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Pine Tree Festival set for this weekend!!!

There is a special excitement in the air this week as the community prepares for the return of the Pine Tree Festival. Dubbed the 74.5 Pine Tree Festival due to the impact of COVID-19 on the event, the festival is highly anticipated, especially after the cancellation of last year's festival. The 2021 festival officially kicked off last weekend with Swainsboro Raceway's Pine Tree 100 and the Swainsboro Rotary Club's Pine



2021 PINE TREE FESTIVAL LOGO
Tree Festival Pageants, and continues with the Rhythm & Pines Music Festival on Friday, May 7th. The music begins at 6:00 p.m. on The Gospel

Stage behind the Emanuel County Tax Office. Sam's Drive-In Band will also begin at 6:00 p.m. at Patriots Park in front of the fountain with Rhett Blount & Friends following at 6:30 p.m. at The Boneyard Farmers Market Shelter. The evening will conclude with the party band of the south, The Swingin' Medallions, taking the stage at The Boneyard Pavilion at 8:30 p.m. Saturday's festivities will

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photo by WANDATHOMPSON SCARBORO
LEWIS SURROUNDED BY HER CHILDREN CHILDREN

Happy Mother's Day!!!

Mother's Day is an honored tradition of recognizing the women in our lives who've held a hand in raising us. Everyone has a mother or someone who is like a mother to them. On Sunday, May 9, we honor those women who are our mothers. Regardless of what gift you buy mom this year, just be sure to stop by and spend some time with her. Knowing those she loves most are safe, sound and healthy is always top priority to mom!

History of Mother's Day
The first movement to Mother's Day being observed nationally began during the Civil War by Julia Ward Howe. After witnessing the devastation left by war, Howe appealed to the public for a

"Mother's Day for Peace" and went on an international crusade. Though her efforts were never formally recognized for an official observance, Howe was acknowledged in 1988 for her achievements and efforts for women's rights.

In 1905, Anna Jarvis, daughter of Ann Marie Reeves Jarvis, successfully introduced the idea as a national holiday to recognize mothers after seeing her mother's efforts when following Howe's campaign. Anna's mother, Ann, passed away May 9, 1905, which prompted Anna on a dedicated letter-writing campaign to declare an official Mother's Day as she mourned the loss of her mother. Through Andrews Methodist Church in

Grafton, West Virginia, the first observance occurred on May 10, 1908.

Honoring Anna's mother, this day grew into a national observance until 1911 when all states participated and eventually spread internationally. On May 9, 1914, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed Mother's Day as a national holiday to be held on the second Sunday of May.

Pictured are Brooke Lewis, wife of Bryant Lewis, with children Colten Lewis, 12; Abby Randall Lewis, 10; Brooklyn Lewis, 7; Caroline Lewis, 5; Mary Ames Lewis, 3; and Cambree Becca Lewis, 1. The Lewis family are residents of Swainsboro.



GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS; EMANUEL MEDICAL CENTER CEO DAMIEN SCOTT; SWAINSBORO MAYOR CHARLES SCHWABE AND TWIN CITY MAYOR MATT DONALDSON AT THE TREE PLANTING

Glad Garden Club remembers and plants tree for National Arbor Day

Members of the Glad Garden Club gathered at Emanuel County Medical Center to host a tree planting ceremony on National Arbor Day, April 30, to remember the

county's number of losses and survivors affected by Covid-19. A white Dogwood was planted in front of the medical center to honor and to memorialize these indi-

viduals and their family members. Arbor Day is celebrated at different times around the country in accordance with survival zones. Georgia's (Continued on page 5B)



GIVENS AND RUSHING APPEAR FOR PRELIMINARY HEARING

Givens, Rushing denied bond

A preliminary hearing for William Jammal Givens and Odis Rushing Jr., codefendants in the fatal drive by shooting of Dajarius Zashawn McGuire, 22, of Adrian, appeared before the honorable Judge Tommy J. Smith on Wednesday, April 28, in the Emanuel County

Superior Courtroom. Special Agent Eugene Howard with the Georgia Bureau of Investigations was placed on stand and provided details from working with the case. Howard provided intel that both Rushing and Givens phones were linked to cellphone towers within

the area where the shooting occurred and within the same time frame of the drive by shooting. He further stated that investigations revealed that the shooting is believed to be gang-related, involving members of the Gangster Disciples and Bloods, and (Continued on page 2A)

City Council meets for month of May

by WHITLEY CLIFTON

Members of Swainsboro City Council and Mayor Charles Schwabe convened for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Monday, May 3, at 6 p.m. at Swainsboro City Hall. Mayor Schwabe called the meeting to order and called upon Reverend Chad Kennison, pastor of Southside Baptist, to lead the invocation. The pledge of allegiance was then recited by all.

Minutes from the last council meeting were reviewed and approved by council. Making first motion for approval was Julian Sconyers. Johnny Ray Stafford seconded and all council voted unanimously.

In reference to new business

Council was addressed with an application for beer and wine consumption on premises (advertising only) from Denise Miles dba Lounge 2020

LLC, located at 406 Rentz Street. Council will entertain a final motion for approval or disapproval following a public hearing at a later date. During the public hearing, council will have the opportunity to consider all aspects. Individuals interested in being present for this hearing are encouraged to be present for further discussion.

In other news

Swainsboro Police Chief Randy Ellison provided an update on the city's junk ordinance. He advised that the

part time position has proven beneficial to the office, stating that increased monitoring of citations and warnings has resulted in improvement.

Ricky Stevens made a motion in request that the mayor provide a report for publication to provide an update on progress made with a Wilson International, a dealer supply company, located on East Main Street. He addressed concerns of the situation being made known to the public. (Continued on page 2A)

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Pine Tree Festival...

(From front page) Afterward, the festival's Opening Ceremonies and presentation of this year's Green Jacket will

take place at 10:00 a.m. on the main stage located in front of Patriots Park. The Grand Parade, organized by the Swainsboro Exchange Club, will begin at 10:30 a.m., with a great lineup of entertainment following the parade. A classic car show, hosted by the Oak Park Shiners, will be held on The Boneyard, with an antique tractor show taking place around Patriots Park. The Jurassic Kingdom Dinosaur Show will bring dinosaurs to life with an interactive show that is both educational and entertaining, and the Flight Crew Jump Rope Team will display amazing acrobatic moves in its high-energy jump rope show. Flight Crew's shows have dazzled thousands, from its America's Got Talent Semi-Final finish to performing at

numerous NCAA and professional sports teams' halftime shows. Other activities available throughout the day include a kids' zone, chainsaw carving, Swainsboro Fire Department's splash zone, and shopping with arts, crafts, and food vendors. Vendors will be located in the Emanuel County Board of Commissioners' new parking lot on East Main Street, for festivities both Friday evening and Saturday. The event will wrap up with the UBF Party In The Pines freestyle bullfighting event at the Georgia Sports Arena, taking place on Friday and Saturday evenings at 7:00 p.m. For more information about the 2021 Pine Tree Festival, visit pinetreefestival.org or follow the festival on Facebook.

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Thompson sentenced to 20 years

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

Eugene Emanuel Thompson was found guilty on one count child molestation. He was fined \$50 and sentenced to 20 years, with the first 15 years to be served in confinement. Upon service of 15 years, the remainder of the sentence may be served on probation; provided that the defendant shall comply with the conditions of probation imposed by the court as part of this sentence.

City Council meets...

(From front page) lic so that the community can be better informed. Mayor Schwabe informed council that the situation was being handled by the Environmental Protection Division. After further discussion of legal liabilities, Stevens' motion request died due to failure of being seconded with a final agreement on allowing the legal system to work its process.

Sconyers motioned that hazard pay for first responders on city payroll be extended through the month of May as Governor Brian Kemp's has encouraged. Seconding this motion was Stevens and all remaining council voted in favor.

Mayor Schwabe expressed appreciation for those who helped with the city-wide clean up in April. He further commented that the big turnout led to great achievements, with the difference still being noticeable weeks later. He encouraged all to continue efforts in keeping the city clean.

Mayor Schwabe then addressed council with the city's contract with Clear Water Solutions, and stated he hopes to have a proposed contract to council by mid-May for review and discussion.

The mayor then addressed council with a request to start working on the city's budget early this year, prior to June or July. He advised that by beginning the process early, he hopes the budget process will become more efficient and save taxpayers' money as well as the city.

Council was addressed with a request to surplus three police cars that are no longer needed for use and have been replaced. Stafford motioned for approval of said request and Rita Faulkner seconded with all remaining council in approval.

City Administrator Al Lawson gave an update on the CDBG grant. He advised that after reviewing complaints received, that the city has narrowed down a project area to be performed within McMillan Drive. He further advised that in

order to further inquire on receive grant funding, the city would have to fund \$8,000 for cameras lines to be utilized in finding faults within city pipes of said area. Opposing for funding to be provided were Faulkner, Bobbie Collins, and John E. Parker. In favor of funding the project were Sconyers, Stafford and Stevens. With a tied vote, Mayor Schwabe voted in approval of said project and it passed 4-3.

Lawson then provided an update on on-going light fixture changes being made at city locations. He stated that all fluorescent lighting has and is continuing to be replaced with LED lighting and provided estimated savings in electricity charges.

Concerns were addressed with the progress of Robin Road Project. It was stated that the project is continuing in progress and that funds are still available for further improvement funding.

Collins addressed council with an update on the fire department, stating all is well and running smoothly. She then addressed concerns with a recent news feature, where it was stated that actions to address concerns within the city were not responded to. She went on to further highlight that when opportunity was provided for further discussion to be held, as scheduled in a past monthly meeting, the individual involved was a no show during that scheduled time to address council.

The mayor gave an update on the county's current Covid-19 numbers, stating that the numbers are at an all-time low and encouraged those interested to inquire on Covid vaccinations.

Lastly, the mayor reminded all of the upcoming festivities set to take place at this year's Pine Tree Festival & Southeast GA Timber EXPO.

With no further discussion to be held, the meeting was adjourned.

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Givens, Rushing denied...

(From front page) could be in association with 2020 shootings that occurred in May and June.

After further arguments were heard, Judge Smith deemed that information provided proved probable cause of both codefendants being gang related and that communication records further backed up probable cause of Rushing and Givens association with the December shooting. Judge Smith denied bond request of both codefendants.

On the evening of Tuesday, February 16, US Marshall's Fugitive Task Force, GBI, ECSO, and SPD arrested Givens for his association with the 2020 murder of McGuire. Rushing was later arrested on May 30, 2021 for his alleged association with the crime.

A third party codefendant, Jachon Tydarian Mills, surrendered himself to the Emanuel County Jail on Monday, January 4, and was charged with the murder of McGuire. He was charged with three counts of Violation of Street Gang Terrorism & Prevention, two counts of Aggravated Assault, and Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony. He appeared before the Emanuel County Superior Court on January 27, 2021 for a preliminary hearing for his association with the shooting and death of McGuire that occurred December 28, 2020. Evidence at the hearing led Judge Smith to deny bond based on probable cause.

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Emanuel County Chamber Member Spotlight: Vyve Broadband

Vyve Broadband, via the acquisition of Northland, has been an active member of the Chamber of Commerce since 1994. They've been working non-stop upgrading their fiber-based network to deliver speeds up to Vyve Gig Internet. The current President and CEO of the company is Mr. Phil Spencer, and our local office consists of five employees.

Vyve is a leading broadband Internet provider serving largely non-urban communities in 16 states including Alabama, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Georgia, Idaho, Kansas, Louisiana, Nebraska, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Washington, and Wyoming. A technology leader in the broadband industry, Vyve Broadband offers an extensive range of broadband, fiber connectivity, cable television, and voice services for commercial and residential customers. Residential services include high-speed Internet with speeds up to Vyve Gig and high-definition video with some digital and fully featured digital voice. Vyve Business Services provides optical Ethernet, PRI, hosted voice, and IT services to the business community.

