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ONE DOLLAR

Korwin named 2022 Teacher of the Year for Emanuel County Schools

by WHITLEY CLIFTON

The Emanuel County Board of Education convened Tuesday, October 19, in the cafeteria of Swainsboro Middle School for their regular monthly meeting. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman Mason Henry.

The cafeteria of Swainsboro Middle School served as the host

spot for Emanuel County Board of Education's regular monthly meeting held last Tuesday, October 19. The 5:30 p.m. meeting was called to order by Chairman Mason Henry with all board members present. Johnny Parker delivered the night's invocation and John Allen Bailey led in the pledge of allegiance. The night's agenda was then reviewed

and approved by board members as presented.

Consent Agenda
Discussion items listed on the consent agenda included financial reports, fundraisers and minutes from the September 14 regular meeting and the September 30 called meeting. Superintendent comments were also heard and were as follows:

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Photo by WANDA THOMPSON SCARBORO
YOUNGSTER PREPARING FOR HALLOWEEN

Happy Halloween!!!

"Having too many brooms is just a bunch of 'Hocus Pocus,'" says a little witch. This Halloween season, dressed in her witch attire as her cauldron bubbles, this young witch ponders which broom she will fly on Halloween night.

With Halloween falling on Sunday this year, the City of Swainsboro will celebrate the spooky holiday on Saturday, October 30. Trick-or-treaters are encouraged to dress in their Halloween attire and participate in Halloween activities from 5 until 8 p.m. Twin City and Stillmore will have activities from 5-7 p.m. on October 30. Adrian's festivities will be Sunday, October 31 from 5-7 p.m.

Please observe all traffic, pedestrian and health and safety regulations if planning to participate in Halloween activities. Happy Halloween to all!



EMANUEL COUNTY SCHOOLS TOTY JOEY KORWIN WITH ECS BOE CHAIR HENRY, ECI PRINCIPAL EDENFIELD, AND ECS SUPT. HATTAWAY



MIDDLE SCHOOL CHAMPIONS BULLDOGS ECI Middle School wins championship

by RON WEATHER-FORD

The ECI Bulldog c-team won the Southeast Region Middle School championship Thursday, defeating Toombs Co. 28-6.

This marks the seventh time in 13 years the Bulldogs played in the championship game winning four times. The C-team has played for the championship the last 5 years winning 3.

This year's eighth grade class has won 2 championships the last 3 years. Moving up to the varsity level in 2022 are Vyntavius Hughes, Jordan Handsom, Jackson Kennedy, Tuff Boddiford, Jeremiah Budgett, Creed

Sanders, Braxton Oliver, Jon Wesley Oliff, Wessyn Willoughby, Daon Bethea, Noah Johnson, Tyler Foreman and Johnny Baird.

These eighth graders have lost just two games in the last 3 seasons!

ECI and Toombs Co. entered the game as the only 2 undefeated teams. Toombs defeated ECI in the 2020 championship game 21-12.

ECI advanced to the final game by defeating Jenkins Co. 38-20 in the first round. Toombs Co took care of Screven Co. 19-0 for a chance to repeat as champions.

The following is head coach Greg Kennedy's synopsis of the champi-

onship game.

The battle of the dogs began when Ja'shon Branch recovered an on-side kick to start off the game. After a promising start, offensively, penalties and lack of execution caused the drive to stall out at the Toombs County 25 yard line. Toombs County methodically drove down to the ECI 12 yard line but the ECI defense held on to come up with two big stops. Patron Mack and Terence Carlyle met the Toombs County running back in the backfield on 3rd and 1. On the next play, 4th and 1, Carlyle and Creed Sanders wrapped up Toombs County's quick

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MAYOR AND COUNCIL IN SESSION

Swainsboro City Council makes progress despite tension in Monday night session

City adopts new budget, drops millage rate, approves hiring of female officer for SPD

by WHITLEY CLIFTON

Swainsboro City Council and Mayor Charles Schwabe convened for their regular monthly meeting on Monday, October 20, at 6 p.m. at the Swainsboro City Hall. The original monthly meeting was to be held as regularly scheduled on Monday, October 4, but was cancelled due to a lawsuit brought by council. The legal issues were ironed out last week, allowing the city to move forward with regular business and meetings.

Mayor Schwabe called the meeting to order and welcomed all. Invocation was then led by Mark Hardin. Council then reviewed minutes from the last council meet-

ing. Councilperson Rita Faulkner requested changes be made to reflect the proper name of a lawyer included in said minutes.

New business

- Council approved the issuance of an alcohol license application for advertising only to Walgreens of Swainsboro.

- Mayor Schwabe announced a request to

postpone discussion on an Allgreen rate increase proposal, listed as item No. 2 on the night's agenda. He advised that the postpone request was made by an Allgreen representative during a conversation held over the phone earlier that day.

- Council then entered into executive session to for discussion on a con-

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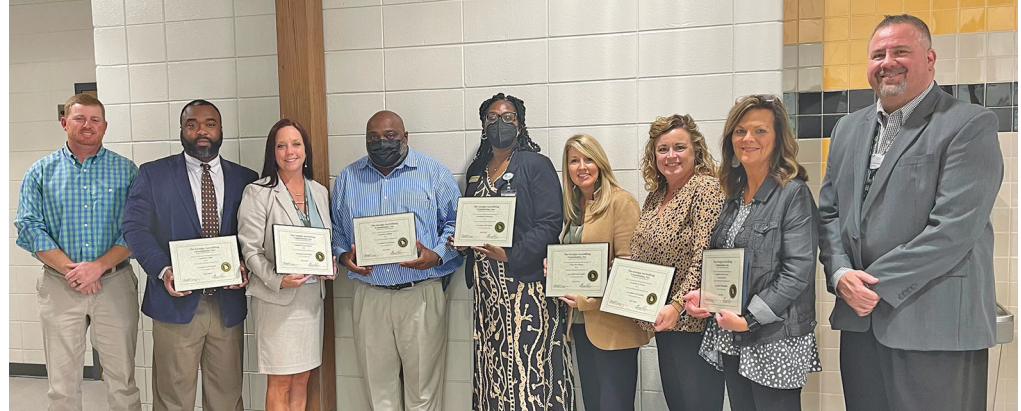
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RE-ELECT
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Swainsboro City Council
Ward 3

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Korwin named 2022...

(From front page)

• Dr. Denise Warnock, Emanuel County School's assistant superintendent, recognized the 2022 Teachers of the Year for Swainsboro and Twin City Schools. Teachers recognized for this prestigious honor were Jennifer Best, Twin City Elementary; Joey Korwin, Emanuel County Institute; Keri Claxton, Swainsboro Primary School; Coach Cam Holloway, Swainsboro Elementary School; Michelle Fondren, Swainsboro Middle School; Charlean Love, Swainsboro High School. ECI Teacher of the Year Korwin was named the 2022 Emanuel County Schools Teacher of the Year.

• Georgia Accrediting Commission School Quality recognition also took place and was led by Dr. Warnock who recognized all school principals at TCE, ECI, SPS, SES, SMS, SHS as well as Pre-K.

• TCE Beta National School of Merit Recognition followed.

• Lastly, a SMS renovation update was provided that detailed only 3.25 percent of punch list items are remaining to be completed, most being only cosmetic issues.

Following discussion of the consent agenda, the board unanimously approved all business items as presented before entering into **executive session**. Upon re-entering normal session, the follow-

ing was announced:

• Board members approved the classified employments of Sallie Jane Claxton, substitute teacher; Melissa Fulmer, SFS assistant; Donna Graham, bus driver; and Roger McKenzie, HVAC.

• The board approved the resignations of certified employees LeAnn Snellgrove, counselor; and Amy Deal and Candice Hadden, teachers.

• Board members approved the resignations of classified employees Rebecca Mills, payroll specialist; and Lester Underwood, bus driver.

• The board approved the retirement of classified employee Karen Morris, tech specialist.

Swainsboro City Council...

(From front page)

Ray Stafford and Julian Sconyers opposed. Discussion then followed on city quorum, charter and ordinance laws set in place for the city as well as proper representation being made by the city's lawyers office and other legalities. Mayor Schwabe announced the final vote on the matter will be decided in a court setting. "What we're trying to do here is establish the legality of the matter," the mayor further stated.

• Melissa Kirby was voted by council to serve as Interim City Administrator for at least 60 days. Faulkner made first motion, Parker seconded and the remaining council voted accordingly.

• Swainsboro Police Department Chief Randy Ellison addressed council the request to ratify the hiring of Public Safety Officer Braswell. Council unanimously approved the hiring Officer Braswell.

• Lastly, Council approved the 2022 city of Swainsboro budget and set the 2022 millage rate at 14.405. The new millage rate was lowered to the maximum of five millage as set by law, lowering from the old rate of 19.405.

In other news

• Faulkner announced plans to address council with a petition to rename Gumlog Park.

• Discussion was held on rescheduling next month's meeting to the following week but was not agreed to.

With no further business to be had, the meeting was adjourned.

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SCENE FROM RIBBON CUTTING

Ribbon Cutting held for Swainsboro's new flea market

Swainsboro-Emanuel County Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon cutting for one of Emanuel County's newest businesses, US 1 Flea Market. The event was held Thursday, October 21, at 4 p.m. at the business's address, 424 North Main Street in Swainsboro, and featured a walk thru tour of the location.

US 1 Flea Market is now open Friday through Sunday from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. They have a wide variety of merchandise with new arrivals weekly. Stop by and shop the large selection!

EGSC Performing Arts Group prepares for Fall production

The East Georgia State College Performing Arts Group is currently rehearsing for their Fall production next month. The group's production of Donald Elser's "Balcony Scene" will be held Friday, November 12 at 6 p.m.; Saturday, November 13, at 6 p.m.; and Sunday, November 14, at 2 p.m. All performances will be held in the Luck F. Gambrell Auditorium on the EGSC Swainsboro

site. "Balcony Scene" imagines what it would be like if one were forced to attend one's own funeral. It deals with love, loss, and the lives that must go on after someone dies. It also reveals, in a startlingly unvarnished way, the truths that we often hide from one another in life.

The play is open to the community and tickets can be purchased at the door. Black Box, or stage

level, tickets are \$5, and general admission tickets are \$3 each. EGSC students can attend the Friday night production for free with their valid EGSC I.D. All proceeds from ticket sales will go to help fund future productions.

For more information about the event, contact Christian Kraus, EGSC Performing Arts Group Director at ckraus@ega.edu, or by phone at 478-289-2113.

ECI Middle School...

(From front page)
running back for a turnover on downs.

ECI moved the ball from their own 20 yard line on a nicely executed trap play that Tuff Boddiford advanced to midfield. The offense continued to move down the field with tough running by Ab Marsh, Chase Johnson, Tyler Foreman, and Tuff Boddiford. Finally, Boddiford scored on a pitch from 1 yard out. The 2 point conversion attempt failed, 6-0 ECI

The lead was short-lived as Toombs County returned the ensuing kickoff for a touchdown. The extra point was blocked by Ja'shon Branch. The score was 6-6.

With under a minute to go before halftime, Chase Johnson took a reverse 60 yards down to the 5 yard line. Two plays later, Jackson Kennedy scored on a 1 yard touchdown run. Tyler Foreman ran in on a sweep to convert the 2 point conversion. Half-time score, 14-6

ECI received the ball to start the second half. After driving into Toombs County territory, the Toombs County defense stiffened and caused ECI to turn the ball over on downs. However, Tyler Foreman intercepted a Toombs County pass on ECI's 45 yard line and returned it to the Toombs County 25 yard line. Five plays later, Tuff Boddiford scored on a 1 yard touchdown run. The 2 point conversion attempt was stopped by the Toombs County defense. The score was 20-6, starting the 4th quarter.

The ECI defense quickly caused another turnover when Chase Johnson knocked a ball loose from a Toombs County receiver. Ja'shon Branch was there to recover the fumble. The ECI offense quickly capitalized on the turnover when Tuff Boddiford ran in a pitch from 23 yards out. Boddiford also ran in the two point conversion to put the Dogs up 28-6.

As they have done all season long and all game long, the ECI defense forced another turnover. This one would seal the deal for any comeback thought by Toombs County. Jordan Handson tipped a Toombs County pass that a diving Tuff Boddiford intercepted. A first down later and the offense went into the victory formation. Af-

ter Jackson Kennedy took a knee, the clock ran out and the celebration began. Final score, 28-6.

ECI finished the season 8-0 and champions of the Southeast Region Middle School Football League. This year's team was made up of a great group of hardworking kids. The season started in June, working out in the weightroom building strength and teamwork. The team was led by an outstanding defense that only gave up an average of 6 points a game. The offense was led by a strong running game, effective passing game, and hardworking offensive line.

The Bulldogs were led again this year by Kennedy and assistant coaches, Artie Fields, Joey Korwin, and Chase Ellison.

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Malvadine Lawson Youmans,

92

Durden-Hudson Funeral Directors announces the death of Malvadine Lawson Youmans, age 92, on Thursday, October 21, 2021, at the Emanuel Medical Nursing Home after a brief illness. Funeral services were held Saturday, October 23, at 2 p.m. in the First Baptist Church in Swainsboro with Rev. Casey Shaw, Rev. Dr. Robert Blankenship, and Kinny Dorsey officiating. Interment followed at Eastbrook Cemetery and Mausoleum. The family received friends Saturday, October 23, from 1 to 2 p.m. at the church.

