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Tankersley named Chair of Admissions at Charleston Southern University

Janet Bush Tankersley PT, DPT, PhD, formerly of Emanuel County, is Associate Program Director and Professor of Physical Therapy at Charleston Southern University. Dr. Tankersley serves as Chair of Admissions and Chair of Academic and Professionalism for the CSU DPT Program.



DR. TANKERSLEY A. T. Still University of Health Sciences in Mesa, Arizona, and her PhD in Pediatric Science at Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions in Provo, Utah. Dr. Tankersley is a

Board-Certified Pediatric Clinical Specialist through the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties and has 30 years of experience in pediatric physical therapy practice. She also has 23 years of experience in physical therapy education.

Her research interests are in pain, activity, and participation for children with sickle cell disease and for children and adults with hemophilia. Dr. Tankersley remains active in pediatric clinical practice at the Children's Hospital of Georgia.



SCENE FROM MONDAY NIGHT MEETING AT CITY HALL

City approves hire of Gilmer as new DDA Director

by WHITLEY CLIFTON Members of Swainsboro City Council and Mayor Greg Bennett convened for a meeting on Monday, July 18, at 6 p.m. at the city hall. With all members present, the meeting was called to

order and Pastor Brad McKenzie of Jesus Saves Church gave the invocation which was followed by the pledge of allegiance. Minutes from the June 20 meeting were presented for review. A motion and second for approval of minutes was

made by Julian Sconyers and Dr. D.J. Davis, respectively. The minutes were approved on a 6 - 0 vote. **Old Business** In reference to old business, council unanimously approved seven game room (Continued on page 2A)



EGSC SWAINSBORO CAMPUS

East Georgia State College drives local and state economy to the tune of \$64 million a year

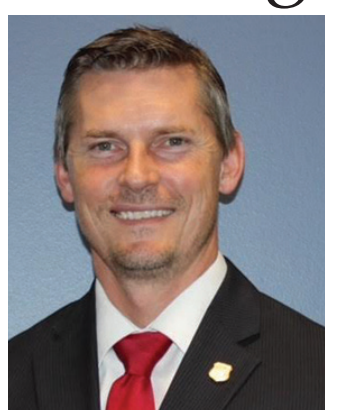
Colleges and Universities always have major, positive impacts on their local economies and lasting impacts on their state economies. As shown in recently released data, the University System of Georgia (USG) contributed a total of \$19.3 billion to Georgia's economy between July 1, 2020, and June 30, 2021. This

is a \$700,000 million or 3.8% increase over the previous year. Local, hometown favorite, East Georgia State College (EGSC), had a major impact, as well, contributing \$63.9 million in fiscal year 2021. "USG institutions and the system as a whole are key contributors to our state and are an economic engine for

communities in every region of Georgia," USG Chancellor Sonny Perdue said. "That economic impact continues to climb, and we are grateful to Governor Brian Kemp and the General Assembly for their support of the university system and public higher education as we focus on increasing prosperity (Continued on page 2A)

GBI announces promotion of Alford to Special Agent in Charge

The Georgia Bureau of Investigation announces the promotion of Joshua Alford to Special Agent in Charge of the GBI Polygraph Unit. SAC Alford will be responsible for overseeing statewide operations of the Special Agents/ Polygraph Examiners assigned to the unit. SAC Alford will oversee operations of the office and supervise agents who respond to requests from other GBI investigative offices and local law enforcement to provide polygraph assistance with major crimes such as: homicide, rape, child abuse, armed robbery, fraud, and other felonies. The GBI Polygraph Unit also aids public safety agencies across Georgia by conducting pre-employment polygraphs to aid in the selection of qualified candidates.



ALFORD until 2015 when he was assigned to the GBI Polygraph Unit. SAC Alford was previously the ASAC for the Region 12 Office from 2018-2020 and then the ASAC for the Polygraph Unit from 2020-2022. SAC Alford is a certified polygraph examiner and a current member of the American Polygraph Association. SAC Alford is on the board of Directors for the Georgia Polygraph Association and holds the title of Director of Training.

ASAC Alford is a graduate of Columbus State University with a master's degree in Public Safety Administration. He also obtained a Bachelor of Science in Justice Studies from Georgia Southern University. SAC Alford is a P.O.S.T. certified instructor and assists the GBI and local agencies with training. The Georgia Bureau of Investigation is comprised of four divisions: the Georgia Crime Information Center, the Crime Lab, the Investigative Division, and the Legal Division. The GBI has ~875 employees and a budget of \$147,482,036. SAC Alford is assigned to the Investigative Division. Special Agent Alford is married with two beautiful kids and lives in the Treutlen County area now but still calls Swainsboro home!

Commissioners call election for SPLOST, discuss hospital authority vacancies

by BRITTANY HALL The Emanuel County Board of Commissioners met for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Monday, July 18. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Sherrod at 6 p.m. at the John C. Coleman Office Building located in Downtown Swainsboro. Commissioner Desse Davis presented the invocation and Vice Chairman Commissioner Hugh Foskey led

in the pledge of allegiance. Minutes from the regular June 20, meeting of commissioners and a special called workshop meeting on July 7, were presented for review. Foskey motioned for the approval of minutes as presented and was seconded by Davis with all remaining commissioners voting accordingly. **New Business** • Discussion was held on the county's call for elec-

tion of the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax otherwise known as SPLOST. County Administrator, Guy Singletary, brought the discussion of a referendum to order due to the upcoming election in November, and reminded commissioners that this is the next step in the process of an intergovernmental agreement that was adopted by the commissioners a few months prior. (Continued on page 2A)

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Keep Emanuel Beautiful

by MISSY ELDER

Emanuel County is in the process of organizing a committee to clean up our county. The Historic Society has invited Commissioner Jim Sherrod to tell us about it. He will speak Thursday, July 28 at the quarterly meeting at the Varner 4-H Center at 7 p.m. The public is welcome. Bring a dish to share for potluck dinner. This is an important issue, and we hope you will be able to come. For information, please call 478-763-3631.

City approves hire...

(From front page)
license requests for seven businesses approved in separate motions follows:

- Arvind R. Patel doing business as Kiran In./Mini Mart located at 905 West Main Street.
- Maheshkumar Patel doing business as Krishni 1502 LLC/ Emanuel Discount located at 119 South Central Street.
- Bhargav B. Patel doing business as Swaiminayan Krupa Inc. located at 504 East Main Street.
- Milankumar D. Patel doing business as MD Enterprise Inc./ Raco located at 202 East Main Street.
- Niral Patel doing business as Jaynell LLC/ ABC Food Mart located at 208 North Main Street.
- Dirav Dolathbhai Patel doing business as OMSAI Gateway LLC located at 350 East Main Street.
- Piyushkumar J. Patel doing business as K. T.'s Place located at 636 North Main Street.

In reference to new business

- Council approved an advertising request for an alcoholic beverage license for Julian Cortez Cruz doing business as La Rosita Tienda Mexicana located at 206 West Moring Street.
- David L. Schecter, Swainsboro resident and East Georgia State College President, addressed council requesting their consideration of allowing alcohol sales on Sundays. Following discussion, Councilman John Parker made a motion to add the option of Sunday alcohol sales in the City of Swainsboro to the November general election ballot. Councilman Greg Quarterman

East Georgia State...

(From front page)
ity for the state and all Georgians."

"EGSC has been a major driver to the local and state economy for nearly 50 years since its first graduating class in 1973. The multiplier effect of having a successful College in our community cannot be underestimated and we are thankful for the local support we have received over the years to keep us strong," shared David Schecter, President at East Georgia State College. He added: "We currently have the lowest tuition and fees in the USG, so not only do we contribute considerably to the area, we do so at a cost that is affordable to all families. In terms of bang-for-buck, there may be no better deal around than a top-notch degree from our College."

Conducted on behalf of USG by Jeffrey M.

seconded. The vote passed on a 4-2 vote with Councilmen Sconyers and Stafford opposing.

- Council was presented with a petition signed by residents of Harmon Road, requesting that two speed bumps be installed. The request was unanimously approved by council.
- Billy Palmer with Dellwood Baptist Church addressed council on property address 417 Lewis Street regarding utilizing the property for God's work. Council opted to postpone further discussion and action on this request until clarity could be provided on past use and future use of said property.
- Council unanimously approved two requests from Swainsboro Fire Chief Mike Strobridge. The first request being for department uniform purchases in the amount of \$9,013.10 and the second request regarding a new hire, Faith Jones. The approved uniform purchase amount does not include additional uniform and gear for the new hire, which is estimated to be approximately \$1,400.
- Chris Morton, project manager with Clearwater Solutions, addressed council on quotes for repair costs for two aerators at the wastewater treatment plant estimated at approximately \$10,000 and two pumps for lift station #13 repairs estimated at approximately \$34,000.
- He also addressed council with a proposal from MW Collins Inc. in the amount of \$35,000 for grinding and removal one large pile of organic yard refuse remaining at the in-

ert landfill. Lastly, Morton presented a quote to council for beaver trapping in the amount of \$250 per month for six locations. The six locations will be monitored on a 3 - 3 monthly rotation shift on a yearly contract.

- Discussion was held on 2021 and 2022 LMIG projects but a decision was postponed until updated associated costs are presented at next meeting.
 - Council approved to renegotiate prices for the Gumlog Gym and Karah Center Theatre Projects with BAK of Statesboro for the company to provide an estimated cost to perform work on both projects.
 - Mayor Bennett addressed council on the installment of a skateboard park at Harmon Park. Council opted to gather estimated costs associated with the installment before presenting it to the recreation department board.
 - Council held discussion on allowing the county to take over the airport. Action on this item was postponed until additional information could be provided for better clarification.
- #### Executive Session
- Council then opted to enter into executive session on a 6-0 vote to discuss employment exception pursuant to O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(b)(2). Upon re-entering regular session, council approved the hiring of Elizabeth Gilmer as Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Director. Parker made first motion for approval and Davis seconded. All remaining council voted accordingly.

in the initial spending by the institutions are rounds of funding from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF), which are federal funds allocated by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act that provided emergency grants for postsecondary education. Of the 152,629 jobs generated by USG institutions, approximately 33% of the positions are on-campus jobs and 67% are off-campus. The study found that for each job created by a USG institution on its campus, two additional jobs are created in the local community.

The full economic impact report is available at USG's website. For more information or to support the College, please contact Harley Smith at hdsmith@ega.edu.

Second suspect arrested in 2021 homicide investigation

Last week, Johnson County Sheriff Greg Rowland and the GBI Region 12, Eastman Office announced the arrest of an additional suspect in connection with the 2021 shooting deaths of 18-year-olds, Charlie Jaylon "C.J." Garrett and Destiny Kight, in Wrightsville on April 22.

Dakota Wayne Scott, 27, of Swainsboro was arrested on Wednesday, July 13, and charged with two counts felony murder and one count felony tampering with evidence. Scott was already in custody in Emanuel County on other charges at the time.

"I commend Sheriff Rowland, his staff and the GBI for their persistent pursuit of a total resolution for this heinous crime. My heart continues to go out to the families of all involved," commented Emanuel County Sheriff Jeffrey Brewer.

With this additional arrest, investigators have now arrested two men in connection with the fatal shootings of the two



SCOTT

young adults. Prosecutors have also accused Daniel Payton Brinson of Washington County of felony murder in connection with the slayings.

Sheriff Rowland is thankful for all the assistance provided by the GBI Region 12 Eastman Field Office and the Emanuel County Sheriff's Office.

"The commitment to assist us in the investigation and apprehension of Dakota Wayne Scott and assuring the safety of our communities is greatly appreciated," Sheriff Rowland stated.

Recap

On April 23, Garrett

and Kight were found shot to death outside a house in Johnson County on Paul Lord Road that they planned to move into soon together. Sheriff Rowland announced a first arrest in the double homicide (Brinson) was made just three days after the shootings occurred. Brinson, 22-years-old at that time, was arrested on unrelated charges following a chase in Cobb County. At that time, the GBI confirmed Brinson was a "known associate" of Garrett and family members of Kight also confirmed the suspect had been a friend of the family for approximately 10 years and often visited their home.

Future Leads On This Case...

Anyone with additional information regarding this case is asked to call the Johnson County Sheriff's Office at 478-864-4003 or the GBI Region 12 Eastman Field Office at 478-374-6988 or 1-800-597-TIPS (8477).

Commissioners call election...

(From front page)

If the referendum is subsequently passed by the voters within our district, the collected SPLOST will be beneficial for the purchase of many necessary items within the county such as emergency vehicles, emergency equipment and the needed updates to county buildings. He further stated the importance of SPLOST's passing and shared many credible reasons to why that is:

"This is an important distinction between SPLOST and property tax: On occasion we purchase a new, needed piece of equipment and on occasion, someone may assume that their property tax dollars funded that piece of equipment but that's usually incorrect because the purchase of county equipment is often done with SPLOST dollars. The exception of this, is when you can't purchase a new piece of equipment and it's 'dollaring you to death' because it stays in the shop due to the motor or the transmission failing, those are extremely costly repairs and the citizens property tax dollars do pay for those repairs because money from SPLOST cannot be used for maintenance. However, SPLOST can be used for capital purchases. We want to be frugal with our taxpayers' dollars and one way we can do that is through the voting for SPLOST. Our community is much more efficient when we are purchasing new equipment and sparing our taxpayers dollars. We could even go into the plan of buying equipment and selling it strategically. One benefit to us as a county is that we are offered prices at a government rate so when we buy new equipment, we get it at a much cheaper price than they do in the private sector. In turn, when we go to replace that piece of equipment, we can almost recoup our money on its replacement five years later. In many cases, buying new equipment and rotating

it on a regular basis allows us to save a lot of money because we aren't constantly spending it on the repairs of 20-year-old equipment." Singletary explained.

In November, Citizens will be voting on a renewal of the existing SPLOST tax that has been in place in Emanuel County for three decades. If SPLOST is passed, it will contribute to the sheriff's office fleet, ambulance fleet, and the fire departments fleet which has not been replaced in two decades. Another major fund that that SPLOST will finance, if passed, is the refurbishment of the emergency radio communication systems that are used between 911 and our first responders. This new equipment will provide adequate public safety for all. SPLOST will also contribute to the improvements of both recreational facilities within the county.

County Administrator, Singletary, added that without the contribution of SPLOST dollars, we must divert back to the general fund. "How do you fund these things through the general fund when the general fund is already at capacity? You raise taxes. We cannot get by without replacing ambulances, fire trucks, patrol cars and road equipment so the purchase for these necessary things will shift back to the general fund if SPLOST fails and that's why it's important to vote for the fair tax." Chairman Jim Sherrod also shared with the public that "This SPLOST is for the benefit of the quality of life for our community."