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Some of the ways Vyve is involved at the community level include their Christmas Card Contest, free WiFi hotspots for the community, and corporate sponsorship of all local events. The 2020 Christmas Card contest winner was nine-year-old Emily from Swainsboro Elementary School, right here in Emanuel County! The reason Vyve has been a Chamber member all these years is for local networking and community involvement.

Vyve Broadband is located at 123 Roger Shaw St., Swainsboro. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. To inquire additional information about Vyve Broadband, call 478-237-6434 or visit their website, www.vyvebroadband.com. Stay connected with Vyve Broadband via social media through Facebook (facebook.com/

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The EGSC Baseball Team will host a one game opening round playoff against ABAC Friday, May 7 at 2 p.m. at Bobcat Field.

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- May 7 12 Week Session Classes End - Swainsboro/Statesboro
- May 7 Baseball Home Game - GCAA Playoffs - 2 p.m.
- May 7 Spring Commencement Ceremony: A Virtual Event - 6 p.m.
- May 8 National SAT - 7 a.m.
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- May 10 Maymester Final Fee Payment Deadline
- May 10 Middle Judicial CHINS Meeting - 10 a.m.
- May 11 12 Week Session Classes End - Augusta

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Destiney Hope Kight, 18

Destiney Hope Kight, age 18, passed away Friday, April 23, 2021. Funeral services were held Friday, April 30, at 2 p.m. at Brown Memorial Baptist Church with Rev. Randy Adams officiating. A private burial for family followed in Hope Gardens Family cemetery. The family received friends from 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 29, at the funeral home.

Destiney was born on February 2, 2003 in Swainsboro. She was a cheerleader while she attended Johnson County High School and was a graduate of Penn Foster High School. Destiney enjoyed pageants, makeup, TikTok videos, and riding with Iron Legacy Motorcycle Club. She loved people and making others smile. Destiney touched many lives and will be missed.

Destiney is survived



KIGHT

by her parents, Latosha Newsome (William), Jason Kight (Tifani), and Gene Thompson (Misty); sister, Madison Kight; brothers, Jay Kight (Taylor), Cale Adams, and Cory Adams; grandparents, Danny Graham (Marie), Wanda Graham, and Maxine Garnto (Wendell); nephew, Kayson Kight; and several aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

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

Barbara June "Mutt" English, 68

Barbara June "Mutt" English, 68, resident of Twin City, died Thursday, April 29, 2021 at her residence. Funeral services were held Saturday, May 1, in the chapel of Tomlinson Funeral Home at 11 a.m. with Reverend Michael Williams officiating. Interment followed in Lamb Cemetery. The family received friends at Tomlinson Funeral Home one hour prior to the service.

Pallbearers were Jamie Finch, Hunner Hunnicutt, Stewart Williams, Tripp Sikes, Luther Anguiano, and Davy Reynolds. Honorary pallbearers were Steven Gay and Gary Douglas.

Ms. English was born in Keysville to the late Luther Franklin Peebles and Ethel Skinner Peebles. She was an excellent seamstress,

as she had worked for some of the Textile Plants that had been in the area, and had also worked for Savannah Luggage.

Survivors include daughters, Angela McCullough (Steven Gay) and Samantha Hunnicutt (Timothy); son, Eddie English; grandchildren-, Jessica Marie, Savannah Johnson (Dustin), Jamie Finch, Conner Oglesby (Kacey), Blake Lynn Anguiano (Luther), and Hunner Hunnicutt; 7 great-grandchildren; 2 brothers, Joey Peebles (Vicki) and Jimmy Dean Peebles; 3 sisters, Jo Ann Reynolds (Terry), Betty Jean Claxton (James), and Paula Wheeler (Paul); several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were by Tomlinson Funeral Home and Crematory.

Fred Lamon Gillis, 82

Fred Lamon Gillis, Sr., 82, died Saturday, May 1, 2021. Visitation was held at Crowe-Fields Funeral Home in Millen on Monday, May 3, from 6 to 8 p.m. A graveside service was held at the Millen City Cemetery on Tuesday, May 4, at 2 p.m.

Pallbearers were Zach Watson, Elijah Watson, Darrell Williams, Bronson Bragdon, Colton Bragdon, Josh Williams, Austin Proctor, Brandon Claxton, Lanier Parham, Dock Claxton, and Donald Avery. Honorary pallbearers were members of the BOCH Sunday School Class, Dale Wiggins, Gene Wiggins, H. G. Wiggins, Tommy Heath, and retired and active law enforcement officers.

Mr. Gillis was born and raised in Emanuel County, where he went to school and played football for Emanuel County Institute. He lived most of his adult life in Jenkins County. Mr. Gillis was a police officer, police chief, Special Agent for the Georgia Department of Revenue, and Special

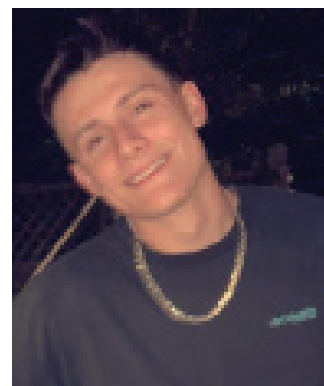
Agent for the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, from which he retired in 1992. In retirement, he did private investigation work with his brother, Franklin Gillis, and raised cattle on his farm in Millen. He was a member of Millen Baptist Church. Mr. Gillis is preceded in death by his parents, Fred B. and Lurline Kitchens Gillis; and his brother, Franklin Gillis.

Survivors include his wife, Sue Gillis; daughter, Pam Gillis Gilbertz (Dave); son, Freddy Gillis; granddaughter, Ceilidh Watson; grandsons, Zach Watson (Nabrin Noor) and Elijah Watson; great-granddaughter, Poinciana Noor-Watson; sister, Joyce Gillis Williams (Johnny); brother, Charles Gillis (Kathy); and sister-in-law, Johnnie Wilson Gillis.

If you'd like to make a donation in Lamon's memory, donations can be made to the Ogeechee Riverkeeper at <http://ogeecheeriverkeeper.salsalabs.org> or 785 King George Blvd #102, Savannah, GA 31419.

Charlie Jaylon "C.J." Garrett, 18

Charlie Jaylon "C.J." Garrett, age 18, passed away Friday, April 23, 2021. Funeral services were held Friday, April 30, at 2 p.m. at Brown Memorial Baptist Church with Rev. Randy Adams officiating. A private burial for family followed in Hope Gardens Family Cemetery. The family received friends from 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 29, at the funeral home.



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C.J. was born on December 2, 2002 in Sandersville. He was an avid hunter, fisherman, and loved racing. C.J. was always joking around and making people laugh. He was loved by many and will be missed by all who knew him. C.J. is preceded in death by his grandfather, Thomas Ray Garrett; grandmothers, Robin Roberts (Donnie) and Sue Fish; and uncle, Jeffery Garrett.

C.J. is survived by his mother, Monica Roberts; father, Charles Anthony

Garrett; grandparents, William Keith Roberts (Cheryl); step-grandparents, Phillip Shiver (Joanne); brother, River Walker; uncles and aunts, Camron Roberts Drew (Kevin), Magen Roberts Douglas (Wade), William Kale Roberts (Michael), Chad Everett Garrett, Sharon Rogers, Suzanne West (Mark), and Lloyd Smith; cousins, Drew Barry (Jenna) and Grant Barry (Cierra).

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

Donald Morrison, 37

Donald Morrison, 37, resident of Swainsboro, died Friday, April 30, 2021 at his residence. A Celebration of Life service was held Tuesday, May 4, from the Chapel of Tomlinson Funeral Home at 2 p.m. with Reverend Louis Pearce officiating. The family received friends Monday, May 3, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Tomlinson Funeral Home.

Mr. Morrison was born in Vidalia to Donnie Morrison and Ann Weeks. He was a member of Jesus Saves Church.

Survivors include his mother, Ann (Roger) Pearce; father, Donnie (Faye) Morrison; sons, Brandon Bragg, Aiden Morrison, and Austin Morrison; brothers, Josh (Ashley) Morrison, Grady Hackle, Bill (Nikki) Hackle, Tra (Haley) Pearce, Ryan Pearce, Shawn (Jamie) Pearce, Dakota (Heather) Pearce, and Chris Butler; sisters, Krista Morrison, Alicia Morrison, and Gail (JR) Clark.

Arrangements were by Tomlinson Funeral Home and Crematory.

Billy (Weaver) Silas, 61

Mr. Billy Weaver Silas, age 61, passed away Friday, April 23, 2021. A homegoing graveside service was held Saturday, May 1, at 2 p.m. at Swainsboro City Cemetery.

Mr. Silas was born September 11, 1960, in Twin City, to the late Lillie Mae Silas and Nodie Weaver. He was educated in Emanuel County. After his family moved from Twin City at a young age, Billy resided in Swainsboro. Billy served in the armed forces for a few years. He was employed with Handi House in Swainsboro for over thirty years until his illness would not allow him to continue working. Mr. Silas is preceded in death by his parents; sister, Mary Louise Willis-Thomas; brother, Mack (Rodger) Willis; uncle, Alvin Brooks; and grandmother, Dollie Silas.

Mr. Silas leaves to cherish his memories



SILAS

with a special friend, Liza Kirkland; three sisters, Mary Ann Heyward (William) of Augusta, Patricia Byrd of Swainsboro, and Shelly Rucker of North Augusta, SC; five brothers, Melvin Willis of Swainsboro, Dennis Weaver (Margret) of Twin City, Barnard Weaver (Jerri Ann) of Statesboro, Otis Weaver of Atlanta, and Gerald Weaver of Dublin; and a host of aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends.

Mosley's Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Holy Zion to hold Fellowship Spring Revival

Holy Zion Church of Metter on Mincey St. is having a Fellowship Spring Revival

Thursday, May 13, at 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker: Bishop T.V. Outen from Savannah. Guest Churches: Holy Zion Church of Statesboro, Outreach Ministry Church, Mt. Zion Church, New Hope Faith Mission.

Friday, May 14, at 7:30 p.m. Guest churches: Ada Grove Pentecostal, St. John, Living Way, House of Hope Church of God in Christ, Tribe of Judah of Metter.

Sunday, May 16. Guest church: Mt. Gilead. Sunday School at 10:30 a.m. Worship service at 11:30 a.m.

Deacon Elmo Mcquater, 75

Deacon Elmo Mcquater passed away Saturday, April 24, 2021. Graveside service was held Saturday, May 1, at 11 a.m. at St. James AME Cemetery in Twin City with Rev. Wilbert Kennedy officiating and Pastor Calvin H. Boykin as Eulogist.

Deacon Mcquater was born May 3, 1946, in Emanuel County, to the late Beulah Williams and John Henry Mcquater. He was a member of Cooper Baptist Church in Twin City, where he was ordained as Deacon on December 11, 1994. Deacon Mcquater later became Chairman Deacon on May 25, 2014. Deacon Elmo was a man that truly loved God. He was a loving and devoted Chairman Deacon, father, grandfather, uncle, and friend. Deacon Mcquater is preceded in death by his parents; wife of 28 years, Ida Lee Mcquater;



MCQUATER

two sisters, Effie Mcquater and Mary Mcquater Johnson; two brothers, John Henry Mcquater, Jr. and Donnie Mcquater.

He leaves his memories to cherish with two daughters, Lisa Mcquater of Swainsboro and Angela Rebecca George of Twin City; son, Ronald (Tiffany) George, Jr. of Statesboro; 11 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; 7 sisters-in-law; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Mosley's Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Kevin M. Ceasor, 60

Kevin M. Ceasor left his earthly home on Saturday, April 24, 2021. A Celebration of Life was held Saturday, May 1, at 4:30 p.m.