Pallbearers were Kinny Dorsey, Brandon Youmans, Peyton Frye, David Kent, Jimmy May, Wes Wilkes, Charles Garrett, and Stan Lawson. Honorary escorts were the members of Agape Sunday School Class.

Mrs. Youmans was born in Emanuel County on October 17, 1929, to the late Cordie Estes Lawson and Alma Hutcheson Lawson. She graduated in 1946, Salutatorian of her class from, Adrian High School and was a member of the basketball team. On October 14, 1948, she married P.O. Youmans, Sr. Mrs. Youmans was a devoted wife, mother, mother-in-law, sister, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She was always involved in her grandchildren and great-grandchildren's lives and attended many ballgames, dance recitals, beauty pageants, church, and school related activities throughout the years. She will be remembered fondly for her cooking talents and the array of delicious meals she served, especially during the holidays, which she tirelessly prepared for her family. To her, one cake and one pie seemed not enough. She felt it was her duty to always have several cakes and pies at every holiday meal, including her famous strawberry cake which the great-grandchildren called the "Pink Cake". Mrs. Youmans was a member of First Baptist Church and Agape Sunday School Class. She was very active and served as President of the class. Mrs. Youmans was notorious for her excellent computer skills and would never turn down a request from her class to prepare something on the computer whenever needed. She was an offi-



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cer of Sconyers Motors, Inc. and served as bookkeeper, retiring after 20 years, and then retiring again from several years working for Spivey State Bank. In all aspects of her work, she was very meticulous and quite the perfectionist. She had several hobbies, including word search puzzles, reading, and most especially enjoyed knitting and crocheting. Over the years she made special keepsake blankets for all of the new babies born into the family, as well as several for graduation gifts. Mrs. Youmans is preceded in death by her parents; and her husband of 52 years, P.O. Youmans, Sr.

Survivors include two sons, P.O. Youmans, Jr. (Emmalene) and Mike Youmans (Vickie), both of Swainsboro; four grandchildren, Vanessa Wilkes (Wes) of Swainsboro, Valerie Youmans of Jacksonville, FL, Brandon Youmans of St. Simons Island, and Brooke Y. Frye (Peyton) of Swainsboro; six great-grandchildren, Juddson Maddox Wilkes, Amelia Marie Wilkes, Molly Kate Youmans, Lawson Wade Frye, Anna Caroline Frye, and Michael Stewart Youmans; one brother, George O. (Buddy) Lawson; one sister-in-law, Ann Henry Lawson; special niece, Lori Lawson Sweat; special nephew, Stan Lawson (Dawn).

The family would like to express their heartfelt appreciation to Dr. Vijitha Prasad and her staff, Marie Waters and the Emanuel County Nursing Home staff, and the Pruitt Hospice team for their care, kindness, and compassion shown to our loved one.

Should friends desire, friends and family can make donations to First Baptist Church of Swainsboro, 240 W. Main Street, Swainsboro, GA 30401, or the charity of your choice.

Durden-Hudson Funeral Directors was in charge of arrangements.

Charles William Stewart, Sr,

87

Charles William Stewart, Sr., 87, died Wednesday, October 20, 2021 in Statesboro, at Ogeechee Area Hospice. A memorial service was held Saturday, October 23, at 2 p.m. at Twin City United Methodist Church with Reverend Mark Miller and Reverend David Donnan officiating. The family received friends in the church sanctuary at 1 p.m. Graveside service was held at Noonday Cemetery.

Charles spent the majority of his life in Garfield, within a mile of the home he was born in. After graduating from Emanuel County Institute in Twin City, he joined his dad tending the family farm. Charles met the love of his life and his wife of 63 years, Era McNure, as his older sister, Reba, had orchestrated, inviting Era and her mother to pick vegetables at the farm. It was love at first sight and Charles and Era were married six months later. As a young married man, Charles was seriously injured clearing land and was advised to no longer farm as his vocation. He and Era moved to Savannah and he was employed by Hercules, Inc. for 11 years. He built a home in Guyton and welcomed his three children into the world, all the time dreaming of getting back to Garfield.

When Charles' father passed away, he acquired the family farm from his brothers and sisters, and built the home that he would raise his children in and enjoy for the rest of his life. He went to work for a company then called Allied Timber Company and was employed there as a Procurement Manager throughout his adult life, and enjoyed farm life in Garfield. Charles raised cows, had horses, dug ponds, and grew and harvested hay. He retired from Allied (then called International Timber Company) at 55 years old, and utilized his God given talent to do what he loved to do - buy, sell, and develop land. Charles began cultivating his acquired land with planted pine - a passion that continued the rest of his life.

Charles was a devoted and active member of Twin City United Methodist church - Charles loved Christ. The things he enjoyed most were helping others and giving to his church. He cleared miles of horse trails on the family farm to form Saddle Trails, a venture that allowed horse lovers to come and enjoy riding in the country. Charles organized charity events through



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the proceeds of Saddle Trails to contribute to organizations such as St. Jude Children's Hospital, Relay for Life, and Shriners Hospitals. He loved raising money for causes, but he also loved meeting the people who came from far and wide to ride the trails.

Charles was a self-made, accomplished businessman. After meeting a young man who had the desire to go into the steel fabricating business, Charles went into a partnership to form Steel Fab, Inc. He later turned the full ownership over to this young man who operates the business to this day. Charles gave of himself and his resources to help others. He was a kind, generous man who had a wonderful sense of humor, and was a true example of the Christian faith. Mr. Stewart is preceded in death by his mother and father, Dennis Albert and Mary Emma Stewart; and brothers and sisters, L.S. Stewart, Dennis Albert Stewart, Reba Mae Smith, Juliette Brown, Elizabeth Key, and Calvin Stewart.

Charles is survived by his wife, Era M. Stewart; son, Charles Williams "Charlie" Stewart, Jr., of Garfield; daughters, Rosemary DiSimone and Laura Kate Rambo (Norris), both of Columbus; 7 grandsons, Charles William Stewart, III (Lauren) of Blackshear, Patrick Stewart (Mary Rose) of Atlanta, Lennox Reed Rambo (who is attending Georgia College in Milledgeville), Jason Michel Disimone, Jr and Charles Stewart DiSimone, both of Columbus, Joseph Calhoun Stewart of Garfield, and Charles Norris "Bo" Rambo of Columbus; 2 granddaughters, Carlin Era Stewart of Garfield and Cordelia Rose DiSimone of Columbus; 1 great-granddaughter, Addison Aurora Stewart of Blackshear; and many beloved nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Twin City United Methodist Church or the charity of your choice.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.

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October 21, 2021

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Bobby Lee Chivers, 46

Mr. Bobby Lee Chivers, age 46, beloved husband of Regina Chivers of Soperton, passed away Saturday, October 16, 2021, at their home in Soperton. Services will be held at a later date.

Born in Bradenton, Florida, Bobby was the son of Freida Chivers and the late Robert R. "Bob" Chivers. In 1992, the family moved to Georgia and he graduated from Swainsboro High School in 1995. Bobby worked in the auto parts business since the age of 18, with Advance Auto Parts and most recently as Manager of Auto Zone in Statesboro. He was an avid NFL fan and was especially fond of the Miami Dolphins. Bobby enjoyed fishing, playing football with his boys and teaching them auto mechanics. He attended the Blackville Church of God. In addition to his father, Mr. Chivers is



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preceded in death by his brother, Robert Graham.

Bobby leaves behind his wife of seventeen years, Regina Clifton Chivers; his mother, Freida Chivers;

sons, Cole Alexander Chivers and Talon Lee Chivers, both of Soperton, and Jase A. Daughtry of Texas; two brothers, Raymond Graham of Citra, FL and Kevin Weinberg of Soperton; several nieces and nephews.

Sammons Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Kimberly Shea Deel Edenfield, 53

Durden-Hudson Funeral Directors announces the death of Mrs. Kimberly Shea Deel Edenfield, age 53, of Kite, on Monday, October 19, 2021, at her residence. Funeral services were held Sunday, October 24, at 3:30 p.m. at Peebles-Curry Memorial Chapel with Rev. Phil Wilson officiating. Interment followed in the Bethel United Methodist Church Cemetery near Kite. The family received friends at the funeral home Saturday, October 23, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Pallbearers were Kenneth Meeks, Jerry Hall, John Peebles, Michael Terry, Hunter Moore, and Walter Nasworthy.

Mrs. Edenfield was born April 23, 1968, in Pikeville, Kentucky, to the late Brenda Carol Bulloch Deel Goff and the late Jerry Clayton Deel. She received a Bachelor's degree from East Tennessee State University. Kim was a loving mother, wife, sister and friend - always there to listen, knowing what to say, and gave the best hugs. She enjoyed painting, drawing, photographing the beauty of nature, she was an excellent cook, and loved all animals. Kim was selfless by nature. Her happy place was the



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beach, and she could find beauty in all things. In addition to her parents, Mrs. Edenfield is preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Harold and Opal Bulloch; paternal grandparents, Julius and Elaine Deel; and step-father, Ronnie Goff.

Survivors include her husband, James Darrell Edenfield of Kite; daughter, Jillian Dae Edenfield of Savannah; sons, Jackson Deel Edenfield of Kite and Jacob Edenfield (Jamie) of Savannah; sister, Amber Dawn Deel Price of Pounding Mill, VA; step-mother, Dixie Deal of Wytheville, VA; step-brother, Josh Justus of Wytheville, VA; grandchildren, MaKenley Gray Edenfield and Otto Edenfield.

Durden-Hudson Funeral Directors was in charge of arrangements.

Tyler Sasha Rayne Beckworth, 29

Mr. Tyler Sasha Rayne Beckworth, 29, of Swainsboro, passed away Monday, October 18, 2021, following injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident. Memorial Service was held Friday, October 22, at 2 p.m. in the Chapel of Chapman Funeral Home with Mr. Joey Lamb officiating. The family received friends from 1 to 2 p.m. Friday, October 22, at Chapman Funeral Home.

Mr. Beckworth was born September 17, 1992, in Swainsboro, to Ronnie Brown and Tammy Beckworth Brown. He enjoyed reading his Bible, exercising, and playing video games, and was always on the go. Mr. Beckworth is preceded in death by his brother, Troy Boulineau, Jr.; maternal grandfathers, Johnny Waters, Sr. and Hugh "Pete" Martin, Sr.; paternal grandparents, Donnie Brown, Sr. and Edna Mae Brown.

Survivors include his



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mother, Tammy Brown of Swainsboro; father, Ronnie Brown (Jennifer) of Swainsboro; son, Grayson I. Beckworth of Vidalia; daughter, Lillian Rayne Beckworth of Mississippi; brother, Jonathan Brown (Courtney Peebles) of Oak Park; maternal grandmother, Margie Beckworth Martin of Swainsboro; nieces, Zayla Peebles and Lilah Brown; several aunts, uncles, cousins, and many friends.

Chapman Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

John Carl Samples, 95

Mr. John Carl Samples, Sr., 95, of Swainsboro, passed away Wednesday, October 20, 2021, at Emanuel County Nursing Home following an extended illness. Grave-side services were at 11 a.m. Tuesday, October 26, at Swainsboro City Cemetery. The family received friends from 4 to 6 p.m. Monday, October 25, at Chapman Funeral Home.

Mr. Samples was born January 16, 1926, in Twin City (Graymont), to the late Robert Samples and Elsie Samples. John joined the Army, where he served his country proudly until his Honorable Discharge in 1946. He married Jessie D. Strobridge on February 4, 1947, and they lived in Swainsboro and raised their children. John built a successful business as a carpet installer as a means to support his family. After retirement, one might find him on his porch chatting with family and visitors - telling stories about the "old days". The simplest pleasures in life, such as hunting, farming, horseback riding, and fishing, brought John the greatest joy. John C. Samples was a lifetime member of St. Phillip Lodge Number 96, serving 70 years, and a former member of the L. J. Riggs Holy Royal Arch



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Chapter Number 24. He was a member of Greater St. James Missionary Baptist Church. Mr. Samples is preceded in death by his parents; son, John Samples, Jr.; daughter, Linda Samples; brother, Willie Samples; sisters, Rosetta Samples, Mamie Samples, Marie White, and Dora Samples.

Survivors include his wife of 74 years, Jessie D. Samples of Swainsboro; sons, Jerome Samples of Macon and Christopher Samples (Roxanne) of Swainsboro; daughters, Mary Strobridge and Nancy Shimoyama, both of Swainsboro, Andrea Samples-Elliott (Steven) of Loganville, and Sophia Neal of Swainsboro; daughter-in-law, Frances Samples; a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews, and many friends.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.

Annette Claxton Ivey, 95

Mrs. Annette Claxton Ivey, 95, of Kite, passed away Sunday, October 24, 2021, at Greenwood Place following an extended illness. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, October 27, at Gumlog Primitive Baptist Church with Elder Richard Pinnell officiating. Interment will follow in Gumlog Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery. The family received friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, October 26, at Chapman Funeral Home.

