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ONE DOLLAR

County of Emanuel, participating municipalities within set sights on SPLOST projects

by HALEI LAMB

Plans are currently underway to divvy up the latest SPLOST dollars. According to Administrator Guy Singletary, the County of Emanuel has already determined the heft of its projects, yet there remains a critical step in the allocation process: the eight towns across the county must reach intergovernmental agreements, otherwise called "IGAs," before SPLOST VII can be officially considered final.

In an interview Thursday, June 9, Singletary explained the

specifics of SPLOST, an abbreviation for "Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax."

Because the funds are generated through sales tax, SPLOST as a whole is a revenue source that will see the county and the participating governments who enter into IGAs split the pot. Singletary says this SPLOST is expected to generate \$22 million for, as the name implies, special purposes over the course of its six-year run spanning 2024 and 2029.

Emanuel citizens, Singletary contin-

ued, have heavily supported SPLOST since its inception by the state in 1985 at the request of the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia.

"Voters here have historically been in favor of SPLOST in all forms, including ES-PLOST for education and TSPLOST for transportation. To the best of my knowledge, SPLOST has been in place for the last three decades here, and the voters of Emanuel County have never not passed a SPLOST vote of any kind. Because of that, our coun-

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VOLUNTEERS AROUND THE TREE

Celebrate Christmas in July!

It's never too early to spread a little Christmas cheer, especially when it'll bring some light into the lives of children in foster care. While the season 'to be jolly' is just that for many of us, it's often a time of great sadness for children within the system. This year, help bring some joy into these deserving little lives by selecting a Christmas wish from

one of the Christmas trees that are on display at one of these drop off locations: Emanuel Medical Center, The Citizens Bank of Swainsboro, or Durden Banking Company.

You simply choose an ornament from the tree, read the child's wish, make their wish come true and drop it off at one of the drop off locations with their orna-

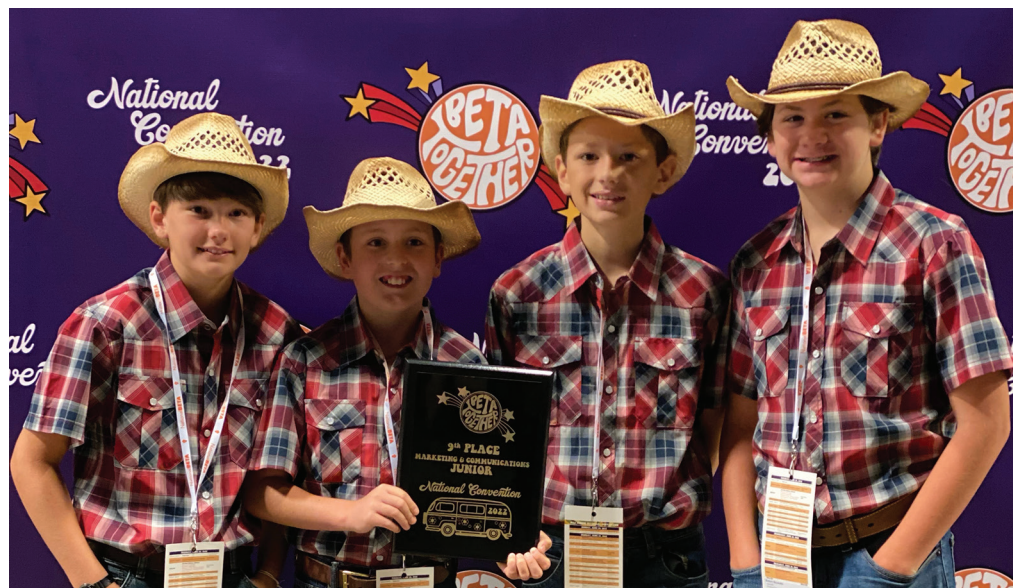
ment attached. All gifts are due by July 29.

You can also make a tax-deductible monetary contribution to provide Christmas presents for foster children in our community by going to the TLCCASA Facebook page and donating.

For more information, contact Emanuel County DFCS @ 478-289-2400.



FRYE WITH SECOND PLACE AWARD



MAY, CAVANAH, COLLINS AND REYNOLDS WITH NINTH PLACE AWARD

ECI Jr. Beta competes at National level

Emanuel County Institute's Junior Beta Club was well represented last week at the National Beta Convention in Nashville, Tennessee. Lawson Frye garnered second place honors for a speech on the topic of "Lead, Serve, Achieve-Together." Evan May, Jackson Cavanah, Mason Collins, and Robert Reynolds were awarded ninth place honors in marketing and communication for creating an app that showcases ECI's Junior Beta Club.



OAK PARK SCHOOL

Oak Park School celebration to be held

On Saturday, July 16, a celebration to honor the Oak Park School House's 100th year of existence will be held. The event will be an all-day occasion for everyone. Free BBQ lunch will be served, as well as many activities for the kids. If you have any memorabilia from your years at Oak Park School please bring them to share with everyone. There will be a computer and scanner on hand to scan any pictures or documents you may have. Plans are to fill

the hallway with photos and memories and have them on display for everyone to enjoy.

A clean-up day will be held July 9 beginning at 7 a.m. if anyone would like to help.

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ty has shared in big dividends. In particular, we've seen significant savings on property taxes, yet we've still been able to accomplish a number of projects and make purchases."

This go 'round, the county is set to receive 52.74 percent of the monies produced by Emanuel's 8 percent sales tax (formerly 7 percent before the eighth penny on the dollar for TSPLOST was voted into effect a

decade ago).

Allocations for each of the areas is dictated by a formula developed by the state; this equation takes into account and prioritizes cities in order of most to least populous.

As Emanuel's county seat and town with the largest population, the City of Swainsboro is set to receive 32.61 percent of SPLOST VII.

Next in line is the City of Twin City, which will receive 7.21 percent.

Oak Park is penciled in for 2.2 percent, followed by Stillmore at 1.93 percent, Garfield at 1.13 percent, Adrian at 1.01 percent, Nunez at 0.59 percent, and Summertown at 0.53 percent.

These figures, Singletary added, are all increases from the previous SPLOST.

In the past, SPLOST has been used to pay off old hospital bond debt. All of that note has been answered for, thus the upcoming SPLOST will be fully available for utilization in comparison. On the county's to-do list with the \$22 million are a set of Tier I projects catered to improving public safety.

An overhaul of the emergency communications system sits atop the list. The county's current system is so dated that agencies within Emanuel have trouble communicating with each other, and that communication boundary is even tougher for those same agencies and others outside the county line, in turn making joint response interactions more challenging. The result, thanks to SPLOST, will be a brand new, state-of-the-art comms system.

With an attached price tag registering at \$8.7 million, this one undertaking will help every dispatcher, law enforcement, firefighter, first responder, and EMS worker in Emanuel.

"To say this is sorely needed would be an understatement, but it's true. Right now, we run off a couple different towers, but they're individual repeaters for individual agencies so none of them really work together. They're not really a system, we just cross each others paths," Singletary stated. "Under the new system, we're going to create a countywide infrastructure of radio towers, which will be five towers across the county."

Best of all, the main hub of this system is guaranteed to be reliable at all times as it will be housed at federally funded network SEGARRN, short for "Southeast Georgia Regional Radio Network," in Chatham County. Additionally, Emanuel will not be charged to join or maintain membership in SEGARRN; the network's only requirement is participating counties like Emanuel must keep their own equipment up to SEGARRN standards.

Sheriff Jeffrey Brewer testified from personal experience about how much of an asset this overhaul will be.

"SPLOST funds enable the board of commissioners to purchase necessary equipment for first responders to perform their duties. For instance, our current two-way radio system is severely outdated. This system has a number of 'dead spots' within the county, which minimizes the ability for effective communication between first responders and the 911 center. The SPLOST will allow the purchase of a new radio system for all first responders, improving the ability to effectively and efficiently serve our citizens. With the consistent, expanding demands placed upon first responders, it is comforting to know SPLOST funds are available to help us better serve our community. Just for clarity, first responders in our county include the sheriff's office, police departments, EMS, fire departments, road departments, and the 911 Center," stated Sheriff Brewer.

Next on the list of

large projects to be accomplished by SPLOST VII is a new facility for county offices on Moring Street. Parcel 076-027 immediately west of the local post office is nothing more than trees today, but in about three months, the commission should break ground on a \$5 million build. The newest round of SPLOST will help finance this project in part, of course, but so will a handful of other monetary pools, including grants, the American Rescue Plan Act, and reserve funds.

Once completed, the newest county office will provide much-needed new homes specifically for the tax assessor's office, the tax commissioner's office, and the elections office.

This project, Singletary stressed, should not be confused with the new county government building going up on the other side of Moring today, which will, once completed, move Emanuel County 911 from the basement of the historic John C. Coleman Hotel into a more spacious and better equipped home. (Absolutely no SPLOST dollars have been dedicated to the new 911 center.)

In addition, the new SPLOST is expected to help to a degree with needed renovations at the Coleman Hotel. However, the Emanuel County Board of Commissioners will need to formally vote to approve the upgrades at the current office. This has yet to happen, but look for an update from this publication about this matter in the future, should relevant news materialize.

"These particular building projects are hot topics for some reason," Singletary said. "They're government buildings that are needed. The staffs that will move into the new Moring Street building, for example, are in serious need of somewhere new to call home because the spaces they're using now are small and outdated, and the Coleman Hotel, for instance, is used by not just the county but the Middle Judicial Circuit as well. What you're able to see, the first floor, is the best of it, yet we're sandwiched on top of each other. We intend to use this opportunity for renovation to: make for more meeting space,

more training space, and a conference room on the first level; turn the second level into the commissioners' office, to include county administration, finance, human resources, et cetera; utilize the third floor to keep regional offices, like the district attorney and his staff, here in Emanuel; create space for spillover offices on the fourth floor; and use the soon-to-be vacant basement for recordkeeping."

Tax Commissioner Sandra Wright will be directly affected by the SPLOST VII, namely by the new construction on West Moring. A 39-year employee of the Emanuel County Tax Commissioners Office, she concurs the coming change will be appreciated.

"The tax commissioner's office was moved to its present location in 1993. That was 29 years ago. We have had adequate space in our office but the location has always been a problem. We have a lot of taxpayers that have always wanted to come into the office and take care of their business. Over the years, we have tried to make it easier for them to mail in their payments or tag renewals or to handle their business online but we still have a lot of walk-in traffic. With the new facility, it will be much better for our taxpayers to come in and take care of their business," Wright said. "I want to say thank you to the board of commissioners and our county administrator for their hard work and dedication to make our county a better place for all of us to live. I believe we will all be proud once the new facility is completed."

Finally, rounding out the last of Tier I projects, Emanuel's leaders intend to use SPLOST VII by continuing to invest into its Service Delivery Strategies, which are essentially specific, overarching services shared between the county government and other municipalities. Examples include the EMS service, the animal shelter, the airport, Swainsboro-Emanuel County Recreation Department, and Twin City-Emanuel County Recreation Department.

These Tier I plans are tentative for now, of course, but should SPLOST VII be finalized as is, Singletary and the county commission believe the improvements

will be solid investments and genuine assets for all citizens, given how large and rural Emanuel is.

He also shed a little light on how he anticipates the eight participating municipalities will spend their money, based on information shared by their respective leaders in talks that've taken place during SPLOST planning sessions. As a general statement, Singletary expects Swainsboro, Twin City, Oak Park, Stillmore, Garfield, Adrian, Nunez, and Summertown will all gear their percentages toward public works equipment, water and sewage improvements, public safety equipment, and parks and recreation needs.


The best part is *all* of these undertakings (and the many other smaller projects not listed in this story) are funded in the fairest way possible. SPLOST is not a tax on Emanuel County residents alone; instead, it brings in money persons who hail from other counties, states, and, perhaps in some cases, other countries. This is possible because SPLOST is a *consumption* tax, not a property tax or like hit on people's pockets implemented by a municipal decision. SPLOST must be voted in by a given area's general public, and once that happens, the passage authorizes a set tax on goods purchased there, regardless of where the buyer resides. In fact, one of the primary goals for placing a referendum continuum on the ballot every few years is to maintain (or roll back) property taxes and prevent an increase, thus maintaining a steady and consistent millage rate over a long-term basis.

Currently, 132 of Georgia's 159 counties have an 8 percent total sales tax, but not all of it stays locally. Four percent leaves the county and goes back to the state while the remaining four percent remains in Emanuel.

The Emanuel public passed ESPLOST VI in November 2021 by a vote of 1,755-408 (81.14 percent affirmative to 18.86 percent negative).

In the May 2022 election, 2,572 locals combined for 64.11 percent of the total vote to ultimately pass TSPLOST. Just 1,440 locals, or a percentage of 35.89, voted against.

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One of the gifts that we have through the grace and mercy of God is His love that surrounds us and His arms that protect us. "He guards the lives of His faithful," wrote the Psalmist, "and delivers them from the hand of the wicked." Our God is there to prevent the "illnesses" caused by sin that could destroy us who are faithful to Him.

One of the most influential saints of God was C. I. Scofield. He is the author of Scofield Study Bible - no doubt one of the most widely used and perhaps more influential than any other study Bible ever published.