Motion for the call of the election carried unanimously, Davis cast first motion for approval and Canady seconded.

Discussion was held on the project for a new roof for the election's office portion of the Mitchell Building as well as the Courthouse after both buildings were damaged during the April tornado that impacted downtown Swainsboro. Singletary stated that the

county's insurance company deemed the Courthouse roof as a total loss considering the number of shingles that were ripped from it during the harsh winds. The roof damage on the Mitchell Building received a quote for a new roof, three years ago, after the entirety of it experienced damage and was also deemed a total loss, however the board opted to defer those costs for a new roof at that time. After recently evaluating both roof systems and determining what's needed for both, the county received quotes for both buildings, including an amount that allocates in the purchase of a TPO roof for the entirety of the Mitchell Building with the elections office combined, at a cost of \$85,600. The cost of the Courthouse's new roof will be \$70,000, keeping in mind that it's a shift from a shingled roof to a standing seam metal roof, which will ultimately aid in its longevity. Both bids are the lowest bids for both buildings, and insurance will cover \$12,000 for the election's office and \$30,000 for the courthouse.

After Singletary's recommendation to the board for the motion to be carried on both projects, Thompson first motioned and Davis seconded.

Lastly, discussion was held for the advertising of two vacancies on the Hospital Authority's Board. The vacancies were for Smith Edenfield who has asked to be reappointed, and Wayne Greenway who has served two terms on the board and has asked to be removed. Singletary added that one of the most important boards that we have within our community is the Hospital Authority and requires someone who is willing to get in and learn and who has a unique skillset or background within the medical, business, secretarial or accounting fields. If you are skilled in these areas and feel that you would be a qualified match for the Emanuel County Hospital Authority, please send a resume and a letter of recommendation to the County Administrator, Guy Singletary, at the Commissioner's Office. Further information will be provided on the Board of Commissioners website.

Executive Session
Commissioners then entered executive session, with Davis casting first motion and Foskey seconding. Upon re-entering normal session, amendment to the county retirement plan was motioned to approve by Hugh Foskey, James Canady and unanimously approved 5-0.



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Donate blood at Emanuel Medical Center

Plans for upcoming Sheppard Community Blood Drive announced

Sheppard Community Blood Center will be hosting a blood drive inside Emanuel Medical Center, located at 117 Kite Road, on Tuesday, August 2, from 1pm until 5:30pm. All blood donors are welcome and needed, but especially donors with O Positive or O Negative blood. Sheppard supplies all of the blood products to Emanuel Medical Center, so when you donate with Sheppard, you truly are giving back to your community and supporting your local hospital.

At the August 2 blood drive all donors will receive a voucher for a free fried chicken meal from the EMC Café. Sheppard will be in the



GIVE BLOOD LOGO private dining room this time, so you can donate and grab lunch at the same time. All donors will also receive donor store points that can be used to purchase digital gift cards or T-shirts. Everyone is encouraged to come donate, and

help Sheppard support Emanuel Medical Center.

To ensure your donation is successful, be sure to eat a full meal before donating, stay hydrated, and get lots of rest the night before. Donors must be in good general health, weigh at least 110 pounds, and be at least 17 years old (or 16 with written parental consent) to donate. Be sure to bring a photo ID or Sheppard donor card with you when you come to donate.

For more information, contact Jacqueline Clemmons, Recruitment Specialist at (706) 737-4551 or visit the Sheppard Community Blood Center website: www.sheppard-blood.org.

Plans announced for local pageants

The Miss Emanuel County, Miss Southeast Georgia, Miss Crossroads of the South and Outstanding Teen Competition will be held Saturday, August 20, at 6:30 p.m. at the Swainsboro City Auditorium, located at 532 West Church Street. The deadline to enter is Monday, August 15, by 1 p.m. Additional details and registration forms can be obtained by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/EmanuelSoutheast>.

For more information, email missemanuelsest@gmail.com.

Reynolds wins Georgia 4-H Dean's Award, becomes Three-Time Master 4-H'er

Savannah Reynolds, a member of Emanuel County 4-H and a 2022 Swainsboro High School graduate, was selected as a 2022 Dean's Award recipient for the Georgia 4-H program. This honor makes her a three-time Master 4-H'er.

The 4-H Dean's Awards, which are very competitive and one of the highest honors Georgia 4-H members can earn, provide Georgia 4-H'ers the chance to showcase their talent, hard work, and commitment to their community. The award is presented every year in each of the following five main project areas: Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Civic Engagement, Family and Consumer Sciences, William "Bill" Edwards Award for Communications and the Arts, James Harris Award for Leadership, and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math). First place winners receive Master 4-H'er status, a \$500 scholarship, and recognition at the Georgia 4-H Day at the Capitol. Reynolds was selected as the Civic Engagement project area Dean's Award winner. She is the daughter of Brett and Selena Reynolds and will be attending the University of Georgia this fall.

Competitors submit a cumulative portfolio, much like a resume, highlighting their accomplishments from throughout their 4-H career. The portfolios are judged by project area experts, and high-scoring submissions are invited to participate in a separately-judged interview session.



REYNOLDS

"Savannah has been a dedicated Emanuel County 4-H member since she was in fifth grade and her 4-H projects have included almost everything Georgia 4-H has to offer," said Jakyn Tyson, 4-H Extension Agent for Emanuel County. "Once you win a 4-H project at the state level, you are a Master 4-H'er, and Savannah has done that twice through Project Achievement in the Food for Health and Sport and History projects. She was also a finalist in Leadership in Action, a Certified Teen Leader, and served as the President of the County 4-H Board of Directors. Savannah has also participated in many regional and national 4-H events including the Southern Region Teen Leadership Conference and National Congress. Youth take pride in the completion of a Dean's Awards portfolio because it represents years of dedication and hard work, meaningful contributions to one's community, and considerable personal growth and development." The Dean's Award

marks the culmination of a 4-H'er's career, recognizing youth who have participated and excelled in a broad spectrum of activities and experiences over an extended period of time. The contest is designed to encourage participation and achievement by 4-H youth in areas fundamental to the mission of 4-H, the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, and the College of Family and Consumer Sciences. It recognizes youth for achievement and experience in a variety of project areas.

Georgia 4-H empowers youth to become true leaders by developing necessary life skills, positive relationships and community awareness. As the largest youth leadership organization in the state, 4-H reaches more than 242,000 people annually through the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension offices and 4-H facilities. For more information on Emanuel County 4-H and how to get involved, contact Emanuel County Extension by calling (478) 237-1226 or visit the office located at 129 N. Anderson Drive in Swainsboro.

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John W. Shattler, Jr, 80

Mr. John W. Shattler, Jr., 80, of Kite, passed away Saturday, July 16, 2022, at Pruitt Health-Swainsboro following an extended illness. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 20, at Rehoboth Baptist Church with Reverend Arthur Conley officiating. Interment will follow in Rehoboth Baptist Church Cemetery. The family received friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 19, at Chapman Funeral Home.



SHATTLER

Pallbearers will be Heath Palmer, David Josey, Joey Drew, Allen Drew, James Drew, and Brian Drew.

Mr. Shattler was born January 10, 1942, in Tampa, FL, to John W. Shattler, Sr. and Agnes Gandy Shattler. He was a retired Florida State Patrol Investigator, and was a member of Rehoboth Baptist Church. Mr. Shattler is preceded in death by his parents.

Mr. Shattler is survived by his wife of 59 years,

Pallbearers were Thomas Earl Proctor, Randy Canady, Hal Hutcheson, and Broc Hutcheson.

Mrs. Hutcheson was born October 14, 1937, in Herndon, Jenkins County, to the late John and Ethel Johnson Canady. For many years, she was employed at Delores and Woody's Shops in the alterations department, and in May of 1995, she opened her own business, Alterations, etc. in downtown Swainsboro. There, Mrs. Merlene continued to pursue her love of sewing and helping her clients look their best until she retired in 2008. Her greatest love on earth was family. Mrs. Merlene was a devoted wife to her husband of 61 years, a selfless mother to her children, and a loving homemaker for her family. Mrs. Merlene's grandchildren and great-grandchildren were her most precious gifts. She was an avid gardener; and loved sharing vegetables and growing tips with her friends and neighbors, and especially loved tending her roses and sharing bouquets with those needing a smile. Mrs. Merlene was a strong woman of faith, loved her God, and was a member of Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro is in charge of arrangements.

Merlene Canady Hutcheson, 84



HUTCHESON

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Hutcheson is preceded in death by her husband, Lynward Hutcheson; beloved son, Kevin D. Hutcheson; sister, Ola Mae Jones; and brothers, Ira Canady, Ollie Canady, Marvin Canady and Robbie Canady.

Survivors include her daughter, Gail H. Johnson (Jerry) of Swainsboro; son, Stacy L. Hutcheson (Janet) of Social Circle; sister, Ann Proctor of Millen; brother, Bobby Canady of Garfield; grandsons, Grayson T. Johnson (Jamie) of Swainsboro and Jacob Deaton of Atlanta; great-grandsons, Jamison Dasher Johnson and Granger Kevin Johnson; numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and special neighborhood friends.

The family would like to thank Dr. James Ray and staff, all of the caregivers at Emanuel Medical Center, Cedar Plantation in Metter, and Community Hospice in Vidalia for the love and support they have shown their family during the past few months.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made in her memory to the Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church, Cemetery Fund, 544 Hwy 221 S, Adrian, GA 31002.

Durden-Hudson Funeral Directors was in charge of arrangements.

Marilyn Christine Youngblood Nichols, 80

Mrs. Marilyn Christine Youngblood Nichols, 80, of Adrian, passed away Wednesday, July 13, 2022, following an extended illness. Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Monday, July 18, in the chapel of Chapman Funeral Home. Interment followed in Union Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery. The family received friends from 9 to 11 a.m. Monday, July 18, at Chapman Funeral Home.



NICHOLS

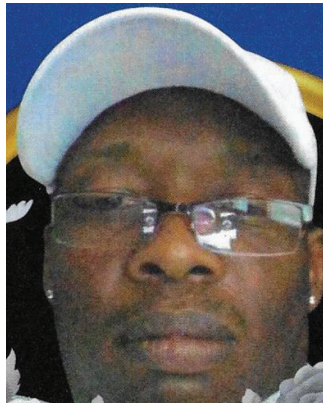
Mrs. Nichols was born September 17, 1941, in Swainsboro, to Ernest Youngblood and Maggie Riner Youngblood. She lived many years in Bonaire and Adrian. In 2018, she moved with her daughter and son-in-law to Carriere, MS. While living in Adrian, she became a member of Emanuel Christian Ministries. Mrs. Nichols is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Charles Theron "Bunny" Nichols; and brother, Dennis Arnold Youngblood.

Mrs. Nichols is survived by her son, Christopher Kenneth Nichols (Rebecca D'Annunzio) of Fort Valley; daughter, Christine Kaye Ponder (George) of Carriere, MS; grandchildren, Kenneth R. Nichols, April M. Bruhl (Jimmy), and Stacey L. Ponder; sister, Charlotte Edna Wood of Dellwood; one great-grandchild; several nieces, nephews, and many friends.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to Forest General Hospice in Hattiesburg, MS for their care of Mrs. Nichols.

Christopher Tillman, Sr, 49

Mr. Christopher Tillman, Sr., age 49, passed away Tuesday, July 5, 2022. A Celebration of Life was held Saturday, July 16, at 11 a.m. at Swainsboro City Auditorium with Elder Mae Bivens officiating. Interment followed in Swainsboro City Cemetery.



TILLMAN

Christopher Tillman, Sr. was born October 3, 1972, to the late Hubert and Cynthia Tillman. At a young age, Christopher became a member of House of God of Swainsboro where he was a member until his call home. Christopher was a graduate of the Class of 1992, and studied auto mechanics in 93-94 at Swainsboro Technical College. He enjoyed fishing, working on cars, spending time outdoors, and with family and friends.

Mr. Tillman leaves to cherish his memories with his wife, Lakesha Nwakudu-Tillman;

children, Christopher Dwayne Tillman, Jr. of Columbia, SC and Teyundrea Carswell of Swainsboro; step-children, Canesha Nwakudu, Eriyon Bizzard, both of Augusta, and Steven Nwakudu of Swainsboro; siblings, Eric Bostic, Felicia (Craig) Foster, Tiffany (Rodrigus) Foster, all of Swainsboro, and Joseph Tillman of Atlanta; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Dereck Wayne Williams, 47

Mr. Dereck Wayne Williams, 47, of Swainsboro passed away Thursday, July 7, 2022, at his residence following a brief illness. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Friday, July 15, in the chapel of Chapman Funeral Home with Reverend Lamar Kersey and Reverend Joe Bedgood officiating. Interment followed in Sardis Primitive Baptist Cemetery. The family received friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, July 14, at Chapman Funeral Home.



WILLIAMS

Pallbearers were B. J. Conley, Kevin Diaz, Justin Swift, David Collins, Isaiah Rhinehardt, and Wes Scarborough.

Dereck was born October 22, 1974, in Swainsboro, to Robert Glenn Williams and Laura Riner Mason. During his life, he loved Arrowhead hunting, fishing, and spending time with his brothers. You could always catch him outside working and fixing things, he was an all-around hard worker. Dereck was a kind, selfless person who enjoyed making others smile. One thing about him was that no matter what he had going on, he loved to joke and make others laugh. While he was taken too soon from our world, his imprint of who he was will never leave. Until

we meet again in Heaven, we all will miss you. Mr. Williams is preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Warren and Katherine Williams; maternal grandparents, Clint and Claudia Riner; and brother, Michael Williams.

Mr. Williams is survived by his son, Gannon Williams of Swainsboro; daughter, Tiffany Black (Matt) of Bartow; father, Glenn Williams (Grace) of Kite; mother, Laura Mason (the late Barney) of Swainsboro; brothers, Robert Williams (Melanie) and Steve Williams (Dawn), all of Swainsboro, Paul Futch of Kite; sisters, Melinda Swift (James) of Augusta, Shelly Mulrone (Chris) and Sarah Martin (Joe), all of Swainsboro; several nieces, nephews, and many friends.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.

Kathy Edleigha Carpenter, 27

Kathy Edleigha Carpenter, 27, was called to Heaven by her Heavenly Father on Friday, July 15, 2022. Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 19, at New Home Baptist Church in Wrightsville with Reverend Jason Edenfield, Reverend Phil Wilson, and Reverend Burton Dixon officiating. Interment followed in Gumlog Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery. The family received friends from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday, July 18, at Chapman Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Lewis Fortner, Todd Fortner, Danny Shephard, Jr., Jody Scott, Joe Rumore, and Tony Rumore. Honorary pallbearers were members of New Home Baptist Church Sisterhood.