Mr. Ceasor was born February 13, 1961, to the late Price H. Robinson and Lawrence Ceasor in Jonesboro, LA. He was raised by his loving grandparents, Ivory B. and Conlee Treadway of Dodson, LA. Kevin adored his grandmother – she was his first love. In April 1999, Kevin met the love of his life, Angel Bristow. Kevin and Angel officially joined together and became one, and he adopted Angel's three sons. The Ceasors moved to Georgia in July 2016, and built a beautiful home and life together. Kevin enjoyed hunting and fishing. He also enjoyed listening to jazz and gospel, and loved working in the yard. He was known as the grill master".



CEASOR

Mr. Ceasor is preceded in death by his parents; grandparents; step-brother, Charles Robinson; aunts and uncles.

Mr. Ceasor leaves to cherish his memories with his loving wife of 24 years; three sons, Charles (Mehoshi) Pullen, Michael Bristow, and Shane (CeCe) T. Ceasor; brother, Byron (Judith) Treadway; brother-in-law, Ronnie (Nancy) Bristow; 5 granddaughters; godchildren; nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, other relatives, and friends.

Mosley's Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Betty Rachels Flanders, 75

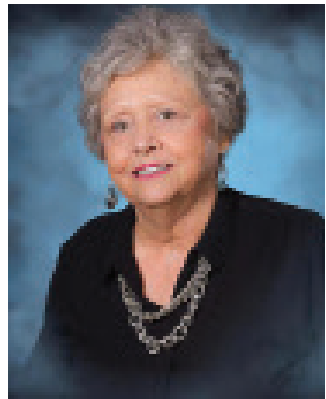
Mrs. Betty Rachels Flanders, 75, of Tarrytown, passed away Sunday, May 2, 2021 at Community Hospice in Vidalia following an extended illness. Graveside service will be Thursday, May 6, 2021, 11 a.m. at Lake Cemetery in Metter with Reverend Casey Shaw and Ms. Carol Youmans officiating.

Mrs. Flanders was born December 30, 1945, in Waynesboro, to the late Delmer Ellis Rachels and Jessie Davis Rachels. She graduated from Berkeley County High School, Monk's Corner, South Carolina, in 1964. After raising her family, she went back to school and graduated from Georgia Southern University with a degree in Business Administration. Mrs. Flanders worked for the Department of Family and Children Services for sixteen years. She was a member of Swainsboro First Baptist Church, where in the past, she taught a children's Sunday School class and co-taught an adult Sunday School class with her beloved husband, Jimmy. Mrs. Flanders was a member of the GLAD Garden Club and Women of Mission (Elmira Black) organization. Her hobbies included painting portraits and landscapes (favorite medium oil) and writing poetry and short stories about her experiences and family. She was a master storyteller that entertained all who would listen.

Mrs. Flanders is preceded in death by her parents; husband; siblings; John Wesley Rachels, Delmer Ellis Rachels, and Gloria Rachels Hall. Survivors include her sons, Patrick Cooke of Soperton and Jim (Cindy) Flanders of Woodstock; daughters, Patricia (Glenn) Brinson of Soperton and Kay (Raybon) Wilson of Swainsboro; granddaughters, Dr. Tayler Brinson of Augusta, Andi Brinson of Soperton, Kathryn (Jason) Prothro of Thomasville, and Britt Flanders of Woodstock; grandson, Geoffery (Megan) Cameron of Madison, Alabama; 3 great-grandchildren; sister, Emily Bell of Locus Grove; brother, Jerry Rachels of Houston, Texas; several nieces, nephews, and many friends.

In lieu of flowers, a contribution may be made to the charity of your choice.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro is in charge of arrangements.



FLANDERS

Only you can answer those questions

by PASTOR JOE BEDGOOD, DELLWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

Romans 1:1 Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God.

Paul (who was Saul of Tarsus) A servant of Christ: this is who he was!! His claim in life! His duty! A servant is one who does what he's told and a good servant doesn't complain about it. He cares for what his MASTER has him doing. He cares about HIS MASTER'S BUSINESS. Called to be an apostle; Called by God? Yes, in an unusual and totally breathtaking way, remember the road to Damascus??? This guy was all about persecuting Christians but then he met Christ!! He was called of God and he answered the call. He made his life a sacrifice for Christ and the gospel!

The church at Antioch recognized his calling and laid hands on him and Barnabus sending them out to reach the lost!

He was a set apart for the gospel of God!! This means he was chosen and specifically set apart for the sharing of the gospel! What a wonderful gift!! The gospel here means good tidings or good news of salvation. What a wonderful message to be given to those

who are lost and undone without God. How great it is to know your calling. It's easy to trust God when you know HE has called you!!

I know I'm called to preach, and I didn't have a Damascus road experience, but from the first time I ever preached or spoke in Jesus name, I came under the anointing! It is irreplaceable. You can't study and get it, you can't go online and get a stamp of anointing to hang on the wall, a four year degree in seminary won't give you anointing, a masters nor doctorate in divinity won't give you anointing, you can't buy it and you will never receive it apart from the very God of all creation giving it you. Paul was gifted to be an evangelist and an apostle. He made the best of what God gave him by being faithful in his calling. He used the anointing of the Holy Ghost and walked in God's will. Whatever God has called you to do, be faithful, for He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much. This is stewardship and it usually speaks of money but it can apply in your gifting as well. Have you been faithful with your gift from God? Is there room to grow? Only you can answer those questions. Peace, love and Jesus.

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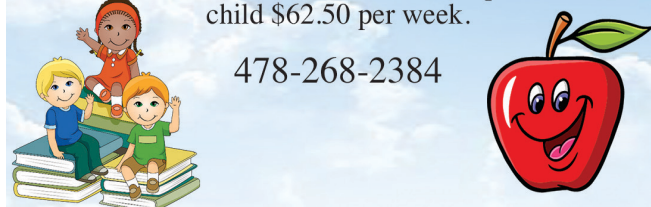
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Being a Mother with a Lawman in the house

By SUSAN STEPHENS/MAMA/SUSU

As we approach the special day set aside to honor mothers everywhere, I think, what??? Just one day! Oh no, we wonderful, amazing, brave, smart, hard-working women should be honored each and every day.

When Tyson and I married in December of 1973, we always knew that we would be parents one day. Our first daughter, Jill was born in 1977 and our son, Josh, followed a short 17 months later. It was almost like raising twins. We thought our family complete until we were blessed with our Jessica six years later.

The year Jessica was born, Tyson came home one day to tell me he had decided to run for Sheriff! I remember I sat in my baby-rocking chair, with my very large belly, and cried! Maybe I had a premonition of what was ahead. I had an idea of the responsibilities of the job of law enforcement but I was pretty naïve about all the sacrifices a family makes when a spouse chooses a career to serve and protect his or her community as a law officer.

But mothers, we can do hard things, and I did. With three children and a sheriff in the house, I commuted to Georgia Southern University, received my BS in Secondary Education and began my career as a social studies teacher at Swainsboro High School.

With the demands of Tyson's job, I often felt like a single mom! Gratefully, God placed three amazing women in my life who became my support, taught me how to be a good mother and



STEPHENS AND FAMILY

how to handle seemingly impossible tasks thrown my way. These women were my grandmother, Callie Fagler, my mother-in-law, Christine Stephens, and my mama, Mae Kelly. My Granny Fagler and Mrs. Stephens are no longer with us but the influence of these women in my life is immeasurable. Mama and Mrs. Stephens were always ready to step in and help me when the demands of Tyson's job took him away from us.

I don't think you can fully appreciate how much law enforcement officers give up, unselfishly, to often risk their lives to ensure the safety and protection of the community they serve. It is not an easy job (and the pay often doesn't support the importance of the job) for them or their families. They often have to place their jobs above family, not fair at all but necessary. I have

prayed hard for our law enforcement community in the past year especially as they have faced unprecedented situations. But like mothers, they can do hard things, too.

As a mother, my days were long, filled with work, grocery shopping, cleaning, cooking, transporting children to football and softball games, birthday parties, competitions, spend-the-nights and on and on. The years, however, are very short.

My greatest joys and sometimes, to be honest, my greatest sadness, have come from my children. Yet, one day you will look up and they will have grown up, graduated from college and have become gainfully employed. Josh started a new company with his partners during the pandemic/lockdown, Heart Wood Products, a pallet manufacturing plant in Warrenton, Georgia. Jill is a Senior Executive Director for Development with the University of Georgia's Office of Development & Alumni Relations. Jessica is a registered nurse and Patient Flow Coordinator in the operating room at Wellstar Hospital in

Lagrange, Georgia.

My children have chosen just the right partners in marriage for them: Geoffrey, Merri and Jack. As their mother, I got to see them fall in love, marry their person and give me the very best gifts of all, my grandchildren. It really is true that you can love them, spoil them, take them on adventures, do all the fun stuff and then send them home! My second most cherished name after mama is SuSu to my "Eight is enough," Callie, Reese and Charlie; Sam and Bo; and Carter, Hudson and Bailor.

Mamas, enjoy your special day and know that your bond of love for your children and their love for you cannot be broken! Treat yourself well, find your tribe of support that you can laugh with, cry with, vent with and rely on. You have done an amazing job, particularly in the year of COVID! To paraphrase the timeless words of Abraham Lincoln, "all that I am, or hope to be, I owe to my mother."

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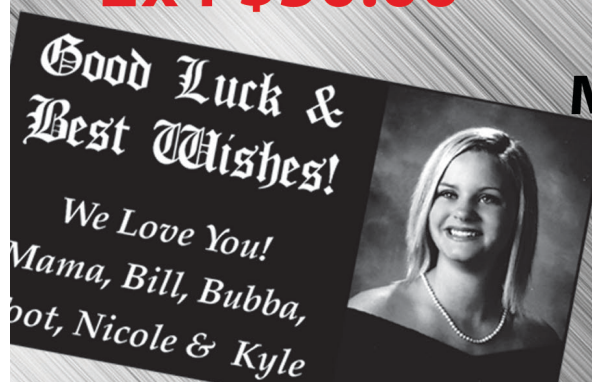


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Two new master masons raised at Ridgeway Lodge 104

Ridgeway Lodge 104 in Garfield raised two new master masons this past Saturday, May 1. Ridgeway had Vidalia Lodge 330 perform the floor work and raised brothers Hunter Durden and Sheldon McDaniel. Lodge members are excited about the two new brothers joining in their Masonic journey. Brothers from several lodges were in attendance including Screven Lodge from Millen, and a BBQ lunch was provided to all in attendance. This was the first degree work in Ridgeway Lodge 104's new lodge and hope it continues.

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Miss Brewer, Mr. Youmans announce upcoming wedding plans

Jeffrey and Connie Brewer of Swainsboro are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Ashley Nicole Brewer, to Mr. Randall Lee Youmans, son of Randy and Vera Youmans of Wrightsville.

The bride-elect is a 2011 graduate of Swainsboro High School and is employed with Shae Tractor & Equipment Company and is also owner/operator of Youmans Lawn Services. He is the grandson of Renato Quieroz and Vanda Moura of Portel, Brazil, the late Esmond Youmans, and the late Unette Edenfield.

The ceremony will take place on June 5, 2021 in Pembroke.

Mother-Son Dance set for May 21

Swainsboro-Emanuel County Parks and Recreation Department and Growing Communications, Inc. will sponsor a Mother-Son Dance set for Friday, May 21, from 6 until 8 p.m. at the Vann Community House, located at 105 Roberts Street in Swainsboro. Cost for attendance will be \$20 per couple, and \$10 for each additional son. The dress code will be church casual attire. The dance is limited to 25 couples. Donna Haddock will be set up to take pictures from 5 until 6 p.m.



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Seven ECI students commit to being future educators

Georgia Future Educators Signing Day was held Tuesday, May 4. On this day, Emanuel County Institute recognized its students who have made commitments to the field of education. ECI proudly highlights seven students who have committed to be future educators: Grace McBride, Madi Grimm, Molly McBride, Taylor Radford, Jerica Scott, Nu'turi Smith, and Kaitlyn Arnold.

Georgia Future Educators Signing Day recognizes students who are planning to pursue a career in the field of education.



