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**ONE DOLLAR** 

# Don't miss the blood drive at Emanuel Medical Center

Center will be hosting a blood drive inside Emanuel Medical Center, located at 117 Kite Road, on Wednesday, May 25, from 1pm until 5:30pm. At this time, all blood donors are needed, but especially donors with O Positive or O Negative blood. Shepeard supplies all of the blood products to Emanuel Medical Center, so when you donate with Shepeard, you truly are giving back to your community and supporting the hospital.

S h e p e a r d At the May 25 blood before donating, stay Community Blood drive, all donors will hydrated, and get receive a special T-shirt lots of rest the night and a voucher for a before. Donors must free fried chicken meal be in good general from the EMC Café. health, weigh at least Shepeard will be in the 110 pounds, and be at private dining room least 17 years old (or this time, so you can 16 with written parendonate and grab lunch tal consent) to donate. at the same time. All Be sure to bring a donors will also receive photo ID or Shepeard donor store points that donor card with you can be used to pur- when you come to chase digital gift cards. Everyone is encour- information, contact aged to come donate, Jacqueline Clemmons, and help Shepeard Recruitment Specialist support Medical Center.

To ensure your dona- Community tion is successful, be Center website: www. sure to eat a full meal shepeardblood.org.

donate. For more Emanuel at (706) 737-4551 or visit the Shepeard Blood



B. MCNEELY, L. MCNEELY, WILLIFORD, BROWN AND DAVIS

# Williford first SHS cheerleader to sign at collegiate level

first SHS cheerlead-University, a school that has a rich history of success in the sport. She is a four-year veteran of both football and competition programs for the Tigers.

Swainsboro High Cheer Coach Luci signing included her School senior Madison McNeely, Madison is Williford became the an athlete who leads Dewayne Williford, by example. She says, cheer coaches McNeely, er to sign a letter of "She tried out two Whitney Brown, and intent for the colle- weeks ago and made Bob McNeely, SHS giate level. She will the Columbus co-ed Assistant Principal/ attend Columbus State team. She will compete Athletic at the college nation- Jonathan Moses, famal level next year after ily members, teamleading her SHS team mates, teachers, and this year to a top six friends. Also presperformance in both ent was Jimbo Davis, competition and Game head cheer coach Day cheer."

Those present for the University.

parents, Ashley and Director for Columbus State

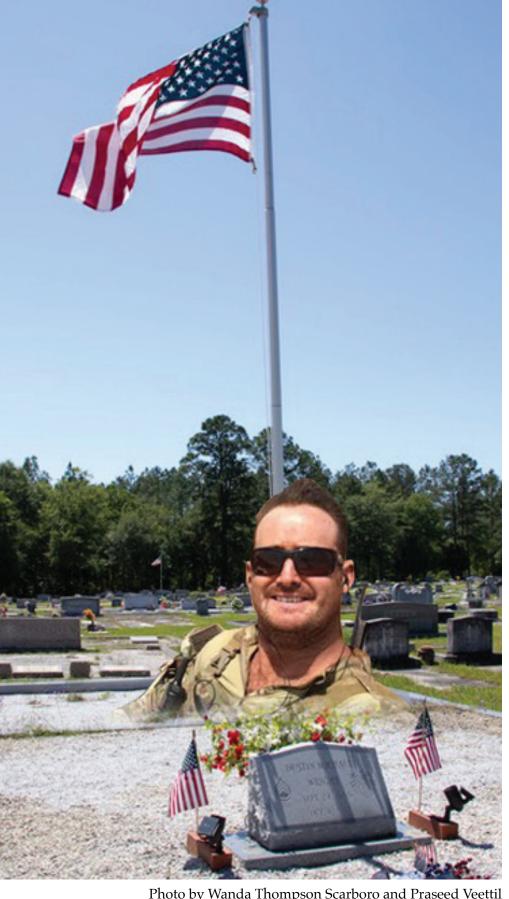


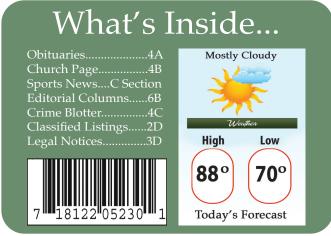
Photo by Wanda Thompson Scarboro and Praseed Veettil WRIGHT'S FINAL RESTING PLACE

# Memorial Day...

# Remembering our Hometown Hero

beamed its Friday night familiar faces that they moment, 18-year-old lights over the class of shared tiger trail with for Dustin Wright knew 2007 for the very last the last 13 years. time. The summer heat was just beginning to make its way into town while Swainsboro High School seniors were eagerly anticipating their chance to make their way out and into the world. As their fight song, Eye of the tiger, played throughout the stadium, the teens ran to huddle together, threw their graduation caps into the air and as they fell like confet-

Around this time 15 ti, they took one more The future was in years ago, Tiger field glance around at the their hands and in that (Continued on page 2A)





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REGISTRATION 12:30PM | BUSINESS MEETING 2:00PM

ALL REGISTERED MEMBER ATTENDEES RECEIVE

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#### Memorial Day... Remembering...

Mt. Olivet Baptist Church

June 1st - June 3rd

Wed-Friday 6pm-8:30pm

Graduation June 5th 11am

Followed by Covered-dish meal

**Registration Encouraged!** 

Contacts: Director: Dorita Kerbo

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(From front page)

where he was destined to be and decided to dedicate his life to fight for his classmates, his hometown, America, and the future of generations to come. So, in July of 2012 Dustin enlisted in the US Army where he attended Airborne School. After his graduation, Dustin began training with the special forces and in 2014, after completing the Special Forces Qualification Course, he was assigned to the third Special Forces Group (Airborne). In January of 2016, Wright was deployed to Stuggart Germany as an Operations Sergeant then to Special Operations Command Forward in North and West Africa. In that time, Dustin had earned the title as Staff Sergeant and obtained an

Presents

included basic airborne school, special forces qualification course, survival, evasion, resistance, and escape course, and the advanced leader's course. His awards and decorations include the Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal with C Device, Army Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Niger Cross of Valor with Star, Special Forces Tab, Parachutist Badge, and Combat Infantryman Badge. On October 4, 2017, in Niger, West Africa, Army Special Forces were ambushed by ISIS and four American Soldiers extensive education that lost their lives. One of the

four was Staff Sergeant Dustin M. Wright. As ABC News gathered information about the soldier and began sharing it with the world, strangers from across America began to pray for his family and thank God for his sacrifice, while those right here at home remembered the small-town kid who grew up to be an American hero.

This Memorial Day, we hope that you remember the men and women like Dustin who have sacrificed their lives for your safety, as well as their families. Remember the quote by Daniel Webster that says, "Let their remembrance be as lasting as the land they honored." As Staff Sergeant Wright was transferred home one last time, a scene of Thank you, Dustin, for your service and sacrifice! May God Bless you all!



SPS BOOK VENDING MACHINE UNVEILING

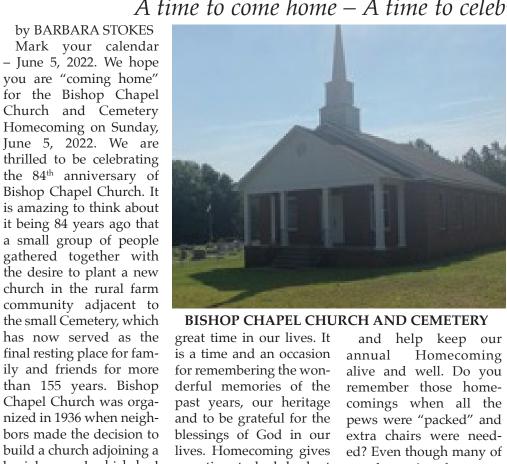
# SPS unveils new book vending machine, plans for upcoming school year

On Tuesday, May 24, Swainsboro Primary hosted an unveiling event for the school's first ever book vending machine. Thanks to financial assistance received from the primary school's PTO, this groundbreaking technology is an educational leap for young readers and will be used to lead the school's reading initiative during the 2022 – 2023 school year.

# Bishop Chapel Church and Cemetery Homecoming 2022

*A time to come home – A time to celebrate* 

by BARBARA STOKES Mark your calendar – June 5, 2022. We hope you are "coming home" for the Bishop Chapel Church and Cemetery Homecoming on Sunday, June 5, 2022. We are thrilled to be celebrating the 84th anniversary of Bishop Chapel Church. It is amazing to think about it being 84 years ago that a small group of people gathered together with the desire to plant a new church in the rural farm community adjacent to the small Cemetery, which has now served as the final resting place for family and friends for more than 155 years. Bishop Chapel Church was organized in 1936 when neighbuild a church adjoining a been set aside by James all the happy times and all Bishop as a final resting place for persons beginning as early as 1862. This effort to construct a church building in this particular spot was led by A.P. Fanning, George Bishop, Jack A. Bishop, and William Horace Bishop. Church records indicate that residents of the area contributed funds ranging from \$1.00 to \$10.00. Many gave their time as carpenters, and by March 23, 1937, Bishop Chapel Church was constituted. During the first year, forty-five persons joined the church. First year church expenses were \$67.62 with \$9.25 of that amount being spent for lamps. Homecoming 2022 will be a time of remembering and honoring those



burial ground which had us a time to look back at our dear saints from past are others who served years are deceased let's the sad times. It is a time make this an occasion to to honor our deceased fill the church again with friends and relatives. It is the descendants of our a time to rekindle fires and loved ones. a time to reenergize our Homecoming is a time batteries. It is a time to s to reflect. Bishop Chapel hare family legacies with Cemetery is treasured children, grandchildren, landmark in the commugreat-grandchildren, nity. When the church and great-great-grandbuilding was completed children. Bishop Chapel in 1937, there were over Church and Cemetery is fifty graves in the cemea place of generations. tery. The oldest identified We want to remember grave in the cemetery is our past, view the presthat of Allen Bishop who ent, while at the same died April 10, 1862, and time, share our hope for was a son of William

the future with the off-

spring of all those who

have come before us. We

will have an opportuni-

ty to recognize 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>nd</sup>,

4", and 5" generation

descendants of family and

friends of ancestors of the

church and cemetery. If

you have been unable to

"make it home" for the

last several homecom-

died in 1884. Over 100 family groups are directly connected to William and Sarah Coleman Bishop. Many descendants of these extended families, along with their extended famings, we hope that this ilies, former church mem-

Charles Bishop III, born in

1801 and died in 1876, and

his wife, Sarah Coleman

Bishop, born in 1802 and

in the cemetery.

We hope you have an opportunity to spend time strolling through the cemetery. There are several graves which are not identified. We look forward to a time when we can identify these graves. There is a small number of graves for which we have not been able to locate descendants. would appreciate your help in this identification. Families include: James W. Braswell Family, Broom Family, Bishop Brown Family, Ralph Lamar Coleman Family, Hutchens Family, and Luke Wethers Family. Graves for thirteen veterans have been identified. Flags will be available for marking Veterans' Graves. Most likely, there our country that have not been identified and are not marked.

The Heritage Room will be open for everyone to enjoy memorabilia such as pictures, old church records and family histories. Paper and pens will be provided at this location for you to share short memories of your ties to the church and cemetery.

Services will begin in the Sanctuary with greetings and hymns around 10 a.m. Mr. Tommy Freeman and Mrs. Gail Ware will be leading the music portion of the worship service. We look forward to welcoming Mr. Adam Butler and Ms. Amber Robertson who will lead our worship service at 11 a.m. Worship will close with special recognition of the legacy of Bishop Chapel Church and Cemetery.

A delicious basket lunch will follow the morning worship service.





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country church a special

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Community.

#### The Forest-Blade

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# Chamber member spotlight: ThompsonGas

Successful pane companies don't just happen. Success requires nurturing, year after year, to assure that customer expectations are not only met but also exceeded. ThompsonGas traces its beginnings to 1946 when Lloyd Thompson founded the company in Boonsboro, Maryland. They've served that small farming community for over seven decades with a commitment to service and a reputation for strong family values. Today, ThompsonGas is one of the top 10 propane companies in the US. They provide propane services to residential and commercial customers nationwide and have delivered fair propane prices consistently year after year.

ThompsonGas has 1,100 employees and provides propane and propane appliances as well as service and installation of their products. The company was formerly TruFlame Gas Company which was acquired by ThompsonGas this past September. They still have the same employees that TruFlame had, and they all live in the community. The same friendly faces are still there. The name changed, but it's still the same local propane company with a goal to be the most trusted name in propane.

ThompsonGas understands customers have a choice when it comes to their utilities, and that's why the company continually does its best to ensure their propane is the most affordable solution to power your home. It's more than a "9 to 5" business available with 24/7 emergency service. Without a doubt, the customer has always been and will continue to be their Number One Priority! ThompsonGas doesn't just prioritize the customer but also their community. They have recently joined the Chamber to let everyone know they're part of the community and desire to be more involved. One of the most current ways they've done this is by sponsoring the 75th Annual Pine Tree

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317 South Main Street Swainsboro, GA 30401 Hours of Operation:

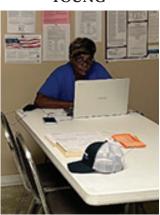
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237-8702 Website: www.thomp-

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## **Emanuel Medical Center hosts Total Wellness Session**

The second session of the 2022 Total Wellness Series was held Tuesday, May 10, at the Sudie A. Fulford Community Learning Center on the campus of East Georgia State College.

Emanuel Medical Center was the sponsor and presented the session. The topic of the presentation was wellness and exercise activities that can be done at home or the office.

