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ONE DOLLAR

BOE holds monthly meeting

by WHITLEY CLIFTON

The Emanuel County Board of Education met for its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 19, at 5:30 p.m. at the central office in Swainsboro. Chairman Mason Henry called the meeting to order and welcomed all prior to leading the invocation. The pledge of allegiance, led by Johnny Parker, was then recited by all. Board members then reviewed an amended agenda for the night's session and approved it as presented. With all board members present, except Del Brown and Sandra Swinney, the following action and/or discussion was held:

Superintendent Comments

- Board members heard a school nutrition CEP update presented by Chandra Hooks, director of school nutrition.

New Business

- The revision of Policy IEDA and new Policy IKBB as well as the new regulation JRB-R(1) was

tabled by board members. Further action and/or discussion will follow at a later date.

Consent Agenda

- Minutes from the June 14, 2022 regular board meeting was presented for review of the board.

- Board members heard a financial reports presentation for district operations.

- The board reviewed superintendent, professional and civic organization memberships.

- Board members entertained discussion on the surplus of property for the old Twin City Primary School.

All items listed for discussion on the night's consent agenda was unanimously approved by board members.

Executive Session

The board then entered executive session. Upon re-entering normal session, the following action took place:

- Board members approved the certified employment of Brittany (Continued on page 6D)



VETERANS AT MONDAY MEETING AT FRANKLIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Veterans planning "Wreaths Across America"

It's natural to think of retirement as a time when you slow down and settle into a routine of no job, no worries and very little exertion. That may be a common conception, but if that's your idea of retirement, don't get in the way of the "Monday Morning Veterans" meetings at the Franklin Memorial Library. In a time when participation in many organizations is shrinking, the weekly count of active veterans reporting each Monday is steadily growing. Aside from good fellowship and free coffee, the main attraction

that has the former warriors showing up is the desire to continue to serve the community and to support veterans here in our area. Lately, the group has taken on its biggest project yet. "Wreaths Across America" (WAA) is a national effort to honor the memory of every U.S. veteran by placing a Christmas wreath at their grave in December. The local group is now working to locate as many burial sites of veterans in Emanuel County as possible.

"It sounds like a big job, and it definitely is," admitted Project Chair-

man John Tapley, "but our group felt like it was a good way to remind folks of the service and dedication these people have given to this country and to make sure that they are never forgotten, especially at Christmas time."

Tapley went on to explain that the local group will coordinate with the WAA national campaign as far as acquiring and distributing the wreaths in late November and early December.

"One of the biggest challenges we have right now is making sure everyone in Emanuel Coun-

ty who knows of a veteran's grave and wants to place a wreath there, lets us know before the November 1st deadline so we can order enough."

Look for an order form on page 2C of *The Blade*. More information will be provided in upcoming issues of *The Blade* and elsewhere. The "Monday Morning Veterans" are looking forward to bringing this project to Emanuel County and asks that the public gets involved and helps make this coming Christmas even more special by honoring the memory of each and every one of our veterans.



WALDEN, REDDISH, LAMB, KERSEY, ALLMAN, BEDGOOD, DAVIS, ARMSTRONG AND PHILLIPS Sheriff Department staff completes CIT Training

The Georgia Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training course prepares law enforcement officers and other public safety personnel with the skills to assist people with mental illness, co-occurring disorders, substance abuse, developmental disorders or other brain disorders who are in crisis, thereby advancing public safety and reducing stigma.

Recently, several of our Emanuel County Sheriff's Office staff including, Deputy Mark Walden, Investigator Michael Reddish, Investigator Matt Lamb, Corporal

Trent Kersey, Deputy Nathan Allman, Captain West Bedgood, Corporal Matt Davis, Deputy Curtis Armstrong, and Lieutenant Robert Phillips, completed their team training for Crisis Intervention.