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Friends of the Library to host Annual Spring Book Sale

The Friends of the Franklin Memorial Library will hold a scale down version of their Annual Spring Book Sale. Each year, the Friends of the Library hold two annual book sales, one in the fall and one in the spring. Because of the pandemic, last year's both book sales were suspended.

This year's book sale is scheduled for one day, May 7, 9:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. in the Smith Room at the library. The library encourages all to come browse its collection of goods, including gently-used fiction and non-fiction books for all ages, audio-visual materials, computers, screens and more.

Proceeds from the book sales has helped to fund many worthwhile projects for the library, purchase popular library materials for checkout by all ages, support library programs throughout the year, provide funds for equipment and purchase supplies for workshops for all ages. Show your support for your local library.

EGSC students present research results at the Georgia Academy of Science annual meeting

Students in the Biology Department at East Georgia State College (EGSC) in Swainsboro made presentations at the 2021 annual meeting of the Georgia Academy of Science held virtually Friday to Sunday, April 16-18, 2021. The presentations were the result of experiments done by students enrolled in the Environmental Toxicology and/or the Undergraduate Research classes and were classified as "works in progress." Two oral presentations were made. The first one, entitled, "Development of a High Throughput Monitoring System for the Presence of Cyanobacteria," was presented by Jessica L. Jones with coauthors Bret A. White, Monique N. Johnson, and Dr. Julius E. Schneider (the class instructor). The presentation focused on the fact that filters commonly used to collect algae in the monitoring of environmental water bodies differ in their binding of phycocyanin, a blue pigment in cyanobacteria. Such binding is detrimental to the monitoring procedure because it is the unbound phycocyanin extracted from the cyanobacteria (in the presence of the filter) that is used as an indicator of the amount of cyanobacteria in the water. Other data presented showed the effect of freezing on the efficiency of the extraction process, which in the case for the cyanobacterial species *Limnospira*, was a minimal effect, although for other species freezing and thawing of the bacteria does increase the efficiency of extraction. This result provides evidence that cyanobacterial species differ in their cell wall and/or membrane structure.

A second presentation was made by Monique N. Johnson, with coauthors Carley K. Stapleton, Shanice McGuire, Joshua M. Horne, and Dr. Julius E. Schneider. The talk was entitled, "Protection by Fructose from Denaturation of Phycocyanin by

Octanol." Extraction and measurement of chlorophyll and phycocyanin from water samples in order to estimate the amounts of algae and cyanobacteria, respectfully, is an established environmental monitoring method. Typically, the two pigments are extracted and measured separately, as chlorophyll is hydrophobic, and phycocyanin is a hydrophilic protein. We have been exploring the simultaneous extraction and measurement of these pigments with a biphasic octanol-water system. During vigorous mixing of the cyanobacteria, both pigments are released from the cells; chlorophyll accumulates in the upper octanol phase, phycocyanin in the lower, aqueous phase. After centrifugation, the phases separate cleanly, and the two pigments are removed and measured by their color intensities. Results were presented that showed that the presence of high concentrations of fructose in the aqueous phase of the extraction process resulted in higher levels of the blue pigment phycocyanin compared to an aqueous phase of water alone. This result is attributed to the likelihood that octanol has a denaturing effect on the phycocyanin during the mixing phase, and that fructose inhibits this activity. It has been reported that fructose protects phycocyanin from heat denaturation, a finding that led to this experiment. It was also shown that, due to the higher viscosity of the 3M fructose added to the aqueous phase, a lengthier mixing step is required to release a peak amount of phycocyanin.

"We are all so proud of Jessica and Monique for representing EGSC at the GA Academy of Sciences. We are also very thankful to the USG to provide funding to support undergraduate research" said David Chevalier, Interim Dean of the School of Mathematics and Natural Sciences.



JOHNSON



JONES



GARDNER

"East Georgia State College was well represented at the annual meeting of the Georgia Academy of Sciences, having presentations by two groups of students who presented the results of their research projects. Students making their first presentations at a scientific meeting are often intimidated by the prospect, but East Georgia has a record of success in this endeavor. We are proud of these undergraduate achievements," said Associate Professor John Cadle.

This work was conducted as part a course-embedded undergraduate research experience for the BIOL 4750 Environmental Toxicology during Fall 2020 and a one-on-one undergraduate research project during Fall 2020 and Spring 2021.

This research was supported by the East Georgia State College Biology Department and a STEM IV Initiative grant from the University System of Georgia.

Cook of the Week

Featuring the recipes of...

Allison Johnson



This week's Cook of the Week is Allison Johnson. Allison is the proud wife of Perry Johnson and overjoyed mother to their precious daughter, Olive Johnson. Allison has a true passion for cooking and finds enjoyment in serving up a good dish to her family and friends. When asked "What's in this?", her response is always, "I cooked it with love." In her spare time, she enjoys sunny days on the back porch, golf cart rides with her family, and napping!



From the kitchen of Allison

One Dish Chicken Bake

- 1 can (14.5 oz.) Hunt's Original Diced Tomatoes, drained
- 1 Tbsp. extra virgin olive oil
- 1 yellow onion, chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tsp. dried oregano
- 1 tsp. Italian seasoning
- 2 Tbsp. chopped fresh parsley
- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- salt and fresh ground pepper, to taste
- shredded mozzarella and parmesan cheese

Preheat oven to 400°F. Lightly grease baking dish with cooking spray and set aside. Combine tomatoes, olive oil, onions, garlic, oregano, Italian seasoning and fresh parsley in a mixing bowl; toss to combine. Pour tomato mixture into prepared baking dish. Season chicken with salt and fresh ground pepper. Place chicken on top of tomatoes; make sure that chicken is nestled down in tomatoes so it simmers in the sauce while it cooks. Bake for 35 minutes, or until sauce bubbles and chicken is done cooking. Sprinkle with cheese; bake for 4 to 5 minutes or until cheese is melted.



From the kitchen of Allison

Olive's Favorite Rice Krispies

- 1/4 c. butter
- 10 oz. marshmallows
- 4 1/2 c. Rice Krispies
- 1 1/2 c. fruity pebbles

In large saucepan, melt butter over low heat. Add marshmallows and stir until completely melted. Remove from heat. Add cereal. Stir until well coated. Using buttered spatula or wax paper, evenly press mixture into 13"x9"x2" pan coated with cooking spray. Cool and serve!



From the kitchen of Allison

The Best Baked Beans Ever

- 8 slices bacon, halved
- 1 medium onion, cut into small dice
- 1/2 medium green pepper, cut into small dice
- 3 - 28 oz. cans pork and beans
- 3/4 c. barbecue sauce
- 1/2 c. brown sugar
- 1/4 c. distilled or cider vinegar
- 2 tsp. dry mustard or 2 Tbsp. Dijon

Adjust oven rack to lower-middle position and heat oven to 325°F. Fry bacon in large, deep sauté pan skillet until bacon has partially cooked and released about 1/4 cup drippings. Remove bacon from pan and drain on paper towels. Add onions and peppers to drippings in pan and sauté until tender, about 5 minutes. Add beans and remaining ingredients and bring to a simmer. (If skillet is not large enough, add beans and heat to a simmer then transfer to a large bowl and stir in remaining ingredients). Pour flavored beans into a greased 13"x9" (or similar size) ovenproof pan. Top with bacon, then bake until beans are bubbly and sauce is the consistency of pancake syrup, about 2 hours. Let stand to thicken slightly and serve.

And the Pine Tree Festival pageants winners are...

The 2021 Miss Pine-tree Festival Pageant was held Saturday, May 1, at the Swainsboro-Emanuel County Auditorium. The pageant began at 10 a.m. and featured nine groups, Baby Miss, Toddler Miss, Wee Miss, Tiny Miss, Little Miss, Young Miss, Jr. Miss, Teen Miss Pinetree Festival and Miss Pinetree Festival. Of the 144 contestants, the following placed in this year's pageant:

Baby Miss—Sailor Grace Brinson, fourth runner up; Hadleigh Elizabeth McLendon, third runner up; Leoana Rewis, second runner up; Mary Catherine Jordan, first runner up (Prettiest Smile and Photogenic Winner); and Renleigh McCoy Hendrix, 2021 Baby Miss Pinetree Festival Queen.

Toddler Miss - Havilah Grace Moran, fourth runner up; Addy Lane Lewis, third runner up; Oaklyn Grace Fultz, second runner up; Kennedy Jade McCloud (Prettiest Smile, Prettiest Hair, and Photogenic Winner), first runner up; and Hensley Daniel, 2021 Toddler Miss Pinetree Festival (People's Choice and Prettiest Dress Winner).

Wee Miss—Laney Emer-syn Bass, fourth runner up (Photogenic Winner); Presley Blake Peebles, third runner up; Kennalyn Jean Marsh, second runner up; Braylee Jade Williams, first runner up (Prettiest Hair, Prettiest Smile, and Prettiest Dress); and Everly Green, 2021 Wee Miss Pinetree

Festival Queen.
Tiny Miss - Cam-bryn Dessie Sapp, fourth runner up; Brystal Shep-ard, third runner up; Lanie Jo Branch, second runner up; Sarah Laine Coxwell, first runner up; and Madilyn Olivia Brad-dy, 2021 Tiny Miss Pine-tree Festival Queen (Prettiest Dress).

Little Miss - Paris How-ard, fourth runner up; Neriah Young, third run-ner up; Jacie Shepherd, second runner up (Pho-togenic Winner); Lilah Riner, first runner up (Prettiest Hair Winner); and Hadley Hobbs, 2021 Little Miss Pinetree Festi-val (Prettiest Dress Win-ner).

Young Miss - Rayleigh Layne Faircloth, fourth runner up; Alivia Moore, third runner up; Bristol Dorsey, second runner up; Tinley Brooke Switzer, first runner up (Prettiest Dress, Prettiest Smile, and Prettiest Hair Winner); and Bayli Laura Altman, 2021 Young Miss Pinetree Queen (Photogenic Win-ner).

Jr. Miss - Mary Kath-erine Olivia Durden, fourth runner up; Lexa GeorgeAnna Jukes, third runner up; Sail-or Kate Monroe, second runner up; Chanlee You-mans, first runner up; and Anna Claire Ranner, 2021 Jr. Miss Pinetree Festi-val Queen (Prettiest Hair Winner).

Teen Miss - Anna Smith Willoughby, fourth runner up; Layla Boshe, third runner up; Ayla Marie Thompson, second run-



THE NEW 2021 MISS PINETREE FESTIVAL QUEEN DORSEY

ner up; Lillie Rebecca Worthington, first runner up; and Karoline Brooke Kettles, 2021 Teen Miss Pinetree Festival Queen (Prettiest Smile Winner).

Miss: Bailey Davis, fourth runner up (Prettiest Hair Winner); Ami Scott, third runner up; Lily Womack, second runner up (Prettiest Dress Winner); Bralie Dorsey, first runner up (Photogenic Winner); and Caroline Mason, 2021 Miss Pine-tree Festival Queen.

This year's Miss and Teen Miss winners are required to enter the Miss Georgia Forestry Pageant set for June 2021, with the Miss winner being awarded a \$500 scholarship.

Due to scheduling conflicts, Mason will be unable to fulfill her duties as Miss Pinetree Festival. She has relinquished her title to First Runner Up Dorsey. Dorsey is now the new 2021 Miss Pinetree Festival Queen.



MISS: SCOTT, DORSEY, MASON, WOMACK, AND DAVIS



TEEN MISS: BOSHE, WORTHINGTON, KETTLES, THOMPSON, AND WILLOUGHBY



JR. MISS: JUKES, YOUNG, RANNER, MONROE, AND DURDEN



YOUNG MISS: MOORE, SWITZER, ALTMAN, DORSEY, AND FAIRCLOTH



LITTLE MISS: YOUNG, RINER, HOBBS, SHEPHERD, AND HOWARD



BABY MISS: MCLENDON, JORDAN, HENDRIX, REWIS, AND BRINSON



TODDLER MISS: LEWIS, MCCLLOUD, DANIEL, FULTZ, AND MORAN



WEE MISS: PEEBLES, WILLIAMS, GREEN, MARSH, AND BASS



TINY MISS: SHEPARD, COXWELL, BRADY, BRANCH, AND SAPP

Glad Garden Club...