Carmen Tanner from **Emanuel Medical Center** welcomed the group and introduced the speakers. Chasity Gay, the director of rehab at Emanuel Medical Center, and Juanita Porter, the RN director of care coordination, spoke to the group and demonstrated exercises the participants can do from the comfort of their home or office.

would like to thank Queensborough 289-2464 or by email



**GAY** 

with the Total Wellness Series. They provided each participant lunch, an information packet, and a door prize.

Each Total Wellness Session is FREE and made possible through a partnership with be in September. Pre-Emanuel Medical Center, East Georgia Healthcare Center, East Harley Smith at the The Fulford Center Georgia State College, Fulford Center at (478) Emanuel Medical Center National Bank and hdsmith@ega.edu.

for their partnership Trust Company, and CarePartners. There is no cost to participate, and enrollment is limited to 20 people. The sessions feature lunch, a presentation, handouts, and door prizes.

June 2

The next session will registration is required and may be made with





#### **Bobcats display art at local gallery**

East Georgia State College students in the Spring semester Drawing II class, calling themselves "Group 7A," opened their art show at the Kalmanson Gallery in downtown Swainsboro on May 19, 2022. The show, Meridional Passions, will be on display through June 24 and features the work of Maddux Bedgood, Odalyz Canesco-Sanchez, Dormeshia Elam, C.J. Gresham, Jadah Harrison, Amanda Lee, and Viri Mejia.

Don't miss out on this great exhibit at the Kalmanson Gallery, located on Green Street in Swainsboro.





WE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, MAY 30 IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY

#### **UPCOMING**

**May 27 Accuplacer Testing May 30** Memorial Day Holiday - All Locations Closed May 31 - June 2 Full Term Drop/Add Period Full Term & Session II Classes Begin **May 31** Session II Drop/Add TODAY ONLY \$40 Late Registration Fee Applies June 1 - 3 June 1 Emanuel Co. Schools Leadership Team Meeting - 9 a.m.

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#### Rosemary Kingery (Bowden) Maddux, 83

Kingery Rosemary (Bowden) Maddux passed away May 16, 2022, after an extended period of declining health. A Celebration of Life service was conducted Monday, May 23, at 7 p.m. at Colonial Heights Baptist Church with Dr. Greg Burton officiating. The family received friends Monday, May 23, from 6 to 7 p.m. at Colonial Heights Baptist Church.

Rosemary was born in 1938, in Chandler County, to the late Max Leonidas and Evelyn Baxter Kingery. She grew up in Twin City and later resided in Perry, Florida. In the 1970's, Rosemary relocated to Kingsport, Tennessee. She was blessed with five children, twelve grandchildren, and thirteen great-grandchildren. Ms. Maddux is preceded in death by her parents; stepfather, Luther J. Wright; brother, John McDonald Kingery; husband, Cecil Dwight Bowden; and her husband later in life, James Robert (J. R.) Maddux. Her greatest loss was the death of her beloved son, Benjamin David Bowden.

Surviving are her children, Grady Carl Moore III and wife Donna, Donald Kingery Moore and fiancé Melissa Morrison, Amy Maria Cody and husband Wayne, John



**MADDUX** 

Christopher Moore and wife Kim; er grandchildren, Kristen Brooke Cody-Clark, Whitney Lauren Hopson and husband Josh, Grady Carl Moore IV, Sarah Katherine Moore, Garrett Allen Moore and wife Skylar, Ashley Elizabeth Moore Cassell and husband Will, John Christopher Moore II, Charles Neal Moore, Matthew Aaron Moore, Brittany Suzanne Moore, Mason Chandler Moore and Kelsey Lashane White; great-grandchildren, Cameron Allen Kingery White, Kaiden Blaze White, Rylee James Cody, Ayla Brooke Cody, Kameron Nichole Clark, Jordan Sierra Clark, Hunter Wayne Clark, Jackson Wayne Hopson, Jace Clayton Hopson, William River Cassell, Kylie Jean Moore, James Parker Underwood and Ava Grace Moore.

Hamlett-Dobson Funeral Homes of Kingsport, TN was in charge of arrangements.

#### Milton R. Womack, 73

Mr. Milton R. Womack, 73, of Swainsboro, passed away Wednesday, May 18, 2022, at Emanuel Medical Center following an extended illness. Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 21, in the chapel of Chapman Funeral Home with Reverend Iim Harrell officiating. Interment followed in Swainsboro City Cemetery. The family received friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, May 20, at Chapman Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Trent Womack, Bailey Womack, Wade Womack, Chris Womack, Christopher Hooks, and Zach Womack.

Mr. Womack was born September 1, 1948, in Millen, to Garth D. Womack and Irene Joiner Womack Free. He was a 1968 graduate of Emanuel County Institute. Milton loved his children and family, and he enjoyed coaching kids. Milton was a handyman, enjoyed yard work, tinkering around the house, and fish fries. He was very passionate about the Georgia Bulldogs and Braves baseball, and would jump



**WOMACK** 

up and down, screaming and shouting. Mr. Womack is preceded in death by his parents; brother, Daniel Womack; and sister, Nancy McCarter.

Mr. Womack is survived by his wife, Bonnie H. Womack of Swainsboro; sons, Mike Womack (Christy) of Nunez, Trent Womack of New Mexico, Wade Womack and Bailey Womack, both of Swainsboro; daughters, Amanda Braddy of Swainsboro; sisters, Linda Hall of Jesup, Miriam Hardy (Vernon) of Swainsboro; 8 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews, and many friends.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro is in charge of the arrangements

#### **Joyce (Johnson) Artis, 84**

Mrs. Joyce Johnson Artis, age 84, passed away Saturday, May 14, 2022. A Homecoming Celebration was held Saturday, May 21, at 3 p.m. at Mt. Gilead Baptist Church in Garfield with Pastor Jerry Armstrong officiating.

Mrs. Artis was born January 24, 1938, to the late Wesley and Cleo Johnson. She attended school in Swainsboro, and joined Smith Grove Church at an early age. Mrs. Artis was joined in later Herbert Artis, Sr. After many years, she retired from Swainsboro Nursing Home. Mrs. Artis is preceded in death by her parents; husband; two sisters; five brothers; son, Aaron Anderson; and daughter, Samantha Artis.

Mrs. Artis leave to cherish her memories with three sons, Hubert Artis of San Diego, CA, Arthur Anderson Gene Anderson, both of Swainsboro;



**ARTIS** 

seven daughters, Janet Anderson of Newport News, VA, Teresa Artis and Gloria (Budan) Murphy, both holy matrimony to the Swainsboro, Carolyn Anderson of Soperton, Linda Johnson Brooklyn, NY, Tammy Worthen and Tiffany Worthen, both Swainsboro; two sisters, Jackie (Eddie) Worthen of Swainsboro and Bettie Bass of Macon; sister-in-law, Gloria Artis of Swainsboro; and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Mosley's Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

#### Willard "Billy" Samuel Wilkes Jr., 76

Willard "Billy" Samuel Wilkes, Jr., age 76, passed to his heavenly home on Sunday, May 8, 2022, at Community Hospice of Vidalia, following an extended illness. Funeral services were conducted at Oak Park United Methodist Church on Thursday, May 12, at 11 a.m. with the Reverends Jimmy Cason and Brian Durden officiating. Burial followed in the Jordan Wilkes Cemetery on the Wilkes Farm. The family received family and friends at Ronald V. Hall Funeral Home in Vidalia on Wednesday evening, May 11, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Pallbearers Philip Phillips, Ronnie Philips, Terry Phillips, Wayne Faircloth, Travis Anthony, Daniel Ford, and Tom Trebendis.

Mr. Wilkes was a lifelong resident of the Oak Park community and was a 1963 graduate of Swainsboro High School. He received Associate degree in Science from Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College and a BS degree in Agriculture from the University of Georgia. Billy taught Vocational Agriculture at Portal High School for three years before moving back to Emanuel County to farm with his father. Farming was both a vocation and a hobby for Mr. Wilkes. His work was his passion and he was never happier than when he was planting and tending crops and watching them grow. In 1999, Mr. Wilkes was



**WILKES** 

selected the Man of the Year in Soil and Water Conservation for the Ohoopee River District. Along with his daughter Tara, who joined the family farming operation in 2000, Mr. Wilkes raised beef cattle and grew cotton and peanuts. On weekends, he enjoyed spending time with his family at his river cabin on the Ohoopee River. Mr. Wilkes was a lifelong member of the Oak Park United Methodist Church where he previously served on the Finance Committee as the church treasurer, the Pastor Parish Relations Committee, and

the Board of Trustees. Mr. Wilkes is survived by his wife of fifty-one years, Ann Yawn Wilkes; two daughters, Tracy Wilkes Trebendis (Tom) of Fayetteville and Tara Wilkes Ford (Daniel) of Oak Park; two grandchildren, Eve Trebendis and Blaine Jordan; one sister, Susan Wilkes Anthony (A.W.) of Oak Park; and one nephew, Travis Anthony of Dublin.

Ronald V. Hall Funeral Home of Vidalia oversaw arrangements.

#### John Mark Bright, 75

John Mark Bright, age 75, passed away Sunday, May 15, 2022, at The Atrium Health Navient Baldwin Hospital in Milledgeville, following an extended illness. A Celebration of Life was held Saturday, May 21, at 11 a.m. at the Swainsboro City Cemetery with Bishop Bertha Jones officiating and Rev. Melvin Adams, Jr. presiding.

John was born December 17, 1946, to the late Elder Mozelle Steely and St. Mark Bright. At a young age, he joined William Grove Holiness Church of a Living God. John attended school in Swainsboro. He was employed as a brick mason, and as a Wiring Tech for AT&T in Atlanta. John will be remembere3d as a person with a kind and giving heart.



**BRIGHT** 

Mr. Bright leaves to cherish his memories with his brothers, Moses (Margaret) Bright Sr, Jesse (Kaytrene) Bright Sr, and Isaac (Teresa) Bright Sr, all of Swainsboro, and Bobby (Ann) Bright of Hazlehurst; two sisters, Leona (Cephas) Oglesby of Fayetteville, NC and Dawn Shivers of Swainsboro; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Mosley's Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

#### Betty Jo May, 81

Mrs. Betty Jo May, 81, of Swainsboro, passed away Monday, May 16, 2022, at Fairview Park Hospital in Dublin following an extended illness. Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 19, at First Baptist Church of Swainsboro with Dr. Bob Blakenship and Rev. Casey Shaw officiating. Interment followed in Eastbrook Cemetery & Mausoleum. The family received friends from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 18, at Chapman Funeral

Pallbearers were Donnie Garrett, Chucky Mason, Lance Williamson, Bobby Reeves, Bill McWhorter, Wade Johnson, Jody Ware, and Grey Thurman. Honorary pallbearers were Shane Averett and Brian Mitchell.

Mrs. May was born March 20, 1941, in Swainsboro, to Milton T. Anderson and Alma Peebles Anderson. She was a retired Court Reporter in the Middle Judicial Circuit. Mrs. Betty was an excellent cook and loved yardwork, collecting antiques, and arts and crafts. She enjoyed watching Jeopardy and Wheel of Fortune. Mrs. Betty looked forward to decorating for Christmas. She was a member of the Agape Sunday School



MAY

Class. Mrs. Betty loved God, her husband, children, and grandchildren. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Swainsboro for 30+ years. Mrs. May is preceded in death by her parents; and sister, Angela Anderson.

Mrs. May is survived by her husband of 62 years, James H. "Buddy" May; sons, Jimmy May (Marvin Henry) and Jason May (Erin), all of Swainsboro; daughters, Julie Mercer (Marty) of Twin City and Alma Joanna May (Richard Peacock) of Adrian; grandchildren, Gabrielle Durden, Jessica Durden, Rebecca Durden, Justin Henry Riner, Evan May, and Izzy May.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First Baptist Church of Swainsboro.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrange-

#### Timothy Darnell McCalla, 45

Timothy Darnell McCalla, age 45, of Swainsboro, a native of Elberton, entered his eternal rest on Thursday, May 5, 2022. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 11, at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church Family Life Center in Elberton. Interment followed in the Lincoln Heights Cemetery. Family received friends Tuesday, May 10, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Mack's Funeral Home & Cremation Service in Elberton. Tim lay in state at Chapman Funeral Home in Swainsboro on Monday, May 9, from 3 to 6 p.m. with a short service of remembrance at 6 p.m. in the funeral home chapel. At all other times, the family was grateful to receive friends at the residence.

Survivors include his children, Jordan McCalla, Kendric McCalla, Jamison Syphore, Tavious Dorsey, Tamiyah McCalla, De'Maurie Ford, Ke'Asia Marion, and Akira Mari-



**MCCALLA** 

on; parents, William and Diane McCalla; beautiful and devoted fiance', LaShanta Mack; sister, Emory D. Byrd (Myron); 2 brothers, Jason (Jessica) McCalla; 1 grandchild, Jamison Syphore, Jr.; 2 god grandchildren, Jacquez Worthen and Kyriee Jenkins; special aunt/ mom who raised him, Loretha McCalla; grandmother, Sara E. Hughes; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephew, other relatives and friends.

& Cremation Service charge of arrangements.