Pallbearers will be Nick Ivey, Jimmy Ivey, Joel Scott, Chris Troup, Bruce Ivey, Todd Ivey, Chris Anderson, and Pratt Scott. Honorary Pallbearers will be the Deacons and members of Gumlog Primitive Baptist Church.

Annette Claxton Ivey was born March 5, 1926, at home on the Claxton farm. She was the youngest of 9 siblings: Leon Claxton, Maude Claxton Brantley, Maggie Claxton Brantley, Jonah Claxton, Buren Claxton, Comer Claxton, Nora Claxton Proctor, and Willouise Claxton Spivey. Mrs. Ivey graduated from Kite High School as Valedictorian in 1943. For many years, she worked in her home caring for her family and for others. Later she served as the secretary of Kite Elementary School, retiring after 19 years of service. Mrs. Ivey poured herself into her family, her community, and her beloved church, Gumlog Primitive Baptist Church, where she served as clerk for many years. She was a founding member of the Kite Homemakers Club, and was known far and wide for her infamous red velvet cakes. Mrs. Ivey was a woman of faith; a woman who never expressed her own wants but always used God as her compass, asking God for the strength, kindness, and



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wisdom with which she led her family. Kite Prayer Group "Mama" as she was known by most, both within her family and amongst her community, was the loving mother to 5 children, 11 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, 11 great-great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. Her children include Sandra Ivey Anderson (Gene), Nick Ivey (Diane), Jimmy Ivey (Vicki), Judy Ivey Scott (Joel), and Lisa Ivey Troup (Chris). Her grandchildren include Robyn Anderson Foskey (Jay), Christy Anderson, Sherry Ivey Rowland (Joey), Bruce Ivey (Misty), Ginny Ivey Price (Todd), Denise Ivey Wombles (Shawn), Todd Ivey (Danielle), Amy Scott Jackson (Ben), Pratt Scott (Kristin), Michelle Troup, and Allison Troup. Mrs. Ivey is preceded in death by her loving husband of 74 years, George N. Ivey, Jr.; and parents, Lenora and Zachariah William Claxton.

A special "Thank You" goes to the staff and residents of Greenwood Place, and to Mrs. Marie Coleman who kept Mama looking her very best. Instead of flowers, the family requests donations be sent to the Gumlog Primitive Baptist Church, P.O. Box 176, Kite, Georgia 31049.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.

Jonathan Ivey "Big John" Scott, 56

Mr. Jonathan Ivey "Big John" Scott, 56, of Swainsboro, passed away Monday, October 18, 2021, at his residence following an extended illness. Funeral services were held Thursday, October 21, at 2 p.m. at Swainsboro First Baptist Church with Pastor Will Jackson officiating. Interment followed in the Swainsboro City Cemetery. The family received friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, October 20, at Chapman Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Billy Cavanah, Nicky Drake, Cody Cavanah, John Moore, Al Evans, Tal Wimberly, Allen Moore, and Kevin Strange. Honorary pallbearers were the Original Thursday Thunders, Enforcers MC, Summertown Fire Department, Department of Corrections - Parole and Probation, Emanuel County Sheriff's Office, and Georgia BBQ Association.

Mr. Scott was born August 13, 1965, in Swainsboro, to the late Thomas David Scott, Sr. and Lois Riner Scott. Jonathan went to Swainsboro High School and was a member of the Swainsboro Matching Band. He graduated in 1983 and attended Troy State in Troy, Alabama, graduating in 1987. He returned to Swainsboro and was a Probation/Correctional officer for 30 years with the State of Ga. After retiring from the State of Ga, he worked for the Emanuel County District Attorney's Office, and transported equipment for Boatright Equipment. During this time, he also enjoyed serving as a "water meter reader" for Summertown. His professional career also consisted of a volunteer firefighter/Chief of Summertown Fire Dept. and first responder.

Jonathan "Jon Boy" was well known, admired, and loved by so many in his family and community. He served his local churches by playing the trumpet along with Bill Sasser at First Baptist Church of Swainsboro and in the Columbia County Civic Orchestra in Augusta. He also served

Pauline Tinagero, 84

Mrs. Pauline Tinagero, 84, of Swainsboro, passed away Wednesday, October 20, 2021, at AU Medical Center following an extended illness. Funeral Service was Wednesday, October 27, at 11 a.m. at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Swainsboro. Interment followed in Union Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery. The family received friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, October 26, at Chapman Funeral Home.

Mrs. Tinagero was born November 17, 1936, in Forchheim, Germany, to the late Carl Hinterholzinger and Babette Rascher. She loved her family and was a very good mother, and would always say her family was everything. Mrs. Tinagero enjoyed dancing and camping in Helen, and enjoyed sewing in her younger years. She loved her homeland of Germany. Mrs. Tinagero is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Ramon Tinagero, Sr.; and



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as one of the youth group leaders at Friendship Freewill Baptist Church in Twin City.

During Jon Boy's free time, he was always on the go and lived life to the fullest! He was a member of the Thursday Thunder Motorcycle Group where he enjoyed cruising around on his Harley and participated in poker runs for charity. Jonathan was an avid grill master and competed with his wife, Lisa, in many states, (Georgia, Florida, and Tennessee), including state-wide BBQ/grilling competitions where they won many awards over years. Most recently, in May 2021, they traveled to Tennessee for a competition. Jonathan also enjoyed traveling, hunting, and camping with Lisa and his grandsons. In 2016, they started Big Jon's BBQ Catering Company where he loved to serve food to events big and small. Mr. Scott is preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include his wife, Lisa D. Scott of Swainsboro; daughters, Brandy Snyder (Greg) of Pensacola, FL and Randi Mills (Josh McCoy) of Swainsboro; grandchildren, Christian Brendel, Jake Mills, and Hunter Mills, all of Swainsboro; brothers, David Scott (Nancy) of Lilburn and James Scott of Adairsville; brother-in-law, Joseph Snowden (Angie); sister-in-law, Sheila Miller (Johnny); nieces, Heather (Chad) and Heidi (Ryan); nephews, Thomas David Scott III, Sarah, Kiari, and Thomas, Clinton Daniel Scott (Catie), and Saydee and Clint Scott; many other family members and friends.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.



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brothers, Michael Buttner and Philip Rascher.

Survivors include her sons, Ramon Tinagero (James) of Shamong, N.J. and Michael Tinagero (Donna) of Manchester, N.J.; daughters, Ellen Sullivan (Richard) of Tobyhanna, PA, Barbara Poole (Robert), and Suzanne Tinagero, both of Swainsboro; sister, Erica Buttner of Germany; 9 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; several nieces, nephews, and many friends.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.



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Alma L. Hoffman, 85



HOFFMAN

Alma L. Hoffman, age 85, departed her earthly journey on Sunday, October 3, 2021. A Celebration of her memory and legacy was held Wednesday, October 20, at 1 p.m. at Green Cemetery with Sfg. Bishop Lavelton J. Daniels presiding.

Alma was born January 16, 1936, to the late Clarence Harvey and Josie Bell Simpkins. She retired from Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Florida. Alma was a member of Second Missionary Baptist Church in Jacksonville, FL. Mrs. Hoffman is preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Valerie H. Beniefield; and son,

Kelvin R. Hoffman. She was laid to rest with her beloved daughter and son.

Mrs. Hoffman leaves to cherish her many memories with her loving twin brother, Alton Harvey "Top Cat" of St. Petersburg,

FL; loving and devoted children, Charmion H. White (Robert Goodlow) of Jacksonville, FL, Alexis (Bobby) Gibbins, Ra'shea A. White, Janya T. Thomas, Delton (Tank) Thomas, and Chris (Ashley) Thomas, all of Jacksonville, FL, Reginald (Mesha) Beniefield of Atlanta, and Bobby (Lakeisha) Beniefield of Waynesboro; devoted niece, Sheria (Tyrone) Davis of Swainsboro; a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren; son-in-law, Wade Beniefield; other relatives and friends.

Mosley's Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Lois Jean McLain Phillips, 81



PHILLIPS

Mrs. Lois Jean McLain Phillips, age 81, beloved wife of Shannon Moore Phillips, passed away on Monday, October 25, 2021, at the Treutlen County Health and Rehabilitation Center in Soperton. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday, October 27, from the graveside in Boiling Springs Cemetery with Reverend Louis Pierce and Reverend Vic Fordham officiating. Family will receive friends on Wednesday at the graveside from 10 a.m. until the time of service.

Born in Toombs County, Mrs. Phillips was the youngest and last living of three children born to the late Cannie and Florene Kitchens McLain. She and her siblings grew up on a farm in the Blue Ridge Community of Toombs County. After graduating from Lyons High School in 1956, she attended Secretarial/Business School in Atlanta. Upon completion, Lois returned home and worked in Swainsboro for Warnock and Calhoun Wholesale Grocers. In 1961, she married Treutlen County native,

Shannon Moore Phillips. Lois later joined Handi House in Swainsboro, where she remained for over 30 years, retiring in 2007. Mrs. Phillips had been a longtime member of Morningside Baptist Church where she played the piano for a short time. As a child she enjoyed working with family gathering tobacco and cotton, and fishing in the Ohoopie. In later years, she enjoyed time spent with her grandchildren. Mrs. Phillips was a self-taught and accomplished seamstress that enjoyed sewing her own clothing; from picking out the pattern, choosing the fabric, and meticulously creating her finished product of which she would be very proud. As one of her favor-

ite singers, Merle Haggard would sing, "I Take A Lot of Pride In Who I Am". In addition to her parents, Mrs. Phillips is preceded in death by an infant son, Kerry Phillips; and her siblings, Everette McLain and Dorothy Cobb. Mrs. Phillips leaves behind her husband of sixty years, Shannon Phillips; two sons, Terry Phillips (Laura) and Ronnie Phillips, both of Soperton; three granddaughters, Brandi Dykes (Justin), Brenna Phillips, and Chloe Phillips; grandson, Jacob Phillips; three great-grandchildren, Mason, Madilyn, and Abigail; several nieces and nephews; and a special friend, Eunice Gillis of Dublin.

Her family would like to express their appreciation to the staff of Treutlen County Health and Rehabilitation Center for the love and care that was extended to Mrs. Phillips during her time with them. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are encouraged to be made in her memory to the charity of one's choice.

SAMMONS FUNERAL HOME of Soperton was in charge of arrangements.

Mother Mariah W. Jackson, 87



JACKSON

Mariah W. Jackson, age 87, passed away Tuesday, October 12, 2021. A Celebration of her Life and Legacy was held Saturday, October 23, at 11 a.m. Mosley's Funeral Home. With Rev. Dr. Raymond Hairston presiding. Her final resting place was in Swainsboro City Cemetery.

Mrs. Jackson was born in Georgia August 19, 1934, and raised by the late Joe Jackson and Cora (Worthen) Jackson. Mariah loved being involved in the community. On Sundays, you would find her at Greater St. James Missionary Baptist Church

in Swainsboro where she was honored to serve as The Mother of the Church. Mariah also served on committees in the church and shared her love and gift for cooking amazing meals with her pastor and church family. Mariah,

together with her husband, Joseph Lee Jackson Sr, loved and raised their children; Betty, Brenda, Bob, Milton, Joseph Jr. (Joey), and Deidra. Mrs. Jackson is preceded in death by her husband; 2 daughters, Betty and Brenda; mother, Betty Washington; brother, Tom Henry Flournoy; and sister, Marion Harden.


Mrs. Jackson leaves to cherish her memories with her children; 26 grandchildren; 40+ great-grandchildren; special friends, Ruby and Linda; other relatives and many friends.

Mosley's Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

The Forest-Blade Polls – Community Opinions


The Forest-Blade is pleased to announce the publication of community input through polls. The Blade staff reached out to locals and asked their opinions regarding the Swainsboro Mayoral Race. Here's what four locals had to say:

Question -
With the upcoming election going on for the city of Swainsboro, what do you think about the mayor's race?




JOHN DAVID BAILEY

I am concerned that outside entities will try to make this a "racial election" rather than a local issues election.




LILLIE BROWN

I think it's time for a change here in Swainsboro. Things have been the same for years and we need more opportunities. This is a good place to live, but we definitely need more than what we have here.



JESSYKUH HALL

I think it will be a close race. Both candidates will bring good things to the community.



MICHAEL HOLDEN

I think it's definitely time to get a new Mayor and I think Greg Bennett is the man for the job!

Christmas at the Fulford Center set for November 13!

The Office of Institutional Advancement at East Georgia State College (EGSC), along with the Studie A. Fulford Community Learning Center, will be hosting Christmas at the Fulford Center Saturday, November 13. The event will be held at the Fulford Center from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Christmas at the Fulford Center will give children the chance to write letters to Santa, make reindeer food, create their own hol-

iday ornaments, and participate in a holiday science experiment with Magnolia Midlands Georgia Youth Science and Technology Centers. Bob the Bobcat and one of Santa's elves will be at the event for photos! Christmas themed planetarium shows will begin at 11 a.m., 12 p.m., and 1 p.m. The event is free and open to the community.

For more information, contact the Fulford Center at 478-289-2464 or hdsmith@ega.edu.