Kathy was born January 15, 1995, in Stockbridge, GA. Kathy was a 2013 Honor Graduate of Johnson County High School. While in high school, she was a member of FFA, 4-H, BETA Club, FBLA, was on the yearbook staff, and held many offices in each. Kathy's passion in school was showing hogs and participating in 4-H and FFA events. She began showing hogs with 4-H in the 3rd grade and in 6th grade switched to FFA. She was a fierce competitor in the hog showing but made many lifelong friends through the events. Kathy won many trophies, belt buckles, and ribbons with her show pigs. She was a two-time Master 4-H'er. She graduated from East Georgia State College and earned her bachelor's degree from Georgia Southern - Armstrong Campus, along with two minor degrees. She was also a sister of the Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority. Following graduation, Kathy was employed by CABi as a retail manager. She returned home to Kite in 2019 and was employed by the Georgia Department of Human Services of Child Support Services in Swainsboro. In December 2021, she was named Admissions Coordinator at Southeastern Technical College. Kathy was an active and dedicated member of New Home Baptist



CARPENTER

Church. Kathy loved to travel and was always ready for an adventure. She was a light in everyone's life. She loved bargain shopping, especially estate sales, with her mom. She loved to shop for clothes, particularly on the Fashion Ten app. She loved animals - especially her chickens, her cats, Sparky and Toots, and her dog, Mack-Mack. Miss Carpenter is preceded in death by her sisters, Tiffany Broughan and Claire Broughan; and her grandfather, Bill Hurst.

Miss Carpenter is survived by her mother and father, Twan and Buddy Broughan of Kite; the love of her life, Jimmie Rumore of Wrightsville; special niece and nephew, Sophie and Gabe Medlin of Kite; dad, Johnny Carpenter (Mechell) of Atlanta; sisters, Sheena Cook (Randy) and Emily Carpenter, all of Griffin; grandparents, Buddy and Katheryn Fortner of Kite, Betty Hurst of Richmond Hill, Claude and Marie Carpenter of Robbinsville, NC; uncle, Lewie Fortner (Gail) of Wrightsville; cousin, Lewis Fortner of East Dublin; special family members, Randy and Melissa Rumore, Tony and Lori Rumore, and Joe Rumore, all of Wrightsville; special friend, Emilie Lund (Aaron) of Kuwait; a host of other great-uncles, great-aunts, cousins, and many friends. She was loved by everyone and will be greatly missed.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to The Kathy Carpenter Scholarship Fund, c/o Southeastern Technical College, ATTN: Blythe Wilcox, 3001 East First Street, Vidalia, Georgia 30474.

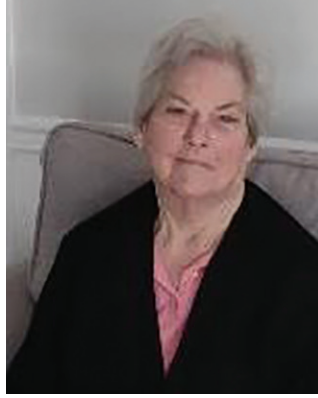
Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.

Annie Mae Townsend, 88

Annie Mae Townsend, 88, passed away Monday, July 11, 2022, at Washington County ECF. Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, July 13, from the Kite Church of God with Randy Buxton officiating. Interment followed in Minton's Chapel Church Cemetery. The family received friends at the church from 1:30 to 2:45 p.m. before the service.

Pallbearers were Jeff Coleman, Shawn Wombles, Chad Wombles, Jimmy Renfro, Johnny Thigpen, and Sammy Lee.

Mrs. Townsend was born in Johnson County, daughter of the late Barry Smith and Hattie Holder Smith. She worked for the Johnson County Board of Education as a para-pro for many years, and was a member of the Kite Church of God. Mrs. Townsend is preceded in death by her parents; husband of 51 years Robert Townsend; and sons, John Robert and David Mark Townsend.



TOWNSEND

Survivors include her daughter, Susan Hooks (David); grandchildren, Carl Gannon Snell (Cathy), Robb Snell (Sherri), Kelly Bianco, and Bryan Hooks (Ashley); great-grandchildren, Jacey Snell and Barrett Snell, Emily Bianco, Matthew Bianco, Seth Bianco, Channon Hooks and Bryanna Hooks.

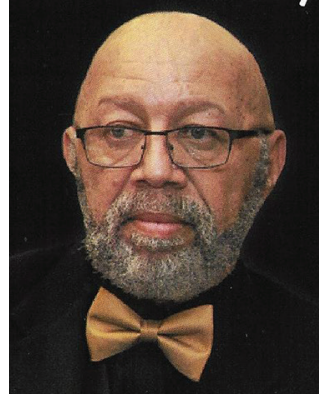
In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Kite Church of God, P.O. Box 309, 76 College Street, Kite, Georgia 31049 in memory of Annie Mae Townsend.

Arrangements were by Tomlinson Funeral Home and Crematory of Swainsboro.

SFC John Willie Corley, 62

John Willie Corley, age 62, departed this life on July 9, 2022, at home, following a long battle with an illness. A Homecoming Celebration was held Saturday, July 16, at 3 p.m. at Swainsboro City Auditorium with Minister AJ Brown officiating. Interment followed at Swainsboro City Cemetery.

John was born December 20, 1959, in Swainsboro, to the late Jessie Flowers. After graduation, John joined the United States Army, where he served at several duty stations across the world and held positions such as infantry, supply, sniper, Drill Sgt., and weapons instructor. John later relocated to his home town of Swainsboro, where he continued to serve in his military capacity, and retired from the US Army as Sgt. First Class in 2013. Mr. Corley is preceded in death by his parents, Thomas and Jessie Flowers; and sister, Tina



SFC CORLEY

Corley.

Mr. Corley leaves to cherish his memories with his wife, Glenda of Swainsboro; daughters, Niquita (Albert) Corley-Brown of North Augusta, SC, Rasheeda (Justin) Evans of Jackson, SC, Alexis Heard of Independence, KY, and Kamryn Heard of Augusta; sons, Darnel Holbrook of Philadelphia, PA and Christopher Tilghman Sr. of Bethesda, MD; five grandchildren; three sisters; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Mosley's Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Shirley Mae Green, 57

Shirley Mae Green, age 57, entered into eternal rest on Tuesday, July 12, 2022, after a brief illness. A Celebration of Life was Sunday, July 17, at 1 p.m. at Mt. Gilead Missionary Baptist Church in Twin City with Pastor Jerry Armstrong officiating.

Shirley was born August 3, 1964, to the late Mary Bell Green and Allen Ford. She was a devoted member of Mt. Gilead Missionary Baptist Church where she served faithfully on the usher ministry. Shirley was a native of Jefferson County and was known to everyone as "chicken" for her tiny and petite body structure. She took care of her family, cooked, cleaned, and babysat. Taking care of her family was always her main goal, especially her grandkids who were her pride and joy. Shirley was loving, caring, and always showed her family support during every event.



GREEN

Ms. Green leaves to cherish her memories with her children, Timothy Green of Swainsboro, Jeremy Green of Wadley, and Traci Smith (Christopher) of Swainsboro; siblings, Jerry Green (Beverly) of Wadley, Terry Green of Swainsboro, and Linda Armstrong (Jerry) of Soperton; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, other relatives, and friends.

Mosley's Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

St. Philip Missionary Baptist Church pantry distribution

St. Philip Missionary Baptist Church will have their monthly pantry distribution Thursday, July 21, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at St. Philip Center of Hope, 220 S. Racetrack St, Swainsboro.

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Ever Wild Boutique announces weekend event planned for tax free weekend

Ever Wild Boutique in Downtown Swainsboro will host a celebration weekend beginning July 28 through July 30. The three-day event will include a ribbon cutting at 4 p.m. Thursday, July 28, that will include refreshments, giveaways, spend more save more deals and more.



July 23, 2022

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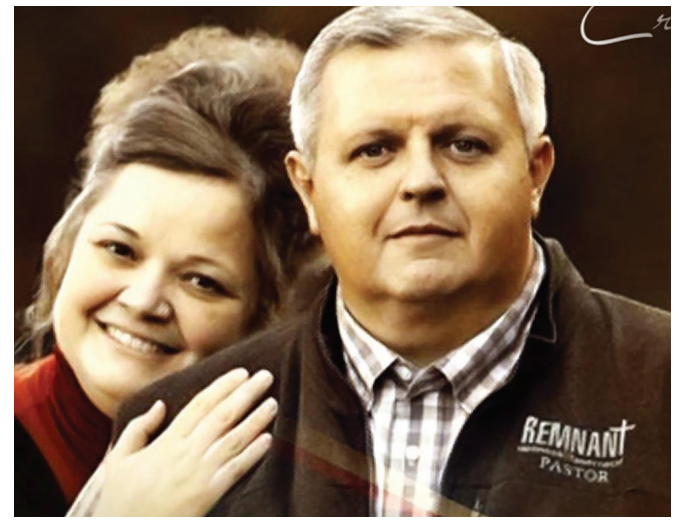
A benefit shoot will be held around 6:00 P.M. with all proceeds going to Donnie Kirkland and family for medical treatment.

Ticket Information

For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact: Amber Fagler: 478-299-3325, Savannah Tanner: 478-357-6551 or Angie Robinson: 912-585-3863 or you can purchase tickets by Venmo or at Daniels Chevrolet.

Perfected Love welcomes Rev. Jamie Holcomb as guest speaker at homecoming

Perfected Love Holiness Church announces its 12th homecoming revival set to begin Wednesday, July 20, and conclude on Sunday, July 24, following morning worship and a homecoming lunch meal. Rev. Jamie Holcomb will be this year's guest speaker. Service will begin at 7:30 p.m. on weeknights. For more information, contact Pastor Deal Martin II at 478-237-4598.



REV. JAMIE HOLCOMB AND WIFE
Perfected Love Holiness Church is located at 1127 Hwy. 80 E. in Swainsboro.



EVANGELIST REED

Jesus Saves Church to hold revival

Jesus Saves Church will have revival Sunday, July 31 through Wednesday, August 3, at 7 p.m. Guest speaker will be Evangelist Jon Reed, President of Georgia Baptist Evangelist from Bethlehem, GA. "You will be challenged and encouraged every single night." quoted Pastor Brad McKenzie.

Pastor Brad invites everyone to attend at 138 Hwy 56 North, Swainsboro.

Family and Friends service set for first Sunday in August at Holy Zion

Holy Zion Church of Metter will host a Family and Friends service on Sunday, August 7. Sunday school service will begin at 10:30 a.m. and will be followed by worship service at 11:30 a.m. All are invited to attend.

Holy Zion Church of Metter is located at 1022 Mincey Street. Johnny R. Jones serves as pastor.

Jesus Saves Church to hold grand opening

Jesus Saves Church will hold its grand opening Saturday, July 30, at 138 Hwy 56 North, Swainsboro.

Fun and Games from 3-5 p.m.

- Bouncy house for the kids/Corn hole
- Dodge ball at 3:30
- Whiffle ball at 4
- FREE hotdogs and burgers

* bring the kids out and have a good time

Church Dedication at 5 p.m.

- Introduction
- Church history and acknowledgements
- Slide show
- Scripture reading
- Prayer of dedication

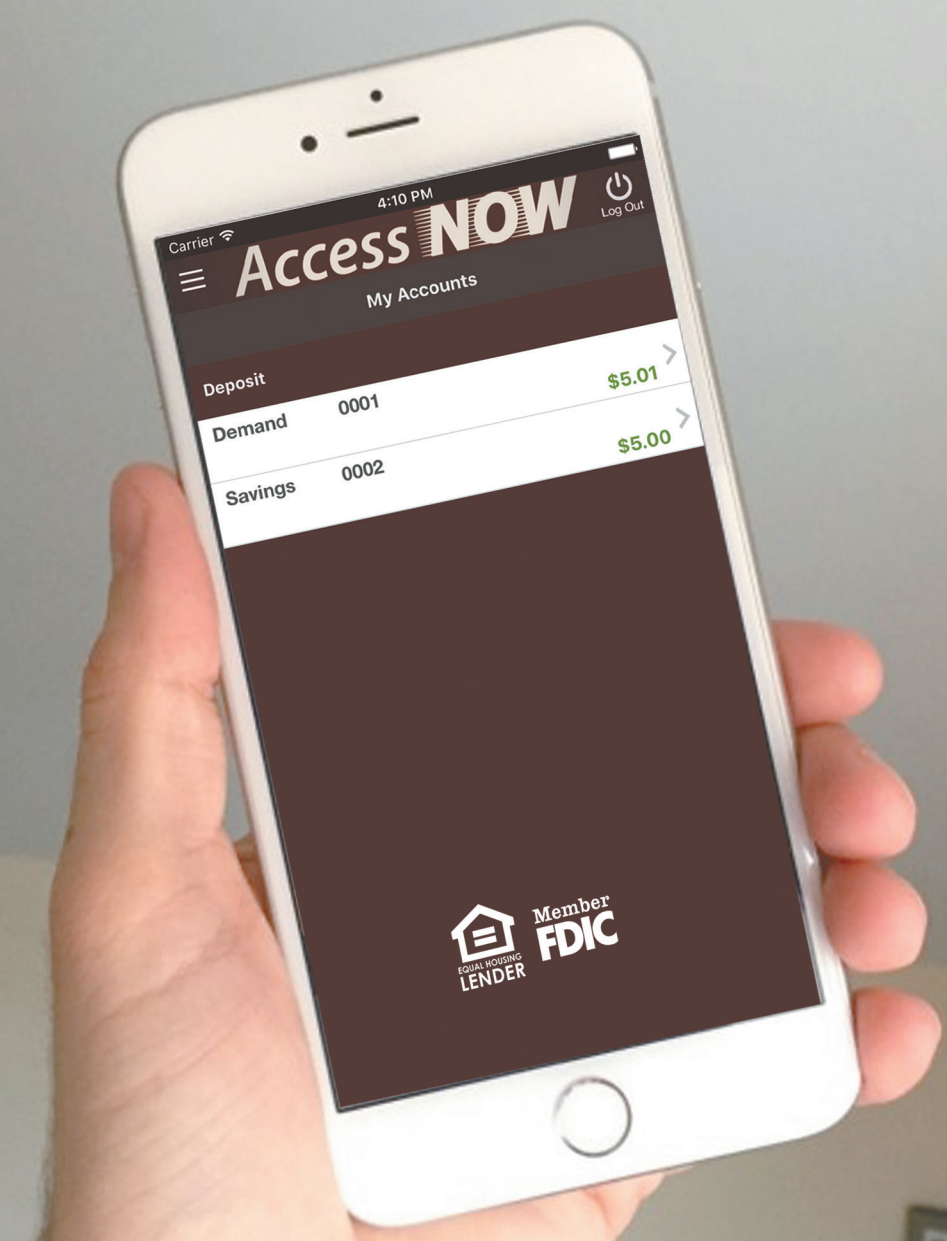
• Ribbon cutting

• Gospel sing at 6 p.m.