#### Life is simple and sometimes it takes simple things that we use every day to fix the complexity of our

lives. The answers we need for spiritual growth can be right before our eyes. So today I will use a natural garden to connect us to spiritual growth and well-being. As we get older, we tend to be more selective in our choices by choosing a healthy diet. So, let's plant a spiritual garden so we can grow by using it:

In this garden we will plant SQUASH, PEAS, LETTUCE and TURNIPS: Plant four rows of

Squash: Squash Gossip (James

4:11) • Squash Criticism (Titus

3:2) Squash Hatred (Ephesians 4:31-32)

• Squash Indifference Now let us plant seven rows of Peas:

• Prayer (Luke 18:1)

• Peace (St. John 14:27) • Patience (Galatians

• Perseverance (Romans



**SPARK STUDIOS VBS** 

# Join Mt. Olivet for VBS

Ages 0 -19 are invited to join in on some creative fun while learning at Spark Studios, Mt. Olivet Baptist near Garfield. Participants in Spark Studio VBS will focus on how all are McCalla and Rev. Justin created in Christ and designed for God's purpose. Classes are June 1 – 3 from 6 to 8:30 each night. Graduation is set for June 5 at 11 a.m. with a covered-dish meal afterwaards for all to enjoy. A water-slide will be available also. If you desire to regis-Mack's Funeral Home ter early, please contact Randy Graham at Elberton Chapel was in 478-484-0548 or Dorita Kerbo at 478-763-4274.

#### Spring Spiritual Garden

Politeness

Purity

 Promptness We need at least seven heads of Lettuce:

• Let us Love one another. (St. John 15:12-13)

• Let us Forgive one another (Matt.6:14-15)

• Let us Encourage each other. (Heb. 3:13; 10:25)

• Let us be Faithful in our duties.

• Let us Serve one anoth-• Let us Obey God's

Word. • Let us Search the

Scriptures.

No garden is complete without greens so we are going to plant some

Turnips: • Turn up for Prayer Services

• Turn up for Bible Study • Turn up for Worship Services

• Turn up with a Smile • Turn up with the Desire to always do your

If this garden seems to be more than you can attend right now, start slowly, just start with the first three in each section. After planting, may you grow in grace and the knowledge



**BISHOP JONES** 

of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (2 Peter 3:18). And by the way, make sure your garden gets plenty of the "SON".





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# Jordan, Williams announce wedding plans

It is with great pleasure that Rev. Leroy Iordan Ir. and Darlene Norris Jordan announce the engagement of their daughter, Dr. Deidra Christina Jordan of Swainsboro, to Mr. Terrell Fred'Shad Williams of Jacksonville, Florida, son of Mr. Lilton Williams Jr. and Mrs. Cassandra Williams.

Deidra is a 2011 graduate of Swainsboro High School, 2015 graduate of Bethune-Cookman University, and a 2019 and 2022 graduate of Florida International University with an M.S. in Forensic Science and Ph.D. in Biology.

Terrell is a 2010 graduate of Wolfson High School, 2014 graduate of Bethune-Cookman University, and a 2020 graduate of Florida State University. He is currently enrolled in the Ed.D. of Educational Leadership and Administration at FSU, and serves as the Associate Director of Admissions, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at the MIT Sloan School of Management.

The wedding ceremony and reception will be held in Callahan, Florida, on August 6 at 4 p.m. be mailed.



**WILLIAMS AND JORDAN** 

Formal invitations will The couple will reside in Quincy, Massachusetts.

# Skipper graduates with honors

Skipper, Swainsboro High School honor graduate. Commencement was held Thursday, May 19, at 7:30 p.m. at Tiger Field.

Skipper excelled in extracurricular activities during her 4-year tenure as an SHS student and was an active member of the Technology Student Association (TSA), Future Business Leaders of

Bradley and Christa America (FBLA), as well Braswell proudly announce as the high school's colthe recent graduation of or guard and bass fishing their daughter, Savannah team. Skipper also made placement on the SHS dance line team for 3 years, the SHS soccer team for 4 years, and maintained parttime employment Sonic and Ware's.

In addition to earning her high school degree, Skipper holds certifications in Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. She plans to further her education



**SKIPPER** 

by attending Southeastern Technical College to pursue degrees in welding and diesel mechanic.

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Katie Durden of academic excellence in YouTube Georgia, Swainsboro, was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. Durden was initiated at more than 1.5 million Augusta University.

Durden is among approximately 25,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 under the leadership of undergraduate student Marcus L. Urann who had a desire to create a different kind of honor society: one that recognized excellence in all academic disciplines. Today, the Society has chapters on more than 325 campuses in the United States, its territories and the Philippines. Its mission is "To recognize and promote

all fields of higher edu-Chad Hurley. Each year, cation and to engage the Phi Kappa Phi awards more than \$1 million to community of scholars in service to others." outstanding More About Phi Kappa Phi Since its founding, members have been initiated into Phi Kappa Phi. Some of the or-

students and members through graduate and dissertation fellowships, undergraduate study abroad grants, funding for post-baccalaureate development, and grants ganization's notable for local, national and members include forinternational literacy mer President Jimmy initiatives. For more Carter, NASA astronaut information about Phi Wendy Lawrence, nov-Kappa Phi, visit www. elist John Grisham and phikappaphi.org.



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# Community Spotlight

# Playing from the heart

by BRITTANY HALL Ludwig Van Beethoven once said; "I have never thought of writing for reputation and honor. What I have in my heart must come out; that is the reason why I compose." A notion that was encompassed through his fervent adoration for the arts, specifically music. It may be difficult to understand how the great Beethoven could be so impassioned and consumed by a material that he could not see or even hear, but he was ahead of his time and knew that to appreciate music, you must feel it within your soul. That's what made him legendary. While we can't all be as inclined as Beethoven, we're all born poetic, in some form or another because life itself has a rhythm of its own. We are always surrounded by sounds and patterns, so it's only natural that music is constantly right there with us, enhancing the tunes of our lives, keeping us in touch with nature, beauty, and our senses in a very diverse world. But, unlike us, 18-year-old Daniel Cruz, has a perception of music that is as natural as breathing. "I've always been a musically inclined person. From childhood, I had several musical toys, excelled in the music classes in school, and have found any opportunity possible to make music." Daniel is a 2021 Swainsboro High School graduate and a current sophomore at Columbus State University where he is pursuing a career in Music Performance.

"I really haven't had any

other interest that I know

I could use as an opti-

mal career path. Music

has pretty much always

been a major part of my

life. Once I started play-

ing music, I instantly fell

in love with it and per-

forming. I knew there

was no other option

for me than to pursue

music." Though Daniel

has always had a sincere

love for music, his desire

to take it further than a

hobby only came after

he was introduced to

the flute in sixth grade

when he walked into



day prompted a lifetime of dedication to excel in becoming one of the greats. As years went on and Daniel began taking extra time and classes to master his skill, he realized that perfection is not something that can be humanly attained, but success and appreciation can be achieved through failure and persistence. "One of the biggest skills that have helped me is not letting any mistakes dictate how the rest of the performance will go. Many people make a mistake, and it ultimately affects how they play everything else because they're so focused on that one incident. Having the ability to ignore mistakes allows me to perform the best I can. I can't think of a single performance that I say was "the worst." Of course, there are performances that are weaker than others. These performances always remind me that music is never something that will be perfect and that I should appreciate the work that goes into it."

One message that has always encouraged Daniel to realize his potential and reach for the stars is the advice that was given to him by Dr. Diane Kessel, one of his private flute teachers. "She once told me to critique myself as if I his first band class. That was critiquing a young

student. You have to be nice to them and gently give them comments without being harsh.' This should apply to ourselves as well because when we are hard on ourselves, it makes us feel bad about the work we've done or a performance we had."

With this advice always in mind, Daniel has had the courage to play at many iconic venues that have stood the test of time. "I have played in performances at the Classic Center in Athens, Ga and at Carnegie Hall." But Daniel says that his most memorable performance was the one that he played just recently at The Schwob School of Music. "Although I didn't win the competition, this performance was the best I had ever played my piece. It was also the first time I had competed in a competition and memorized a whole piece of music. Making it that far into the competition and having a great performance made me feel extremely proud of the work I had put into it."

It takes a lot of confidence to stand in front of thousands of people and perform like no one's watching but Daniels process for dealing with performance anxiety is

meditation has been the biggest help when it comes to performance anxiety. Before a performance, I'll clear my mind and focus on my breathing. This helps me give the best performance I can give." Along with meditation, Cruz also gives credit to his family for being his sanctuary and support throughout this exciting and inspiring journey. Especially his parents, Fidel, and Cynthia Cruz. "My parents and sisters have always been there to support my goals in music and to listen to me play. My family has traveled many miles for me and my musical career. They are always pushing me to do my best, and I will forever be grateful for the things they have done for me." In addition to his parents and family, Daniel would like to thank a few others for never giving up on him. "Dr. Kellie Rose has also been a tremendous support on my musical journey and I would like to thank her for that. Kellie Henry, who is another Swainsboro native and flutist, has been such an amazing and supportive friend. I would like to thank her for always being there when I needed her. Dr. Andrée Martin and the Schwob flute studio for being extremely welcoming and friendly, Dr. Gene Hundley and Mr. Lindy Sikes for being amazing band directors through my school years and providing support for my musical career. And a big thank you to my past private music teachers because without them or anyone mentioned, I don't think I would be where I am today." Today, Daniel is enjoying his summer right here at home. Appreciating the time that he's getting with his family and never allowing his creative mind to rest as he relishes in his other artistic hobbies that are painting and drawing. Daniel is a prodigy of our community who is setting his standards high and simple. "I've found that playing from the heart.

# SNHU announces winter 2022 President's List

It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the Winter 2022 President's List.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above are named to the President's List. Fulltime status is achieved by earning 12 credits; undergraduate day students must earn 12 credits in the fall or spring semester, and online students must earn 12 credits over two consecutive terms (EW1 & EW2, EW3 & EW4, or EW5 & EW6).

Van Fleming of Adrian Jamie Boatright of Swainsboro

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YOUNG, YOUMANS AND HIS PARENTS

## Emanuel Retired **Educators Association** celebrates 50 years

Under the theme "Cel- Donaldson, ebrating 50 Years of Service," nearly 60 retired educators and special guests gathered at East Georgia State College on May 18 to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Emanuel Retired Educators Association. For 50 years, the organization has worked to improve benefits for educators, promote education and its importance, and award annual scholarships to students planning to become teachers. In 1972, a group of 15 retired teachers founded the local chapter, 14 years after formation of the Georgia Retired Teachers Association in 1958. Mrs. Alene Shaw, Georgia Retired Teachers District 1 Director met with the group. Once the charter had been created, the group held its first regular meeting January 8, 1973, in the library of Swainsboro High School, which was then located on West Church Street. Mrs. Gene Sanders served as the first president. Originally named the Emanuel Retired Teachers Association, the organization, in 1998, changed its name to Emanuel Retired Educators Association (EREA) after the state organization changed its name to Georgia Retired Educators Association. The change was made in an effort to embrace everyone who is involved in educating children and youth, not just teachers.

During the May 18 anniversary celebration, charter members, as well as past-presidents of EREA were recognized and acknowledged for their guidance in building a strong foundation within the organization. Twenty-nine retired educators have served as president, 15 of whom are still living. Area 6 GREA Director, Dr. Connie Cooper, installed the 30<sup>th</sup> president, Jean Schwabe, along with President-elect Judy Hendrix, Secretary Cherie Hooks, Treasurer Lena Nwakudu, and Past-President Bobbie Daughtry. The group was honored with state and local officials in attendance, including Representative Butch Parrish, Twin City Mayor Matt

County Schools Superintendent Scotty Hattaway, Emanuel County Institute Principal Anetria Edenfield and Swainsboro Elementary School Principal Valerie Watkins. Former Emanuel County Schools Superintendents Butch Frye and Erma Jenkins were also present. Several officials from the state organization were present for the event including GREA Executive Director Dr. Bill Sloan, GREA Director of Communications Johnny Smith, GREA President Dr. Henrietta Gray, GREA President-elect Joe Boland, and GREA Area 6 Director Dr. Connie Cooper. Both Dr. Gray and Dr. Cooper presented certificates to EREA President Bobbie Daughtry commemorating the special occasion. Mark Sweat, minister and retired middle school instructor, provided a humorous and inspirational program encouraging attendees to Keep Being Fruitful.

Kade Youmans, son of Randy and Karen Youmans, was awarded a \$1000 scholarship by the organization. Dr. John Derden and Syvetta Young made the presentation. Kade is currently attending East Georgia State College majoring in education. In his scholarship application, he wrote, "For as long as I can remember I have always wanted to be a teacher. I feel like it is my calling." He has been named to both the Dean's Merit List and the Dean's Honor List while at East Georgia. When he finishes at East Georgia, Kade plans to transfer to the University of Georgia to pursue a bachelor's degree in special education.

The Emanuel Retired Educators Association wishes to thank the Mill Creek Foundation for its generous donation for the year-long celebration. In addition to the anniversary luncheon event, bookmarks and pencils were provided to students and employees of the local school district. EREA history moments were also shared through the local media.

# Special Edition

# Cook of the Week

Featuring the recipes of...

# Donna Fagler

This week's cook of the week is Donna Fagler. Donna is a devoted wife and mother to her husband Stuart Fagler and her daughter Nikki Hayslip. In her downtime she enjoys fishing, going to the beach and reading. Donna is also a committed employee to CarePartners of Georgia where she dedicates her time to changing lives for the better. In honor of Mental Health Awareness month and her unwavering faithfulness to her job, Donna's friend, and coworker Kathy Durden, would like to share a special message in recognition of her.