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STC President Calhoun gives update at Exchange Club Meeting

Recently, Southeastern Technical College President and Swainsboro Exchange Club member Larry Calhoun gave an update of the economic impact of Southeastern Tech has on local communities at the regularly scheduled Exchange Club Meeting. Also discussed was the upcoming Exchange



STC PRESIDENT AND EXCHANGE CLUB MEMBER CALHOUN

Club Pancake supper on Friday, October 29. Be sure to get your tickets now!

McDowell Presents program on Presidents that were Military Officers

The Wiregrass Chapter, Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution held its monthly meeting Thursday, October 14, at 6:30 p.m. at the New China Restaurant. With President Wilder Smith, Jr. presiding, there were 18 members and guests in attendance. Chaplain Emory Fennell opened with blessing of food. After a buffet meal, Chaplain Fennell led the chapter in the Pledge of Allegiance and the SAR Pledge. President Smith then introduced the speaker for the evening, Author and Historian Lee McDowell.

McDowell and his wife traveled more than 200 miles from below Jacksonville, FL to attend



PROGRAM PRESENTER MCDOWELL

the night's meeting and present his program on *U.S. Presidents that were Military Officers*. He mentioned and told historical stories on each president that had been a military officer from President George Washington through



PRESIDENT SMITH AND REYNOLDS

President George Bush. McDowell brought with him several copies of his books that he had authored which all were purchased by members of the local chapter.

After the program, Compatriot Alton Reynolds presented President Wilder with

the chapter flag streamer that was received for participation in the 240th Anniversary Commemoration of the Second Siege of Augusta on September 18. Future events were discussed and then Chaplain Fennell led in the SAR recession and prayer.

Cheek to give Endowed Lecture on the Constitution

The Alexander Hamilton Institute for the Study of Western Civilization (AHI) at Hamilton College is pleased to announce that Dr. H. Lee Cheek, Jr., Professor of Political Science and former Dean at East Georgia State College, will deliver the 2022 David Aldrich Nelson Lecture in Constitutional Jurisprudence. He will speak on "The Antifederalists and American Liberty." The event will take place at AHI headquarters, 21 West Park Row, Clinton, NY, on Sunday, September 18, at 5 p.m.

He previously served as Dean of the School of Social Sciences at the University of North Georgia; as Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs at Athens State University in Alabama;



CHEEK

and Vice-President for College Advancement and Professor of Political Science at Brewton-Parker College in Mt. Vernon, Georgia. Pi Gamma Mu, the International Honor Society in the Social Sciences, bestowed upon Dr. Cheek the society's Outstanding Alumni Award in 2017. In 2020, the Georgia Political Science Association conferred the James T. LaPlant Award for excel-

lent in teaching and mentoring in political science upon Dr. Cheek.

He has been a congressional aide and a political consultant. Dr. Cheek's many books include *The Founding of the American Republic* (Notre Dame University Press, 2023 [forthcoming]). A reception and Open House will precede the lecture from 4 - 5 p.m. at the AHI.

The annual lecture honors David Aldrich Nelson (1932-2010), a charter member of the AHI's Board of Directors. Judge Nelson was graduated from Hamilton College, 1954, valedictorian of his class. He attended the Harvard Law School and read law as a Fulbright Scholar at Cambridge University, in England. He served with distinction as a federal judge from 1985 to

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As a result of the previous Educational SPLOST there have been improvements and additions at every school. • New textbooks have been purchased • Safety and security implemented for schools and buses • Construction or improvements to facilities • School equipment and furnishings purchased • Technology (Instructional and Administrative) • Buses • Band Equipment and uniforms. Previous bond indebtedness has been paid with sales tax and NOT property tax.

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- Provide system-wide renovations and improvements to athletic facilities
- Purchase new lab equipment and school furnishings
- Purchase transportation/maintenance vehicles and equipment including the acquisition of school buses
- Purchase music equipment and uniforms
- Upgrade sound, PA, and intercom systems
- Provide any necessary demolition, new construction or improvements to facilities including but not limited to parking, paving, fence and other land improvements; acquiring school equipment and furnishings and other real and personal property including the acquisition of land, and construction of needed facilities

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MR. ROGERS AND MISS ROWLAND

Miss Rowland to wed Mr. Rogers in November wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Gary and Melinda Rowland of Swainsboro proudly announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Miss Erin Madison Rowland, of Kite to Dustin Joseph Rogers of Swainsboro. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Brian and Ann Rogers, also of Swainsboro.

The bride-elect is a 2016 honor graduate of Swainsboro High School. She furthered her edu-

cation by attending East Georgia State College, graduating with an associate's degree in science. Miss Rowland is currently attending pharmacy school at the University of Georgia. She is the granddaughter of Danny and Melva Watson, the late Andrew Bennett and the late Roger and Frances Rowland.

The future groom is also a 2016 honor graduate of Swainsboro High School. He furthered his

education by obtaining an associates degree in science from East Georgia State College and is currently attending pharmacy school at the University of Georgia. Mr. Rowland is the grandson of the late Jack and Cheri McLeod and the late Martin and Gwen Rogers.

The wedding is set for November 6, 201 at the Copper Barn in Portal. A reception will follow at the same location.

Swainsboro Chamber of Commerce, UGA Extension announces video competition

In partnership with the Swainsboro Chamber of Commerce, UGA Extension is sponsoring the Hidden Gems of Emanuel County video competition. UGA Extension invites all middle and high school students to submit a video showing off something good in Emanuel County.

The contest will showcase short films featuring a good aspect of Emanuel County that

serves the community. This can be a non-profit, a community group, an individual serving the community, a neighbor helping a neighbor, etc. We're looking for outstanding films with captivating characters that move, surprise, inspire, and entertain.

First place in middle and high school will win \$100 each. People's Choice will win \$75. For more details, qualifications and example videos can be viewed by visit-

ing <https://sites.google.com/view/emanuel4hswat/video-contest>.

Swainsboro Moose Lodge to host Trunk-or-Treat

Swainsboro Moose Lodge announces a night of spooktacular events for all ages set for this Saturday, October 30. The night will kick off with a free Trunk-or-Treat event for the kids from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

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Seedling Garden Club begins new year

The Seedling Garden Club began a new year of education, projects and fun when they met on Monday, October 11, at the Swainsboro Methodist Church Social Hall. The club usually begins their new year in September. Due to COVID 19 a decision was made to start one

month later. The eighteen members present were glad to be back after a long summer.

President Diana Malone called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Guests and members were welcomed. Ann Peebles gave the devotional titled "Act of Kindness."

Kay Peacock introduced the speaker for the meeting. Kelli Torpy presented a very interesting program on "Gourds". The Gourd Farm located in Wrens, Georgia was started in 1975 by John Torpy's grandmother, Lenna Braswell. When she passed away John and Kelli decided to keep the farm going. They have about 18 acres in Emanuel County and when they are harvested at the end of the year they are carried to Wrens to the original farm sight. Kelli presented the program by beginning with "What is a Gourd", What are Gourds used For. She explained that they are planted in March or April and harvested at the end of the year. A drying period of 100-150 days are required. Many different varieties of gourds are grown by them with the Martin Gourd being the most popular. Cleaning the gourds can be done several ways, Kelli's favorite, a large wash tub of warm water, steel wool and elbow grease. She ended the program by stating, "the possibilities are endless with gourds." Members enjoyed viewing the beautiful display of gourds. They were in all shapes, decorated in a number of ways. Some would take your breath away. At the end of the program she had a drawing for gourds she had made for plants. Winners of the drawing were; Ann Peebles, Wanda Scarboro, Pat Tiller, Martha Cobb, Kay Peacock and Wanda Ellis. Helping with the program was Kelli's two children, Tate and Ali Torpy.

President Malone presided over the business session of the meeting. New yearly handbooks were given to members. Lucille Braswell, Secretary read minutes

from the May meeting. Kay Peacock, treasurer gave the treasurers report. Both of these were approved as presented. Oleander District Annual Meeting assignments were given. This meeting will be held in Statesboro on October 19 at Ogeechee Technical College. Seedling will serve as hostess for this meeting. In other business Yonna Bailey reported the October Yard of the Month went to Dianne Kirby. Judy McWhorter, Pull A Tab For Ronald McDonald chairman, reported the club has 15 gallon bags of tabs which weighs 42 1/2 pounds to carry to District Meeting. President Malone reported the club will sponsor a Flower Show on April 30 - May 1, 2022. Title of Flower Show is, "We're Back to a Wonderful World." The club voted to check into having a new Yard of the Month sign made and also voted to change the time of monthly meetings to 5 p.m. Wanda Scarboro, club's "Bird Lady" reported, "the hummingbirds are still here, do not remove feeders yet."

Using a Halloween theme the hostesses served cheese straws, pound cake topped with strawberries and whip cream, tea and soda. The serving table was adorned with a Halloween pumpkin and a beautiful arrangement of Confederate Roses. Hostesses were: Paula Karrh, Judy McWhorter, Wanda Scarboro and Becky Hill. Hostess Judy McWhorter gave a bag of Daffodil Bulbs to each member.

President Malone adjourned the meeting. Diana Malone won the raffle item. The next meeting will be November 8th when we will have our annual Christmas Auction.

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

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Jarvis among twenty GSW students selected for President Jimmy Carter Leadership Program

Georgia Southwestern State University (GSW) has named Evangelina Jarvis of Metter to the President Jimmy Carter Leadership Program, established to honor the legacy of GSW alumnus and former U.S. President Jimmy Carter. Jarvis is 1 of 20 freshmen entering the program this fall. She is the daughter of Jim (Jodi) Jarvis of Swainsboro and Suzanne (Wiley) Tyson of Metter.

"This is a dynamic group of diverse individuals who bring excitement and commitment to building their knowledge about service and leadership through hands-on experiences," said Mikela Barlow, interim coordinator for the President Jimmy Carter Leadership Program. "The newest cohort members were selected through an application and interview process. The group commits to program requirements that include a two-year residency, 240 service hours, a leadership certi-

cate, and a senior research or service project. It is an honor for me to work with these future leaders in this prestigious program."

These students from Georgia, Alabama and Florida are the third group to enter the program since its creation in 2019. The program consists of two pathways, an Undergraduate Research Track and a Service Track, that exemplify Carter's lifetime of leadership in education, politics and community service. Guided by the evidence-based "The Social Change Model of Leadership Development," the four-year Carter Leadership Program allows students to develop their leadership skills both individually and within a group.

Students who score a minimum 1100 on the SAT or an ACT composite score of 22, hold a high school curriculum grade point average of 3.0 or greater and have been admitted

to GSW are eligible to apply for the program. Additionally, students who hold a leadership role in high school, whether on a sports team, a student club, or community organization, also qualify.

"These students are at the top of their class," stated GSW President Neal Weaver, Ph.D. "I have enjoyed watching them interact with their peers on campus and serve others within our community. I am confident they will continue to carry on the great legacy of President Carter."

During their first year, students will focus on individual growth and development, working to understand their own beliefs and values. The second year will explore the role of the group, how to build trust with others and how to work collaboratively towards common goals.

In year three, students will choose between the



JARVIS

academically-focused Research Track and the service learning-focused Service Track. In the fourth and final year, students will develop a senior research or service project dependent upon their track.

The Carter Leadership Program provides students with academic scholarships ranging from \$1,500 to \$3,500 each year they are in the program. The program is made possible thanks to generous support from the Charles L. Mix Memorial Fund.

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Glad Garden Club making plans

The Glad Garden Club held its monthly meeting at the Sudie A. Fulford Community Learning Center to conduct an organizational business meeting and finalize plans for duties and assignments at District meeting in Statesboro at the Oak Room of Ogeechee Technical College on October 19. Glad Garden Club is the host club along with five other district garden clubs. Members brought many items to be placed in raffle baskets and silent auction. These items are meant to be fundraisers for the Oleander District. So many items were volunteered that some members voted to meet the next day at Margaret Sweet's cabin to finish assembly. Among items were candles, roasted pecans, homemade jellies, soaps, towels, olive oil and balsamic vinegar. So many items were volunteered that the club ended up putting together three baskets including two for silent auction. The club is grateful for the creative, hard work by Audrey West, Carolyn Brown, Jeanette Hall, Margaret Sweet and Sylvia Durden.

On October 18, members met at Ogeechee Tech to set up for our Oleander District Annual Meeting. Members arrived

bright and early at 2 p.m. Tables were clothed, centerpiece placed, some raffle baskets arrived and were placed, coffeepots (the most important item) were setup, assignments for an exciting next day were given. Then, the big event on October 19, it was reunion time. The meeting was cancelled last year to Covid, and members were anxious to renew acquaintances. The coffee was perked, and morning homemade goodies were served.

In coordination with five other garden clubs of the Oleander District of the Garden Club of Georgia, Inc., the meeting was called to order by Genelda Reese, District Director. A fascinating program was given by Jackie Phillips of the Flower Girl Florist entitled "Local Holiday Flowers with Flair," and included a demonstration of arranging local flora such as driftwood, ivy, sunflowers, fall leaves, cosmos.