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Emanuel Missionary Baptist Association to distribute meals for local youth

Emanuel Missionary Baptist Association will provide five breakfast meals and five lunch meals free of charge on a first come, first serve basis on July 26 at the following locations and times:

Swainsboro

King Circle Drive Park, 10:20 - 10:35 a.m.

Latitude 105, 10:25 - 10:40 a.m.

Lewis Street Apartments, 10:40 - 10:55 a.m.

Swainsboro Housing Authority Office (Racetrack

Street), 11 - 11:35 a.m.

Lewis Street Apartments (McLeod Bridge Road), 11:20 - 11:35 a.m.

Vann Community House, 11:40 - 11:55 a.m.

Franklin Memorial Library, 12 - 12:35 p.m.

St. Phillips Baptist Church, 12:20 - 12:35 p.m.

SHS Gym Parking Lot, 12:40 - 12:55 p.m.

Twin City Durden Road Park, 10:30 - 10:45 a.m.

ECI Parking Lot, 10:50 - 11:05 a.m.

192 Spur (Wilson Road), 11:10 - 11:25 a.m.

Other Stillmore Park, 11 - 11:15 a.m.

Oak Park Community Center, 11:30 - 11:45 a.m.

Garfield Fire Station, 11:35 - 11:50 a.m.

Garfield Housing Authority, 11:55 a.m. - 12:10 p.m.

Sumertown Community Center, 12:30 - 12:45 p.m.

Cross & Green Fire Station, 12:55 - 1:10 p.m.

Crider Foods announces Teachers Pat It Forward recipients

Crider Foods proudly announces this year's recipients of the 2022 Teacher Pay It Forward Campaign. Out of five teachers, four from Emanuel County were selected to receive \$1,500 each in extra classroom supplies this upcoming school year after nominations and inspiring stories were submitted to Crider Foods on their behalf. Cheryl Cobb from Metter Elementary School was the fifth recipient. Recipients for this year's Teacher Pay It Forward Campaign for schools in Emanuel County are as follows:

- Devin Coxwell - Swainsboro Primary School
- Debra Austin - Swainsboro Elementary School
- Annette Worthen - Twin City Elementary School
- Donna Campbell - David Emanuel Academy



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Bonds, Moore plan December wedding

Mrs. Lori Ragsdale Bonds is proud to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of her daughter, Aubrey Suzanne Bonds, to Judson Bryant Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Brian Moore of Oxford, Alabama. Aubrey is also the daughter of the late William Louis Bonds, Jr.

Miss Bonds is a graduate of Emanuel County Institute and a 2020 graduate of Lagrange College with a Bachelor of Arts in Art and Design. Currently, she is an art teacher at Troup County Comprehensive High School in Lagrange, Ga. The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edmond Eugene Ragsdale of Swainsboro and Mrs. Dorothy Barber Bonds, and the late William Louis Bonds, Sr. Of Moncks Corner, SC. Mr. Moore is a graduate of Oxford High School and is a 2021 graduate of Lagrange College with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. He is employed by Globe Life in Columbus, Ga. The future groom is the grandson of Mrs. Linda Carol Moore and the late Rev. Larry Wade Moore of Oxford, Ala and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Clayton Hart. The wedding will be held on December 10, 2022, in West Point, Georgia. Invitations will be sent.



BONDS AND MOORE

McDaniel lawn recognized by City of Adrian for month of July

The City of Adrian proudly announces the residence of Johnny and Dee Dee Webb as its July 2022 Yard of the Month recipients. The City of Adrian appreciates the efforts of its residents in helping "Build for the Future". Each month, a resident of the Adrian neighborhood is eligible for Yard of the Month recognition. Every six months, one winner is chosen at random to receive a \$50 prize donation made by Debbie Alfonso for contributing to the city's overall future goals. Mrs. Polly Fountain, February 2022 Yard of the Month recipient, was announced as the Yard of the Month raffle prize winner.

The Yard of the Month Program and the City of Adrian recognizes and supports neighbors who demonstrate exceptional efforts to maintain and improve their property in a manner that contributes to the overall appearance of the community at large. Debby Alfonso, project founder, is assisted by Adrian Mayor Wymola Smith and City Council Members Suzanne Hutchinson and Michelle Love.



DEE DEE WEBB WITH CERTIFICATE AND YARD OF THE MONTH SIGN



ALFONSO (RIGHT) PRESENTS RAFFLE PRIZE TO FOUNTAIN (LEFT)



AUDEN CLAY LANIGAN

Welcome baby Auden Clay

Clay and Kelly Lanigan are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Auden Clay Lanigan. He made his appearance at East Georgia Regional Women's Pavilion in Statesboro on May 11, 2022, at 8:18 a.m. weighing 7 lbs. 15 oz. and measuring 22 inches long. Auden was welcomed home by his big brother and sister, Slayden and Ava. Maternal grandparents are Judy Lewis and the late Ricky Lewis of Swainsboro, and paternal grandparent is Patricia Pierce.

**19TH ANNUAL FUTURE GENERATION
YOUTH BOOK BAG DRIVE**
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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

Gay named 2022 winner of annual SPD Treasure Hunt for Kids grand prize drawing

Swainsboro Police Department held a grand prize drawing for the ultimate winner of this year's Treasure Hunt for Kids, an annual summer program hosted by the department, on Thursday, July 14. For the 2022 Treasure Hunt for Kids program, SPD teamed up with Vyve Broadband to offer the biggest end of the year grand prize ever, an iPad mini! This year's program held 23 participants who all received prizes for locating hidden rocks throughout the city by following clues posted on the department's Facebook page. *The names of the 23 winning participants are as follows:*

Ason Wheeler – Rock 1
Jace Henry – Rock 2

Kayleiana Swilley – Rock 3
Grayson Polan – Rock 4
Jodi Hopkins – Rock 5
Kaleb Shipman – Rock 6
Hunter Goddard – Rock 7
Leland Williford – Rock 8
JJ Hall – Rock 9
Kyson Hostilo – Rock 10
Knox Lumley – Rock 11
Millie Watkins – Rock 12
Ellison Anderson – Rock 13
Rayleigh Faircloth – Rock 14
Josiah Stoltzfus – Rock 15
Conner Clements – Rock 16
Rachelle Stoltzfus – Rock 17
Claudine Ooi – Rock 18
Kelton Gay – Rock 19

Raelyn Roming – Rock 20
Joslyn Henderson – Rock 21
Robert Palumbo – Rock 22
August Street – Rock 23
Gay was announced as this year's grand prize winner and was awarded his iPad mini after returning home from a summer beach vacation on Monday, July 18. When asked how he felt on being this year's grand prize winner, Gay responded, "Good," as he excitedly held his grand prize. SPD Chief Randy Ellison states that the agency thoroughly enjoyed hosting this year's summer event and appreciates parents/guardians for actively

participating in the program with local youth. "I just want to say, from the police department's perspective, how much we enjoy this scavenger hunt. My staff, Swainsboro police officers, always look forward to hiding the rocks every year and giving clues. All rocks were found this year and we gave out some wonderful prizes, and, with the help of Vyve Broadband, we were able to give this iPad mini away today," Chief Ellison commented during Monday's Grand Prize Giveaway. The partnership between SPD and Vyve Broadband began earlier this year when the police department was approached by Vyve

Broadband representatives on sponsoring a program for good Samaritans performing good deeds. The sponsored program took place during the months of February and May and rewarded locals with gift cards for good acts performed. "Vyve is always looking for ways to support anything in the community so partnership with the police department is top of our list," Vyve Broadband Retail Sales Supervisor Dottie Durden commented. While the department looked for sponsorship for this year's annual Treasure Hunt for Kids Scavenger Hunt in the recent months, Vyve Broadband took the opportunity to give back

to the community once more. "Vyve reached out to the department and wanted to help give back to the community by sponsoring this year's grand prize and offered an iPad mini," the chief further explained. "It's been a great partnership and we appreciate the support received from Vyve Broadband for this year's grand prize drawing. It's wonderful to see the smiles on all the children's faces during our annual scavenger hunt. We enjoy it as much as the children do and I look forward to everyone looking for these rocks next year," Chief Ellison concluded.



RETAIL SALES SUPERVISOR DURDEN (LEFT) AND CHIEF ELLISON (RIGHT) PRESENT GAY (CENTER) WITH IPAD MINI



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Christmas in July

Emanuel County Division of Family and Children Services and TLC CASA are getting a head start on making Christmas special for our local foster children. If you want to help make a child's Christmas, select a child's wish from one of our trees located at gift drop-off locations. Remember to attach the child's wish ornament to your gift when you drop it off.

Wish List & Gift Drop-Off Locations

- Emanuel Medical Center
- Citizens Bank of Swainsboro
- Durden Banking Company

To make a tax-deductible monetary contribution to provide Christmas presents for foster children in our community, scan our QR code or go to TLCCASA FaceBook page and make a donation. For more information, call Dianna Wedincamp at (478) 494-1547.



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July 29



Editorials Columns

Christmas in July

For some reason, I thought about Jack the other day, and Mollie and Stina. They all came together in Swainsboro on Christmas Eve, 1996. Jack was a colorful figure. He loved the outdoors. He was flamboyant, loud, and very expressive. When I say he was a real bird, I mean he was a real bird. He was a cockatiel from South America. Well, actually he was from a pet store in North Augusta. He didn't speak English, but then he didn't really speak anything. The lady at the store said he would probably pick up something after a little while, but Jack reacted to himself. Every

now and then he would blurt out a really irritating screech for no particular reason. But that was rare, and when he did it, everybody jumped a little bit, and then things were ok for a while. Jack was a last-minute Christmas idea for our boys, and the first challenge with Jack was to prevent any of his outbursts until his unveiling on Christmas morning. Mollie was a free spirit, with the darkest hair and the most soulful eyes you ever saw. She was a pure bred, paper-holding black lab puppy. She was about eight weeks old and naturally had the activity level of a turbo charged

firecracker wrapped in coiled springs with no "off switch". Of course, she was adorable and "almost" house broken. She could do no wrong, but I could already tell we needed more homeowner's insurance with her around. The plan was that Mollie was also going to be a Christmas morning surprise. As I look back, I wonder if my wife and I secretly knew this was going to be a train wreck and just didn't want to admit it, or if we were so dead tired right before Christmas we just thought, whatever happens, this will have to be the best Christmas ever! Finally,

there was Stina. Stina was the Rotary Club exchange student from Sweden that year. As the President of the club, I, along with my wife, had the job of looking after Stina while she was here in the U.S. for a year. She was enrolled at Georgia Southern and was a bright, pretty, independent young lady. Her father, who was a submarine commander in the Swedish Navy, called me two days before Christmas and said Stina's plans for the holiday had fallen through, and the dorms were closed. Of course, we were happy to have her spend Christmas with us, but the house was begin-

Charles Schwabe



ning to fill up fast. Add to that the fact that we were hosting a Christmas party for several dozen folks that night. So, as young couples with young children do, we just charged blissfully ahead and blindly assumed everything would work out, because it had to, right? Right, and that's exactly what happened. Stina was our international house guest for the party, Jack was screechless with a blanket

over his cage in the study, and Mollie hid out in a cozy box in the downstairs bedroom with a babysitter from Sweden. Santa made it all come together, and in spite of the screeching and barking on Christmas Day, we all lived to tell about it. The train wreck didn't happen, and it really turned out to be one of the best Christmases ever. So get ready, only 157 more shopping days. It'll be here before you know it.

Summer Bounty

Mid-summer time in Georgia is filled with scorching humid days and many annoying pests. It is also filled with delicious dishes on our dinner tables. In my growing up days, backyard gardens were filled with rows of summer vegetables that were at their peak and ready for picking and filling our plates. Peas were eaten daily, and there were many varieties, black-eyed, crowders, purple

hull and just plain field peas. The favorite that was saved for Sunday dinner was a tiny white pea known as a "lady finger" and was the dickens to shell. The name has become "White Acre" and is sold canned, frozen, and if you are lucky, you can have the pleasure of shelling fresh from the garden. Bowls of peas would have small pods of okra on top and fried okra on the side. My favorite was butterbeans.

Okra completed this dish also. Boiled corn-on-the-cob or cut off the cob and creamed with butter, juices from scraping the cob and lots of black pepper joined the peas on your plate. No summer meal was complete without sliced red-ripe tomatoes sprinkled with salt and cucumbers with sliced onions marinating in a bowl. On my table there were always hot peppers. Add to this a pitcher of sweet tea, a

thin hoecake of cornbread cooked on a cast-iron griddle, and you have a meal fit for a king. Haven't even mentioned desserts. Peach trees grew in many yards. Blackberries grew wild and often beside a dirt road. All were made into cobblers and pies and sometimes with home-churned ice cream to top it off. It has been a long time since I have been able to load up my car with fresh Georgia produce

Shirley Proctor Twiss



to take back to wherever I lived at the time. I shelled peas and butterbeans while traveling from Emanuel County to Texas. I dumped the hulls at rest stops along the way. When I arrived at home,

I quickly prepared and froze many bags of peas and beans. This insured I would have my favorite foods. Enjoy the bounty of summer in Emanuel County. Write to Shirley at sptwiss@gmail.com.

Junior E. Lee talks politics and cow ticks

Well, this is interesting. Donald Trump and Joe Biden have something in common besides being a couple of old white guys. According to a New York

Times/Siena College poll, a little less than half of the Republicans polled want Trump as their first choice in the 2024 primary should he make a run to retake the

White House. Granted, the number is 49% but remember that Trump got 94% of all Republican votes in the 2020 election. As for Joe Biden, the

same poll found that some 64 percent of Democratic voters don't want him to run for reelection. I am surprised the number was that low. Biden's approval rating is the worst of any elected president at this point in his presidency since the end of World War II. Even worse than Jimmy Carter? That's downright embarrassing.

To try and make sense of it all, I called Junior E. Lee, general manager of the Yarbrough Worldwide Media and Pest Control Company, located in Greater Garfield, Georgia. Junior not only knows his stuff when it comes to geopolitical matters like the impact of China's debt assistance to Pakistan in today's economic environment, he is also a certified pest control professional.

I bring this up to say that when you see Tucker Carlson on Fox and Rachel Maddow on MSNBC babbling on and on about politics, just remember that neither of them would know a sowbug (a small terrestrial crustacean of the order Isopoda) from a sow (a fat female pig.) Junior not only knows politics but he also knows the most effective means of eradicating millipedes. He is an invaluable member of my team.