"As a long time, friend, and co-worker of Donna's it only seemed natural to highlight her as the cook of the week this May. Anyone that is familiar with Donna knows that she has a lifelong career in helping others with mental illness and ensuring that they achieve their life goals. She began her career at River Quest and is currently working with our local schools and families through CarePartners of Georgia, a local behavioral health company. She is best known for the work with transition youth-emerging adults. These are individuals with a mental health diagnosis transitioning from youth to adulthood between the ages of 18 to 27. Donna works with young adults, families, adult allies, and community partners to develop a system of care to support the transition from youth to adulthood. Donna builds upon the strengths of young adults



vices to meet the unique and changing needs of the individuals served. Donna also fosters young adults to identify life goals and helps build skills and resources for them to

achieve those goals. Donna's roll on the treatment team is to teach life skills and connect young adults to the things they want and need to live successfully and independently like resources for housing, counseling, medical care, employment, and education. The case managers continue to work with the young adults after these connections are made to coach them through the changes they are making to improve their lives, which is vital for them to make key decisions.

One of her favorite home-based lessons is helping her students learn to cook in their home. Learning how to cook teaches many needinto adulthood. Through supports and plans that them learn how to budget, taking responsibility in together. Enjoy!

how to be safe in the kitchen, how to follow directions, how to establish healthy routines, and they learn problem-solving skills when things don't always work out. There are also emotional benefits to the cooking lessons. It gives individuals a reward at the end. The creativity also improves their quality of life through the flow of joy and meditation. While her students enjoy the process of it all, Donna says the best part is the smile on the person's face when they are proud of what they accomplished and say, 'that's so good!'. They now look forward to these classes and happily share that they cooked the dish for their family or friends. As we celebrate Mental Health Awareness Month it is important to remember that recovery is a deeply personal, unique, and self-determined journey through which an individual strives to reach his or ed skills as one transition her full potential. Persons in recovery improve their and creates an array of this process, Donna helps health and wellness by her CarePartners make

pursuing a fulfilling and contributing life while embracing the difficulties one has faced. Donna is creative as she partners with individuals in Emanuel County to learn how to live their best life and be happy productive citizens in our community. It is also important to remember we all may not have a mental health diagnosis, but we do all have mental health needs so take care of yours! Find fun things to do! Hopefully cooking can be one of them! One of our community partners throughout the years has been the Summertown Food Bank. The chicken recipes that ask for chicken breast have at times been substituted with canned chicken. Some of the recipes used in the past for session are based on the food from the Summertown Food Bank. Donna teaches the students how to make substitutions to fit in a budget or the supplies you have on hand. We are very appreciative of all our partners in Emanuel County that help us help others. Each person that Donna works with consistently gives her glowing reviews for her compassion. They always comment on how willing she is to go the extra mile, and her dedication to serving others. She has a gift of going out of her way to do what's needed and to make things work. We are so appreciative of you Donna!" Here are some of Donna's favorite recipes and favorites of the youth that she and



From the kitchen of *Donna* 

#### Chicken Broccoli Casserole

- 2 chicken breast cut up
- 2 bags broccoli cooked
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup 1 cup mayonnnaise
- 1/2 cup shredded cheese

Mix all ingredients together. Sprinkle 2 cups of cheese on top. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 to 45



From the kitchen of *Donna* 

Chicken Salad

2 chicken breast - boiled Mayonnaise Sweet pickle relish Celery if desired

Cut up chicken. Add mayonnaise and relish (celery). Stir.



From the kitchen of Donna

Hamburger Dip

- 1 lb. hamburger meat 1 can Rotel
- 1 lb. Velveeta Cheese

Brown meat and stir in Rotel and cheese







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# Durden Banking Company donates to honor graduates

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# Spring Commencement held at East Georgia State College; Inaugural Alumni Awards presented during ceremony

College (EGSC) held its throughout the State of Spring Commencement Georgia for his work in Ceremony Friday, May 13, 2022, at 6 p.m. The Georgia EMS Association ceremony was held in on projects and conferthe gymnasium on the ences. Terwilliger was EGSC Swainsboro cam- recently appointed as the pus. Family and friends director of Public Safety of the graduates and for Emanuel County. His community members service to the communiwere all in attendance ty has been recognized on at the event. Dr. David several occasions, and in Chevalier, Associate Vice the last few years he was President for Academic Affairs, welcomed the graduates and their families to the ceremony. Ben Beverly, an EGSC Correll Scholar, sang "God Bless America" followed by EGSC student and acting president of the Student Government Association Lavert Graham who presented the Reflection. The ceremony continued with the presentation of the very first EGSC Alumni Awards. Matt Donaldson, the president of the EGSC Alumni Association and Foundation Trustee, presented the Distinguished Alumni Award and the Rising Star Award. Courtney Terwilliger received the Distinguished Alumni Award. This award was given to Terwilliger because he has had a positive effect on the local, regional, state, or national level. Terwilliger, of Swainsboro, has been the director of EMS for Emanuel County for many years. He was one of the driving forces in the creation of the Fire and Emergency Services Administration (FESA) degree program at EGSC. He received his Associate of Arts in FESA in December 2018, and his Bachelor of Arts in FESA in May 2020. Courtney was also a student at the college in 1975 and graduated with an associate degree in biology. Courtney's service to the communi-

ty is commendable as he

leads the EMS depart-

ment at Emanuel Medical

Center and works with

others in public safety in

the community to keep

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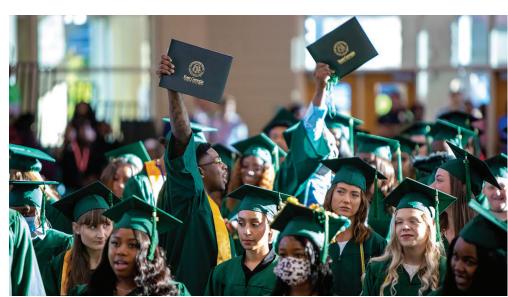
East Georgia State Courtney is well known and led the committees EMS and serves with the awarded EMS Director of the Year by the Georgia EMS Association. Susanna Hall Jenkins received the Rising Star Award at the ceremony. This award celebrates the achievements of alumni who have graduated in the past 10 years and who have notable recognition in their chosen field with a promise for continued success. Hall is from Bartow, and is a graduate of Thomas Jefferson Academy. She began her studies at East Georgia State College in 2016 and earned her Bachelor's in Biology in 2020. She was a Correll Scholar, Student Ambassador, and active in many clubs and organizations. Upon graduation, Susanna was awarded the Nathan Deal full Scholarship to Mercer University Medical School.

The speaker for the ceremony was Dr. Alan Brasher, an English professor at EGSC. After earning his Bachelor of Arts in English at the University of Montevallo in his home state of Alabama, Brasher and his wife Jacquie, a fellow U.M. English major, spent seven years in Columbia, South Carolina, where he completed a Master of Arts in American Literature and a Ph.D. in Colonial and Nineteenth Century American Literature. Since moving to Swainsboro to take a job with East Georgia College in 1997, he has won the University System of Georgia Teaching Excellence Award (2006), participated in the Governor's Teaching Fellows Summer Symposium

that created the Faculty Association and Faculty Senate. Dedicated to the service mission of the college, Brasher actively promotes the extracurricular development of students and supports the college's town-and-gown relationship with Swainsboro. Among numerous student-life activities over the years, he advises, or has advised, a half-dozen official student clubs and one unofficial one, including the Book Club, African American Union, and Musicmakers Anonymous. He currently serves on the Sudie Fulford Community Center Advisory Board and the Emanuel Arts Council Board of Directors.

After Brasher's speech, Dr. David Schecter, president of EGSC, conferred the degrees with assistance from Dr. Chevalier. A full list of graduates will be available soon.

To view photos from the event, visit the EGSC Flickr page at https:// www.flickr.com/photoss/72177720298999656/ with/52080910029/



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#### **Editorials Columns**

#### Taking stock

It might be hard to believe, but we are about to be at the halfway point of 2022. Students are out of school, graduations are over, primary elections are mostly done and summer vacation time is upon us. Its's always good to take stock of where you are because, in this day and time, there are so many situations and issues where we don't have any idea about where we really are, and we wonder if

anybody at all is "taking stock" of anything. As I have aged, one of appreciate is the steady consistency of smalltown living. The peaks and valleys are not too extreme, and daily life is seldom rambunctious or shocking. Thankfully we live 668.3 miles from the "outer limits" otherwise known as Washington D.C. That's not far enough, but it is at least somewhat

the time the craziness of the White House and Congress reaches us, it the things I especially has been spun around and watered down by the national media to the point that it's hard to really take it too seriously. But more and more that seems to be changing. Gas is four bucks a gallon? Really? A trip to the grocery store is like an episode of The Twilight Zone? Inflation is streaking toward nine percent and comforting because by your 401k is shivering

and hiding in the closet. Everybody in the White House Press Secretary's office is doing the moonwalk every time President Biden speaks. So, it just makes you wonder. Who's really checking on things and keeping track. Is the Wizard back behind the curtain? Maybe it's the Wicked Speaker of the West flying around on her gavel. Does anybody know who's writing these speeches? Is that the theme song from the

## Charles Schwabe



Twilight Zone playing in the background again? And who do you call about getting some baby formula or aspirin or half a million computer chips delivered to the most powerful, most prosperous country in the history of mankind? Those are

interesting questions to think about as we roll into the last half of the year. My advice? Go on out and pick up a good book to read, look around and take stock occasionally and don't take anything too seriously. . . at least not until November.

#### More teacher appreciation

Thank you cannot be see, said enough, so here is poem below, I knew I must share.

Why God Made Teachers by Kevin William Huff

When God created teachers, he gave us special friends

To help us understand his world and truly comprehend.

The beauty and the wonder of everything we

And become a better more. When I found the *person with each discov-*

> teachers, He gave us special guides

To show us ways in which to grow so we can all decide

How to live and how to do what's right instead of wrong.

To lead us so that we can lead and learn how to be strong.

Why God created teachers, in His wisdom and His Grace,

Was to help us learn to When God created make our world a better, wiser place.

started teaching very early in first grade. My favorite pastime was "playing school". I lined up my dolls and assumed the role of their teacher. Basically, I went over every subject of that school day with my array of dolls ranging from

Raggedy Ann to a small rubber doll that I could feed a bottle, and she wet her pants. I questioned each doll and also gave the answers. I was a stern disciplinarian and often corrected with the ruler. I knew from those days forward that I wanted to sit in front of a class in the big desk with many pencils and know all the answers.

When that time did come for me, I tried to

mother who epitomiz-

## Shirley Proctor Twiss



be a teacher with all of the attributes of teachers who had meant so much to me. To all who are teachers, were teachers or hope to be teachers: May you be proud of the work you

do, the person you are and the difference you make, have made or will make. A teacher takes a hand, opens a mind and touches a heart. Write to Shirley at *sptwiss@gmail*.

#### It is the gift that will keep on giving, and it could not be more rewarding

This past month, my of nurses these days. es to several factors, a beloved wife and Nursing Scholarship in the WellStar School of Nursing at Kennesaw State University. The awarded to non-traditional students who have already earned a bachelor's degree but are inter-

family and I estab- According to statislished the Jane J. tics, Georgia currently Yarbrough Endowed has less than 100,000 nurses in a population of more than 10-andhalf million people. Simply put, there are scholarship will be not enough new nurses graduating from nursing school to deal with the number of people needing medical attenested in pursuing nurs- tion. The American My family and I saw ing at Kennesaw State. Association of Colleges a critical need that we It is no secret that there of Nursing attributes could address as well as

including the fact that the rate of retirement for nurses is growing. Over half of the registered nurse workforce is currently over 50 years old. Even though nursing school enrollment is up, it is not keeping pace with projected demand and the need for nursing services. is a severe shortage the shortage of nurs- an opportunity to honor

es what the scholarship represents – a chance to begin a rewarding career at a time when others are in the process of winding theirs down. Here is the story of how that came to be. When I returned from a tour of duty in Washington, courtesy of the Bell System, we were empty nesters with two children in college. That of travel and involveleft Momma as the only one without a degree. She had grown up in the dark ages when young women were encouraged to become secretaries, get married, have babies and leave the business world to the guys. This in spite of having been a straight-A student in high school, a member of the National Honor Society and possessed with a great love for medicine. So, the family decided it was the perfect time for Momma to head off to college and scratch her medical itch. That meant Kennesaw State University and the pursuit of nursing. It wasn't easy. It was hard. Very hard. She had been out of school for a long time. But she prevailed thanks to her intelligence and tenacity and a lot of family support and her dream came true. The former stay-at-home Mom was now a registered nurse.

