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ONE DOLLAR

Owner of third cockfighting venue admits participation in illegal animal fighting operation

Guilty plea could bring prison, asset forfeiture

An Emanuel County man has admitted operating an animal fighting venture, representing the third owner of a cockfighting operation in the Southern District to enter a guilty plea to federal charges.

Wendell Allan Strickland, 67, of Swainsboro, pled guilty in U.S. District Court to two counts of Sponsoring and Exhibiting an Animal in an Animal Fighting Venture; two counts of Conducting an Illegal Gambling Business; and one count of Possession and Transport of an Animal in an Animal Fighting Venture, all felonies; and one misdemeanor charge of At-

tending an Animal Fighting Venture, said Acting U.S. Attorney David H. Estes. In addition to forfeiture of the property on which illegal cockfights were held, Strickland faces a possible statutory penalty of up to five years in prison and significant financial penalties, followed by up to three years of supervised release. There is no parole in the federal system.

"Animal fights are illegal and barbaric, and also are magnets for other criminal activity," said Acting U.S. Attorney Estes. "With our law enforcement partners, we will continue to shut

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POST 103 AND POST 5745 MEMBERS WITH FLAG DISPLAY

Let's not forget! American Legion, Lanier-Moore posts pay tribute to fallen soldiers

On Wednesday, May 19, American Legion Post 103 and Lanier-Moore VFW Post 5745 displayed flags for the upcoming Memorial Day holiday as a tribute to the 362 souls from Emanuel County who sacrificed their lives for our country's freedom.

In observance of Memorial Day, *The Forest-Blade* will be closed Monday, May 31.

Emanuel County Board of Education appoints Hattaway new district superintendent

by WHITLEY CLIFTON
 The Emanuel County Board of Education announced Scotty W. Hattaway as its new superintendent during a called board meeting held at 8:15 a.m. on Wednesday, May 19.

Hattaway was one of three finalists for the top educational post for the Emanuel County School District. Other finalists included Anthony J. Aikens and Dr. Denise B. Warnock. Georgia law dictates that finalists be announced 14 days before someone receives an official offer.

Scotty W. Hattaway
Educational Background
 Hattaway is a 1988 graduate of Louisville High School. Furthering his education, he obtained a Bachelor of Education degree (BEd) in agricultural education from The University of Georgia, graduating in 1993. He later attended Valdosta State University, where he obtained a Master of Education (MED)

degree in Educational Leadership and Administration, general, in 2004, and an EDS degree in Educational Leadership and Administration, general, in 2006.

Career Background
 In 1993, after graduating UGA, Hattaway was hired as an agriculture instructor/FFA advisor by Pierce County High School. He served in this capacity for 15 years before transferring to Long County High School in 2008, assuming the role of assistant principal. In 2010, Hattaway was promoted to principal of Long County High School and served that capacity until 2015 when taking on a new role as director of support services for the Long County Schools system. In 2017, he became superintendent of Lanier County Schools, and, later, took on the role of transition director for the school district in 2019. After serving the capacity of transition direc-

tor for Lanier County Schools for five months, Hattaway was hired by Floyd County Schools in May 2019, where he served two years as the district's deputy superintendent of operations until his recent hire with Emanuel County Schools.

"I wish Mr. Scotty W. Hattaway good luck in this position and I pray for the continued success of Emanuel County Schools," stated superintendent predecessor Dr. Kevin A. Judy.

Hattaway is married and has two daughters. He will begin his duties as Emanuel County School District's super-



HATTAWAY

intendent on Thursday, May 20, taking on the roles of his predecessor, Superintendent Dr. Kevin A. Judy. Dr. Judy's retirement will be effective June 1, 2021.



CENTENNIAL LOGO

Don't miss the Memorial Day event in Twin City!

Memorial Day originally started out as Decoration Day in the 1860s. It was a time to decorate the graves of Civil War soldiers with wreaths and flowers to honor the lives of the deadliest conflict in U.S. history. Over time, Decoration Day became known as Memorial Day, and it expanded to include all

American soldiers who died in the line of duty.

On Monday, May 30, the City of Twin City will honor its fallen heroes at a Memorial Day observance at the Welcome Center. The event begins at 5 p.m. Everyone is invited to join the event as Twin City also recognize veterans in attendance.

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(From front page)

down these operations and hold the organizers accountable.”

The investigation into

animal fighting operations in the Southern District, led by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the

Inspector General (USDA-OIG) and in cooperation with multiple federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies, and the U.S. Attorney’s Office, determined that Strickland operated a cockfighting venue called The Red Barn on his Swainsboro property. Multiple law enforcement agencies raided the site in September 2020, seizing cockfighting gear and arresting Strickland.

Cockfights were held at The Red Barn on alternating weekend schedules with those at Little Sunset, a larger venue in nearby Midville, owned by William Shannon Scott, 49. Scott was arrested on federal charges as part of Operation Sunrise, a multi-agency raid of a cockfighting tournament at his property in June 2020 in which nearly 200 possible defendants were identified. Scott pled guilty to Sponsoring and Exhibiting an Animal in an Animal Fighting Venture and is awaiting sentencing.

A third cockfighting venue owner, Lanier Augustus Hightower, Jr., 65, of Lincolnton, also pled guilty to Sponsoring and Exhibiting an Animal in an Animal Fighting Venture and

is awaiting sentencing. Hightower and more than three dozen other defendants were indicted after a December 2019 raid during a cockfighting tournament on his farm.

Both Scott and Hightower face forfeiture of their farms, along with up to five years in prison, substantial financial penalties, and up to three years of supervised release. Most of the other defendants charged in the cases have been sentenced after entering guilty pleas.

“The gruesome ritual of animal fighting has no place in a civilized society and will not be tolerated,” said Jason Williams, Special Agent in Charge, USDA-OIG. “Our agency has prioritized dismantling animal fighting ventures as we continue to be relentless in our pursuit of those who would take pleasure in inflicting misery and death upon these defenseless creatures.”

The cases are being investigated by the USDA-OIG and prosecuted for the United States by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Alejandro V. Pascual IV and Xavier A. Cunningham, and Special Assistant U.S. Attorneys Jessica Rock and Edwin Caban, Jr.

Adrian announces plans for Fourth of July celebration

The City of Adrian will be having a celebration on Sunday, July 4. Activities will start at 1 p.m. and will include a silent auction, gun raffle, car show, vendors and entertainment. At 6 p.m., Adrian invites all to watch this year’s parade down Main Street. A finale of fireworks provided by the Adrian Fire Department will then follow at dark.

Parade lineup will begin at 5 p.m. on Hall Street. The parade will begin at 6 p.m. Parade applications are available and must be submitted to the city for

placement numbers to be assigned.

Vendor/yard sale applications are also available and require a \$25 nonrefundable application fee. All proceeds will go to the Adrian Recreation Department.

The City of Adrian looks forward to having a great time and “Making Adrian Great Again”.

For more information, contact committee members Julie Griffin at 478-595-5356, Michelle Love at 478-595-5805, Suzanne Hutchinson at 478-484-4227 or Adrian City Hall at 478-668-3376.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

On May 10, 2021, the Seedling Garden Club of Swainsboro held its last meeting for the year. We want to thank *The Blade* for your excellent coverage of our meetings and projects throughout the year. With your coverage, the community can learn of our many ways we are working to help beautify Swainsboro. We have had a fun, educational, and successful year. We feel we have met The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.’s mission to promote beautification, conservation, and education.

A few of the things we have done this year are: welcomed five new members; planted two trees on Georgia Arbor Day; celebrated National Garden Week by presenting flowers to Swainsboro Police Department; each month, awarded a Yard of the Month to residents; refurbished and rededicated a Blue Star Memorial Highway Marker; and made donations to National Garden Clubs, Deep South Region, The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. Oleander District, and local organizations. A special donation was made to The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.’s *Dollars Educate Scholars*; the club took several educational field trips.

We are proud to have in our club three former district directors, five members serve on the Oleander District Board, and four members serve on The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.’s executive board.

The Seedling Garden Club received a Club Standard of Excellence Award from The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. for its achievements for the year.

Again, thank you *Forest Blade* staff for your coverage this past year, and a special thanks goes to Whitley Clifton. She was always willing to do anything we asked. We look forward to having *The Blade’s* coverage when we begin a new year in September 2021.

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BUSINESS FRONT

Emanuel County Chamber Spotlight: 1st Franklin Financial

On January 1, 1941, Franklin Discount Company was founded by Ben F. Cheek, Jr. in Toccoa, GA. The first transaction was an automobile sales contract for \$34. In the decades that followed, the Company expanded its services into selling investment securities to the public to finance its loan operation. In 1983, the name "Franklin Discount Company" was replaced with "1st Franklin Financial Corporation." Today, 1st Franklin Financial operates more than 320 branches in 7 states including Georgia, Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Texas, and its Investment Center has grown to over 6,100 customers and over 1,450 employees.

1st Franklin Financial Corporation, headquartered in Toccoa, Georgia, is in the consumer finance business, offering personal loans of up to \$15,000. The Swainsboro loan office opened in 1990 and became a Swainsboro-

Emanuel County Chamber member in January 1991. The Branch Manager is Wanda Parham, and the Regional Operations Director is Joe Daniel. The company's mission is to serve communities by offering opportunities to individuals and families through financial services, and its goal is to help customers achieve theirs. Their values are:

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1st Franklin Financial has a reputation as the "Friendly Franklin Folks" and has for 80 years now. Their most important service to the community is servicing their customers' financial needs, the vast majority of which are from right here in Emanuel County.

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1st Franklin Financial is located at 414 South Main Street, Suite A-1, in Swainsboro. Their hours of operation are Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.; and Wednesdays, 8:30 until 1:30 p.m. Contact 1st Franklin Financial via phone by dialing 478-237-3400 or visit their website at www.1ffc.com. 1st Franklin Financial is also active through social media via Facebook ([facebook.com/1stFFCSwainsboroGA](https://www.facebook.com/1stFFCSwainsboroGA)) and Instagram (@1stfranklinfinancial).



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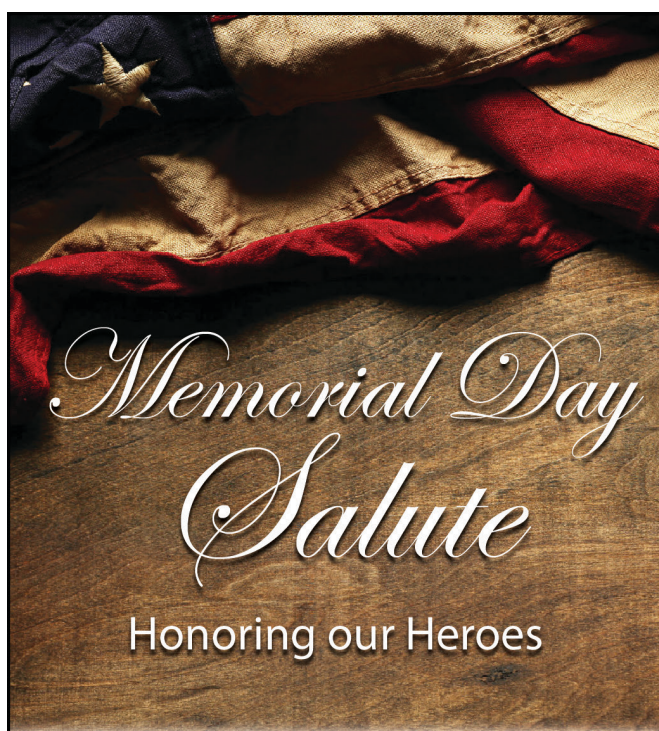
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Patricia June Mason, 68

Mrs. Patricia June Mason, 68, of Swainsboro, passed away Tuesday, May 18, 2021, at her residence following an extended illness. The family will receive friends Thursday, May 20, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Chapman Funeral Home. Memorial service will be private at a later date.

Mrs. Mason was born December 12, 1952, in Swainsboro, to the late Jake Wilkerson and Mary Hall Wilkerson. She is preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Danny Wilkerson, Donny Wilkerson, Johnny Wilkerson; and sisters, Norma Roberson, Shirley Henry, and Jane Bedgood.

Survivors include her husband of 39 years, Wayne Mason; sons, Gene (Missie) Hadden of Swainsboro and Adam Hadden of Valdosta; daughter, Brandi (Andy)



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Tant of Swainsboro and Randi (Josh) Hall of Kite; sisters, Carolyn (Jerry) Odom of Swainsboro and Jackie (Wesley) King of Norristown; grandchildren, Jessica Hadden, Brianna Hadden, Courtney Hadden, Alana Tant, Mason Hall, and Hunner Hall; great-grandchildren, Colton Green and Kinley Green; and several nieces, nephews, and many friends.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro is in charge of arrangements.

Pearl Cowart Rich, 87

Pearl Cowart Rich, 87, of Swainsboro, died Monday, May 17, 2021, at her residence. Graveside services were Thursday, May 20, at 11 a.m. from the Hall Cemetery with Reverend Brad McKenzie officiating.

Ms. Rich was born in Emanuel County to the late Luke Cowart and Lillie Mae Muns Cowart. She lived in Fort Valley, GA for many years before returning to Emanuel County in 1988. Ms. Rich is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Jimmy Rich; daughter, Jackie Klein; grandson Kenny Rich; granddaughter, Donna Davison; brothers Dan Cowart and Robert Cowart; and sister, Mary Cowart.

Survivors include sons, David Rich (Darla),



RICH

Kenny Rich (Candy), Don Rich, Jimmy Rich (Debra), Charles Rich (Vicki), and Ronnie Rich (Vickie); daughters, Evelyn Marsh and Samantha Smith (John); 17 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; 23 great-great grandchildren; and several nephews.

Arrangements were by Tomlinson Funeral Home and Crematory.

Gail Brinson Lewis, 71

Ms. Gail Brinson Lewis, age 71, of Santa Claus, died Saturday, May 22, 2021, at her home after a sudden illness. A memorial service will be held Thursday, May 27, at 11 a.m. in Cornerstone Baptist Church with Pastor Gaynor Ridgill and Eddie Toole officiating. The family will receive friends at the church from 10 a.m. until just prior to the service.

Ms. Lewis was a native of Swainsboro and was a 1967 graduate of Swainsboro High School. She lived in Statesboro for a few years and moved to Toombs County in 1983. Ms. Lewis was the owner of BGL, and she and her husband were the owners of Professional Insurance in Lyons. She attended Cornerstone Baptist Church, and enjoyed gardening, yard work, fishing, and her fur babies.

Ms. Lewis is preceded in death by her husband, Mayor Al Lewis; parents, Roy Brinson and Mildred Tanner Brinson; and two brothers, Robert Brinson and Phil Brinson.