Since it is almost time for the annual release of our own political survey, Round or Square Polls ("You give us the dough and we will cook the numbers.") I wanted to see if Junior E. Lee had some information he might share with you after he has done an in-depth analysis of

Dick Yarbrough



the New York Times/Siena College poll. I say this with all due respect to the New York Times and to Siena College but when your mascot is Baloo "Saint" Bernard (Siena's, not the Times), it is hard to take them seriously.

I caught Junior out at Arveen Ridley's place. He told me he was busy dealing with a Rhipicephalus issue. Actually, what he is doing is spraying for cow ticks but since he has become so well-known as a media analyst and a pest control professional, he likes to impress everybody with big words.

I asked him about the New York Times/Siena College results that show that less than half of the Republicans polled have Donald Trump as their first choice to run in 2024. Was he surprised?

Junior E. Lee reminded me that the number was 49% and that is as close to half as it is to less than half. It all depends how the media want to play around with the numbers. For example, he says don't forget that you can drown in an average of 12 inches of water. I don't know what one has to do with the other but it's best not to argue with Junior when he is in the middle of a Rhipicephalus issue. He can be pretty crabby if he has inhaled a lot of malathion.

Junior's biggest concern is that when Trump sup-

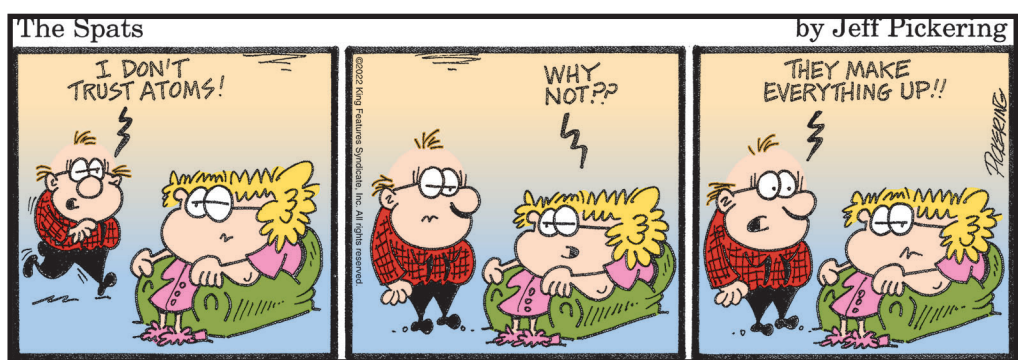
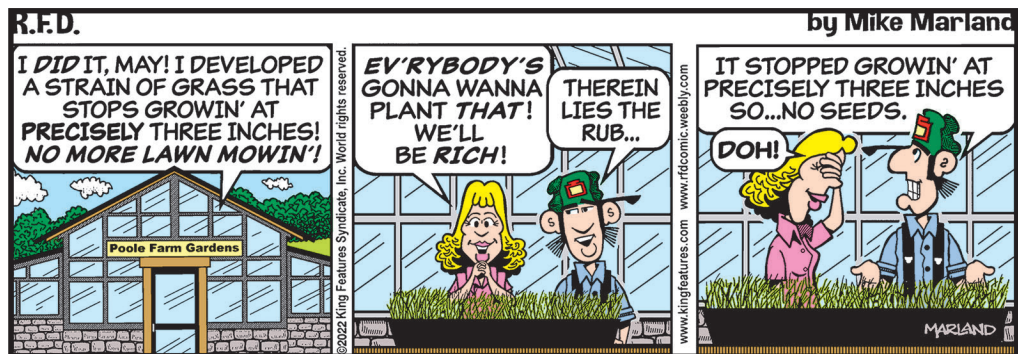
porters see the results, they might march on Loudonville, New York, if they can find the place on the map. That is where Siena College is located. He thinks the protesters very well might storm the J. Spencer and Patricia Standish Library, occupy the Special Collections suite and threaten to hang Baloo "Saint" Bernard before the Gaspacho police can intervene. That is a frightening thought.


As for Joe Biden, Junior E. Lee expressed surprise that even 39 percent approve of his performance. He surmises they must be family members or White House staffers, who obviously don't care that inflation is at a 40-year high. Junior says he doubts any of this bothers Biden. He sleeps most of the time.

With that, Junior said he needed to get back to the Rhipicephalus issue. When he is through spraying the cows at Arveen Ridley's place, he tells me he is headed over to Aunt Flossie Felmer's place. He seems to be going over there a lot lately. He says he is concerned about fire ants and wants to poke around in her drawers. I must remember to talk to him about that.

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Community Spotlight

From the Community Spotlight to the world's spotlight

by BRITTANY HALL

Seventeen years ago, a video-sharing website called YouTube was born and its birth changed our world by providing humanity with the ability to upload, convert, store and play back video content on the internet through free-expression. Its existence has played a role in the discovery of many influencers and artists including Justin Bieber, Shawn Mendes, Alessia Cara and even two young locals, Adam and Blake Sanders.

"We made our first YouTube video on July 1st, 2015. At the time, we didn't know how to create an account or post the video, so we had to learn. Our first videos were inspired by other YouTube videos," the Sanders explained.

The 19-year-old twin brothers are the sons of Jim and Kimmy Sanders of Swainsboro and their walk to fame began with humble beginnings and a simple upload of sharing their love for pop-culture.

The teens developed a channel called Adam and Blake - FNAF & Hoops and Yoyo Productions, a name that they came up with in honor of the stars that inhabit their videos, Hoops and Yoyo and the characters of a very popular video game, Five Nights at Freddie's:

"FNAF stands for Five Nights at Freddie's. It is a video game that we loved to play, and we wanted to get the plush toys and make videos about it. Our friend gave us a birthday card one year that had Hoops and Yo-yo on it, and we wanted to make videos about them too. Now, we just make videos about all the video games that we like to play, like Cuphead, Poppy's Playtime, Super Mario Bros, Bendy and the Ink Machine, and more."

The Sanders have since amassed a following of over 100,000 subscribers and over 100,000,000 views. It's an astonishing achievement that has earned them silver status and a YouTube Creator



ADAM AND BLAKE SANDERS WITH THEIR YOUTUBE CREATOR AWARD

Award for the extraordinary effort that they have put into growing their channel and building a thriving, online community.

"Currently, we have 230,000 subscribers on YouTube and have 225,000,000 total views on all our videos since 2015. The physical award that we received is the silver YouTube play button. We got it for passing 100,000 subscribers!" they explained with excitement.

YouTube Play Buttons or YouTube Plaques are a series of awards from YouTube that aim to recognize its most popular channels, such as Adam and Blake's. The award in which the Sanders received is a metallic, silver plaque embossed with their channel's name on it. When they received it last week, their family took to social media to share and celebrate the twin's success. One very special, heartfelt message coming from their father, Jim, who shared a picture of them with their Silver Play Button along with

these words:

"They are my Rockstars! Blake told us he had two things he was really proud of; graduating high school and achieving this goal. They have 229,005 subscribers as of this morning and 124,800,000 total views. They have done it 99.99999% on their own. Rock on Boy Blue and Boy Too!"

Their parents also said that they hope they continue to do what they love, and their sister Anna shared that she doesn't know of two dedicated people more deserving of such a prestigious honor.

"Sometimes I will watch them make a video behind the scenes and seeing how much work and dedication they put into their channel makes me unbelievably proud of them. It takes more work than some would think and it's just impressive to me what they have managed to do and how far they've come," she said with sincerity.

The Sanders brothers are now eligible to

apply for a digital verification badge because of their advancement in the social media world. The badge signifies a channel's authenticity which gives them an additional advantage and confirms two things: it's the official channel of a creator, artist, company, or public figure and that the creator is serious about sharing social content. The last being an undeniable, steadfast strength, that the Sanders have and will continue to share with the online entertainment industry for years and years to come.

"We want to thank all our subscribers for their support. We really appreciate it so much! We want to keep making YouTube videos and have started posting on TikTok and we want to do more with that!" they concluded.

From the community spotlight to the world spotlight, Adam and Blake are certified stars who are teaching us all that we will never influence the world by being just like it. Congratulations to you both!

ECI Softball: Another camp in the books!

Campers and Emanuel County Institute Softball team members ended another summer camp last week with a big bang after hosting the first summer camp featuring guest instructors to work with camp participants. This year, the Lady Bulldogs welcomed Mary Beth Dennison, Assistant Coach/Pitching at Georgia Southern University; Madison Herrin, Head Coach at Brewton Parker College; and Lauren Heath, Assistant Coach at Middle Georgia College.



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Robins Financial Credit Union Contributes \$410,000 in Community Project

Robins Financial Credit Union recently contributed \$410,000 to 21 organizations as part of their annual Community Project. Organizations submitted their applications and recipients were chosen by a special Robins Financial Board of Directors Committee based on their application and request for funding, as well as their reputation and the work they do for the community.

Robins Financial is committed to the communities they serve and the Community Project demonstrates the ongoing support to improve these communities. The Community Project provides financial support

to nonprofit organizations whose purpose is to help families and improve the physical and financial well-being of the community.

The Community Project started in 2015 and over the years, Robins Financial has donated over \$1.4 million through this program. Applications are open each year from March 1st through the end of April and information can be found on Robins Financial's website.

"We are proud to give back to our community through supporting these deserving organizations that make such a positive contribution," said Christina O'Brien,

President and CEO of Robins Financial Credit Union. "Our annual Community Project is one of the most impactful ways we live out our credit union mission to be member focused, financial partners and community proud."

The 2022 Community Project recipient in Emanuel County is Southeastern Technical College Foundation in Swainsboro.

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 247,000 members, with assets exceeding \$4 billion.



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TLC: Providing tender love and care for the children of Swainsboro

by BRITTANY HALL

Harlem High School student Aubrey Oliver, daughter of Emanuel County dfcs Attorney, Marnique Oliver, and Derrick Oliver, graciously donated her beautifully detailed original painting to the newly renovated TLC Children Services Visitation Center in Swainsboro. Her painting was a senior art project for school and the final touches of the comfortable, newly completed family-centered area which is provided by the Emanuel County Commissioners. "We are extremely lucky to have the resources that we have, between the county commissioners, the Millcreek grant, and the involvement from the community itself," Swainsboro's TLC Visitation Coordinator, Mary Claire Brannen, said in high regards of the organization's patrons.

Among the many new developments that the center offers, some include the inviting new furnishings that were bought with grants from the Millcreek Foundation and Advanced Metal.

The facility coordinates supervised visitation for children in foster care and their families as well as court ordered supervision for families involved in superior court by allowing parents or relatives to have an opportunity to continue to bond with their child or children while assuring the physical and emotional safety required by the court. The families can engage



AUBREY OLIVER STANDING WITH HER DONATED PAINTING AND CANDY POWERS, AT THE NEWLY RENOVATED CHILDREN'S VISITATION CENTER IN SWAINSBORO

in a confidential, home like setting where snacks, games, and age-appropriate toys are provided.

"We offer direct, constant supervision to assure safety for the children, bothemotionally and physically. It also enables us to guide the parents in parenting through positive reinforcement, discipline techniques and life skills." Brannen explained. The space allows parents to have a comfortable atmosphere to spend time with their children and engage with them without distraction from cell phones. "That is Judge Sherri McDonald's order. She ordered from the bench that during visitation there would be no cell phone use, so we adhere to that order. We want parents to use the time to make their children a priority, that's most important." Brannen said.

The goals of the cen-

ter are to promote family functioning and assure safe interactions between parents and their children. Parents are guided on an individual hands-on basis and encouraged to positively relate to their children. Parenting classes, parent coaching, life skills education, and drug screens are provided as support to the families. Staff also provides recommendations for access to community services.

"I have been very surprised at the level of engagement that the families have with their children. For them to sit down and play games and pay attention to the children and listen to what they have to say, I've been astonished by the difference it makes in the lives of those children." Brannen added that the facility displays the pride felt by everyone in providing a very comfortable and engaging setting for the fam-

ilies to visit their children. "Our job is to try to accomplish the reunification of families or, if that is not possible, assuring permanency for children. We become very close to the families and can communicate well with them because sometimes they may have a bias against the Georgia Division of Family and Children's Services due to their child or children being removed from their homes and many times we're able to bridge that gap."

If you're interested in donating toys, games, books, or snacks to our TLC Children Services Visitation Center, you can contact their Visitation Supervisor, Candy Powers, at 912-245-9501.

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." — Helen Keller, U.S. author, educator, and disability rights advocate

Remember when?

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DONALDSON WITH USDA REPRESENTATIVES



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Rural partners engage to promote community prosperity for Twin City

"Twin City is a charming, historic community in Eastern Emanuel County Georgia that is just beginning to realize its potential as a heritage tourism destination. It is also home to George L. Smith State Park where recreational opportunities abound..." touts Mayor Donaldson on the city's welcome page of its website.

USDA's Rural Partners Network USDA Rural Development recently met with Mayor Donaldson and a handful of key community decision makers in June 2022. We discussed the launch of the Rural Partners Network (RPN) in Emanuel County and the community assets such as the George L. Smith State Park, the Stitch-N-Print manufacturing company and the city's largest employer, Emanuel County Board of Education. We also discussed needs and opportunities. "This is where the exciting work of the Rural Partners work begins," said Christine Sorensen,

Rural Partners Network USDA Rural Development Lead Management and Program Analyst. Among the priorities for the community are infrastructure improvements such as correcting water and sewer infill issues, building sidewalks and curbing, and road grading and resurfacing. Other needs include public works and police department vehicles and equipment, affordable housing, and recreation.

This year USDA Rural Development funded a limb truck, a must-have for bulk waste removal, using a boom arm and claw to dispose of everything from tree limbs and construction site debris to household furniture and disaster site wreckage, the first investment by Rural Development in this community. "The first of many, we anticipate," said Rural Development State Director Reggie Taylor. "After assessing basic needs, we see a fit for three of our programs to assist. Our team is

already at work on those," said Taylor. This is before we've even brought in other federal partners to begin work with Twin City." We're engaging direct partnerships with multiple federal departments and agencies to provide coordinated service to make these community wish list items become a reality. The goal is to access multiple types of assistance to address critical unmet needs and to effectively invest this assistance in a strategic vision for inclusive economic growth and community revitalization.

The Rural Partners Network (RPN) is an alliance of federal agencies and civic partners working to expand rural prosperity through job creation, infrastructure development, and community improvement. To learn more about the Rural Partners Network, visit <https://www.rural.gov/>. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.