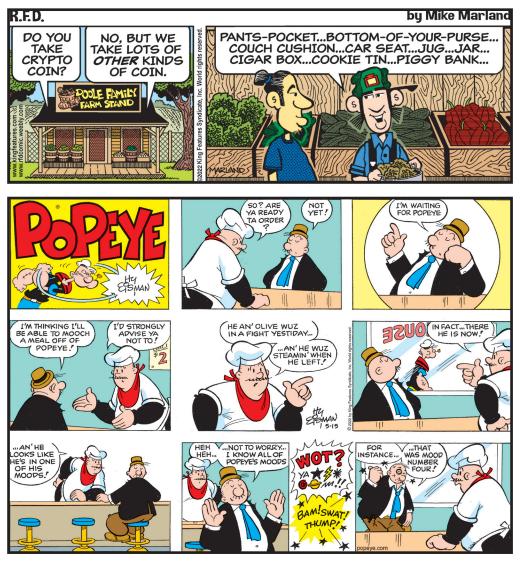
## Dick Yarbrough



Not long after graduation, she was hired into Delta Air Lines' occupational nursing department, where she stayed until I retired from BellSouth and joined the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games which required a lot ment on both our parts. But that is not the end of the story. It was during her time at KSU that our son had broken up with a longtime girlfriend. Trying to be helpful, Momma mentioned that her lab partner had just broken up with her boyfriend. The two had become good friends while working together in lab class. It seems you get to know people pretty well when you are dissecting dead critters. Only out of profound sense of loyalty to her would our son even consider going out with someone his mother had recommended, let alone one who cut up dead stuff with her. But he agreed. But only for one date. And just as a favor to his mother. That was 37 years ago and that young lab partner today is his wife, Jackie, the mother and grandmother of a great and loving brood of Yarbrough offspring as

well as a hospice nurse. As for me, I got a wife with a hard-earned nursing degree and a wonderful daughter-in-law as a bonus. Life has not gone as I had expected. I had assumed, given my pedal-to-the-metal lifestyle, I would be the first to go. I assumed wrong. Almost imperceptibly, beloved partner began to decline both physically and mentally. After two long and agonizing years and in the midst of Covid-19, we lost her on a cold December day in 2020. God had other plans for her. She made this a better world while here and now her good works will live on. The Jane J. Yarbrough Endowed Nursing Scholarship at Kennesaw State University's School of Nursing will benefit those aspiring to change careers and become part of a profession that she loved passionately. She is truly the gift that will keep on giving. Rest in peace, Jane Yarbrough, RN. You can reach Dick Yarbrough at dick@dickyarbrough.com; at P.O. Box 725373, Atlanta, Georgia 31139 or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/dickyarb.

#### Editorial Cartoons -



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# Tigers win state championship in 4x100 meter relay

Last week, the SHS Track Team competed in the GHSA Class 2A State Track Meet. The team of Ty Adams, Qin Brown, Jordon Williams, Dermello Jones and alternate Solomon Johnson won the state championship for the 4x100 meter relay. They broke the school record with a time of 41.94 during prelims. Jaquavious Lattimore finished as the state runner-up in the high jump. Trevon Waller finished as the state runner-up in the 110 meter hurdles and fourth place in the 300 hurdles. Demello Jones finished seventh in the 100 meter dash and eighth in the triple jump. Last but not least, Ty Adams finished seventh in the 200 meter dash. Overall, the boys track team placed sixth.

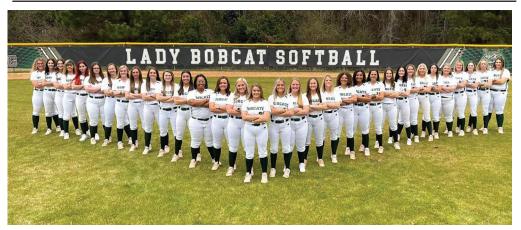


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2022 EGSC SOFTBALL TEAM

# Lady Bobcats end season

The East Georgia victory over Gordon. State College Lady Bobcats Softball Team ended their season in the semi-finals of the State Georgia Collegiate Athletic Association (GCAA) Final Four Tournament in Locust Grove, Georgia, this past week.

The Bobcats opened the tournament as a number three seed playing against number play. The Bobcat's bats woke up and scored five runs in the top of the fifth inning on homeruns by McKenzi Wilkerson and Ashleigh Miles. Wilkerson hit a three-run blast over the left centerfield wall followed by a solo homerun by Ashleigh Miles.

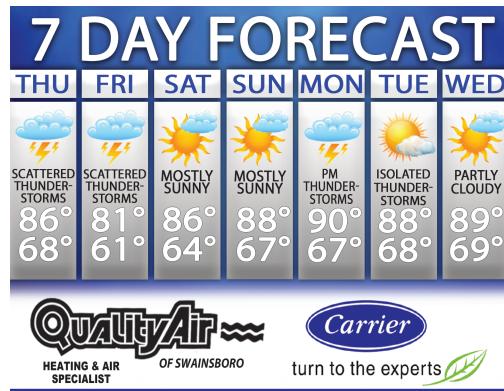
The Bobcat pitching core of Britney Foster and Cierra Kinlaw led the way for the Lady pitching four innings and Kinlaw closing the deal and advancing the team in the winner's bracket after the 5 to 0

Bobcats and ABAC battled for seven innings with ABAC taking the victory at 9 to 2 in the end. The Bobcats battled with the Stallions of ABAC through three innings of work, but a two out, five run fourth inning would be the ond base would bring Bobcats undoing in the game.

two seed Gordon State the tournament on College. The Bobcats Friday against Georgia and Gordon remained Military College (GMC) in a pitcher's duel at 0 to would be, by some in 0 through five innings of attendance, the battle of proud of the fight our all battles as the Lady Bobcats left it all on the today," Coach Chuck field in an 11-inning marathon game for the ages. The Bobcats and Bulldogs remained tied through 10 innings at 1 to 1, with both teams scoring in the tenth inning to make the score 2 to 2. In the eleventh inning the Bulldogs scored in the top of the inning to make the score 3 to 2, with the Bobcats Bobcats with Foster up to bat. EGSC got a runner to third base in the bottom of the inning with one out. A single into left centerfield by Ashleigh Miles much heart!"

would see the Bulldogs In game two the centerfielder come up with the ball and fire it to home plate to catch the Bobcat runner for the second out of the inning. With two outs, the Bobcats had one last chance to get the runner home from second base, but a line out to secthe Bobcat's season to a close after a hard-In game three of fought battle that no one in attendance shall ever forget.

"We left it all on the field today! I am so Lady Bobcats showed Wimberly commented after the Bobcat's tournament run. "This vear's team set the bar for our softball program at the highest level in the history of the college in 12 years, and the way we fought all season will most definitely be memories that these young ladies will never forget. I simply cannot say enough about our total team effort all season, and it truly shined in the tournament in the way we played with so



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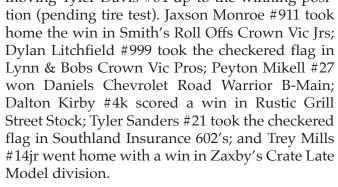
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# Saturday night racing action at Swainsboro Raceway

Swainsboro Raceway held it's \$3000 Daniels moving Tyler Davis #04 up to the winning posi-Chevrolet Road Warrior race Saturday night, May 21. Jamie Foskey #3 qualified with the fastest time starting on the pole and Dustin Watkins driving the #16 belonging to Jared Jones with the second fastest time starting on the outside pole. As the green flag waved, Foskey and Watkins battled the whole race until Foskey had to pull in, leaving Watkins holding on to first place, taking the checkered flag. Upon inspection, Watkins

was disqualified due to a disconnected cutoff, Insurance Group





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# Emanuel County Schools sees first four-legged, furry graduate

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walked Roundtree Stadium last week together with other Emanuel County Institute graduates. The furry, four-legged ate was a first for the school and school system this school year as Ollie served as Emanuel County School System's first approved service dog to walk his diagnosis, Trevor's parents decided a service dog may possibly be in their son's best

as a new diabetic patient. The process was a bit lengthy and took approximately 8 – 10 company to fit the family's need. In addition to finding the right fit, there was also a detailed application process involved as well as letters recommendation, proved by board members of the Retrieving Independence, the company that assisted interest to help detect the Radford's search panied Trevor every-

Trevor Radford and any changes in Trev- for canine services, his service dog, Ollie, or's blood sugar that Trevor and Ollie were he may be unsure of matched in January 2020. After that, Trevor and his mom traveled to Nashville, Tennessee to attend a 10-day months to find the right training camp that consisted of daily classes, testing in various settings where Trevor and Ollie mastered various challenges to assure Ollie's certification to serve as a service dog. school halls. Radford, medical necessity rec- More than one year af-Ollie's handler, was di- ommendations, evalua- ter their match, Trevor agnosed as a diabetic in —tions, home inspections —was finally able to bring 2017. About a year after and more. Once ap- Ollie home in July 2021 and they began the new school year together the following month in August. Ollie has accom-

where during the 2021 - 2022 school year, often catching the eyes of many as they walked to the school's front doors each morning. Together, Trevor and Ollie have walked through many situations and learned together.. From training and meeting requirements necessary for Ollie and Trevor to become a functioning team to working together to successfully complete Trevor's senior year of high school, this pair is ready for the next assignment. We can't wait to see what the future has in store for these two Bulldog graduates!



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# Brier Creek Artillery starts golf scramble

Brier Creek (BC) Artillery's Commander Steve Burke, Don Bazemore and Dess Smith III, traveled to Brier Creek Country Club in Screven County on May 21 for this year's third annual Cpl G. Alex Mincey Memorial Golf Scramble. The BC Artillery was asked again to start the golf tournament at 9:30 a.m. with their 6-pounder naval cannon and flintlock fire. Compatriot Scotty Scott, organizer of the annual event, made up a sign and presented it to the Brier Creek members for helping him with the scramble.

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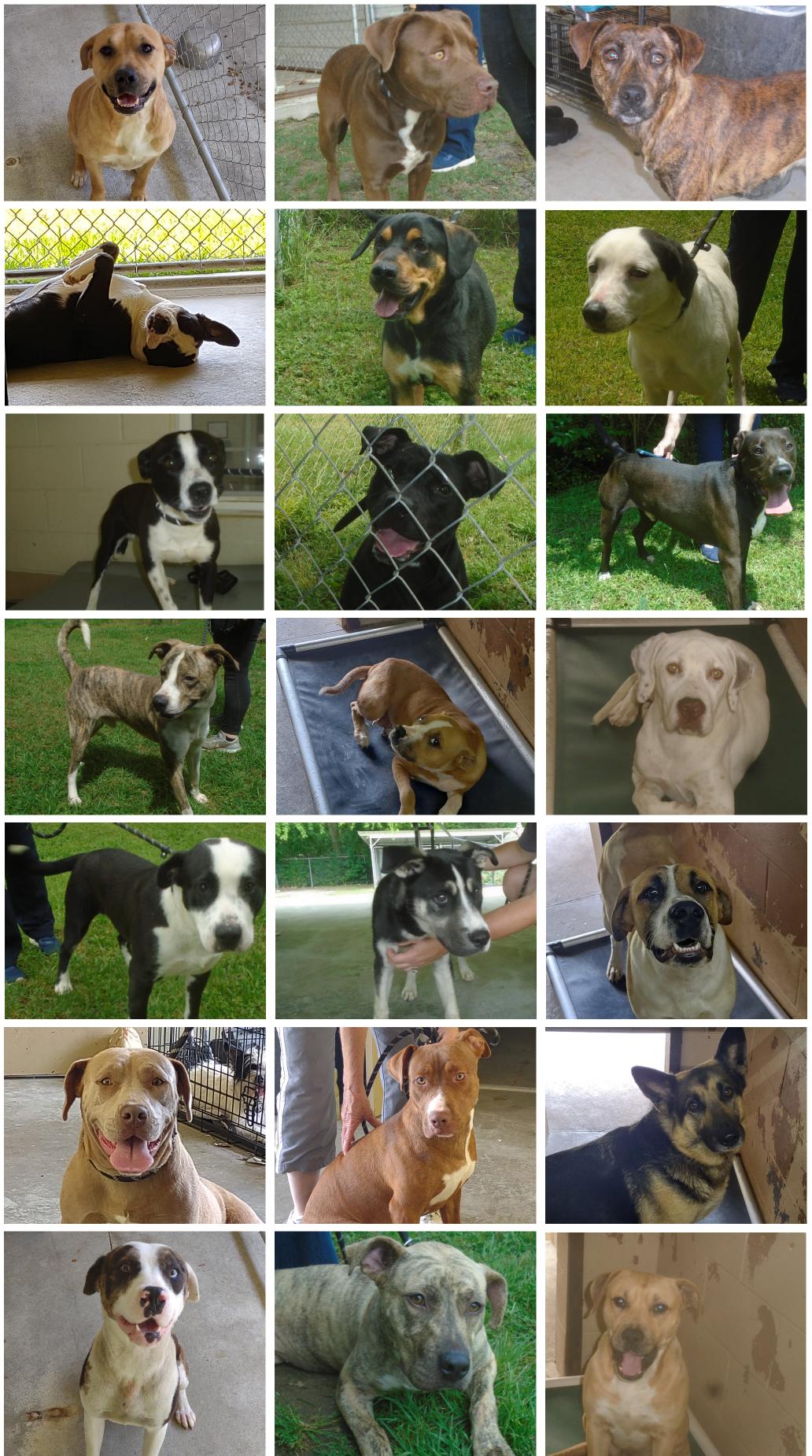
Only registered members receive door prize and entry for cash prizes.

# There's still time...adopt your new best friend this month!

Emanuel County Humane Society launched an adoption sponsorship with Betty
Gambrell Animal Shelter during the month of May that will end next Tuesday.
The society will continue to sponsor all shelter adoptions, including spay/neuter

and rabies vaccinations, until May 31.

The shelter is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. until 12 p.m.