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Survivors include three children, Clay Cumbee of Swainsboro, and Brande Lewis and Ashley Lewis of Santa Claus; three grandchildren, Dalton Ridgill of Ocilla, Atlanta Ridgill Foster and husband Peyton of Macon, and Landon Lewis of Grayson; and a special niece, Kimberly Lewis of Swainsboro.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Diamonds in the Ruff, P.O. Box 771, Soperton, GA 30457, or Christian Family Center, 21 Outreach Lane, Soperton, GA 30457.

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

Wanda Gail Graham, 65

Wanda Gail Graham, age 65, passed away Tuesday, May 18, 2021, at her home. Graveside memorial services were held Friday, May 21, at 2 p.m. in Hope Gardens Family Cemetery with Rev. Randy Adams officiating.

Ms. Graham was born September 11, 1955, in Emanuel County, where she raised her children until 2008 when she moved to Johnson County. She was a beloved mother, grandmother, sister, and friend. Ms. Graham is preceded in death by her parents, Marcus and Mary Neal; brothers, David Neal and Johnny Neal; sister, Debra Edenfield, and granddaughter, and granddaughter, Destiney



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Ms. Graham is survived by two daughters, Tosha Newsome (Will) and Crystal Graham (Greg); son, Jerry Wilkerson (Dawn); sister, Shari Hall (Keith); 6 grandchildren; and 1 great-grandchild.

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

Delores Green Jackson, 85

Delores Green Jackson left peacefully to be with the Lord on May 9, 2021, in the comfort of her home. Memorial services were held Friday, May 14, at 1 p.m. at J.B. Rhodes Jr. Memorial Chapel in Goldsboro, NC, with Elder James E. Collins officiating.

Ms. Jackson made her earthly entrance on April 22, 1936, to Mary Wilson and Oscar Green. She loved and walked with God from an early age, and was a faithful member of Goldsboro Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, and continued serving the Lord wherever she landed. Ms. Jackson was first lady of New Life Christian Pentecostal Holiness Church in Swainsboro where her late husband, Curtis Jackson, was Pastor. She found employment at the Swainsboro Hospital and Swainsboro Nursing Home, retiring from the Swainsboro School



JACKSON

System after moving to Georgia. Ms. Jackson is preceded in death by her husband; first husband, Kerry Austin; daughters, Cathleen Cooper Austin and Clarice Hamilton Austin; son, Cecil Austin; and daughter-in-law, Grace A. Jones Austin.

Ms. Jackson leaves to cherish her memories with her children, Thomas Austin, Sr. (Lucy) and Joseph Stevenson Austin (Judy); 12 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-grandson; and a host of other loving relatives and friends.



VBS LOGO

Swainsboro First Baptist Church getting ready for VBS

It's Vacation Bible School time at First Baptist Church Swainsboro! The church will be conducting LifeWay's Destination Dig where kids will unearth more than just dirt. This year's VBS is headed to present-day Israel where an epic adventure of discovery awaits. Kids will discover amazing finds and exciting evidence that proves biblical events were not just stories. They really happened!

Each day, kids will discover real-life archaeological finds that have helped to uncover the truth about Jesus. Stories from the Bible will leap off the pages as kids explore where

Jesus walked and examine artifacts that bring the world of the Bible to life. As junior archaeologists, kids will study tangible pieces of the past

to learn the truth about who Jesus is and why He came. Along the way, they will make crafts, play fun games, enjoy tasty snacks, sing cool songs and learn about missions.

This year's VBS is set for June 13 through June 17 from 5 until 8 p.m., nightly. The program is for kids in Pre-K through 5th grade. Parents and families are invited to join the kids on Sunday, June 13, at 4 p.m. for a VBS kick-off.

First Baptist Church Swainsboro is eagerly waiting to welcome your children to this free event. The church is located at 240 West Main Street, Swainsboro. For more information, call 478-237-7564 or email fbc-swainsboro.org/vbs-2021. Information can also be obtained by visiting fbc-swainsboro.org/vbs-2021.

Summertown Food Pantry open tomorrow!

Summertown Food Pantry will be open tomorrow, May 27, from 1 until 4 p.m. at Summertown Baptist Church. In addition to items given by the food pantry, a Golden Harvest food truck will also be in attendance to give out 35,000 pounds of goods. Individuals planning to receive goods are asked to bring boxes/containers for your items.

Bishop Chapel Church and Cemetery Homecoming 2021

A Time To Come Home – A Time To Celebrate

by BARBARA STOKES

Mark your calendar – June 6, 2021. We hope you are “coming home” for the Bishop Chapel Church and Cemetery Homecoming on Sunday, June 6, 2021. We are thrilled to be celebrating the 83rd anniversary of Bishop Chapel Church. It is amazing to think about it being 83 years ago that a small group of people gathered together with the desire to plant a new church in the rural farm community adjacent to the small Cemetery, which has now served as the final resting place for family and friends for more than 155 years. Bishop Chapel Church was organized in 1936 when neighbors made the decision to build a church adjoining a burial ground which had been set aside by James Bishop as a final resting place for persons beginning as early as 1862. This effort to construct a church building in this particular spot was led by A.P. Fanning, George Bishop, Jack A. Bishop, and William Horace Bishop. Church records indicate that residents of the area contributed funds ranging from \$1.00 to \$10.00. Many gave their time as carpenters, and by March 23, 1937, Bishop Chapel Church was constituted. During the first year, forty-five persons joined the church. First year church expenses were \$67.62 with \$9.25 of that amount

being spent for lamps. Homecoming 2021 will be a time of remembering and honoring those who made this small country church a special place in the Summertown Community.

Bishop Chapel Homecoming fills such a great time in our lives. It is a time and an occasion for remembering the wonderful memories of the past years, our heritage and to be grateful for the blessings of God in our lives. Homecoming gives us a time to look back at all the happy times and all the sad times. It is a time to honor our deceased friends and relatives. It is a time to rekindle fires and a time to re-energize our batteries. It is a time to share family legacies with children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren. Bishop Chapel Church and Cemetery is a place of generations. We want to remember our past, view the present, while at the same time, share our hope for the future with the off-spring of all those who have come before us. We will have an opportunity to recognize 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th generation descendants of family and friends of ancestors of the church and cemetery. If you have been unable to “make it home” for the last several homecomings, we hope that this will be the year you will gather the “clan”

and help keep our annual Homecoming alive and well. Do you remember those homecomings when all the pews were “packed” and extra chairs were needed? Even though many of our dear saints from past years are deceased let’s make this an occasion to fill the church again with the descendants of our loved ones.

Homecoming is a time to reflect. Bishop Chapel Cemetery is treasured landmark in the community. When the church building was completed in 1937, there were over fifty graves in the cemetery. The oldest identified grave in the cemetery is that of Allen Bishop who died April 10, 1862, and was a son of William Charles Bishop III, born in 1801 and died in 1876, and his wife, Sarah Coleman Bishop, born in 1802 and died in 1884.

Over 100 family groups are directly connected to William and Sarah Coleman Bishop. Many descendants of these extended families, along with their extended families, former church members, and former community residents are interred in the cemetery.

We hope you have an opportunity to spend time strolling through the cemetery. There are several graves which are not identified. We look forward to a time when we can identify these graves. There is a small number of

graves for which we have not been able to locate descendants. We would appreciate your help in this identification. Families include: James W. Braswell Family, Broom Family, Bishop Brown Family, Ralph Lamar Coleman Family, Hutchens Family, and Luke Wethers Family. Graves for thirteen veterans have been identified. Flags will be available for marking Veterans’ Graves. Most likely, there are others who served our country that have not been identified and are not marked.

The Heritage Room will be open for everyone to enjoy memorabilia such as pictures, old church records and family histories. Paper and pens will be provided at this location for you to



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share short memories of your ties to the church and cemetery.

Services will begin in the Sanctuary with greetings and hymns around 9:30. Mr. Tommy Freeman and Mrs. Gail Ware will be leading the music portion of the worship service. We look forward to welcoming Rev. Louis Pierce who will lead

our worship service at 11 a.m. Rev. Pierce serves as Director of Missions for the Emanuel Baptist Association. Worship will close with special recognition of the legacy of Bishop Chapel Church and Cemetery.

A delicious basket lunch will follow the morning worship service.

All Aboard!!

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DEA Junior Beta donates \$1K to Weekend Blessings

David Emanuel Academy Junior Beta Club donated \$1,000 to Emanuel County Weekend Blessings. The donation is to help provide weekend supplies of kid-friendly, nutritious food to children that are at risk for food insecurity in Emanuel County. Weekend Blessings was chosen as the Junior Beta service project, and all money was collected through bake sales, popsicle sales, dress down days and hat days. Presenting the check to Weekend Blessings representative Niamh Matthews are Beta Club officers: Addalyn Terwilliger, president; Henzli Hall, secretary; and Mattie Grace Lane, treasurer.



BETA CLUB OFFICERS PRESENTS CHECK TO WEEKEND BLESSINGS

It's Groundbreaking: Community church receives huge support in building new home

Jesus Saves Church breaks ground at new location

A groundbreaking event took place last Wednesday, May 19, that brought individuals of various ages throughout the community together in unity for one purpose - Jesus.

Beginning at 6:30 p.m. at 138 Highway 56 North in Swainsboro, a large crowd gathered to assist in breaking the grounds of Jesus Saves Church's future forever home.

In a press release announced in last week's edition of The Blade, Brad

McKenzie, pastor of Jesus Saves Church, expressed his appreciation for all the prayers and support received in making the church's goal of building a home of their own a reality, and reported receiving a total of \$54,572.90 in raised funds for the project at that time.

Support received during last week's evening-hour event deemed just as much success in the church's overall goal of being a community church for all as groups of small children to adults came together so that the church may prosper.

"What a wonderful night. The groundbreaking was wonderful," Pastor McKenzie announced on a social media post after the event, "Thank you to all who came out. And, that's a lot of thank 'you's". We are so excited to take this step with your help. Thank you Swainsboro and surrounding areas and all our family and friends who have helped along the way. Thank you for all the prayers and support. Thank you to the churches that showed up and supported. It means a lot to have your hand of fellowship. Love y'all," he concluded.

Live footage of this event can be viewed by visiting <https://www.facebook.com/>



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Worthen awarded annual Emanuel Retired Educators' Association Scholarship

Elijah Worthen, a 2021 graduate of East Georgia State College (EGSC), was recognized at the May 19, 2021, meeting of the Emanuel Retired Educators' Association (EREA) meeting as the recipient of its 2021 scholarship for aspiring teachers. EREA Scholarship Committee members Syvetta Young and Dr. John Derden were introduced to Worthen and presented him with a check to after the meeting. An anonymous donor also gave an additional \$500 to be given to the scholarship recipient.

Worthen is the son of Willie and Annette Worthen of Garfield. He attended high

school at Emanuel County Institute (ECI) where he established an exemplary record. Worthen was a Governor's Honors Program nominee; participated in District Honor Band; earned the John Phillip Sousa Award; served a year as Drum Major; led a band section for three years; served as vice president of his high school Beta Club; participated in the University of Georgia January Festival for four years; and earned certifications in Microsoft Word, PowerPoint and Excel. He was a member of the Future Business Leaders of America, the National Beta Club, the Technology Stu-

dent Association and 21st Century Leaders.

Following graduation from ECI, Worthen enrolled at EGSC, where he earned an Associate of Arts degree this month. While there, he was a Correll Scholar, earned the Herrington Scholarship, and was chosen Homecoming King. He also served as president of the African American Union and the International Club and was selected to give the Student Reflection Address at the 2021 college graduation.

Worthen has been accepted to Georgia State University where he plans to major in music education.



EREA SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION TO WORTHEN BY EREA SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE MEMBERS SYVETTA YOUNG AND DR. JOHN DERDEN



BRANTLEY WITH FREDERICK FAMILY

EGSC student receives Rachel Jane Frederick Friendship and Service Award

The family of Rachel Jane Frederick, an East Georgia State College Alumni, awarded EGSC student Tiffany Brantley a scholarship in memory of Rachel. Applications for the \$500 EGSC Rachel Jane Frederick Friendship and Service Award were open to EGSC students from Emanuel and Johnson Counties. Frederick's parents, George and Jane, presented the award to Brantley at EGSC's campus Wednesday, May 19.

Tiffany Brantley is a 2012 Johnson County High School graduate. She continued her education at Middle Georgia State University where she became a registered nurse. In December she will graduate from EGSC with her Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Brantley would

one day like to pursue a master's degree and teach nursing classes. She currently works at Fairview Park Hospital.

Brantley is originally from Johnson County and is the daughter of Tonya Blunt and Barry Mixon. She is married to Mick Brantley, and they have a daughter named Harper.

Rachel Jane Frederick was a 2010 East Laurens High School graduate. She then attended East Georgia State College where she was an ambassador and was crowned Miss East Georgia State College in 2012. Later that year, she represented EGSC in the Miss Georgia Pageant in Columbus, Ga. During her time in the Miss Georgia Organization, she was very passionate about her platform. She chose American

Red Cross blood donation to promote and educate people on during her year of service. Frederick graduated from East Georgia State College in 2012 and decided to further her education at Armstrong Atlantic State University. She received her Bachelor of Science in 2014 and was pursuing a Master of Public Health. Frederick passed away in 2018 after an extended illness.

Frederick was always full of life and never met a stranger. Her family wanted to honor her by giving the EGSC Rachel Jane Frederick Friendship and Service Award to someone who is active in the community and someone who spends time helping others.

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Miss EGSC speaks to Kiwanis

The Kiwanis Club of Swainsboro held its weekly meeting on Tuesday night, May 18, at the Rustic Grille at 7 p.m. With President Dess Smith III presiding, there were 27 members (86 percent of club) attending and three guests - Anita Cerpovicz, Karolina Cerpovicz and Breana Librizzi.

The carrot cake, donated by Carlos Cunha and baked by Petite Garrett, was won by Monica Wrens. The Domino's pizza, donated by Domino's Pizza, was won by Dianna Wedincamp. Newest member of the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club, Sondra Fortner, was inducted by Past Lt. Gov. Tim Goodman, who was assisted by Fortner's Kiwanis sponsor, Vice President Tammy Allen. Mary Ellen Smith thanked everyone who helped decorate and ride on the Kiwanis pickup in the Pine Tree Festival Parade. A special thanks was given to Daniels Chevrolet for the loaned truck driven in this year's parade.

