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A historical Christmas for one Summertown native

by BRITTANY HALL

Christmas is the season of joy, light, love and the giving of each. While many homes are being prepped for the holidays with glamorous trees, colorful icicle lights and nativity scenes, one local man spends his Decembers enjoying the festive views of the neighborhood from his window. Meet Deacon CB Badie, a resident of Summertown, an avid member of Johnson Grove Baptist Church in Midville, and for the first time ever, owner of a Christmas tree.

When Deacon Badie's longtime friends, Donnell and Mae Harris, dropped by his home for a visit earlier this month, they noticed that it was missing a touch of sparkle. While sharing conversation and admiring the decorations of the homes nearby, Harris brought up a question that Mr. Badie had never pondered before.

"I love Christmas! So I asked Mr. Badie why he never put up a Christmas tree or any decorations during this time of year," Harris explained, thinking that it may have something to do with his religion. When she received his reply though, she smiled at the simplicity of the matter. "Deacon Badie



MR. BADIE WITH FIRST CHRISTMAS TREE

likes seeing the beauty of Christmas at other places but he never thought of having that same beauty in his own home." She then asked if it would be okay for her to put a Christmas tree up for him to enjoy from the warmth of his home for years to come, and with his blessing she gave him the gift of Christmas, providing

him with a beautifully decorated Christmas tree while also adding some cheer to his front door with a red and gold wreath.

"Deacon CB Badie, who never had Christmas at his home in all of his 90 plus years is now enjoying it for the very first time. Merry Christmas, Deacon Badie," Harris joyfully, concluded.



SCENE FROM CONFERENCE

America Knits discusses success, future goals to promote cotton industry at December conference

Steve Talton and Steve Hawkins, co-owners and co-founders of America Knits in Swainsboro, held a conference earlier this month. The session was attended by a large group of individuals, including Taylor Seals, executive director of Georgia Cotton Commission - Perry, David Holton, Mark Davis, chairman with Georgia Cotton

Commission and farming operator, Phillip Roberts with UGA of Tifton, Steve Chapman of Magnolia Loom, Fred Harden and Victoria Kopyar with Field Deposit, Chris Hopkins, Toombs County cotton producer and Georgia Cotton Commission member, Andy Harrison with Georgia Farm and Agriculture, Chad Mathis

- Arlington producer, Kelly Rogers, operations coordinator for Georgia's Capitols, Caroline Gentry with Georgia Cotton Commission and several others.

The meeting began with discussion on upcoming scheduled events and operation updates. Following the normal business dis- (Continued on page 2A)

Emanuel County resident among eleven men indicted for illegal firearms possession, drugs Additional defendants sentenced or await court dates in Southern District

Eleven defendants face federal charges including illegal possession of firearms and drug possession after separate indictments by a grand jury in the Southern District of Georgia, while recent actions in U.S. District Court include guilty pleas and criminal sentences related to illegal gun possession.

The indicted cases are being investigated as part of Project Safe Neighborhoods in collaboration with federal, state and local law enforcement agencies, including the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), the FBI, and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, in an ongoing effort to reduce violent crime with measures that included targeting those who illegally possess firearms. "These indictments and prosecutions continue to send the unmistak-

able message: convicted felons are not legally allowed to possess firearms," said David H. Estes, U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia. "Getting guns out of the hands of criminals is essential to making our streets safer."

In the past three years, more than 710 defendants have been federally charged in the Southern District of Georgia for illegal firearms offenses - most often for possessing a firearm after conviction for a previous felony.

Local defendant named in federal indictments from the December 2021 term of the U.S. District Court grand jury include:

- **David Kreiss, 46**, of Swainsboro, Ga, charged with Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon; Possession of an Unregistered Sawed-Off Shotgun; and Possession of a Firearm with an Obliterated Serial Number.

Criminal indictments contain only charges; defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

DEA Seniors Rowland, Tant awarded Heisman Scholarship

David Emanuel Academy seniors Rylie Rowland and Alana Tant have been selected as school winners in the Heisman High School Scholarship program. Presented by Acceptance Insurance, one male and one female scholar-athlete recipients are selected from each high school based on their participation in a wide variety of sports as well as school and community activities. The scholarship is open to seniors who meet eligibility criteria. Specific requirements include having a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0, having participated in at least one recognized sport, and being a leader in their school and community.



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Upcoming Events

*Listed events are subject to change.

Ribbon Cutting And Open House
HomeTown Dental Swainsboro
December 16, 4:30 p.m.

Holly Jolly Express Book Giveaway
Franklin Memorial Library
December 17, 3 - 5 p.m.

Summertown Food Pantry
Summertown Baptist Church
December 18, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Shop with a Cop
Swainsboro Walmart
December 20, 6 p.m.

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America Knits discusses

(Continued on page 2A) scussion, Talton and Hawkins gave a tour of the business located on Empire Expressway followed by a general run-down of the company's operations as well as an educational session on

the making of a quality t-shirt. Kopyar, representative with Field Deposit, then gave information and updates on her company's behalf. Along with Jernigan Global, Field Deposit works as a match

maker for promoting the use of U.S. cotton – specifically Delta. Together, the two companies assist cotton producers with sales by working closely with manufacturing partners, retailers, individuals and government partners who believed the same concept – 100 percent cotton prod-

ucts made in the U.S. and ensuring farmer's get their deserved pay. The most recent proof of concept being the launching of 100 percent cotton anti-microbial scrubs donated this year to rural healthcare facilities, including Emanuel Medical Center. Benefits and advantages promot-

ing the use of cotton were discussed as well as environmental impact factors of synthetic versus 100 percent cotton products. Since the launching of the anti-microbial scrubs this year, the cotton industry has seen much growth, and the two business owners of America Knits are

ready to hire employees to meet the demands of consumer growth. As of this month, America Knits reportedly has 60 employees and are still not at max production. The company plans to hire approximately 40 more employees to reach an employment goal of 100.

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Letter to the Editor: Just Do Right

Dear Editor,
I'm saddened, disappointed and disgusted. I'm saddened at the amount of trash on our roadways throughout the county. I'm disappointed that the contractors just picked up trash along these same roads that are now littered with trash. I'm disgusted that we spend so much money, taxpayer money, to have these roads picked up. In 2020 the Board of Commissioners reached out to a private contractor that has been doing right-of-way work for the state. We wanted to see how much it would cost to have them service our county. We thought it would be an astronomical amount, but we were surprised to find out it was about the same money that we were already paying

to have our roadsides cleaned up. The plan called for the contractors to pick up trash on the most traveled roads three times a year, less traveled roads twice a year and the least traveled roads once a year. So, we contracted with them, and they have done an awesome job. The first time was a county wide sweep. People they picked up all the county maintained paved roads in seven days. Four months later they picked up trash again and then about a month ago they came thru again. This is where the sad part comes in. As of today, you can't tell if the trash has ever been picked up. Personally, I believe most of it comes from flying out of the back of trucks and the rest from being thrown out

the window by folks that just don't care. We as a community must do better. The Board of Commissioners try to be as frugal with taxpayer money as possible and the county is in good financial shape but moving forward just think of how much money could be saved if people would just do right. It would only take a little effort to make sure that bag of trash, that corn bag, that fast food wrapper, that empty box of 12 pack of beer, or whatever it is in the back of your truck does not fly out and is disposed of properly. If people would do that, then they would be stepping up and this county will look a little better and we won't have to spend as much tax dollars on trash as we do now. If you are one

of the ones that throw trash out the window, then shame on you and if you have trash the can blow out of your truck and you don't secure it, then shame on you too. I will not have any sympathy for you if you get caught. I, like most folks, don't like being sad, disappointed and disgusted, but what I really despise is big government, but if things don't change, I wouldn't be surprised to see an ordinance that adds a fine to any vehicle that has items that are not secure and are deemed to be items that can litter the roadside initiated. Please help keep Emanuel County clean and beautiful.
"JUST DO RIGHT"
Jim Sherrod
Chairman - Emanuel County Board of Commissioners

Fall Commencement held at EGSC

East Georgia State College held its Fall Commencement Ceremony Saturday, December 11 at 10 a.m. The ceremony was held in the Gymnasium in Swainsboro. Friends and family of the graduates were welcome to attend the event.

Dr. Sandra Sharman, Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs, welcomed the graduates and their families to the ceremony. Ben Beverly, an EGSC Correll Scholar, sang "God Bless America" followed by EGSC graduate Sanjay Narsee who presented the Reflection.

The speaker for the ceremony was Dr. Mary

Waalkes, a professor of history at EGSC-Augusta. Mary Waalkes received her PhD from the University of Colorado specializing in U.S. history and focusing on the South and on African American history. She currently teaches U. S. history survey and Western Civilization at EGSC-Augusta.

Incoming president of EGSC, Dr. David Schecter, was introduced at the commencement ceremony and presented each graduate with their diplomas.

The full list of graduates will be available soon. To view photos from the event, visit <https://www.flickr.com/photos/egcpr/albums/72157720233638874>.

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Emanuel County Chamber Spotlight: Security Finance

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- December 16 Emanuel County Family Connection - 12 p.m.
- December 17 SGA/Ambassador Meeting - 12 p.m.
- December 18 Semester Grades Available
GHSA/GISA Wrestling Assessment - 9 a.m.
- December 20 Sunshine House Board Christmas Party - 6 p.m.
- December 23 - January 3 Winter Break - All Locations Closed
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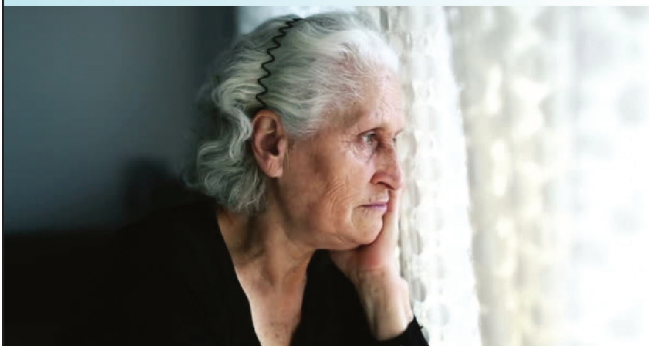
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Mary Williams-Holston, 75

Mary Williams-Holston, age 75, passed away Monday, November 29, 2021. A Celebration of Life was held Thursday, December 11, 2021, at 12 p.m. at Mosley Funeral Home. Interment followed in Swainsboro City Cemetery.

Mary was born in Pembroke on January 2, 1946 to the late Samuel John Gardner and Rosia Lee Hunter-Gardner. She attended school in New York. Mary received Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior. She had several career jobs, but her love was the Old Ma Bell Telephone Company in which she retired from. Mary had a passion for helping other people and this is why she went and completed her degree at the College of New Rochelle and took her degree and began counseling troubled individuals in the Twelve-Step Program. Mary met and married the love of her life, the



HOLSTON

late Willie Holston. Ms. Holston is preceded in death by her parents; four brothers; two sisters; and beloved aunt, Mrs. Carolyn McIver, who raised her.

Ms. Holston leaves to cherish her memories with her children, Gwen (Yolanda), Anthony, Elizabeth, and Timothy (Sharon); two sisters; grandchildren; great-grandchildren; great-great-grandchildren; nieces and great-nieces; nephews and great-nephews; and a host of other family and friends.

Mosley Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Eloise Smith, age 62, passed away Saturday, December 4, 2021. Graveside service was held Sunday, December 12, at 2 p.m. at Mt. Gilead Cemetery in Canoochee.

Eloise was born May 30, 1959, to Mrs. Laura Mae Patterson (Leward Williams) and Cecil Torrence, Sr. She attended Jenkins County School. Eloise was united in Holy matrimony on February 25, 1978, to Jerry Smith. Shortly after, she joined Holy Zion Holiness Church in Twin City.

Ms. Smith leaves to cherish her memories with her husband; two daughters, Laura Larita Smith (Michael Butler) of Jacksonville, FL and Tonya Patrice Smith of Garfield; three grand-daughters, Tatyena, Leyah, and Alanah Smith; grand-son, Rashemell Smith;



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two sisters, Patricia Elliott and Brenda Volcy; two brothers, Cecil Torrence, Jr. and David Torrence; aunt, Shirley (Levi) Sapp; in-laws, Larry (Mary) Smith, Donald Smith, Eula Smith, Gloria (Roy) Robinson, Leon (Tina) Smith, Adline (Arthur) Kirkland, Ulysee (Juanese) Smith, Jr. and Anna (James) White; and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Mosley Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Summertown Food Pantry this weekend!