This course is an intensive 40-hour, five-day curriculum that is comprised of both classroom instruction and practical exercises delivered by mental health professionals, other subject matter experts and CIT law enforcement instructors. During the 40-hour CIT training for law enforcement, individ-

uals and family members share their personal stories of lived experience with mental illness to help our law enforcement officers better understand the importance of recognizing mental health to reduce arrests of people with mental illness while simultaneously increasing the likelihood that individuals will receive the help that they need.

"Training provides us the opportunity to equip ourselves to better serve the community. The Crisis Intervention Training is an invaluable course teaching us the most effective

de-escalation methods." Sheriff Jeffery Brewer stated.

Not only can CIT programs bring community leaders together, but they can also help keep people with mental illness out of jail, in treatment, and on the road to recovery. Congratulations to each of these dedicated employees of the Emanuel County Sheriff's Office on their successful completion of the Crisis Intervention Team Training and thank you for doing more to serve and protect our communities.

OMI vs. The City of Swainsboro

City Council approves settlement payments to OMI despite company's failure to provide contracted services at time of hire

by WHITLEY CLIFTON

Members of Swainsboro City Council and Mayor Greg Bennett met for a special called meeting on Thursday, July 21. The meeting session began at 6 p.m. and was held via a zoom conference call, where-in the council immediately entered executive

session after Julian Scoyners made first motion. Upon re-entering regular session, Council unanimously approved the re-payment of a settlement to Operational Management International Inc (OMI) in the amount of \$390,000. The total amount is to be installed in payments as follows: (Continued on page 6D)

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After working for seven years in the local newspaper realm, Halei...

After working for seven years in the local newspaper realm, Halei Lamb is now transitioning to a different reporting medium in a bigger market. She has officially accepted a producer position at WJBF Channel 6 in Augusta.

Lamb will work with the 4:30 a.m. and 6 a.m. news teams. Her duties will include producing those newscasts for broadcast across all platforms; writing and ordering news stories; approving scripts; balancing news and feature content to create compelling broadcasts; editing video; writing stories for WJBF's website and other eMedia platforms; and interacting with viewers and users on social media sites.

Lamb stated this career move is one she has considered since 2016.

"I attended Media Law School at the University of South Carolina six years ago. It sounds a lot fancier than it is; it was just

a three-day summit where the professors of USC-Columbia gave lectures on legalities that would be helpful points for journalists to consider as they work on their stories. I was fortunate to be one of the 20 candidates selected across the country," she said. "When I got there, I noticed mostly all of the journalists in attendance were MMJs—multimedia journalists who report on television—instead of newspaper reporters. In hearing their perspectives over those few days and seeing how knowledgeable they were, I became really interested in that side of journalism. I never thought I'd get a chance to actually make that happen, though."

That shifted toward the end of June. She was in between jobs but not looking whole-heartedly.

"I was considering my options. I had a ton of ideas about what I could do next through my way,

many of which would've led me away from journalism entirely. That didn't feel right. It's all I've known for the last seven years. I just took a minute and focused on me," she explained. "One day, I was chatting with my husband and he mentioned a tv station in Macon. That's when a lightbulb went off."

Lamb thought of an associate at WJBF, Richard Adams. The two had corresponded on a couple stories before, and she thought he might be a good source to speak with when inquiring about what, if any, positions Channel 6 had available. A short phone call later and Lamb had an in.

"Richard spoke with their assistant news director, Kathy Wideman, who gave him a suggestion of which posting I'd be best fit for, and explained how to apply. He also passed my number along to their executive producer, Damon Putzier," Lamb continued. "Within an

hour, I had my application in but I still didn't think much would come of it."

Over the next few days, Lamb went to two interviews with Putzier and Wideman, toured the studio, met various persons on the WJBF team, and completed sample writings.

She was officially offered the job on Friday, July 8. Her first day on the job will be next Monday, August 1.