"Shortly after my conversion," he once wrote, "I saw a picture of Daniel in the den of lions. His hands were behind him and the lions were circling him. The one thing I was in fear of was that I might go back to my sins. But as I stood before that picture, a great hope and faith came into my heart. I said, 'Why these lions are all about me - my old habits and sins - the God that shut the mouths of the lions for Daniel can shut them for me.' And He did!"

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MASON RECEIVING CHECK FROM DURDEN

Exchange Club makes donation for Wreaths Across America

Pictured is Gary Mason receiving a check for \$450 from Exchange Club President Dal Durden for Wreaths Across America. This year's inaugural ceremony is set to take place December 17. The veteran's group is accepting donations to cover associated expenses with marked graves. However, donations are not mandatory as the group has vowed to see that all military graves located will receive recognition.

Ways to help: Besides

donating or referring a known site of a veteran's gravesite, there are other ways to assist in making this tribute a success for our local heroes... Did you know that there are approximately 178 cemeteries located in Emanuel County? That's a lot of walking to do in six short months! Contact the veteran's group or library to see if you can help walk certain cemetery sites to help find the resting places of U.S. soldiers

If you have a family

member that is a veteran buried in an Emanuel County cemetery that served in the line of duty, contact Franklin Memorial Library's Rebecca Black at 478-237-7791, and provide her with the veteran's name, branch of service, cemetery where buried and location in that cemetery. Donations for wreaths to mark graves can also be made to veteran's group by mailing them to the library at 331 West Moring Street in Swainsboro.



VFW POST MEMBERS AND COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR L. GUY SINGLETERY TAKE PHOTO AT NEW U.S. FLAG RETIREMENT DROP BOX AT PATRIOT SQUARE IN SWAINSBORO

Flag retirement drop box installed on Patriot Square

On June 14, Emanuel County Veterans Center announced the installment of a flag retirement drop box for old and tattered American Flags to ensure the banner receives a proper retirement. This project was brought to life by the Lanier-Moore VFW Post 5745, the American

Legion Swainsboro Post 103 as well as City of Swainsboro and Emanuel County officials, who all expressed much appreciation for word and American Flag signage work performed by L&W Signs of Swainsboro. For information on how to retire an American Flag

at this location, check out this YouTube video featuring Shephen Graham, Lanier-Moore VFW Post commander, by clicking [here](#) to view online or typing in the following link in your web browser: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qmJEqqi7iIE>.

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Michael Paul Thompson, 44

Mr. Michael Paul Thompson, 44, of Swainsboro, passed away Tuesday, June 28, 2022, at his residence following a brief illness. Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Friday, July 1, at Minton's Chapel Advent Christian Church in Kite with Mr. Curt Grimm officiating. Interment followed in Minton's Chapel Advent Christian Church Cemetery. The family received friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, June 30, at Chapman Funeral Home. Pallbearers were Richard Daniels, Cody Driggers, Mike Braswell, Chris Fowler, Isaac Brown, and Brad Thompson. Honorary Pallbearers were members of A.A. Michael was born July 22, 1977, in Swainsboro, to Claude Thompson and Laurie Wilkerson Williamson Hall. Mr. Thompson is preceded in death by his mother; son, Elijah Thompson; and brother, Cal Alvin Thompson.



THOMPSON

Mr. Thompson is survived by his son, Cal Thompson of Swainsboro; daughter, Makayla Thompson of Swainsboro; father, Claude Thompson (Janice) of Riddleville; brothers, B.J. Thompson (Holly) of Sandersville, Billy Williamson (Kimberly) of Oak Park, Alvin Williamson (Jamie) of Soperton, and Chad Wheeler (Adrian) of Warner Robins; sister, Sherri McKinley (Rob) of East Dublin; mother of children, Brandy Hadden of Bartow; several nieces, nephews, and many friends. Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.

Doylene Lamp Hendrix, 86

Mrs. Doylene Lamb Hendrix, 86, of Twin City, passed away Tuesday, June 28, 2022, at her residence following an extended illness. Graveside service was held at 2 p.m. Sunday, July 3, Antioch Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery with Elder Emerson Proctor officiating.



HENDRIX

Pallbearers were Chris Clifton, Jody Clifton, J.J. Rich, Charlie Rich, Bryan Moore, and Tim Jackson. Mrs. Hendrix was born February 24, 1936, in Swainsboro, to Otis Bazemore Lamb and Edna Curl Lamb. She was a classy lady who always had her hair and makeup done. Doylene was a very Christian woman who never met a stranger and was always loved by everyone. Mrs. Hendrix is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Elder Walter

Elliott Hendrix; brother, Kerney Lamb; and son-in-law, Tommy Dukes. Mrs. Hendrix is survived by her daughters, Nancy Ridgill (Mike) of Twin City, Sherry Rich of Tennessee, Lori Dukes of Wadley, and Diann Barber of Swainsboro; sister, Juanita Poole of Rincon; 11 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great-grandsons; several nieces, nephews, and many friends. Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.

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it unions for their outstanding achievements in the various areas of operations, financial strength and member outreach. The awards committee selected one credit union from each state in the following asset size categories: up to \$100 million, \$100-\$500 million and over \$500 million. "We are honored to be recognized as the Credit Union of the Year," said Christina O'Brien, President and CEO of Robins Financial Credit Union. "This award reflects and acknowledges the hard work of our team who is dedicated to living out our mission to be member focused, financial partners and community proud." **About Robins Financial Credit Union** Robins Financial Credit Union is a local non-profit financial cooperative with twenty-two branches in central Georgia. Robins Financial currently provides financial services to over 245,000 members, with assets exceeding \$4 billion.

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JONES

Everything we do and every choice we make helps determine our destination. In the book of Joshua, he makes a plea to Israel, "... choose you this day, whom you shall serve.... but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." (- Joshua 24:15) If you want to know what day we are living in, read the word of God then listen to the news. It is more than revealed that we are living at the end of time So yes, there are choices to be made. So, are you living fast because the time is short or are you preparing for eternity? John 3:16-17 says, " God loved the world so much that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish but shall have everlasting life. And God did

not send his Son into the world to condemn it, but that the world through him might be saved " (paraphrased). So, you can choose eternal life, or you can choose eternal damnation. The choice is yours It's not for anyone to choose for you. You will meet God for yourself. In daily life, you choose what you eat and what you wear. You choose your friends and your mate. So, choose this day who you are going to serve. In Deut.30:19, Moses tells the children of Israel, "I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses: therefore, choose life that you and your seed may live". Remember, time is winding up. "The Choice is Yours."

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Swainsboro Rotary installs Willoughby as newly elected president

Peebles, Hendley recognized

The Rotary Club of Swainsboro recently held its annual banquet last week on June 30 at McKinney's Pond. The club welcomed Kenneth Willoughby as the elected president for the new upcoming Rotary year. Former Club President Jessica Peebles received a plaque of appreciation for her time served as club president and was also the awarded recipient for this year's Paul Harris Fellowship Award. This prestige recognition acknowledges individuals who contribute, or who have contributions made in their name, of \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation. In addition, Patti Hendley was announced as this year's Rotarian of the Year recipient and was also awarded with a plaque of appreciation. To be named Rotarian of the Year, a Rotary club member must demonstrate "Service Above Self," and a principled commitment to the Four-Way Test. A nominee should be an outstanding club member who has made significant contributions to the mission and operation of your club, and to one or more avenues of Community or International Service.



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PRESIDENT WILLOUGHBY (LEFT) PRESENTS AWARD TO HENDLEY (RIGHT)

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Crider Foods invests in the future of local communities by supporting teachers

A philanthropic, three-week campaign benefiting students, teachers, and the community

Georgia-based Crider Foods is the most trusted name in contract food packing. In addition to making the world's best canned, pouch, and fully cooked frozen foods, the company supports initiatives to feed our future.

The company has announced the return of its annual Teacher Pay It Forward program. The campaign encourages students, parents, and community members from Candler and Emanuel counties to nominate inspiring teachers who deserve recognition for going above and beyond. Five exceptional teachers will be selected to receive \$1,500 in classroom supplies each, helping them to make an even greater impact in the coming school year.

The Teacher Pay It Forward program is part of a larger effort by Crider Foods to go beyond the factory floor, working to make a positive impact on the communities where its workforce members reside. "At Crider Foods, our core purpose is feeding families. For us, this term is more about who we are than what we do. We grow people, we support our local community, local and national business partners, our families, and those that are entrusted to us each and every day and yes, we also make food." said Aaron Schoeneberger, Crider Foods' Director of Marketing. "We recognize that the teachers in our local commu-

nities are superheroes. With limited resources, they are educating and enriching the future of this great nation, our children. Our hope is that the Teacher Pay It Forward campaign will not only recognize these overachievers, but also amplify their great work by providing them with additional tools to get the job done."

Nominations are now open and can be submitted at TeacherPayItForward.com. All nominations must be submitted by no later than 9 a.m. EDT on July 14, 2022. The five winning teachers will be announced on the Crider Foods Facebook page and contacted directly on July 15, 2022. Applicable submissions must include the nominee's name, school, grade level, explanation, and examples of why the nominee should win.

About Crider Foods
Crider Foods (Stillmore, GA) is the leading food packing partner for fully cooked chicken, pork, beef, and other proteins. The company processes more than 150 million pounds of protein annually for delivery in cans, pouches, and fully cooked frozen packaging throughout the global commercial and nonprofit/governmental sectors. For more information about Crider Foods, please visit criderfoods.com, email media@criderfoods.com, or follow us @criderfoods on Twitter and LinkedIn.

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Community Spotlight

Katie Griswold receives national honor

by BRITTANY HALL

On June 13, Swainsboro native, Katie Griswold, received news that all her dedicated, hard work, had ultimately paid off. Griswold, a homeschool student through the Georgia Connections Academy, was enjoying her summer break when the familie's mail came in, and she opened a letter addressed to her. The document was from The National Society of High School Scholars, and it announced that she had been selected to become a member of the esteemed organization.



The society recognizes top scholars who have demonstrated outstanding leadership and community commitment. It also grants a pathway to academic excellence at the high school level and helps to advance the goals and aspirations of high-achieving students through unique learning experiences, scholarships, internships, international study, and peer networks. The announcement was made by NSHSS Co-founder and President James W. Lewis:

"On behalf of NSHSS and our co-founder Claes Nobel, a member of the family that established the Nobel Prizes, I am

honored to recognize the hard work, passion and commitment that Katie Griswold has demonstrated to achieve this exceptional level of academic excellence," said Lewis. "Katie is now a member of a unique community of Scholars – a community that represents our very best hope for the future."

The program aims to provide a lifetime membership to young schol-

GRISWOLD

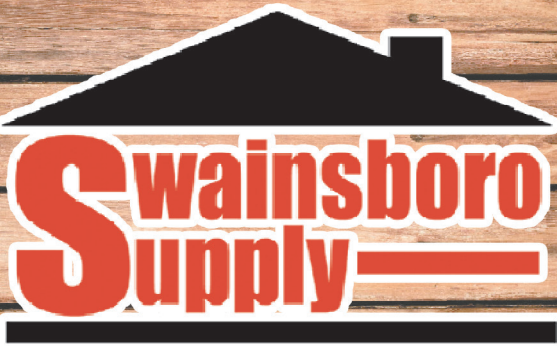
ars to support their growth and development. They help students like Griswold contribute to their academic success by connecting them with learning experiences and resources to help prepare them for college and meaningful careers. NSHSS members automatically become lifetime members at the time of their initial membership. So, from this point forward, Griswold will

be connected to all the resources that she needs to develop her strength and pursue her passions.

Dancer, singer, and now one of the nation's top scholars - congratulations Katie for this esteemed honor, we know that you are going to change the world with your brilliance!

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

If any of you missed Robert Agress' Letter to the Editor, please look it up online and read it. Never has a man or woman known the financing and the grants and matching funds concerning Swainsboro without actually holding a position on City council.

Mr. Agress, your knowledge, wit, and wisdom is more than impressive for the average citizen. Now put your money where your mouth is and run for a position on Swainsboro's City Council where your wise advice and council will do "more good".

Sincerely,
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Savvy Senior: Electric trikes provide older riders fun, fitness and safety

Dear Savvy Senior,
What can you tell me about electric trikes for semi-seniors? I used to cycle a lot in my younger years but have some balance problems and don't trust myself on a two-wheeler anymore. I've read that electric powered trikes are a good option for older riders but could use some help choosing one.

Unsteady Eddie

Dear Eddie,

Electric powered adult tricycles – also known as e-trikes – are a great cycling option for older adults with balance or stamina issues because they're safe and super fun to ride, and easy on an aging body. Here's what you should know, along with some tips to help you shop for one.

Safer Cycling

If you're interested in cycling, but worry about falling or injuring yourself, e-trikes are a great choice because of the three-wheeled stability they provide. With a trike you can ride as slow as you want without ever losing your balance, which is very reassuring for most older riders.

E-trikes also come with a small electric powered motor to enhance the riding experience, so when you saddle up and apply the throttle the motor will give you a boost when pedaling, or it will do all the work for you. This makes it much easier to whiz up hills and ride into headwinds without gassing yourself or taxing your knee joints.

In addition, most adult e-trikes are also made with a low "step through" design making mounting and dismounting easier; they typically come with big tires that ensure a smooth ride; have ergonomic handlebars that are easy to reach and grip; and offer oversize seats (some even have backrests) for comfort and support.