The host for the evening program was Paul Cerpovicz. Cerpovicz introduced his daughter, Anita Cerpovicz, Miss 2021 East Georgia State College. She presented a program on her community service project, Running into Mathematics. Anita designed a program



PRESIDENT SMITH, MISS EGSC A. CERPOVICZ, AND P. CERPOVICZ



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for the 3rd - 5th graders which combines mathematics with exercise. She tested the program at Trinity Christian School in Statesboro. She developed games which combine mathematical problem solving to score points, but also require some type of physical activity to receive the

points. She noted math helps reasoning and thinking more logically and is used in most jobs. She also noted we need about 60 min per day of exercise at least three days a week to maintain health and a strong body. If you would like to become a member of the Swainsboro

Kiwanis Club, contact Membership Chair Jane Durden at 478-494-4113 or e-mail her at hsdurden@bellsouth.net. For more information about this club, visit the Swainsboro Kiwanis webpage at <http://www.swainsborokiwanis.org> or check out the Swainsboro Kiwanis Facebook page.

Savvy Senior: Should You Be Screened for Lung Cancer?

Dear Savvy Senior, What can you tell me about lung cancer screenings? I was a big smoker but quit years ago, so I'm wondering if I should be checked out.

Former Smoker
Dear Still,
Lung cancer screening is used to detect the presence of lung cancer in otherwise healthy people with a high risk of lung cancer. Should you be screened? It depends on your age and your smoking history. Here's what you should know.
Screening Recommendations
The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force - an independent panel of medical experts that advises the government on health policies - recently expanded their recommendations for lung cancer screenings. They are now recommending annual screenings for high-risk adults between the ages of 50 and 80 who have at least a 20-pack year history who currently smoke or who have quit within the past 15 years. This is a change from the 2013 recommendation that referred to patients ages 55 to 80 with 30-year pack histories. A 20-pack year history is the equivalent of smoking one pack a day for 20 years or two packs a day for 10 years.
In 2020, lung cancer killed more

than 135,000 Americans making it the deadliest of all possible cancers. In fact, more people die of lung cancer than of colon, breast and prostate cancers combined. Lung cancer also occurs predominantly in older adults. About two out of every three people diagnosed with lung cancer are 65 or older. You'll also be happy to know that most health insurance plans cover lung cancer screenings to high-risk patients, as does Medicare up to age 77.
Screening Pros and Cons
Doctors use a low-dose computed tomography scan (also called a low-dose CT scan, or LDCT) of the lungs to look for lung cancer. If lung cancer is detected at an early stage, it's more likely to be cured with treatment. But a LDCT isn't recommended for every high-risk patient. LDCT scans have a high rate of false positives, which means that many will undergo additional (and unnecessary) screening or medical procedures, such as another scan three, six, or even 12 months later to check for changes in the shape or size of the suspicious area (an indication of tumor growth). For some patients, the anxiety or worry that goes along with waiting can be a real issue. Or you may need a biopsy (removal of a small amount of lung tissue), which has risks, especially for those with underlying health conditions, such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease or emphysema. For example, in people with emphysema, there's a chance of a lung collapsing during the procedure. If you meet the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force criteria for high-risk lung cancer, the University of Michigan offers a free online tool (see ShouldIScreen.com) to help you decide if you should get an LDCT. It's also important to discuss the benefits and risks with your primary care doctor before making a decision.
Tips for Testing

Betty Gambrell Animal Shelter announces grand re-opening

Following last year's completion of project improvements at the Betty Gambrell Animal Shelter, employees of the local shelter are ecstatic over the facility's new look and wants the local community to be just as excited. To showcase its improvements, a grand re-opening celebration has been set for Saturday, June 5, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. The event will feature baked goods, drinks, face painting, a dunk-a-cop dunking booth, as well as free popcorn and balloons. The celebration will also host a cram-the-van drive for donations to be made to the shelter and its intakes. The shelter is in need of canned dog food, cleaning supplies, toys, leashes, etc. Betty Gambrell Animal Shelter is located at 343 Market Street in Swainsboro. For more information about this event, call 478-237-4040.

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Hometown Public Servant: Kayleigh McVey

This week's Hometown Public Servant is Kayleigh McVey, officer with the Swainsboro Police Department.

Born and raised in Emanuel County, McVey is a native of the area. She credits her desire to serve the local public to those she loves most - her family and friends.

"I enjoy helping others and making a difference in the lives around me. I love serving the local community and the small-town feel that comes with it," McVey stated.

McVey is a patrolman for the Swainsboro Police Department, and has served in this capacity for three, going on four, months. Prior to being an employee with the City of Swainsboro, McVey worked at two other law enforcement agencies and did a stint with probation.

A Swainsboro High



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School graduate, McVey furthered her education by attending the Georgia Public Safety Training Center where she graduated as a law enforcement officer in 2017. She maintains her LEO degree by completing 20 hours of mandatory annual

training in course topics like ALLERT and Crisis Intervention Training, etc. When not on patrol, McVey enjoys spending her spare time getting lost in a good book or hanging out with family and friends.

DEA third grade class brings school greenhouse, garden back to life

David Emanuel Academy has recently revitalized its greenhouse and garden area by implementing an agriculture program that focuses on producing plants and vegetables.

Dianne Lawson, third grade teacher, noticed a need for academy students to become more exposed to agriculture and learning how to grow plants and vegetables.

"A lot of kids think you just buy food in the stores and they don't know where it comes from. I feel that if taught how to grow food, the experience will stick with them for a lifetime," Lawson stated.

With the academy already having a greenhouse and garden area on campus, Lawson and her third grade students went to gardening.

Lawson signed her class up for the Bonnie Plants Cabbage Program and the company shipped the plants in April. Third grade students Bentley Brinson, Rayleigh Faircloth, Blaine Fordham, Bethany Henry, Eli Hackle, Jake Lewis, Charlie McRae and Lawton Wiggins got the school's garden area ready quickly by adding topsoil and fertilizer and planted the cabbages.

Garden supplies for the class project was obtained through a \$200 grant received from Tractor Supply. With the funds,

Lawson purchased soil, fertilizer, a garden hose, seeds and buckets to help get the garden started.

"The former manager of Swainsboro Tractor Supply, Tyler, signed us up for the grant. Tyler and Tractor Supply were instrumental in helping us get started. We also planted spinach and a variety of lettuce in the garden," Lawson stated. "We were gifted three blueberry bushes, a fig tree and a lime tree from the Tad and Beth Wiggins family. Their younger son, Lawton is in my class. The trees and bushes have really added to the beauty and atmosphere of the greenhouse and garden."

DEA students in Lindsey Howell's and Kristy Hood's K-5 class painted rocks for the third graders to build a rock garden in a shady area of the greenhouse where vegetables are hard to grow.

Lawson's third grade class looks forward to caring to the garden. They water, weed, fertil-

ize the plants and eliminate harmful insects each day. When the cabbages are fully grown, Lawson and her students will harvest and weigh them and turn in results to Bonnie Plants to compete for state winner and national winner titles for biggest plants. The students will take the cabbages home to cook and eat together with their families.

"The kids and parents love the program that we have put together. They say the kids talk about working in the garden and greenhouse all the time," Lawson stated.

Head of School Haylee Free is excited over the program too and has complimented that it motivates the school's appearance.

Lawson is eager to start next year's garden and has plans to grow vegetables in the greenhouse during winter, and, possibly, grow flowers to sale to create a self-sustained greenhouse.



DEA THIRD GRADE CLASS IN GARDEN



DEA THIRD GRADE CLASS WITH GREENHOUSE

Cook of the Week

Featuring the recipes of...

Kylie Davis

This week's Cook of the Week is Kylie Davis. She is the 19-year-old daughter of Jed and Shaye Davis of Swainsboro. She and Jay Williams are the proud parents of three-year-old Braylee Williams. Kylie works at Allison's Learning Center, where she enjoys educating the sweet kiddos in her classroom with crafts and playtime. She graduated from Swainsboro High School this past week, with such excitement ready to see what the world has in store for her. In Kylie's free time, she enjoys spending time with friends and family, shopping, and relaxing by the pool! Here are three recipes she would like to share. Enjoy!



From the kitchen of *Kylie*
BBQ Chicken Grilled Cheese

Chicken

- 2 Tbsp. olive oil
- 1 small red onion, thinly sliced
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 1/2 c. shredded roast chicken
- 1/2 tsp. paprika
- 1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 1 c. BBQ sauce
- 12 slices Havarti cheese

Garlic Butter Bread

- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tsp. parsley, minced
- 12 slices sourdough bread or sturdy white bread

Heat oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Cook onions until soft, about two minutes. Add garlic and cook until fragrant, about 30 seconds. Add shredded chicken, smoked paprika, Worcestershire sauce and BBQ sauce. Stir to combine and cook until everything is heated through, about 2-3 minutes. Add butter, garlic and minced parsley in a medium bowl. Microwave until melted. Lay 12 slices of bread on work surface. Spread melted butter mixture over each piece. Turn each piece over and top six of the bread slices with six of the cheese slices and bbq chicken mixture, dividing evenly. Add remaining cheese over top of chicken and top with remaining six slices of bread (both the bottom and the top should have the buttered side exposed). Set buttered sandwiches in a large non-stick skillet. Place over medium heat and cook until bottom of sandwiches are browned, 3 to 5 minutes. Turn sandwiches over, reduce heat to medium-low and continue cooking until bottom is browned and cheese is melted, 3 to 5 minutes longer.



From the kitchen of *Kylie*

Refreshing Watermelon Salad

- • 5 c. watermelon cubed
- • 2 c. strawberries sliced
- • 1 c. cherries seed removed & sliced
- • 1 c. raspberries
- • 1 c. blueberries
- • juice of 1 lime
- • 1 Tbsp. light golden syrup
- • A few mint leaves, chopped for garnish
- • Chia seeds for garnish
- • Organic sugar for extra sweetness, 100% (optional)

In a big bowl or plate, combine watermelon, strawberries, cherries, raspberries and blueberries. Using a little bowl, mix together lime juice and light golden syrup. Pour dressing over fruit salad. Sprinkle with chia seeds and chopped mint.



From the kitchen of *Kylie*

Peach Lemonade

Peach Mixture

- • 20 oz. peaches (3 large peaches)
- • 1 c. white granulated sugar
- • 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- • 2 c. water

Peach Lemonade

- • 1 c. freshly squeezed lemon juice (5-6 ripe lemons)
- • 2 c. cold water

Juice lemons, strain and set aside the lemon juice. Peel peaches, take out pits and slice them. Add peaches into a sauce pot and combine with sugar, vanilla extract, and two cups of water. Stir and bring the mixture to simmer over medium heat. Lower the heat a little and let peaches cook until softened. Pour peach mixture into a pitcher through a strainer. You can add some of the peaches to the pitcher or all of them. Add remaining cold water to the pitcher and fresh squeezed lemon juice. Stir everything together and refrigerate until cold.

Editorials Columns

Honor, Service, Memory

This coming Monday we will once again honor those men and women who have served this country with the greatest devotion and sacrifice possible. Memorial Day is a time to stop and think what that means to this country and to each of us. From the very start of this nation, through the turbulence of centuries of trials and tests, this country has relied on

those individuals willing to face hardship and few the ultimate price to protect their home, their way of life and their fellow citizens.

Many of these patriots would not consider themselves heroes. They did not ask to pay the price, but they signed up to wear the uniform and when the moment came to do their duty they did not question,

shirk or retreat. President Ronald Reagan IN A 1981 Medal of Honor ceremony asked, "Where do we find such men? They didn't get greeted by parades or honors or gratitude, they just did their duty."

The fact that these men and women came from all across this country, from all walks of life, all ethnic groups black, brown, white, red,

all religions, rich and poor helps explain the strength of our country. On Memorial Day, May 31, 2021 we can honor our country by honoring those Americans who gave everything. Local veterans of the VFW and American Legion have arranged a flag display at the Veterans Center on Kite Road, and the Sons of the American Legion maintain a mon-

Charles Schwabe



ument garden at Pine Brook Park on West Main Street that honors many of our local men and women from nation's

wars and conflicts. Both of these spots would add a special meaning and understanding to your Memorial Day this year.

The Mockingbird Tree

Flight day could come as early as next Wednesday. My sister checked the internet today and said that baby mockingbirds left the nest 13 days after they hatched. I'm excited for them, but mostly for their parents. I've never seen a couple of animals work so hard to ensure their babies survival, and that includes the human race.

Twig by twig, they constructed a secure nest in a small evergreen near the front porch that has been decorated as the family Christmas tree for the

last five years. Through early spring wind, rain, and unexpected forces of nature, the mockingbird nest held on to the swaying branches while holding three small eggs. I'm keeping my fingers crossed that as much as I wanted them to stay as quiet as possible, they are chirp, chirp, chirping away.

The reason for my concern is the fact that two always-hungry, Siamese cats have taken up residence on my front porch and a slightly smaller calico completes the trio. The birds are in danger!

So, I sit on the front porch being a surrogate

dad to the three mockingbird babies. Soon after my retirement from being a clerk at the 7-11, I have become a fulltime observer and admirer of the beauty of nature and wildlife. I have no title to identify myself with what I do now, but let's just say I'm a front porch sitter, and, although it doesn't offer a paycheck or a weekly salary, the benefits are extraordinarily rewarding.

The human brain has the ability to accomplish the unbelievable from inventing the wheel, and, later, the car, and we have accomplished

the impossible by putting a man on the moon. But, these feats are rather small because man does not have the simple know how or knowledge to build a bird's nest twig by twig or spin an intricate spider's web. They make a worthy effort but the effort fails completely. According to brain size, we fall short with the lower species.

The Bible clearly states that God has given man dominion over nature, but as I watch the interplay between the lower forms of nature and wildlife, maybe we have lost control of our envi-

Ronnie Johnson



ronment completely. I have learned a valuable lesson from watching the mockingbirds from my front porch. The parents have worked so hard this spring building the nest, and after their babies hatched, the parents have darted in and out of our neighborhood, searching for nightcrawlers, grubs, and insects of every variety.

The parents are dedicated to the job at hand – raising their young. They have lost much of their natural body weight but still push forward. They could have easily abandoned the nest and their young and ate the worms themselves instead of feeding their offspring, but they sacrificed their lives for the job at hand and if that isn't love, then what is?

Cows have legitimate beef with climate change crowd

Okay, enough is enough and I have had enough.

I had to endure watching lawless thugs firebomb buildings

and claiming we need to defund the police. And another

bunch of lawless thugs calling themselves "patriots" while inciting a riot in the United States Capitol. And don't forget a bunch of kids doing their best Taliban imitation by tearing down statues they don't like, proving that those who don't know history are destined to repeat it.

In all of the above cases, I consider the source and none of them are worth the time and effort I have just expended talking about them. But now, things in this world have gotten a bit too up-close-and-personal.

I read recently that a number of restaurants will no longer have meat on their menus. Not only that, but schools and universities are beginning to promote "climate-friendly" meals – code words for "don't eat meat." Don't eat meat? Are you kidding me?

