What had been total despair was now unspeakable joy. The tomb was empty. Hallelujah!

Yes, I wish I had been in Jerusalem that extraordinary week and I wish you could have been with me. After what we saw, maybe we could remember that Easter isn't about dyed eggs, bunnies and bonnets — as pleasant as those things may be. Easter is about celebrating the One who gives us hope that something better awaits us when this life is done. A miraculous day. A joyous day. That is what Easter is really about. I wish we would all remember that.

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by SENATOR BILLY HICKMAN

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We have a busy few days ahead, but keep reading to learn more about this past week at the Capitol.

As you may have seen, on Thursday we passed The Election Integrity

Act of 2021 which the Governor signed into law shortly thereafter. While there is a lot of attention and fake news surrounding this great piece of legislation, it is important to look at the facts. SB 202 helps make our elections fair, accessible, secure and transparent by doing the following:

- Requires photo ID to request an absentee ballot.
- Prevents fraud by requiring ballots to be printed on security paper.
- Creates a voting-fraud hotline.
- Bans local boards of elections from receiving outside money.
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While these are just a few bills, I encourage you to visit my Senate website to learn more about the legislation that I am working on before we adjourn on Wednesday. If you have any questions or feedback, please reach out to me at billy.hickman@senate.ga.gov or 404-656-5035.

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### Star Honor Roll

**Third grade** - Banks Burke, Donovan Clements, Cade Colston, Jayce Cox, Calli Fields, Ansley Frye, Jared Garcia, John-Perez Hernandez, J.T. Jackson, Jazlyn Jackson, Morgan Jackson, Alice Lopez, Miracle Love, Jasien Lovett, Adryen Luckel, Gregory Parker, Levi Phillips, Esther Ramirez-Figueroa, Addi Rae Robertson, Callen Sapp, Kaylee Screws, Stetson Shepard, Tanner Smith, Cierra Thomas, Ashlyn Turner, Gavin Veal, Harper Ware, Jocelyn Williams

### Fourth grade

- Christopher Barrett, Mylie Beneteau, SanQuan Benjamin, Levi Bishop, Owen Cheeks, Jayla Clark, Adalia Cloud, Ne'Veah Connor, Payton Dolph, Kaybreigh Hostilo, Zaelon Huston, Rayleigh Hutcheson, Allison Kettler, Sydney Lively, Shaniyah Marion, Stella Kate Marsh, Ryan McKenzie, Otto McNeal, Parker Outlaw, Maritza Saldana-Martinez,

Colt Sconyers, Raylin Stapleton, Sara Talledo, Isis Trice, McKinley Walden, Hadley Woods, Hayden Wren, Hannah Camarero, Jamir Carter, Zayden Cuyler, Raleigh Walls, Jada Warner

### Fifth grade

- Landon Akridge, Johnny Allen, Kamm'Rynn Bell, Chloe Boulineau, Maximus Brewer, Gracce Brown, Kali Brown, Lake Bush, Amelia Grace Clements, Caleb Dolph, Kolby Edenfield, Alexander Fuentes Garcia, Layla Headrick, Elijah Holley, Jamarri Holmes, Mariska Hutcheson, Savannah Jackson, Weston Lee, Ava Mack, Safia Prentice, Miranda Rich, Santavious Roberts, Edward Rodriguez, Arlin Swanner, Savannah Thompson, Dayna Tillman, Christopher White

### Honor Roll

**Third grade** - Arleth Ambrosio, Bre-Lynn Atkinson, Kabry Burrell, O'Bryan Clark, Kirstin Coleman, Samaria Givens, Kairi Goble, Aviana Harris, Jayley Hart, Bowyn Harvey, Maddux Hendrix, Edyn Henry, Maxwell Hooks, Jazzalyn Jackson, Kamiaha Jameson, Trinitee Kennedy, Teresa Lane, Luis Lopez-Garcia, Emberly Luckel, Elena Martin, Lyley Mills,