Lamb said on that note she feels ready for this move, thanks to past experiences she's had working at home, but she recognizes she will have lots to learn as well.

"One of the aspects I've always been excited by was anything related to video. I loved getting to put on Election Night Live broadcasts and other like streams through Emanuel County Live's Facebook when I was with The Forest-Blade. I also got to work on the commemorative DVD for Swainsboro High's basketball state championship win; that was exhilarating in its own way," Lamb said. "I think having those video experiences under my belt paired with my extensive reporting background will help tremendously as I move into this producer job. On the other hand, I know this is a whole 'nother ball game—but I love a good challenge equally as much as I love to learn, so I think it'll be good, especially considering the people I'll have around me at Channel 6 showing me the ropes."

Some of those people

will include Putzier and Wideman, of course, along with Mary Morrison, a tenured anchor for WJBF, and her co-anchor, Barclay Bishop. She is also anxious to meet and form relationships with the many reporters, video editors, technicians, salespeople, fellow producers, and everyone else in the Nexstar family who help form the creative circle at Channel 6.

Although the move is exciting, Lamb stated it does have a bittersweet feel to it, too.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed my time reporting in Swainsboro so in that way, I'm attached to the people and stories here. I'll miss the closeness of working in a small community, but I'm a dreamer with big ambitions. I felt like I had to shoot my shot with WJBF, and I'm humbled by them taking a chance on me. If I'm being completely transparent, on some days when the fear of unfamiliarity starts to creep in, I worry this transition is too big. Walking into the studio was the first time I ever felt like a little fish in a big bowl. In no way do I intend to diminish what newspaper journalism is because I've done every aspect of that job except sales and I know it's a grind, but walking through those doors felt like the big-time. There are numerous shows every day so it's fast-paced, there are so many working parts to a single one of those shows... It's simply going to be different in a lot of ways, but I'm confident in my abilities."



LAMB

Best of all, she won't have to forfeit home as a whole. Channel 6 covers 18 counties, one of which is Emanuel.

"That part is extremely special to me because this has been my stomping grounds for so long. I often voluntarily say (with 100 percent certainty) that I know I didn't get where I am today without help. Smith Newspapers took a chance on me as a young 22-year-old with no experience; I guess you could say I owe my entire career to this point to that establishment, so it only feels right to 'give the scoop' to The Blade. The Crossroads Chronicle was a chance in itself, and the support I received along the way and afterward was nothing short of amazing. Most of all, though, the people here took a chance on me every time I worked a contact on a story, and the community took a chance on me every time they read something with my byline. That's a debt I take very seriously, so just know that I look forward to continuing to cover Emanuel County in the future."



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Join us at the next blood drive at Emanuel Medical Center!

Shepard Community Blood Center will be hosting a blood drive inside Emanuel Medical Center, located at 117 Kite Road in Swainsboro, 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. Shepard supplies all the blood products to Emanuel Medical Center, so when you donate with Shepard, 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. Shepard will be in the 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 Shepard 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 Shepard donor card with you when you come to donate.

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

Correction: David Emanuel Academy Open House

Open House for David Emanuel Academy will be held Thursday, August 4, at the following times:

- Classroom visits and Information Assembly
- Classroom Visits will be held from 4 until 5:15 p.m. AND 6:30 until 7:45 p.m.
- Information Assem-

bly will take place in the school's gym at 5:30 p.m. To Be Noted

- Middle and high school students will need to pick up class schedules and locker numbers from Mr. Sutton in the Lower School AR Library.
- Make sure to take a

picture at the school's photo booth in the gym! Family packets can be obtained in the homeroom of the youngest enrolled child.

- Remember to bring school supplies. All pre-ordered school supply kits will be in each student's homeroom.

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Youman's art show draws community

A reception for the artwork of Swainsboro native Kim Youmans was held Thursday, July 21 at The Kalmanson Gallery of Emanuel Arts Council. Refreshments were provided by Beta Sigma Phi of Swainsboro.