The Glad Garden Club is proud to announce that it received several awards. The 2020 awards received for contribution to GCG Natural Disasters, third place for yearbook and appreciation award for ongoing commitment and dedication to the his-

toric preservation of Georgia. Current 2021 awards given were a silver bowl and the Mary Helen Ray Beautification & Historic Preservation Award to a group who has accomplished the most in beautification and historic preservation. Other awards included the Garden Club of Georgia, INC, certificate of appreciation for their contribution to the GCG natural disasters, a certificate in recognition of valuable contributions to the roadside beautification in Georgia and a certificate of appreciation of work done to enhance and promote conservation of nongame wildlife populations and habitat in the backyard habitat category to Sylvia Durden.

In memorial, a candle was lit to remember Betty Flanders who passed away last year. She was known to always have a smiling face and cheerful spirit through many tribulations. She, along with her sparkling personality, is missed by Glad Garden Club members.

The Glad Garden Club is a member of the National Garden Clubs, Inc., the Deep South Region, the Garden Club of Georgia Inc., of the Oleander District.



AMERICA KNITS EMPLOYEES PINK-OUT AT COMPANY'S AWARENESS LUNCH

Local business hosts awareness lunch for month of October

Last week, America Knits observed Breast Cancer Awareness Month by hosting a "pink-out" luncheon. Co-owner Steve (Ally) Hawkins and staff of America Knits donned pink apparel last Wednesday, October 20 and enjoyed fellowship with a covered-dish meal.



PATRICK, LIBRARY ASSISTANT

Library announces new cooking series, chance to meet host at upcoming weekend event

Deanna's Dash of Delish is a combination of quick recipes and the introduction of cookbooks available at Franklin Memorial Library. Every third Thursday of the month, Library Assistant Deana Patrick highlights a recipe or two from the library's collection. To catch past episodes, check out the Franklin Memorial Library Facebook page.

Patrick's ease on camera goes way back; she was a guest cook on a local show in Anchorage, Alaska several times as a teenager. Patrick is a member of Swainsboro Kiwanis Club, one of the many sponsors of Franklin Memorial Library's upcoming Trunk or Treat event set for October 28 from 4-7 p.m. The event will be held in the library park-

ing lot and will give an opportunity to meet Patrick in person as well as other library staff.

Swainsboro Junior Council holds first meeting

by RUSSELL GATES

On Monday, October 25, Swainsboro Junior Council conducted its first meeting. All members were present as well as two mentors. Brad and Darby Gates.

The following items were listed and discussed on the night's agenda:

Favorite Burger Place – Council discussed favorite burger places as an ice breaker subject. Council will make tentative plans to split up and go to various burger establishments for further discussion and opinions to be made.

Reason for Junior Council - Why was the Junior Council founded, and what is now going on in Swainsboro's City Leadership?

Junior council members addressed their thoughts on community events like the Fall Festival and the Downtown Open House being canceled, and what that means for local morale.

Other discussion included the next mayoral election as well as the election of new members of Swainsboro City Council.

In other news

Each junior council member was given homework to research.

Seeds of Hope

A soldier wrote his dad from a combat zone in a war-torn country. In the upper left hand corner under his name he wrote, "Not Here for Very Long."

True of the soldier - true of each of us. Life at its longest is very short in light of eternity. Wisely Moses advised us to go to God and ask Him to: "Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom."

Time has no favorites. We are each given twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week and fifty-two weeks a year. It does not matter who we are or what God has called us to do, none of us can add one second of time to our lives once God has called us home. We must guard our time and use it wisely to honor and glorify Him.

Time can be used to influence others - one way or another. It would be interesting to keep a record of our time as an accountant does money - what we spent and how we invested it. We could see what we did with our time and discover whether or not we helped or hindered others, led them closer to God or drove them from Him.

Time gives us opportunities to serve the Lord. Jesus said, "All of us must quickly carry out the tasks assigned by the One who sent Me and there is little time left before night falls and all our works come to an end."

Time ends with an interview. Each of us will stand before God one day and have an opportunity to review our record with Him. What will matter most is whether or not there will be a day when we surrendered our life to Him.

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Cook of the Week

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The Williamsons



This week's Cooks of the Week are Tyler, Holly, Danni Lynn and Demi Williamson. Tyler is a driver for UPS and Holly is a teacher at Swainsboro Elementary School. Danni Lynn is kindergarten and Demi is in preschool. The family's favorite season is fall. Their fall activities include hunting for doves and deer, watching the Georgia Bulldogs play football, riding in the Jeep, loving on their sweet pup and enjoying being outside. The Williamsons also love camping at the beach or mountains. In their free time, Tyler and Holly are often being entertained by the girls as they play. At any moment in time, the girls may be disguised as superheroes, princesses, doctors, cosmetologist, singers, teachers, UPS drivers or even chefs in their kitchen. They would like to share three of their favorite recipes with the readers of *The Blade*. Enjoy!



From the kitchen of *The Williamsons*

Cinnamon Toast

- 1/2 c. Sugar
- 2 tsp. Cinnamon
- Softened butter
- Bread

Mix sugar and cinnamon together and pour in a spice jar (or any jar with a shaker lid). Cover bread with a thin coat of softened butter. Sprinkle cinnamon sugar mixture liberally over butter. Broil until brown.



From the kitchen of *The Williamsons*

Delicious Macaroni and Cheese

- 2 c. dry penne pasta
- 8 oz. Velveeta Cheese. Cut in small pieces
- 1/2 c. heavy cream

Cook pasta according to package directions. Drain Well. In a small saucepan, combine Velveeta cheese and heavy cream. Cook on low heat and stir until all cheese is melted. Pour cheese sauce over cooked pasta and mix well. Serve while still warm.



From the kitchen of *The Williamsons*

Brownies

- 1 box of Duncan Hines chewy fudge brownie mix
- 3 large eggs
- 1/4 c. water
- 1/2 c. vegetable oil

Mix brownies according to package directions. Pour into a greased 9x13 pan. Bake at 325°F for 20 minutes or until they start to pull away from sides. Do not over bake.

Editorials Columns

Rejoice

This one word means so much---feel happy, exult, joyful, delight. I recently received a phone call that filled my heart and spirit with each and more. That's a lot to be given by a phone call, but after saying "Hello", a soft voice said, "This is Ann." I was speechless for a moment, until I asked, "Ann Shepard?". Indeed, it was my forever friend from the Class of SHS 1953. When I say forever, I mean

from early grade school and through the years after we kept

in touch with letters, calls, e-mails and several visits. That was until a few months ago when her husband, Dick Calef, replied to my last e-mail with the heartbreaking news that my dear Ann was seriously ill with many complications.

"No, no, not beautiful, talented and brilliant Ann." It would be a long struggle, day by day, to regain her abilities. I knew all along that in time she would be able to make that phone call to me, because I knew her

strength and determination, and that she would put up a fight. If you knew her at SHS, you remember that she had lofty goals, expectations and dreams and diligently succeeded in all. She was artistically gifted, academically brilliant, kind, caring and quite lovely. She is also totally modest so she will shake her head "No" to each. She was able to complete higher education and spend a rewarding career as a psychologist. In her younger years, she was accept-

ed for training as an airline stewardess. After completing, when choosing location for assignment--she said "New York City." That was Ann and one of her dreams. That is where she met her New Englander husband, Dick.

After retirement, she and Dick traveled world-wide, and that was another dream. They also taught adult education courses and escorted groups on well-planned enriching trips which they found rewarding and delightful.

Shirley Proctor Twiss



On our last visit together, we met at the Coleman House with her sister, the late Nella Shepard Powell. We sat on the side porch, enjoyed a dinner of Sconyer's barbecue and talked and talked and talked until midnight. We shared and laughed about our SHS dreams and goals. Many of these had come true.

I rejoice and give many thanks that my beloved friend is back. Her brilliant mind is still acute, and conversations are as intriguing and as delightful as the visit we had on the porch of the Coleman House. That's my forever friend, and I look forward to more times together. Write to Shirley at sptwiss@gmail.com

Offering an opinion on Donald Trump's opinion of Colin Powell

Classless. That is the only term I can use in a family newspaper to describe Donald Trump's comments about the passing of Colin Powell, former U.S. Secretary of State and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, who died from Covid-19 complications on Oct. 18. Said Trump, "Wonderful to see Colin Powell, who made big mistakes on Iraq and famous-

ly, so-called weapons of mass destruction, be treated in death so beautifully by the Fake News Media. Hope that happens to me someday. He was a classic RINO, if even that, always being the first to attack other Republicans. He made plenty of mistakes, but anyway, may he rest in peace." Does the guy have to insult everybody? Is he that insecure? Long-time Georgia

state representative and arch-conservative Don Parsons, of Cobb County, responded, "I believe it is important that people know that Donald Trump does not speak for this Republican in his statement about General Colin Powell. Even after what he, who has never served one day in the uniform of the Armed Forces of our nation, has said about the late Senator McCain,

as well about General Mattis, General Kelly and others, I was somewhat taken by surprise by his statement. General Powell was a great soldier and a man of character and integrity. He loved our nation and served it well." Amen. Colin Powell is an American success story. He didn't inherit millions of dollars from his daddy's real estate empire in Manhattan. He was the son of Jamaican parents - a shipping clerk and a seamstress. He didn't attend a fancy boarding school. He attended public schools in the South Bronx. Upon graduation from the City College of New York, Colin Powell joined the United States Army. After a short tour of duty in Vietnam in the early '60's, Powell returned in 1968 as a major and assistant chief of staff of operations. He was decorated for bravery after surviving a helicopter crash and then rescuing three others from the burning wreckage. That same year, following four earlier deferments for education, Donald Trump, 22, was exempted from the draft after being diagnosed with bone spurs in his heels. We hear the word "patriot" tossed around a lot these days. I looked the term up. It is defined as "A person who vigorously supports their country and is prepared to defend it against enemies or detractors."

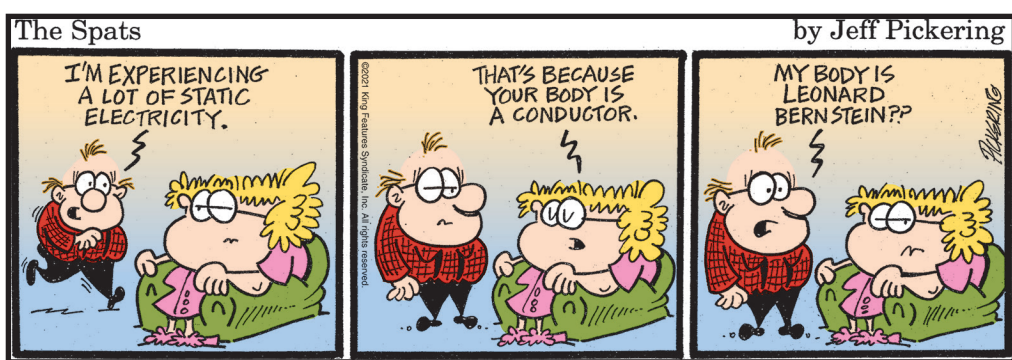
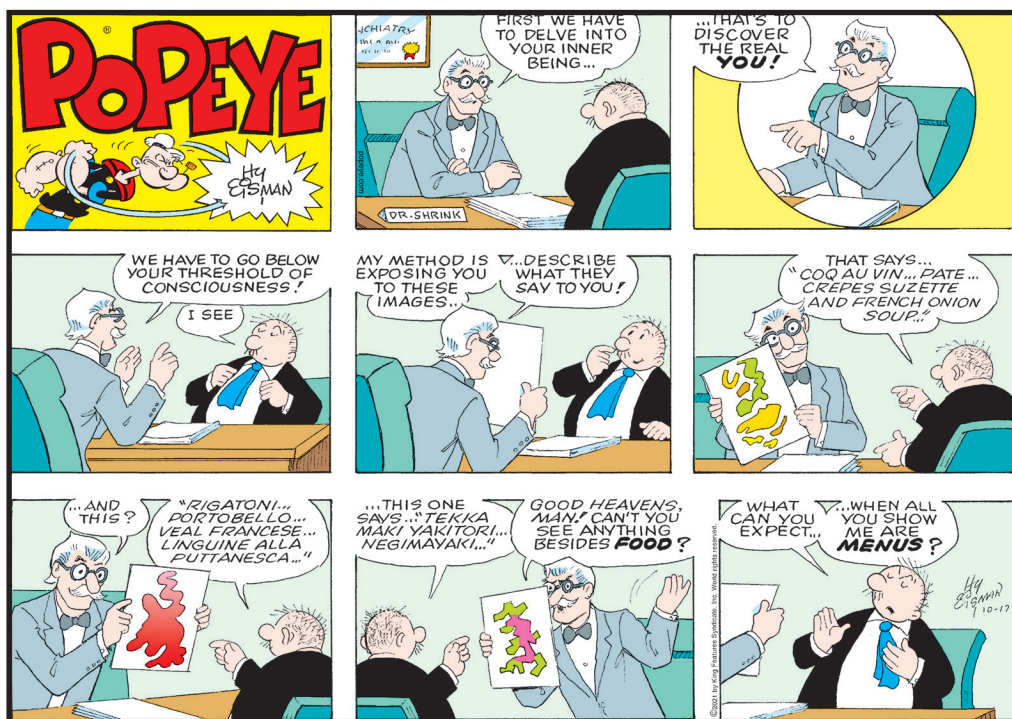
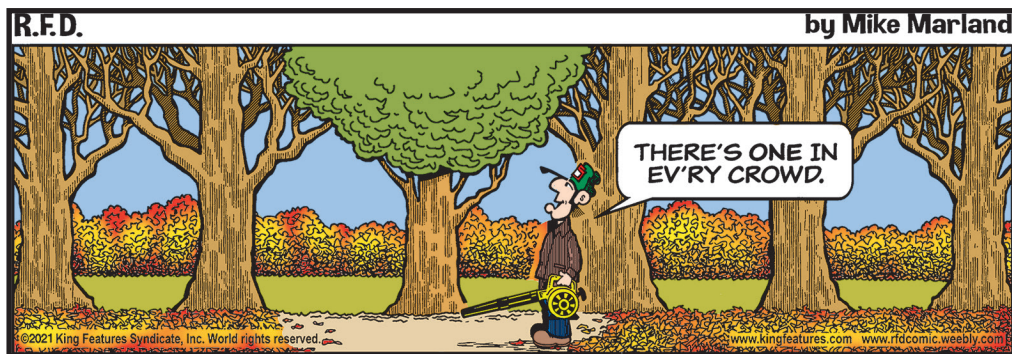
Dick Yarbrough