Summertown Food Pantry, located at Summertown Baptist Church, will open for distribution this Saturday, December 18, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Ways to help

Volunteers are always needed and appreciated at the Summertown Church Food Pantry. Donations are also welcomed and can be mailed to P.O. Box 1011, Swainsboro.

St. Phillip Food Pantry Distribution this Thursday

St. Philip Center of Hope will be open for December distribution on Thursday, December 16, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Monetary and food donations are greatly appreciated. Volunteers are also very much appreciated... this would not be possible without them.

Peace on Earth

by BISHOP BERTHA JONES

Well here we are, coming in the Christmas Season. It's a time of joy and jubilation for many and a time of grief, disappointment and loneliness for others. But let me reassure you there is Peace on Earth. So let's celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

The angel appeared to the Sheppard's while they were watching their flock at night. He announced the birth of Jesus to them. In his salutation he announced "...on Earth peace and good will toward all men..." (Luke 2:14). Yes, Jesus came to bring peace and good will to all.

Isaiah 26:3 tells us that he will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on him.

So don't keep your mind on what's happening in this world nor do you keep your mind on your situations and circumstances but keep your mind on the Lord.

For Philippians 4:19 tells us, "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Just keep your mind on him and he will take care of you and your situations. He will keep you in perfect peace.

There is an enemy out there and he comes to steal, kill and de-



BISHOP JONES

stroy. But Jesus come so you will have abundant life (John 10:10) If you read a little farther in St John chapter fourteen, Jesus plainly tells us, no to let our hearts be troubled. He went on to say, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world gives, give I unto. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." (John 14:27)

When you have situations you cannot understand you may never find a satisfying answer but I am here to tell you that God will give you peace. Philippians 4:7 says it this way, "And the peace of God, which passes understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ".

I'm a living witness. You will never have all the understanding but he will give you peace. Jesus left it for you so receive him and his peace today. Yes, there is Peace on Earth.

Our family would like to say thank you for the prayers, calls, flowers, and all acts of kindness during the loss of our loved one.

Your support and thoughtfulness during this most difficult time is very much appreciated.

Thank you,
The Family of Clay Cumbee

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For more details from ESS representatives managing the Emanuel County Schools District, visit https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uaQ_ILGBIAU.

Savvy Senior: Could I Have COPD and Not Know It?

Dear Savvy Senior,
I have struggled with shortness of breath for several years now. I just thought I was getting old and fat, but a friend recently told me about COPD. So, my question is could I have COPD and not know it?

Huffing and Puffing

Dear Huffing,
Yes. COPD, or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, is a progressive lung disease that affects an estimated 30 million Americans, but about half of them don't know they have it.

Many people mistake shortness of breath as a normal part of aging, or a result of being out of shape, but that's not necessarily the case. COPD - a term used to describe a variety of lung diseases including emphysema and chronic bronchitis - develops slowly, so symptoms may not be obvious until damage has occurred.

Symptoms can include an ongoing cough or a cough that produces a lot of mucus, lack of energy and/or shortness of breath especially during physical activity, wheezing and chest tightness, blue lips or fingernails, or swelling in your feet, ankles or legs.

Those most at risk are smokers or former smokers over age

40, and people who have had long-term exposure to other lung irritants like secondhand smoke, air pollution, chemical fumes and dust. There is also a rare genetic condition known as alpha-1-antitrypsin, or AAT deficiency that can increase the risks.

If you're experiencing any of the aforementioned symptoms, you need to get tested by your doctor. A simple breathing test called spirometry can tell if you have COPD, and if so, how severe it is. Early screening can also identify COPD before major loss of lung function occurs.

If you do indeed have COPD, you need to know that while there's no cure, there are things you can do to help manage symptoms and protect your lungs from further damage, including: Quit smoking; Avoid air pollutants; Get vaccinated; Take prescribed medications.

For more information, visit the COPD Foundation at COPDFoundation.org or call the COPD information line at 866-316-2673.

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

MeMe's Fill-A-Truck turned Fill-A-Heart

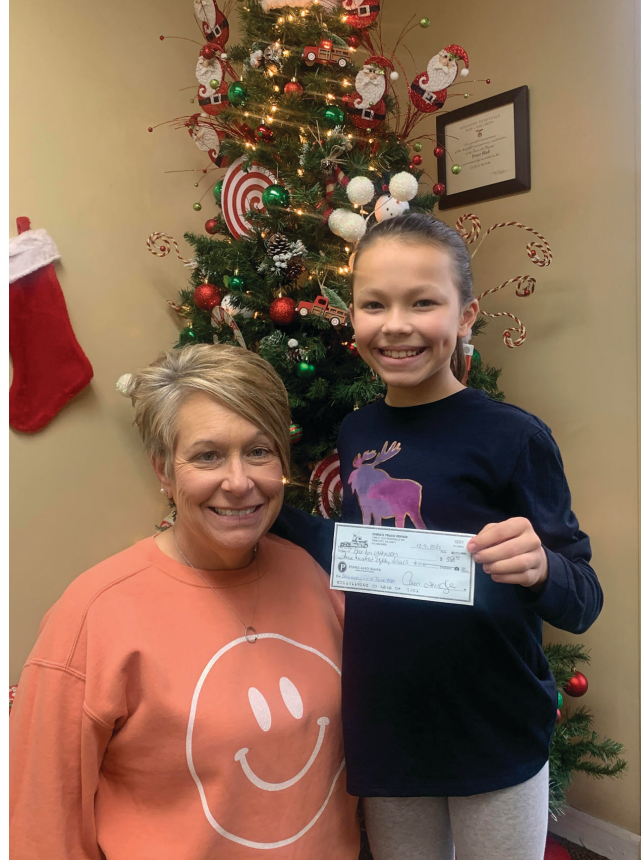
Bre-Lynn Atkinson's, affectionately known as MeMe, first Fill-A-Trunk giveaway event was held Saturday, December 11, at *The Forest-Blade*, located on West Moring Street. The 10-year-old's Christmas toy giveaway was deemed a success and brought in much toys for distribution. So much so that they ended up having to use a truck to help maintain the quantity of toys.

For an event that started small in size, it grew

even larger in heart and has affected the lives of many this holiday season. All because one little girl decided to make a difference.

After much promotion of her Christmas wish to give to other's this year, the gesture garnered a total of \$1,890 in donations, far exceeding expectations.

The event concluded approximately 12 p.m. with all remaining toys being donated to the Toys-4-Tots Drive.



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Christmas is coming and we are "Glad"

The Glad Garden Club has been very busy this Christmas season and it shows! The holiday season can be very unsettling for those in the hospital for patients and staff. So, the Glad Garden Club is hopeful they delivered some cheer to Emanuel Medical Center – A place where heroes work.

Covid-19 continues to rear its ugly head along with its variations, so some limitations have been put on decorations and visitations. On November 29, under the creative eye of Jeanette Hall, who serves as decorating chair, garden club members decorated the halls with boughs of holly, Christmas trees, angels and wreaths. A new Christmas tree was placed in the lobby along with traditional ornaments and presents under the tree. New additions were carolers, Santa and a snowman in the main lobby. Diana Malone presented snowflake stars to the Glad Garden Club as a thank you for their work as host club for the Oleander District Meeting on October 19 in Statesboro. Each member received a star and there were plenty left over to help decorate the lobby Christmas tree. Hall, Margaret Sweet, JoAnn Trammell, Carolyn Brown, Audrey West and Gloria Mason also put up and decorated rustic themed trees at the elevators and a guardian angel in ICU. Of course, there are Nativity scenes in the cafeteria and chapel. Club members were saddened by the untimely passing of a true



CLUB MEMBERS DECORATE EMANUEL MEDICAL CENTER

friend and colleague, Clay Cumbee, and say his presence was felt during this year's mission. Kimberly Lewis guided and directed the club in decorating the outside of the hospital with lighted garland, lighted topiary trees and bench decorations. Not only did the hospital get the festive look but Hall continued over to Pine Brook Nature Park and decorated the fence with large Christmas vine wreaths with big red bows provided by Angelia Sconyers, owner of the George's Flower Shop. The club received a generous anonymous donation at Southern Traditions and are thankful for their secret Santa.

Glad Garden Club later met on December 7 for a photo-op at Emanuel County Hos-

pital followed by a visit to the Sunshine House. The Sunshine House is a child advocacy center that is devoted to children and families that are affected by abuse. Many people do not realize that not only does the Sunshine House provide services to Emanuel County but also to Candler, Jefferson, Toombs and Washington Counties. Services are free and available to children and families and families affected by child sexual abuse, physical abuse, neglect, drug endangerment, and to children who have witnessed violence. The Glad Garden Club is always delighted to make this annual donation because of the impact the Sunshine House has on area children and families, especially at Christmas time when the need for sup-

port is even greater.

In the upcoming week, the club plans to distribute Christmas stockings to a designated nursing home, abiding by Covid restrictions, and to have its annual Christmas party at McKinney's Pond.

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

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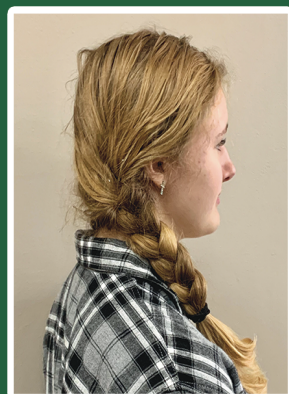
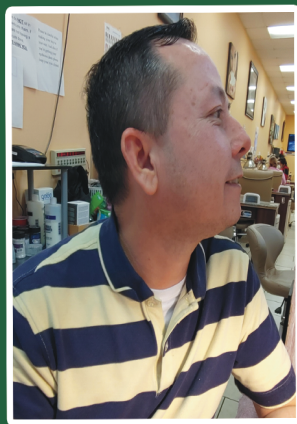
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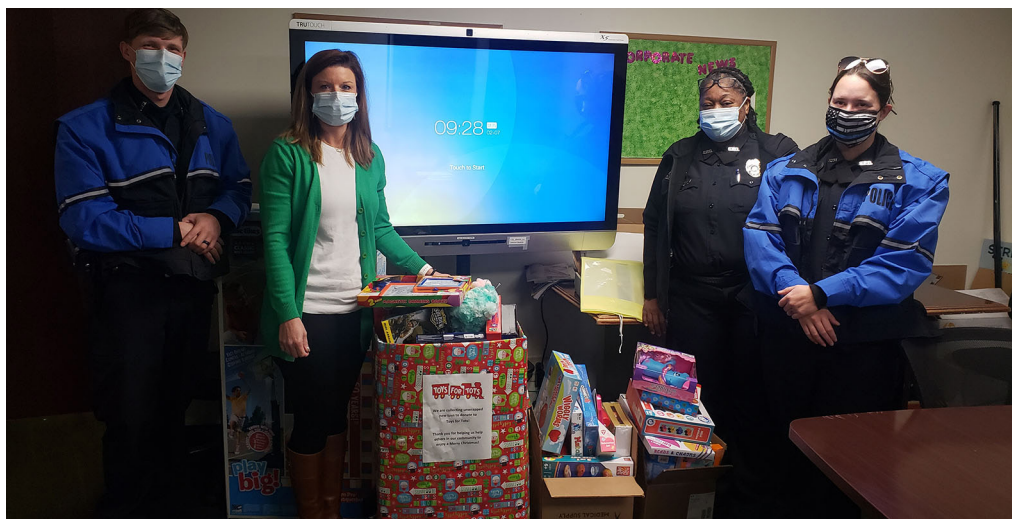
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PruittHealth of Swainsboro donated toys to Swainsboro Police Department's Shop with A Cop toy drive in hopes to put a smile on a precious child face this Christmas. "Not only do we help our residents, we help our community as well. 'Tis the season to be jolly," stated Tiffany Peavy, administrator for the Swainsboro PruittHealth setting.