Where's the beef? The politically-correct crowd says it's the cows' fault. When they eat grass and feed (the cows, not the politically-correct crowd), their digestive systems ferment the contents. That fermentation turns into methane. Methane is a greenhouse gas, said to be 25 times more powerful than carbon dioxide. Cows burp the methane out. (You have to admit it beats the alternative.) The do-gooders say all that burping contributes to global warming. Don't eat meat and – voila! – no more burping cattle.

If cows could talk as well as they can burp, they would probably ask that if they are responsible for global warming, why did most of Texas freeze over earlier this year? A lot of cattle happen to live and burp there. Also, burping is considered a sign of appreciation in China and

Dick Yarbrough



India, where there are a lot more people than cattle. You don't see the Birkenstock crowd criticizing them. Those are excellent points. Cows can make a lot of sense.

In fact, I would trust a cow before I would Bill Gates. It seems the little dweeb had been busy encouraging everybody around the world to give up eating beef. I have a feeling this issue may not be at the top of Bill's to-do list at the moment. News media have reported he had an affair with a Microsoft employee and also was alleged to have been hanging around with convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein. Now, wife Melinda Gates is giving him the boot. Cows must be laughing their heads off and hoping he is eating crow and burping a lot.

It isn't enough that our bovine friends are being blamed for melting all the icebergs in Antarctica, they are also accused of being bad for our health, as well. A recent poll said 58% of people surveyed think we would be healthier if we ate more fruits and vegetables and less meat. I must have been out when they called.

Another study claims vegetarians live almost 8 years longer than meat eaters. If that means 8 years of more broccoli and tofu burgers and fewer sides of barbecued ribs, beam me up now, Scotty.

By the way, a vegan diet generally lacks Vitamin B12, an important vitamin for proper brain function. Left ignored, it can lead to delusions, such

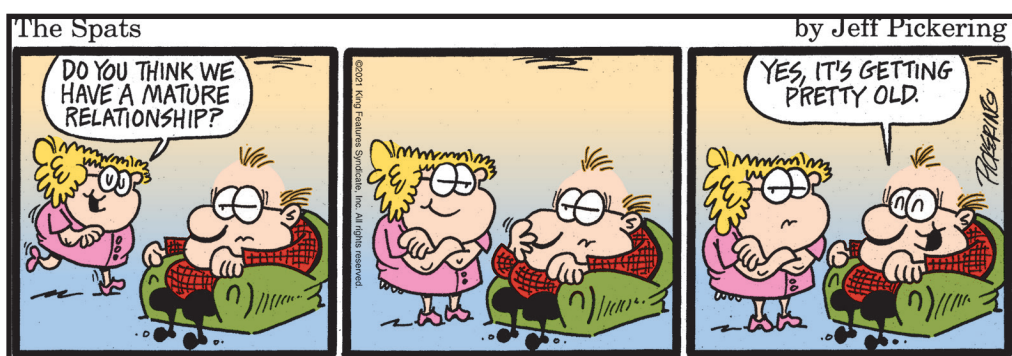
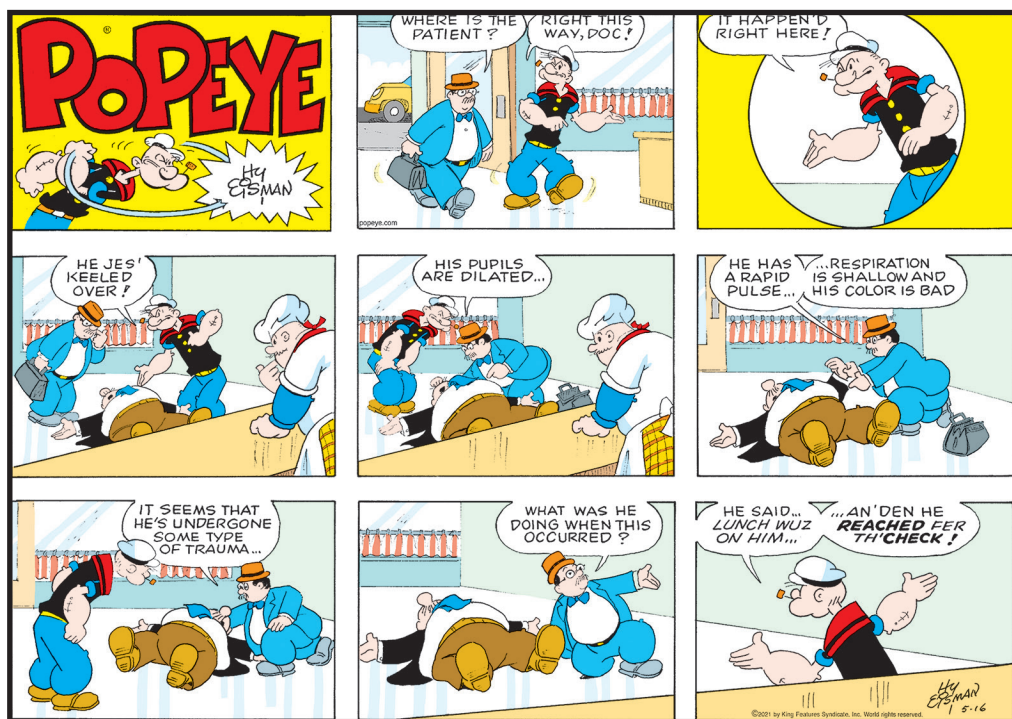
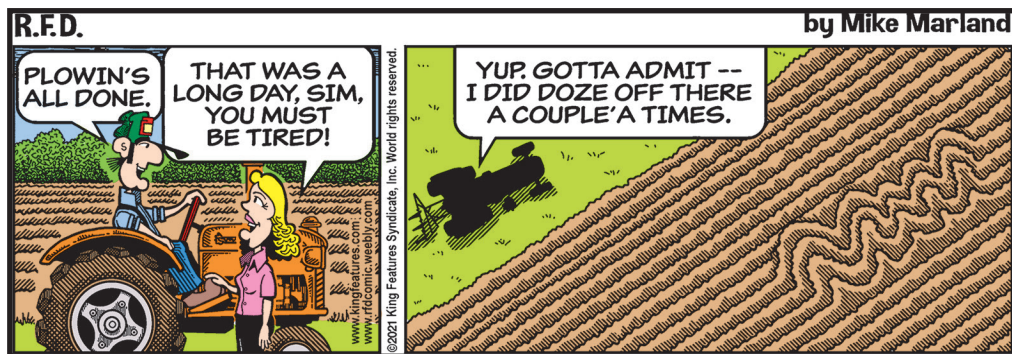
as thinking pine nuts taste better than a medium rare filet smothered in peppercorn sauce. I need to do a bit more study on the subject but I think a lack of B12 can also cause one to firebomb buildings, tear down statues and/or put on buffalo heads and go desecrate the U.S. Capitol. While futurists claim that global meat sales will decline by a third over the next two decades, U.S. consumption of beef is actually up and has been going up since 2015. Last year, we consumed almost 56 pounds of red meat per person.

Modestly, I have tried to do my part, thanks to Carla who runs the Yarbrough household and all that is within it. Let it be known that Carla could sauté a tin can and make you want to come back for seconds.

We are great team. She cooks it, I eat it. I don't foresee the day anytime soon when Carla will be feeding me organic Brazil nuts with avocado vinaigrette dressing. Instead, she sees to it that I get my regular daily allowance of Vitamin B12, zinc, selenium, iron, niacin and all that other stuff a growing boy needs. Where's the beef? On my backyard grill, of course. Burp!

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The Blade reserves the right to edit letters and limit the number of letters on any one subject from any one person.

Dr. Cooper speaks to EREA

President Elise Turner called the Emanuel Retired Educators Association (EREA) to order on May 19 at noon via Zoom. The president welcomed members and Verdell Brinson provided the invocation.

President Turner then recognized and welcomed guest Dr. Connie S. Cooper, Georgia Retired Educators Association (GREA) -Area 6 director. Dr. Cooper shared that a Presidents' Orientation will be held in Effingham County on May 27. She also reported Area 5 and Area 6 have a scheduled meeting in Savannah on August 24. Bulloch County will host the meeting. The GREA 62nd Annual Convention will take place October 19-21, 2021 at the Augusta Marriott. The slogan, *Empowered to Serve*, was

selected by new 2021-2022 GREA President, Dr. Henrietta Gray.

During the business session, the treasurer's report and the minutes of April 21 were reviewed and approved by members. Committee reports were presented, unfinished and new business were discussed.

Then, Scholarship Committee Chairs Syvretta Young and Dr. John Derden presented EREA's scholarship recipient for 2020-2021 Elijah Worthen. A check for \$500 would be given to him after the meeting. Next, Dr. Cooper installed the 2021-2022 EREA officers. She stated that this was her first ever-virtual installation. The new officers include:

President, Bobbie Daughtry; Pres-



DR. COOPER, GREA AREA 6 DIRECTOR

ident-elect, Jean Schwabe; Secretary, Derden; and Treasurer, Lena Nwakudu

Following the installation, Daughtry and members commended President Turner for the outstanding job she did this year as EREA president. Despite the challenges the pandemic presented, Turner rose to those challenges and did an excellent job.



EREA PRESIDENT TURNER

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned. The next EREA meeting will take place in September.

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.



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According to the safety organization Kids and Cars, an average of 37 children die each year in hot cars. These include instances where a child has been forgotten in a car, accidentally locks themselves in a car or trunk, or, in a small number of cases, when a child has been intentionally left in a car.

On a day that is just 72°F, the temperature inside a car can increase by 30-40 degrees in an hour, and 70 percent of this increase occurs the first 30 minutes.

Heat stroke may occur when body temperature passes 104°F.

Never leave children unattended in cars. Leaving the windows partially down has little effect on rising heat. Deaths from heatstroke can happen even when cars are parked in the shade.

Don't let your children play in your car, make sure the car's doors and trunk are locked when you're not using it, and keep the keys out of kids' reach. That may help prevent children from getting accidentally locked in the car.

Find ways to remind yourself that your child is in the car with you. For example, you could put your child's bag or lunch box on the front seat where you can see it. Or leave something on the back seat next to your child. Choose an item that you'll need at the end of the car trip, like your phone, wallet, or bag.

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For more information go to KidsandCars.org.



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May 25, 1961

PRINCIPAL, MRS. JOYNER ARE HONORED BY SCHOOL'S P.T.A.

Mrs. Douglas Collins, P.T.A. President, Mrs. Lloyd Joyner, holding a part of the silver tea service given to her and Mr. Joyner, who is holding another piece of the silver, on the evening they were honored by the P.T.A. of ECI and other organizations connected with the school at a farewell meeting. Mr. Joyner resigned as principal at ECI. (visit emanuelcountylive.com to see contestants' photos)

LEWIS PICKED BY STATE'S POSTMASTERS

Cecil Lewis of Twin City was reelected president of the Georgia branch of the National Postmasters' League at the group's 57 annual convention held at the Gen. Oglethorpe Hotel near Savannah. (visit emanuelcountylive.com to see contestants' photos)

May 26, 1971

RECEIVE PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS

Among students receiving Presidential Physical Fitness Awards at Swainsboro Elementary School were Craig Peebles, Donna Brinson, Rosemary Love, Lottie DuRant, Jessie Hale, Janice Hampton, Kenneth Maupin, Debbie Wyatt, Kay Scarboro, Teresa Daniels, Marie Johnson, and Terri Parrish. (visit emanuelcountylive.com to see contestants' photos)

RECEIVE GRANTS-IN-AID

Swainsboro High Boys' Basketball Coach James White congratulates Ernest Wynn, Mike Youmans, and Willier Harrison upon receiving athletic scholarships to Georgia College in Milledgeville. Ernest and Willie were members of the 1970-71 SHS cage team and Mike was a standout the previous year. (visit emanuelcountylive.com to see contestants' photos)

May 27, 1981

THE GRADUATES

Graduating from the kindergarten program at First Baptist Church were Dena Mangham, Holley Hendrix, Shea Farrar, Sandy Bailey, Amy Joyner, Melva Marsh, Benton Canady, Joey White, Todd Ellington, Chad Smith, Vincent Spencer, Benjie Kea, and Rocky Brazzell. Mrs. Annette Lashley was teacher. (visit emanuelcountylive.com to see contestants' photos)

YOU'RE NUMBER ONE

Mrs. Gloria Artis, LPN, was selected Emanuel County Hospital 'employee of the year'. She had been employed at the hospital since 1979. Presenting the plaque is Hospital Administrator Joe Tucker and Mrs. Frances Bender, director of nursing. (visit emanuelcountylive.com to see contestants' photos)

May 29, 1991

'AL CAPONE GANG'

Andrea Davis, Ashley Spencer, Chad Wammock, Beck Way, Brent VanArsdale, Bo Hall, and Chad White were producers of the Al Capone video which was entered in international student media festival competition. They were students of Susan Stephens' American History class at SHS. The video, produced as part of a cooperative learning project, won first place at the Georgia Student Media Festival. (visit emanuelcountylive.com to see contestants' photos)

MULLIS AWARD

Shaunte Smith won the Laura Wilkerson Mullis award at Adrian Elementary School. Presenting the plaque is Mrs. Beth Mullis. The award was presented each year during honors day in memory of Laura Mullis by her parents. (visit emanuelcountylive.com to see contestants' photos)

May 23, 2001

ROBINSON SIGNS WITH PAINE COLLEGE

Trai Robinson signed a letter of intent to play basketball at Paine College for the 2001-2002 season. Robinson, the quiet leader of SHS's basketball team, not only qualified for the athletic scholarship but also an academic scholarship. According to his high school coaches, Trai impressed them with his "good manners and dependability and will be an asset to any team for which he plays". Looking on are Eva Robinson, Trai's mother, Leroy Jordan and Rayvan Teague, coaches at SHS, and Michelle Cliett, SHS Principal. (visit emanuelcountylive.com to see contestants' photos)

FOUR-YEAR AWARDS

Swainsboro High School seniors receiving four-year awards were Chase Bishop, Leah Kight, Adrienne Moore, Jessica Black, John Williams, Adam Kersey, and Cherri Harrison. (visit emanuelcountylive.com to see contestants' photos)

May 25, 2011

KENNEDY/KIRKLAND SIGN WITH EGC

Luke Kennedy and Dustin Kirkland signed with the EGC Bobcat Baseball Team. Both are from Swainsboro, graduated from SHS, and planned to pursue a degree in physical education. Both also got their start playing Swainsboro Dixie Youth Baseball. Kennedy played second and third base with SHS and Kirkland played as catcher and outfielder. Pictured are SHS Coaches Ashley Hooks, Rob Gray, Rusty Kea, EGC Baseball Head Coach Chuck Lusted, and SHS Coach Corey Chalker. (visit emanuelcountylive.com to see contestants' photos)

BAND OF GOLD MARCHES AT DISNEY

The Swainsboro High School Band of Gold traveled to Disney World in Orlando May 12-14 to take part in the Dreams Come True parade. The team was accepted after band director, Barry Golden, submitted a tape of a football game halftime show. In full uniform, the band, followed by a high school from New Jersey, performed their parade routine through the Magic Kingdom. The students were also treated theme park visits at Epcot, Magic Kingdom, and Animal Kingdom. Sixty-two band and Danceline members attended the event accompanied by Golden, assistant band director Gene Hundley, and Danceline coaches Toney Golden and Rylan Smith. Chaperoning the event were Mark and Lynn Stevens, Steven Golden, and Jesse Garrett, Dorothy Young, Jamie and Brenda Crews, Cliff Smith, Molly Smith, and Brenda Henry. (visit emanuelcountylive.com to see contestants' photos)

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Emanuel Medical Center hosts Total Wellness Session at Fulford Center

The second session of the 2021 Total Wellness Series was held Tuesday, May 18, at noon, at the Sudie A. Fulford Community Learning Center on the campus of East Georgia State College. Emanuel Medical Center provided useful information on COVID-19 and vaccinations. Bailey Creamer, Director of Pharmacy, along with Jesse Underwood, a pharmacy student, presented the presentation.