SCENE FROM RIBBON CUTTING

ThompsonGas holds ribbon cutting, appreciation event

A ribbon cutting event for ThompsonGas was held on Friday, July 15, during the company's Grill & Fill event. The event was held to show appreciation to current and future customers and included free hamburgers and hotdogs, grill and steamer giveaways, door prizes, and \$10 off propane cylinders. The event concluded with a ribbon cutting to mark the change from TruFlame to ThompsonGas. Although the name has changed, it's still the same local propane company with the same friendly faces.

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Income by Class

Property taxes	2 0,009.02	
Vehicle tax	5,085.53	
Sales tax	33,939.4	
Beer revenue	7,670.75	
Utility Franchise tax	14,730.44	
Insurance Premium tax	15,163.60	
Total Income From taxes	\$96,598.74	
Fire Dept(fire Hydrants)	\$2,600.00	
Water revenues	\$20,500.00	
Tank Maintenance	\$18,000.00	
Garbage Revenue	\$19,800.00	
Fines And Forfeitures	\$5,000.00	
Business License	\$1,500.00	
Business License Insurance	\$1,942.50	
Gov Ser Fees	\$10,000.00	
Interest Income	\$500.00	
Total Income from other sources	\$79,842.50	\$79,842.50
Total Income For City Operations	\$176,441.24	

Expenditures by Department

Administration		
Salaries	\$6,000.00	*city council and mayor
Utilities	\$14,000.00	salary
Supplies	\$1,500.00	
Insurance	\$9,300.00	
Legal(auditor)	\$8,091.00	
Advertisements	\$600.00	
Payroll Taxes	\$12,000.00	
Street Lights	\$11,400.00	
School/Training	\$1,650.00	
Election	\$1,000.00	
Total For Administration	\$65,541.00	

Sanitation and streets

Salary	3000
Trash Pick-up	16000
Repairs and Supplies	1000
Total for Sanitation	\$20,000

Police Department

Salaries	32000
Supplies	500.24
Gas	2500
Uniforms	500
Utilities (police phone &fax)	500
Auto Expense	2000
Judge	700
Prisoners	500
Annuities	2800
Defense Attorney	300
Clerk of Court	1200
Total for Police Department	\$43,500.24

Fire Department Truck Expense	2500
Supplies	800
Salary	800
Fuel	500
Total for Fire Department	\$4,600

Water Department	
Salaries	27,600
Supplies	4500
Fees	1200
Tank Maintenance	9500
Total for Water	42,800.00

Total For All Departments (Expenditures)	\$176,441.24
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Loan Payment(debt reduction)	\$4,800
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Budget Balance	0
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SPLOST BUDGET (capitol outlay)



BIKE LEAGUE PARTICIPANTS AND INSTRUCTORS



SCENE FROM THE FIRST ANNUAL KIDS BIKE LEAGUE 2022



BIKE LEAGUE INSTRUCTOR ASSISTS YOUNG RIDER

Set off for an adventure with Kids Bike League!

by BRITTANY HALL

June 18 was the beginning of a new summer tradition for the Twin City recreation department. Children of Emanuel County journeyed through the great outdoors on their bicycles while taking part in the community's newest summer camp, Kids Bike League. A camp in Twin City, where kids of all ages and experience levels can have the opportunity to get coached by seasoned mountain bikers.

"Mrs. Mary Charles Howard who works with Georgia Hi-Lo Trail, came up with this grand plan to get our Georgia kids out to enjoy mountain biking. She and a team of other mountain bike enthusiasts came up with the idea for a bike camp under the Kids Bike League program." Twin City Recreation Director, Brent Freeman, explained.

The morning program lasts from 9 am until 11:30 am and uses the Georgia High-Lo Trail initiative of mountain biking as a tool to develop confidence and curiosity in our next generation of leaders by providing kids with an opportunity to ride trails, learn the mechanics of their bikes, and hike trails while learning about local plants and wildlife.

"We hope to use this program to get more of our community kids involved in their local parks and to give them

an outdoor activity they can enjoy when the camp is over." Freeman added, who began his career with the department in February as the Contracted Director, and has since been promoted to the full-time position of Recreation Director, after voting took place at the city's July council meeting:

"I was nervous at first about taking the position back in February. This was the last thing I thought I would be doing. God had other plans though. I have genuinely enjoyed my time so far. I have had such great support from our community." He continued, "All the hard work is worth it when you see all the kids out on the fields enjoying playing baseball and softball together. Or when you see all the families come out and just enjoy the park, having meals, using the playground, and socializing. It makes me feel good to know I was a small part of that happening. I am excited about what the future holds."

With his short time in this position, Freeman has tremendously improved the recreational opportunities, community development, and the overall quality of life within Emanuel County:

"I want to take all our parks and create opportunities and places for our community kids to come together. I want our parks to be something

our town can be proud of. Places where they can host family events, take the kids to play, and just enjoy their time outside. We had such a great turnout this past year for our rec ball season. I want to work on improving our complex, both the facility and the experience." He said.

We get very few summers in our lifetime that are filled with endless possibilities, imagination, and new discoveries, so while our children have this time in their lives to enjoy, give them the opportunity to make the most of it by enlisting them in this awesome program! Registration will end on July 20 followed by the last day of camp, which is July 22.

"We already have plans to be back next year and hope to see even more kids involved. With enough kids next year, we will be able to host a morning and evening session." Freeman concluded.

If you're interested in signing your child up for the Emanuel County Kids Bike League, you can register them online at <https://georgiahilo.com/kids>. All children should have access to resources that enable them to be healthy, develop self-confidence, and enjoy life. Emanuel County Kids Bike League program encompasses each of those traits and serves Georgia kids with a promise of a more fun and healthy tomorrow..

Free adoptions at Betty Gambrell Animal Shelter!

by WHITLEY CLIFTON

Betty Gambrell Animal Shelter proudly announces free adoptions at the local shelter until the end of August. Sponsored by the Emanuel County Humane Society, the opportunity for free adoptions began July 13 and will end August 31. So, if you're looking to add a four-legged companion to the family, now is the perfect time to take advantage of this free adoption opportunity that covers associated

costs of altering, rabies vaccinations and adoption fees for your new best friend!

There are lots of adoptable furry friends waiting to meet you and hopefully have a chance at a fur-ever home. Please keep in mind while visiting the shelter that there are pups of all different breeds and ages that can make the perfect pet. However, let's not forget the one's who have been there the longest, like Scarlett and Garrett.

Scarlett entered the

shelter as a puppy after being found in someone's yard. Sadly, she has since spent the remainder of her life at the shelter and is no longer a small puppy anymore. But don't let that deter the possibility of taking this sweet girl home as she loves to be loved on and deserves to finally have her chance at a happy life!

Garrett came in as a trapped stray. He has a previous leg injury that seems to have healed wrong and is believed

to be deaf or possibly have selective hearing. Nevertheless, he is known for his sweetness and ability to return love when received.

Pictured below Scarlett and Garrett are other adoptable doggies who are all desiring the same thing – a loving companionship with caring owners in a home to forever call their own.

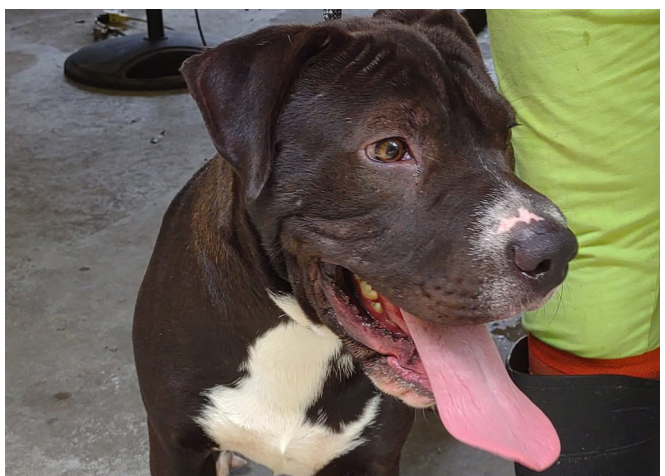
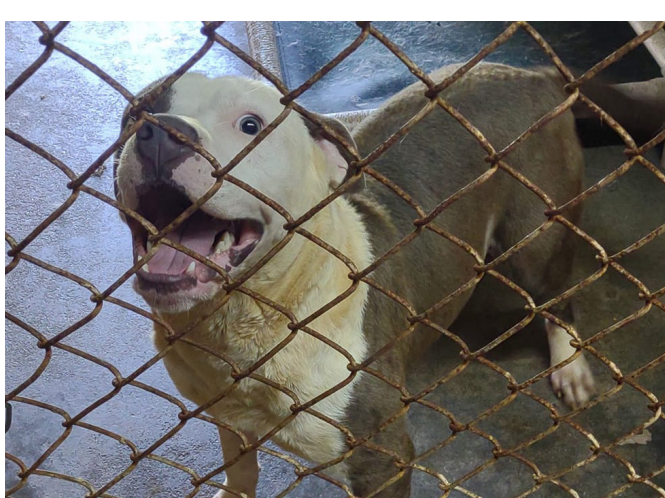
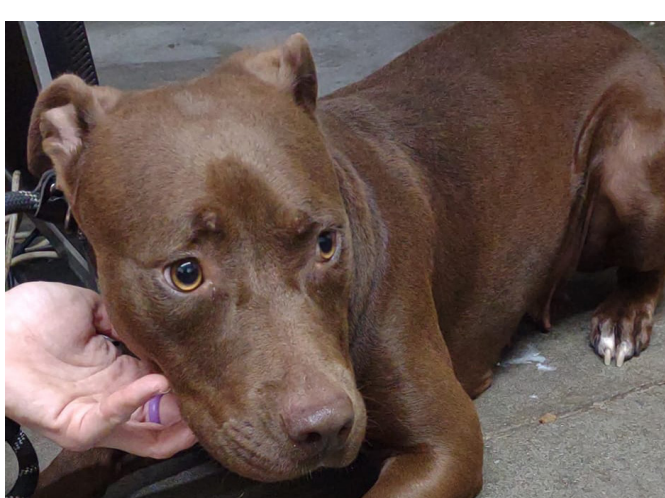
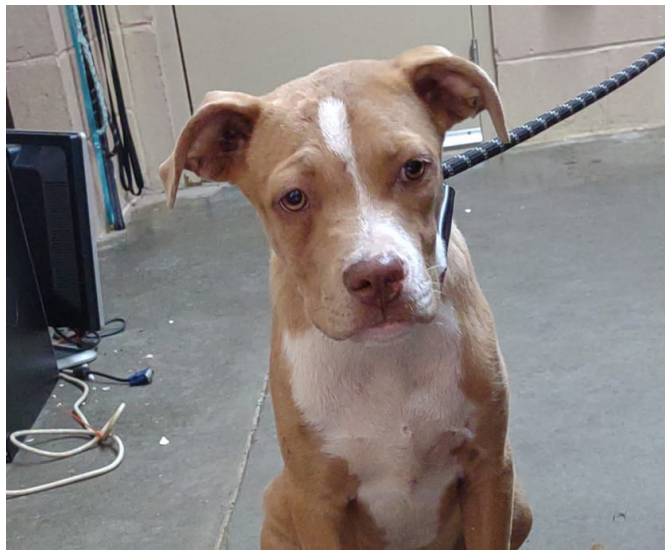
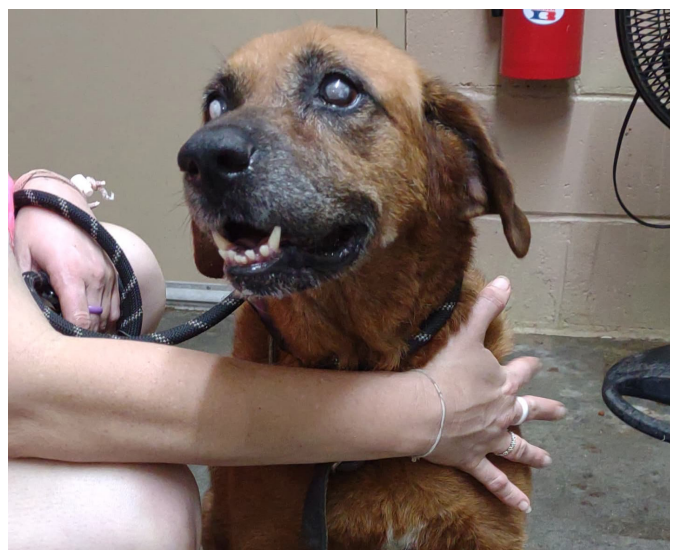
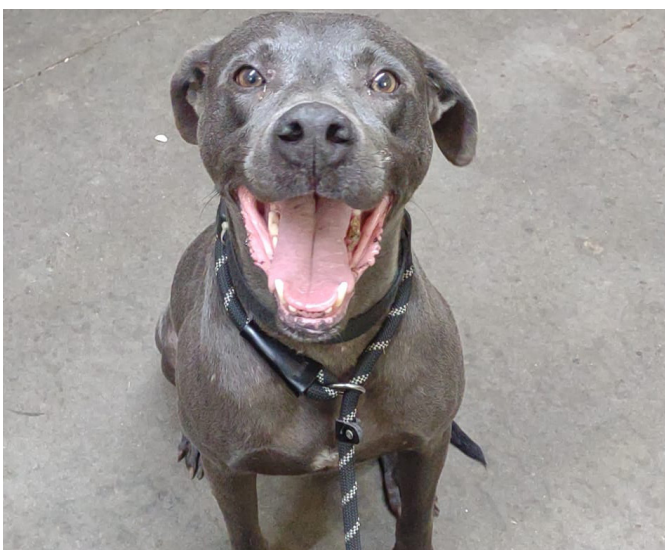
Visit the Betty Gambrell Animal Shelter today to meet your new best friend or check out their profiles on Pet Finder by

visiting: <https://l.facebook.com>.

Perhaps adopting a pup isn't suitable for life right now, but you still would like to help in other ways? The Betty Gambrell Animal Shelter welcomes volunteers interested in lending a helping hand in caring for its four-legged residents and also accepts donations! Donations can be brought in to the shelter during regular business hours or purchased from the shelter's Amazon Wishlist. All

items purchased through the Amazon Wishlist will be delivered by mail to the shelter.

The Betty Gambrell Animal Shelter is located at 343 Market Street in Swainsboro. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. until 12 p.m. For additional information regarding adoptions and volunteer/donation opportunities, contact the shelter at 478-237-4040.