CARAWAY'S PAWN

Swainsboro Spotlight: Caraway's Pawn Shop

by BLAKE WILLIAMS
This week's local business highlight is Caraway's Pawn Shop. Caraway's is located at 931 US Highway 1 N, Swainsboro, and is managed by Libby Caraway. She took over the business after her father-in-law, Bennett Caraway passed away. Mr. Caraway operated the pawn shop for 26 years, and has gained many customers over the years due to great customer service and fair prices. Libby plans to keep operating the business as Mr. Caraway would have wanted. Recently, *The Blade* met with Caraway and her son, Austin Oglesby, to discuss the family business. Here's

what we learned:

Q: How long has the business been open?

A: We have been open for almost 27 Years.

Q: How's business?

A: It's been pretty good and we are thankful for that.

Q: What's an advantage to being in this location?

A: We are close to the highway and support received from the local community is great.

Q: Is there an item people ask for most?

A: Mostly guns, other than that we deal with mostly pawns.

Q: How has this business sustained so long?

A: We are fair with our prices and are great with customers.

Q: On a scale one to ten, how bad did Covid affect the business?

A: Business actually picked up during Covid. Yes, people stayed home during the middle of Covid but we had a lot of people coming in and selling items.

Q: Do you have a favorite part about working here?

A: You get to meet all sorts of new people. We love working with our community.

Q: Do you have any advice to give to up and coming local businesses?

A: Get to know your community, and if things don't seem like they are working out at first, tough it out and you will get through it.

Cook of the Week

Featuring the recipes of...

Nolan Williams



Nolan is the 7-year-old son of Brittany Hall and Kyle Williams of Swainsboro. He is a 2nd grade student at Swainsboro Primary School. Nolan loves playing soccer, Star Wars, and dinosaurs. Nolan's mother, Brittany, is a new member of our team at *The Forest-Blade*, and Nolan wants to share some of his favorite recipes. Enjoy!



From the kitchen of Nolan

Funnel Cake Fried Chicken & Waffles

- 1 lb. boneless, skinless, chicken breasts
- 1 cup dill pickle juice
- 1 1/2 cup of milk
- 1 cup peanut oil (or vegetable oil if you have a peanut allergy)
- 1 large egg
- 1 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon powdered sugar
- Sea Salt, Fresh Ground Black Pepper, Garlic Powder, Onion Powder, a pinch of Garlic Salt and Red Pepper, Italian Herbs & Spices to taste and a little rosemary

Place chicken breasts in a large bowl. Add in the pickle juice and 1/2 cup of milk and place in the fridge. Allow chicken to marinate in mixture for 30 minutes or for best flavor, overnight. When ready to cook, heat the peanut oil in a large skillet or soup pot over medium heat. Whisk together remaining milk and egg in a mixing bowl. In a large Ziplock bag, combine flour, powdered sugar and spices. Remove chicken from marinate, dip into milk and egg mixture on both sides, and add one breast at a time to the Ziplock bag/dry mix. Seal Ziplock bag and shake until chicken is fully coated. In batches, carefully add 4-5 breasts to hot oil and cook on each side for about 3-5 minutes, until golden brown. Transfer to a serving dish that has a paper towel laid on it, to catch grease and drain excess oil. Serve on your favorite Homemade Belgian Waffle recipe, alone, or you can even use this recipe as a sandwich.



From the kitchen of Nolan

Nolan's Cucumbers and Lime Snack

- 2-3 Cucumbers
- 3 Limes
- Sea salt or Kosher Salt
- Serving Dish or Large Plate
- Tajin (Optional)

Wash produces. Peel and thinly slice cucumbers. Quarter limes and set aside. On a serving dish or plate, add salt and lime juice from two slices of lime. Place cucumber slices in a clockwise pattern until the dish is covered. Sprinkle salt over cucumbers to taste and add remaining lime juice. Add pepper or Tajin seasoning if you like.



From the kitchen of Nolan

Christmas Tree Cake Dip

- 2 Boxes of Little Debbie Christmas Tree Cakes
- One 8 oz. package of cream cheese
- 1/3 c. of milk
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1 container of whipped topping

Add all of ingredients to your mixer. Mix it until it is all combined, and then place it in the refrigerator until you're ready to serve it. Once you're ready to serve, add to a serving bowl or charcuterie board with ginger snaps, pretzels or your favorite cookie. This is a big hit with Santa!

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

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James 1:27

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Scenes from the Oak Park Christmas Parade on December 11



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Editorials Columns

The Garden of Eden

Humanity's troubles began in the "Garden of Eden" when the devil tempted Eve to eat from the fruit of the tree of knowledge, which was a mixture of good and evil.

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and pleasant for the eyes, and it was a desirable tree to make one wise, she took of the fruit and encouraged Adam to take a bite.

The tree they chose is a reasoning of knowledge based upon human reasoning "Apart" from god. In choosing that tree, they rejected the tree

of life and chose to be led by God's perfect commandments. Adam and Eve chose to determine right from wrong for themselves, and they would thereafter eat the bitter fruit of their own thoughtless decisions.

The same choices face all of this today, as God explained through his prophet Moses; "I have set before your life and death, blessings and cursing; therefore choose life."

The answer is found at the very beginning - the first chapter of 'Genesis' " Then God said, "Let us make

man in our own image. In the image of god, he created male and female."

We were created to be led by the spirit of God and be children of God. We are joint heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ. We are to become God's Children.

First, we must learn the lesson that I have in the garden. God is the supreme authority and it is he who determines right from wrong and definitely not us.

It is his perfect way that produces blessing in good results but Adam and Eve found

this test they chose their earthly knowledge over God's wisdom we as human beings do love determining right from wrong and have put Gods. plan squarely on the back burner in our lives.

We are determined to be firmly in control as Adam and Eve aspired to be in the garden of Eden. We are living in the last days in the Bible. Final tragic events are in plain sight. Do you think Covid happened because of sheer accident or how many forest fires are destroying California's

Ronnie Johnson



scenic state? What about the war in the Afghan region? the United States 300 million a day. Couldn't that money be spent in more constructive ways?

We eat anything inside whether it's safe or not and use anything on the market and that is addictive and makes us feel good but only temporary while we search for more drugs until

they take over our lives completely.

The Apostle John gives us his warning: "Do not love this world or the things in the world. If anyone loves this world, the love of the father is not in him. For all that sin is the world - The lust of flesh and the pride of life that will make one wise - is not of the father but is of the world." ~ (I John 2:15 - 16).

St. Simon's preservation important to all Georgians

When I go to my Great Reward (hoping it is not before I finish this column), if I don't qualify for the Pearly Gates, I will take St. Simons Island as my backup choice. It is, after all, heaven on earth. And, thankfully, there are people trying to keep it that way.

Emily Ellison, executive director of the St. Simons Land Trust,

tells me her organization is in the middle of a campaign to raise \$5.5 million to preserve the few undeveloped acres still available on the island. Called The Canopy Campaign, the group has a goal of raising \$5.5 million and is off to a good start. A small group of conservation-minded supporters have pledged another \$3 million to

jumpstart the effort.

Ellison says, "We are using these gifts and pledges as a challenge. Every contribution made to the campaign will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to the \$3 million."

Contributions can be mailed to PO Box 24615, St. Simons Island, GA 31522, or made online at sslt.org. If you don't live

on St. Simons, why should you care about the campaign? Well, for one thing, every inch of the Great State of Georgia is sacred soil to me and none more so than our coastline. To quote Woody Guthrie, this land is our land and we are blessed that a part of our land is the Golden Isles.

"The Georgia coast has become the most popular vacation destination not only for people living in the state but also in the region," Ellison says. "Surveys show that one of the top reasons people visit St. Simons is because of its natural beauty, the live oaks, the moss-shrouded maritime forests, the marshes, the streams and beaches" Amen to that.

Ellison adds, "The properties that the Land Trust has conserved over the past 20 years, and the ones that we are continuing to acquire, provide the greenspaces, the hiking trails, the environmental features that mean so much to people throughout the state."

In 2018, the Land Trust launched Phase I of The Canopy Campaign. With a \$4 million challenge grant from The Anschutz Foundation, more than \$8 million was raised in less than three months. That successful campaign resulted in the protection of nearly 200 acres of environmentally and culturally significant

Dick Yarbrough



undeveloped land and two important mid-island properties.

This time, the campaign is focused on three properties on the north end of St. Simons, contiguous with 608-acre Cannon's Point Preserve, creating nearly 730 acres that will be protected in perpetuity. Another nearly 40-acre tract is between Cannon's Point and the 258-acre Gualo Preserve that the Land Trust completed purchasing in 2018.

The three parcels closest to Cannon's Point have been in the same family for a number of years and were once part of the Oatland Plantation. Most recently the nearly 120 acres were privately owned. "It is from the heirs that we are buying the properties," Ellison says. "Another nearly 38-acre tract has been owned by a Texas company. Their intent was to sell to a developer. More than 100 homes could have been built on this tract." Just what we need. More traffic.

Ellison says, "One of our goals in this campaign is to provide funds for the long-term management of the more than 1,100 acres in our trust. This is one of our most important strategic priorities."

As for the future, Ellison says there is still some undeveloped land left on St. Simons Island, "but there isn't

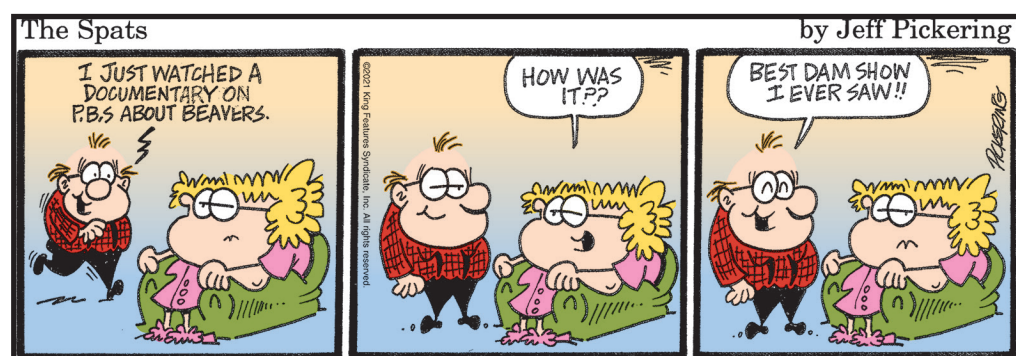
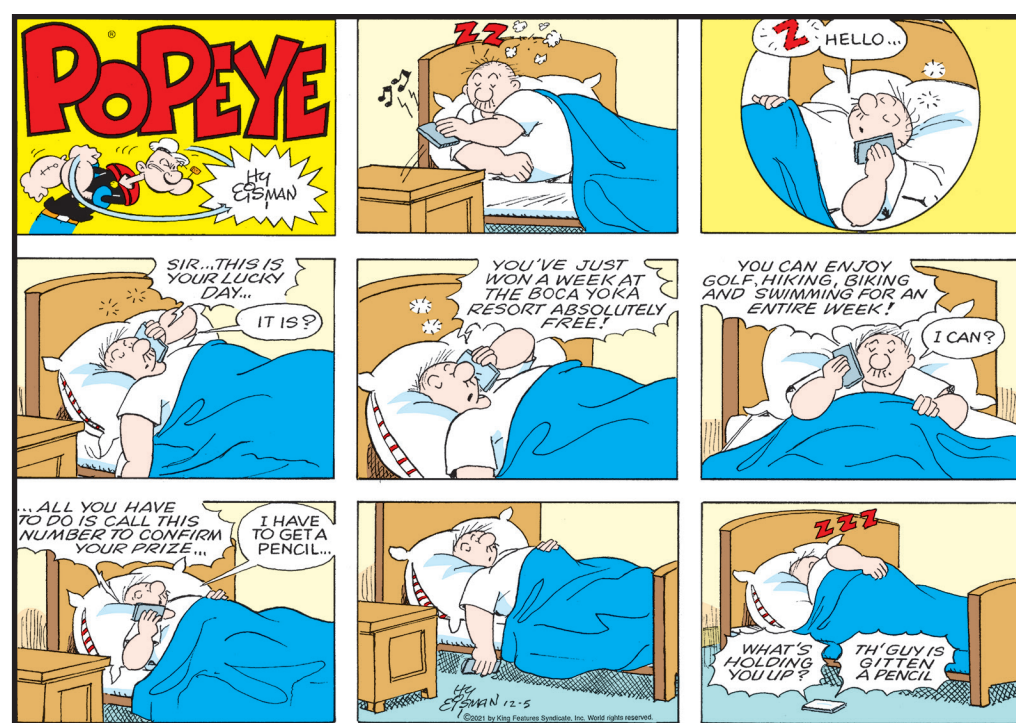
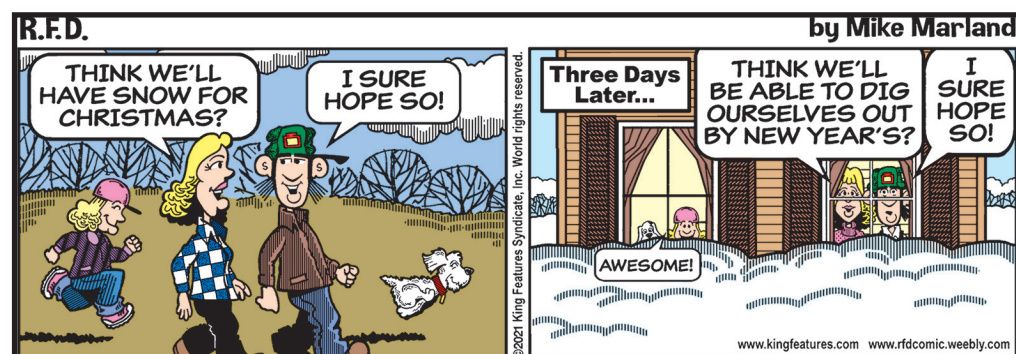
much of it." The only other large parcels of undeveloped land on the north end of the island are owned by a family whose members reside on the property. They have a 10-year conservation easement on their land, which provides at least temporary assurance it will not be developed.