There are many different types of adult e-trikes to choose from with prices ranging anywhere from around \$2,000 up to \$7,000. To shop for one, contact some bike shops in your area to see what they offer, or you may need to order one online.

When shopping for an e-trike, pay special attention to the motor, which determines how fast it will go, and the battery, which deter-

mines how far it will go between charges.

Most e-trikes can reach speeds of anywhere between 15 and 28 miles per hour, and typically go somewhere between 20 and 55 miles on a single charge, depending on how much pedaling you do. Battery charge times will vary too, ranging anywhere from 3 to 8 hours.

How to Choose

To help you figure out the right kind of e-trike for you, ask yourself how and where you plan to ride it. If you're primarily interested in a leisurely ride around the neighborhood for pleasure, fitness or running errands, an upright cruiser e-trike that has a rear cargo basket would be a nice choice.

Some popular options in this category include: Addmotor's M-340 Electric Fat Trike and M-360 Semi-Recumbent Trike (both \$3,000, addmotor.com); Emojo Caddy Pro (\$2,900, emojobike.com); Sixthreezero EVERY-journey 250W Tricycle (\$2,200, sixthreezero.com); EWheels EW-29 (\$2,000, ewheelsdealers.com); and Buzz Cerana T (\$1,700, buzzbicycles.com).

Or, if you're looking to take longer road rides a recumbent e-trike may be a better option. These are aerodynamic, low-to-the-ground stretched-out frame trikes that allow you to recline with your legs positioned in front of you. Catrike (catrike.com) and TerraTrikes (terratrike.com) are two of the biggest U.S. companies that make recumbent tadpole-style trikes (the two wheels are in front) and they both offer electric assist options at prices ranging from \$5,000 to \$7,000.

There are also folding e-trikes, which are practical if you have limited home storage space or would like to take your trike with you when traveling. Some good options here include the Liberty Trike (\$1,600, libertytrike.com) and Eunorau New-Trike (\$2,500, eunorau-ebike.com).

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

Cook of the Week

Featuring the recipes of...

Caitlin & Cole



This week's Cooks of the Week are Cole and Caitlin Fluet. On June 10, the couple celebrated five years of marriage. Cole and Caitlin first met while working in the culinary field at Sweet Tea Grille. Cole was employed as a chef, and Caitlin as a waitress. Their love story is one that is backed by the saying, "Good food brings people together."

Today, Caitlin is an employee at Shop Rite Pharmacy and Cole serves as head chef at one of Swainsboro's favorite restaurants, Leanna's. (In case you would like to see a face with the name, Cole is also the creator of Leanna's signature cheeseburger that has been the talk of the town for several months now.)

Together with their three children, Berklie, Briggston, and Bream, the Fluets reside in Swainsboro. Often, the family stays on the go supporting their children in sports. When not at a ballfield, the local family enjoys trips to the river and sitting down to enjoy good meals and fellowship that nourish the soul and body. From their kitchen to yours, seasoned with love, here are three recipes Cole and Caitlin would like to share. Enjoy!



From the kitchen of Caitlin & Cole

Frito Corn Salad

- 1 Can Southwest Corn, drained
- 2 Cans Whole Corn, drained
- 16 oz. Sour Cream
- 2 c. Shredded Mild Cheddar Cheese or Taco Blend Cheese
- 1/2 c. Green Bell Pepper, diced
- 1/2 c. Purple Onion, diced

Add all ingredients to a bowl and mix well. Serve with Frito scoops.



From the kitchen of Caitlin & Cole

Taco Bombs

- 1 lb. Ground Beef
- 1 packet Taco Seasoning Mix
- 1 tube Pillsbury Pizza Dough
- 5 Colby Jack and Cheddar Cheese Sticks, halved
- 4 Tbsp. Butter, melted
- 1 tsp. garlic powder
- 1 tsp. dried parsley

Taco Bombs Dipping Sauce

- Salsa
- Sour Cream

Taco Bombs

Preheat oven to 425°F. Lightly coat a large baking sheet with non-stick spray and set aside. Cook ground beef in a skillet, breaking up with a wooden spoon until fully browned and crumbled. Drain any fat and return skillet to stove top. Mix in packet of dry taco seasoning (no water) and stir until fully coated. Remove from heat and let cool to room temperature. Spread pizza dough out until it's flat and cut in half lengthwise and then four cuts up and down, creating a total of 10 small rectangles. Place about a tablespoon or more of taco meat in center of each pizza dough, top with a halved cheese stick and then carefully roll up pizza stick, making sure to pinch all seams closed. Combine melted butter, garlic powder and parsley in a small bowl and brush it on the tops of the cheesy taco sticks. Bake for 10 to 12 minutes or until golden brown on top. Serve hot with your favorite taco toppings, Taco Bomb Dipping Sauce and side salad (optional).

Taco Bombs Sauce

Mix even parts of Salsa and sour cream.



From the kitchen of Caitlin & Cole

Dale's Pork Chops

- 6 - 8 Pork Chops
- 1 Bottle Dale's Steak Seasoning
- McCormick's Garlic and Herb Seasoning
- Mustard

In a Ziplock bag, marinate pork chops in Dale's seasoning for 30 minutes to an hour. Remove pork chops from marinade bag and base with mustard. Then, season with McCormick's garlic and herb seasoning. Grill to perfection.

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Abel was a keeper of sheep and Cain was a tiller of the ground. Both brought offerings to offer to the Lord.
Cain brought fruit of the ground. Abel brought of the firstlings of his flock. Abel's offering was acceptable to God. Cain's was not acceptable.
Why Cain's offering was not respected of the Lord is subject to much speculation. It has been suggested that only a blood offering or sacrifice was acceptable to atone for sin.
Others suggest that Cain's offering was attitude was a selfish one. Cain was unhappy with having his offering rejected, to the point of being angry. The Lord warns Cain of the danger of not doing what is right and encouraged him to be master over sin.
Cain did not listen and invited Abel out to the field, where he killed Abel. Thus we have the first murder.
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Nothing new under the Sun?

Old sayings are great. They come down through the ages born of wisdom and experience. The amazing thing is how true they always are. For most of my professional life, I have been in the car business. I didn't exactly plan it that way, but that's how it worked out. I, like many others back in the day, developed a serious crush early on for the look, the sounds, the smells, and the performance of automobiles. My father was in the business, and so I followed him. *Like father, like son*, right? It was easy to catch the fever, and it was fun. Through 16 years of watching and dealing with the corporate side of General Motors and then briefly with the Chrysler/Jeep folks, I got a pretty good feel for the mindset of management. Manage-

ment didn't have crushes. But in those days, Management still included a small element of true "car guys" that still really loved automobiles. By the early 1970s, however, management was mostly made up of marketing, accounting, and paper-pushing MBAs. The car business was slowly losing heart. The new culture had moved in and was now cast in stone. My "crush" on the American automobile started to turn a little sour. The quality and engineering of new vehicles was diving while prices were steadily climbing. So much so that in 1982 I wrote a letter to Mr. James McDonald who was then President of General Motors. Not expecting anything, I was pleasantly surprised to receive a reply wherein the President thanked me for writing to

him but assured me that General Motors was just fine, and no changes were called for. So, I got exactly what I expected, nothing. *If you don't expect much, that's what you will get.* I stayed with the new car business until the mid-90s then moved to used cars. So, with this background information, you might understand how mystified I have been with the "crush" that all the major auto manufacturers now seem to have on radically changing how this country handles personal transportation, i.e. EVs (electric vehicles). Let me rephrase that. It's not a crush, it's more like a four-alarm, X-rated fire of unbridled passion. General Motors, Ford, Chrysler and all the imports are falling all over each other like Jerry Clower's hunt-

ing dogs trying to tree a raccoon. They are barking and snapping and chasing each other's tails trying to re-invent the automobile. The strange thing is, for 5 decades GM, Ford, Chrysler and the imports have been at war with the Environmental Protection Administration over emissions and government regulations. Now, all of a sudden, they are willing and anxious to lay down, roll over and snuggle up with the EPA and the green new deal progressives? Something's not adding up here. I couldn't figure it out, and I am embarrassed that it took me this long, but I finally got it, and it was as simple as that little smirk on Ben Franklin's favorite hundred-dollar portrait. *Just, follow the money.* It's every bit, all about

Charles Schwabe



the money. An old car man recently educated me after rolling his eyes at my dullness. "Man, don't you get it, this is the best time ever for carmakers! They can't wait to get EV's going out the door. Electric cars have been around since 1920. *There's nothing new under the sun.* They are much cheaper to build, and the profit percentage on EVs is higher than ever before, and they don't even have to give rebates." Well, I had to admit, I should have known. Some things just never change. I argued that the electric power grid won't be able to

stand the demand, and that enough charging stations can't be built in time and maintained. "They got that all worked out," he assured me. "people will pay state and federal taxes to cover the charging stations, and the Department of Transportation will be in charge of building them." It was time to stop. I told him I was glad to see him, but just answer one last question. When all the cars at the Daytona 500 are EVs, how exciting will it be to watch them all go "humming" by the grandstands? Hmmm. . . something to think about?

The Fourth

I had not yet learned about the date of July 4, 1776, Thomas Jefferson or the Declaration of Independence. This came later from my teachers at Swainsboro Grammar School. At the first of summer in my early years, I heard my father talk about plans for The Fourth. These were the years when the Proctor family, along with most of the population of Canoochee gathered at the farm home of my Aunt Mae and Uncle Jim Raleigh Brown. Some of the men would have been

up all night tending several hogs that had been split down the middle and stretched on the heavy wire frame that covered the deeply dug hole in the ground filled with smoldering logs. The smoky air carried the mouthwatering aroma of the feast ahead. When ready, the ribs were sliced and meat diced into small pieces. (Now called pulled pork). Earlier the hog heads had been boiled in a wash pot until the sweet meat fell from the bones and with other ingredients went into Brunswick stew. The

table was soon covered with fresh summer vegetables, salads and desserts. Tubs of iced sweet tea completed the meal. Now that is what you call a barbeque! As with many things, the Canoochee Barbecue passed into memories. However, this was not the end of barbeque being served on the Fourth. Driving through any neighborhood on "The Fourth" you will see smokey air from many back yards. The method of cooking might have changed into a store-bought grill, and

the choice of meat could be portions of chops or boneless pork, chicken, beef, turkey or even lamb. The selected meat might differ, but two condiments are still essential--the smoked flavor and the home-made, secret recipe sauce usually of the host. It is unlikely that I will be invited to such a meal as the Canoochee barbecue ever again. Should I want the traditional Fourth meal, I have to compromise and enjoy what is offered. I was surprised when I was served my first beef barbeque. Tasty but

Shirley Proctor Twiss



not the real thing. My thought was beef should come to the table with mashed potatoes and gravy. Grilled hamburgers are one of my favorites--but still not barbeque. My husband's choice of a juicy grilled T-bone served with salad and fries could not be called barbeque. My biggest surprise was in Laredo, Texas when served a

hunk of goat and sausage of unknown ingredients. To all, I hope the 246th birthday of the greatest country on earth has been fittingly honored by displaying the flag, singing along with "God Bless America" and feasting on real barbeque that is still being made by many in Emanuel County. Write to Shirley at sptwiss@gmail.com

Donald Trump and the ghost of elections past

Zzzzzzzzz! Snort! Snort! Smack! *Zzzzzzzzz!* "Donald. Donald. Please wake up, Donald! I need to talk to you!" "Snort! Umpff! What? Hey, who are you and how did you get into Mar-a-Largo? As a matter of fact, how did

you get in my bedroom, you pervert? I'm calling Secret Service. They will have your fanny tossed in jail before I can say Sean Hannity!" "That won't be necessary, Donald. I just want to chat with you for just a moment. Besides, calling Secret Ser-

vice would be a waste of time. You see, I am a ghost. Only you can see me." "Aw, come on. Don't tell me you interrupted my sleep to do the whole Christmas Carol thing on me. It is a stupid story. Charles Dickens is a stupid writer. Maybe you

ghosts could scare Ebenezer Scrooge but you aren't scaring me, whoever you are. Besides, I liked Scrooge at one time. He was a good businessman like me. Made lots of money. Had a lot of power. But he folded. He was a pathetic loser."