Each attendee was given a handout with information about symptoms, treatment options, and vaccinations. Guests in attendance were able to ask questions about the three different types of COVID-19 vaccines, the right time to get the vaccines, and what they should do after receiving the vaccine.

East Georgia State College, along with the community, would like to thank Emanuel Medical Center, Bailey Creamer, Jesse Underwood, and Carmen

Tanner for the wonderful information that was passed along and the lunch and prizes that were provided.

Each Total Wellness session is FREE and made possible through a partnership with Emanuel Medical Center, East Georgia Healthcare Center, East Georgia State College, Queensborough National Bank and Trust Company, UGA Extension, and CarePartners. There is no cost to participate, and enrollment is limited to 20 people. The sessions feature lunch, a presentation, handouts and door prizes. Social distancing guidelines are followed, and fully vaccinated guests are not required to wear a face covering. Pre-registration is required and may be made with Harley Smith at the Fulford Center at (478) 289-2464 or by email hdsmith@ega.edu. The next session is September 21, 2021.



UNDERWOOD SPEAKING TO GUESTS

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Submitted by UGA SNAP-Ed

The University of Georgia, Emanuel County Extension, and SNAP-Ed, are joining forces this summer in an effort to help Georgians get hydrated and healthy by drinking more water. The Drink Water, Georgia! Campaign is a team effort across the state to reach people with the fact that drinking water is best for overall health. This campaign includes media pieces and text messages to encourage drinking water rather than sugary beverages like sweet tea, sodas, and sports drinks.

Residents are encouraged to text "WATER" or "Agua" to (833) 712-1267 to join. The option to sign-up begins June 1 and lasts through July 4, 2021. Messages with tips and

recipes are available in English and Spanish and run for seven weeks.

Did you know that about 60% of your body is made of water? Adequate hydration helps your body function properly. The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics recommends that women need about 11.5 cups of water per day and men need about 15.5 cups of water daily. Being very active or spending time in the hot Georgia sun causes you to sweat! This raises your need to hydrate even more. In fact, if you feel thirsty and your lips and mouth are dry, you are most likely already dehydrated. One great way to keep hydrated is to carry a reusable water bottle. Set a timer to remember to drink water throughout the day.

Staying well hydrated

will benefit your body in many ways. Be on the lookout for the next newspaper article, which will inform you about some of the health benefits of drinking water.

Emanuel County Extension is happy to see that the UGA SNAP-Ed Program chose to bring this exciting campaign to our community! Multiple efforts are in place to reach out to our residents: Billboards, Facebook invitations, and newspaper articles will encourage them to sign up for the texting program.

For more information about the Drink Water, Georgia! Campaign, contact Emanuel County Extension at 478-237-1226; uge3107@uga.edu or the University of Georgia SNAP-Ed Program at snap-eduga.edu.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Emanuel County Board of Education will hold its Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. at Emanuel County Board of Education Office located at 201 North Main Street, Swainsboro, GA 30401. During this meeting, there will be an opportunity for public input on the Emanuel County Board of Education Fiscal Year 2022 Budget.

ClearWater awards scholarship to Swainsboro High senior

Kelly among 14 scholarship winners in Southeast

ClearWater Solutions, which manages the public works, water and wastewater systems for numerous communities in the Southeast, recently announced that Tyler Kelly of Swainsboro High School was chosen as a winner of a ClearWater scholarship for 2021. Kelly is one of 14 well-deserving graduating seniors at high schools in areas served by ClearWater who were awarded the \$1,000 scholarships.

ClearWater Regional Manager Tim Mitchell awarded the scholarship to Kelly. "We are extremely proud of Tyler. His accomplishments in the classroom and his involvement in school activities show he's well-deserving," Mitchell said. "We are happy that we are able to continue to recognize talented young

people like him, and hope this scholarship encourages other students at Swainsboro High to excel as well."

ClearWater President Rick Ailiff noted that ClearWater increased the number of scholarships it awarded from two in 2019, to 10 last year and to 14 this year. Two of the 14 scholarships were awarded to dependents of ClearWater employees.

"We believe assisting students in obtaining a college education is a great investment in the communities we serve," Ailiff said. "A community does well when its young people do well, and a college education, for many young people, is the key that unlocks the door to opportunities and success."

Those opportunities

include higher potential earning power. A study last year, for example, found that a student with an associate degree from a two-year community college can expect to earn about \$7,300 more a year than peers with only a high school diploma. A four-year college degree adds, on average, another \$18,000 a year in earnings. Unemployment rates are also substantially lower for those with some college education.

Winning students can use their scholarships in any college or technical school in pursuit of the degree of their choice. High school academic performance, community involvement and financial need were considered in choosing the winners.

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Franklin Memorial Library - changing lives

Franklin Memorial Library has one of the best kept secrets around town, and they want to get the word out. It is called GLASS Services. It stands for Georgia Library for Accessible Statewide Services. GLASS provides talking books to patrons with trouble seeing across Georgia for free.

Recently, one of Franklin Memorial Library's

loyal patrons, Emily Maupin, contacted the library, inquiring on any programs the library could provide to help her. She had been an avid reader most of her life until about three years ago when macular degeneration started robbing her of her eyesight, and she could no longer see to read books. She tried checking out books on CD, but soon had problems seeing the numbers on the CDs and had difficulty loading the correct CD in the machine. She truly missed reading or hearing the books by her favorite authors. She found herself spending long and lonely days just sitting in her room at Church Street Manor with nothing to do. The hours passed slowly.

A Franklin Memorial Library staff member contacted a GLASS representative, and, in a matter of days, Maupin received her player and two books in a compact disc by her favorite authors. The discs are mailed to her, and she returns the discs by mail free of charge.

Maupin stated, "This is just what I needed." She now passes the time listening to her favorite authors and books. She said it is so easy to use. The buttons are large and color coded. The volume levels can easily be adjusted to help with her hearing impairment. She is so excited about this program and wants others to know about it.

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MAUPIN

Library for assistance in finding the joy of getting lost in a good book again.



**FY22 TENTATIVE BUDGET
EMANUEL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
JULY 1, 2021 - JUNE 30, 2022**

	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS
ESTIMATED REVENUES:			
LOCAL TAXES	\$ 7,695,000		
OTHER LOCAL REVENUES	\$ 421,500	\$ 83,825	\$ 2,000
STATE SOURCES	\$ 29,099,304	\$ 1,191,128	\$ 720,000
FEDERAL SOURCES		\$ 14,701,086	
INCOMING TRANSFERS			\$ 2,700,000
SALES TAX COLLECTIONS			
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES	\$ 37,215,804	\$ 15,976,039	\$ 3,422,000
ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES:			
INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES	\$ 19,612,851	\$ 11,735,853	\$ 528,000
PUPIL SERVICES	\$ 2,199,362	\$ 236,552	
IMP OF INSTRUCTION SERVICES	\$ 285,815	\$ 8,333	
INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF TRAINING	\$ 61,000	\$ 594,098	
MEDIA SERVICES	\$ 725,402		
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION SERVICES	\$ 813,101		
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION SERVICES	\$ 2,802,616	\$ 104,569	
BUSINESS SERVICES	\$ 437,628		
MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION SERVICES	\$ 3,222,880	\$ 31,524	
STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES	\$ 2,343,803	\$ 287,086	\$ 100,000
CENTRAL SUPPORT SERVICES	\$ 770,568		
OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES	\$ 22,800		
SCHOOL NUTRITION SERVICES		\$ 2,978,025	
FACILITIES ACQ & CONST SERVICES			\$ 4,150,000
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	\$ 33,297,826	\$ 15,976,039	\$ 4,778,000
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXP	\$ 3,917,978	\$ (0)	\$ (1,356,000)
ESTIMATED TOTAL FUND BALANCE JULY 1, 2021	\$ 11,453,092	\$ 478,774	\$ 5,042,854
ESTIMATED FUND BALANCE AVAILABLE JUNE 30, 2022	\$ 15,371,070	\$ 478,774	\$ 3,686,854

The Emanuel County Board of Education Fiscal Year 2022 Budget will be considered for final adoption by the Board on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Emanuel County Board of Education Central Office located at 201 North Main Street, Swainsboro, GA 30401. As stated in the notices published in *The Forest Blade* and *The Crossroads Chronicle*, an opportunity for public input will be provided during the May 11 and June 8 board meetings regarding the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget.

Dates set for SECRD's fifth annual ATAP summer camp

This year's 5th Annual ATAP Fundamentals Summer Camp will be held June 1 through June 3 at the Swainsboro-Emanuel County Recreation Department, located at 632 McLeod Bridge Road in Swainsboro. Summer camp sessions for ages 6-12 will take place from 9 until 11:30 a.m., Tuesday through Thursday. Ages 13-17 will meet the same days from 12 until 2:30 p.m. A camp \$75 camp fee is required to participate and will include a t-shirt, Beastmode camper, sportsmanship camper, and medals. For more information, contact SECRD at 478-237-6933.

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Franklin Memorial Library announces Summer Reading Program plans

Franklin Memorial Library will host a Tales & Tails-themed Summer Reading Program this year with lots of fun events and opportunities to earn fantastic prizes for all ages. In celebration of this year's program, a kickoff party has been set for 2 p.m. tomorrow, May 27, and will feature games, food and prizes. The following week, Tuesday, June 1, Franklin Memorial Library will begin its first day of the Summer Reading Program at 11 a.m. with "Tail Waggin' Tales" presented by Barry Mann.

Franklin Memorial Library's hours of opera-

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 "Tail Waggin' Tales" w/ Barry Mann @ 11	2 Adult Craft @ 10:30	3 Teen Craft @ 4	4 Toddler Time at Harmon Park @ 10:30	5
7 Children's Craft @ 10 & 2 Guitar Ensemble @ 4	8 Tales & Tails Galore @ 11	9 Adult Craft @ 10:30	10 Teen Craft @ 4	11 Toddler Time at Harmon Park @ 10:30	12
14 Children's Craft @ 10 & 2 Guitar Ensemble @ 4	15 "Unicorns: Break the Cage" w/ TaleWise @ 11	16 Adult Craft @ 10:30	17 Teen Craft @ 4	18 Toddler Time at Harmon Park @ 10:30	19
21 Children's Craft @ 10 & 2 Guitar Ensemble @ 4	22 Georgia Southern Wildlife Program @ 11	23 Adult Craft @ 10:30	24 Teen Craft @ 4	25 Toddler Time at Harmon Park @ 10:30	26
28 Children's Craft @ 10 & 2 Guitar Ensemble @ 4	29 "For the Love of Pets" w/ Farm Bureau @ 11	30 Adult Craft @ 10:30			

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EGSC announces Bradwell Institute L.E.A.D. Scholars

Jason Lee, assistant professor at East Georgia State College, presented L.E.A.D. certificates to ten students during Bradwell Institute's Honors Night. Students awarded the L.E.A.D. the Way Scholar designation are as follows: Isaac Ayala, Ashley Dayutis, Valerie Haiungs, Caleb Hamilton, Hampton Jackson, Tyge Larry, Hannah Maldonado-Matos, Jocelyn Robles, Iyaira Rodriguez, and Connor Stephens.



L.E.A.D. STUDENTS WITH LEE

L.E.A.D. the Way is an initiative started by EGSC to honor select high school juniors. The initiative was designed to recognize juniors through the following criteria: Leadership (leadership qualities within and/or outside of school),

Engagement (engagement within the school body and/or community), Achievement (scholastic achievements so far) and Dedication (dedication to their education and future). Nominations were at the discretion of each school's guidance

office. The goal of the L.E.A.D. the Way Program is to recognize juniors for their accomplishments and raise awareness of the value of attending East Georgia State College. With three locations, low tuition rates,

small class sizes, transferable courses and relevant associate and targeted bachelor degree offerings, EGSC is confident that students will benefit from beginning their post-secondary education as a Bobcat.

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Brier Creek hears Chatham Artillery presentation

The Brier Creek Chapter, Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution held its monthly meeting, Thursday night, May 6, at 7 p.m. at the American Legion. Those that wanted to eat before the meeting met at Wall's Diner at 5:30 p.m. for a meal. With President Wayne Howard presiding, there were 17 members and guests in attendance. Dual member Dess Smith III was asked by President Howard to give a report on past events that have taken place since the last meeting. Smith also talked about the upcoming Annual Pine Tree Festival Parade set to take place in Swainsboro at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 8. President Howard then asked Compatriots Grady Jenkins and Byran Hogsette to come forward to be inducted into the Brier Creek Chapter. Grady joined as a descendant of Patriot Anthony Bonnell and Hogsette joined as a descendant of Patriot James Scott. President Howard introduced program presenter Calvin Cole, historian for the Chatham Artillery in Savannah. Cole spoke a lot about the Chatham Artillery and the leading role that they have played in the history of the state of Georgia since the American Revolution.



INDUCTION OF TWO NEW MEMBERS JENKINS AND HOGSETTE WITH PRESIDENT HOWARD IN THE MIDDLE



PRESIDENT HOWARD AND PROGRAM PRESENTER COLE

American Forces when the British attacked Savannah. They also saw service in the Oconee wars, The Embargo Wars, and the War of 1812. They were part of the force that occupied Fort Pulaski that opened the American Civil War and served in and around Savannah and Charleston. Later, in 1872, they mustered out to the border with Mexico to stop Pancho Villa's raids in the US. They served with the Dixie Division in France

during WWI and landed on Normandy Beach on D-Day plus 4 in WWII. In 2005, they were mobilized again into federal service from the Georgia Army National Guard, as an element of the 48th Brigade Combat team serving in Iraq, part of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. Today they remain in service, as a modular artillery brigade of the Georgia Army National Guard, the 118th Field Artillery.