For additional photos, visit emanuelcountylive.com

Jail Report

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

Swainsboro Police Dept. (SPD); Stillmore Police Dept. (SMPD); Twin City Police Department (TCPD); Garfield Police Dept. (GPD); Adrian Police Dept. (APD); Child Support Recovery Unit (CSRUI); Intensive Probation Service (IPS); or Probation Office (PROB). Jorge SanJuan Hernandez, entered 7/11/22; Driving while unlicensed/expired; released 7/11/22; SPD Dannis Blake Brannen, entered 7/12/22; Theft/

service/Hold for Toombs Co Jhirmichael Terrell Williams, entered 7/12/22; Probation/Swainsboro PD/Middle Ga Probation; SPD Lacey Lorraine Smith, entered 7/12/22; VGCSA marijuana/poss less than oz/Other; released 7/13/22; SPD Caven Thomas Sellers, entered 7/13/22; Stat rape/Crim trespass; released 7/13/22; ECSO Dakota Wayne Scott, entered 7/13/22; Hold

for Johnson Co; ECSO Alejandro Areli Lopez Cruz, entered 7/13/22; Leaving scene of accident/Driving while unlicensed/expired; released 7/13/22; SPD Nicholas Ivey Tanner, entered 7/13/22; DUI/alch/VGCSA marijuana/poss less than oz/Theft/rec/stolen prop; released 7/15/22; SPD Adam Matthew Burns, entered 7/14/22; Entering auto; TCPD Kevin Lee Flanders, entered 7/15/22;

Driving lic susp/rev; released 7/15/22; ECSO Waskia Windsor Vieux, entered 7/16/22; Driving lic susp/rev/Speeding 15-29 MPH over; released 7/16/22; ECSO Larose Dawan Brooks, entered 7/17/22; Battery/simp battery-family violence; SPD Nava Bonet Butler, entered 7/17/22; Driving lic susp/rev; released 7/17/22; SPD Foglio Andres Silva,

entered 7/17/22; Windshields/front door cracked/tinted/matls proh/DUI/alch; released 7/18/22; SPD Jimmy Lee Smith, entered 7/17/22; Suspended registration/DUI/alch/Other; TCPD Tyler Austin Long, entered 7/17/22; Dep acct fraud/bad checks under \$499; ECSO Emily Grace Coyt, entered 7/17/22; DUI/alch; released 7/18/22; ECSO

Swainsboro Police Reports

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

July 7

A report of a lost box of liquid methadone. The complainant stated he doesn't know if it was stolen out of his vehicle or if his daughter threw it out.

A report was made of a stolen Nintendo Switch. The complainant stated the offender had her child's switch in her car, and told her she was letting a friend put games on it. She then pawned the switch.

A report was made of a dispute over a small trailer. The complainant stated they let the offender hold the trailer back in November 2021, and when they went to get it back, he refused to give in back, and chained it to a tree. The offender stated there was an agreement with one of the complainants to keep the trailer as payment. They were told to take this to the magistrate court.

Officers responded to a report of damaged property at a cemetery. The complainant made the report for insurance purposes.

Officers performed a traffic stop due to a tag light being out. When speaking with the driver, he was noticeably intoxicated. The officers also learned the driver's license was revoked. They gave him a breathalyzer, and it registered .14. He was arrested for DUI, tag light violation, and child endangerment.

July 8

Officers responded to a report of a dispute. The complainant stated he had a male and female over, and wanted the male to leave because he broke his window out. The female was revealed to be the complainant's daughter, and stated he didn't want her there anymore. The offender couldn't be located.

July 9

Officers responded to a report of a vehicle loitering outside of a

restaurant with the headlights going through the window. When speaking with the driver, he stated he was there to see a friend. The officer noticed an odor of marijuana, and asked to search the vehicle. They found a pipe, a small amount of marijuana, and a clear bag of crystal methamphetamine. He was arrested.

A report was made of a damaged vehicle. The front left tire of the vehicle fell off while crossing the train tracks.

Officers responded to a report of theft at Walmart. The offender was "skip scanning", and didn't pay for \$156.25 worth of items. He was arrested.

A report was made of a dispute. The complainant stated that the offender was being irate and accusing others of stealing his cigarettes. While this was going on, a female was having seizures. The offender was not allowed to be alone due to his mental disabilities, so he was told to

calm down.

Officers arrested a male due to him having a warrant for his arrest.

A report was made of a dog at large. The complainant stated her dog was attacked by other stray dogs, and she was advised to call animal control.

July 10

A report was made of someone moving property. The complainant stated he believes someone has been moving his antenna around on the roof and causing roof damage.

A report was made of a dispute. Upon arriving at the residence, a male and female were in the yard having a verbal altercation. The male stated the female came to get their kids and hit him with a baseball bat and umbrella. The female stated that the male hit her in the head, but no visible marks were shown. The male doesn't wish to press charges, but the female wants a protective order against the

male.

July 11

Officers requested a vehicle be towed due to it being broken down.

Officers responded to a report of theft at Walmart. The offender used the "skip scan" method, and was gone from the scene when the officers arrived.

A report was made of terroristic threats and acts. The complainant stated they were receiving text saying that they knew where to find the complainants grandchildren and were threatening to shoot up their workplace. The text came from a fake number.

Officers responded to a report of criminal trespassing. The complainant stated that their window was broken, and they were trying to get it ready for rental.

A man was arrested for not paying for his food and for also being irate.

Officers performed a traffic stop due to a male driving unlicensed. He was arrested.

July 12

Officers arrested a male due to him having a warrant for his arrest.

Officers responded to a report of a dispute. A female was told to leave work due to her abusing her company vehicle privileges. She refused to leave until the officers arrived.

Officers received a call about a male doing suspicious activities near an apartment complex, but the person couldn't be located.

Officers responded to a report of theft at Walmart. The lost prevention officer stated an employee was stealing items and bagging them in the bakery, out of sight. The offender was gone when the officers arrived.

Officers performed a traffic stop due to a tail light being out. The driver had a marijuana odor on them, so the officers searched the vehicle, and found the suspected marijuana. She was arrested.

Two sentenced in Superior Court for drug-related, other charges

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

Carolyn Suzanne Tharpe negotiated a plea of guilty on one count possession of meth, one count theft by shoplifting and one count possession of drug related object. She was fined \$50 and sentenced to five years probation. Tharpe received credit for time served in custody from April 21, 2022.

Harry Lamont Carlton, a repeat offender as imposed, negotiated a plea of guilty on one count possession of cocaine, one count obstruction, one count possession of marijuana less than one ounce and one count possession of drug related object. He was fined \$50 and sentenced to 6 years probation. The court sentences the defendant as a recidivist under O.C.G.A. § 17-10-7(a).

Round 'em up, cowboys!

photos by BILL CAHILL

On Tuesday, July 12, Emanuel County Sheriff's Deputies responded to the area of Highway 1 South between Old Nunez Road and Empire Expressway in reference to an injured cow in the road. Upon their arrival, deputies found a cow in the ditch and later learned of a second cow on the loose just a few miles north on Highway 80 West. Apparently, both cows fell out of a moving farm trailer while being transported. Owners of the cows along with livestock wranglers arrived on scene and successfully corralled both cows without further incident.



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Sheriff's Reports

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

July 7

Deputies were dispatched to Island Dr. in reference to a domestic dispute.

Victim states the suspect is her ex-father-in-law. Victim had been staying with suspect for about two weeks until she could get a place for her own. On July 7, they got into an argument and the suspect got hostile towards her so she left. Victim went to SPD to see how she could get her belongings from suspect's home. Deputy was called to talk with victim and advised her that they would go get her things but if suspect said no, she would have to go to Magistrate Court to get a writ of possession. Another deputy went to SPD and suggested they call the suspect to see if he would let victim get her belongings so victim called and suspect said she could get them when she paid him \$200 on the light bill. They had a previous agreement that while she stayed there, she would pay half the light bill. She agreed to pay him when she got her paycheck.

Deputy took a report over the phone from complainant/victim who stated her ex/offender went into her house and took her children's clothes without permission. C/p also stated offender was instructed not to go back to the house without a law enforcement escort but went back when c/p was at work and used a spare key.

July 8

Suspects/boyfriend and girlfriend had been arguing for about an hour and the girlfriend started the argument about her being jealous of her boyfriend being around other women. Complainant call 911 because she and another suspect are concerned about the girlfriend's well-being. Concerned suspect confronted the boyfriend about the way he was treating the girlfriend and they got into an argument and suspect left. Suspect went back to confront the boyfriend again and the boyfriend said the suspect took a crow bar back and threatened him with it, so the concerned suspect and girlfriend got into a heated argument. When deputy arrived, concerned suspect had already went back to his residence. The three suspects and witness all work for c/p and live on her horse farm.

July 9

Deputies responded to a call regarding an unwanted person on Pelican Rd. in Twin City. Deputy spoke with complainant who stated offender had been staying at her residence but she had asked him to leave and he was no longer allowed to stay at the residence. C/p stated offender had not paid any form of rent and was using illegal drugs. When deputies made contact with offender, he was asleep in a chair in the shed outside of the residence and was holding a small glass pipe used to smoke illegal drugs in his hand. Deputy woke offender up and had him set down the glass pipe and placed him under

arrest for possession of a drug related object. After collecting evidence, offender was transported to EmCo Jail.

Deputy received a call in reference to a theft or lost firearm. Deputy spoke with complainant who stated he keeps his pistol in the door of his truck and it's missing. There was no sign of forcible entry on the vehicle. C/p stated the last time he knows the gun was there was around June 16, and stated his son drives his truck to work in Twin City sometimes and he might not have locked the door. C/p stated he has looked everywhere for it but he was going to look again and if he found it, he would call.

Deputy received a call to Stokes Ave. in Twin City to assist TPCD with a shooting. Upon arrival, officers and EMS personnel were on scene. When deputy approached the front of the residence, he saw the victim lying beside the front steps on his back with EMS personnel working on him. There were numerous people in the yard and two females on the ground next to each other screaming and crying. Deputies were trying to get the people to step back out of the yard and asked another officer if he had a description of the shooter and he stated "yes, she's lying on the ground". Deputy instructed another deputy to help get her up so they could cuff her. Deputies taped off the crime scene and cleared the residence.

Deputy responded to a call regarding a dispute between a couple. Complainant stated her boyfriend was upset because she wanted to go out with her friends and he became irate and would not let her leave. When deputy arrived on scene, c/p and her boyfriend were arguing and would not give her the keys to her vehicle. After speaking with both individuals, the boyfriend agreed to hand the keys over to c/p without incident.

Deputy received a call in reference to loud music at Club Rolex. Deputies were on another call and was unable to get there until 45 minutes later and the music was coming from vehicles leaving.

Complainant stated he parked his grandfather's truck on Beagle Rd. because it broke down. He stated he locked the truck and went back 3-4 days later and found the truck open and his grandfather's wallet missing.

July 10

ECSO received a call in reference to loud music at Club Rolex. Upon arrival, patrons had left and there was no music playing. Only people on scene were workers cleaning up.

Victim stated some unknown male called and said if she wanted her daughter alive, she had to give him \$5000 in cash but would not say where to meet and that he would mess her up. Victim said she did not have that kind of money and offender said that he knew she had it in her bank account, then hung up. Victim called her daughter to check on her and she was fine.

July 11

Deputies responded to Hwy 297 in reference to a welfare check on victim. Prior to arrival, EMS was dispatched in reference to a male in pain. Upon arrival, victim was being evaluated by EMS and they advised that he was fine and had called because he ran out of his prescription meds and didn't know how to get them refilled. EMS advised that he would have to go to his primary doctor and he did not show any signs of any illness in order for EMS to transport him. C/p advised the victim's daughter dropped him off a couple days earlier and had not returned to pick him up nor was she answering the phone. C/p stated the daughter does not look after the victim and only takes his money at the first of the month. C/p stated the victim could not stay with him long and wanted someone to get him. C/p also stated the daughter has a possible open case for elder abuse from the victim and is concerned for his safety and well-being. Deputy spoke with victim's ex-wife via phone and she also stated the daughter doesn't look after the victim and the victim has a home but the power is out due to non-payment. Deputies contacted Adult Protection Services.

Deputy received a call in reference to a stolen vehicle. Deputy spoke with complainant who stated the last time he saw his vehicle was around midnight and thought one of his grandchildren had it so that's why he waited to report it. c/p spoke with everyone that would have it and they hadn't borrowed it. C/p state the keys were in the ignition and he never takes them out.

Complainant stated items were taken from her vehicle while in her son's possession. Victim stated the theft most likely occurred while the vehicle was at O'Reilly's or Chris' Garage.

July 12

Victim was backed into the shelter to unload trash when the suspect driving a front-end loader backed into the driver's side of his vehicle. No one was injured.

Deputies responded to Hwy 1 South in reference to an injured cow by the road. Deputies discovered a cow in the ditch and later discovered there was a second cow a few miles north. Both cows had fell out of a moving farm trailer and owner and livestock wranglers arrived on scene and were able to corral both cows without further incident.

Deputies responded to Canoochee-Garfield Rd. in reference to a female that had been kicked out of a vehicle and was walking and needed a ride back to Swainsboro. Upon arrival, deputies didn't see anyone walking and female had called from a 911 only phone. Deputies then made contact with GSP as he was on traffic stop and discovered the female caller was in the vehicle.

Deputies responded to 2nd Ave in Stillmore in reference to damaged property. Complainant

advised she went home and discovered her kids swimming pool had been damaged and she suspected it to be the neighbor's kids. C/p advised she has done a report with Stillmore PD in reference to other similar incidents. Damage reported slashes in the pool liner and pool pump hose on an above ground pool. C/p requested a follow-up investigation.

July 14

Deputy responded to an alarm call on Old Nunez Rd. Deputy checked all doors and windows which appeared to be locked and secured with no apparent signs of attempted forced entry.

Complainant stated she struck a deer, causing disabling damage to the vehicle.

Vehicle had a home-made tag displaying "stolen tag". The tag was not stolen - it was expired and had no insurance. While deputies were at the vehicle, a male drove up. Deputy asked if the vehicle belonged to him and he stated who it belonged to. The vehicle came back to another name with the same address. The male subject stated the male he stated the vehicle belonged to was driving it when the tire blew out. Deputy told the male subject not to drive the vehicle without insurance or that would suspend his license. He then stated the male subject that had driven the vehicle didn't have a license.

July 15

Deputy met with complainant at ECSO to report a lost tag.

Victim stated at some unknown date and time, someone kicked in the side door to a building on her property and the door was broken in half. Her son keeps his work tools in the building and he checked his belongings, but didn't see anything missing. Victim wanted ECSO to be aware of the incident.

Deputies were dispatched to Rainbow Ridge in reference to a call of a four-wheeler driving recklessly through the area. The ATV was described, as well as the driver. Deputies traveled the area but had not contact with any such activity. Deputies were later dispatched back to the same location in reference to several males in a dark truck throwing rocks at a vehicle at the residence. Upon arrival, deputy met with c/p and witness who advised the vehicle was driven at a high rate of speed before stopping at the end of the driveway. There were two males in the front and two in the bed of the truck who began throwing rocks at a vehicle in the driveway before speeding off. The males appeared to be teenagers.