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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 (ECSO); Swainsboro Police Dept. (SPD); Stillmore Police Dept. (SMPD); Twin City Police Department (TCPD); Garfield Police Dept. (GPD); Adrian Police Dept. (APD); Child Support Recovery Unit (CSRU); Intensive Probation Service (IPS); or Probation Office (PROB). Victor Armando Muniz,

Walk, Lithonia, entered VGCSA possession of 5/17/22; 10/16/21; DUI less safe/Reckless driving/ over/VGCSA marijuana/poss less than oz; released 10/16/21; GSP

Matthew Aaron Taylor, entered 5/16/22; Hold of rout of county billing; AGENCY DEPUTY

Sheena Huston, 5/16/22; COURT brought from another agency/facility; ECSO

Adam Lloyd Hackle, II, entered 5/16/22; Bench warrant/State court/Terror threats and acts; ECSO

Joseph Seth Schrader, entered 5/17/22; VGCSA possession of MDMA/Possession of meth/Other/Seatbelt violation; SPD

Louis Edward Davis, entered 5/17/22; 317 Woodcrest Driving lic susp/rev/ Greelish,

drug related object/ Unregistered vehicle/ Speeding 30+ MPH Give false name/false info/police/Possession of cocaine; SPD

> Keshon Terrell Woods, entered 5/17/22; Probation/ Superior court; ECSO Jermichael

Strowbridge, entered Vinette 5/17/22; Driving lic entered susp/rev; released 5/17/22; SPD

> Prince Mekel Porter, entered 5/17/22; Bench warrant – City; released 5/19/22; SPD

James Allen Rich, entered 5/17/22; Probation/Superior court; ECSO

Carvie Claxton, III, entered 5/1/22; Obstr/ ofc/Crim trespass/ Obstr/ofc/Obstr/ofc/ Obstr/ofc; released 5/20/22; SPD

Adeline

Speeding 15-29 MPH over/DUI/ alch; released 5/18/22; TCPD

Larry Pierce, entered ECSO 5/18/22; DUI/alch; released 5/18/22; **ECSO** 

Freddie Lee Waters, 5/18/22; entered Driving lic susp/rev; released 5/18/22; **ECSO** 

Starsky Johnson, entered 5/18/22; Probation/ Superior court; ECSO

Charles Justin Davis, 5/18/22; entered Firearm poss by conv felon; ECSO

Ida Jean Davis, 5/18/22; entered Disorderly conduct/ Disorderly house/ occupying a dive; released 5/19/22; SPD

Henry Robert Williams Jr, entered PD/Middle Nicole 5/18/22; Disorderly Probation; entered conduct/Obstr/ofc; 5/20/22; SPD

released 5/19/22; SPD Latravis Bady, entered 5/18/22; Entering auto; released 5/20/22;

Womack Karen Martin, entered 5/19/22; Public drunk; **ECSO** 

Dorothy Robinson, entered 5/19/22; Probation/ Swainsboro PD/ Toron Middle Ga Probation; released 5/20/22; SPD

> James Larry Sapp Jr, entered 5/19/22; Driving lic susp/rev; 5/19/22; released TCPD

> Brittany Nichole Jones, entered 5/20/22; lic susp/ Driving rev/Other; released 5/20/22; SPD

Matthew Mark King, 5/20/22; entered Probation/Swainsboro Ga released

Johnna Rae Raines, entered 5/20/22; Theft/taking; SPD

Jason Luke Darnell, entered 5/20/22; Driving lic susp/rev// Hold for out of county billing; SPD

Hetal A. Patel, entered Marie 5/20/22; Theft/ shoplifting/Fleeing/ attempt to elude ofc; SPD

> Justin Randall Bohannon, entered 5/21/22; Public drunk/ Other; SPD

> Jimmy Gary Christian, entered 5/21/22; Other; released 5/22/22; WALK-IIN

> Nikki Lynn Stevens, 5/21/22; entered Driving lic susp/rev; released 5/21/22; **ECSO**

Tyler Monshea Jacobi Heath, entered 5/22/22; Speeding 30+ MPH over; released 5/22/22; SPD

### Swainsboro Police Reports

Officers with the Swainsboro Police Department Both parties were pushing each other. They were (SPD) reported...

#### May 12

Officers performed a traffic stop due to a driver not wearing a seatbelt. When pulled over, the officer noticed a strong marijuana odor, and asked if the driver would get out of the vehicle. The driver didn't comply with most questions, and resisted

Officers responded to a dispute. The complianant stated the offender struck her daughter and herself over miscommunication. She was advised how to get a restraining order.

Officer performed a traffic stop due to a vehicle failing to stop at a stop sign. When pulled over, the driver had a strong alcoholic odor on him, so the officer gave him a sobriety test. He failed, and was arrested.

#### May 13

Officers responded to a report of a dispute. The complainant called the offender to get their phone, and started an argument when they arrived.

advised to separate till things calmed down.

Officer assisted another officer with a traffic stop. The driver had no insurance, suspended license, and suspended registration. He was arrested.

A report of harassment was issued. The complainant stated the offender keeps following him and doesn't know why.

A report of harassing text messages was issued. The complainant stated the offender keeps texting her to fight because she is dating the offender's baby's father.

#### **May 14**

Officers performed a traffic stop due to a vehicle going 58 in a 35. When pulled over, the driver stated he didn't have a license, he only had a passport. He was arrested.

A report of a stolen firearm was issued. The complainant stated it has been missing since her boyfriend moved out 2 weeks ago.

Man was arrested at Walmart for switching item a suspended license. He was arrested.

tags at the self-checkout.

A warrant was served for Coffee County.

#### May 15

Officers were dispatched to Walmart in reference to a shoplifter. The offender was switching tags on items. She was arrested and the items were returned.

Officers responded to an irate patient at a local hospital. The patient was fighting the nurses. Warrants were made for simple battery.

Officers spotted a person with multiple warrants on a bike, and pursued after them. When captured, the person had crack in their pockets, and admitted to having a problem. He was arrested.

#### **May 17**

A warrant was served for Toombs County. A male was taken into custody for public intox-

ication. Officers performed a traffic stop due to a vehicle going 50 in a 35. The driver was also driving with



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# SPD conducts Civilian Weapons Course

The Swainsboro Police Department conducted the agency's Civilian Weapons Course on Saturday May 14. This is the first class since 2020. The course is designed to teach those in attendance various aspects of owning and operating a weapon. Topics include Georgia law, various types of weapons, types of carry methods, fundamentals of shooting and live fire exercise. The class is limited to 10 students due to the one-on-one attention necessary for

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# Smith speaks to the Four Rivers Chapter



The Four Rivers Chapter of the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution held its monthly meeting, Thursday night, May 19, 2022, at Chatters Restaurant in Lyons. With President George King presiding, there were nine in attendance. The chapter also had two new prospective members present, Ron Hall and Dan Brown, that signed applications that were mailed the next day.

The program for the evening was presented by Compatriot Dess Smith, a dual member of the Four Rivers Chapter. His presentation and video were on the battle of Cowpens,



#### **SMITH GIVES PRESENTATION**

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#### Sheriff's Reports

According to the Emanuel County Sheriff's Office... May 15

Complainant stated someone used her phone and called the victim several times, cursing and disrespecting her. C/p stated she wanted to make a report so everyone would know she didn't do this.

#### May 16

Deputy responded to Summer St. in reference to an incident that already occurred.

Deputy took a report regarding a stolen set of tires. Victim stated she purchased a set of tires and had them mounted on a truck that belongs to her ex-boyfriend and he agreed to pay the remaining balance when they split. Since the relationship end, victim stated offender failed to make the payments in a timely manner and has resulted in late fees which have affected her credit score. Offender has blocked victim in order to stop her from contacting him.

Deputy talked with complainant over the phone where he stated his firearm had been sto-

SPD officers responded to Summer St. to assist ECSO with a call due to deputies being tied up with an overturned log truck. Inv. responded to the call a short time later and was advised by SPD that offender and victim had been arguing and neighbors called it in. SPD officer went on to say that offender threatened to kill victim in his presence. Another SPD officer also told Inv. she was present when offender made the threat. Offender was transport-Inv. advised SPD officer that he would also be taking a warrant on offender for terroristic threats.

Deputy took a report regarding a stolen vehicle. Victim stated that she moved to a new residence and left the vehicle behind and planned on moving it but it wasn't running right now so arrangements were made to move it. Victim stated the vehicle did not have a battery installed at the time. When victim arrived at the property, the vehicle was gone and stated that the landlord said the car had been removed 3 weeks prior.

#### May 17

Deputy responded to Tiger Trl. in reference to a dispute. Complainant advised that her and her roommate/offender had been arguing the past few days and upon going home she discovered that the offender changed the locks to the residence and she made access into the home through a window. C/p wanted a report generated in case offender went home and possibly

Deputy responded to Sam Overstreet Rd. in reference to a residential alarm. Upon arrival, all doors and windows were secured and no signs of forced entry were found. A vehicle was on scene and logged with dis-

Deputy was called to arrest offender for violating his probation. Offender was located at the probation office when the incident occurred. At the time of arrival, offender was already detained and awaiting transport to the jail.

Deputy took a report regarding complainant having suspect entering her residence without her permission and knowledge. C/p stated she arrived home from work to find suspect asleep after he forced his way into the residence. C/p stated suspect does not have keys to her home and can see signs that he forced his way in the back door. C/p also stated suspect has been watching their children at the residence up until 2 months ago before law enforcement was called to the residence and is now no longer allowed at her residence.

Deputies were dispatched to EMC to assist SPD with an irate detainee. Subject in question was highly combative and inured three officers in the process of arrest. Subject was retrained with the use of belly chain and leg irons for transport to EmCo Det.

Complainant advised a bike was taken form an outside building on Overstreet Rd. and believes a known person may be the one that took it. There was no evidence of forced entry and is believed that the 4-wheeler broke down with c/p's son and was abandoned at an unknown location.

**May 18** 

Deputies responded to Hwy 80 East in reference to an unknown subject banging on complainant's door and trying to open it. While enroute, 911 advised deputies of the ed to the jail for an out- subject's description and deputy spoke with c/p standing bench warrant. c/p could see a vehicle and she stated that she parked in front of his residence with the alarm going off. Upon arrival, deputies made contact with the male subject/ offender who stated he was there to see a female and that they had been seeing each other for a while. While offender was explaining to deputies what he was doing there, deputy observed offender slurring. Deputy got within a few feet of offender and detected a strong odor of alcoholic beverage coming from his person. Deputy asked offender if he drove the vehicle to the residence and he stated yes, so deputy asked how much alcohol he consumed prior to the incident and offender stated he had a couple. Deputy then walked to his patrol vehicle and checked his mobile cad to check the name of the c/p to see if it was in fact the female subject offender went to see. C/p was the only name on the cad. Deputy walked back over to offender and placed him under arrest for suspicion of DUI and transported to EmCo Jail. Two breath samples were taken and offender was

> charged with DUI. Deputy was dispatched to Hwy 1 North in reference to offender not letting complainant leave While enroute, 911 stated c/p left and was standing by Blundale Church. Deputy got to the church and spoke with c/p who to get her clothes. Deputy

asked c/p who the offender was and another deputy stated the city had a felony warrant on him. Deputies followed c/p back to the residence and the front door was locked so c/p and deputy went to the back door and it was unlocked. C/p went in and unlocked the front door and stated the residence is hers but she wanted to leave. Deputies searched the residence for offender while another deputy stayed with c/p to get her clothes. Deputy found offender hiding in a bedroom and instructed him there was a warrant on him and was giving him instructions and offender did not comply. Another deputy went into the room and observed deputy trying to get offender in cuffs and offender was resisting. The two deputies were able to get offender into custody. C/p stated she didn't want a report and didn't want him to go to jail. Offender was transported to EmCo Jail and booked on the city warrant.

Deputies were dispatched to Leman Rd. in reference to a report. Deputy called complainant who stated the offender went to her residence and became irate and began beating on the front door and yelling. C/p stated she did not let offender in due to an incident that happened prior. After about 5 minutes of offender beating on the door, she left.

911 dispatched a call to Racketown Rd. in reference to a domestic dispute where complainant called 911 and stated that offender had shot her vehicle. Upon arrival, went to her residence to get some clothes for her daughter and met offender there to unlock the residence due to them going through a divorce. When c/p arrived at the residence, she and offender got into an argument and c/p stated offender jumped on the passenger side of her vehicle and she took off with offender still on the vehicle. Offender stated he fired a shot into the ground to get her to stop and he then fell off the vehicle and c/p left. C/p went to a nearby store to meet with law enforcement.

Deputy was dispatched to Tiger Trl. in reference to stolen property. Victim stated his girlfriend took his battery out of his car as well as removed the radiator cap and took some fuses out. C/p stated when he spoke to her the day prior, she said she would bring it back but she never returned any of his property and has been ignoring his phone calls.

Deputy stopped a vehicle on Hwy 192 South for speeding. During the stop, it was determined that offender had a suspended license and was instructed to call someone to get his vehicle, as he was being detained. Once someone arrived to obtain the vehicle, offender was placed under arrest and trans-

ported to EmCo Jail. While serving a warstated she just wanted to rant on Overstreet Rd., go back to the residence offender was located and placed under arrest without incident.

Deputy responded to a call regarding offender who was p0laced under arrest and transported to EmCo Jail.

Deputy was patche3d to Hwy 80 East in reference to a burglary that took place the night before. Victim state she heard a noise around 2am but was too afraid to go see what it was and when she woke up, she noticed that a room connected to her home where her late husband kept all his tools, had been broken into. There was a lock that was screwed on the door but it had been damaged and seemed to look like forced entry. Victim stated it was a toolbox full of an assortment of tools missing.

#### **May 19**

Deputy met with complainant who stated she needed a report to get a new tag for her vehicle.