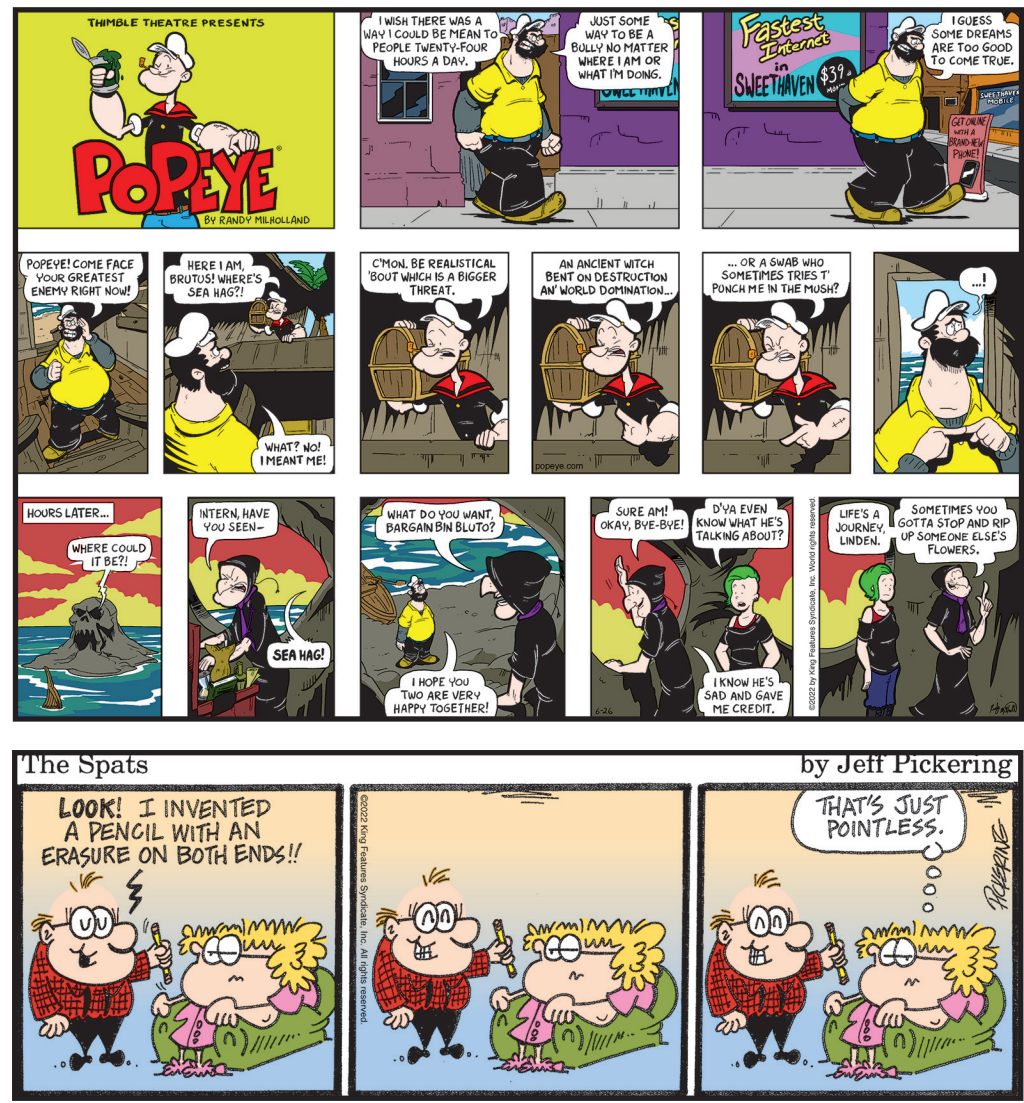
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cratic ticket. My opponent was Republican Rutherford B. Hayes, the governor of Ohio. It was generally considered that I would win. "Whoa! Now I am wide awake. What happened next, Sam?" "Well, it was an extremely close race. I am the only presidential candidate in American history who lost the election despite receiving a majority of the popular vote. Remember, you lost the popular vote to Hillary Clinton in 2016 by 2.9 million votes but had enough electoral votes to win the presidency." "Those were 2.9 million idiots. Stupid. Pathetic. Garbage. A bunch of losers." "Let me continue, Donald. Even though I won the popular vote, there were 20 electoral votes that were in dispute. A 15-man commission was appointed by Congress to resolve the issue. They made a secret deal and gave all 20 electoral votes to Hayes, who promised the Democrats he would serve only one term, thereby getting the Republicans to then agree to withdraw federal troops from the South, ending Reconstruction." "Aw, man! You got screwed just like I did! I hope you sent your supporters down to the U.S. Capitol and tore the place up!"

"No, I didn't. As a matter of fact, I urged my followers, many of whom believed correctly that the Republicans were attempting to steal the election, to refrain from violence. Democrats urged me to reject the results and take the presidential oath of office, but I said no. Abram Hewitt, who was head of the Democratic Party, wanted my supporters to engage in mass public demonstrations. Again, I said no." "Sam, I gotta tell you, you are a bigger loser than sleepy Joe Biden or Hillary Rotten Clinton or those RINOs in Georgia that wouldn't find me 11,780 votes," "That may be but healing the divisions in my country was more important to me than salving my ego. And sometimes losers can be winners. It's all in how you do it. Goodbye, Donald. I hope this little chat has been helpful." "Ivanka! Wake up! Some spooky guy was just here trying to convince me that the election is over! Get Rudy Giuliani on the phone! I need him to tell me this was all just a bad dream!" You can reach Dick Yarbrough at dick@dickyarbrough.com; at P.O. Box 725373, Atlanta, Georgia 31139 or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/dickyarb.

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“I want the Career Grand Slam”

by BRITTANY HALL

How do you become a pro? As far as your game is concerned, it needs to be consistently good. Playing once a week and hitting the driving range occasionally won't cut it - you need to be devoted to your craft. The people who have professional golf careers are diligent at becoming good at all phases of the game and while 14-year-old Cooper Riner isn't yet a pro, he is quickly on his way to becoming one as he absolutely takes these skills to heart, every single day.

“He's been playing since he could pick up a golf club!” Riner's mom, Bridget Dixon said when asked about his love for the game. “He puts in the work every day and practices every day. He truly eats, sleeps, and breathes golf.”

In one of our recent editions, Riner was featured for making history by playing in The Coastal Division of the Junior Tour Powered by Under Armour. A National Youth Golf League that is exclusive for the top Junior Golf Athletes from across the Nation. The event is part of the 2022 summer nationals and is held once a year at the beautiful PGA National Resort in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. An illustrious golf course that's literally located on the Avenue of Champions due to its nature of being the host to many legendary golfers and tournaments over the decades.

“It was fun. I learned a lot. The resort was very nice, and the food was good.” Riner modestly said about the experience.

While there, Riner practiced Wednesday through Friday and competed Saturday and Sunday, with his loved ones right by his side throughout the duration of the tour. With ninety-nine holes of championship golf on six courses, including the famed Champion course, there's no wonder in how this week could have been anything less than astounding. However, Riner says that his most prized moment from this experience altogether was having the opportunity to play on the Arnold Palmer Course.

“The course was very nice, and I am grateful to have gotten to play on it.” He said with a smile, “It felt rewarding and was very special to be able to play at the same PGA resort as the pros. The Palmer course was unlike any course I've ever played on.”

Although Riner had earned his place on the course by relentlessly putting in the work and dedication to get there, he says that none of it would have been possible without his amazing support group, who has pushed him to pursue his dreams and followed him at every golden opportunity.

“I'm so grateful for everyone in my family. They've taken me to practice and have provided me with everything I've needed to get to where I want to be. They push me to be better, to keep a good head on my shoulders, and have fun. They

believe in me.” he sincerely explained when talking about his family. Cooper's mom and stepdad Chesley and younger twin brothers joined him on the course over the week's practices and tournament, while his younger brother Paxton was cheering him on from 4H-Camp. Although not everyone was able to attend, his entire family was rooting for him from home.

“He's always been devoted to golf, and we've always been right there behind him, even though we aren't golfers ourselves. We told him from the very beginning that if this is what he wants from life, he's going to have to commit to it and work for it and he has. I just hope that no matter where life takes him, he remains humble.” Bridget genuinely said. “Cooper has a huge support group and without this village, none of this would be possible.”

One of Coops' biggest supporters is his stepfather, Chesley, who is always ready to boost him up whenever his anxiety of attaining a perfect score or matching a green-jacket swing gets the better of him. “He wants every shot to be perfect, so I've always told him, ‘If you can't have fun - it ain't worth doing’, you got to enjoy it and if you're not going to enjoy it, then you might as well go home!” Chesley earnestly exclaimed.

Another lifelong supporter of Riner's, is his best friend, Richard (Peanut) Braddy, who also got to caddy for him during this life changing event.

“My caddy was my best friend, Richard ‘Peanut’ Braddy. I have known him since the fifth grade, that's when he first came to DEA. He plays golf too and we caddy for each other whenever we can. I like when Peanut caddies for me because he calms me down and is very intelligent and helpful. He believes in me too.” Riner wholeheartedly explained their friendship. “It was special to me, seeing Cooper share this experience with his best friend,” his mom explained.

Cooper shares his talent for golf with his father Kris Riner and is supported as well by his stepmom, Joanna Riner, stepsister Maddie and grandparents Teresa and Andy Dixon,

Terry and Kathy Dixon, Larry Riner, Debbie Riner, Ronnie and Brenda Green, and great grandparents Colon and Jean Henry.

Riner remained second in the top eight of his division throughout the extent of the tournament.

However, the tournament ended with him ranking 36th out of 126 participants, going over only 13 strokes during the last two days of the week-long event, an even more impressive feat, given he played through a storm. On Saturday, June 25, Riner exceeded the 72-par limit by eight strokes. The following day, Sunday, June 26, he went five strokes over the expected par of 72, ending his last day with a score of 77 for a two-day combined tallied of just 13 strokes over par total.

This experience has added a new golf ball to Riner's collection and a core memory to his lifetime, a memory of when he played through the thunder on the Arnold Palmer Course, which is something that he will forever be able to share with his loved ones for years, and years to come.

This prodigious honor has also given him a sense of accomplishment, but Riner says that he's just

getting started and the PGAs haven't seen the last of him yet!

“My goal is to be a professional golfer. I want to have the Career Grand Slam and win all four majors.” He said as he beamed with a smile.

On his last day of the tour, Riner walked to the back nine with Peanut by his side, who carried his clubs, as he carried a newfound wisdom for love of the game and a hopeful heart for his future. As he crossed that final bridge, he was met with open arms and smiling faces, one being his loving and always fun stepfather, Chesley, who greeted him with his contagious personality and Riner's very own walkup song.

“I would like to thank my family for always supporting me and believing in me. I also want to thank the 2022 Junior Under Armour Tour for the opportunities it gives, not only me, but other golfers as well.” Riner concluded. He knows his destination and given this ambition, in 15 years' time our next interview with him may just be on that ever-famous Augusta green. Congratulations Cooper Riner, we can't wait to see where you go next!



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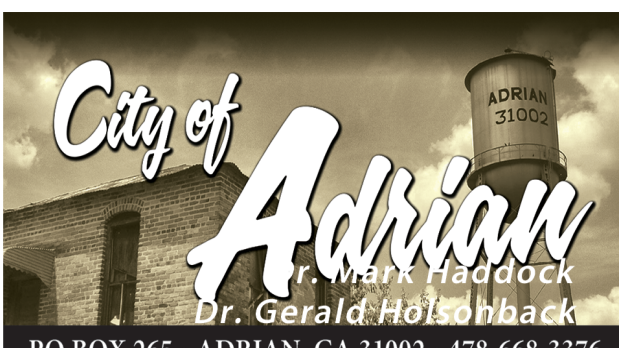
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Jail Report

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Office (PROB). Victor Armando Muniz, 30, 317 Woodcrest Walk, Lithonia, entered 10/16/21; DUI less safe/Reckless driving/Speeding 30+ MPH over/VGCSA marijuana/poss less than oz; released 10/16/21; GSP
Tiara Ledeja Allen, entered 6/27/22; Habitual vio/offender; released 6/27/22; WALK-IN
Dakota Lyn White, entered 6/27/22; Driving lic susp/rev/No insurance/Expired tag; released 6/27/22; ECSSO
Datron Rondell Hickson, entered 6/28/22; Driving lic susp/rev/Acq lic plate/conceal if of veh/No insurance; released 6/28/22; SPD

Levitus Deron Mercer, entered 6/28/22; Hold for Candler Co,
Sarah Ansley Hilliard, entered 6/28/22; Probation/Superior court; released 6/29/22; PROB
Elizabeth Ann Poling, entered 6/28/22; Hold for out of county billing; released 6/29/22
Tykia Dickerson, entered 6/28/22; Disorderly conduct; released 6/29/22; SPD
Christy Barger, entered 6/29/22; Hold for out of county billing; released 6/30/22; SPD
Mary Jane Clark, entered 6/29/22; Aggr assault; released 6/29/22; ECSSO
Levontae Laquavius

Mincey, entered 6/29/22; VGCSA marijuana/poss less than oz; released 6/29/22; SPD
Skylar Maria Martin, entered 6/29/22; VGCSA possession of drug related object/Bench warrant/Hold for Johnson Co/Possession of meth with intent to distribute; SPD
Robert Shane Burke, entered 6/30/22; Theft/shopping/Probation/Swainsboro PD/Middle Ga Probation; released 7/1/22; SPD
Pedro Marcelino, entered 6/30/22; Driving while unlicensed/expired; released 6/30/22; SPD
Samuel Lamar Carlyle Jr, entered 6/30/22; Possession of cocaine/

Other/Parole violation; SPD
Javier Olguin Sanchez, entered 7/1/22; Speeding 15-29 MPH over/Driving while unlicensed/expired; released 7/1/22; ECSSO
Trina Lynn Howell, entered 7/1/22; Hold for Swainsboro PD; SPD
James Earl Bush, entered 7/1/22; Possession of meth/Possession of meth w/intent to distribute/VGCSA possession of drug related object/VGCSA possession of drug related object/Obstr/ofc/Hold for Toombs Co; SPD
Ricky Lane Fitch., entered 7/1/22; COURT - brought in from another agency/facility; ECSSO
Meltion Vicente Perez,

entered 7/2/22; DUI less safe; released 7/2/22; ECSSO
Lashica Lashawn Whitfield, entered 7/2/22; Speeding 15-29 MPH over/DUI/refusal/Expired tag; released 7/3/22; ECSSO
Charles William Mote, entered 7/3/22; Battery/simp battery-family violence/Crim trespass; ECSSO
Elizabeth Marsh Delacruz, entered 7/3/22; Suspended registration/Driving while unlicensed/expired; released 7/3/22; SPD
James Tristen Jones, entered 7/3/22; Hold for out of county billing; SPD

Swainsboro Police Reports

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

June 24

Officers responded to a report of theft. The complainant stated the stolen items were his children's birth certificates, social security cards, clothes, and shoes.