Somehow, it has been coopted by right-wing groups who believe themselves to be the only true patriots and those who disagree as the enemy. Trump even referred to those who stormed the Capitol on Jan. 6 as "patriots." Let me offer another view of patriotism. Oliver Halle is a retired FBI agent, a Vietnam veteran and an unabashed liberal. We have had many spirited political discussions over the years and have come to the conclusion that about the only thing we can agree on is the time of day. And not always that. Halle was a Swift Boat commander in Vietnam. He and his five-man crew patrolled the narrow inlets and canals within the country, helping get Navy SEALs and Green Berets on shore, providing them gunfire support and emergency extraction if needed, as well as intercepting North Vietnamese and Viet Cong contraband. Extremely dangerous business. While we don't see eye-to-eye on politics, Oliver Halle is by my definition a patriot, and, not surprisingly, one with a different opinion about the country he defended than that of some of the self-described patriots. He says, "I strongly believe the reason

America is exceptional is because it is the one country that protects the right to be different, the right to dissent, the right to express outrageous opinions--all without a knock at the door at midnight. That includes burning the flag in protest, among the many activities and forms of expression that don't sit well with 'patriots.' And while not sitting well with me, wouldn't be America without the most important of all amendments, the First Amendment." The privilege to express outrageous opinions, therefore, extends to Donald Trump. He can demean the legacy of a Great American like Colin Powell. That is his right. I can also express my opinion that he has shown a lack of class and thumb-sucking petulance in doing so. Now you have the right to express your opinion of my opinion of Donald Trump's opinion. This is what Colin Powell, Oliver Halle and thousands of other fought and risked their lives for. They are the true patriots. You can reach Dick Yarbrough at dick@dickyarbrough.com; at P.O. Box 725373, Atlanta, Georgia 31139 or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/dickyarb.

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**Educational Sales Tax Referendum (ESPLOST) NOTICE
OF SALES AND USE TAX FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES
ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 2, 2021**

Pursuant to a resolution adopted on July 20, 2021, by the Board of Education of Emanuel County (the "Board of Education"), the managing and controlling body of the Emanuel County School District (the "School District"), and a call of election issued by the Emanuel County Board of Elections, as Election Superintendent, notice is hereby given as follows:

On November 2, 2021, an election will be held in Emanuel County to submit to the qualified voters of Emanuel County the following question:

1% EDUCATIONAL SALES TAX

Shall a one percent sales and use tax for educational purposes be imposed in Emanuel County for the period of time not to exceed five years (20 consecutive calendar quarters), beginning upon the expiration of existing sales and use tax for educational purposes presently in effect, in order to raise not more than \$20,000,000 for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, and equipping capital outlay projects at all schools and facilities in the County, for renovating, repairing, improving, and equipping existing school buildings and other buildings and facilities; system-wide security upgrades and equipment; system-wide textbooks including instructional materials and resources; facilities equipment and furnishings; system-wide equipment and systems for renewable energy sources including energy efficient lighting, HVAC; system-wide renovations and improvements to athletic facilities; band equipment and uniforms; instructional and administrative technology, infrastructure, hardware, equipment, software systems and technology licenses; upgrading sound, PA and intercom systems; transportation/maintenance vehicles and equipment including acquisition of school buses and any necessary demolition, new construction or improvements to facilities including but not limited to parking, paving, fence and other land improvements; acquiring textbooks, instructional materials, and resources, acquiring school equipment and furnishings and other real and personal property including the acquisition of land, and construction of needed facilities, paying expenses incident to accomplishing the foregoing, and appurtenances of the Emanuel County School District?

If imposition of the tax is approved by the voters, such vote shall also constitute approval of the issuance of general obligation debt of the Emanuel County School District in a principal amount not to exceed \$5,000,000 for the above capital outlay purposes and for the payment of capitalized interest on such debt.

2. All qualified voters desiring to vote in favor of imposing the one percent sales and use tax for educational purposes (the "Educational Sales Tax") shall vote "Yes" and all qualified voters opposed to levying the Educational Sales Tax shall vote "No." If more than one-half of the votes cast are in favor of reimposing the Educational Sales Tax then such tax shall be imposed beginning upon the termination of the Educational Sales Tax presently in effect and shall cease to be imposed on the earlier of (a) 20 calendar quarters after the tax is imposed or (b) as of the end of the calendar quarter during which the Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Revenue determines that the Educational Sales Tax will have raised revenues sufficient to provide that the net proceeds are equal to, or greater than the amount specified as the maximum amount of net proceeds to be raised by the Educational Sales Tax.

3. The maximum cost of the capital outlay projects to be funded with Educational Sales Tax proceeds, including interest, and cost of issuance on the general obligation debt to be incurred, shall be \$20,000,000. To the extent available, the School District may combine available funds from the State of Georgia with proceeds of the Educational Sales Tax and the general obligation debt, and any other available funds, to pay the costs of the above described capital outlay projects. Plans and specifications for these projects have not been completed and bids or proposals have not been received. Depending upon acquisition and construction costs and available funds, the School District may choose which capital outlay projects to undertake or not undertake, or to delay until additional funding is available, to the extent that proceeds of the Educational Sales Tax and the general obligation debt, together with other available funds actually received by the School District, are insufficient to complete any of the capital outlay projects.

4. If such Educational Sales Tax is to be reimposed, the Board of Education may issue general obligation debt on behalf of the School District, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$5,000,000. The proceeds from such general obligation debt, if issued, shall be used to fund all or a portion of the capital outlay projects and to pay capitalized interest on such debt. The maximum rate or rates of interest on such debt shall not exceed six percent (6.0%) per annum. The maximum amount of principal to be paid in each year during the life of the debt shall be as follows:

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5. Reference is hereby made to the Official Code of Georgia Annotated § 36-82-1(d) which provides in part that any brochures, listings, or other advertisements issued by the Board of Education or by any other person, firm, corporation or association with the knowledge and consent of the Board of Education shall be deemed to be a statement of intention of the Board of Education concerning the use of bond funds.

6. The last day to register to vote in the election is Monday, October 4, 2021, or as otherwise provided by law. Anyone desiring to register may do so by applying in person at the voter registration office located at 105 S. Main Street, Swainsboro, Georgia 30401, or by any other method authorized by the Georgia Election Code.

7. The election will be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2021. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

This July 23, 2021.

Emanuel County Board of Elections,
as Election Superintendent

By: *Kerry K. Curry*



SCENES FROM TUESDAY'S SCRIMMAGE GAMES

Lady Bobcats continue scrimmage games with multiple wins!

The East Georgia State College Varsity Softball Team improved their Fall scrimmage record to 12 and 1 by defeating the Canadian Futures team with scores of 19 to 2 and 2 to 0 on Tuesday, October 19.

Leading the way for the Bobcats was catcher Makenzie Wilkerson. She went 5 for 5 in game one with two homeruns, three doubles, and eight RBI's. Cierra Kinlaw led the Bobcats on the mound allowing no runs in five innings of work with 7 K's in game one.

In game two it was a lot closer with the Bobcats coming out on top with a late inning 2 to 0 scrimmage win. On the mound in game two, Mattie Cash and Ashleigh Miles allowed no runs and only four hits combined.

The following day, Thursday, October 20, the Lady Bobcats picked up two more scrimmage wins over USC Salkehatchie. The Bobcats were led at the plate by Alyssa Barbrick, Alexis McQuaig, Sierra Taylor, Emma Rish, and Katalina Losolla who all hit homeruns on the day! Alexis McQuaig went 5 for 5 on the day as the Bobcats pounded out 21 hits against the Indians in two games, winning scrimmage one by a score of 10 to 3 and scrimmage two by a score of 13 to 4. Britney Foster pitched all seven innings in game one with Cierra Kinlaw and Ashleigh Miles sharing the pitching duties in game two.

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Lady Dawgs return to the Elite 8

by RON WEATHER-FORD

The ECI Bulldog softball team swept their second series last Wednesday to advance to the third round of the state playoffs. It will be another trip to Columbus where 8 of the best teams in each class will be competing in the tournament format.

This marks the fifth time in 8 years the Lady Dawgs have advanced to the Elite Eight. The Bulldogs have won 6 region championship during those playoff years.

After blowout wins against first round opponent Pataula Charter, the Bulldogs had two needed competitive games against Schley Co.

They swept the Wildcats from Ellaville 6-1 in the opening game and closed the series out in the second with a close 3-2 win.

The Lady Dawgs threatened in the first inning of the opening game with bases loaded with two outs. The Wildcat hurler pitched her way out of it to end the threat.

The Bulldogs got on the board in the second inning scoring the game's first run on a couple of errors and ground out by Jayna Kearson to take a 1-0 lead after two innings.

Pitcher Charla Clifton and the Bulldog defense held the Wildcats in check, not allowing a hit until a single in the top of the third inning.

Schley Co. tied the game in the top of the fourth on a 2 out walk followed by a double to score their first run of the game.

Batting around in the inning the Bulldogs found their mark and scored 4 runs in the bottom of the fourth inning. ECI added to the lead in the inning on 2 walks, and singles by Semya Williams and Kayanna Thompson along with a double by Kelsey Harper for a 5-0 lead.

The Wildcats only managed one more hit during the game, coming in the fifth inning. Clifton and her defense retired 10 of the 11 remaining batters.

Senior left fielder Macy Canady singled in the final run of the game in the sixth, scoring Shayla Stephenson for a 6-1 Bulldog lead.

Schley Co. went down in order during the final two innings with ECI taking the first game of the series 6-1.

The Lady Dawgs had 5 timely hits against the Wildcats. Reaching were Harper with a double, and Clifton, Canady, Williams, and Thompson each ending the game with singles.

Clifton toed the rubber for ECI allowing just 3 hits while striking out 10 Wildcat batters.

Playing as the visiting team in the second game, the Bulldogs took an early 2-0 lead in the top of the first inning.

With 2 outs Stephenson, Lily Robertson, Macy Canady and Sulle Boddiford had 4 consecutive singles to give ECI an early first inning lead.

Schley Co. fought back in the bottom of the inning. The leadoff batter reached on an error and found second on a groundout. She would later score on a single to make the score 2-1 after the first inning.

Both pitchers settled down and didn't allow another runner to reach base until the top of the fourth inning on a single by Williams.

The Wildcats tied the game 2-2 in the bottom half of the fourth after a leadoff single scored a couple batters later.

The Lady Dawgs threatened in the top of the fifth with the bases loaded but couldn't get the needed hit to push a run across.

Charla Clifton stretched a double into a sliding triple to lead off the top of the seventh inning. Harper scored Clifton on a single and the Bulldogs broke the tie with a 3-2 lead.

The Wildcats went down in order in the bottom of the seventh with the Bulldogs sweeping Schley Co. in two games.

Shayla Stephenson led the Bulldog offense at the plate with 3 hits. Clifton had one all-important triple with Roberston, Harper, Canady, Boddiford, and Williams get-

ting a single.

Clifton continued her dominance in the circle allowing only 3 Wildcats singles while striking out seven.

The first game of the Elite 8 tournament has the Bulldogs facing 10-time softball champions, Gordon Lee. The Trojans have dominated Class A the last several years

winning 5 consecutive state championships.

Gordon Lee plays out of region 6 with a 28-3 season record. The Bulldogs are region 3 champions, also with just 3 season losses for 26-3 record.

For the second consecutive year region 3 has 2 teams in the Elite 8 with ECI and Screven Co. representing.

resenting.

In other games the Screven will face Social Circle, Crawford Co. will take on Lanier Co. and ACE Charter will play Telfair Co.

All class A first round games will be played on Thursday, October 28, with first pitch scheduled for 9 a.m.

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JACKSON GRABS BALL AND ARM FOR A 21 YARD GAIN

Bulldogs win defensive battle in Millen

by RON WEATHER-FORD

The ECI Bulldogs and Jenkins County Eagles played in their annual neighborhood bash Friday with ECI coming away with a hard fought 20-12 win.

You never know how some rivalry games will play out. Some might be offensive games with the lead going back and forth. Some will be defensive battles where the offenses struggle to get untracked consistently.