PUBLIC NOTICE
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 JOINT PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE for Emanuel County Joint Comprehensive Plan
 Amendment for the addition of a Broadband Element
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 Please attend, voice your opinions, and be involved. All persons with a disability or otherwise needing assistance should contact Emanuel County Commissioner's Office, 101 North Main Street, Swainsboro, Georgia, or call 478-237-3881.

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Jail Report

The following persons have been booked into Emanuel County Jail, according to Emanuel County Sheriff Jeffrey Brewer, on warrants obtained by one of several local law enforcement agencies, designated by each name: Drug Task Force (DTF); Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI); Georgia Department of Pardons and Parole (GAPP); Georgia State Patrol (GSP); Emanuel County Sheriff's Office (ECSCO); Swainsboro Police Dept. (SPD); Stillmore Police Dept. (SMPD); Twin City

Police Department (TCPD); Garfield Police Dept. (GPD); Adrian Police Dept. (APD); Child Support Recovery Unit (CSRU); Intensive Probation Service (IPS); or Probation Office (PROB).

Robert Lee Merrill, 46, 21 E. Green St, Adrian, entered 5/17/21; Firearm poss by conv felon; released 5/19/21; WALK-IN
 Jayson Michael Carter, 30, 102 Marion St, Milledgeville, entered 5/17/21; Probation/ Superior court/

Probation/Superior court/ Hold for Johnson County; ECSCO
 Seth Cantrell Edge, 17, 2409 Francis St, Clinton, SC; entered 5/17/21; Obstr/ofc; ECSCO
 Dominick Gavin Landon, 22, 1257 Lambs Bridge Rd, entered 5/18/21; VGCSA possession of MDMA/ Possession of methamphetamine; released 5/20/21; SPD
 William Garrett McDaniel, 40, 4340 Hey 17 S, Millen, entered 5/18/21; Expired tag/

Driving lic susp/rev; released 5/18/21; SPD
 Cleve Jerome Williams, Jr, 35, 368 Stevens Dr, entered 5/19/21; Probation/SPD/Middle Ga Probation/Probation/SPD/Middle Ga Probation/Other; SPD
 Rafael Lamont Denson, 29, 72 Redbud Ave, entered 5/19/21; Probation/ Superior court; released ECSCO
 Tiara Ledaja Allen, 24, 404 Project St, entered 5/19/21; Other; released 5/20/21; SPD

Victoria Alexandra Garnto, 33, 39 Arthur Hutcheson Dr, Adrian, entered 5/20/21; Bench warrant/Superior court; ECSCO
 Lonnie Davis, Jr, 38, 661 Friendly Way, entered 5/20/21; Bench warrant/ Superior court; ECSCO
 William A. Brewer, Jr, 42, 1503 E. 1st St, Vidalia, entered 5/20/21; Child support/Superior court contempt order; ECSCO
 Michael Paul Thompson, 43, 60 Mustang Rd, entered 5/21/21; DUI/

drugs; released 5/21/21; SPD
 Kenny Bernard Miller, Jr, 30, 555 Turner Dr, entered 5/22/21; Other; released 5/23/21; SPD
 Larry Burton Bailey, III, 20, 424 N. Main St, entered 5/23/21; Aggr battery/ Aggr assault/Probation/ State court/Middle Ga Probation; ECSCO
 Christian Aubrey Brendel, 17, 32 N. Prong Rd, entered 5/23/21; Terror threats and acts; ECSCO

Swainsboro Police Reports

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

May 6

Officers took a report from a woman stating that about a week ago her vehicle was hit at a local store, causing damage to the passenger front and busted a light.

May 13

Officers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle that was going 58 MPH in a 35 MPH zone. The driver stated he did not have his license on him, but gave the officer his name and date of birth. The officer ran his information in the system, then went back to the vehicle and informed the driver his license was suspended. He was arrested and transported to jail.

Officers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle driving with no headlights. The officer ran the tag and it came back with suspended registration and stated there is no insurance on the vehicle. The drivers mother was in the passenger seat and was getting loud and cursing at the officer about not having insurance. The officer attempted to explain the citation to the mother, but she continued cursing towards the officer. The daughter/driver apologized to the officer for her mothers behavior.

Officers responded in reference to damage to property. The man explained to the officer that he lived with this Aunt, cousins, and other people and that he went for a walk, but when he came back home to play his video game, the disk was severely scratched up and he thinks someone did it on purpose.

Officers were dispatched to the local hospital in the emergency room in reference to a male subject with two gunshot wounds. Officers later discovered that he was dropped off at the ER. The man informed the officer that they were arguing because another man was romantically involved with another

woman.

Officers were dispatched in reference to a terroristic threat. The man stated that he had been driving a woman around and he dropped her off at a local convenient store and informed her that he would not be driving her anymore. She responded with "That's alright, My brother has an AK-47 that can take care of you." The brother was not on the scene at this time.

Officer noticed that a vehicle was pulled over on the side of the road and had a flat tire. The officer stopped to see if he could assist the driver, but she stated her father went to get everything they needed to fix it. The driver stated that she was driving when she noticed a big pile of dirt in the road with bricks in it, which caused her flat tire. The officer went to where the driver stated the dirt pile was and spoke with a man who was the project supervisor, informing traffic to slow down and go around the dirt pile until the clean-up crew could get there and clean up the debris. The dirt pile was from one of the dump trucks from tearing down an old building, the truck driver made a turn and debris fell out. The tire damage will be handled per the project supervisor.

Officers were dispatched in reference to a man stating his neighbors dog got out and killed his three goats. The dog owner did not think that his dog killed them, but since his dog was out he stated he would pay the expenses for them.

Officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle going 61 MPH in a 35 MPS school zone. The officer informed the driver of why he was bring stopped and he noticed a strong odor of alcohol on the drivers breath. The driver stated he only had one shot earlier. The officer got his breath test and explained how to property use it. The

driver blew and failed the test. The officer showed him that he failed the test and informed him that he was going to be placed under arrest for driving under the influence. The driver was begging the officer not to charge him and began backing up as if he was going to run. The officer went to place him in handcuffs and he ran back to the vehicle and took off. The officer requested for backup and notified Emanuel County 911 and GSP that he was in a chase. The driver was heading back through the school zone, towards town and gaining speed running about 70 MPH. The driver had a delivery sign on top of his vehicle that flew off in the air. The driver pulled over and tried to run on foot, he was given commands and he did not comply. Officers had to go hands on and physically put him on the ground. Once on the ground, weapons were holstered and he was placed under arrest. He was transported to jail and given multiple citations.

May 14

Officer was dispatched in reference to a woman wanting to make a report on her nephew for taking her TV. The nephew stated he had taken he TV to his grandmothers residence due to his gaming system being broken, but that he was going to give the TV back but his aunt and cousin became combative, so he did not. He was arrested and taken to jail.

Officer was in attempt to serve a FTA bench warrant and the man was arrested without incident on the failure to appear bench warrant. The male subject stated he was having some medical issues and had an appointment he needed to make in the morning. He was transported to the jail.

May 15

Officer was patrolling the area of S. Circle when he noticed a vehicle with one taillight and it was going off and on. By the time the officer caught up with the vehicle, he was on Electric Rd., at which time he activated his emergency equipment and conducted a traffic stop. Before approaching the vehicle, the tag was run and found to have suspended registration and no valid insurance. When make contact with the driver, he stated he was aware of the

taillight and he had just picked it up from his wife so he could go to work. He further stated that he did not have a clue that he did not have insurance. Officer then asked for his license and he stated he did not have any and that they were suspended.

Officer was dispatched to N. Coleman St. in reference to an individual busting a window. Upon arrival, contact was made with complainant who stated she was laying in bed and heard a loud noise against her bedroom window and jumped up and ran to the hallway with her daughter, at which point she looked outside and saw an individual's truck in the road with the hazards on. C/o stated she and her daughter heard the windows in her bedroom bust and ran outside and got into her neighbor's car. C/o stated she did not see anyone inside or outside of the vehicle. C/o further stated she had received numerous calls that she ignored from the individual prior to the incident. Officer walked around the back of the apartment where two broken windows were completely shattered. Inside the house in the bedroom was a large quantity of glass.

Officer was dispatched to Days Inn in reference to a damaged vehicle. Complainant stated he went outside and observed a dent in the front right door of his vehicle.

Officer was traveling on S. Main St. when he observed a vehicle with the driver being known to have a bench warrant, at which time he turned around and caught up with the vehicle. The vehicle turned into Harvey's and the officer made contact after he parked. Officer informed the driver of the bench warrant for his arrest and he was placed under arrest.

Officer was dispatched to WalMart in reference to a male wanting to file a report about trying to send money via WalMart to WalMart and the transaction not going through. Upon officer's arrival, he met with c/o at the Service Desk. C/o stated he had sent money this way several times in the past but had recently had his credit locked due to someone possible using it in NC to fraudulently purchase a vehicle and his lawyer advised him to make a report of this incident. WalMart refunded c/o his money while officer was on scene.

Officer was dispatched to Crump St. in reference to someone entering into complainant's residence. Upon arrival, no one was found to be at the residence and it was secure. Officer contacted 911 and asked for the phone number of the c/o. Officer then contacted the c/o who advised that her neighbor called her as the offender was on her property. According to the c/o, the neighbor informed her that a truck pulled into

her residence and exited the vehicle and went to the front door where he knocked. When no one went to the door, the male went back to the truck and spoke with a female passenger. Once finished speaking with the female, offender returned to the door at which point he opened the door and went inside. The neighbor stated the male did not stay inside long before going back outside and getting into his truck. C/o advised that her boyfriend had been trying to assist offender into getting back on his feet but offender should not have had a key to the residence. C/o also advised that there was nothing of offender's inside the residence and he should not have gone out there for anything.

Officer was dispatched to Bell St. in reference to complainant stating her ex-boyfriend has been harassing her via cell-phone. C/o stated he keeps telling her that they haven't broken up and that they are still together and that offender told her that if she didn't talk to him that he was going to go to her house.

May 17

Officer was dispatched to WalMart in reference to damage to a vehicle. Upon arrival, officer spoke with complainant who stated that while traveling through the parking lot, he swerved to miss a vehicle that was about to hit him and when he swerved, he struck a concrete pole causing damage to his vehicle.

Officer responded to N. Green St. in reference to terroristic threats. Upon arrival, officer met with complainant who stated that while video chatting with offender via FB he became irate when she turned down his relationship advances. C/o stated that offender opened up two gun cases, both containing a pistol, and advised he would "take care of her". C/o advised she has not had contact with offender since she hung up on him, but they had been "talking" about two months ago but it didn't work out and she is now seeing someone else and that's why offender is upset.

May 18

Officer was assisting a deputy who had been walking near the college. While assisting, it was learned that offender had an active warrant and was placed under arrest.

May 19

Officer responded to Latitude 105 in reference to a report of threats being made from a female that lived there. Upon arrival, officer observed offender standing at the front door yelling at someone in the parking lot. Officer exited his patrol unit and addressed offender about her yelling and the complainant started yelling at the officer that she called him and he was walking towards offender. Officer advised c/o to stay at her vehicle and he would

speak to her after speaking to offender. Officer got offender to calm down and walked over to c/o who stated that offender posted a post on social media threatening her and her family. Officer told c/o that he would do a report for her but she was in the wrong for going to where offender resides knowing that offender had made threats. C/o then stated she wanted police to respond so they could speak with both parties at the same time. Officer advised c/o to stay away from offender's residence and she agreed and left. Officer spoke with offender who stated that c/o had threatened her and took people to her residence to jump on her. Offender stated the issue stemmed from a fight she had with c/o's daughter previously. Officer advised offender to not post inflammatory posts on social media and that c/o stated offender threatened to go to her residence and advised that she needed to stay away from c/o's residence and that c/o was advised to stay away from offender's residence.

May 20

Officer was dispatched to N. Coleman in reference to an aggressive dog. Upon arrival, officer met with complainant who stated he was riding his bike and a pit bulldog bit his boot. Animal control was called for the dog at large and due to it biting an individual. Upon arrival, the dog went into a bush and it was found that the dog had a litter of puppies inside the bush, which could have been the reason for the aggression.

May 21

Officers were dispatched to N. Coleman St. in reference to a female who was assaulted by offender and was said to have a gun. Upon arrival, contact was made with complainant who was upset and holding ice on a large knot on her forehead. C/o stated she and a friend were sitting in the car when offender went up and attacked the individual. C/o stated she got out of the car screaming, asking offender why he was doing this and offender went around the car and attacked her. C/o stated she was struck twice with a closed fist but didn't think she ever lost consciousness, just got dizzy. C/o further stated people began to intervene and she was able to get away and walked around the block to N. Coleman St. No contact was made with offender. A written statement was provided by c/o and body worn camera footage of her injuries were captured. A warrant will be taken out on offender for battery family violence. C/o and offender are not married and do not share children but have prior cohabitation. C/o stated she is in fear of her life because offender is stalking her, therefore she is going to pursue a TPO.

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Sheriff's Reports

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

May 17
Complainant stated she and offender were together in another jurisdiction and they agreed for offender to take c/o's pit bull puppy to stay at offender's mother's house until it was time for offender to go to TN to work. C/o stated it is now time for her to get the dog back but offender and his mother refuse to let her get him.

Complainant stated he gave his permission for offender to get his property from a motel room in Atlanta while he was incarcerated and offender took approx. \$2500 worth of items belonging to him and kept them. C/o also stated offender went into his Bank of America acct. and transferred \$3000 into his CashApp acct. C/o stated that these offenses should be handled by our deputies because he was locked up in Em. Co. when they occurred and requested an Investigator to call him.

Deputies were dispatched to Crider in reference to an animal collision. Complainant stated she was traveling on Griffin Ferry Rd. when she struck a deer, causing moderate damage. No injuries were reported.

Deputy received a call from complainant advising that he made a report through Baldwin Co. in reference to his stolen vehicle. C/o stated he was in the hospital at the time his vehicle was stolen and he suspects that his neighbor stole it. C/o stated that another neighbor advised that he heard offender was on his way to Oak Park to pick up a female.

Complainant stated offender put her personal info in an article without her permission.

Deputy was doing routine patrol on Hwy 56 N near Blun Community when he noticed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed, at which time he used his Radar to determine the vehicle was traveling 83 MPH. The vehicle pulled off the side of the road and the driver fled on foot into the woods. Appx. 2 hours later, deputy made contact with the male and as he pulled off the road behind him, offender took off running through the woods back towards Summertown. Deputy then called for assistance. While both deputies were patrolling Summertown, the male subject was observed walking on the railroad tracks. After a short chase, offender was apprehended. Offender stated the reason he was running was because he left a boy's home in SC and did not want to go back. SC did have offender listed as a missing juvenile.