"We were very pleased to see the community show up in such large numbers," said Jacquie Brasher, executive director of Emanuel Arts Council. "A total of 76 people attended the event. Guests came from near and far to see Kim's work."

The detailed oil paintings of Youmans have appealed to many people, said Brasher. "The accuracy in his paintings is quite astounding," she said. "I have marveled at how he can paint water so well, capturing the brilliance of each drop, swirl, or wave."

The exhibition will be on display through August 22nd and is free and open to the public. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Friday, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Viewings on Saturday are available by appointment. The EAC is located at 109 North Green Street, next to Bangles II and Stewart's Jewelers.

The Emanuel Arts Council, Inc. (EAC) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit orga-



KIM YOUMANS GIVES ARTIST TALK DURING RECEPTION



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nization whose purpose is to empower and grow the community through cultural programs in all areas of the arts. The EAC operates through

donations, fundraisers, and grants.

For more information on programming at the EAC, find them on Facebook and Instagram.

East Georgia State College receives grant to help adult learners finish associate degrees

East Georgia State College (EGSC) recently received an \$18,000 grant from the University System of Georgia (USG) to help adult learners finish their associate degrees. Adult learners, students 25 years of age and older, often face challenges when trying to complete their degree. These challenges can include family obligations, financial obstacles, and doubts related to their academic self-efficacy. EGSC plans to use the adult learners grants to implement the "Adult Learners Program" to mitigate these challenges and help these students complete their associate degrees.

The Adult Learners Program will focus on the recruitment and retention of former and new EGSC adult learners. Dr. Thomas Caiazzo will serve as the Adult Learners Coordinator for the program. Dr. Caiazzo is tasked with recruiting adult learners from local employers, organization on-campus and virtual recruitment events and semester information sessions, and by collaborating with the Adult Learners Team at EGSC to continuously improve the program.

"This grant will allow EGSC to reach out to students who have the potential to finish their degree with us. I will do

everything that I can to accommodate these students and promise them they will be treated in a respectful manner," said Caiazzo. "I look forward to having these students back in our classes and supporting their academic journey."

"As an access institution, EGSC welcomes both high school graduate and non-traditional students," said Dr. David Chevalier,

Associate Vice-President for Academic Affairs at EGSC. "This grant will help us with recruiting and providing opportunities to adult learners including first generation college students to attend college and earn a college degree."

For more information about East Georgia State College and how to apply, visit <https://www.ega.edu/admissions/start-here/adult-learners.html>.

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Former Bobcat drafted by Red Sox

Former East Georgia State College right-handed pitcher Jonathan Brand was selected in the 2022 MLB Draft's 8th round - 249th overall - by the Boston Red Sox.

Brand played for EGSC in 2019 and then transferred to the Miami University (OH) RedHawks. Brand, 8-2 with a 1.40 ERA last season for the RedHawks, struck out 86 in 77.1 innings and was named first-team All-Mid-American Conference. His ERA ranked third in the country.

Congratulations, Jonathan!



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July 27	Academic Advisement Training for RAs
July 30 - Aug. 2	End of Term Processing
July 31	Swainsboro Kiwanis Club Training
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August 3	Semester Grades Available Fall Faculty/Staff Workshop

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Norma June Braddy Bowen,

87

Norma June Braddy Bowen, 87, met her heavenly father and reunited with the love of her life on Thursday, July 21, 2022, peacefully in her home surrounded by her loving family. Her celebration of life was held Sunday, July 24, at 2 p.m. at Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist Church in Aline, with Elder Mike Newman officiating. Visitation was held Saturday, July 23, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Kennedy Funeral Homes, Hooks Chapel.