Officer performed a traffic stop due to a vehicle making a wide turn into oncoming traffic. When pulled over, the vehicle had a noticeable odor of marijuana. While searching the vehicle, the officers found a bottle of Jack Daniels and a 12-gauge shotgun. He was arrested on suspicion for driving under the influence and possession of marijuana.

June 25

A report of a dispute was made. The complainant stated a male brought females to her house to fight her daugh-

ter. She had bite marks and a torn shirt. The incident was over before officers arrived.

Officers were dispatched in reference to a cruelty to animals' call. A dog had hung itself by a leash. When observing the area, there was no food or water within reach of the dog. Animal control was called to take possession of another dog, because it wasn't being watered or fed. The owner was arrested.

June 26

Officers were dispatched in reference to an unwanted person at a residence. The complainant stated the male had already slashed her tire. The male was making threats as well. She was informed on how to get a TPO.

Officers performed a traffic stop due to a vehicle failing to stop at a stop sign. The driver failed to stop at first, but wasn't

going at a high rate of speed. When they pulled over, they were arrested for having a suspended license, eluding the law, and failing to stop at a stop sign.

Officers responded to a report of disorderly conduct. The offender was disrespecting her grandmother, and was taken to the SPD for an interview. She was later released.

June 27

A stolen firearm was reported. The complainant stated when he realized the rifle was gone, he contacted the suspect, and they denied it and hung up.

June 28

A dispute was reported. The complainant stated the offender attempted to take her phone, then proceeded to push her. The offender stated she only came because she was told to.

Officers were dispatched

in reference to three vehicles pulling up in the victim's yard. The victim wouldn't speak with the officers. They went to go find the offender, and the victim had jumped shortly after. She was beaten up, and threatened with a taser. She then went walking and cussing very loudly in town, so she was arrested.

Officers performed a traffic stop due to a vehicle having canceled registration. When pulled over, the driver stated he didn't have a license. His left tag light was also out. He was arrested.

Officers responded to a report of a dispute. The complainant stated her co-worker is stalking her and trying to fight her because she talks to the co-worker's ex.

A report of a dispute was made. An irate boyfriend got mad over his girlfriend laughing at

another male's joke. He jumped the counter and threatened to fight the male.

Officers performed a traffic stop due to a vehicle having a suspended registration. The driver was given an official notice of suspension.

Two males reported being robbed at gunpoint after offering the stranger a ride.

A report on a stolen generator was made.

June 29

Officers performed a traffic stop due to a vehicle not having insurance. When pulled over, the officers discovered the driver was wanted in Hall County, and was arrested.

A report of a stolen trail camera was made.

Officers performed a traffic stop due to a vehicle having a brake light out. The officers then noticed a strong odor of marijuana in the vehicle. The passen-

ger had the marijuana on him, and was arrested.

Officers arrested a female who had active warrants. When in custody, she had drug related objects on her person.

A citizen turned in two missing debit cards that were found on McCloud Bridge Road.

Officers responded to a report of theft. The complainant stated a female told them she had nowhere to stay, so they let them stay the night. The next morning, the offender had left and took all the cash out of the complainant's wallet. Then, the complainant was getting harassing phone calls being blamed for abusing the girl, which was denied.

A report of stalking was made. The complainant stated he keeps getting threatening phone calls and voice messages telling him to stay away from the offender's wife.

The following occurred during the Emanuel County Superior Court April 2022 term:

Brian Ashley Parker negotiated a plea of guilty (Alford) on one count failure to register as a sex offender. He was fined \$50 and sentenced to 30 years, with the first seven years served in confinement and the

remainder on probation, provided that the defendant shall comply with the conditions of probation as imposed by the court as part of this sentence. Parker received credit for time served in custody as determined by the custodian.

Westley Morgan Holloway negotiated a plea of guilty on one

count burglary - first degree (reduced to TBT) and one count possession of meth. He was fined \$50 and sentenced to 10 years probation.

In an additional criminal action case, Holloway negotiated a plea of guilty on one count FTCT and one count TBR (M). For this, he was fined \$50 and sentenced to three years.

Markell Antavious Kelsey negotiated a plea of guilty (Alford) on one count possession of illegal weapon and one count possession of firearm by convicted felon. He was fined \$50 and sentenced to 10 years, with the first three years to be served in confinement and the remainder on probation, provided that the defendant shall comply with the conditions of probation as imposed by the court as part of this sentence. Parker received credit for time served in custody from 02/04/2021.

Jasper Lorenzo Evans negotiated a plea of guilty (Alford) on one count child molestation, one count computer pornography and one count criminal attempt to commit a felony (PMWID). An additional count of illegal use of a communication facility was deemed Nol Pros. Evans was fined \$50 and sentenced to 20 years, with the first seven years served in confinement and the remainder on probation, provided that the defendant shall comply with the conditions of probation as imposed by the court as part of this sentence. Parker received credit for time served in custody as determined by the custodian.

Repeat Offenders

David Battle, a repeat offender as imposed, negotiated a plea of guilty (Alford) on one count forgery - third degree. He was fined \$50 and sentenced to 5 years, with the first 2 years to

be served in confinement and the remainder on probation, provided that the defendant shall comply with the conditions of probation as imposed by the court as part of this sentence. Battle received credit for time served in custody as determined by the custodian. The court sentences the defendant as a recidivist under O.C.G.A. § 17-10-7(a).

Fred Patrick Raymond, a repeat offender as imposed, negotiated a plea of guilty on one count robbery by sudden snatch and one count criminal trespass. He was fined \$50 and sentenced to 20 years, with the first four years to be served in confinement and the remainder on probation, provided that the defendant shall comply with the conditions of probation as imposed by the court as part of this sentence. Raymond received credit for time served in custody from

10/16/2021. The court sentences the defendant as a recidivist under O.C.G.A. § 17-10-7(a).

Dwain Lakeith King, a repeat offender as imposed, negotiated a plea of guilty (Alford) on one count rape, one count aggravated child molestation and two counts child molestation. Three additional counts that included two counts incest and one count aggravated sodomy were deemed Nol Pros. King was sentenced to 40 years, with the first 17 years to be served in confinement and the remainder on probation, provided that the defendant shall comply with the conditions of probation as imposed by the court as part of this sentence. He received credit for time served in custody as determined by custodian. The court sentences the defendant as a recidivist under O.C.G.A. § 17-10-7(a).

Georgia Attorney General's Human Trafficking Prosecution Unit Seeks to Identify Person of Interest

The Georgia Attorney General's Human Trafficking Prosecution Unit is seeking to identify a person of interest in a current investigation. Specifically, the individual has a tattoo on his chest that matches, or is similar to, the sketch found with this article.

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Sheriff's Reports

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

June 27

Deputy was patrolling Hwy 297 when his tag reader alerted a vehicle with expired registration. It was verified, at which point deputy was informed the tag expired in April. Deputy initiated a traffic stop and informed the driver why she was being stopped and asked for her license. Driver provided her license and they came back suspended for failure to appear and the vehicle did not have active insurance. Deputy returned to the driver side of the vehicle and informed the driver of the findings and asked her to exit the vehicle, and he was informed that she had a small child in the back seat. Deputy asked the driver to have someone come get the child. Driver contacted her mother and the child was turned over to her. The driver was transported to EmCo Jail.

Deputy assisted EMS and Oak Park Fire Dept. and First Responders with a medical call on I16. Patient slipped out of a wheelchair while traveling and needed lift assistance. Patient was checked by EMS and assisted back into a secure position in the wheelchair.

Deputies were dispatched to Hwy 1 North in reference to a caller stating she heard someone in the loft of her apartment.

Deputies responded to Redbud Ave. in reference to a child custody issue, where the daughter pulled a knife on complainant. Complainant advised she had been arguing with suspect and asked her to leave for the night and suspect started leaving and was trying to take her kids. C/p advised her daughter and two kids live with her and her daughter has custody but c/p didn't want the kids to go with her. Deputies questioned about the knife and both parties advised a kitchen knife fell off the table while arguing and suspect picked it up and never threatened anyone with it. Deputies spoke with suspect and she advised she and c/p had been arguing and she was just leaving and taking her kids to her boyfriend's house in Wadley. Suspect did have a 9mm in her vehicle that was registered to her and she secured it before leaving with the kids. Deputies advised c/p that since her daughter has custody and both are minors, they had to go with her and she was solely responsible for them. Neither party wished to press charges and suspect left the property with her children.

911 dispatched a call to Foljambi Ln. in reference to a theft. Victim stated a 4-wheeler was taken from her yard sometime between 6/27 and 6/30. Inv. was notified.

June 28

Deputies were dispatched to Scuffletown Rd. in reference to a domestic dispute. Deputies met with the parties and complainant/offender stated she wanted her son and his girlfriend removed from the residence. C/p stated offender is disrespectful towards her and cusses her. The two were advised to have been in a verbal altercation prior to deputies being called. Deputies were advised offender had been living at the residence for appx. three months, since being released from prison. Witness was advised to have been living at the residence for appx. one month. C/p stated several times she wanted the two removed from her residence and was advised deputies could not make them move out, and was referred to Magistrate Court. The two would argue each time the other spoke and had to be directed by deputies to allow the other to speak without interruption. The two debated on who pays what bills, which they were advised was insignificant to the reason deputies were called to the residence. C/p further advised she was not running a motel referring to sexual activity between offender and witness. It was apparent that they could not speak without arguing about what

was said. Deputies advised all parties to avoid communicating with each other for the night and to stay away from each other. C/p again stated she wanted offender and witness out of the residence and was advised again of the Magistrate process. Parties eventually agreed to stay at the residence peacefully for the night.

Complainant stated she loaned her vehicle to offender and he has failed to return it. C/p stated she did not wish to press charges but wants her vehicle back.

Deputies were dispatched to Hwy 23 North in reference to a residential alarm. Motion was advised to be a kitchen glass break with no contact with key holder being made. Residence and curtilage were checked and appeared secure with no signs of tamper or forced entry.

Deputies were dispatched to Forest Creek Dr. in reference to a complaint of a male driving recklessly through the area on a dirt bike. C/p stated the male lives at a neighboring residence and rides his dirt bike through the area every evening. C/p stated the dirt bike to be very loud, causing a disturbance for him and other residents in the area. C/p further advised the male rides recklessly, popping wheelies and at a high rate of speed. Deputies spoke with the male subject and his mother, advising them of the complaint. Deputies advised the subject to refrain from riding the dirt bike in the manner described by c/p.

Deputies were dispatched to Williams Rd. in reference to a dog bite. Victim was said to have been playing in the yard with several children when she was bit by a dog owned by offender. Witnesses advised the child had been dragged through a portion of the yard by the dog. Victim did appear to have bruising, bite marks, and scratches to her leg. It did not appear as though the bite broke the skin and the injuries were only minor. Offender was advised to be out of town working at the time so family members retrieved the dog from the location.

Deputies responded to Hwy 80 West in reference to a single vehicle accident with unknown injuries. Vehicle drove off the roadway and struck several DOT signs and finally came to rest in the ditch. Deputy discovered the vehicle unoccupied and seconds later, a vehicle pulled up to the scene and victim advised the vehicle was hers. Upon further investigation, victim stated that her boyfriend had taken the car minutes prior to the accident after an argument between the two. Victim did not know offender's birth date or any other identifying info and never called offender while on scene. Victim did not wish to press charges and deputies then found a small baggie in the driver side window containing a green leafy substance. After questioning the victim, she denied having any knowledge and the marijuana was taken and destroyed. Vehicle sustained major damage and was towed.

Deputy responded to James Morris Rd. in reference to a residential alarm. All doors and windows were secured and no signs of forced entry were observed.

Deputy met with complainant in reference to a theft report. C/p stated he discovered one Scag Zero-turn mower had been taken from the property and it could have happened in the early morning hours the previous Sunday. C/p would further state that he and his wife would have been in church that Sunday and that's known to others.

Deputy met with complainant at ECSO in reference to damage to her vehicle. C/p stated she does not know where her vehicle got hit at, but has damage to the passenger rear bumper area.

Contact was made with complainant in reference to a damage to property report. Property in question is described to be the entrance gate to NexGen.

Deputies were dispatched

to Hwy 1 South in reference to a call of a reckless driver. Caller advised the tractor trailer was all over the road. Deputies were out on a call and was unable to respond at the moment but were advised by 911 that it pulled into a lot on Bus. 1 and parked.