The game in Millen Friday was the latter with both defenses holding the opposing offenses to low output.

Both defenses controlled the opening two quarters. The first touchdown of the night came with 5:05 left in the first half.

The Eagles put the first points on the board 19 minutes into the game. Set up by a 34 yard pass down to the ECI 20, Jenkins found the endzone 4 plays later. The two point try was no good with the Eagles striking first 6-0.

Finding it hard going on the ground the Bulldogs used a couple pass plays to get the 9 out of the box to set up their first score of the game.

Bryce Kearson hit Cordarius Lee for a 10 yard gain and later found Kobe Allen for a 37 yard strike to put the Bulldogs on the Jenkins 11 yard line. After

two hard earned runs by DJ Jones moved it to the 4, PJ Farnum took a pitch and took it to the corner for a touchdown. McBride's kick split the uprights and the Bulldogs led 7-6 with a minute left in the half.

Hudson Henry sacked the Eagle quarterback on the last play of the first half with the Bulldogs taking a slim 7-6 lead into the locker room.

The Bulldogs made some adjustments and came out of the break and pounded the ball on the opening drive to extend their lead. ECI used just one pass play, a 16 yard pick up to Kris Jackson. Using the combo of Farnum and Jones, and a 12 yard keeper by Kearson, they took it to the Jenkins 5 yard line. Jones bulled over from there for his first touchdown of the night. EP try was blocked and the Bulldogs led 13-6 with just over 8 minutes left in the third.

The Bulldogs added to their lead in the fourth quarter on a drive that started in the third.

On third and 12 at the Jenkins 29, Jack Walden made a diving catch for a 4 yard pickup. On fourth and 8 on the next play, Kearson hit Jackson for a 21 yard gain down to the Eagle 4. Farnum stuck his head into the scrum at the goal on the next play for the touchdown. EP kick was good and the Bulldogs led 20-6 with 9:46 left in the

game.

The Eagles took the ensuing kickoff back to the ECI 34 yard line. Jenkins found the endzone 11 plays later. The extra point kick was no good with the Bulldogs leading 20-12 with 2:50 left in the game.

The Bulldogs were unable to get a needed first down to ice the game and were forced to punt the ball back to the Eagles with 1:21 left.

The Bulldog defense held with Jenkins only gaining 5 yards on a short pass play. PJ Farnum ended the Eagles' hope of a comeback intercepting a Jenkins pass with 11 seconds left in the game.

Kearson took a knee and the Bulldogs left Millen with a 20-12 region win. The Bulldogs are currently tied with Metter with a 5-0 record in the region.

The Bulldogs rushed for 95 yards during the game with Farnum leading with 48 yards.

Kearson was 9-10 passing for 114 yards, spreading the ball around to 6 different receivers.

Jackson and Allen led with 37 yards receiving each. Walden caught 2 for 13, Lee 2 for 18 with 3 other Bulldogs grabbing one ball each.

The Bulldogs finally return to Rountree Stadium next Friday against Bryan Co. ECI's last home game was against Portal on September 24.



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GAME TYING TOUCHDOWN FROM ABOUT THE 2-YARD LINE WITH LESS THAN A MINUTE TO GO

SHS Tigers place first in region 2AA after defeating Jeff Davis by one point in Friday night match

Swainsboro High School Tigers traveled to Hazlehurst on Friday, October 23, to compete against the Jeff Davis Yellow Jackets. The game kicked off at 7:30 p.m. and ended with a Tiger victory after the Jeff Davis team missed a field goal kick with only three seconds left to win the game. The final score was 15-14.

The two teams ended the first quarter of the game 0-0. The Yellow Jackets were able to prevent a Tiger touchdown

in the second quarter of Friday night's game and successfully scored one touchdown for the Hazlehurst team. The final score before entering halftime was 0-7.

Taking the field after a halftime performance honoring Veteran's Day, the Tigers scored their first touchdown in the third quarter, bringing the score to 8-14. An additional Tiger touchdown was gained by the Swainsboro team in the fourth quarter.

With less than one

minute remaining in the fourth quarter, the Tigers sealed the game tying touchdown points from around the 2-yard line, making the score 14-14.

An extra point won after the game brought the Tiger's victory after the Jeff Davis team missed a field goal with only three seconds left to win the game from about 15 yards from the touchdown line.

With a final score of 15-14, the Tigers claimed victory and took first place in Region 2AA.

DEA Middle School Eagles defeat Fullington Academy Trojans in last game of season

David Emanuel Academy's middle school football team traveled to Pinehurst last Thursday, October 21, to compete against the Fullington Academy Trojans for the last game of the season. The game kicked off at 6 p.m. and ended with an Eagle victory, 50-42.

Karon Gray successfully completed the Stillmore team's first two touchdown plays during the game's beginning.

Running the ball for a combined 88-yards, Gray ran the ball 32 yards for the first Eagle touchdown and 56 yards for the second touchdown. The score was 12-16.

Brody Fleming completed the next Eagle touchdown by running the ball 61 yards. A 2-point conversion play run by Gray brought the score to 20-22.

The Stillmore Eagles took lead over the Trojans after Ethan Fields ran the

ball 38 yards for another touchdown. The score now being 26-22.

A 5-yard play run by Gray and backed by a 2-point conversion run by Richard Braddy increased the Eagles leverage over the Trojans. The Eagles continued running the ball up to their 50-42 final victory with completed runs made by Fleming and Braddy and fumble recoveries made by Bryan Beasley and Tucker Free.



LEWIS WITH HIS 8-POINT

Lewis bags 8-point

Colten Lewis, 13-year-old son of Bryant and Brooke Lewis of Swainsboro, killed an 8-point buck on their private property October 17, 2021. Colten was hunting with his 'Pop' Vernon when the buck walked out and he dropped the deer with one shot to the targeted area. He was very excited to find that it was an 8-point and decided on shoulder-mounting it. This was Colten's first big buck.

Colten is the grandson of Miriam and Vernon Hardy of Swainsboro, and the late Randy Fagler, and Tommy and Marsha Earnest of Greensboro, GA and the late Jerry Lewis.

DEA loses to Vidalia Heritage in Eagle Vs. Eagle game

David Emanuel Academy's Varsity Eagles hosted the Eagle of Vidalia Heritage Academy on Friday, October 22. The football game ended with a DEA loss of 16-42.

A game highlight worthy to be noted for the DEA Eagles was an interception play made by Jesse Moore. Scoring points for the Stillmore team were Kayden Lynch, Riley Griner, Ebb McCullough and Moore. Lynch completed a 62-yard kickoff return for the first DEA touchdown. The two-point conversion play from Griner to McCullough was deemed successful. Moore ran the ball for a 1-yard touchdown and Griner sealed the two-point conversion play by running the ball for the final DEA touchdown.



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MOORE

SHS Athletic Alumni Reunion 2021

On the last home football game of the 2021 regular season, there will be an informal SHS Athletic Alumni Reunion. Anyone who has participated in any sport or coached at Swainsboro High School, Emanuel County Elementary and High or was a cheerleader are welcome to attend.

Also, if an athlete has passed, a spouse, child, parent, or sibling is welcome to attend in their honor. The initial plan is a meet-and-greet tailgate before the game Friday night, Nov. 5, and a get-together on Saturday, Nov 6.

For have any questions, contact Harold Scott at hiscott01@aol.com or via Facebook. If you plan to attend either day, RSVP so reunion hosts can plan accordingly.

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'Famous' A.J. McCullars – Swainsboro Raceway's Legend, Mascot and Junior Chief of the Raceway Safety Crew

A.J. McCullars, Swainsboro Raceway's legend, mascot and junior chief of the raceway safety crew, went to his heavenly home on Sunday, May 30, 2021 from injuries sustained in an ATV accident, not knowing how many lives he really impacted. About six months before his accident, he told his parents he was going to be famous. Well...famous he was! He had a relationship with almost every driver at Swainsboro Raceway, along with lots of fans.

And so the story begins...

A.J. became the son of Chris and Lafonda McCullars at the age of 6, along with his brother, Justin. The McCullars also have two biological sons, Jamie and Brent. On a small road trip one day, Lafonda told Chris she would like to adopt a little girl and he agreed. They started looking and sponsored a girl in Mexico. This plan fell through so they contacted the Department of Family and Children Services and became involved in the RESPID program, a babysitting program for foster parents. This is how they got to know A.J. and Justin. While they were babysitting the boys, everyone in the household contracted a virus. A.J. was hospitalized and there's where the bond was built. Unfortunately, the boys kept getting put back into the system and were fostered five times in four years. Finally, the courts awarded the boys to the McCullars. They were adopted by Chris and Lafonda at the ages of 5 and 6. "One of the fondest memories I have of A.J. as a baby when we were fostering him is that he could not go to sleep at night without rubbing my beard," said Chris.

A.J. was diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome and Fetal Alcohol Syndrome. The

syndromes made it challenging for A.J. to learn like other children his age. The school he attended taught him how to clean, make beds, wash dishes and much more. This led to a part-time job at Company Supply in Dublin washing dishes, along with other tasks, which he was very proud of. Chris would teasingly tell A.J. he could stay home from school to help him with some lifting. A.J. was quick to let his dad know he was not missing school because he had to go to work or Mr. Richard would be mad at him.

This was taken from A.J.'s teacher, Chip Fleming, Room 206 the week after his fatal accident. *'As a teacher you never want to get that call. This week will be one of toughest weeks of my career. I knew it would be all year with Reed King graduating. Then learning today that we will lay to rest another. In our classroom, growth sometimes is not recognized and noticed until you sit back and reflect. The growth that our students took during a tough school year was immeasurable. I have been excited for several of our students as they are set to take a big step in our world and have a job. AJ was one of those students. A kid that loved hard. Never a dull moment! He took great strides and always strived*



A.J. MCCULLARS

to please people. Friday, he let me know over and over that he would always have my back. Just another example of how we care for each other in Room 206!

A.J. and his family were very involved in their church, Faith Christian Assembly, where he was baptized on June 2, 2019. He was also active in the youth program. A big cross, complete with a Crown of Thorns made from ceiling fan parts, stands in the church today that was built by A.J. "He rubbed blisters on his hands building the cross but he didn't care. When he set his mind to

something it was hard to stop him," said Chris.

A very fond memory the family has of A.J. is his love for fishing. One afternoon, his dad said he was going to go to the river. After he got his gear ready to leave, he looked around and couldn't find A.J. He walked outside and there sat A.J. in the back seat of the truck...ready to go! Another afternoon, Chris looked across the yard and A.J. was sitting at a mud hole with his fishing pole. His dad said he sat there for hours 'fishing'. Chris says looking back now, that image of him sitting there at his 'little pond' is one of his favorite memories.

Unlike most boys his age, A.J. never wanted to have a birthday party. The only thing he really wanted for his birthday was for Swainsboro Raceway track owner, Paul Purvis and Danny Scarboro (Scab) to go with him to J.B.'s Steakhouse, and they always did. "Paul's birthday is December 20 and A.J.'s was December 22, so he felt like they were celebrating together for their birthdays," stated Chris "He had Paul wrapped around his little finger."

Although A.J. loved fishing, music, The Dukes of Hazzard, Andy Griffith and much more, racing was his life. If he misbehaved, his parents would threaten to tell Mr. Paul how he was misbehaving or threaten to make him miss a race. According to them, this always worked. He never wanted 'Mr. Paul' to think he got in trouble. At the track, you could always find him sitting on the back of his dad's 4-wheeler, waiting patiently while his dad worked as part of the Safety Crew. That's how he earned the title of Junior Chief of the Safety Crew and became the Raceway Mascot.

Racing was always on his mind. While A.J. was taking standardized tests at school, his teacher walked by to monitor him. She stopped at his desk to see if he was on task. Well, according to A.J. he was – he flipped his test sideways and had drawn a race car using the bubbles you fill in for answering the questions on the test.

He was very talented

when it came to tearing things apart to built something that was usually race related. He was always bringing parts home from the raceway that had been torn off racecars. According to his mother, he brought something home from almost every race at Swainsboro Raceway. "Someone gave him the front part of a car. He, of course, put it in the yard and started building his own car. As he collected parts, he made him a car, complete with a hanging fragrance. He wanted to add a CB radio in the car but he had mounted it to his lawn mower and never got around to getting it off," said Lafonda.

As you already know, A.J. loved to build. He built a trophy for Paul and according to Paul that is one of the most special gifts he ever received. He also built a trophy to give away in the Road Warrior class at one of the races. Jaime Foskey won the race and trophy. Following the race, A.J. was in the Winners Circle to take a picture with Foskey, as he often was. Later, Foskey had the picture blown up and gave it to A.J. A lot of the drivers also made a sign and each one signed it for the 'Junior Chief'.

After one of the races, Paul gave him a big check to take home with him. His mother recalls him taking the check and setting up trophies other drivers had given him and pretending he was in the Winners Circle at Swainsboro Raceway. According to her, he would do this sort of thing for hours, singing all the while.

We reached out to several of the local drivers at Swainsboro Raceway to see how A.J. impacted their lives.