Georgia is one of the fastest-growing states in the country. The current population stands at some 10 million and people keep coming. According to the state's own projections, that number could rise to almost 15 million by the end of this decade. I guess that's because it doesn't snow ten months a year here and all our buildings aren't rusted.

Whatever the reason, it is important that while we deal with matters of quantity, we not forget the quality of life that makes our state so special. That includes preserving the natural beauty and the fragile ecosystem of St. Simons Island. My thanks to the St. Simons Land Trust for their unstinting efforts to protect and to keep holy my heaven on earth.

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PATRICK SWEET CONGRATULATES SCOTTY NASWORTHY

Nasworthy wins Garfield Lodge benefit raffle

Once or twice per year, Garfield Ridgeway Lodge 104 holds benefit fundraisers in an effort to pay off its building location. For this year's fundraiser the lodge raffled off a Pit Boss Navigator Wood Pellet Grill. Approximately 750 tickets were sold and reduced the approximate \$100,000 payoff to roughly \$4,000. This year's raffle winner is Scotty Nasworthy. The drawing was held Monday, November 22.



PARTICIPANTS PAINT CLAY TRUCKS CARRING CHRISTMAS TREES AT RECENT WORKSHOP

Pottery workshop comes to the library

Franklin Memorial Library recently hosted a pottery workshop. The workshop was attended by 19 people and led by Jill Carter from Southern Pottery and Art Studio. Festive clay pickup trucks carrying a fresh Christmas tree were painted with a pre-picked palette of seasonal colors. This workshop was made possible by generous funding from the Georgia Arts Council Vibrant Communities Grant and Mill Creek Foundation.

Georgia Council for the Arts received Vibrant Communities grant appli-

cations from schools, libraries, cities, historical societies, community theatres, Boys & Girls Clubs and arts and other related organizations from across the state. Georgia Council for the Arts (GCA) is a division of the Georgia Department of Economic Development whose mission is to cultivate the growth of vibrant, thriving Georgia communities through the arts. Funding for Georgia Council for the Arts is provided by appropriations from the Georgia General Assembly and the National Endowment

for the Arts.

Franklin Memorial Library is proud to be this year's grant recipient, and, along with Mill Creek Foundation, are able to offer this unique experience to the community. Southern Pottery and Art Studio will engage participants in hands-on pottery creations and painting on objects in four separate workshops: Truck Pottery, Piggy Bank Pottery, Door Hanger Sign, and Welcome Front Door Sign. Be on the lookout for dates and timed of upcoming workshops.

Superior Court Rulings

The following occurred during the Emanuel County Superior Court October 2021 term: Isaac Hunter Lyles negotiated a plea of guilty on one count trafficking methamphetamine. He was fined \$200,000 and sentenced to 20 years with the first 10 years to be served in confinement and the remainder on probation provided that the defendant (Lyles) shall comply with conditions of probation imposed by the court as part of this sentence.

Franklin Memorial Library to host Holly Jolly Express

On Friday, December 17, from 3 until 5 p.m., Franklin Memorial Library is hosting a Holly Jolly Express featuring a book giveaway and pictures with Santa.

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Bennett speaks to Kiwanis Club

The Swainsboro Kiwanis Club held its weekly meeting on Tuesday night, December 7, at The Rustic Grille at 7 p.m. With President Dianna Wedincamp presiding, there were 20 in attendance including one guest, Mayor-Elect Greg Bennett. The Raspberry Cheesecake, donated by Cayla Scarborough, was won by John David Bailey. The Domino's pizza, donated by Domino's Pizza, was won by Cheryl Goodman.

The program for the evening was hosted by John David Bailey. He introduced newly-elected Swainsboro Mayor-elect, Greg Bennett. Bennett talked about all the changes he planned to implement to make Swainsboro grow and prosper during his upcoming term as mayor. He spoke of 20 items that will be considered on a retreat by the Swainsboro City Council. Bennett also spoke of his plans to build 80 apartments in Swainsboro and the development of a new subdivision north of town. He talked of the

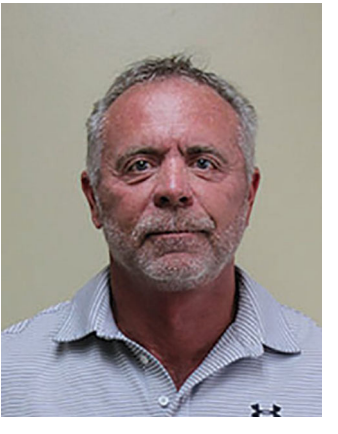


PINE TREE FESTIVAL IN THE LATE 1940S

possibility for a Chic-fil-A and Arby's coming to Swainsboro. Bennett talked about an adjustment of the role of the city in the recreation department and a shift of control with the city parks to the city. He also announced that a grant will be submitted to redo Harmon Park. Bennett advised that with the high millage rate in Swainsboro, there is a need to reduce the rate to lower the tax burden on property owners. A tax reduction for senior citizen property owners will be proposed. He then addressed needs to be done to increase sala-

ries of some city workers, especially police and firefighters and to adjust the insurance stipend. He spoke on a plan to replace police cars annually as older vehicles are phased out. This will lead to a more standardized look for city police vehicles. It is hoped the City Council can work together to get these things done.

If you would like to become a member of this club, contact Membership Chair Jane Durden at 478-494-4113 or e-mail her at hsdurden@bellsouth.net. If you would like more information about this club and the many communi-



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ty service projects performed each year, visit the club's website at <http://www.swainsborokiwanis.org> or check out the Swainsboro Kiwanis Facebook page.

Derden presents Christmases with the Washingtons

With President Wilder Smith, Jr. presiding, the Wiregrass Chapter, Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution held its monthly meeting, Thursday night, December 9, at the Mont Royal Clubhouse in Swainsboro at 6:30 p.m. There were 34 in attendance to enjoy a meal catered by Annette McCray of Metter. After the Pledge to the U.S. Flag and the SAR Pledge, Chaplin Emory Fennell said the blessing before chapter members enjoyed a buffet meal.

Next, President Smith presented the 2021 Fred D. Womack Outstanding Wiregrass Chapter Member Award to Compatriot Alton Reynolds while the late Fred Womack's wife,

Judy, pinned the medal to Reynolds, as Reynold's wife, Jodi, looked on. President Smith then introduced the speaker for the evening,

Compatriot Dr. John Derden. Derden's program was on *Christmases with the Washington's*.

If you would like to become a member of this

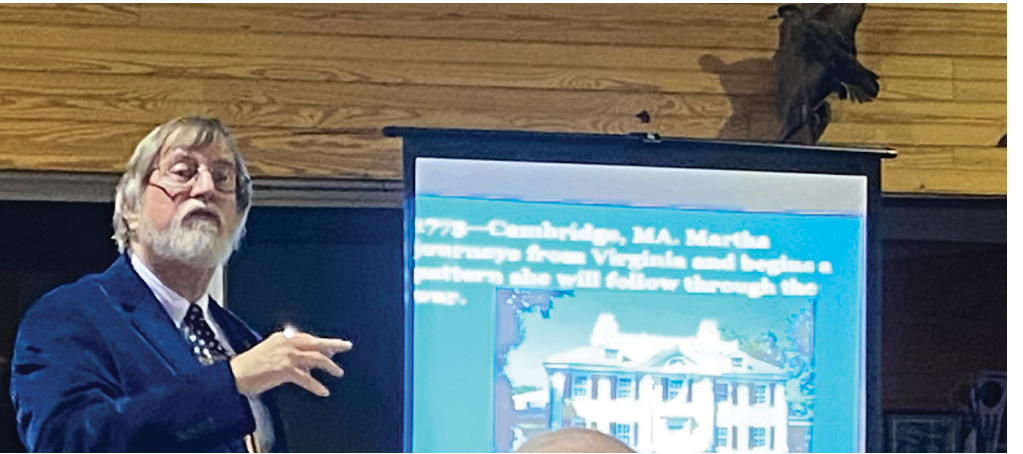
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EZ Riders MC visits PruittHealth for annual Christmas stop



On December 11, the EZ Riders Motorcycle Club (MC), a non-profit organization, visited the PruittHealth Care Center. The purpose of this visit was to put a few smiles on the residents face. At other Christmas events, club members would sing Christmas carols to the residents but things have somewhat changed this year.

year, especially during the Christmas season. At this time of the year, usually, elderly individuals living in care centers are the last to be thought of. EZ Riders MC is appreciative of Swainsboro Wal-Mart for support received during this annual endeavor. The club would also like to wish all a Merry Christmas.

EZ Riders MC club members were still able to present Christmas baskets to the majority of residents who were very thankful and appreciative.

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Jail Report

The following persons have been booked into Emanuel County Jail, according to Emanuel County Sheriff Jeffrey Brewer, on warrants obtained by one of several local law enforcement agencies, designated by each name: Drug Task Force (DTF); Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI); Georgia Department of Pardons and Parole (GAPP); Georgia State Patrol (GSP); Emanuel County Sheriff's Office (ECSCO); Swainsboro Police Dept. (SPD); Stillmore Police Dept. (SMPD); Twin City Police Department (TCPD); Garfield Police Dept. (GPD); Adrian Police Dept. (APD); Child Support Recovery Unit (CSRUI); Intensive Probation Service (IPS); or Probation Office (PROB). Victor Armando Muniz,

30, 317 Woodcrest Walk, Lithonia, entered 10/16/21; DUI less safe/Reckless driving/Speeding 30+ MPH over/VGCSA marijuana/poss less than oz; released 10/16/21; GSP Jeremy Jervante Roby, 28, 16 Huntcliff Dr, Cartersville, entered 12/6/21; Obstr/ofc/Other; released 12/8/21; ECSCO Lashawn Saadiq Young, 26, 233 Abundance St, entered 12/6/21; Probation/State Court/Middle Ga Probation Maria Hernandez-Gomez, 49, 53 Simmons St, Metter, entered 12/6/21; Driving while unlicensed/expired; released 12/6/21; ECSCO Chevy Clay Sluder, 18, 225 JM Spearman Rd, Adrian, entered

12/7/21; Bench warrant - city/hold for Johnson Co/hold for Treutlen Co; released 12/8/21; ECSCO Jerry Lawrence Decesere, 54, 508 W. Church St, entered 12/7/21; Parole violation; ECSCO Tera Sue Sluder, 43, 212 JM Spearman Rd, Adrian, entered 12/7/21; Obstr/ofc; released 12/9/21; ECSCO Skylar Maria Martin, 29, 2088 Old Wadley Rd, entered 1/8/21; Driving lic susp/rev/Headlight requirements; released 12/8/21; SPD Tony Steven Gooze, 38, 1631 Hwy 23 S, Twin City, entered 12/8/22; Hold for Toombs Co; released 12/8/21; ECSCO Jaquai Demar Multunas, 27, 214