June 29

Deputy talked with complainant over the phone where she stated offender went to her home and sat down at their kitchen table and stated he would do work on their home. C/p gave offender \$400 cash for materials and offender left. On 6/23, offender texted c/p and stated he needed more money sent to WalMart. C/p did not send any more money so offender had his phone number changed and c/p can't reach him. C/p stated offender told him he was in law enforcement in Adrian. Deputy advised c/p to file a report in her city also and while c/p was waiting on a law enforcement officer, offender called and stated for them to not press charges and he would do the work. C/p stated she was moving forward and wasn't dropping anything and offender never once stated he would give them their money back.

911 dispatched a call in reference to a domestic dispute on Scuffletown Rd. Deputy spoke with victim and he stated that his mother woke him and his girlfriend up complaining about them sleeping on the couch and to go into the bedroom and sleep on the air mattress and was cussing them out. Victim stated he started cussing back at her and she went into her bedroom and came back with a pistol and fired two rounds at him, then picked the shell casings up and went back to her bedroom. Deputy then spoke with offender and she stated she politely asked the victim not to sleep on the couch because it was messing it up and to sleep on the air mattress in the other bedroom and victim got up and started cussing her out and told her to go in her room and die. Offender stated that upset her and she went and got her pistol to shut him up and she admitted firing one round into the floor, not pointing the gun at him. Victim voluntarily got his things from the residence, along with his girlfriend's, and left, not to go back. Offender was placed under arrest for agg. assault and taken to EmCo Jail.

Deputies were dispatched to Scuffletown Rd. in reference to a caller advising of an irate subject at the location. Upon arrival, it was determined that the call had been made by a third party who had not been at the residence. Call was advised to be witness' daughter. While speaking to them, it was advised that offenders had been in a brief altercation in the yard. Witness stated offender was pulling the other offender by her hair during the dispute. Both offenders stated the incident was only verbal and never became physical. Neither party had any visible marks. Deputies spoke with the caller who began advising of issues between two individuals and was advised deputies had previously been to the location.

June 30

Deputies received a report I reference to damage to a window on Tiger Trl. C/p advised she got home and discovered a stick in a back bedroom window. C/p suspected the damage may have been caused by a neighbor that had been cutting grass earlier in the day. C/p also stated she made contact with the neighbor and she agreed to pay for the damage. No other damage was reported.

Deputies responded to Summer St. in reference to a welfare check. Deputies met with offender sitting in a vehicle in the front yard. Offender advised deputies that they went to the residence to check on the owner. Offenders were advised that the owner was currently incarcerated. Cpl. observed the driver to be exhibiting signs of impairment from previously watching EMS use three units of Narcan to

revive offender. While speaking to offenders, Sgt. Called EmCo Jail where the owner of the residence is being housed and had a jail officer ask if anyone should be at his residence wo which he stated no and that he did not want anyone there. Cpl. asked of consent to search the vehicle from offender and consent was given. Located inside the vehicle were items belonging to another individual who was arrested earlier by SPD for shoplifting. Deputies found empty unused syringes in the back seat but did not find any other components that would render the syringes as drug related objects. Both offenders were advised that they were criminally trespassed from the property and if they return, they could face criminal charges. Sgt. and Cpl. secured the residence before leaving.

Deputies were dispatched to Canady Bridge Rd. in reference to a caller advising of a donkey walking in the road. Deputies traveled the area but did not locate any loose donkeys in or alongside the road.

911 advised deputy that complainant wanted to speak to a deputy via phone in reference to a civil issue.

Deputy was traveling on Hwy 192 and observed an abandoned trailer loaded with a four-wheeler beside the roadway. The trailer appeared to have lost a tire prior to being left at the location. No tag or VIN was found on the trailer for possible owner information. Deputies were advised the trailer and four-wheeler had been at the location for appx. five days or longer. Towing company was contacted to remove the trailer.

July 1

Victim stated he and his roommate/suspect were going down Grande Creek Rd. when they got into an argument about how fast the suspect was driving. Suspect got mad and made the victim get out close to Hwy 297. When deputy found the victim, he gave him a ride to WalMart.

Deputies responded to I16 in reference to a motor vehicle accident. No injuries were reported and deputies noticed the odor of alcoholic beverage coming from offender's person. Offender was the driver and one vehicle and deputy administered a test on the portable alco-sensor and registered over the limit. Offender was arrested for the suspicion of driving under the influence and then advised he had three beers in Atlanta before leaving to drive to Savannah. Deputy read the implied consent to offender for breath and he refused and also refused the blood test. Offender was transported to EmCo Jail.

Deputies responded to Canoochee Rd. in reference to a property dispute. Between neighbors. Deputies met with one who stated his neighbor moved the property line around three to four feet from where it was originally surveyed. He stated he had had continuous issues with his neighbor. Both parties were advised of the Magistrate process and also advised to seek further assistance from the surveying company that surveyed the land.

July 2

Deputies were dispatched to Mockingbird Rd. in reference to a physical altercation between two juveniles and their aunt.

Deputies responded to JM Spearman Rd. in reference to an unwanted person. Complainant advised that her ex-boyfriend/offender broke up with her a week ago and has been living at the residence for over a month and the two have been arguing and she wants him gone. C/p stated offender threatened to hang himself if she left him and stated he had made this threat in the past. Deputies then spoke with offender and he advised that the two were arguing over money and deputy advised the eviction process to both and offender volunteered to leave the property. Deputy transported offender to his uncle's house on Glisson Rd. in Kite.

Vehicle struck a deer that entered Hwy 46 that caused functional damage to the driver and passenger side doors.

Deputies were dispatched to Old Wadley Rd. in reference to a third-party call of a domestic dispute.

Deputy was patrolling Hwy 297 when he observed a car raveling above the posted speed limit, at which time he activated the antenna of his radar unit to find the vehicle was traveling at 75 MPH in a 55 MPH zone. Deputy made a U-turn and caught up with the vehicle and initiated a traffic stop. Upon the vehicle coming to a stop, the driver immediately exited the vehicle into the road. Deputy asked why she jumped out and asked her to step out of the road. Upon initial contact with the driver, she would turn away and look towards him while speaking to her, and using her car for support. Deputy informed the driver of why she was being stopped and asked for her license. When the driver approached the driver's side of the vehicle, deputy asked her to take a seat back in the vehicle, at which point he noticed an open box of Modelo inside the vehicle. Once back inside the vehicle, the driver began to look for her license inside a small handbag and while doing such, placed a piece of gum in her mouth. Deputy asked how many Modelos she drank and she advised that she had two. Deputy advised the driver to remain in her vehicle while he returned to his unit to verify her identity with the info provided. The info returned that offender's license is valid but the vehicle had an expired plate since 2021. Upon returning to the offender's vehicle, deputy advised the driver to step out. Once at the rear of the vehicle, offender was using her vehicle for support. Deputy asked if she would be willing to complete a standardized field sobriety or blow into a PBT to verify if she was ok to drive and she agreed to both. After doing the tests, offender was arrested for DUI.

July 3

Deputies responded to Hwy 80 East in reference to a vehicle fire. Upon arrival, fire was on scene with a fully engulfed vehicle and occupants were safely out. Complainant's advised the vehicle started shaking and the AC stopped and the check engine light started flashing. C/p's then pulled over and noticed smoke coming from under the vehicle and saw flames and quickly exited the vehicle. C/p's stated they were test driving the vehicle from Trinity Auto Sales in Pooler and had notified the dealership. Vehicle was removed by a towing company.

Deputies responded to Sconyers Mill Rd. in reference to a domestic between mother and son.

Deputy met with victim on Hawthamock Church Rd. in reference to a fraud incident. Victim stated he previously was made aware that at least \$450 from his SS financial card was unaccounted for. Financial statements indicated that several unauthorized transactions had been made by an identified female. Further investigation would reveal that suspect is known to victim and victim previously resided on King Circle Dr. All transactions had been withdrawn from victim's account without his consent.

Deputies were dispatched to Hwy 80 East in reference to a male stating he is scared. Through previous incidents, deputy knew a male living at the residence to have mental disabilities. Upon arrival, deputies met with complainant who stated she called 911 and requested an ambulance. Deputy advised 911 to have EMS enroute to check offender. C/p stated offender to have been laying in his bed saying he was scared but did not know why he was behaving this way and wanted him to be checked by EMS. C/p entered the residence and advised offender to come outside to speak with deputies and he exited after

a period of time. Offender was asked if he wanted to speak with deputies or if he wanted EMS and stated he wanted to speak with EMS. Deputies advised they were on the way.

Deputy was dispatched to the ER in reference to a juvenile who had been involved in a ATV accident. Upon arrival, reporting deputy spoke to the juvenile's father who advised he did not wish to file a report on the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to Club Rolex in reference to a noise complaint. Deputies rode through the parking lot and made contact with club security and advised his of the complaint and asked him to let the owner inside know. At the time, the club was in the process of closing and a very large crowd appeared to be in the parking lots. Deputies stayed at the location until all patrons left.

Deputies were dispatched to Findley Cemetery Rd. in reference to a domestic dispute.

Deputies were dispatched to Canoochee R. in reference to an animal collision. 911 advised of airbags being deployed, as well as the vehicle still being in the road. Complainant stated she struck a deer. It did appear as though the vehicle received damages to the front end and motor compartment. Both airbags were deployed. Vehicle was towed.

July 4

Deputies responded to Hwy 57 West in reference to a stolen vehicle. Deputy met with complainant who stated offender took her vehicle without permission. Offender has been remodeling a storage building and living in it in the back yard, turning it into a livable residence but has not installed a bathroom or kitchen area and still has full use of her residence. C/p further stated that her son told her that the offender had been drinking and stated he was not going to stop. Witness then advised c/p that offender took her vehicle and drove off while being intoxicated. While speaking with c/p, deputy observed a small SUV matching the description of c/p's vehicle slowing down to turn in the driveway and c/p stated that was her vehicle. Offender spotted deputy's patrol car and sped off. Deputy advised responding units of the incident and left to make contact with offender. Deputy spotted the vehicle parked and abandoned on Spaniel Trl. and advised 911 and responding deputies. Deputy observed an open container of alcoholic beverage in the cup holder and a pack in the passenger side floor board. A few moments later, c/p arrived and the vehicle was turned over to her. Deputy then asked if she wished to pursue criminal charges and she replied yes.

Deputy responded to Hwy 1 North in reference to a harassment report. Complainant stated her neighbor is spying on her through the wall in her bedroom. Deputy did not observe any type of electronic equipment in c/p's bedroom that would/could be used for surveillance. C/p seemed to be suffering from dementia.

Deputies were dispatched to Hwy 23 North in reference to complainant advising she had been awakened by her resident alarm going off. Deputies performed a check of the perimeter and no doors or windows were observed to have any signs of tamper or forced entry. C/p stated she heard a noise coming from an area across the residence that sounded like something moving inside. C/p stated the alarm motion to be near the rear door. Deputy checked the door and found the storm door and door to be unlocked. At c/p's request, a walkthrough of the residence was completed and c/p stated everything appeared normal with no signs of anything tampered with. Deputies checked the storage building and area before leaving.

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Kiwanis contribute to Feed-a-Kid program

Mr. Billy Brinson from Emanuel Missionary Baptist Association and Dianna Wedincamp, President of Swainsboro Kiwanis Club, met to discuss the EMBA's upcoming project. Mr. Brinson, as the director of the association, accepted the Kiwanis' contribution to their Feed-a-Kid program. Mr. Billy said the program has 500 children signed up so far for the first week of the food distribution and they hope to have the funds to offer the program the whole month of July. Kiwanis Club is excited to join other community leaders and contribute to make this happen. Ms. Emily Jarrell and Ms. Beth Salmon are working tirelessly to make this wonderful project happen for the whole month of July. If you would like to help or make a contribution, call Mr. Billy Brinson at 478-455-0400.

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Registration for annual SECRD Mother-Son Dance now open

Swainsboro-Emanuel County Parks and Recreation will host its annual Mother-Son Dance on Friday, July 29, from 7 until 9 p.m. at the Kight Recreation Gym, located at 632 McLeod Bridge Road. The dance is for moms (or mom-like figures) and son(s) of the ages 4 - 12. Cost for participation is \$20 per couple. Refreshments will be served. Mark Williams Studio will be on-site for photo opportunities from 5:30 until 6:30 p.m. Register for this year's event by visiting SECRD. For more information, contact the recreation department at 478-237-8098. This event is sponsored by SECRD.

PUBLIC NOTICE

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF ISOLATION VALVES FOR THE CITY OF TWIN CITY, GEORGIA

Sealed proposals will be received by City of Twin City, Georgia at the Twin City City Hall, P.O. Box 980 or 112 South Railroad Avenue, Twin City, Georgia 30471 (Shipping Address Only - No Mail Received at Street Address) until 11:00 a.m. local time, Friday, July 22, 2022 at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read. No submitted bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids for a period of sixty (60) days.

All Bidders must have a State of Georgia Utility Contractor License and must employ a state "Utility Manager" certificate holder who will have oversight of all the work.

The work to be done consists of furnishing all materials, equipment and labor for the construction of: Installation of approximately 9 insertion gate valves and 6 resilient seat gate valves throughout the water system and appurtenances.