(From front page) Arbor Day is the third Friday in February. National Arbor Day is commonly the last day in April. Trees are necessary for life itself. They clean our air, protect our drinking water, prevent soil erosion, create healthy communities, and feed the human soul. It is said that babies born in places with more trees are less likely to be underweight. Office workers who have a view of trees have reported having more job satisfaction and less stress. Properly spacing trees around buildings and reduce energy

consumption by 20-50 percent. Ceremonies began with a prayer and a pledge to our flag led by Jim Harrell, Pastor of Nunez Baptist Church. A welcome was given by Damien Scott, CEO of Emanuel Medical Center. Scott gave a brief history of the county's fight with Covid-19 and how the 420 employees at the hospital have worked tirelessly for over a year now. True heroes are employed here. The club was very proud to have Mayor Charles Schwabe offer words of encouragement not only regarding the

conquering of Covid-19, but in support of the activities of the garden club. The Glad Garden Club is extremely indebted to not only the mayor but his lovely wife, Jean, for their support over the years. The club usually meets at the Studie A. Fulford Community Learning Center on the campus of East Georgia College, and, for years, Jean has been there to support club members and always greeted them with a warm smile and a pot of coffee. Jean recently retired from the center and she, along with her

kind words and support of all our projects, will be missed. Members present were Carolyn Brown and husband, Von, JoAnn Trammell, Jeanette Hall, Audrey West, Margaret Sweet and husband, Patrick, Gloria Mason and Glad Garden Club's newest member, BeeBee Connell. Perhaps the highlight of the program was a presentation by Covid survivor Frances F. Cross who gave a spellbinding recollection of what her Covid experience was like. She also expressed her gratitude for all the excellent care received

while hospitalized in Emanuel Medical Center. A special surprise guest at the event was Sylvia Durden, president of the Glad Garden Club, who succumbed to a sudden serious illness, requiring emergency surgery earlier this year. There have been many prayers and all are grateful for her rapid recovery. Closing remarks given by JoAnn Trammell, vice-president of the club. Amongst the honored guests were Emanuel County Sheriff Jeffrey Brewer and Twin City Mayor Matt Donaldson. The club was also

privileged enough to have some of the hospital's heroes in attendance along with nursing home heroes. Finally, 50 white balloons were released into the air and the white Dogwood was planted. A humble and heartfelt thank you goes out to Frank Canady of YardMaster, L&W Signs and Designs, Swainsboro Police Department, Emanuel Janitorial Services and Carmen Tanner, director of marketing at Emanuel Medical Center. Without their assistance, the Glad Garden Club's event wouldn't have happened.



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May 4, 1961

ROYALTY SELECTED FOR 16th PINE TREE FESTIVAL

A hazel-eyed 16-year-old brunette from Adrian High School was reigning over the 16th Annual Pine Tree Festival. Miss Margaret Hutcheson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Hutcheson of Adrian, was crowned Festival Queen in the coronation ceremonies at the conclusion of the 1961 county-wide finals at Swainsboro High School. King of the 1961 Festival was Bill Mathis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fouts Mathis of Twin City. The prince is Russ Phillips, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Phillips of Swainsboro, while the lovely little princess is Miss Carol Free, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Free. (visit emanuelcountydrive.com to see contestants' photos)

PARADE UNDERWAY

Observance of the 16th Annual Pine Tree Festival hit the half-way mark. A crowd – estimated by GSP as “between 4,000 and 5,000” – poured into Swainsboro to witness the 45-minute Festival Parade. Size of the crowd was difficult to determine as it was widely scattered over the route of the colorful parade. (visit emanuelcountydrive.com to see contestants' photos)

May 5, 1971

FOR THE FIRST TIME...

The mayor and council of the City of Swainsboro held their first council meeting in the new City Hall Monday night. The city's facilities were moved into the old Citizens Bank Building over the weekend. Pictured are City Clerk Grady Price, Councilmen Al Lawson, Lamar Anderson, and W.H. Rountree, Mayor R.J. Waller, Jr., City Attorney Sid Sheppard, and Councilmen Roger Shaw, Calvin McGowan, and Raymond Riner. (visit emanuelcountydrive.com to see contestants' photos)

LAST TIME AROUND

Dana Cassidy Kent, age four, experienced his first and last train ride on the Nancy Hanks. Son of MR. and Mrs. Dana Kent of Wadley, he was among those passengers riding the Nancy during its last run Friday. He rode the train from Wadley to Macon. A memento of the trip is a cap Dana is wearing which is one of those left over from some 50 years ago, when they were given as souvenirs to the train's young passengers. (visit emanuelcountydrive.com to see contestants' photos)

May 6, 1981

SUNBEAM

The newly organized Sunbeam Choir of Rountree Chapel Baptist Church in Twin City made its first appearance April 19, when they sang during morning worship services. The children also presented Easter music at the church in a program presented by Miss Essie Stokes. The choir was directed by Mrs. Lillie Ruth Nealey. Assistants were Mrs. Ellen S. Jackson and Mrs. Ella F. Rountree. Andre Nealey was song leader for the group. Choir members were Jemar Brown, Iris Tarver, Chris Sapp, Tyrone Brown, Joseph Gatson, Dwayne Rollins, Laquisha Brown, Sandra Brown, Tonya Waters, Ricardo Sherrod, Tonya Tarver, Bridgett Daughtry, Mildred Rountree, Ray Stokes, Jennifer Myers, Dwayne Brown, Regina Williams, Terry Rollins, Cassandra Williams, Michelle Rollins, Angie Stokes, Anthony Rollins, Lawanda Cross, Vivian Waters, and Chris Warner. (visit emanuelcountydrive.com to see contestants' photos)

RECEIVES CERTIFICATE

Cecil Lewis, postmaster of Twin City, presented a certificate of retirement from Southern Regional Postmaster General Emmitt Cooper to Robert L. “Bo” Rowland, as Mrs. Rowland looked on. The certificate honored Mr. Rowland's 30 years of service, 2 years of military, and 28 years delivering mail. (visit emanuelcountydrive.com to see contestants' photos)

May 8, 1991

EVERYBODY LOVES A PARADE!

Brittany Elaine, one-year-old daughter of Mr. And Mrs. Milton Gray Jr. of Swainsboro, was one of the thousands enjoying the Pine Tree Festival Parade. (visit emanuelcountydrive.com to see contestants' photos)

PINE TREE GOLF TOURNAMENT

Butch Parrish of Swainsboro negotiates the sand trap on the number three hole at Swainsboro Golf Course during the 46th Annual Pine Tree Festival Golf Tournament. That's the ball coming out of the trap on the No. 3, par-three 165-yard hole. (visit emanuelcountydrive.com to see contestants' photos)

May 9, 2001

GROOVY, BABY!

This float from Changes beauty salon in Swainsboro was but one of the many colorful floats in the 56th Annual Kiwanis Pine Tree Festival parade. Hundreds flocked downtown to watch the parade and shop at booths that were set up. (visit emanuelcountydrive.com to see contestants' photos)

UP, UP AND AWAY!

Emanuel County Senior Center members and staff launched balloons to kick off Senior Citizens Month. The annual balloon launch marked the beginning of the month-long celebration which included Trivia “Hodge Podge,” nutrition education, Mothers' Day program, legal aid, auction, exercise classes, program on Elder Abuse, blood pressure screenings, program, “How to Talk to Your Doctor and Have Him Listen,” Memorial Day program, exercise awareness day, quilting, cards and line dancing club. In addition, Emanuel County Senior Center Line Dancers performed at Emanuel Medical Center Nursing Home and Treutlen County Nursing Home. To conclude the month, there were covered dish supper and dance with Glenn Watkins providing entertainment. Theme for the dancer was Aloha from Hawaii. (visit emanuelcountydrive.com to see contestants' photos)

May 4, 2011

DON'T MISS THE PINE TREE FESTIVAL

The Pine Tree Festival Parade will begin at 10:30 a.m. Take the family, and don't miss out! (visit emanuelcountydrive.com to see contestants' photos)

PINE TREE BREEZE DOUBLES IN SIZE

Riders from across the South buckled on their helmets and in Swainsboro, April 30, rode a bicycle 10 miles in the rain, or 20,30, 50, or 100 miles to raise support for Herrington Homestead of Nunez. Forty-six cyclists followed the police escort promptly at 8:00 a.m. following a welcome by Kristi Parker, Circle K Club president. This was more than twice as many riders from 2010! (visit emanuelcountydrive.com to see contestants' photos)

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Sports & More C

Swainsboro-Emanuel County Recreation Department announces champion teams

During the 2021 baseball/softball season, the following teams have achieved champion level status:

Midget Girls Softball Champions – Yankees: Brook Fleming, Ariel Tanner, Holi Schoen, Ajlah Nobles, Haleigh Roberson, Aubrey Scott, Arlin Swanner, Kimiya Freeman, Mylie Beneteau, Rayleigh Faircloth, Kaley Flowers, Abby Randall Lewis, Sophie Lynn Young, Rayleigh Hutcheson and London Hackett. Roy Beneteau served as head coach and Daniel Flowers and Ashley Roberson served as coaches.

Midget Boys Baseball Champions – Red Sox: Jeffery Webb, Cason Sapp, Demetri Stanford, Daniel Rogers, Landon Akridge, Johnny Allen, Collin King, Brendlee Morris, Maddux Hendrix, Chase Banks, Jeffery Davis, Jaxson White, Gavin Worthen and Chance Worthen. Hugh Hendrix served as head coach and Cody Caraway and Daniel Rogers served as coaches.

Mite Girls Softball Champions – Nationals: Anna Grace Scarborough, Jaci White, Calli Fields, Abi Torpy, Amelia Taylor, Amiya Jones, Brooklyn Lewis, Cayleigh Taylor, Genesis Reese, Eden Joy Hudson, Analeigh Scarborough, Luna Mangarres, Maggie Grace Farrow and Autumn Hernandez. Mitchell Hudson served as head coach and Johnathon Scarborough served as coach.

Mite Boys Baseball Champions – Reds: Kaden Johnson, Banks Burke, Kayden Sutherland, William Self, Case Black, Chance Langford, Layton Lindsey, Nathan

Kersey, Treveon Rucker, Tyson Hackett III and Drake Mason. Josh Black served as head coach and Jason Moore and Joey Burke served as coaches.

Jr. Sr. Girls Softball Champions – Athletics: Brianna Parks, Gracie Beneteau, Cailey Wilkerson, Hannah Howard, Raegan Thompson, Abbigayle Hopkins, Julianna Henry, Rachel Hernandez, Chirsten McCoy, Addalyn Terwilliger, Sadie Self and Abbigayle Coleman. Roy Beneteau served as head coach.