Warren Ave, entered 12/8/21; Probation/Superior court; ECSCO Javier Algeria, 57, 40 Fowler Rd, Twin City, entered 12/8/21; Child molest/ Child molest/ Child molest/Agg sexual battery; ECSCO Kisha Latonya Gillis, 41, 223 E. Pine St, entered 12/8/21; Probation/State Court/Middle Ga Probation; released 12/9/21; ECSCO Phillip Bernard Turner, 63, 399 Parrish Pond Rd, Twin City, entered 12/9/21; Exploitation of elder person/Other; released 12/10/21; SPD Dean Tanner, 26, 1180 Old Dairy Rd, Soperton, entered 12/9/21; Probation/Superior Court; ECSCO Ross David Thomas Orr Steele, 26, entered

12/9/21; Theft by taking/Motor vehicle/Speeding 15-29 MPH over/Failure to maintain lane/Driving while unlicensed/expired; WALK-IN Amber Nicole Stephen, 35, 519 Center ST, entered 12/10/21; Cruelty to children 3rd degree/Battery; released 12/10/21; WALK-IN Aaron Shah Khan, 46, 4007 Roses Rd, Aiken, SC, entered 12/10/21; Hold for out of county billing; ECSCO Zykeria Latesha Benjamin, 25, 915 Oaklawn Dr, entered 12/10/21; Disorderly conduct; released 12/10/21; SPD Sierra Lashaye Coleman, 31, 204 Brown St, entered 12/11/21; Driving lic susp/rev; released 1/11/21; ECSCO

Darien Brooks Corbett, 27, 403 Hattaway St, Twin City, entered 12/11/21; Hold for Laurens Co; released 1/12/21; ECSCO Phillip David Morris, Jr, 46, 1305 Wes Lawson Rd, Kite, entered 12/12/21; Public drunk; released 12/12/21; ECSCO Billie Jean Roberson, 41, 125 E. Lee St, Midville, entered 10/16/21; Theft/shoptlifting; released 10/16/21; SPD Crystal Dawn Hitt, 43, 216 Maple Ave, Twin City, entered 10/16/21; Bench warrant/State court/Bench warrant/State court; ECSCO Frederick Phil Anthony, 31, 603 Kilpatrick St, entered 10/17/21; Bench warrant/Superior court; SPD

Swainsboro Police Reports

Officers with the Swainsboro Police Department (SPD) report-




Recent tornados that have wreaked havoc across the central United States have been devastating. The loss of loved ones, the scope of injuries that will take years to overcome, the destruction of homes and businesses, the feelings of grief and hopelessness that grasped individuals as they sorted through piles of rubbish that at one time represented their entire life is beyond understanding.

In the midst of these great tragedies, however, were the stories and pictures of some who were prepared for such an event. From past encounters with powerful winds and driving rain and hail storms were those who came to the conclusion that preparation for such a time was a top priority. They were the ones who built sturdy shelters beneath the ground where they were sure to be safe. They did not trust their lives to fate or chance. They recognized their need to prepare for the assaults of life.

The author of Psalm 91 spoke of the need we have to prepare for the assaults of life. "He," wrote the author, "will cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you will find refuge."

While storm shelters can protect us from wind and rain, flying objects and falling buildings, only God can protect us from the destructive forces of sin. In Him we have the assurance that He will meet all of our needs - spiritual, emotional and physical - every day of our lives. And through Him we have His promise that He will give us His power and strength, presence and protection to overcome the attacks of the devil.

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Officers responded to a call in reference to a wallet has been stolen it was a sharpies black wallet containing one gift card for \$334 and another container \$276. When asking suspects around the area they said they haven't seen the wallet
Officers responded to a reference to an irate customer. When the officer arrived, he was told that the offender was complaining that the lottery machine was not working and it had a glitch and she lost all of her winnings
d it to the owner the owner stated to call the Georgia lottery but would not give her the number. She was handed a CTW for two years and contacted the Georgia lottery.
December 4
Responded to a report about a female being jumped by three other females because she was trying to protect her niece. She stated that her niece will be in hell in a headlock and being hit by a taser gun. There was a video of the fight on social media and was

told to send to the officer.
Officer went to use a traffic stop on a vehicle that had unusual driving patterns then the driver went to make a run for it and the officer chased him down for different intersections without stopping. The driver hit three trees and then flipped the vehicle over on its roof. When the officer arrived at the scene, he noticed a male running from the vehicle into the woods. The officer then contacted the canine unit and the GSP to his area. Neither one of the suspects have been found.
Officers responded to a crash report on Wadley Street where the driver had got in the vehicle put it in drive press the gas pedal and then jumped out of it before it reached the end of the street then jumped into a ditch and went over to Wadley Street and went and rested in the woods. The driver was at fault for reckless driving and a DUI.
Officers responded in reference to a damaged vehicle. When the owner of the vehicle was approached, he said that the car was parked in his yard around twelve to twelve-thirty earlier that night and when he came to look at it this morning the back glass

was shattered. He stated that he didn't have any problems with anyone and doesn't know who damage the car.
December 5
Officer performed a traffic stop to a mail that was going to 56 in a 35. When the officer pulled him over, he noticed that the driver had been drinking, so they gave him a breathalyzer test and he failed. He was arrested and his vehicle was towed.
Officers responded to an irate customer for. Complainant stated that the customer had been very rude and belligerent when the employee told her she could not purchase a certain type of lactose free milk with her WIC vouchers. The offender got mad because the employee didn't ring them up but the employee stated that it would not ring up. The offender was trespassing from the property.
Officers were dispatch in reference to a domestic dispute. When the officers arrived, they pulled both parties to the side and ask their side of the story. The male stated that they argument was that the female was accusing him of seeing other women, and that he did not like his hands on her. When the officers as the female her

side of the story she said that he did lay his hands on her and that he lied about the marks on her neck being from sexual intercourse. He was in arrested and charged for aggravated assault.
Officers responded to a call for disorderly conduct. One ounce arrives to the saying they heard screaming from the complainant and the offender. I'm trying to figure out what the problem was, the offender kept hollering. She stated that her daughter went from using fentanyl to using methamphetamine. The offender admitted to using meth recently but had a strong odor of burnt marijuana coming from her person. She was arrested for disorderly conduct.
Officers responded to a domestic dispute between a female and her "baby daddy". She stated that he got a physical altercation with her and that he grabbed her and tried to take her phone and pushed her to the ground. Then he took the phone and drove away. She did not appear to have any marks but stated her back hurt.
December 6
Officers responded to fraudulent activity in a bank account. The victim advised that she had not had her card at any point during the transactions and contacted her bank about it.
Officer responded to a damage vehicle report. The vehicle stated that he went to go eat at the Burger King in town and when he came out his vehicle had a big dent in the side that was not the same color as his vehicle.
December 8
Officer performed a traffic stop to a vehicle that had headlights out. When the officer approach the driver they stated that their driver license has been suspended. The driver was then arrested.
Officers responded to a physical altercation at a gas station. The victim was going into the store to get a drink with her five-year-old son, when the offender came in

the store and started a fight with her. The officer a seeking warrants against the offender for a battery and cruelty to children in the third degree.
Officers responded to a threat that was given by the offender from the previous report, to the victim and daughter stating "You bitches are next"
Officer responded in reference to a complaint making a report that her stepfather was harassing her. She stated that it was only verbal contact/abuse only. She says that the stepfather would come over to her house without her knowing numerous times, and stated that he made sexual remarks to her after her mother passed away. She was informed if he comes back to call 911 and an officer will issue a CTW.
Officer responded to a male being scammed on eBay. He stated that he went to purchase a vehicle from the offender and was asked for his Social Security number. He contacted Bay and was told to stop all contact with the seller.
Officers responded in reference to dispute from a previous report that while leaving the store an offender and another female pulled up in a black SUV was hollering out the window. She then stated that they followed her all the way to her apartment. When she informed the officers, they went to the apartment of the offender and cannot find them. The officers told the residents at the house that she should turn herself in and get this behind her.
Officers responded to another incident following the previous report that the offender had made another threat that they were going to get the victim.
Officers responded in reference to a damaged waterline beneath the home and says that a dog belonging to the offender destroyed the waterline and said that she had it fixed earlier that day which cost at a total of \$175.



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Pursuant to OCGA § 40-6-391 notice is hereby given that Jeremy Kyle Averett at 60 Meadow Rd. Swainsboro, Ga was convicted of the offense of DUI 2nd, on the 2nd day of November, 2021, in the Municipal Court of Swainsboro Georgia.



Pursuant to OCGA § 40-6-391 notice is hereby given that Rebecca Louise Rizzo at 105 North Anderson Dr. Room 7 Swainsboro, Ga was convicted of the offense of DUI 2nd, on the 2nd day of November, 2021, in the Municipal Court of Swainsboro Georgia.



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Sheriff's Reports

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

December 5

Complainant stated he got paint on the side of his vehicle while traveling on Lambs Bridge Rd. C/p also stated there was no warning or sign that the paint was wet.

December 6

Deputy was dispatched to Lambs Bridge Rd. in reference to a vehicle hitting some debris in the roadway.

Deputy responded to Long Bay Dr. for a custody dispute. Complainant stated she went to victim's address but he wasn't home, only his mother, and she refused to give the children to her. C/p then stated she wanted her house key returned from the victim. Deputy then proceeded to Edenfield Rd. to speak with victim who stated he was at work when c/p arrived, banging on the door with only the children and his mother home. Victim stated DFCS placed the children with him but then closed the case due to him working with an attorney to get full custody of the children. Victim was informed of the same info that c/p was and he stated he would seek an attorney the following day for an emergency custody order. Victim turned over the key and stated he did not intend to keep it from c/p, just did not want to cause an issue coming face to face. Deputy returned the key to c/p and informed her that if she returned to the Edenfield address, she needed to stay civil and to be disorderly. C/p stated she did no such thing and that she would not cause a scene in front of her children. C/p was informed to contact the courts to work on divorce and custody and she stated she did not have the money. She was then informed that she could possibly apply for a public defender and to at least contact with courts.

Deputies responded to Rustic Grill in reference to a grease fire. Fire was contained and extinguished.

No structure damage was sustained.

Deputy assisted GSP with the apprehension and transport of offender.

Deputy responded to Beagal Rd. in reference to a criminal trespass incident that night prior. Complainant stated someone entered into the residence and ransacked victim's room. The room was found to be in disarray and c/p stated she believed the offender attempted to locate victim's disability check. C/p further stated that several people in the neighborhood would know that the victim has money and cannot care for himself. C/p also stated that the door to the residence had been left unlocked and she left the residence the day prior ad returned the following day ad discovered that someone had entered in to the residence. No signs of force3d entry or other signs of disturbance were found. Victim was said to be home asleep in another room at the time of the incident.

December 7

Deputies went to JM Spearman Rd. trying to serve a warrant on offender. Upon arrival, deputies went to the front and back of the residence and started knocking and announcing ECSO. Deputy could hear someone moving inside the residence but no one went to the door. Deputy kept knocking multiple

times, announcing himself, and a female finally went to the door and stated she knew why they were there and offender was not at the residence, but they could go in and check like they always do. Deputies entered the residence and started looking around. Upon entering the bathroom, deputy tried to turn the closet door-knob and it was hard to turn, but was finally able to turn it and pulled the door open enough to see a male squatting down, who pulled to door back closed. At that time, deputy drew his weapon and started giving commands for the male subject to come out of the closet and show his hands. Offender exited the closet and was instructed to turn around and out his hands behind his back, and was handcuffed and transported to EmCo Jail.

Complainant stated offender went to the building she was working on for her son on Hwy 23 South and started cussing at her telling complainant not to call her family anymore and that she is going to turn her in to social security and call code enforcement on her because c/p stated offender is behind on lot rent and she went to offender's camper to ask for money she owed her or she was going to have to evict offender. Deputy spoke with offender and she stated c/p had been harassing her about lot rent but she has paid her everything she owes her. Offender stated she did go out and yell at c/p because she was trying to plug a cord into the side of her camper using the electricity that offender pays for. Offender also stated c/p keeps calling her family, telling them lies and she just wants her to leave her family alone, and that if she has a problem to talk to her like an adult.