Time allotted for construction is 60 consecutive calendar days for completion.

Proposals for the complete work in one general contract shall be made on the proposal form provided and shall contain prices in words and figures for the work bid on.

All proposals shall be accompanied by a Bid Bond drawn in favor of the City of Twin City, Georgia in the amount of at least 10% of the lump sum bid for the complete work; such Bid Bond representing that the Bidder, if awarded the contract, will promptly enter into a contract and furnish Performance Bond and Payment Bond as provided by law and approved by the Attorney for the City of Twin City, Georgia. Each bond shall be equal to 100% of the contract amount. The Bid Bond shall be forfeited to the City of Twin City, Georgia as liquidated damages if the Bidder fails to execute the contract and provide Performance and Payment Bonds within 10 days after being notified that he has been awarded the contract.

Drawings and Specifications are open to public inspection at the office of the City of Twin City, Georgia and at the offices of Turnipseed Engineers in Augusta and Atlanta, Georgia. Copies of the plans and specifications may be obtained from Turnipseed Engineers, 4210 Columbia Road, Building 3, Augusta, Georgia 30907, upon receipt of \$50.

Digital copies of the documents are not available. Upon receipt of all documents in undamaged condition within 30 days after the date of opening of bids, half of the deposit will be refunded.

The difference between the deposit and the amount refunded represents the cost of reproduction. No refund will be made for documents received after 30 days or in damaged condition. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities.



By: Matt Donaldson, Mayor



19TH ANNUAL FUTURE GENERATION YOUTH BOOK BAG DRIVE

11 Laurel Street, Swainsboro
 Ronnie Shuemake 478-494-2106

Dear Community,

We will be having our 19th Annual Book Bag Drive July 30, 2022 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The location will be at the corner of MLK Boulevard and North Green Street in the parking lot of Robert's Store. As always, we ask for the prayers of the community for a safe and successful event.

This year we will dedicate the 19th Annual Book Bag Drive to Master Sergeant Sarah Sabrina Rosario Diaz, who passed away a few months ago. She retired from the United States Army. She was a loyal and dedicated supporter of our book bag drive for many years. She was a leader in her family, church and the children of this community. She was an AMERICAN HERO!

With gas prices, the cost of food and many other things being so expensive this year, I am motivated to work even harder to provide these book bags and school supplies for our children. I read in the Bible of the courage of Joshua and Caleb. I pray for that courage to lead and guide me and all the people in our community who help us every year with this event. I don't take for granted the prayers and all the community does....Thank You So Much!

To the children: I pray that God will bless each of you. I also pray the love of Jesus Christ will lead you and guide you throughout your school years and the rest of your life.

In closing - God bless our community and keep it safe. My prayer is that we ALL would accept Jesus Christ as our Savior while we still have a chance. This doesn't mean that every day is going to be a good day but it does provide peace and comfort as we walk along life's journey. We know we are never alone.

God Bless,

Ronnie Shuemake



Master Sergeant Sarah Sabrina Rosario Diaz



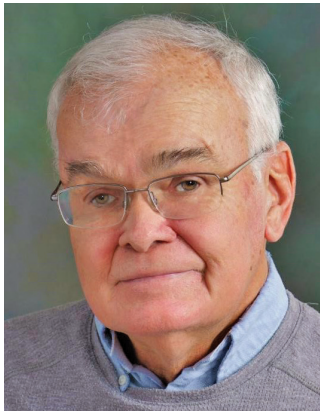
Watt Thoughts: Various observations June 2022

In early May I had several people tell me I need to retire and do more stuff. When I asked them to clarify they told me that if retired then I would have time to travel more. Not sure what they mean by travel more. I started counting from the first weekend in May thru the beginning of June. In a four-week period I realized I drove about 10,000 miles, flew over 2000 miles and visited at least 12 states.

The first week in May I was in NW Georgia during the week including being on campus in Rock Spring each day and then was in Dalton to attend graduation Thursday night. I drove to Swainsboro GA Friday evening and Saturday morning was at the Knotty Pine 5K bright and early with Swainsboro Kiwanis and I took pictures of the race. I toured the new Emanuel Arts Center. I then left and drove 600 miles to Falls Church VA to spend Saturday and night. Sunday, I rode with him to West Virginia to my sister's house (Mother's Day and we had our family Christmas (I had driven to DC area on December 26 for family Christmas as got near there learned my other brother had Covid and I could not stay there and family Christmas and so I stayed with second brother). I had a good time with them at cookout, then drove back NW Georgia.

Tuesday, I attended last Leadership Walker event as we toured several locations. That Thursday I was in Kennesaw Georgia and saw a friend graduate from college.

I then attended a Kiwanis club's 100th near Richmond KY on a weekend (had battery die there and got home about 3am, then discovered Tuesday morning they had installed a bad battery as had to get another. Then the end of the month I drove a friend's car (former student had gotten a good job in Las Vegas and still needed car moved) to Las Vegas from NW GA and caught a red eye flight back on a short weekend trip. Numerous states crossed I-40. I spent week later in June in Jacksonville Florida in training (driving down). Saw several friends there and an enjoyable week. The training was good and full day each day. Kept up with my online classes too. Spent state holiday sitting in class



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all day learning more so can teach better.

As I write this, I am in Rogers Arkansas talking pictures of the Daisy National BB Gun Championship Match to use to update the webpage I did for them. This afternoon I had free time and went and visited the Daisy Air Gun Museum and for first time visited Pea Ridge National Military Park. That is an interesting place as I only saw two monuments (could not get close and see what for as in construction area) and driving thru Chickamauga National Military Park several times a week I always see lots of monuments.

So, what I am saying is if I do retire, I am not sure how I could travel more.

Second observation. Read in several articles recently that there is many Internets and in the 90s that one Internet created (case of I in internet significant. These were articles by people who supposedly are experts. First the Internet was created in 1969. Second from before then to now there are many internets (networks of networks) and more daily. Third what most people know as the Internet (the large worldwide internet we use to look up lots of stuff and I am sending this on, is the 1969 Internet, but got popular and grew astoundingly from about 1993 when the World Wide Web was added on it with the ability for us to use names for sites and not a numerical address. So, there is one Internet and many internets.

Third having been on many highways in many states recently I must observe there are many people who do not understand the left lane is for passing on a four or more lane highway (half those lanes each direction) and not where you just sit and stay in. In Arkansas I saw plenty signs stating Left lane for passing, and I passed the stuck behind vehicle doing less than speed limit in left lane, right lane clear, and just stayed in left lane.

Some observations from me. More later.

City of Summertown 2022 CCR

Is my water safe?

We are pleased to present this year's Annual Water Quality Report (Consumer Confidence Report) as required by the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). This report is designed to provide details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies. This report is a snapshot of last year's water quality. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies.

Do I need to take special precautions?

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Water Drinking Hotline (800-426-4791).

Where does my water come from?

The City OF Summertown gets its water from a deep well located in the heart of Summertown.

Source water assessment and its availability

For info about how to help protect your water from pollution please contact city hall

Why are there contaminants in my drinking water?

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791). The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity:

microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife; inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming; pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses; organic Chemical Contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems; and radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Water Quality Data Table

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The table below lists all of the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the calendar year of this report. Although many more contaminants were tested, only those substances listed below were found in your water. All sources of drinking water contain some naturally occurring contaminants. At low levels, these substances are generally not harmful in our drinking water. Removing all contaminants would be extremely expensive, and in most cases, would not provide increased protection of public health. A few naturally occurring minerals may actually improve the taste of drinking water and have nutritional value at low levels. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done in the calendar year of the report. The EPA or the State requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not vary significantly from year to year, or the system is not considered vulnerable to this type of contamination. As such, some of our data, though representative, may be more than one year old. In this table you will find terms and abbreviations that might not be familiar to you. To help you better understand these terms, we have provided the definitions below the table.

Contaminants	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL, TT, or MRDL	Detect In' Your Water	Range		Sample Date	Violation	Typical Source
				Low	High			
Inorganic Contaminants								
Barium (ppm)	2	2	.1	NA	NA	2021	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
Sodium (optional) (ppm)	NA		2.3	NA	NA	2021	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching

Unit Descriptions	
Term	Definition
ppm	ppm: parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/L)
NA	NA: not applicable
ND	ND: Not detected
NR	NR: Monitoring not required, but recommended.

Important Drinking Water Definitions	
Term	Definition
MCLG	MCLG: Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Important Drinking Water Definitions	
Term	Definition
MCL	MCL: Maximum Contaminant Level: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
TT	TT: Treatment Technique: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
AL	AL: Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
Variances and Exemptions	Variances and Exemptions: State or EPA permission not to meet an MCL or a treatment technique under certain conditions.
MRDLG	MRDLG: Maximum residual disinfection level goal. The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
MRDL	MRDL: Maximum residual disinfectant level. The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
MNR	MNR: Monitored Not Regulated
MPL	MPL: State Assigned Maximum Permissible Level

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Department Commemorates 50 Years of Protecting and Advancing the Rights of All Students

Today, in celebration of the 50th anniversary of Title IX – the landmark civil rights law that has opened doors for generations of women and girls – the U.S. Department of Education released for public comment proposed changes to the regulations that help elementary and secondary schools and colleges and universities implement this vital legislation. The proposed amendments will restore crucial protections for students who are victims of sexual harassment, assault, and sex-based discrimination – a critical safety net for survivors that was weakened under previous regulations. The proposed regulations will advance educational equity and opportunity for women and girls across the country to ensure that every student in America, from kindergarten through a doctorate degree, can achieve her dreams.

“Over the last 50 years, Title IX has paved the way for millions of girls and women to access equal opportunity in our nation’s schools and has been instrumental in combating sexual assault and sexual violence in educational settings,” said U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona. “As we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of this landmark law, our proposed changes will allow us to continue that progress and ensure all our nation’s students – no matter where they live, who they are, or whom they love – can learn, grow, and thrive in school. We welcome public comment on these critical regulations so we can further the Biden-Harris Administration’s mission of creating educational environments free from sex discrimination and sexual violence.”

The proposed regulations will advance Title IX’s goal of ensuring that no person experiences sex discrimination, sex-based harassment, or sexual violence in education. As the Supreme Court wrote in *Bostock v. Clayton County*, 140 S. Ct. 1731 (2020), it is “impossible to discriminate against a person” on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity without “discriminating against that individual based on sex.” The regulations will require that all students receive

appropriate supports in accessing all aspects of education. They will strengthen protections for LGBTQI+ students who face discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity. And they will require that school procedures for complaints of sex discrimination, including sexual violence and other sex-based harassment, are fair to all involved. The proposed regulations also reaffirm the Department’s core commitment to fundamental fairness for all parties, respect for freedom of speech and academic freedom, respect for complainants’ autonomy, and clear legal obligations that enable robust enforcement of Title IX.

The proposed regulations would:

Clearly protect students and employees from all forms of sex discrimination.

Provide full protection from sex-based harassment.

Protect the right of parents and guardians to support their elementary and secondary school children.

Require schools to take prompt and effective action to end any sex discrimination in their education programs or activities – and to prevent its recurrence and remedy its effects.

Protect students and employees who are pregnant or have pregnancy-related conditions.

Require schools to respond promptly to all complaints of sex discrimination with a fair and reliable process that includes trained, unbiased decisionmakers to evaluate the evidence.

Require schools to provide supportive measures to students and employees affected by conduct that may constitute sex discrimination, including students who have brought complaints or been accused of sex-based harassment.

Protect LGBTQI+ students from discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity, and sex characteristics.

Clarify and confirm protection from retaliation for students, employees, and others who exercise their Title IX rights.

Improve the adaptability of the regulations’ grievance procedure requirements so that all recipients can implement Title IX’s promise of non-discrimination fully and fairly in their educational environments.

Ensure that schools share their nondiscrimination policies with all students, employees, and other participants in their education pro-

grams or activities.

The Department will engage in a separate rulemaking to address Title IX’s application to athletics.

The Department’s comprehensive review of its Title IX regulations began in March 2021, as directed by Executive Order 14021 – Guaranteeing an Educational Environment Free From Discrimination on the Basis of Sex, Including Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity. The Department has sought public input throughout that process. Over the last year, the Department has heard from a wide variety of stakeholders, including students, parents, and educators in elementary, secondary, and postsecondary schools, state government representatives, advocates, lawyers, researchers, and other stakeholders through the Title IX nationwide virtual public hearing in June 2021 convened by the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) and in numerous listening sessions and meetings. This input, together with careful review of federal case law and OCR’s enforcement work under Title IX, highlighted the need to revise the current regulations to protect more fully against sex discrimination in all education programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance.

“The proposed regulations reflect the Department’s commitment to give full effect to Title IX, ensuring that no person experiences sex discrimination in education, and that school procedures for addressing complaints of sex discrimination, including sexual violence and other forms of sex-based harassment, are clear, effective, and fair to all involved,” said Catherine E. Lhamon, Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights.

The Department’s proposed Title IX regulations will be open for public comment for 60 days from the date of publication in the Federal Register.

Additional information on the proposed rule, including a summary with background information and a fact sheet, is available here or by visiting https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/t9nprnm-factsheet.pdf?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=gov-delivery&utm_term=.