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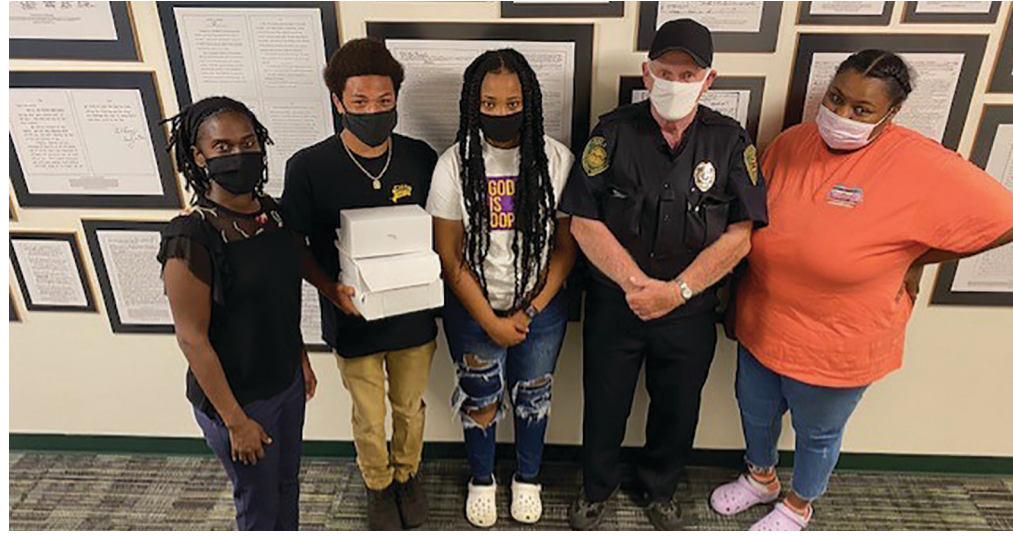
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EGSC Criminal Justice Club shows appreciation to campus police

To show appreciation for the East Georgia State College campus police, the EGSC Criminal Justice Club members present for the police depart-

ment. The club wanted the officers to know that they are appreciated for keeping the campus safe. Club members present were President Alexander

Archie, Vice President Brittny Shivers, Secretary Precious Coleman, and club adviser Dr. Brittany Strickland. Office Daniel McCoy accepted the doughnuts on behalf of the police department.

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The CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following locations: 101 North Main Street, Swainsboro, GA

An optional pre-bid conference will be held at 10:00AM on May 18, 2021, at the Emanuel County Commissioner's Office (101 North Main Street, Swainsboro, Georgia). Project scheduling, coordination requirements, and questions of interpretation will be addressed at this time.

All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Bond in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the Base Bid. Performance Bond and Payment Bond, each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount, will be required of the successful bidder. Bonds must be written by an acceptable Surety Company licensed to do business in the State of Georgia and listed in the Department of the Treasury, Circular 570, latest edition.

NOTE: Contractor and all subcontractors must obtain a business license in Georgia, be fully insured, and be a Licensed Contractor in the State of Georgia.

INSURANCE: Contractor shall maintain the following insurance (a) comprehensive general liability, including blanket contractual, covering bodily injuries with limits of no less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence, and property damage with limits of no less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence; and (b) commercial automobile liability, including blanket contractual, covering bodily injuries with limits of no less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence, and property damage with limits of no less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence (c) statutory worker's compensation insurance, including \$1,000,000 employer's liability insurance (d) employee dishonesty and/or crimes coverage with respect to personnel of Contractor having access to County buildings, with limits of no less than \$50,000 per occurrence. All insurance shall be provided by an insurer(s) acceptable to the County, and shall provide for thirty (30) days prior notice of cancellation to the County. Upon request, Contractor shall deliver to the County a certificate or policy of insurance evidencing Contractor's compliance with this paragraph. Contractor shall abide by all terms and conditions of the insurance and shall do nothing to impair or invalidate the coverage.

The successful bidder shall secure and pay for all permits, assessments, charges or fees required in connection with the proposed construction. Answers to all questions shall be provided a minimum of 72 hours prior to the time of the bid.

All work to be performed under this project must be completed within 90 consecutive calendar days following receipt of Notice to Proceed.

Emanuel County reserves the right to reject any or all bids, including without limitation, the right to reject any and all nonconforming, non-responsive, unbalanced or conditional bids and to reject the bid of any bidder whom the Owner believes would not be in the best interest of the Project to make an award to that bidder whether because the bid is not responsive, the bidder is unqualified, or of doubtful financial ability or fails to meet any other pertinent standard or criteria established by the Owner.

Digital copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, Specifications, and drawings may be obtained upon a non-refundable payment of \$150.00 for each set at the Statesboro office of EMC Engineering Services, Inc. Please contact Emmalee Jones (912)764-7022 or by email at emmalee_jones@emc-eng.com.

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Franklin Memorial Library takes Story Time to school

On April 20 and April 21, Franklin Memorial Library Children's Coordinator Jessica Appleby and Library Assistant Shari Watt made consecutive visits to Swainsboro Primary School to perform this month's Story Time show in-person for the first time since the start of the pandemic. Keeping everyone's health and safety the priority, school administration and library staff coordinated together to make a schedule that worked well within the parameters of social distancing and mask consciousness by performing for each Kindergarten class individually.

The theme of this Story Time performance was



APPLEBY AND WATT WITH BOOKS AND PUPPETS

centered around Earth Day, which is an annual holiday on April 22. Watt and Appleby used storytelling and puppetry to keep students engaged while educating them on some of today's most det-

ritmental environmental crises, and what we all can do to help.

Franklin Memorial Library looks forward to coordinating with Swainsboro Primary School again in the future.

Errors and lack of hitting dooms Bulldogs against Irwin Co.

by RON WEATHER-FORD

The ECI baseball team traveled to Ocilla Thursday in the first round of the state playoffs. Irwin and ECI are no strangers in the playoffs the last few years. The Bulldogs and Indians have faced each other three times in football and now three times in baseball in the state playoffs.

The Bulldogs entered the playoffs as the number three seed with a 13-10 season record against the top 5 ranked Indians as the number 2 seed with a 24-3 record.

The Bulldogs were stymied at the plate collecting just 6 hits in the double header Thursday while Irwin pounded out 23 hits against ECI pitching. That disparity alone would be enough to cause two losses, but the Bulldogs committed 12 errors in the two games and were outscored 23-7 with 14 unearned runs.

The first game of the double header on Tuesday started out promising for the Bulldogs taking a 2-1 lead in the third inning.

The Indians squeaked by ECI in the bottom of the innings to lead 3-2 after three innings.

Irwin broke the game open early scoring 7 runs in the bottom of the fourth inning to lead 10-2.

The Bulldogs scored three more runs in the game while Irwin added one more to make the final score of the opening game 11-5.

Jack Walden was the multiple hit Bulldog in the game with 2 hits and 3 RBI with Kearson, Hughes, and Robertson collecting one hit each.

Hughes started on the mound for ECI allowing 7 hits and 10 runs, (4 earned) in his 3 2/3 innings of work. Joseph Steward relieved Hughes in the fourth allowing 3 hits and Andrew Chalkley closed the game in the seventh giving up just one hit.

The Indians as the visiting team in the second game wasted no time in taking up where they left off smacking 5 hits in the top of the first inning including a 3-run shot over the fence to take an early 3-0 lead in the first inning.

ECI picked up a run in the bottom of the inning. With Hughes on after a 1 out walk, he plated the Bulldogs first run on a wild pitch.

The second didn't fair any better for ECI,

starting out the inning with 3 consecutive errors. The Indians added two more runs in the innings without a hit to take a 5-1 lead.

Irwin pecked away putting the ball in play scoring a run in the third, fifth and sixth innings. ECI scored their second run of the game in the fifth inning.

With the score 8-2 after 6 innings, the Indians put the nail in the coffin adding 4 more runs in the top of the seventh to take a commanding 12-2 lead which was the final score of the game.

Trey Hughes got the only hit for the Bulldogs in the game against the Indians.

Kearson started the game for ECI giving up 10 hits and 8 runs, 4 earned. Stewart pitched the final 1 2/3 innings allowing two hits.

The Bulldogs fielded a young team this season with 3 freshmen starting most games. They will lose 4 seniors this season, with 2 that started every game.

Putting on the cleats for the last time this season for the Bulldogs were Trey Hughes, Chase Whitehead, Jeremy Jones, and Brandon Hatcher.

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Annual Law Enforcement Appreciation lunch held at H.G. Yeomans Barn

The Annual H.G. Yeomans Law Enforcement Appreciation lunch was held Thursday, April 29, at 11:30 a.m. at H.G. Yeomans Barn.

This special event, hosted by Emanuel County Sheriff Jeffrey Brewer, Carol and Russ Yeomans, and Henry and Paulette Terwilliger, gave special appreciation to ser-

vices provided under the leadership of former Emanuel County Sheriff J. Tyson Stephens. U.S. Representative Rick Allen of Georgia's 12th congressional district

presented a proclamation from the U.S. House of Representatives, Senators Billy Hickman and Max Burns presented a senate proclamation, and Butch Parrish, Representative

of the 158th District, presented a proclamation from the Georgia House of Representatives. Other special speakers included Georgia Governor Brian Kemp and H. Terwilliger,

who spoke on behalf of former Sheriff Stephens. Emory Fennell said a prayer over lunch prepared by Faircloth family members Danny Wayne, Karen, Ben and Jeremy.



SCENES FROM APPRECIATION LUNCH

Swainsboro Police Reports

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

April 26

Officers were working a license check when a vehicle that pulled up did not have a valid drivers license. The car was picked up by a licensed driver and the driver was transported to jail.

Officers initiated a traffic stop when there was a car heading their direction with only one headlight. The driver stated he forgot his license at home, so the officer looked him up in the system and discovered that his license was suspended. He was placed under arrest and transported to jail.

Officers took a walk-in report in reference to damage to a vehicle. The owner states that either at a local restaurant or a local store while she was inside, someone damaged her vehicle. There were a few minor scratches and one major scratch that took the green paint off of the car.

Officers responded to a call in reference to two dogs charging at individuals. When officers arrived, they spotted the two dogs as they were charging towards them, the officer yelled at the dogs and they returned to their yard. The two dogs have been reported as a problem previously. While

waiting for animal control to arrive, the dogs charged at one of the officers constantly. The owner's son arrived on the scene and stated he would get them and that his father would be home later.

Officers were trying to locate an offender that fled from their crashed vehicle. The car was laying of the embankment and the driver door was open. The K9 Maya began tracking, but lost the track, leading officers to believe someone picked up the offender in a vehicle.

Officers were dispatched in reference to a domestic dispute. Two males got into an altercation as one was attempting to leave the residence. The other male grabbed his keys and broke the car key off and was not allowing him into the apartment to get the vehicle key. The male told officers he was scared to go back inside because the other male came out of the residence with a hammer prior to arrival of law enforcement. Officers noticed a couch, Xbox and other random items thrown in the hallway beside the door. Officers let the male in to get his keys. The other male walked up and was ignoring the officers and ten got loud and cursing at the officers. He was arrested for this behavior towards offi-

cers. Other victim got a ride from his mother and had a place to stay for the night.

April 27

Officers initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle that he read their tag and it came back with invalid insurance. The driver stated she made a payment to the insurance company, but had no proof. The vehicle was towed due to no insurance.

Officers were dispatched in reference to a domestic dispute. The officer recognized the couple from earlier and the male had a warrant out for his arrest. He was placed under arrest and during the search the officer found a plastic bag with what appeared to be crack cocaine, powder cocaine, and marijuana wrapped inside of it. He was transported to jail.

Officers conducted a traffic stop for the purpose of a license checkpoint. The driver stated he did not have a valid license. Officers ran the tag and it was invalid for insurance and registration as well. He was placed under arrest and transported to jail.

Officers spotted a woman walking down the road whom they believed was on probation warrant list. The officer verified her identification and arrested her and transported her to jail.

Officers were dispatched

for a fight in a parking lot and stated one suspect left the scene in a tan vehicle with no tag. The clerk on duty stated it was verbal between two males and a female. One of the males punched the passenger window of the vehicle when the subject's left the scene. No charges were pressed against the male.

Officers were patrolling the streets and got behind a car, but when he attempted to initiate a traffic stop the male driver exited the vehicle and fled on foot behind a residence, as the vehicle continued to roll into a curb and stop. The female in the passenger seat was the driver's mother and stated she was unsure why he took off on foot. The officer asked if he could search the vehicle and she said yes. The officer found a small clear bag with suspected powder cocaine in the center console. The mother was arrested for the cocaine found in the vehicle. The officer got the K9 unit to track the male driver. Once found, officers asked him why he fled on foot and he stated it was because he had invalid drivers license. The mother stated the cocaine was not hers and she did not know how it got in the vehicle.