Units held out at the Post Officer in reference to a subject camping in the woods nearby. Units were able to locate the male subject at a make-shift tent in the wooded area. Subject was compliant and stated he had been homeless since he got kicked out of a local rehab facility. Offender provided his name and DOB and stated he is on parole. Deputy had 911 dispatch a run on offender and it came back with a warrant for parole violation. A hit was sent for the warrant and a hold was confirmed. Offender was placed in handcuffs and transported to EmCo Det. Ctr. Offender requested his bookbag with misc items he brought with him due to it being his more important belongings. The rest of the items were left in the wooded area due to units not being able to take and store it at the facility.

December 8

Motorist was assisted with a broke-down vehicle.

Deputy was dispatched to Swainsboro Supply in reference to a vehicle unlock. Vehicle was unlocked without incident or damages.

Deputies were dispatched to Pinetucky Rd. in reference to two horses in the roadway. Upon arrival, residents of the area were leading the horses to a nearby fenced area away from the roadway. It was advised that the horses belong to offender and are in the care of a resident of the area. Horses were advised to frequently get loose, roaming in and near the roadway. Offender was said to have been notified

to remove the horses.

Deputy arrested offender in the jail lobby for an active outstanding probation warrant, Offender was taken into custody without incident.

Deputies responded to Pendleton Spring Rd in reference to an irate customer. Complainant stated offender went into the store and they refused to serve him and offender was yelling inside and outside the store and walked to his residence across the street. Offender was not located at the time of the report.

Deputies were dispatched to Tiger Trail in reference to a domestic dispute. Complainant stated offender had been cussing and arguing with him for a few hours and he is tired of it. C/p also stated he wants offender to move out. Offender was then asked what happened and she stated she was in the store and c/p was arguing with her because she was taking too long and when they got home, c/p wanted her to leave but she refused because she has been staying there for 8 months and began to argue with c/p about leaving. C/p was referred to magistrate to obtain an eviction notice.

Deputies were dispatched to Blundale Church Rd I reference to someone shining a light in her yard. Complainant stated that the person may have been hunting. Deputies searched the property, as well as the area, and ensured c/p that everything was ok.

December 9

Deputy was dispatched to ECSO in reference to a vehicle unlock. Vehicle was unlocked without incident or damages.

Deputies were dispatched to Hwy 56 South in to assist a motorist. The caller advised the vehicle to appear to be disabled and partially in the roadway. Deputy traveled to the area and made no contact with any stranded motorist.

Complainant was driving his on Hwy 56 his vehicle caught fire and was totally destroyed.

Deputies received a call from complainant and victim in reference to a stolen vehicle on Lambs Bridge Rd. Deputy made contact and was advised that victim's vehicle had been reported stolen out of Tattall Co. and they had info of its location in Emanuel Co. Deputies went to stated address and made contact with witnesses on scene and found the stolen vehicle on the property. Vehicle was originally red in color and deputies found a black vehicle and after verifying the VIN, confirmed it was the victim's vehicle. Deputies questioned witnesses on scene and no one had knowledge of the history of the vehicle and none of them lived at the location. Vehicle's engine bay was warm to the touch and after further investigation, no keys were found in the vehicle or any persons on scene. Deputies then found items in the vehicle that lead to suspect that offender may have been hiding in the area. Deputies started checking the area and discovered an unsecured door on a small camper just feet away from the vehicle. Deputies then announced themselves and upon opening the door, they discovered an illegal sawed off shotgun that was by the door. Deputies secured the fire-

arm and turned it over to investigators on scene and continued to search the area and found footsteps that lead from the scene into a wooded area, but no one was located. Vehicle owner and Tattall Co. SO was contacted and made aware of the incident and the vehicle was towed to EmCo impound.

Deputies were dispatched to Blundale Church Rd. in reference to someone shining a light in complainant's yard. C/p stated someone parked their vehicle in her yard and shined a light across the road into a field in front of her house and stated the person might be hunting. Deputies searched the property as well as the area and ensured c/p everything was ok.

Deputies were dispatched to Pendleton Spring Rd. in reference to complainant being concerned for an elderly woman at another residence. Complainant stated the victim looks like she is not being taken care of and the hoe she lives in is unfit for her. Deputies went to victim's home and ensured everything was ok.

December 10

Complainant stated she went to use her debit card and it was declined so she tried it several different times thinking it was a problem with the computer system but it still declined. C/p stated she went to her bank to check her account and she found out that someone stole her debit card info and used it for several different transactions in Sandersville, Milledgeville, and Dublin. C/p stated she has not made any of the transactions that are showing on her bank account.

Deputy met with complainant on Gary Rd. in reference to a MVA. C/p stated she attempted to miss a deer and struck a tree. Vehicle sustained functional damage.

December 11

Deputy observed a vehicle on the shoulder on Hwy 80 West with its caution lights on, at which time he

stopped to see if the driver needed any assistance. Deputy observed the vehicle to not have a tag and spoke with offender who stated a tire had blown out and he had a friend on the way to help. The driver provided a FL driver's license and a bill of sale for the vehicle. The driver was run through GCIC and returned with Probation Warrant out of Laurens Co. Driver was detained and a hit was sent to Laurens Co. and it returned with the request for a hold. Vehicle was towed and offender was transported to EmCo Detention Center.

Deputy spoke with complainant at EmCo Detention Center in reference to an unknown subject attempting to scam him. C/p stated he had been attempting to buy a dog from Facebook Market Place from a subject with a provided Facebook name. C/p stated the subject began telling him to send money or he was going to kill him, sending slightly personal info to act as if he knew where he was and who he was. C/p showed deputy messages and pictures which were of unknown dead/injured persons stating that was what the scammer was going to do to c/p. Deputy informed c/p that the situation was likely just an attempt to intimidate due to previous incidents he has dealt with and nothing ever came from other incidents. Deputy informed c/p a report would be made and to block the numbers and to not send any money. Deputy looke3d at the profile of the subject and it looked to be fake.

Victim stated her daughter's ex-boyfriend went to her residence after being told several times by victim not to. Offender pulled up in the yard and got out of his vehicle yelling and making gestures like he had a gun. Victim ran in the ho use and locked the door and called 911.

Complainant stated his brother saw a vehicle pull into complainant's

driveway and when they backed out, it hit the chain link fence, bending the fence pole and gate. Witness stated who the truck belonged to and where he lived. Deputy went to the residence and asked him if he was driving the truck and he stated no, that his girlfriend was. Deputy then went to the advised location and made contact with offender who stated she did hit the fence but it was dark so she didn't want to knock on c/p's door that early but was going back. Offender followed deputy to c/p's residence to speak with them about paying for the damages.

Deputies were dispatched to Lambs Bridge Rd. in reference to an alarm. Motion was advised to be the problem. While enroute, 911 advised a key holder would be responding. All doors and windows were checked, appearing to be secure with no signs of tamper or forced entry.

Deputy made contact with victim in reference to a call that went through the ECSO concerning a possible identity theft incident. Upon further investigation, victim stated she received info via email that someone had used her name and info to open a Northland Cable broadband account on Mist St. Victim further stated she has never resided in Emanuel Co. A check was revealed that a subject with the same name did reside at the address but it's unknown where or how offender obtained victim's info.

December 12

Deputies responded to Williams Rd. for an unconscious possible overdose. EMS arrived on scene before law enforcement and assess the patient. Patient was said to be overdosing on fentanyl he had recently purchased. EMS was able to get the patient conscious and breathing again. Patient refused transport to the ER by EMS.

Anti-Trust

My name is James Markowitz. I have few to no friends. I have US Military Service, 1981 was injured/wounded by US Military. I have a perpetual headache and some stroke paralyses. Well documented US Military that they came back to beat me more. I told them I'll kill them. During the fact US federal judge in my attempt to correct the injury, so I can leave this country. I'm a legal alien. His secretary telephoned me - the judge wants to send me to prison.

My Crime

I refuse to stop any man to rape a female/any female to aid about.

Catch 22 Law USA

The laws between counties, cities, states are wishy-washy. Helter Scelter, example: former confederate states Kentucky, GA, Tennessee, S. Carolina are apart; not united statutory laws, ruled by legislators rape of female are unconstitutional equal. 2021 January before the whole world legislators receive wages to defend, no/none democratic, republican independent judge, general president vice president (male/female) former president under fire not by foreign nation/government to overthrow defend country/nation/gov't capital but under fire deserted to back capital police wages.

Guaranteed they don't fall desert abstain refrain receiving pay check. I'm disabled veteran. example: without weapons self-defense Camp Stanley have stopped attempt assault by American soldiers Camp Stanley, South Korea 1981/82. I'm a legal alien, not American. It is required to defend this country (hang) nation (people) Gov't (it's civil servants). I see this situation/attitude/character to defend. I don't drink, smoke, take drugs (legal or illegal) gamble. Never in my life time (73 yrs old) borrowed money or steal. I just work for a living. About two years ago my brother and I had a vehicle taken/stolen by unmarked towing operator! Report to 911 police decided to return vehicle. Police arrested me for asking to get ID, tag, license of desized towing operator /vehicle.

To date, arrest warrant is protected by police identity of thief. The judge refused any in court of law any defense fine me \$300.00.

Conspiracy

Judge asked how much bail my brother put up...\$600.00. The police thief by taking refused refund of \$300.00. Months later to get another hearing on separate incident. Hired local attorney to be witness, not defense. I integrate judge that police stole money. He ruled on, said not his concern, and about thieves.

My name is James Markowitz. 1995 Hamilton Ontario Canada was arrested, put in jail Canadian gov't/British Crown charged me. Perform duties of a doctor in a hospital, stopping repairing injury/wound of a patient dying, refused to treat by doctors/nurse's. In court of law, battery of total of 6 judges stated I should see psychiatrist, person suppose to DIE!! But didn't they detained me in court of law gov't/crown withdrew charges statement now person now died.

Charges now withdrawn

I had attorney from Swainsboro wire me my money to Canada for bail, my attorney in Canada (son of a doctor) to prosecute Gov't of Canada/Crown state you were right but need \$1 million dollars.

1981, Camp Stanley South Korea as security force against all US Military code retrieved with his buddy and my South Korean US American soldier wounded by republic South Korean soldier "Not" by democratic republic of North Korea. I gave/stabilized soldier. US military doctor refused treatment. Soldier went into a 2 week coma. 8th army 2nd Div army generals wanted to put me in stockade for 5 years. I defended myself. The incident caused by retaliation done by US forces on South Korean 3-year-old female wounded head injury. I treated my comrade back me up so child wouldn't die. Charges withdrawn.

Paid for by: James Markowitz

Scenes from Christmas in Garfield December 10



Photos by Bill Cahill



A Tornado we survived

by N. Luree Bowen

It was in January 1994 and I was in between jobs. Raytheon Engineers & Constructors had purchased our company and the handful of us that was hired through our 2 World Trade Center office was overlooked.

At that time I thought it would be a great time to fly to Blackwell, OK to see my son, his pregnant wife and two young daughters.

Upon arriving at the airport in nearby Wichita, KS in mid-afternoon, suddenly we were all hungry for seafood despite the billows of white clouds being tossed around in the sky.

Soon after eating, we thought it was an absolute necessity for us to go shopping since we were right at the mall there in Wichita, KS instead of waiting until we arrived across the state line into Oklahoma.

After shopping for books and the granddaughters' outfits, an emergency speaking system urged everyone to immediately go down into the area underneath the stores designed for tornado safety.

This is a time when I thought this grandmother needed to step in. Removing the bags of the children's newly purchased from our hands to the cement floor, I reached for one of the books to read to the girls as we sat on the padded floor.

While I focused on the children, my son was busy with his pregnant wife while trying to help remain comfortable.

And then it happened. We soon after received direction as to where to go. We were allowed to sit in the lobby while my son was permitted outside to bring his van to the entrance area with the hopes we would be able to drive it on to Blackwell, OK.

After a long period of time probably no more

than an hour passed and my son arrived with his van with all windows destroyed with the exception of the window across the front of the van and the window on the driver's side and the opposite side.

My son had removed seats and replaced them after collecting all the broken glass that may otherwise damage us while driving to their home 80 plus miles away.

Totally unexpected, while we were getting into the van, my daughter-in-law's doctor and his family appeared on the scene. Rest assured everything was alright, we started our lengthy drive to Blackwell, OK.