May 20

Deputy met with complainant in reference to a lost tag. Vehicle was said to have been involved in an accident out of state during which time the license plate was believed to have been lost.

Deputy met with victim at Queensborough Bank in reference to a fraudulent check. Victim stated she had been in contact with a male subject on Facebook who sent her a check for \$2450 from Infinity FCU in Poland and after depositing the check into her account, the subject had her send \$400 of Google gift cards in return. Due to the check being fraudulent, it caused victim's account to be overdrawn.

May 21

report from complainant lives at the location and stating that offender's/ he started acting strange sons went into her home while she was at the hospital and took items from her residence without her permission. C/p stated offenders took a flat screen TV and a window unit and when she confronted them about it, they threatened to beat her up and burn her house down with her in it. C/p also stated that they pulled their private parts out and were shaking them at her, while taunting her, and have been causing issues with her daughter's husband that lives next door, using racial slurs towards him. C/p also stated that offenders went to her other son's residence across from her and hooked up a large water slide to her water pump and she didn't give them permission. C/p stated when she asked offenders to remove the water hose from her pump house, they told her that is she wanted it off to do it herself, and if she came outside, they would beat her up. /p stated offenders are out of control and would like

some help with them. Deputy initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle no occupants not wearing seatbelts. The driver informed deputy that she did not have a license and upon verification, deputy found that the driver's license is suspended.

Deputies responded to Island Dr. in reference to complainant advising that he saw two people walking around his

neighbor's house and the neighbor was out of town. Deputies searched the residence and did not find anyone or any sings of forced entry. C/p stated that prior to deputy's arrival, he heard what sounded like they were trying to gain access to one of the neighbor's sheds, but after checking the sheds, everything was secured. Deputies rode the area and didn't find anyone in the area.

May 22

Deputies were requested by Burke Co. SO to assist with traffic control on Hwy 56 North due to a power line being down.

Deputy responded to Dollar General in Oak Park in reference to a back door that had been tampered with. Complainant advised that an employee called her and advised her that they found the back doors open and they suspected that someone tampered with them. Employees discovered the doors open and a box of paper towels just on the outside of the threshold that was wet from the rain. Deputy did not see any signs of forced entry but saw a stack of boxes that had fallen close to the doors and could have possibly opened the doors from the inside.

Deputy responded to

Oak Grove Church Rd. in reference to a missing dog. Complainant stated her registered pit bull mix valued at \$2000 was missing and she and family members had been riding the area all day and believed they heard him barking at a location when they called his name. C/p stated they made contact Deputy received a with a male subject that when they mentioned the dog missing. C/p stated she believed they heard the dog barking inside the suspect's residence. Deputy then spoke with



"Brother," said St. Francis of Assisi to a young monk who had just entered the monastery, "let's go to town and preach." They left the monastery and walked to the town

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suspect and advised that if he did in fact have the dog and refused to return it to the rightful owner, that he could possibly face jail time. Suspect allowed deputy to walk the wooded area around his residence. Deputy called the dog numerous times with no response.

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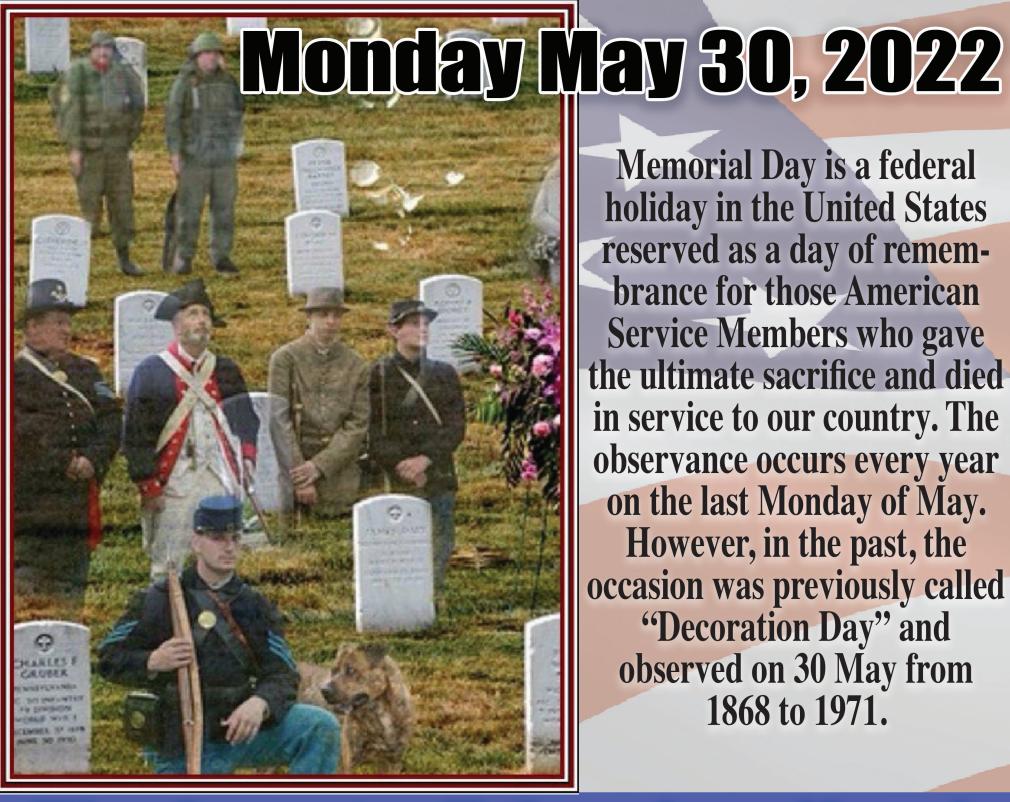
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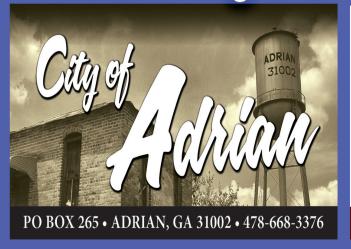
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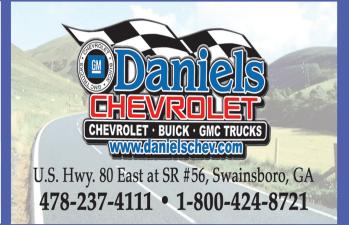
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All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the 1560th G.M.D. of Emanuel County, Georgia, containing 103.916 acres, more or less, and being more particularly identified as PARCEL #1 on that certain survey and plat thereof by Robert D. Smith, Jr., G.R.L.S. No. 2766, dated March 30, 2017. and recorded in Plat Book 20-40, Page 338 of the deed records in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Emanuel County, Georgia, which is by reference thereto incorporated herein for descriptive and all legal purposes.

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Attorney-in-Fact for David A. Haley

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All creditors of the Estate of Larry W. Bedingfield, deceased, late of Emanuel County, are hereby notified to render their demands to Richard M. McNeely, attorney for Kimberly B. Foskey and Karen B. Ross, Executors of the Larry W. Bedingfield Estate, at P. O. Box 767, Swainsboro, Georgia 30401, according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment of any indebtedness due the estate.

This 28th day of April, 2022.
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PLAINTIFF.

IN RE: ADOPTION OF SAVAN-NAH CARMELLA CLAYTON TO: **KELLY MARIE ASHLEY**;

By order of the Court for Service by publication dated the 20th day of April, 2022, you are hereby notified that on the 20th day of April, 2022, OLLIE EL-YCE STEVENS AND FRANKLIN DOYLE STEVENS, filed a Complaint against you for Adoption. You are hereby required to file with the Clerk of the Superior Court and serve upon Plaintiff's Attorney, William H. McWhorter., of the firm of Shepherd, Gary & McWhorter, LLC, Attorney at Law, P.O Drawer 99, Swainsboro, GA 30401, an Answer to said complaint in writing within sixty (60) days of the 20th day of April, 2022. WITNESS the Honorable Presiding Judge, Emanu-

el Superior Court, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022. This Order granted this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022. JUDGE, SUPERIOR COURT MIDDLE JUDICIAL COURT CANDLER COUNTY, GEORGIA

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY
OF EMANUEL

NOTICE All creditors of MAUDE FIELDS STRANGE, deceased, and/ or her Estate are required to present the dame to the undersigned, properly itemized and proven, within the time required by law. All persons indebted to said MAUDE FILEDS STRANGE. Deceased, and /or her Estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned. This the 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022. KEVIN DALE STRANGE Executor of Estate of Maude Field Strange JON A. LEVIS, ATTORNEY LEVIS LAW FIRM, LLC POSR OFFICE BOX 129

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STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY
OF EMANUEL
IN RE: ESTATE OF LONNIE
ASHLEY SMITH, DECEASED.
All creditors of the Estate of Lonnie Ashley Smith. Deceased, late

All creditors of the Estate of Lonnie Ashley Smith, Deceased, late of Emanuel County, are hereby notified to render their demands to Richard M. McNeely, attorney for Wanda D. Smith, Executrix of the Lonnie Ashley Smith Estate, at P. O. Box 767, Swainsboro, Georgia 30401, according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment of any indebtedness due the estate. This 10th day of May, 2022. RICHARD M. MCNEELY, Attorney for Wanda D. Smith

RICHARD M. MCNEELY, Attorney for Wanda D. Smith Executrix of the Lonnie Ashley Smith Estate Richard M. McNeely, P.C.

P. O. Box 767 Swainsboro, Georgia 30401 (478) 237-4225

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS GEORGIA, EMAN-UEL COUNTY

All creditors of the estate of Ennis Warner, 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.

payment.
This 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022.
Christopher E. Warner, Executor

of the Estate of Ennis Warner, 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 WILLIE ALBERT WILLIAMS, ESTATE NO. 22E0063
DECEASED

PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE
TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

and to whom it may concern: PINKY MAEBELL KEITA has petitioned for to be appointed administrator of the estate of WILLIE ALBERT WILLIAMS deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements. and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before JUNE 13, 2022.

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

Judge of the Probate Court
By: Jeanie Hooks
Clerk of the Probate Court
P. O. Box 70 / 125 South Main

Street Swainsboro, Ga. 30401 Address 478-237-7091

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF EMANUEL IN RE: ESTATE OF TERRY MI-CHAEL GAY, DECEASED All creditors of the Estate of Ter-

CHAEL GAY, DECEASED All creditors of the Estate of Terry Michael Gay, deceased, late of Emanuel County, are hereby notified to render their demands to Richard M. McNeelv. attornev for Michael Adam Gay, Executor of the Terry Michael Gay Estate, at P. O. Box 767, Swainsboro, Georgia 30401, according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment of any indebtedness due the estate This 19th day of May, 2022. RICHARD M. MCNEELY,

Attorney for Michael Adam Gay Executor of the Terry Michael Gay Estate Richard M. McNeely, P.C.

P. O. Box 767 **Swainsboro, Georgia 30401** (478) 237-4225

The Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) Housing Choce Voucher Program has extended the Project-Based Voucher (PBV) program's RFP submission date. The amended submission date is Monday, June 6, 2022, 5:00 p.m. Late applications will not be accepted. DCA requests proposals from developers for the PBV Program. PBV proposals are being accepted for up to 1,200 vouchers (the number of units to be funded) for new and existing housing construction projects within the 149 Georgia counties served by DCA. Participation in the PBV program requires compliance with Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (FHEO) requirements. For more information on submitting RFPs visit: https://www.dca. ga.gov/safe-affordable-housing/rental-housing-assistance/ housing-choice-voucher-program-formerly-known-16 DCA's Project-Based Voucher waiting list is also open

#### Public Hearing Announcement

The Emanuel County Board of Education will hold its Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. at the Emanuel County Board of Education Office located at 201 North Main Street, Swainsboro, GA 30401. During this meeting, there will be an opportunity for public input on the Emanuel County Board of Education Fiscal Year 2023 Budget.

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#### **Emanuel County Schools**

#### **Community Food Processing Center NEW LOCATION**

#### 104 Rountree Avenue, Twin City, GA 30471

(across from Dollar General)

Did you know we have a community food processing center located in Twin City? The center is operated by the Emanuel County Schools Agricultural Education staff and students and will open on Monday, June 6. The facility will be open Mondays-Fridays, June 6—July 22; and the following Saturdays: July 09, 16.

#### What can you process?

- Fruits
- Vegetables
- Corn

#### **Points to Know:**

- Salt/sugar must be provided by the customer
- Vegetables must be picked the same day unless told otherwise
- Staff reserves the right to refuse low quality pro-

#### What services can we provide?

- Custom bean and pea shelling
- Washing
- Blanching Bagging

#### Costs associated with the services:

- Shelling—\$3/bushel
- Washing/blanching \$1/bushel
- Bagging \$1/bushel
- ⇒ Customers must provide bags
- ⇒ Peas/beans can be canned for additional cost of cans.
- $\Rightarrow$  Fruits/vegetables are canned in quart cans \$0.50 per can (cans are donated by **Crider Foods** this year; there is still a slight charge to assist with misc. expenses related to processing.).

#### Corn:

- The staff will process all corn.
- An appointment must be scheduled a week in advance.
- Corn is processed same day and must be picked up by 3:00 p.m.
- Corn will be shucked, silked, cut, blanched, and bagged for freezer
- Cost is \$25 per 100 ears/25 cents per ear.
- Staff will allow 10% overage of corn that was scheduled when the appointment was made. Any other overage will be assessed at double rate of \$0.40 per ear or not processed based on the customer request.
- Call 478-763-3661 to schedule an appointment. If no one answers, please leave a detailed message with a callback number.