The unofficial version of the proposed rule is available here or at https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/t9nprnm.pdf?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=gov-delivery&utm_term=.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

Notice is hereby given that JANET LEE WILLIAMSON ARNETTE, the undersigned, filed her Petition in the Superior Court of Emanuel County, Georgia, on the ___ day of ___, 2022, praying for a change in the name of Petitioner from JANET LEE WILLIAMSON ARNETTE to JANET LEE WILLIAMSON. Notice is hereby given pursuant to law to any interested or affected party to appear in said Court and file objections to such name change. Objections must be filed with said Court within thirty (30) days of the filing of said Petition. This 8th day of June, 2022.

JANET LEE WILLIAMSON ARNETTE
Sidney B. Shepherd
Shepherd, Gary & McWhorter
Attorneys at Law
P.O. Box 99
Swainsboro, GA 30401
Telephone No. 478-237-7551

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA IN RE: ESTATE OF EMERIL KEITH LITTLETON, ESTATE NO. 22E0088 MINOR NOTICE

Date of second publication, if any July 6, 2022
TO: MARY ELIZABETH TOOTILE
You are hereby notified that WENDELL CLARK HARDEN has filed a Petition seeking to be appointed temporary guardian of the above-named Minor. All objections to the Petition to the appointment of a temporary guardian or the appointment of the Petitioner as temporary guardian, must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and be filed with this Court no later than fourteen (14) days after this notice is mailed, or ten (10) days after this notice is personally served upon you, or ten (10) days after the second publication of this notice if you are served by publication. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or Georgia probate court clerk and 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.

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

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Judge of the Probate Court
By: Jeanie Hooks
Clerk of the Probate Court
P. O. Box 70 / 125 South Main Street
Address
Swainsboro, Ga. 30401
478-237-7091
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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY

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

This 22nd day of June, 2022.
Johnnie Louise Tarver, Executrix of the Estate of Lanel Brown, decedent
Jerry N. Cadle, P.C.
P.O. Box 68
Swainsboro, GA 30401

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER STATE OF GEORGIA, COUNTY OF EMANUEL

By virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from Joanne Carswell to Citifinancial Services, Inc., dated May 24, 2004 and recorded on May 27, 2004 in Deed Book 226, Page 381, in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Emanuel County, Georgia, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date, in the original principal amount of Fifteen Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Eight and 74/100 dollars (\$15,758.74) with interest thereon as provided therein, as last transferred to Wilmington Savings Fund Society FSB d/b/a Christiana Trust, as Trustee for PNPMS Trust III, recorded in Deed Book 516, Page 563, aforesaid records, will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Emanuel County, Georgia, or at such place as has or may be lawfully designated as an alternative location, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in August, 2022, all property described in said Security Deed including but not limited to the following described property: ALL THAT LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING, SITUATE, AND BEING IN THE 1208TH G.M. DISTRICT OF EMANUEL COUNTY, GEORGIA, DESIGNATED AS LOT F AND FRONTING A DISTANCE OF ONE HUNDRED NINE (09) FEET ON THE EASTERN SIDE OF A 40 FOOT ROAD AS SHOWN ON PLAT OF SURVEY, DATED JUNE 15, 1985 MADE WALTER K. MAUPIN SURVEYOR, AND RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF CLERK EMANUEL SUPERIOR COURT IN PLAT BOOK 11, PAGE

704, TO WHICH REFERENCE IS MADE AS A PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION. SAID PROPERTY IS BOUNDED ON THE NORTH BY LOT G AS SHOWN ON SAID PLAT OF SURVEY; EAST BY LANDS OF DENNIS KELLY; SOUTH BY LOT E AS SHOWN ON SAID PLAT OF SURVEY; AND WEST BY A 40 FOOT ROAD.

Said property may more commonly be known as 9 Squirrel Road, Midville, GA 30441.

The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, non-payment of the monthly installments on said loan. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, including attorney’s fees (notice of intent to collect attorney’s fees having been given). The individual or entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the loan is Statebridge Company, LLC, 5680 Greenwood Plaza Blvd., Suite 100S, Greenwood Village, CO 80111.

Said property will be sold on an “as-is” basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The sale will also be subject to the following items which may affect the title: a) zoning ordinances; b) matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; c) any outstanding ad valorem taxes, including taxes, which constitute liens upon said property whether or not now due and payable; d) special assessments; e) the right of redemption of any taxing authority; f) all outstanding bills for public utilities which constitute liens upon said property; g) all restrictive covenants, easements, rights-of-way and any other matters of record superior to said Security Deed. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owners and party in possession of the property are Joanne Carswell and or tenant(s). The sale will be conducted subject to 1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy code and 2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed. Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust as Trustee For PNPMS Trust III as Attorney-in-Fact for Joanne Carswell
Contact:
Padgett Law Group: 6267 Old Water Oak Road, Suite 203, Tallahassee, FL 32312; (850) 422-2520

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF SHIRLEY WILLIAMS,
ESTATE NO. 22E0091
DECEASED
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
NOTICE

TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern: LARRY WILLIAMS has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of SHIRLEY 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 AUGUST 1, 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.

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY

WHEREAS, heretofore on September 29, 2017, WILLIE FORMAN

and MARIE FORMAN did execute and deliver to HAROLD N. BRAUN (Now Deceased) of the County of Emanuel, State of Georgia, a Deed to Secure Debt conveying the land described in Exhibit “A” below; and,

WHEREAS, said Deed to Secure Debt was executed to secure a Note of even date therewith in the original amount of TWO THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SIXTEEN AND NO/100 (\$2,116.00) DOLLARS together with all other indebtedness of the Borrowers to the Lender then due or that might thereafter become due, or thereafter contracted, including any renewals thereof which was or would be evidenced by the Note or Notes from WILLIE FORMAN and MARIE FORMAN all of which is shown by said Deed to Secure Debt recorded in the Office of Clerk, Emanuel County Superior Court, in Deed Book 454, Pages 258-260 and,

WHEREAS, said Note and Deed to Secure Debt as described therein, which were due and payable in monthly installments are past due and WILLIE FORMAN and MARIE FORMAN have been notified that the mortgage is in default and that the lender(s) therein have elected to accelerate payment of said Note; and,

WHEREAS, notice has been given to WILLIE FORMAN and MARIE FORMAN, as required by O.C.G.A. 44-14-162 through 44-14-163.4 (MICHIE 1982).

NOW THEREFORE, according to the terms of said Deed to Secure Debt and the laws in such cases made and provided, the undersigned will expose for sale to the highest and best bidder for cash, the property described in said Deed to Secure Debt from after proper advertisement, on the first Tuesday in August, 2022, to-wit: August 2nd, 2022, between the legal hours of sale before the courthouse door in Emanuel County, Georgia. Said sale will be subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes, and the purchaser will be responsible for any Georgia Real Estate Transfer Tax.

Proceeds from said sale will be used first, to pay the cost and expense of said sale; second, to pay the balance on the indebtedness mentioned above due by WILLIE FORMAN and MARIE FORMAN and third, to pay the surplus, if any, to the person or persons legally entitled thereto.

This 1st day of July, 2022.

THE ESTATE OF HAROLD N. BRAUN, acting by and through JULIANNE GLISSON, the duly appointed Administrator of his Estate, as Attorney-in-Fact for WILLIE FORMAN and MARIE FORMAN

SHEPHERD, GARY & McWHORTER, LLC
Attorneys at Law
P.O. Drawer 99
Swainsboro, Georgia 30401
(478) 237-7551
EXHIBIT “A”

All that tract or parcel of land, together with improvements, situate, lying and being in the 58th G.M. District of Emanuel County, City of Oak Park, Georgia, containing 0.694 acres of land having such metes, bounds, and location as shown on a plat of survey dated February 8, 2002, prepared by A. G. Wells, Jr., G.R.L.S. #1656 which is recorded in Plat Book 21, Page 448, Emanuel County, Georgia Deed records and incorporated herein by reference.

Said property is currently identified by the Emanuel County Tax Assessor’s Office as Tax Map # 102, Parcel 070A.

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City of Stillmore 2021 CCR Report

Is my water safe?

We are pleased to present this year's Annual Water Quality Report (Consumer Confidence Report) as required by the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). This report is designed to provide details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies. This report is a snapshot of last year's water quality. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies.

Do I need to take special precautions?

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Water Drinking Hotline (800-426-4791).

Where does my water come from?

The City of Stillmore Ga receives its water from a deep well located in the middle of town from an under water aquifer.

Source water assessment and its availability

for information contact Stillmore city hall at 912-562-3529

Why are there contaminants in my drinking water?

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791). The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity: □microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife; inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming; pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses; organic Chemical Contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems; and radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

How can I get involved?

Please come to any city council meeting to find out how you can help protect our drinking water. Meetings held every 2nd Tuesday of the month at Stillmore city hall

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- Take short showers - a 5 minute shower uses 4 to 5 gallons of water compared to up to 50 gallons for a bath.
- Shut off water while brushing your teeth, washing your hair and shaving and save up to 500 gallons a month.
- Use a water-efficient showerhead. They're inexpensive, easy to install, and can save you up to 750 gallons a month.
- Run your clothes washer and dishwasher only when they are full. You can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.
- Water plants only when necessary.
- Fix leaky toilets and faucets. Faucet washers are inexpensive and take only a few minutes to replace. To check your toilet for a leak, place a few drops of food coloring in the tank and wait. If it seeps into the toilet bowl without flushing, you have a leak. Fixing it or replacing it with a new, more efficient model can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.
- Adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered. Apply water only as fast as the soil can absorb it and during the cooler parts of the day to reduce evaporation.
- Teach your kids about water conservation to ensure a future generation that uses water wisely. Make it a family effort to reduce next month's water bill!
- Visit www.epa.gov/watersense for more information.

Source Water Protection Tips

•Protection of drinking water is everyone's responsibility. You can help protect your community's drinking water source in several ways:•Eliminate excess use of lawn and garden fertilizers and pesticides - they contain hazardous chemicals that can reach your drinking water source.

- Pick up after your pets.
- If you have your own septic system, properly maintain your system to reduce leaching to water sources or consider connecting to a public water system.
- Dispose of chemicals properly; take used motor oil to a recycling center.
- Volunteer in your community. Find a watershed or wellhead protection organization in your community and volunteer to help. If there are no active groups, consider starting one. Use EPA's Adopt Your Watershed to locate groups in your community, or visit the Watershed Information Network's How to Start a Watershed Team.

•Organize a storm drain stenciling project with your local government or water supplier. Stencil a message next to the street drain reminding people "Dump No Waste - Drains to River" or "Protect Your Water." Produce and distribute a flyer for households to remind residents that storm drains dump directly into your local water body.

Monitoring and reporting of compliance data violations

during the month of August of 2021 a bac-t sample was collected and shipped off for sampling a did not reach the laboratory and did not reach the lab putting the city in none compliance. A replacement was sent in in September of 2021 and brought the city back into compliance. Health effects unknown

Additional Information for Lead

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. City Of Stillmore is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Water Quality Data Table

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The table below lists all of the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the calendar year of this report. Although many more contaminants were tested, only those substances listed below were found in your water. All sources of drinking water contain some naturally occurring contaminants. At low levels, these substances are generally not harmful in our drinking water. Removing all contaminants would be extremely expensive, and in most cases, would not provide increased protection of public health. A few naturally occurring minerals may actually improve the taste of drinking water and have nutritional value at low levels. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done in the calendar year of the report. The EPA or the State requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not vary significantly from year to year, or the system is not considered vulnerable to this type of contamination. As such, some of our data, though representative, may be more than one year old. In this table you will find terms and abbreviations that might not be familiar to you. To help you better understand these terms, we have provided the definitions below the table.

Contaminants	MCLG or MRDL G	MCL, TT, or MRD L	Detect In Your Water	Range		Sample Date	Violation	Typical Source
				Low	High			
Disinfectants & Disinfection By-Products								
(There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants)								
Chlorine (as Cl ₂) (ppm)	4	4	.79	NA	NA	2021	No	Water additive used to control microbes
Inorganic Contaminants								
Barium (ppm)	2	2	.071	NA	NA	2021	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits

Contaminants	MCL G	AL	Your Water	Sample Date	# Samples Exceeding AL	Exceeds AL	Typical Source
Inorganic Contaminants							
Copper - action level at consumer taps (ppm)	1.3	1.3	.026	2017	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
Lead - action level at consumer taps (ppb)	0	15	9.4	2019	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

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Unit Descriptions	
Term	Definition
ppm	ppm: parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/L)
ppb	ppb: parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (µg/L)
NA	NA: not applicable
ND	ND: Not detected
NR	NR: Monitoring not required, but recommended.

Important Drinking Water Definitions	
Term	Definition
MCLG	MCLG: Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
MCL	MCL: Maximum Contaminant Level: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
TT	TT: Treatment Technique: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
AL	AL: Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
Variances and Exemptions	Variances and Exemptions: State or EPA permission not to meet an MCL or a treatment technique under certain conditions.
MRDLG	MRDLG: Maximum residual disinfection level goal. The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
MRDL	MRDL: Maximum residual disinfectant level. The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
MNR	MNR: Monitored Not Regulated
MPL	MPL: State Assigned Maximum Permissible Level