The Good Lord was with us as I felt led to position our girls with protection over their eyes. And we drove on to their home and just as we entered the driveway to the garage, the flood began and we felt blessed. And even more so, a few days later when my grandson was born.

God is good... Merry Christmas!

Poplar Springs Baptist Church celebrates

In 1853 when community members met to plan the building of a community church, Mr. James Jackson Woods, Sr., with the support of his wife, Anna Bowen Woods, whose father was a Baptist minister, gave several acres of land for the building of a local community church and cemetery.

No more did families have to drive horse and buggy or mule and wagon to ride miles to worship on Sunday mornings. Rather, they now had their own church, Poplar Springs Baptist, only a short distance away.

The first structure was rather small in size and was built with logs with the bark still on them, nevertheless, they

enjoyed having their own church and cemetery.

Several years passed and James Jackson and Anna had built a small cabin on their land nearby for their family, a smokehouse, a barn for corn and hay storage and had two children.

A few years went by and during the Civil War, Mr. Woods came down with a bad cold or pneumonia and was trying to recover in bed when Yankee soldiers arrived on the scene and made themselves at home in Anna's kitchen eating whatever appealed to them. Other Yankee soldiers settled in the wooded areas near the cabin.

According to Mrs. Dorothy Woods in Bulloch County, Georgia Spirit of a People, "The Yankees did no physical harm during the few days they were there, but they kept Anna busy in the kitchen cooking for them even while they attempted dressing a hog in her kitchen."

However, they became more aggressive several days later. When the Yankees started to move on toward Statesboro and ultimately on to Savannah, they burned Woods' storage barn, smoke house and destroyed items while playing havoc in their efforts to 'rule the roost' as they charged on to Savannah.

Fifty years ago in November 1969, another reunion date was established so every 50 years the church community could celebrate and re-iterate the changes in technology, population and growth or demise of the Church.

My early visits to Poplar Springs were in the late 1930s via mule and wagon followed in the early 1940's in either a Ford Model A or Model T until 1947 when daddy bought a new gray Hudson truck.

From that time until I graduated from high school that worked well because daddy, mama, and I (only girl) were in the truck cab and the boys rode in the back of the truck.

Like everybody else we were overwhelmed with technological changes.

In the mid 1940's, we were finally introduced to REA. In the early 1950's, we were introduced to snowy black and white television and in 1955, I graduated from Portal High School and went away to Bolen's Business College in Augusta where I lived at the YWCA on Greene Street. Sometimes, our minister traveling from Bob Jones University would either give me a lift home coming or going.

For fifty years, Rev. James E. Bellis, Sr. before he retired in 2006, along with his family drove from Bob Jones University in Greenville, SC, every weekend. He would visit church members and preach both Sunday morning and evening before driving back to BJU where he taught for more than 50 years.

Rev. Ben Gay was the minister for five years and in 2011, Rev. John Durden became the new minister.

Where are we now? Poplar Springs Baptist doors are still open to all races. From the beginning of the church in 1853, church doors were open then and will continue to be open for all wanting to worship God.

We live in an environment where change is a constant in our lives. Technology surpasses our imagination as we absorb new technologies as during the last fifty years, 1950 - 2000.

Only God knows His plan for the next 50 years...30 years up the road.



Submitted photos
PASTOR JOHN DURDEN WELCOMES ALL TO THE EVENT SCHEDULED AT POPLAR SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH EVERY 50 YEARS



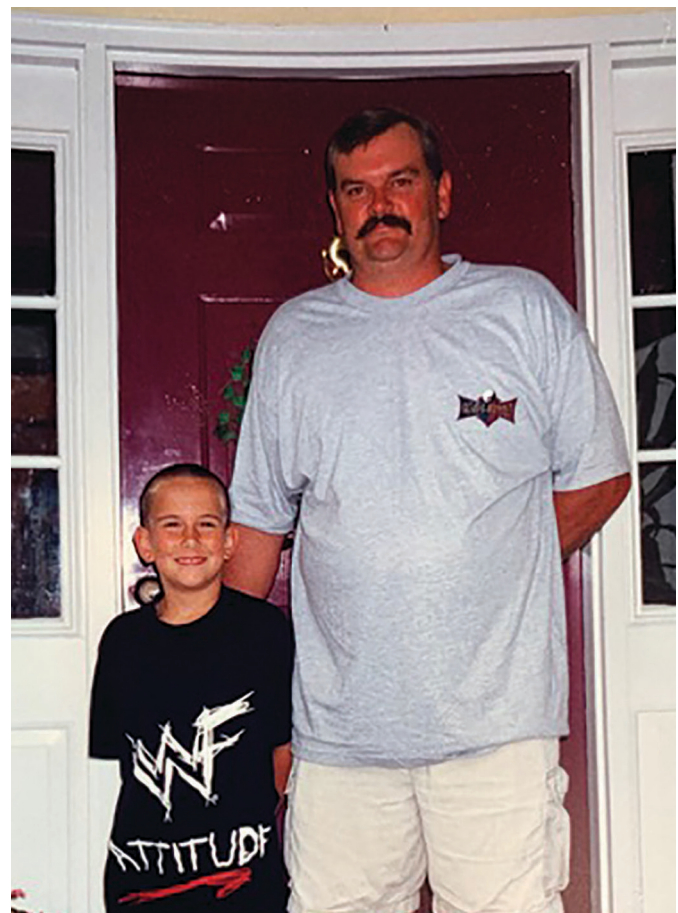
SHELBY WILLIFORD AND DAUGHTER, ANGELA, DRESS FOR THE ERA BEGINNING IN THE 1950S AS THEY PLAY THE PIANO AND SING FOR THE EVENT



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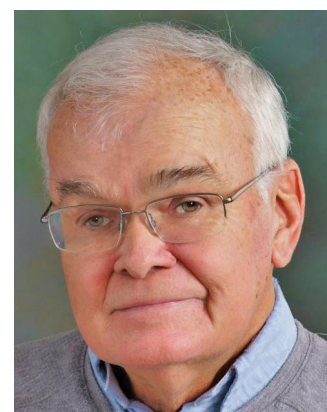
Question: What is a VPN?

Answer: A VPN is an acronym for Virtual Private Network.

A VPN is used to essentially create a network across the Internet. Instead of having to create your own network between two locations by running cable or whatever, you just use the cabling of the Internet. For this reason, it is a virtual network, it works like a network, but it is not physically a different network there.

This can be used to connect securely between two locations. Using a VPN, you have basically set up a tunnel thru the Internet to the other location and just are using Internet equipment. As part of the VPN, you will set encryption on the traffic sent. This will prevent hackers from stealing your data as it is in transit, or at least make it difficult depending on the level of encryption you use. Now it is a private network as only your machine and the machine at the other end know what you have sent, or they sent. This is taking it a step further than just encrypting the actual data (what http protocol does) and encrypt while it is in motion. The source and destination address are not encrypted so the machines can get it to the receiver, but the rest is.

There are lots of ways to set up a VPN. Some security software including paid antivirus products include the software to set up a VPN. They



WATT are also VPN programs for sale and there is free VPN software you can get and use.

As time progresses, I expect you will see more and more VPNs used and some sites mandating.

I have had one reader report their version of Chrome now includes a VPN icon beside the lock icon by the URL box that apparently tells if you are using a VPN. At this point I have found no information on that, but it makes sense to do that. I am running the Chrome test and it is not there on mine. It would be a good way, just like the lock, to tell us our data is secure in transit by it being encrypted and using a VPN.

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

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 All creditors of the estate of Phyllis W. Williams, decedent, late of Emanuel County, are hereby notified to render in their demands to Jerry N. Cadle, P.C., P.O. Box 68, Swainsboro, GA 30401 according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment. This 16th day of November, 2021. Terry W. Edenfield, Executor of the Estate of Phyllis W. Williams, decedent Jerry N. Cadle, P.C. P.O. Box 68 Swainsboro, GA 30401

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 All that certain tract or parcel of land, lying and being in the City of Swainsboro, 53rd GMD of Emanuel County, Georgia, containing 4.43 acres, more or less, and being more particularly described by plat of survey prepared by Walter K. Maupin, Jr., Surveyor, dated December 8, 1995 and recorded in Plat Book 16, page 237, Emanuel County public records. Said tract beginning at an iron pin at the intersection of the east right of way of Hill Street and the south right of way line of Modoc Road and running thence North 55 degrees, 59 minutes East for a distance of 251.47 feet along the south right of way of Modoc Road to a rebar; thence, South 32 degrees, 50 minutes, 02 seconds East for a distance of 689.76 feet along the west 30 foot right of way line of Old Wadley Southern Railroad to a concrete marker; thence, South 5 degrees 44 minutes 27 seconds West for a distance of 155.93 feet along the west right of way of Rentz Street to a concrete monument; thence, South 78 degrees, 04 minutes, 04 seconds West for a distance of 165.30 feet along property of the City of Swainsboro to a concrete monument; thence North 32 degrees, 48 minutes, 59 seconds West for a distance of 747.57

feet along the east right of way line of Hill Street to the iron pin located at the point of beginning, Emanuel County TAX Map # S14, Parcel 017.
Subject to existing easements for rights of way, public utilities and any other outstanding liens which may attach to said property.
 After Advertisement, said property was sold at public outcry on December 1st, 2020 to satisfy a tax fi fa for the years 2018 and 2019 and for penalty and interest in favor of the City of Swainsboro, State of Georgia against Vista Real Estate Company and will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred on and after the 3rd day of January, 2022.
 The Tax Sale Deed to which this notice relates is dated the 1st day of December, 2020 and is recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Emanuel County, Georgia, in Deed Book 506 at pages 506-5071. The property may be redeemed at any time before the 3rd day of January, 2022 by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address: Rita Hayes, 1154 Wes Lawson Road, Adrian, Ga, 31002. Telephone #: 478-469-3046. Please be governed accordingly. This 26th day of November, 2021. RITA HAYES
 1154 Wes Lawson Road
 Adrian, Ga, 31002.
 Telephone #: 478-469-3046.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS
 All creditors of the estate of **BOBBY HERMAN BRASWELL**, decedent late of Emanuel County, State of Georgia, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to me. This the 30th day of November, 2021. **BRADLEY AUSTIN BRASWELL**, administrator of the estate of **BOBBY HERMAN BRASWELL**, decedent. P.O. Box 1387 Swainsboro, Ga. 30401 Address of Executor/Executrix 478-331-2345 Telephone

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
 CIVIL ACTION NO. 21CV304

ROBERT D. COCHRAN
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
GENIE E. COCHRAN
 Defendant.
NOTICE TO NON-RESIDENT DEFENDANT
 TO: Genie E. Cochran
 214 Easterly Drive
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 By the order of the Court for service by publication dated the 19th day of November, 2021, you are hereby notified that on the 24th day of November, 2021, Robert D. Cochran filed suit against you for divorce. You are required to file with the Clerk of Superior Court and to serve upon Plaintiff attorney, Williams H. McWhorter, Jr., an answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the 24th day of November, 2021.
 Witness, the Honorable Robert S. Reeves, Judge of the Superior Court of Emanuel County, this 24th day of November, 2021.