#### **Practices**

Customers will not be allowed in the facility except with an appointment for patron processing of their own produce. The facility will begin patron processing June 13.

- When the facility opens for patron processing on June 13, an appointment must be made. The workstation will be sanitized by the ag staff before and after use by each customer. There will be hand soap and disposable towels for
- Ag teachers will direct customers to pull in to the drop-off location when it is



#### For more information:

- Call 478-763-3661
- Visit our Facebook page: Emanuel County Schools CTAE



**BAZEMORE GIVES PRESENTATION** 

#### Bazemore speaks to the Wiregrass Chapter

The Chapter, American Revolution, held its monthly meeting on Thursday night, May 12 at the New 6:30 p.m. With President Wilder Smith presiding, dance, including three guests. The program this evening was presented by Compatriot Adam Bazemore of the Brier Creek Chapter in Screven County. His presentation was "Old Hickory's Revolutionary Roots". Old Hickory, nickname of Andrew Jackson, was the third child of Andrew Jackson, and Elizabeth

Wiregrass Hutchinson Jackson. Georgia Old Hickory was born Society Sons of the in 1767 and his father died shortly before he was born. He had two brothers, and all were raised by his mother. China Restaurant at All three of the brothers served in the American Revolution. Jackson's there were 13 in atten- two brothers died during the War. During the war, 13-year-old Jackson was wounded by a saber cut and was captured and served as a prisoner of war in Camden, SC. His mother goes to Charleston to nurse the sick and dies of cholera or pris-Bazemore spoke about on fever. That leaves Jackson all alone. He is the only president of the United States that was ever a prisoner of war.



#### Twin City ends successful season under leadership of new director

Twin City Recreation Department recently completed a fun-filled successful season this month and celebrated with an end-of-season ceremony on Saturday, May 14. The recreation complex was filled with much excitement as loved ones gathered to see the youth athletes receive recognition, with all players receiving medals for participating. The event also featured inflatable fun for the local youth as well as adult vs. kid wiffle ball games.

Brent Freeman, firsttime director for TCRD, says it has been rewarding serving the capacity of rec. director and ever-so-humbly gave credit where it was due for the overall success of the recent baseball/ softball season. "The season was great. It was chaotic but I loved every bit of it. Overall, things went really good and received a lot of support. I can't wait to see what future sports seasons will bring here in Twin City," Freeman commented.

While putting in a lot of hours with recreational upkeep, Freeman is grateful for the support received from Twin City City Council, Mayor, and City Hall employees as well as volunteers, coaches and parttime help from local students. Freeman also expressed his appreciation for Smith's Canoochee employees for running the concession stand this season. "There are so many people who stepped up to help this season that I'm appreciative for, especially Shelly Wimberly, and Jim Sherrod. They are awesome coaches. They have been in the game so long that they're kind of like the Godfather and Godmother of the recreboth helped tremen-

dously in so many ways this season and offered guidance and advice the entire time. I'm grateful for their support as well as the support from many others in making this season successful," Freeman stated.

Freeman's overall focus when entering the season as a new director has been about fun for the kids.

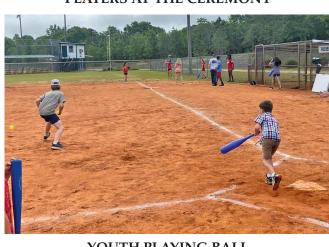
"It's all about the kids

having fun, that was

my motto when taking this position. We are fine with competition but we weren't going to sacrifice our integrity for the competition," Freeman commented. This overall goal was deemed a success judging by the numbers of youth athletes that signed up to participate in Twin City's recent baseball/softball season. This year brought significantly youth participation than years prior. It woud seem that Twin City Recreation Department, under Freeman's leadership, is heading in the right direction. Now that the recreation baseball/softball season has ended, Freeman has already been working on off-season plans to promote a more thriving community. Those plans are being kept under the wraps for now, but he did comment on some fundraisers and community activities other than just baseball being on the horizon for the small town. In closing, Freeman expressed the following: "Thank you to the community and city for giving me this opportunity. The city was a big supporter of this year's season and I know they want to see it grow and I'm glad they have given me the chance to help see that this goal is met for Twin City. I can't wait to see what the future brings ation department. They for Twin City Recreation Department!"



PLAYERS AT THE CEREMONY



YOUTH PLAYING BALL AT CLOSING CEREMONY



SCENE FROM THE CEREMONY



PLAYERS RECEIVING MEDALS

#### **Emanuel County Schools** School Choice (HB 251) Applications Accepted May 9, 2022 - May 27, 2022

The Emanuel County School System will accept applications for School Choice transfers. Parents may request to transfer their child to another public school in the district for the upcoming 2022-2023 school year if the school has available space after its assigned students have been enrolled. The Emanuel County School System considers factors such as projected enrollment and maximum class size when determining available space. The chart below indicates space availability by school and grade. Parents will be responsible for transportation for a student attending school outside his/her attendance area.

School	K	1st	2nd	$3^{\mathrm{rd}}$	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9-12
Swainsboro Primary *	О	О	О							
Swainsboro Elementary *				О	6	11				
Twin City Elementary *	О	О	О	4	О	1				
ECI Middle *							4	2	О	
Swainsboro Middle *							34	35	38	
ECI High *										**
Swainsboro High *										**

<sup>\*</sup> Transfers for Kindergarten students will not be considered until after the first 10 days of school. Only Kindergarten students who are enrolled and have completed a School Choice transfer form application during the HB 251 window will be considered for transfer.

For more information visit the Emanuel County Schools website: www.emanuel.k12.ga.us

School Choice transfer forms may be picked up from the Emanuel County Board of Education building at 201 N. Main Street, Swainsboro, Georgia beginning May 9,

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#### **FY23 TENTATIVE BUDGET EMANUEL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION** JULY 1, 2022 - JUNE 30, 2023

	ı	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS			CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS	
ESTIMATED REVENUES:							
LOCAL TAXES	\$	7,945,000					
OTHER LOCAL REVENUES	\$	721,500	\$	68,900	\$	2,000	
STATE SOURCES	\$	29,672,654	\$	1,226,014	\$	700,000	
FEDERAL SOURCES		, ,	\$	23,605,133		,	
INCOMING TRANSFERS				, ,			
SALES TAX COLLECTIONS					\$	3,000,000	
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES	\$	38,339,154	\$	24,900,047	\$	3,702,000	
ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES:							
INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES	\$	27,216,489		18,599,250	\$	528,000	
PUPIL SERVICES	\$	2,284,222		321,746			
IMP OF INSTRUCTION SERVICES	\$	432,325		17,466			
INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF TRAINING	\$	61,000	\$	693,215			
MEDIA SERVICES	\$ \$ \$	740,316	\$	-			
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION SERVICES	\$	833,361	\$	-			
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION SERVICES		2,815,073	\$	93,750			
BUSINESS SERVICES	\$	428,998					
MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION SERVICES	\$	3,089,960	\$	86,466			
STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES	\$	2,275,672	\$	228,555	\$	100,000	
CENTRAL SUPPORT SERVICES	\$	723,337	\$	-			
OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES	\$	22,800	\$	-			
SCHOOL NUTRITION SERVICES			\$	3,011,100			
FACILITIES ACQ & CONST SERVICES			\$	1,848,500	\$	4,350,000	
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	\$	40,923,553	\$	24,900,047	\$	4,978,000	
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXP	\$	(2,584,399)	\$	(0)	\$	(1,276,000)	
ESTIMATED TOTAL FUND BALANCE JULY 1, 2022	\$	15,371,070	\$	813,432	\$	2,597,018	
ESTIMATED FUND BALANCE AVAILABLE JUNE 30, 2023	\$	12,786,671	\$	813,432	\$	1,321,018	

The Emanuel County Board of Education Fiscal Year 2023 Budget will be considered for final adoption by the Board on Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Emanuel County Board of Education Central Office located at 201 North Main Street, Swainsboro, GA 30401. As stated in the notices published in The Forest Blade and The Crossroads Chronicle, an opportunity for public input will be provided during the May 10 and June 14 board meetings regarding the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget.

#### Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Seedling Garden Club, I want to thank you and your staff for the great coverage you gave the club this past club year. Through your publishing of the events of the club, The Forest Blade made it possible for the community to learn of the ways the club supports the motto of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.-Beautification, Conservation, Education. It is the desire of the club to make this a beautiful community in which to live. It is nice to know we have a newspaper that is willing to help us get these desires known through your publications.

We wish to give a special thanks to Wanda Scarboro, the club's photographer, for all the wonderful pictures she took of club events and for getting them to *The Blade* so quickly.

We look forward to sending you items when we begin a new year in September and for your continued support.

Sincerely, Kay Peacock



<sup>\*\*</sup>Emanuel County Institute and Swainsboro High School will allow transfers if scheduling requirements can be met when enrolling with the counselor. Enrollment into certain courses (Honors, Electives, etc.) may not be accommodated due to the number of students already enrolled in those courses. Students transferring to another high school, within the district, may not be eligible to participate in extra-curricular activities due to GHSA guidelines.



#### May 24, 1962

#### UNDERWOOD SETS NEW MARK

Johnny Underwood, Swainsboro High School student, cleared the 120-yard high hurdles Saturday to set a new Georgia Class A record of 15.4 seconds. (For photos, visit www. emanuelcountylive.com)



#### KIWANIS VIEWS FESTIVAL FILMS

Members of the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club viewed films at their meeting Tuesday night, May 15. Brick Brodford presented the program, showing color slides of the Festival and of Cherokee, N.C., and vicinity.

#### May 24, 1972 IT'S YOUR DAY, MR. STRANGE

Russell W. Strange, center, accepts a gift from Mrs. Coy Youmans on behalf of the citizens of Oak Park during a celebration in his honor at Oak Park Elementary School. Looking on is Mrs. Strange. The honoree is retiring at the close of this school term from the teaching profession. (For photos, visit www.emanuelcountylive.com)

#### **DISTRICT WINNERS**

Emanuel County's 4-H land judging team holds first place district honors. Team members include, standing from left: Jimmy Cason, Billy Freeman, and Mike Shepherd. With the team members are Gary Carter and J.T Bailey. (For photos, visit www.emanuelcountylive.com)



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#### May 26, 1982 PAYNE AND DELAY TO RECEIVE DEGREES

Miss Teresa Ellen Payne and Mrs. Angela Moxley DeLay of Emanuel County both have completed requirements for their degrees at the University of Georgia.

#### **CONFUSING CROP**

What does this plain, white potato have in common with these ordinary, little cherry or patio tomatoes? For one thing they are vegetables produced on the same potato plant, says local gardener, John H. Holt. Holt compares one of the potatoes he digs from under the bush to the tomatoes forming on the branches of the potato stalk which is planted in his backyard garden plot on Reba Drive. Holt says the only explanation he can contribute to this "rarity" is the idea of cross-pollination between the tomato bushes and potato hills. So far, he says, all the potato plants in his garden have signs of sprouting cherry tomatoes. (For photos, visit www.emanuelcountylive.com)

#### May 20, 1992 COOPER SIGNS

Donald Cooper, Swainsboro High athlete, recently signed to receive an athletic grant-in-aid scholarship with South State University in Orangeburg. Donald's mother, Mrs. Deloise Cooper, right, and Coach Scott Schofill, oversee the signing. (For photos, visit www.emanuelcountylive.com)

#### SIGNING TO PLAY

Swainsboro High Basketball Coach Leroy Jordan looks on as athletes Charles Howard and O'Neale Brown. Sign a grant-in-aid scholarship to play basketball for Georgia Southwestern College in Americus next season. (For photos, visit www.emanuelcountylive.com)

#### May 22, 2002 Exhale Salon STEEL MAGNOLIAS

The SHS Thesbians are presenting "Steel Magnolias" to the general public on Thursday and Friday, May 23-24 at 7 p.m. at the SIS auditorium. General admission is \$5 and advance tickets are \$2.50. Tickets are available at Swainsboro High School. Pictured from left, bottom row: Amanda Averett as Truvy; Lauren Dunn as Ouiser. Pictured from left, top row: Christina Martin as Annelle, Anna Hairr as Shelby, Heather Durden as Mo'Lynn and Angel Collins as Clarice. (For photos, visit www.emanuelcountylive.com)

#### PROJECT S.A.F.E

The Emanuel County 4-H Project S.A.F.E. Senior Red Team placed third in the State March. The announcement was made by Dan Aamoth, State 4-H Specialist. Team members are Greg Royal, Scrap Scarboro, Christopher Pinard, Ashley Henry, Richard Claxton, Tommy Hadden and Chesley Dixon. (For photos, visit www.emanuelcountylive.com)

#### May 23, 2012

#### LOCAL FAMILY BENEFITS FROM CHILDREN'S BENEFIT NETWORK

When Tim and Tasha Wilkerson's twins, Jadan and Jada, were born, they quickly learned what the Children's Miracle Network does for families in need. (For photos, visit www. emanuelcountylive.com)

#### WASH POT FESTIVAL A SUCCESS

The 14th Annual Garfield WashPot Festival proved to have another successful year. A wide variety of food, including corn on the cob, green beans, baked beans and beef, turnips, sweet potatoes and black-eyed peas, was prepared in the washpots. Entertainment included an auction, lawn mower pull, cloggers, runs, street dance, parade and a gospel sing. (For photos, visit www.emanuelcountylive.com)

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