Officers were dispatched in reference to a missing persons report. The two

complainants stated they saw the victim get in the vehicle with a man and have not had any contact nor have they seen him since that day, when they would normally see him on a daily basis. The victim has also missed two days of work and he never misses a day of work, causing them to worry about him and his safety. The complainants stated that he is a heavy drinker, bounced between residences and did not have a phone or car. If contact is made, they are to contact the police department immediately.

April 28

Officers took a report from a woman stating that for the past years a certain woman has been doing her taxes, but that she has not received any refunds and there were a lot of errors in their past filings. She believes that her refund may have been deposited into her account as well as opening a PPP in her name. This case is under investigation at the time.

April 29

Officers were patrolling the roads, there was a vehicle stopped in the roadway and had traffic stopped. The officer conducted a traffic stop, the driver stated her cousin flagged her down and she was just talking to them. The officer asked

her for her license and she stated that she did not have her license on her. The officer ran her information to discover that she just got her learners license, but she did not have a license. Because the area they were in was a well known drug area, the officer asked her if she had anything illegal in the vehicle. She stated there was nothing illegal in the vehicle and he could search it if he wanted too. She was arrested for driving unlicensed, but there were not illegal drugs found in the vehicle.

April 30

Officer noticed a vehicle coming towards him at approximately 50 mph in a 35 mph zone. The officer activated his radar and confirmed a speed of 48 mph. The officer conducted a traffic stop and informed the driver of why they were stopped. The officer took the information and ran it in the system, discovering that the insurance was invalid, but the license was valid. The driver stated he traded vehicles and the insurance was supposed to be switched over. The officer stated he would save him a towing fee, but he was issued two citations and a warning and to get insurance on his vehicle fixed now.



DESTROYED EQUIPMENT

Landscaper trailer destroyed by fire

by BILL CAHILL, SWAINSBORO FD PIO

A 20-foot enclosed landscaper trailer was consumed by fire just before noon on Friday April 30, 2021. Swainsboro firefighters from Engines 1, 3 and 4 were greeted by heavy fire conditions on arrival on West Moring Street by Herrington Street. Quick thinking by the landscapers unhooked the trailer from their pickup truck and prevent-

ed fire extension to that vehicle. Destroyed in the fire were two Gravelly zero turn mowers, along with numerous gasoline powered trimmers, blowers, chainsaws and 25 bales of pine straw. Firefighters used a 1 3/4 inch preconnected attack line to subdue the flames and control a small grass fire and trees that caught fire. Swainsboro Police assisted with traffic control on the scene.

Two vehicle fires within minutes of each other

by BILL CAHILL, SWAINSBORO FD PIO

Saturday, May 1, started off a normal day. Swainsboro firefighters had just completed their daily apparatus checks when Engine 4 from headquarters was sent to Gumlog Road and West MLK Boulevard for a report of wires down. A large truck had snagged the wires and broken two power poles and pulled down several hundred feet of live wires. A small fire burning by the side of the road was quickly extinguished.

At 3:52 p.m., Engine 3 from Southside was dispatched to 201 Pine Tree Trail for a reported log truck fire. The diesel tractor was fully involved in flames. Firefighters used a 1 3/4" attack line to knock the fire down. However, fuel and hydraulic oil continued to burn. F500 firefighting extinguishing agent was used to blanket and smother the fires.

While this was happening, a two-vehicle



FIREFIGHTERS FROM ENGINE 3 EXTINGUISHING REMAINS OF TRACTOR



BURNT FORD ON HIGHWAY 56 NORTH

crash occurred on Highway 56 North by Harris Lane. At 3:56 p.m., headquarters responded and found a Ford Fusion ful-

ly involved in fire. The fire was quickly extinguished, and one person was transported to hospital with injuries.

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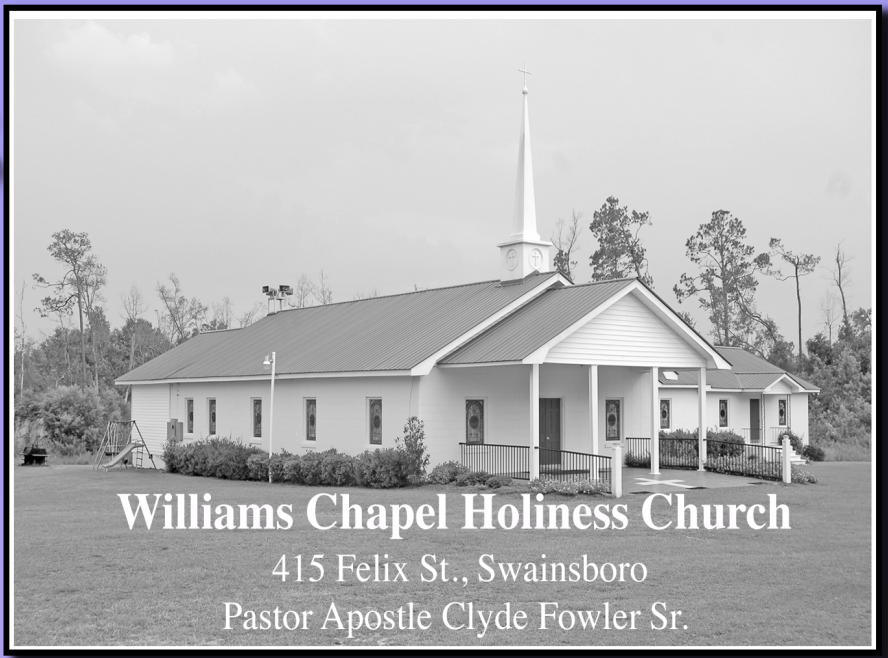
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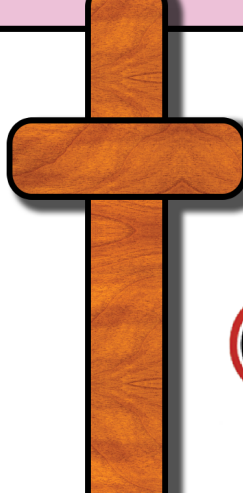
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Williamson talks Elder Law

The Emanuel Retired Educators Association (EREA) held its April 21 meeting via Zoom at noon. President Elaine Turner welcomed the group and introduced Emanuel County Institute Principal Anetria Edenfield. Edenfield welcomed members and shared that it had been a challenging school year. The school has been operating under a hybrid model this year. While about 20 percent of her students began the school year virtually, there are presently only 45 of her 650 students participating virtually. She stated she would be very happy to welcome EREA members next year for an in-person

meeting at the school. Huddie Culbreth then provided the invocation.

President Turner introduced Jeffrey Williamson, founder of J. L. Williamson Law Group with offices in Statesboro and Savannah. Williamson is certified in elder law and specializes in asset protection, tax planning, and tax controversy. His informative presentation focused on estate planning in the context of long-term care. He shared that about 70 percent of individuals who live to 70 years of age or older will need skilled nursing care. Williamson discussed in detail Medicaid eligibility rules, as well



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as advanced planning, irrevocable trusts, Medicaid crisis planning and durable financial power of attorney provisions.

In the business session, the treasurer's report and minutes were approved. Committee reports were presented



EREA PRESIDENT TURNER, ECI PRINCIPAL EDENFIELD, AND EREA IMMEDIATE PAST-PRESIDENT LYNN TORRANCE

followed by unfinished business and new business.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be held via Zoom on May 19. EREA's guest will be Dr. Connie S. Cooper, Area 6 direc-

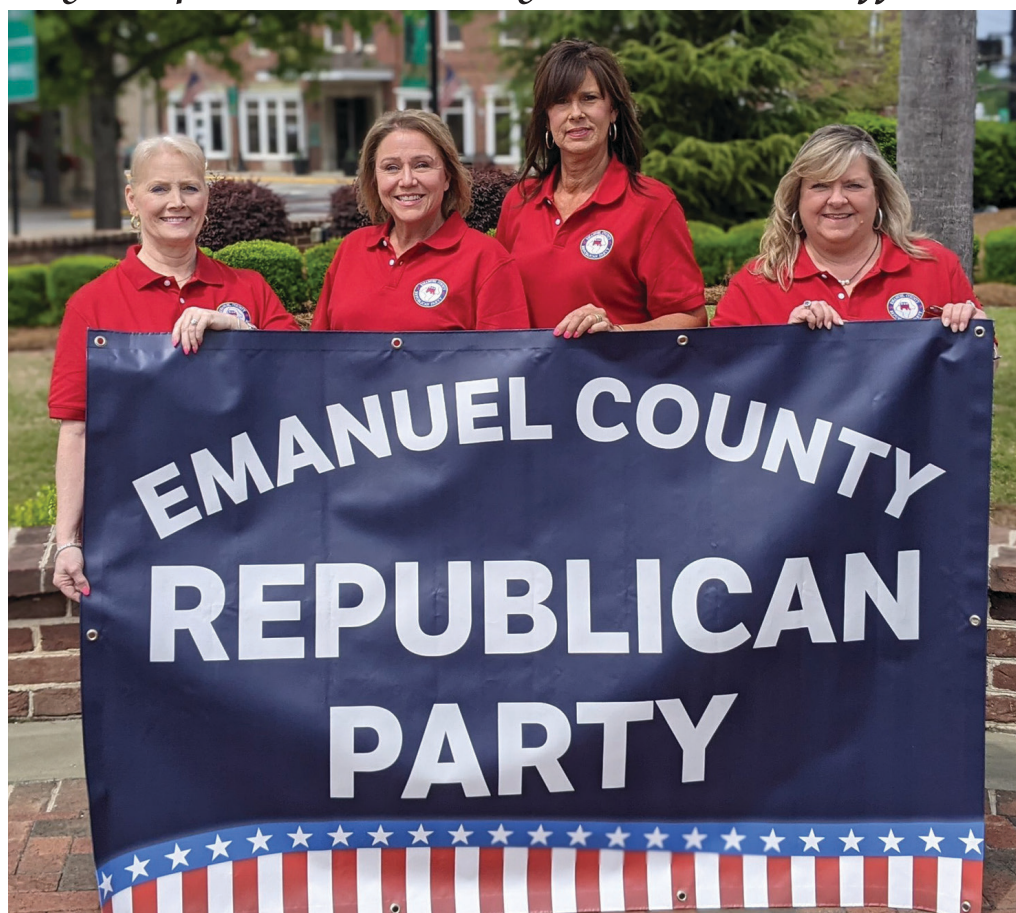
tor, who will install the 2021-2022 EREA officers.

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

Emanuel County Republican Party elects new officers

The Emanuel County Republican Party elected new officers at the county convention held on Saturday April 17. Newly elected officers are Lisa Parham, chairwoman; Jennifer Ellison, vice chairwoman; Katy Boatright, secretary; and Sherri Clifton, treasurer.

The Emanuel County Republican Party will hold monthly meetings the second Monday evening of each month and will feature guest speakers at each event. The republican party will have its first *Mix and Mingle Republican Monday* on Monday, May 10, 6:30 p.m. at The Georgia Sports Arena in Swainsboro. The featured speaker will be Marty Ray who will speak about election integrity in Georgia and the new Georgia Voting Laws. All are invited to attend and encour-



NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS CLIFTON, BOATRIGHT, ELLISON AND PARHAM

aged to bring friends and family. For more information about the

republican party, contact Chairwoman Parham at 540-661-7941 or follow

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Question: Will my laptop get hurt from being too hot?

Answer:

Yes, heat damages any electronic device including laptops. When they get hot, they will also run slower.

Laptop usually have their intake air vents on the bottom of the computer and they blow the air out normally on the sides.

This design presents a problem in terms of where laptop computers are usually used and that is on a laptop which is normally got your clothes between you and the laptop. The clothes are flexible and often will block the air coming in the computer and thereby the air is not flowing thru and cooling the various parts of the computer that are getting warm and thereby they get hot. Placing the laptop computer on the bare skin of your legs can cause burns from the heat but usually the laptop is drawing enough air to dissipate heat as usually our skin does not fully block openings on bottom of laptop.

With the heat you can literally burn parts up and damage the parts.