Clerk, Emanuel County Superior Court
 Middle Judicial Circuit

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF D. JERRELL WHITEFIELD
 DECEASED
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
NOTICE TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern:
SANDRA B. WHITEFIELD has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of **D. JERRELL WHITEFIELD** deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before **JANUARY 10, 2022**.
BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF CLARENCE DANNY CUMBEE JR.
 a/k/a CLAY D. CUMBEE
 DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 21E0175
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
NOTICE TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern:
C. DANNY CUMBEE has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of **CLARENCE DANNY CUMBEE JR. a/k/a CLAY D. CUMBEE** deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before **JANUARY 10, 2022**.
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF GLADYS PEARL WATKINS
ESTATE NO. 21E0174
DECEASED
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
NOTICE TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern:
MELISSA M. THOMAS has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of **GLADYS PEARL WATKINS** deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before **JANUARY 10, 2022**.
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uel County, are hereby notified to render in their demands to Jerry N. Cadle, P.C., P.O. Box 68, Swainsboro, GA 30401 according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment. This 9th day of December, 2021. Jonathan Dakota Marsh, Executor of the Estate of Tammy Lee Marsh, decedent Jerry N. Cadle, P.C. P.O. Box 68 Swainsboro, GA 30401

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF REX JOHNSON
ESTATE NO. 21E0179
DECEASED
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
NOTICE TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern:
WANDA RENEE JOHNSON has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of **REX JOHNSON** deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before **JANUARY 10, 2022**.
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**December 14, 1961
MISS MCBRIDE GETS DAR'S '61 AWARD**

Miss Patsy McBride was selected as the "Good Citizen of the Year" t SHS by the Governor David Emanuel Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Miss McBride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph McBride. (visit emanuelcountylive.com to see contestants' photos)

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**December 15, 1971
LAST MINUTE CHECK**

Kindergarten students at First United Methodist Church made a last minute check of the manger scene in preparation for their annual Christmas party. Checking the manger scene was Kyle Carter, Ray Scott, Terry Wilkinson, and Monica Fullerton. (visit emanuelcountylive.com to see contestants' photos)

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'CONGRATULATIONS'

David Beecher, president, Emanuel County 4-H Leaders, and Mrs. May Gene Smith, parliamentarian of the leaders group, congratulate Mrs. Mollie Daniels during an awards presentation program in her honor. (visit emanuelcountylive.com to see contestants' photos)

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**December 16, 1981
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Adrian High School's "homecoming queen and court" included Mike Webb, escorted by Kim Webb, third runner-up; Neal Dixon, escorted by Althea Williams, second runner-up; John Kennedy, escorted by Diane Foskey, first runner-up; and "Queen" Kenny Foskey, escorted by Shelia Soles. The reverse pageant was an "all-in-fun" portion of the school's annual homecoming celebration. (visit emanuelcountylive.com to see contestants' photos)

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OUTSTANDING

Local 4-H members received "outstanding 4-Her" awards and \$50 savings bonds. Those chosen were Wayne Culbreth, Melody Smith, Angie Johnson, and John Kelly. (visit emanuelcountylive.com to see contestants' photos)

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**December 11, 1991
TEACHER OF YEAR**

Mrs. Diane Claxton accepted "Teacher of the Year" plaque from SES Principal Jimmy Harper. A fourth grade teacher, Mrs. Claxton was honored at a reception at the school. (emanuelcountylive.com to see contestants' photos)

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OUTSTANDING SHS ATHLETES

SHS's Tiger athletes were honored for their accomplishments at the Annual Fall Sports Banquet. Among those attending was Glenn Grimes, Jermaine Cooley, Ronald Brown, Ronald Fouts, Kim Riddles, Donald Cooper, Mehoshi Worthen, Cissy Peebles, Glenn Bolden, Marc Jones, and Eric Brown. Not pictured was Chad White and Robin Rountree. (visit emanuelcountylive.com to see contestants' photos)

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**December 12, 2001
ECI JROTC HOLD ANNUAL MILITARY BALL**

ECI's Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps held its third annual formal military ball. The evening began with the formal receiving line with Major Milton Gray, senior army instructor, introducing cadets and their escorts to Superintendent Butch Frye; Mrs. Frye; Mr. David Price; Sgt. First Class David Gadson, army instructor; Cadet LTC Kade Scarborough; and local armed forces recruiters. (visit emanuelcountylive.com to see contestants' photos)

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DR. PRASAD, FLANDERS RECOGNIZED BY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY
Vijitha Prasad, MD and Mr. Don Flanders were each presented a plaque of appreciation for serving on the Emanuel County Hospital Authority. (visit emanuelcountylive.com to see contestants' photos)

**December 14, 2011
CLAXTON TO COMPETE IN PGA TOUR**

Former Auburn Tiger and former Swainsboro Tiger Will Claxton earned his 2012 PGA Tour card, wrapping up the six-round 2012 Qualifying School final stage tied for 18th at 10-under. Mr. Claxton is the son of Willis and Diane Claxton. (visit emanuelcountylive.com to see contestants' photos)

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TIGERS SELECTED FOR SENIOR BOWL

Three SHS seniors were selected to play in the CSRA Senior Bowl, a week-long format event which encompasses not only the opportunity to play at an extremely high level against the best opponents in the CSRA, but to be seen by some of the top colleges in the country. Those chosen were Guan Gardner, Dewan Somerville, and Michael Muns. (visit emanuelcountylive.com to see contestants' photos)

Eagles basketball going strong

Basketball season has officially kicked off at David Emanuel Academy for middle school and high school students. Stats reported for the season so far are as follows:

Middle School Boys

11.15 - @ Bulloch
DEA 35
BA 32

Scoring Points

Brody Fleming 11
Ethan Fields 11
KaRon Gray 2
Paxton Dixon 4
Landon Lindsey 7
11.18 - @ Coastal
DEA 16
Coastal 54

Scoring Points

Brody Fleming 2
Richard Braddy 3
Ethan Fields 7
KaRon Gray 2
Paxton Dixon 2
12.2 v Edmund Burke
DEA 28
EBA 25

Scoring Points

Landon Lindsey 2
Ethan Fields 11
Richard Braddy 6
Brody Fleming 9
12.3 @ Fullington
DEA 29
FA 31

Scoring Points

Tucker Free 2
Ethan Fields 12
Richard Braddy 4
Brody Fleming 11
12.7 v Screven Christian
DEA 41
SCA 14

Scoring Points

Landon Lindsey 2
Paxton Dixon 2
Layton Terwilliger 4
Ethan Fields 9
Richard Braddy 10
Brody Fleming 8
Peyton Templeton 2
River Holloway 2
KaRon Gray 2
12.10 v John Hancock
DEA 34
JHA 14

Scoring Points

Tucker Free 6
Brayden Lawson 2
Layton Terwilliger 4
Ethan Fields 2
Richard Braddy 8
Brody Fleming 8
Juddson Wilkes 2

Revan Fortner 2
12.13 @ Edmund Burke
DEA 17
EBA 27

Scoring Points

Jace Farmer 1
Ethan Fields 11
Richard Braddy 5
11.15 @ Bulloch
DEA 6
BA 38

Scoring Points

Aubrey Scott 2
Emily McRae 2
Kaley Flowers 2
11.17 @ Portal
DEA 13
Portal 30

Scoring Points

Aubrey Williams 6
Addalyn Terwilliger 2
Raleigh Andrews 2
Katelyn Kersey 3
12.2 v Edmund Burke
DEA 8
EBA 23

Scoring Points

Addalyn Terwilliger 2
Aubrey Williams 4
Payton Peebles 2
12.3 @ Fullington
DEA 14
FA 17

Scoring Points

Aubrey Scott 2
Emily McRae 2
Addalyn Terwilliger 2
Aubrey Williams 6
Hensley Terwilliger 2
12.7 v Screven Christian
DEA 32
SCA 8

Scoring Points

Aubrey Scott 2
Lyla Martin 2
Kaley Flowers 4
Addalyn Terwilliger 10
Aubrey Willimas 8
Payton Peebles 2
Hensley Terwilliger 2
Dottie Cay Youmans 2
12.10 v John Hancock
DEA 18
JHA 8

Scoring Points

Aubrey Scott 3
Emily McRae 3
Addalyn Terwilliger 4
Aubrey Williams 8
12.13 @ Edmund Burke
DEA 9
EBA 15

Scoring Points

Katelyn Kersey 3
Addalyn Terwilliger 2

Aubrey Williams 4
11.30 @ Glascock County
DEA 52
GC 38

Scoring Points

Kaden Lynch 8
Racyn Faircloth 15
Billy Martin 6
Jesse Moore 8
Randon Williams 9
Tony Sutton 6
12.2 v Edmund Burke
DEA 51
EBA 34

Scoring Points

Kaden Lynch 14
Racyn Faircloth 14
Billy Martin 2
Peyton Lee 2
Jesse Moore 8
Randon Williams 8
Jace Scarboro 3
12.3 @ Fullington
DEA 49
FA 44

Scoring Points

Kaden Lynch 8
Racyn Faircloth 10
Billy Martin 5
Clayton Hood 2
Jesse Moore 6
Randon Williams 15
Tony Sutton 3
12.7 v Glascock County
DEA 43
GC 36

Scoring Points

Kaden Lynch 23
Racyn Faircloth 2
Billy Martin 6
Jesse Moore 6
Randon Williams 3
Tony Sutton 2
Jace Scarboro 1
12.9 @ Nathanael Greene
DEA 67
NGA 32

Scoring Points

Kaden Lynch 19
Racyn Faircloth 7
Billy Martin 4
Peyton Lee 4
Timothy Braddock 2
Jesse Moore 20
Randon Williams 9
Jace Scarboro 2
12.10 v John Hancock
DEA 42
JHA 28

Scoring Points

Kaden Lynch 13
Racyn Faircloth 10
Billy Martin 9
Jesse Moore 2
Randon Williams 6
Tony Sutton 2

12.13 @ Edmund Burke
DEA 29
EBA 27

Scoring Points

Kaden Lynch 14
Racyn Faircloth 6
Jesse Moore 2
Randon Williams 7
11.17 @ Portal
DEA 46
Portal 37

Scoring Points

Sarah Jo Perkins 10
Ann Carol Daniel 8
Christen McCoy 2
Emma Proctor 3
Bree Wimberly 21
Kyli Bell 2
11.18 @ Coastal
DEA 56
Coastal 26

Scoring Points

Sarah Jo Perkins 7
Ann Carol Daniel 4
Molly Hammock 4
Emma Proctor 7
Kaleigh Scarboro 5
Bree Wimberly 27
Aubrey Willimas 2
11.22 @ Edmund Burke
Academy: v John
Hancock
DEA 52
JHA 29

Scoring Points

Sara Jo Perkins 8
Ann Carol Daniel 9

Christen McCoy 4
Emma Proctor 1
Kaleigh Scarboro 6
Bree Wimberly 24
11.30 @ Glascock County
DEA 70
GC 55

Scoring Points

Sarah Jo Perkins 19
Ann Carol Daniel 2
Molly Hammock 9
Emma Proctor 11
Bree Wimberly 25
Kyli Bell 4
12.2 v Edmund Burke
DEA 47
EBA 54

Scoring Points

Sarah Jo Perkins 11
Ann Carol Daniel 2
Emma Proctor 3
Bree Wimberly 26
Kyli Bell 5
12.3 @ Fullington
Academy
DEA 43
FA 48

Scoring Points

Sarah Jo Perkins 9
Ann Carol Daniel 2
Molly Hammock 1
Emma Proctor 4
Kaleigh Scarboro 5
Bree Wimberly 17
Kyli Bell 5
12.7 v Glascock County
DEA 39
GC 44

Scoring Points

Molly Hammock 7
Sarah Jo Perkins 8
Kyli Bell 4
Bree Wimberly 14
Emma Proctor 6
12.9 @ Nathanael Greene
DEA 40
NGA 50

Scoring Points

Sarah Jo Perkins 6
Kyli Bell 15
Bree Wimberly 17
Kaleigh Scarboro 5
12.10 v John Hancock
DEA 49
JHA 30

Scoring Points

Addalyn Terwilliger 1
Molly Hammock 2
Sarah Jo Perkins 16
Kyli Bell 10
Kaleigh Scarboro 13
Alana Tant 2
Emma Proctor 5
12.13 @ Edmund Burke
DEA 38
EBA 40

Scoring Points

Molly Hammock 3
Sarah Jo Perkins 9
Kyli Bell 3
Aubrey Williams 2
Kaleigh Scarboro 12
Emma Proctor 9

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The City Administrator is responsible for day-to-day operation of all departments of city government and the efficient performance of a workforce of approximately 80 direct and contracted employees. The Administrator reports directly to the Mayor and City Council and develops and implements policies that further the growth of the City of Swainsboro.

In addition to the customary duties of a City Administrator, the position must provide leadership and direction in the development of short and long-range planning, gathering, interpreting and preparing data for studies, reports and recommendations for decision-making purposes. Financial reports and budget preparation and sound fiscal control also are the direct responsibility of this position, as is knowledge, execution and compliance with all State and Federal programs, requirements, guidelines and directives.

Minimum requirements are :

- A level of competency and knowledge supported by an undergraduate degree in fields of public administration or other related areas.
- Sufficient experience in the various duties required by this position include but not limited to a core of 3 to 5 years employment in similar and pertinent operations.
- Possession of a valid Georgia driver's license
- Other professional requirements may be included discussions with candidates
- Salary will be determined at a competitive level, commensurate with individual qualifications.


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