Deputies were dispatched to Sunset Dr. in reference to a domestic dispute. Offenders stated they had been in a verbal altercation and agreed to stop arguing and stay in their respective areas of the residence for the night.

July 16

Deputy received a call from GSP in reference to an unknown female at his residence. Deputy responded to SR

23 North due to GSP not being home. Upon arrival, contact was made with offender in the driveway. Offender was advising she was trying to find the hospital. Deputy offered the female EMS, however, upon her grandmother's arrival, deputy was informed that the female had mental issues. Female was released to the grandmother and they left the scene.

Deputies responded to Williams Rd. in reference to a domestic dispute. Complainant advised that offender had attacked her and hit her in the head and was refusing to give her car keys and she ran to the neighbors to call 911. Deputies did not see any visible marks on c/p at the time of the report, then made contact with offender. Offender advised that he confronted c/p about cheating on him and she then got very upset and started to hit on him, then started to hit herself, and he tried to separate himself from her and c/p then started walking down the road. C/p was taken back to her residence where she retrieved her vehicle and left the scene.

Deputies assisted SPD with a vehicle chase. The chase began on South Main St. at Huddle House and ended when the vehicle crashed in the wooded area behind Lynn & Bob's. Vehicle was reported stolen out of Toombs County. Two male occupants fled from the vehicle after it crashed and were not located at the time.

Deputies were dispatched to Cowford Bridge Rd. in reference to a property dispute. Deputies met with complainant who advised she had been blocked in by offender while trying to retrieve her property. Parties were advised of the civil process pertaining to property and offender was advised he could not block c/p from leaving the location.

Deputies received calls in reference to loud music coming from Club Rolex. One caller advised of possible shots fired in the area as well. Club owner was advised of the complaint.

July 17

Deputies were dispatched to Red Roof in reference to a commercial alarm. Motion was advised to be front door entry. Doors and windows were checked and appeared secure with no signs of tamper or forced entry. Deputies responded to Mt. Olivet Ch. Rd. in reference to a burglary that had already occurred. Upon arrival, c/p advised that he left Thursday and returned to find a Vick's humidifier sitting on the ground next to a bedroom window. C/p then noticed his window had been broken and someone had attempted to break in to his house. C/p then noticed blood splatter on the house, possibly from offender and the only thing that was removed from the inside was the humidifier, but offender did take the screen to the window. Deputies walked through the house with c/p and he did not notice anything missing or out of place. Deputies

took photos and contact Inv. and walked around the property for any other evidence. C/p did advise that he had had the suspect do some work for him several times and the suspect was aware of him periodically not being home. Scene was turned over to Inv.

Deputies responded to Moss Trl. in reference to a domestic dispute. Complainant advised that she was arguing with her boyfriend/offender, but her left the scene. C/p advised that everything was okay and no further action was needed.

Deputies were dispatched to Beagle Rd. in reference to a third-party call of a domestic dispute. Caller advised of what sounded like two females arguing at a neighboring residence with one female leaving the location walking. Deputies did not locate anyone walking in the area, nor was anyone found at the residence in question.

July 18

Deputy was dispatched to WalMart in reference to a vehicle unlock. Vehicle was unlocked without incident or damage.

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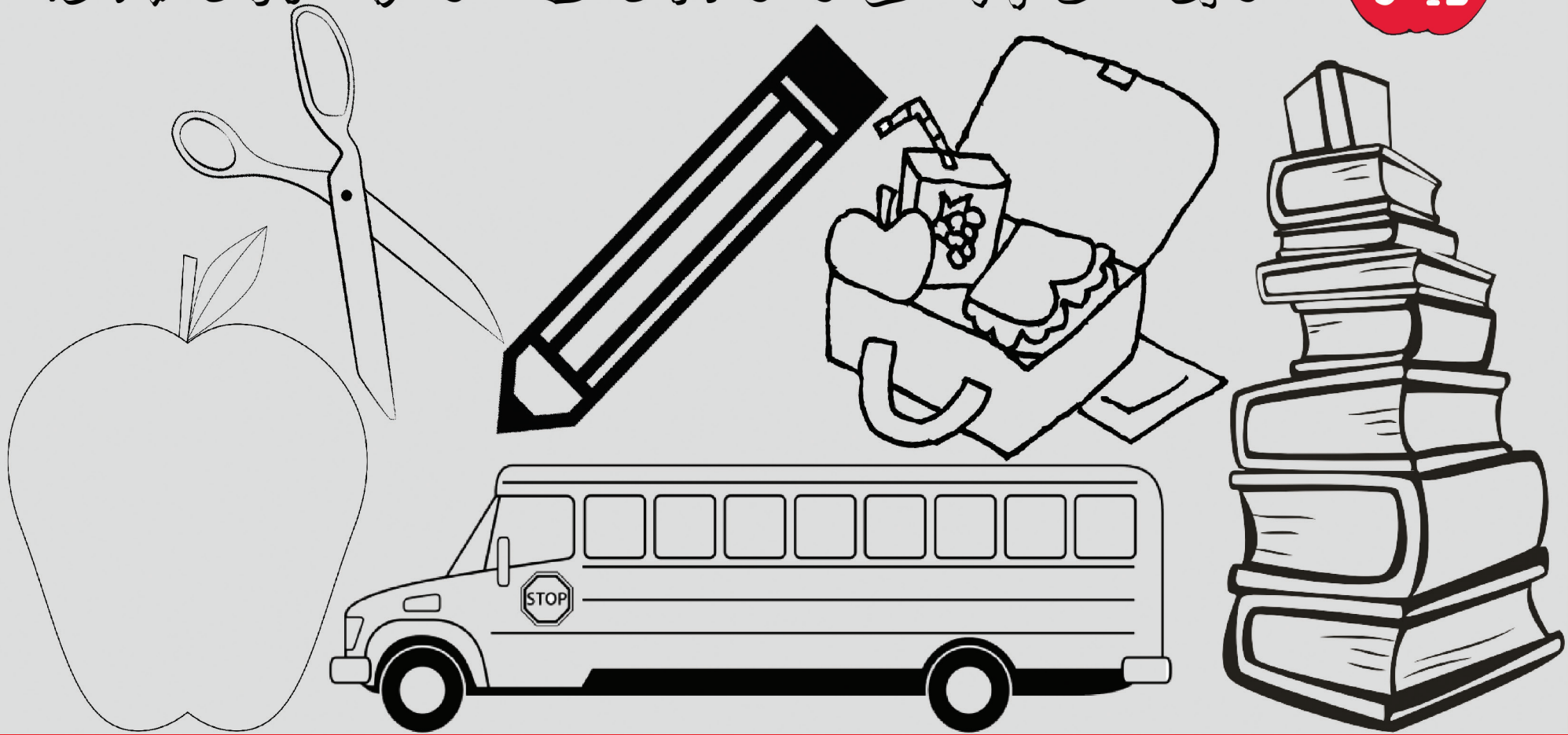
 A professor of philosophy stood before his class and said, "The whole world is desperately searching for joy and happiness. But no one has been able to find its source. Psychologists cannot find it, physicians cannot find it, comedians cannot find it. It has eluded everyone. Some feel that they have been close to its source only to discover that they were on the wrong path. It is so very illusive and all were left disillusioned and disappointed."
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To interview for this position, call 912-562-3968 between the hours of 9:00 a.m and 4:00 p.m. for an appointment.

USDA Encourages Georgia Producers to File Crop Acreage Reports

To protect your federal farm program benefits, file before the reporting deadline

Agricultural producers in Georgia who have not yet completed their crop acreage reports after planting should make an appointment with their U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) county office before the applicable deadline for the specific crop. The next crop reporting deadline that impacts most crop producers including those who have perennial forage crops is July 15.

"Many USDA programs require producers to file an accurate crop acreage report by the applicable deadline," said Arthur Tripp, State Executive Director in Georgia. "Once planting is complete, call your local FSA office to make an appointment to report your acreage. Our FSA staff can assist producers in completing acreage reports, including providing maps."

How to File a Report
The following acreage reporting dates are applicable in Georgia:

- All other crops, Perennial Forage July 15, 2022
- Hemp July 31, 2022
- Tomatoes (planted 7/1-8/15) August 15, 2022
- Sweet Corn (planted 7/15-8/25) September 15, 2022
- Cabbage (planted 7/16-9/30) October 15, 2022
- Apiculture November 15, 2022
- Onions (planted 9/20-10/20) November 15, 2022
- Apples, Blueberries,

- Canola, January 15, 2023
- Peaches, Rye, Rapeseed, Fall-Seeded Small Grains
- Onions (planted 10/21-2/1) February 15, 2023
- Cabbage (planted 10/21-2/20), Pecans March 15, 2023
- Sweet Corn (planted 8/26-5/15) May 15, 2023
- Tobacco, Tomatoes (planted 8/16-4/5)

To file a crop acreage report, producers need to provide:

- Crop and crop type or variety.
- Intended use of the crop.
- Number of acres of the crop.
- Map with approximate boundaries for the crop.
- Planting date(s).
- Planting pattern, when applicable.
- Producer shares.
- Irrigation practice(s).
- Acreage prevented from planting, when applicable.
- Other information as required.

Acreage Reporting Details

The following exceptions apply to acreage reporting dates:

If the crop has not been planted by the acreage reporting date, then the acreage must be reported no later than 15 calendar days after planting is completed.

If a producer acquires additional acreage after the acreage reporting date, then the acreage must be reported no later than 30 calendar days after purchase or acquiring the lease. Appropriate documentation must be provided to the county office.

If crops are covered by the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program, acreage reports should be submitted 15 calendar days before grazing or harvesting of the crop begins or no later than 15 days after the final planting date. Consult your county office for the final planting date.

Producers should also report crop acreage they intended to plant but were unable to due to a natural disaster event.

Prevented planting acreage must be reported on form CCC-576, Notice of Loss, no later than 15 calendar days after the final planting date as established by FSA and USDA's Risk Management Agency.

FSA offers continuous

certification for perennial forage. This means after perennial forage is reported once and the producer elects continuous certification, the certification remains in effect until a change is made. Check with FSA at the local USDA Service Center for more information on continuous certification.

New Option to View, Print and Label Maps on Farmers.gov

Producers with an eAuth account linked to their USDA customer record can now access their FSA farm records, maps and common land units by logging into farmers.gov. A new feature will allow producers to export field boundaries as shapefiles and import and view other shapefiles, such as precision agriculture boundaries. This will allow producers to view, print and label their own maps for acreage reporting purposes.

Producers who have authority to act on behalf of another customer as a grantee via form FSA-211 Power of Attorney, Business Partner Signature Authority, along with other signature types, or as a member of a business can now access information in the farmers.gov portal.

Producers can learn how to use the farmers.gov Farm Records Mapping functionality with this fact sheet and these video tutorials.

More Information
Producers can make an appointment to report acres by contacting their local USDA Service Center.

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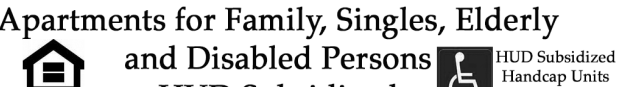
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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY

All creditors of the estate of Lane 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 Lane 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 (109) 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 1005, 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.

DON E. WILKES
Judge of the Probate Court
By: **Jeanie Hooks**
Clerk of the Probate Court
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Swainsboro, Ga. 30401
Address
478-237-7091
Telephone Number

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
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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.
SUBJECT TO: Existing easements for public utilities and rights of way.

TRADE NAME REGISTRATION STATE OF GEORGIA, EMANUEL COUNTY

State of Georgia, Emanuel County
To whom it may concern:
Please be advised that, Robins Financial Credit Union whose address is 211 North Main Street, Swainsboro GA 30401 in the following trade name, to-wit: Persons a Division of Robins Financial Credit Union; and that the nature of said business is: financial services. This statement is made in conformity with O.C.G.A 10-1-490 et seq. requiring the filing of such statement with the Clerk of Superior Court of this county. This the 24th day of June, 2022.

STATE OF GEORGIA EMANUEL COUNTY
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
Re: Jere D Tapley
All debtors and creditors of the

Estate of Jere D Tapley deceased, late of Swainsboro, Emanuel County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands and payments to the Personal Representative of the estate, according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the Personal Representative.
This 8th of July, 2020.
Personal Representative: Kenneth Tapley
Kenneth Tapley
426 Kings Road
Milledgeville, Georgia 31061

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE INTEREST OF: **J.H.** SEX: M DOB: 05/06/2021 CASE # **CHILD UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE**

NOTICE OF SUMMONS
TO: Any Unknown biological, legal, and/or putative father of the above-named child born to **Jasmine Nicole Powell** at **AU MEDICAL CENTER Hospital** in **Augusta, Richmond County, Georgia**.

You are hereby notified that the above-styled action has been brought by the Emanuel County Department of Family and Children Services, and the Georgia Department of Human Services, seeking to terminate your parental rights with regard to the above referenced child; that said action has been filed in the Juvenile Court of Emanuel County, Georgia; and that by reason of an Order for Service of Summons by Publication dated _____, 2022, you are hereby notified that you may obtain a copy of the petition from the Clerk of the Juvenile Court of Emanuel County, Georgia and may file with the Clerk of said Court and serve upon Marriquer Oliver, Petitioner's Attorney, whose mailing address is P.O. Box 308, 115 S. Racetrack Street, Swainsboro, Georgia, 30401, an answer to the petition at any time prior to the Final Hearing.

You are hereby commanded and required to appear before this court on the _____, 2022, at the **EMANUEL County Courthouse in Swainsboro, Georgia at 10:00 a.m.**, for a **FINAL HEARING** and show cause, if any you have, why the relief requested in the petition should not be granted. You are hereby commanded and required to appear before this court on the _____, 2022, at the **EMANUEL County Courthouse in Swainsboro, Georgia at 10:00 a.m.**, for a **FINAL HEARING** and show cause, if any you have, why the relief requested in the petition should not be granted. You are hereby commanded and required to appear before this court on the _____, 2022, at the **EMANUEL County Courthouse in Swainsboro, Georgia at 10:00 a.m.**, for a **FINAL HEARING** and show cause, if any you have, why the relief requested in the petition should not be granted. 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21 His brother's name was Jubal; he was the father of all who play the harp and flute.
22 Zillah also had a son, Tubal-Cain, who forged all kinds of tools out of (g) bronze and iron. Tubal-Cain's sister was Naamah.
23 Lamech said to his wives,
"Adah and Zillah, listen to me:
wives of Lamech, hear my words.
I have killed [h] a man for wounding me,
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24 If Cain is avenged seven times,
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