Deputies and SPD responded to a single vehicle accident at the intersection of Modoc

Rd. and Fairground Rd. Upon arrival, they were unable to locate anyone in or around the vehicle and there was a female's wallet and cash sitting in the front seat of the vehicle and within minutes of being on scene, 911 advised that offender, which is the owner of the vehicle, called in stating she wanted to report her vehicle stolen and that it had been missing for two hours. 911 also advised that offender was at a Hwy 56 N. residence. Another deputy and police officer were advised to ride to the said location to talk with offender about what she stated to 911. When they arrived, offender refused to go outside to speak with them and while at the residence, they stated the boyfriend showed up and tried calling offender by phone and when she answered she told him that she told them she did not want to make a report and still refused to go outside and speak with them. Deputy and officer stated they got the boyfriend to try calling her one more time to explain to her that they needed her to go outside and speak with them or she could possibly be charged with false report of a crime and improper use of 911 communications and she stated to them that she did not give a "blank" and hung up the phone. The vehicle was removed from the scene and transported to the County Impound Lot.

May 18
Deputy was traveling on Lambs Bridge Rd. when he observed a male walking beside the roadway. As the deputy approached, the male extended his arm out in a manner that indicated he was trying to get a ride. Deputy made contact with offender who identified himself and stated he was walking from his residence and was trying to get to his girlfriend's house near Thompson's Mini Mart. Offender was advised he would give him a ride to the location. A check of ECSO outstanding warrant list indicated offender to have an outstanding felony warrant through SPD. Officer arrived and confirmed the warrant and placed offender under arrest.

Deputies were dispatched to Sunset Dr. in reference to a domestic dispute. Upon arriving on scene, deputies met with caller and offender. It was advised the incident was a verbal altercation between both parties. One offender was advised to have left the residence prior to deputy's arrival. Other offender advised the two would stay separated for the rest of the night to avoid further conflict.

Deputy was traveling on Modoc Rd. when he observed an abandoned vehicle bedside

the roadway. When the tag was run through 911, it showed that the tag belonged to a different vehicle belonging to someone else. The VIN was run through 911 which indicated the vehicle to have expired registration and no valid insurance. Vehicle was towed with a hold being placed on it for proper tag and insurance.

Deputy made contact with complainant via phone call in reference to a suspicious vehicle traveling on Drew Bennett Rd.

Complainant stated victim's grandmother picked victim up from c/o's residence and took her to New York where the father lives, stating she would have her back by Wed. or Thurs. Offender told c/o he would not bring victim back because c/o is on drugs. C/o stated she and offender have not been to court for custody but she was in the process of filing the needed paperwork and needed a report.

Complainant stated offender has been becoming violent towards him and other family members and stated offender believes other family members are taking his land.

Complainant stated he was traveling on US 1 N. and hit something in the roadway, busting his oil pan.

Complainant stated offender has been sending her threatening messages on messenger. C/o could not give a location or address on offender other than possibly Monroe, GA or FL. C/o was advised to call 911 if offender contacted her personally. C/o believes the threats are stemming from a previous incident.

May 19
Complainant stated him and offender recently broke up and she sent him a text stating that if he didn't give her \$700, she was going to take out a loan with his information.

Complainant stated while traveling on Lanier Rd, a low hanging tree caught the side of his trailer causing extensive damage.

Deputies responded to Hwy 80 E. for a domestic dispute. Upon arrival, deputy spoke with both parties and complainant stated she and her boyfriend were having a verbal argument because she wanted to leave. C/o stated offender did not physically harm her or threaten her in any way, she just wanted them to talk to offender. C/o further stated she slapped offender because he was cursing at her even though he did not harm her or make her feel threatened with physical violence. Deputy spoke with offender who stated he had trust issues because his male friends always steal his girlfriends. Offender stated

c/o had been spending time with a male neighbor and he was jealous. He further stated he did not want c/o to leave him and that was why he was upset. Offender stated c/o did not threaten him but she did slap him across the face. Offender further stated he did not want anything bad to happen to c/o and that he would not take warrants out on her given the option because he wanted to fix the relationship. Parties both stated there would be no further issue because c/o was intending to leave directly after to pick up her son and take him back to the residence.

May 20
Deputy responded to SPD for a damaged vehicle. Officer stated he opened the driver's side front door of the police transport van and it slipped out of his hand, over extending into the driver's side back door of the vehicle parked next to it. Deputy observed a small scratch to the area of the neighboring vehicle.

Complainant stated he and his girlfriend were meeting with her soon to be ex-husband so offender could see his child. C/o stated when they met, ex-husband walked over to the passenger side of offender's truck and started talking to his ex-fiancé about the child they have together and the victim was on the driver side of the truck talking to offender about their child when offender pushed the victim so he ran over to the driver side of the truck to get in between victim and offender and offender slammed the truck in drive causing the door of the truck to hit him in the head and then offender started doing donuts with the truck, running over his ankle while he was on the ground. Offender agreed that they met so he could see his child but the victim started arguing with him then snatched his door open and refused to move and used one arm to try and push the victim away from his vehicle and that's when c/o went to his side of the vehicle and grabbed him by the shirt trying to pull him out of the vehicle so he put the truck in drive to try to get away from c/o and that's when c/o go hit by the door. C/o did have a small cut on his forehead and offender's shirt was ripped around the neckline. Neither party wanted to pursue charges at the time.

Complainant stated offender keeps calling and harassing her on the phone and on social media.
Deputies responded to Hwy 56 N. for a theft report. Upon arrival, deputy spoke with c/o who stated that a friend of his gave him a freezer and due to no outlets

being present in the front of his residence, he had to place it in the rear of the house and a few days after placing it there, he noticed that the freezer was gone and when he asked around, he noticed one of his neighbor's had gotten a new freezer recently. C/o did some looking around and was able to find the freezer just inside a neighbor's house and when he confronted the neighbor, he was blocked.

Deputy responded to NW Railroad Ave. due to being informed there was a fight. Upon arrival, the two were no longer in a physical fight but it was obvious they had been.

Warrants from Johnson County were served on offender on Bonnie Rd.

May 21
Offender was located on W. Main St. and taken into custody on an order to apprehend through Em. Probate Court. Offender was transported to EMC ER where he was released for treatment and evaluation, then transported back to W. Main St.

Deputies were dispatched to Johnson Gay Rd. to confirm a 911 call of a tree being down in the roadway. Deputies traveled to the location and observed what appeared to be multiple trees down in the roadway. Em. Co. Road Dept. was contacted and responded to clear the roadway.

May 22
Deputy met with complainant who stated she had joint custody with her daughter for her 3 children. C/o stated that she was returning the children as court order advised but one of the children did not want to stay with the mother. C/o advised that the mother became irate when the child did not want to go with her and snatched him by the arm. She then turned the c/o's vehicle off and said "you're not going any *blank* where". C/o advised that the mother threw an object and it hit her in the chest. Deputy observed redness around c/o's chest. C/o then left the area with the children.

Deputies were dispatched to EMC ER in reference to multiple patients with injuries from a physical altercation that occurred at a graduation party on Keas Mill Pond Rd.

Deputies were dispatched to Hwy 1 S. for a fight. Deputies met with security who advised offender was attempting to fight with another subject. From what deputies were able to gather, there was no physical altercation that occurred. The incident was advised to be a verbal altercation that security intervened in before it became physical. Offender, who appeared to be heavily intoxicated,

advised he was upset that his baby mama had shown up with another male. Offender stated witness had advised him she would be in another town with friends for the night and he wanted to fight the other male but was stopped by security. Owners of the establishment wanted all parties to leave the location for the night to avoid further conflict. Offender was unable to make contact with anyone who could pick him up so deputies transported him and another male to the Sunset Inn.

May 23
Deputy received a phone call of a crashed and abandoned vehicle. Deputies located the vehicle which appeared to have received moderate damages in the incident. A wallet containing a paper ID and credit cards belonging to listed offender was located in the vehicle. Vehicle was towed.

Deputies were dispatched to Heron Ln. in reference to shots fired.

Deputies were dispatched to Villa River Properties in reference to an alarm. Upon arriving, all doors and windows were checked and appeared to be secure with no signs of tamper or forced entry.

Deputies responded to Twin City Community Center for shots fired. Offenders were not on scene when deputies arrived. Deputy was flagged down close to the area of the incident and spoke with witnesses who stated they saw a fight break out in the yard and some guys from Metter pulled out a gun and began shooting and said "this is how we do it in Metter", and fled the area. Deputy recovered 1 casing from the scene.

Offender was taken into custody for multiple outstanding felony warrants.

Complainant struck a deer causing disabling damage to the front of the vehicle.

Deputy responded to Christopher Dr. in reference to a welfare check. Upon arrival, deputy met with a few neighbors and learned the victim was in the hospital in Augusta due to complications with a pre-existing health condition.

Complainant stated he stopped to turn left onto Keas Mill Pond Rd. when offender ran into the back of his vehicle and fled. Deputy made contact with offender on W. Main St. and he stated he was following c/o to a graduation party and did run into the back of c/o's vehicle but him and c/o proceeded to go to the party and that nothing was said about the incident. After the party, c/o called 911 to report someone ran into the back of his car and continued driving towards Adrian.

Arrest made in vehicle arson case

Rising smoke from the area of East Pine Street caught the attention of a Swainsboro Police patrol officer during the late night hours of Sunday, May 2. Upon detecting the signs of a possible fire, Emanuel County 9-1-1 notified emergency personnel of a vehicle fire at Jordan Estates apartment. Officers responded to the scene to find a Buick Lesabre in flames and began evacuating all occupants of a nearby apartment complex to the back of the building as Swainsboro fire fighters extinguished the fire.

Video footage obtained by officers from apart-

ment cameras showed a male subject lighting an object and throwing it at the involved vehicle, causing the explosion of the vehicle and the offending subject's arm being caught on fire. The offender then ran from the crime scene, tossing a plastic jug of gasoline into a nearby dumpster. Additional footage obtained from apartment cameras also showed Mack's vehicle, a Buick Enclave, leaving the scene of the fire.

Swainsboro Police Department's Canine Unit responded to the scene to assist in tracking the male offender. K-9 Maya

led officers to an address on Emanuel Road. Officers secured the outside of the residence where the subject was located inside, refusing to come out. After further contact, the male subject complied with officers and surrendered himself to law enforcement. A burn mark was noticed on the male subject's right arm during the arrest. When asked what caused the burn, the male subject, identified as Eddie Terrel Mack, age 32, advised officers that it was a burn from a grill. EMS evaluated and cleared the offender on scene. Mack was then transported to



MACK

Emanuel Medical Center to receive treatment prior to being booked into the Emanuel County Jail where he faced charges of arson, criminal damage to property, and criminal trespass.

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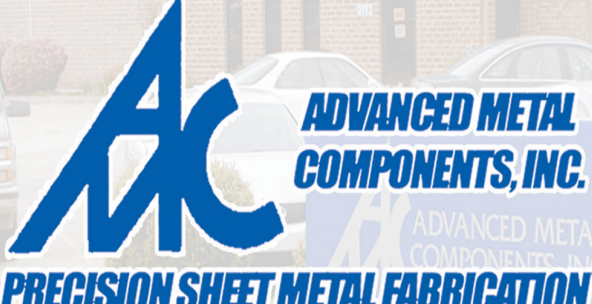
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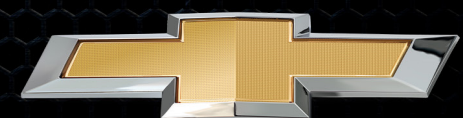
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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER OF STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF EMANUEL Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained with that certain Security Deed dated April 25, 2007, from Johnny D. Williams Jr and Tracy P Williams to Bank of America, N.A., recorded on April 25, 2007 in Deed Book 289 at Page 150 Emanuel County, Georgia records, having been last sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee for Banc of America Funding Corporation Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-5b Assignment and said Security Deed having been given to secure a note dated April 25, 2007, in the amount of \$88,000.00, and said Note being in default, the undersigned will sell at public outcry during the legal hours of sale before the door of the courthouse of Emanuel County, Georgia, on June 01, 2021 the following described real property (hereinafter referred to as the "Property"): **ALL THOSE LOTS OR PARCELS OF LAND, LYING AND BEING IN THE CITY OF SWAINSBORO, 53RD GMD OF EMANUEL COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND BEING IDENTIFIED AS PARCEL 1, CONTAINING 0.41 OF AN ACRE, MORE OR LESS, ON A PLAT OF SURVEY PREPARED BY ANTHONY R. HUTCHESON, REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR NO. 2914, DATED JANUARY 31, 2007, AND RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 21, PAGE 619, EMANUEL COUNTY CLERK'S RECORDS, AND TO WHICH PLAT REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR DESCRIPTIVE AND ALL OTHER LEGAL PURPOSES. SAID PARCELS COMBINED BEING BOUNDED NOW FORMERLY, AND AS SHOWN ON SAID PLAT, AS FOLLOWS: NORTH BY THE 50' RIGHT-OF-WAY OF LAKE LUCK DRIVE; EAST BY OTHER PROPERTY NOW OR FORMERLY OF GRANTORS; SOUTH BY PROPERTY OF CARLO THOMAS; AND WEST BY PROPERTY OF ANNETTE J. BLACKWELL.** The debt secured by the Security Deed and evidenced by the Note and has been, and is hereby, declared due and payable because of, among other possible events of default, failure to make the payments as required by the terms of the Note. The debt remaining is in default and this sale will be made for the purposes of paying the Security Deed, accrued interest, and all expenses of the sale, including attorneys' fees. Notice of intention to collect attorneys' fees has been given as provided by law. To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, the person(s) in possession of the property are Johnny D. Williams Jr and Tracy P Williams. The property, being commonly known as **158 Lk Luck Dr, Swainsboro, GA, 30401** in Emanuel County, will be sold as the property of Johnny D. Williams Jr and Tracy P Williams, subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien and not yet due and payable), any matters affecting title to the property which would be disclosed by accurate survey and inspection thereof, and all assessments, liens, encumbrances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record to the Security Deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2, the name, address and telephone number of the individual or entity who shall have the full authority to negotiate, amend or modify all terms of the above described mortgage is as follows: Specialized Loan Servicing, LLC, 8742 Lucent Blvd Suite 300, Highlands Ranch, CO 80129, 720-241-7251. The foregoing notwithstanding, nothing in O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2 shall require the secured creditor to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the mortgage instrument. The sale will be conducted subject to (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under U.S. Bankruptcy code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed. Albertelli Law Attorney for Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee for Banc of America Funding Corporation Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-5 as Attorney in Fact for Johnny D. Williams Jr and Tracy P Williams 100 Galleria Parkway, Suite 960 Atlanta, GA 30339 Phone: (770) 373-4242 By: Cory Sims For the Firm THIS FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. - 20-012126 A-4730956 05/05/2021, 05/12/2021, 05/19/2021, 05/26/2021

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN THE INTEREST OF:
G. B., DOB: 6/4/2019,
CASE NOS. 21-JV-84
Minor Child.
NOTICE OF SUMMONS
TO: **LESLIE ELROD, and TYLER BECKWORTH**, as well as any person who may be the biological father of the above-referenced child, born to **LESLIE ELROD** at Wellstar Atlanta Medical Center in Fulton County, Georgia.