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### Fourth grade

- Lillian Beneteau, RayAnna Burnette, Jacob Carroll, Michael Collins, David Perez Gallegos, Ty'Landon Hackett, Cayden Hutcheson, Payton McCullough, Skylee Meller, Teno'Jay Parker, Melina Ramos-Perez, Bowen Ware, Raymond Williams, Jurnee Wynn, David Bear, Ayden Bishop, Addison Denney, Henslee Green, Brinley King, Brylie Martin, Chianti Mosley, Jeslee Hernandez Puon, Jamar Sherrod, Nellie Sherrod, Ki'Montae Smith, Andrew Wu

### Fifth grade

- James Claxton, Jared Coleman, Mason Fleming, Gzourney Gardner, Levi Hall, Trae'Son Holman, Chloe Livingston, Gatlin Martinez, Bry'Yielahn McClendon, Kamauri Moses, Donivan Oglesby, Eduardo Ortiz-Moreno, Sara Smith, Ason Wheeler, Christopher Williford

## SPS announces honorary students for third nine weeks

According to Swainsboro Primary School Principal Maribeth Clark, the following students have made honorary status during the first nine weeks of the 2020-2021 school year:

### Star Honor Roll

**First grade** - Trinity Armstrong, Abigail Ausburn, Emerson Averett, Haven Barnard, Joshua Bedgood, Serenity Brown, Phillip Carswell, Krissy'Ann Carswell, Kennedy Clark, Emma Claxton, Hadley Claxton, Benton Claxton, Preston Claxton, Savannah Clayton, Jer'Miyah Coleman, Madison Coleman, Parker Collins, Jacorey Davis, Sara Deriso, Connor DeVane, Damien Driggers, Bailey Duckworth, Jase English, Roxanna Farley, Maggie Farrow, Cameron Foster, Easton Freeman, Kaidence Gibson, Alistair Goble, Banks Harvey, Trenton Holman, Ella Jo Hooks, Sony Huynh, Kanin Love, Karlee Love, Luna Manjarres-Ibanez, Ashley Martinez-Perez, Drake Mason, Rainee Meadows, Jackson Milbee, Tucker Morris, Genevieve Mosley, Dyson Neal, Devan Oglesby, Jace Pace, Hannah Powell, Leland Pullen, Tristen Randall, Charlee Riner, A'Reice Robinson, Jazzalyn Rountree, Aubrianna Royal, Arabella Sheppard, Kinslee Sheppard, Lyndon Singletary, Kingston Smith, Yuridia Soliz Cruz, Liam Stapleton, Tayden Stapleton, Ronnell Swain-Russell, Hunter Terry, Clayton Toves, Skylar Tran, Kayla Vargas-De

La Cruz, Brian Walden, Ma'Karii Walker, Paisley Waters, Mylee Weber, Emma Wentzel, Brandtley Wheeler, Kylie Wilson, Jayden Wu

### Second grade

- Darius Archie, Edward Bennett, Benton Bishop, Haley Brantley, Ryan Brown, Josie Canady, Drake Clements, Ayden Cochran, Ashlynn Cox, Addison Daley, Jenna Farmer, Trent Futch, Blanca Gomez-Jimenez, Savannah Graves, Abram Grimm, Tracey Hernandez-Puon, Shayann Hood, Blane Hutcheson, Serenity Johnson, Blake Johnson, Cadence Jones, Nathan Kersey, Eva Kettler, Charlie Grace Lewis, Leilany Lopez-Acosta, Jose Marcelino Castro, Jenavieve McRee, Victor Middleton, Adamarie Moran-Esparza, Isabella Mulrooney, Stephen Perkins, Trey Powell, Sebastian Rincon, Dreameya Rucker, Lovelee Ruiz, Sebastian Salinas, Joshua Sherrod, Kenley Smith, Marley Stewart, James Sumner, Paris Tarver, Cayleigh Taylor, Bailey Tharpe, Hudson Ware, Kinsley Watson, Jayden Weeks, Le'Aundra Williams, Lakelan Wilson

### Honor Roll

**First grade** - Aaron Bear, Bri-Ella Braswell, Alaina Brinson, Madalynn Burke, Annabelle Bush, Brylen Cox, Makaylyn Cuyler, Dariel Demillon-Cabrera, Caleb Eversole, Jeremy Fernandez-Jimenez, Traevon Fountain, Brooke Foxworth, D'Asia Freeman, Remington Fulmer, Abrielle Gregory,

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