Jaime Foskey - I've known Chris and Lafonda for many years. When I started racing 4 years ago A.J. would come around in the pits. Just a nervous and shy kid that loved the sport. I would always make it a point to stop and give him a high 5. It would make his day and melted my heart. I was lucky enough to win a lot of races early in my career. He'd always be excited. One night he made a trophy and a plaque to give out to the road warrior winner. He came to me before the race and was so happy about it. He told me he knew I was going to win it. I won that night and out of all my trophies, that one now means the most to me. He's been to my shop a time or two with his dad and I'd always have to find something to send home with him racing related.

Danny (Scab) Scarboro – He called me Jose and I called him Jose. He was like a son to me. I loved that boy. He was quiet and didn't like noise. One day I took him to my shop to give him a trophy. I told him to pick one out but he wanted two and he got both. When he picked out the second trophy, he told Paul 'You gonna have to get mad but this is from 441 race-track'. When we got back to the track, he started shining on the trophies and had them looking brand new before we left that night. He loved wrestling. He bought a

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A PHOTO AJ CARRIED IN HIS BOOKBAG OF HIS FATHER, BROTHER, HIM AND HIS MOTHER



A SECOND PHOTO AJ CARRIED IN HIS BOOKBAG OF HIS FATHER, BROTHER, HIM AND HIS MOTHER



A THIRD PHOTO AJ CARRIED IN HIS BOOKBAG OF HIS FATHER, BROTHER, HIM AND HIS MOTHER

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'Famous' A.J. McCullars ...

(From page 4C)
 belt and smashed cans flat and put them on the belt and told me that was my wrestling belt and gave it to me. When we would go to J.B.'s to eat for his birthday, he couldn't stop talking. His daddy would tell him to quieten down but he told him he couldn't because he was just so excited. I remember one time I gave him a shirt that was really too little for him but he wouldn't have it any other way but to wear it. He was so proud of it.

Chesley "Ironhead"

Dixon #3 - I never saw him that he didn't have a smile on his face.... unless you roughed up one of the driver's he was pulling for LOL. AJ had a lot of favorites. I just wish he knew how many would agree that he was their favorite. You could be fighting mad coming off the track, see him standing in turns 3 & 4, and with a smile on his face and a thumbs up he always turned our frustration around and made everything ok. AJ was as good as gold and I would not give anything in the

world for meeting him. He holds a very special place in my heart. He was an inspiration and will be truly missed by myself and many others. I would like to thank Mr. Chris and Mrs. Lafonda for allowing my family to get to know AJ. He was a wonderful kid.

Terry Lumley - My first real memory of AJ was at a Thanksgiving race. I had gone through what I thought was a bad week. On Thursday night, I went to Swainsboro Raceway for practice. While I was on the track, I saw AJ sitting

up at the fence. He was pumping his fists and smiling. Right then, I knew the Lord was sending me a message to stop complaining (I knew the story of his life prior to Chris and Lafonda becoming his parents). After practice, I went and found him and told him I was going to win him a turkey Saturday night. I won the race and the carved wooden turkey. With the help of Alf Wimberly, we loaded the turkey onto a golf cart and went to the top of the track to give it to him. He was one happy

little boy. What he didn't realize is he did way more for me than I did for him. It's easy to get caught up in yourself. After that, every time I saw A.J., he would say 'My turkey's getting so big'. He sent me texts quite often talking about the turkey. He was just my buddy and it's not the same there now.

Paul Purvis - I think AJ knew almost every driver at the track. His daddy told me that he had a hard time dealing with loud noise before he brought him to the track. After his first trip to the

aces, the noise never bothered him again. We had a good time together on our birthdays because his, Danny Scarborough's and mine are so close, we always had our own little birthday celebration at JB's Steakhouse. I think I looked forward to the celebration as much or more that AJ did. We have lost a lot of folks that are close to use at Swainsboro Raceway, and AJ was one of them. He will always be a part of us.

I think it goes without saying... A.J. was famous!



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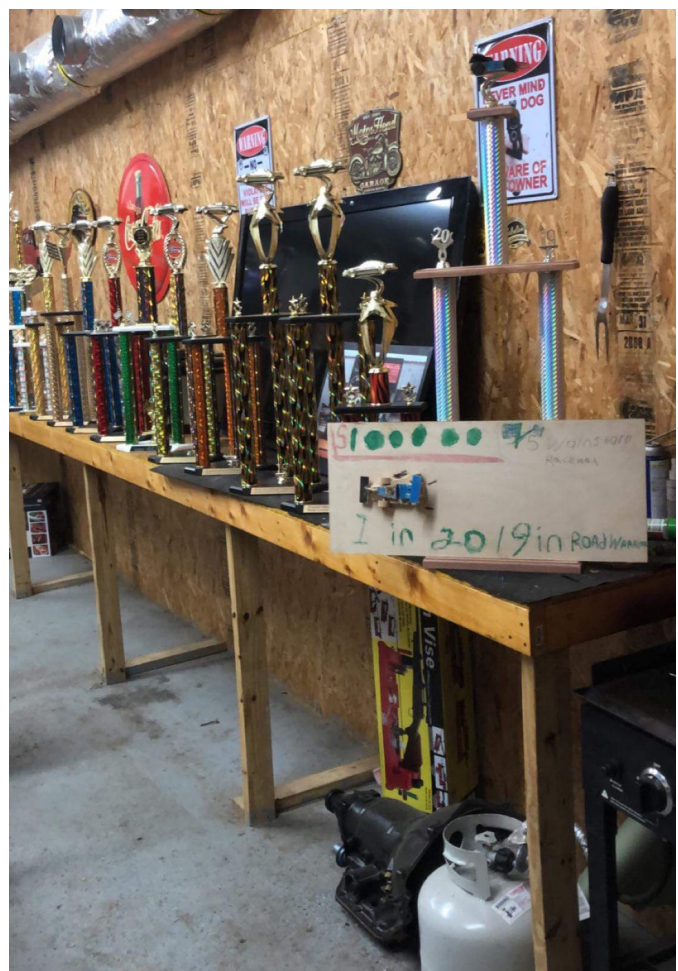
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Plans were completed for the "Man of the Year in Conservation" program. Herman Talmadge, United States Senator from Georgia, was the principal speaker for the occasion. (visit emanuelcountylive.com to see contestants' photos)

THIS IS YOUR LIFE
Ralph Edwards, noted TV personality of "This Is Your Life," is shown above with Mrs. Jack Jenkins and Mrs. D.E. Flanders of Swainsboro. The group met at the Georgia Cancer Convention held in Atlanta. Mr. Edwards was one of the principal speakers. (visit emanuelcountylive.com to see contestants' photos)

October 27, 1971
PRACTICING FOR SATURDAY NIGHT
Saturday night will be observed as "trick or treat" night by scores of youngsters here and across the nation. Jim Harrell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Harrell, and Misty Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Johnson, all of Swainsboro, donned their Halloween costumes and posed before the specially decorated door. Actually, the door banner was handmade by Mrs. Milton Carlton and was forwarded to her grandchildren, Jason, Eric, and Price Carlton in Atlanta, for their use for Halloween. (visit emanuelcountylive.com to see contestants' photos)

PHILLIPS PROMOTED TO CAPTAIN
Tommy O. Phillips, formerly of Swainsboro, was promoted to captain by Southern Airways. Son of Mrs. W.O. Phillips and the late Mr. Phillips, he was among three first officers who were promoted to captains, flying Martin 404s. (visit emanuelcountylive.com to see contestants' photos)

October 28, 1981
'SEE OUR JACK-O-LANTERN'
Melissa Shivers, Susan Hendley, Larry Williams, and Jamie Archer, students at Twin City Primary School, were proud of their jack-o-lantern that was among Halloween decorations at the fall festival. (visit emanuelcountylive.com to see contestants' photos)

'STARLETTES'
Chris Kent, Nina Davis, and Jodi Lyn Dawkins of Swainsboro performed with the Starlette Dance Troupe at the Valusia County Fair. The "Starlettes" also performed at the Deland Beauty Pageant in Deland, FL. (visit emanuelcountylive.com to see contestants' photos)

October 30, 1991
ADMIRATION!
Carving out a pumpkin for Halloween can be an interesting pastime, particularly if you've got an admiring audience. Here, Hollis Newsome, of Swainsboro, shows off his skill to Matthew Peebles, son of Mr. and Mrs. Danny Peebles, and Hillary Lamb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Lamb. (visit emanuelcountylive.com to see contestants' photos)

CANTERBURY TALES
Michael Womack, skipper; Brandi Canady, squire; and Mario Webb, knight, were among seniors at ECI taking an imaginary pilgrimage to Canterbury as a conclusion to their study of Geoffrey Chaucer's The Canterbury Tales. (visit emanuelcountylive.com to see contestants' photos)

October 30, 2001
WATCH OUT FOR THAT TREEEE!
Happy Halloween everyone! This cute display of witch and goose was in Jim and Martha Cameron's yard. Looks like Ms. Witch needs an air traffic controller. Hope you all have a great Halloween! visit emanuelcountylive.com to see contestants' photos)

PRE-K HALLOWEEN
SMS Junior Beta students Tabitha Strange and Amber Boatright were performing a Halloween Safety Puppet Show for Swainsboro Pre-K students. Among students entertained were Daniel Hudson, Tyrin Gordon, Chelsey Strowbridge, and Jessica Andrews. (visit emanuelcountylive.com to see contestants' photos)

October 26, 2011
SES STUDENTS CREATE CELL MODELS
SES students in Linda Holder's, Cassie Johnson's, Tanya Lamb's, and Mandi Moore's 5th grade science classes created 3-D models of cells. The students pictured are Spencer Robertson, Lauren Henry, Allaina Durden, Timothy Bell, Kyland Bird, Leslie Crockett, and Noah Fultz. (visit emanuelcountylive.com to see contestants' photos)

THE MAGIC OF CLARKE PARKE MORGAN HORSE FARM
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COMPATRIOT BURKE PRESENTING HIS PROGRAM



WIREGRASS CHAPTER COMPATRIOTS D. SMITH, BURKE, AND W. SMITH

Burke presents program to 41st Annual Colby Smith Reunion

On Saturday, October 16, descendants of Revolutionary War Patriot Colby Smith traveled to Bethany Baptist Church in Washington County to celebrate the 41st Annual Colby Smith Reunion. The event began at 10:30 a.m. with President Dess Smith III presiding and 26 individuals being in attendance.

After blessing the food, all enjoyed a covered dish meal. After the meal, President Smith introduced program presenter, Artillery Commander and Compatriot Steve Burke of the Wiregrass Chapter, Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution. His program was titled "The American

Soldier". After his outstanding presentation, Co-President Wilder Smith, Jr. held roll call of descendants of Colby's nine children, Lucy, Thomas, John, Annie, Micajah, Rebecca, Mary, Isaac and George.

After the business session and election of officers for 2021-22, W. Smith held a memorial for those descendants that have passed away. He then closed the reunion with a prayer.

The event was then moved outside for a 3-round firing of a .75 Cal. Brown Bess Muskets and 6-pounder Naval Cannon by Wiregrass Chapter members. Next year's reunion will be held on October 15.

CITY OF SWAINSBORO, GEORGIA					
In compliance with O.C.G.A Section 48-5-32, the City is publishing the following report setting forth the proposed tax digest and millage rate for the current year prior to adoption of the millage rate. The current year being proposed is the City's fiscal year ending November 30, 2022					
The City of Swainsboro will set this millage rate at the Council meeting at City Hall, Monday November 01, 2021 at 6:00pm.					
Proposed 2022 Tax Digest and 5-Year History of Levy					
CITY OF SWAINSBORO	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
ASSESSMENT RATE	40%	40%	40%	40%	40%
REAL & PERSONAL	\$136,020,131	\$140,347,431	\$141,465,306	\$134,331,543	\$169,697,674
MOTOR VEHICLES	\$3,522,120	\$2,903,300	\$2,444,600	\$1,116,201	\$1,770,830
MOBILE HOMES	\$117,453	\$116,765	\$92,241	\$88,654	\$84,823
TIMBER-100%	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
HEAVY EQUIPMENT	\$13,688	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$20,148
GROSS DIGEST	\$139,673,392	\$143,367,496	\$144,002,147	\$135,536,398	\$171,573,475
FLPA REIMBURSEMENT VALUE	\$72,344	\$74,080	\$16,777	\$16,266	\$15,750
LESS M&O EXEMPTIONS	-\$22,593,472	-\$23,771,814	-\$22,366,654	-\$10,039,428	-\$9,552,913
NET M&O DIGEST	\$117,152,264	\$119,669,762	\$121,652,270	\$125,496,970	\$162,020,562
GROSS M&O MILLAGE RATE	27.52	27.52	27.52	27.52	27.52
LESS ROLLBACKS	29.15%	29.40%	29.68%	29.49%	49.66%
NET M&O MILLAGE RATE	19.499	19.428	19.353	19.405	14.405
NET TAXES LEVIED	\$2,284,352	\$2,324,944	\$2,354,011	\$2,435,268	\$2,333,906
NET TAXES \$ INCREASE	-\$48,723	\$40,592	\$40,592	\$29,067	(\$101,362)
NET MILLAGE % INCREASE	0.54%	-1.69%	-0.36%	-0.39%	-25.76%

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