You are hereby notified that the above-styled action has been brought by the Emanuel County Department of Family and Children Services, and the Georgia Division of Family and Children Services, seeking to terminate your parental rights with regard to the above-referenced children; that said action has been filed in the Juvenile

Court of Emanuel County, Georgia; and that by reason of an Order for Service of Summons by Publication dated April 22, 2021, you are hereby notified that you may obtain a copy of the petition from the Clerk of the Juvenile Court of Emanuel County, Georgia and may file with the Clerk of said Court, and serve upon Jennifer T. McComas, Petitioner's Attorney, whose mailing address is 128 Jackson Street, Vidalia, Georgia, 30474, an answer to the petition at any time prior to the Final Hearing. You are hereby commanded and required to appear before this court on the 24th day of June, 2021, at the Emanuel County Courthouse in Swainsboro, Georgia at 10:00 a.m., and show cause, if any you have, why the relief requested in the petition should not be granted.

The hearing scheduled above is a provisional hearing held pursuant to O.C.G.A. §1511163 and O.C. G.A. §15-11-282. The final hearing in this matter is scheduled on the 8th day of July, 2021 at the Emanuel County Courthouse in Swainsboro, Georgia, at 10:00 a.m. You are hereby commanded and required to appear before this Court at said final hearing or pursuant to O.C.G.A. §1511163 and O.C. G.A. §15-11-282 the findings of the Court made at the provisional hearing will be made the permanent order of this Court in the above case.

Be advised if you fail to attend the provisional hearing, you must attend the final hearing in order to preserve your rights. At the final hearing you will be given an opportunity to show cause, if any you have, why the relief requested in the petition should not be granted.

If you fail to appear, the court can terminate your parental rights in your absence.

Any biological father, known or unknown, is hereby notified that he will lose all rights to the children and will not be entitled to object to the termination of his rights to the children unless, within thirty days of receipt of this notice, he files:

(a) a petition to legitimize the children pursuant to O.C.G.A. §19-7-22; and (b) notice of the filing of the petition to legitimize with the Tattnall County Juvenile Court.

If the court at the trial finds that the facts set out in the petition to terminate parental rights are true and that termination of your rights will serve the best interests of your children, the court can enter a judgment ending your rights to your children.

If the judgment terminates your parental rights, you will no longer have any rights to your children. This means that you will not have the right to visit, contact, or have custody of your child or make any decisions affecting your children or your children's earnings or property. Your children will be legally freed to be adopted by someone else.

Even if your parental rights are terminated:

(1) You will still be responsible for providing financial support (child support payments) for your child's care unless and until your child is adopted; and (2) Your child can still inherit from you unless and until your children is/are adopted.

This is a very serious matter. You should contact an attorney immediately so that you can be prepared for the court hearing. You have the right to hire an attorney and to have him or her represent you. If you cannot afford to hire an attorney, the court will appoint an attorney if the court finds that you are an indigent person. Whether or not you decide to hire an attorney, you have the right to attend the hearing of your case, to call witnesses on your behalf, and to question those witnesses brought against you.

A copy of this petition may be obtained at no charge from the Office of the Clerk of Court between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. If you have any questions concerning this notice, you may call the Clerk's office. The telephone number is (478) 237-8911.

WITNESS, the Honorable Sherri McDonald, Judge of said Juvenile Court.

This _____ day of _____, 2021.

Clerk, Emanuel County Juvenile Court

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
TAYLOR RENEE WILCOX PLAINTIFF,
VS.
CASE NO: 21CV110
WILLIAM LYNN WILCOX DEFENDANT.
NOTICE TO: WILLIAM LYNN WILCOX

By Order of the Court for service of Publication dated April 30, 2021, you are hereby notified that on the April 23, 2021, TAYLOR RENEE WILCOX, filed suit against you for divorce. You are required to file with the Clerk of Superior Court, and to serve upon Plaintiff's attorney Marnique W. Oliver, P.O. Box 308, Swainsboro, Georgia 30401, an answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for publication which was April 30, 2021.

Witness, the Honorable Robert S. Reeves, Judge of Emanuel County Superior Court.

This _____ day of _____, 2021.

Kristin Hall, Clerk
Emanuel County Superior Court

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: WADIS COLEMAN, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 21E0016

NOTICE OF PETITION TO FILE FOR YEAR'S SUPPORT
The petition of GLADYS COLEMAN, for a Year's Support from the estate of WADIS COLEMAN, deceased, for decedent's surviving spouse, having been duly filed, all interested persons are hereby notified to show cause, if any they have, on before MAY 31, 2021, why said petition should not be granted.

All objections, and must be filed on or before the time stated in the preceding sentence. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a late date. If no objections are filed the petition may be granted without a hearing.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS

All creditors of the estate of THOMAS NICK HERRINGTON SR., decedent late of Emanuel County, State of Georgia, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to me.

This the 27th day of April, 2021
ANNELLE K HERRINGTON, executor of the estate of THOMAS NICK HERRINGTON SR., decedent.
459 Prince Avenue
Swainsboro, Ga. 30401
Address of Executor/Executrix

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF DEBBIE JOHNSON PRICE, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 21E0062

DECEASED NOTICE
IN RE: The Petition to Probate Will in Solemn Form in the above-referenced estate having been duly filed,

TO: **KATHY KENT MCLUNG**
This is to notify you to file objection, if there is any, to the petition to probate will in solemn form, in this Court on or before **JUNE 7, 2021**.

BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.

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HUNTER, MACLEAN, EXLEY & DUNN, P.C.
By: Thomas S. Cullen, Esq.,
Attorney for Atlantic Waste Services, Inc.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY

All creditors of the estate of Joseph Eugene Weatherford, Sr., decedent, late of Emanuel County, are hereby notified to render in their demands to Jerry N. Cadle, P.C., P.O. Box 68, Swainsboro, GA 30401 according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.

This 10th day of May, 2021.
Joseph Eugene Weatherford, Jr., Executor of the Estate of Joseph Eugene Weatherford, Sr., Decedent
Jerry N. Cadle, P.C.
P.O. Box 68
Swainsboro, GA 30401

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF W. T. LOGAN SR. a/k/a

ESTATE NO. 21E0073
WILLIAM THEODORE LOGAN SR., DECEASED
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
NOTICE

TO: **ALL INTERESTED PARTIES** and to whom it may concern:
WILLIAM THEODORE (Teddy) LOGAN JR. has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of **W. T. LOGAN SR. a/k/a WILLIAM THEODORE LOGAN SR.**, deceased of said county. (The petitioner has also (Continued on page 3D)

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF DON RICO FARROW
 ESTATE NO. 21E0074
 DECEASED

PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern:

KAREN B FARROW has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of **DON RICO FARROW**, deceased of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before **JUNE 14, 2021**.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF ALMA PARKER
 ESTATE NO. 21E0072
 DECEASED

PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern:

FABIAN MAPLE has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of **ALMA PARKER**, deceased of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before **JUNE 14, 2021**.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF BRANTLEY AARON REWIS
 MINOR ESTATE NO. 21E0066
 DECEASED

TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern:

MICHAEL RYAN SPERHARDT has petitioned to be appointed temporary guardian of the above-named Minor. All objections to the Petition to the appointment of a temporary guardian or the appointment of the Petitioner as temporary guardian, must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and filed with this Court no later than fourteen (14) days after this notice is mailed, or ten (10) days after this notice is personally severed upon you, or ten (10) days after the second publication of this notice if you are served by publication. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or Georgia probate court clerk, and filings fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personal for the required amount of filing fees.

NOTE: If a natural guardian files a timely objection to the creation of the temporary guardianship, the Petition will be dismissed. If a natural guardian files an objection to the appointment of the Petitioner as guardian, or if a parent who is not a natural guardian files an objection to the Petition, a hearing on the matter shall be scheduled at a later date. If no objection is filed, the Petition may be granted without a hearing.

DON E. WILKES

PROBATE JUDGE
 By: **Jeanie Hooks**

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CITATION TO INTERESTED PARTIES GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY ESATE

PROBATE COURT OF

EMANUEL COUNTY

TO: WHOM IT MAY CONCERN AND KEITH LINTON SR. MELINDA BELL, Petitioner has applied to be appointed permanent guardian of **AIDEN JEREMIAH LINTON**, a minor: Date OF Second Publication, if any MAY 26, 2021 (initial is applicable)

_____and is /are seeking additional powers set forth in O.C.G.A. 29-2-22(b). If you have any objections to either the establishment of a permanent guardianship, or the selection of the Petitioner(s) as permanent guardians, or both, you must file a written objection setting forth the grounds of any such objection with this Court within ten days of the date you are personally served; or within 14 days of the date that notice was mailed to you; or within 10 days following the date of the second publication of the citation. All pleadings must be signed before a notary public or probate court clerk, and filings fees must be tendered with your pleadings, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personal at the below address/telephone number for the required amount of filing fees. A hearing on this Petition shall be held in this Probate Court in Emanuel County, courtroom 125 S. Main Street, Swainsboro, Georgia on June 8, 2021 at 9:00 o'clock a.m.

Don E. Wilkes
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CITATION TO INTERESTED PARTIES GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY ESATE

NO. 21E0069
PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY

TO: WHOM IT MAY CONCERN AND KEITH LINTON SR. MELINDA BELL, Petitioner has applied to be appointed permanent guardian of **ELIJAH NEHEMIAH LINTON**, a minor: Date OF Second Publication, if any MAY 26, 2021 (initial is applicable)

_____and is /are seeking additional powers set forth in O.C.G.A. 29-2-22(b). If you have any objections to either the establishment of a permanent guardianship, or the selection of the Petitioner(s) as permanent guardians, or both, you must file a written objection setting forth the grounds of any such objection with this Court within ten days of the date you are personally served; or within 14 days of the date that notice was mailed to you; or within 10 days following the date of the second publication of the citation. All pleadings must be signed before a notary public or probate court clerk, and filings fees must be tendered with your pleadings, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personal at the below address/telephone number for the required amount of filing fees. A hearing on this Petition shall be held in this Probate Court in Emanuel County, courtroom 125 S. Main Street, Swainsboro, Georgia on June 8, 2021 at 9:00 o'clock a.m.

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CITATION TO INTERESTED PARTIES GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY ESATE

NO. 21E0070
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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND

CREDITORS GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY

All creditors of the estate of **Paul F. Pierre, Jr.**, decedent, late of Emanuel County, are hereby notified to render in their demands to **Jerry N. Cadle, P.C.**, P.O. Box 68, Swainsboro, GA 30401 according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment. This 18th day of May, 2021.

Steven Ray Pierre, Executor of the Estate of
 Paul F. Pierre, Jr., decedent

Jerry N. Cadle, P.C.
 P.O. Box 68
 Swainsboro, GA 30401

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY

All creditors of the estate of **Billy Walden**, decedent, late of Emanuel County, are hereby notified to render in their demands to **Jerry N. Cadle, P.C.**, P.O. Box 68, Swainsboro, GA 30401 according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment. This 18th day of May, 2021.

William A. Walden, Executor of the Estate of
 Billy Walden, decedent

Jerry N. Cadle, P.C.
 P.O. Box 68
 Swainsboro, GA 30401

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF KAREN MULLIS HENRY, ESTATE NO. 21E0077
 DECEASED

PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern:

ROBERT HENRY JR. has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of **KAREN MULLIS HENRY** deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before **JUNE 21, 2021**.

BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.

DON E. WILKES

Judge of the Probate Court
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF GWENDOLYN LOUISE MODDRELL, ESTATE NO. 19E0058
 DECEASED

NOTICE

[For discharge from office and liability]

IN RE: Petition for Discharge of Personal Representative

[Strike any paragraph if not applicable]

TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and all and singular the heirs of said decedent, and to whom it may concern:

This is to notify you to file an objection, if there is any, to the above-referenced petition, in this Court on or before **JUNE 7, 2021**.

BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.

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Judge of the Probate Court
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY.

Notice is hereby given that a Petition has been filed in the Superior Court of Emanuel County, Georgia, on the 20th day of May, 2021, for a change name of **JAXON MALIK EASTERLING** to **ONAJE MALIK EASTERLING, JR.** Notice is hereby given pursuant to law to any interested party to appear in said Court and file objections to such name change within thirty (30) days of the filing of said Petition.

This 20th day of May, 2021.
WILLIEMA H. MCWHORTER, JR.
 Attorney at law
 State Bar Number: 499950
 Shepherd, Gary & McWhorter, LLC
 P.O. Drawer 99
 109 East Morning Street
 Swainsboro, GA 30401
 478-237-7551

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF WADIS COLEMAN, ESTATE NO. 21E0016
 DECEASED

PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: PAMELA NEWKIRK, LARRY COLEMAN, TERRY ANDREWS, RANDY COLEMAN, and TONY COLEMAN and to whom it may concern:

CHERYL E. BAGLEY has petitioned for (**RICHARD THOMPSON**) to be appointed administrator of the estate of **WADIS COLEMAN** deceased, of

said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before **JUNE 21, 2021**.

BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.

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DEBTOR'S AND CREDITOR'S NOTICE STATE OF GEORGIA EMANUEL COUNTY

ESTATE OF TROY LEE RANDALL, SR.

Probate Court of Emanuel County, Georgia

Estate No. 20E0113

All persons having claims against **TROY LEE RANDALL, SR.** and his estate, are required to present the same to the undersigned, properly itemized and proven, within the time required by law. And all persons indebted to said deceased, or his estate, are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 1st day of March, 2021

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patriots marching in front of the pickup were Dan McMichael, Davy Reynolds, Caleb McMichael, Jerry Lawson, and Alton Reynolds. Compatriots marching behind the pickup were Ben Creech, Dess Smith III, Wilder Smith, Jr., Hoage Reynolds and Bernard Martin.

After the one-mile parade, Commander Steve Burke set his Revolutionary War artifacts booth with four 8-foot tables up among other vendors and answered questions from approx-

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**Let us remember Sunday is the day the Lord made for us to rest.
 Attend the church of your choice and let's praise God for all our many blessings.**

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.

1 Timothy 4:12

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