Using the computer laying on a bed on the bed covers or laying it on carpet while you use it laying or sitting on the floor will present similar problems.

Two ways that work well around these problems are the following.

First put a hard surface like a board or a student hard surface study board

between the computer and the soft fabric. Now the air can flow under and up thru the computer. The other is use the laptop computer on a desk or a table, but then it is not being used as name but many, including me, use this way.

The second is that they sale cooling platforms that you set the laptop computer on and you plug that cooling panel in the USB port on your laptop and there are one or two fans in the cooling panel that force air in the laptop. Not

only does this prevent the laptop from over heating but it will keep it cooler and often then it runs faster.

The cooler you can keep your computer the better it will run. Setting the laptop on clothes on bed covers or carpet can potentially be a fire hazard also.

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

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A reader recently wrote and asked a question that many of us ask at one time or another: "If there is a God, and if He is a good and loving God, why does He allow sin and suffering?"

A simple answer is that God gave each of us the opportunity and responsibility to make and live with the consequences. But there is a liability that came with this freedom. Even though we can make a poor choice, God will not interfere with our freedom to make it. Unfortunately we all live with the choice that Adam and Eve made: it introduced sin into the world and we have to live with their choice.

But it seems that we all make decisions that are not in keeping with what is in our best interests. Consider the case history of Israel. The psalmist wrote, "My people would not listen to me; Israel would not submit to me. So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts."

Without choice there could be no love or liberty, grace or goodness, caring or compassion. We are free to choose what is right and righteous or what is destructive and devastating. This is true of individuals and nations alike. We have sin and suffering because of wrong choices. And why do we make wrong choices? Again our psalmist has the answer: "If my people would but listen to me...I would subdue their enemies."

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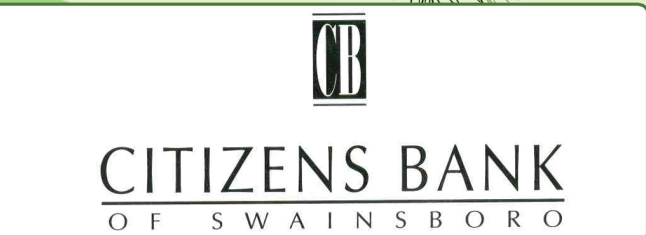
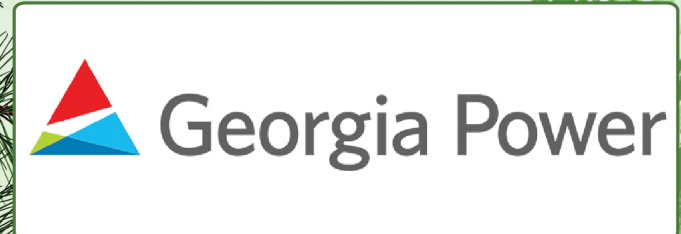
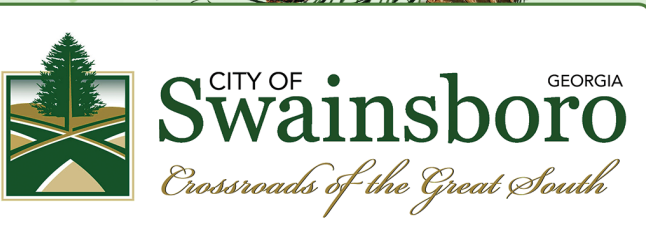
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Editorials Columns

Through the Years

Time passes quickly when you are having fun is a declaration I have always heard. I cannot confirm

that these stay-at-home days have been a lot of fun. Since stories have filled a big portion of my life,

recalling these tales fill times that could be lonely. As much as I enjoy reliving stories, I like to share with others. Instead of beginning with "Once Upon a Time", now my opening is "Stop me if you have heard I this one." Even if it has been heard before by listeners, I enhance and add details they haven't heard. In this column I will be reviewing columns you have read, but I hope no one will stop reading at this point. I often quote one of my all-time favorite authors, the late Pat

Conroy, who said, "A good story never grows old." (Although writing mostly about Low country of S.C. he was born in GA).

Often, I am asked how long have I been writing columns for my beloved Forest Blade. From my files I learned that I have submitted stories of people, places and events "Around the Square" since 2017 and delighted to have the privilege.

Hope you will enjoy going through the years with me. Many have been tributes to friends who shared my childhood, adults who have been my role models, business folks, teachers, and all who still fill my heart with precious memories.

My forever friends, Annette McDaniel Evens, Frances Willis Powell, Ann Shepard

Calef, Jewell Perryman Claxton, and others have appeared in the column. Beautiful, talented and gracious Rita Johnson and Ann Garrett should always be remembered. Athletic stars, Oscar Odom and Frank

Wimberly's fame was reviewed. Teachers were mentioned frequently: First grade teacher, Miss Scarboro taught me to read. Mrs. Nina Price made Georgia History come alive. Hixie G. Scott seemed to always be my teacher each year at SHS. (She never spoke her name without the "G") Coach and Mrs. Schwabe taught me that your teacher can also be your friend. Peggy George Sammons gave me a love of language, literature and writing. Mrs.

Edna Bailey told me, "You have a way with words." and also gave me the needed skill of typing.

Mrs. Mae Vann, my high school Sunday school teacher helped form my faith, and demonstrated the meaning of "Do Unto Others." It was evident that classmate, Donnie Kea, was destined for higher things.

Many memories of special events and holidays---Christmas and the World War II injured doll--- Fourth of July Barbeques, new Easter clothes, the early Pine Tree Festivals and the WWII years.

Swainsboro had a brief stint with parking meters around the square. I don't remember the small fee, but most folks refused to pay and circled the square look-

Shirley Proctor Twiss



ing for a meter with time left. The meters did not fit the life style of our town. We liked to park on the square and spend time "people watching". It was a relief when these were removed.

The Dixie was reviewed often, and also the romances that started by "sitting together at the Dixie" I still await sitting inside the theatre once again.

Never forgotten are Melvie Stephens, Sherif Peyton Youmans, my "Big Daddy", Mr. El Flanders, Mrs. Rosenberg, Charlotte Roberts, Mrs. Alpha Flanders and of course,

Sen. Rene' Kemp.

My mouth waters at the memories of the taste and smell of a Lucille Lewis hamburger, inside a

Bazemore bakery bun, all-the-way with mustard, catch-up, diced onions and wrapped in a paper napkin.

I hope my columns have given you thoughts of what it was like to "Walk around the square" and many names brought a pleasant memory. The square is still there and very attractive but no longer "The Courthouse Square".

Write to Shirley at sptwiss@gmail.com.

Saturday night frolick

My daddy told me about the good ole days when young people gathered for frolicks. A frolick was held in a large country home. There would be dancing, partying, and corn whiskey, which was always kept out of

sight. The house was cleaned from floors to rafters with red devil lye and Clorox bleach. No woman of the house wanted it to be said she was a lousy housekeeper. Reputation was everything along the

dirt roads of the south in the 1930s.

Men wore their best overalls which was washed in a wash pot over hot burning coals by their mothers. This was done on the outside because she didn't want to smoke up the

house with strong fumes.

Grils wore long-flowing, flowered dresses made by their mothers from the flour sacks of Martha White self-rising flour. Those dresses had to fall below their ankles because in those days, it was a sin to show off more flesh than what was needed. If a respectful young lady didn't want a "Jexebell" reputation that was spoken in the Bible, she had better follow the rules that southern women never strayed from.

Young folks came from near and far to be a part of the frolick. Several young ment bunched up in the corner to form a makeshift band. There were wash pot musicians and washboard strummers. Self-taught musicians had brought their finely tuned instruments to fire up the crowd with just plain good ole country music at its best.

Girls stood in a small space in front of the band, eyeing the front door as their young suitors slowly walked in. The boys wore overalls and chunky brogan shoes with their hair slicked back with mineral oil.

Before the parents had left the house for the evening, Mom had left a big pot simmering on the stove of lima beans and ham hocks with pone of cornbread

Ronnie Johnson



on the side. Before the night would be over, some of the more adventuresome guest would find out that lima beans and corn whiskey were never meant to be eaten together, and after this daring deed was done, some strange sounds could be heard coming from behind the house.

The band was now in full harmony and volume. A blast of "Roll Out the Barrel" reverberated throughout the house. Girls grabbed their partners and hit the dance floor. The boys clicked their brogan shoes together and swayed sideways to the music. Whether they were impaired with corn whiskey or out of step with the music was anybody's guess. Betty Jean Phillips could be heard from across the room telling her boyfriend to get the lead out of his feet and dance or go home. Many young couples would sometimes venture to get a cool drink of water from the shallow well nearby.

My daddy said he and his girlfriend were trying to steal a kiss near the back porch railing once and the railing broke and they fell to the ground from the porch. Everyone

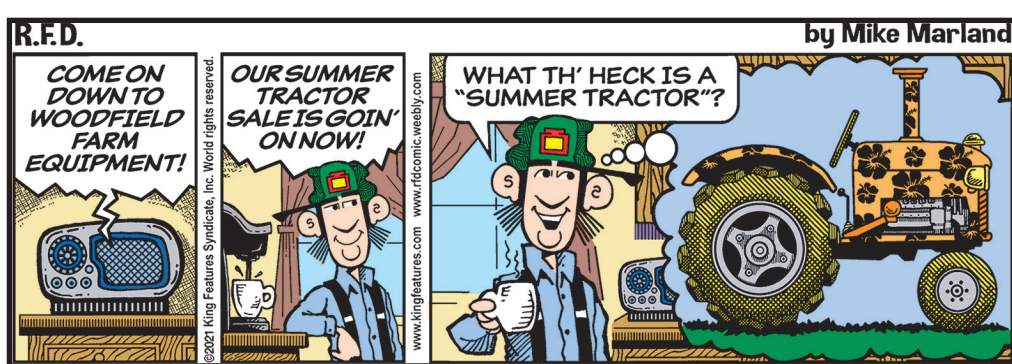
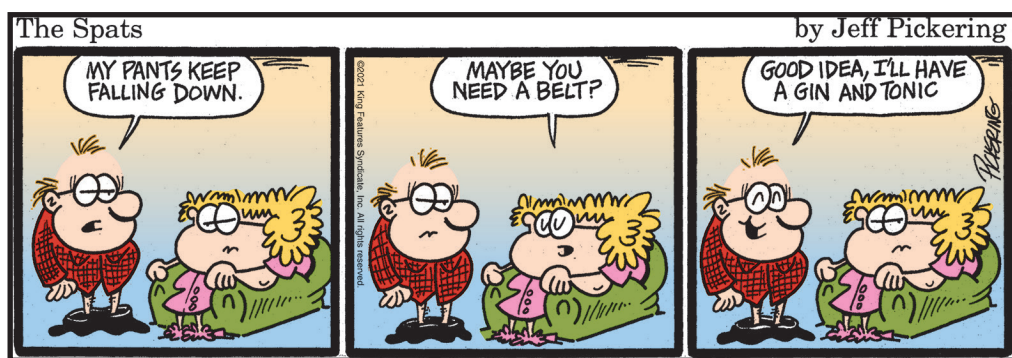
rushed to their side asking if they were hurt. They weren't, but their pride was severely shaken.


There was sometime jealousy among the boys that were good dances and those that were not. Daddy was the best of the best, and in my younger days, I could say I had inherited his love for dancing.

Daddy hitched up old Clora Bell, his prized mule, to attend the frolicks on Friday and Saturday nights. He had once danced with the prettiest girl in the room all night in a frolick that was twenty miles from his home outside of Garfield near Grey Mule Farms.

When the hugs and kisses were completed and the goodbyes drifted off into the thin night air, daddy slowly ambled toward the hitching post, ready to ride old Clora Bell home but she was not there. A sinking feeling clutched at his heart. He had securely tied her to the hitching post, but someone had untied her and sent her to Garfield without him. He remembered that walking twenty miles was a long way home, and wondered if the frolick had been worth it.

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