June was born in Candler Country on August 17, 1934, to James Grady and Myrtice Farmer Braddy. She graduated from Metter High School and later attended business school. Norma first worked for Dr. Henry Sparks and later joined Medical Associates as office manager when Dr. Robert L. Pence opened his practice, and worked there for decades until retirement. She attended Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist Church in Aline as a member, and in later years, attended Metter Primitive Baptist Church. Norma loved God, family, fishing, and gardening. You could find her glued to the television as an avid fan watching the Braves, Dawgs, and her soaps. Her happy place was in the garden growing and harvesting vegetables, or enjoying her flowers. She loved zinnias



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and grew the most beautiful ones of all varieties. Water was her all-time favorite, fishing or at the beach or river. Gathering with friends or family for meals, especially fish fries, made her happy, and she was famous for her delicious corn dodgers.

Ms. Bowen is survived by her daughter, Harriet Alicia Bowen Jones (John); sons, Robert Mikell Bowen and Fred Irvin Bowen, Jr. (Marilyn); and sister, Peggy Nell Braddy Sowell; grandchildren, John E. Jones, III "Tripp" (Alex), Bowen Reid Jones (Hope), Brooke Paige Bowen, Jerod Clay Marshall, Jacob Thomas Carpinski and Dawson Smith; great-grandchildren, Carsyn Blake Jones, Ava Reid Jones, Zoey Zuriyah Storms and Dakota Smith; and many nieces and nephews.

Remembrances may be made to Ogeechee Area Hospice in lieu of flowers.

Kennedy Funeral Homes, Hooks Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

James R. Young, 87

James R. Young, age 87, passed away Sunday, July 10, 2022. A Homecoming Celebration was held Saturday, July 23, at 11 a.m. at the Swainsboro City Cemetery with Bishop Bertha Jones officiating.

James was born January 31, 1935, to the late Ellis and Nannie Young in Portal. He attended Swainsboro High and Industrial School on Gumlog Road. In 1956, James married the love of his life, Lue Edna Wadley. After 9 years in this union, three children were born; Vincent Timothy, Karen Victoria, and James David Young. In October 1961, James joined The International Association of Bridge Structural Ornamental & Reinforcing Ironworkers Local Union 272, where upon retirement he became a life time member. He was a great provider for his family. Mr. Young is



YOUNG

preceded in death by his parents; and two children, Vincent and Karen.

Mr. Young leaves to mourn his passing with his lovely wife of 66 years, Lue Edna Young; son, James David Young of Miami, FL; two step-sons, Jerry Wadley and Freddie Wadley (Maybell), all of Swainsboro; and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, cousins and friends.

Mosley's Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Dwight Turner, Jr., 68

Dwight "BoBo" Turner, Jr, age 68, passed into eternal rest on Monday, July 18, 2022. A Homecoming Celebration was held Sunday, July 24, at 1 p.m. at Swainsboro City Cemetery with Minister Malachi Lockett officiating.

"BoBo" was born August 12, 1953, in Treutlen County, to the late Dwight and Dorothy Philyaw Turner. He was employed with Battle Lumber for many years. BoBo accepted Christ at an early age and attended the Outlaw Grove Baptist Church near Soperton. He loved his family and enjoyed spending time with them and his friends.

Mr. Turner leave to cherish his memories with his three children, Dwight Williams, Diana Turner, both of Miami, FL, and Shonda Turner of Swainsboro; step-sons,



TURNER, JR.

Carlton Bivins of Wadley and Johnny Bivins of Swainsboro; brothers, Earl (Christine) Turner of Swainsboro, Colen (Louise) Turner and Wendell Turner, both of Wadley; sister, Margaret (Lee Arthur) Williams of Swainsboro; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Mosley's Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Maurice Leora Williams

Heard, 94

Maurice Leora Williams Heard, age 94, passed away at her home in Atlanta on June 24, 2022. A Celebration of Life was held Saturday, July 9, at 2:30 p.m. with a graveside service at Swainsboro City Cemetery with words of comfort by Elder Delmus Mosley.

Mrs. Heard was born June 2, 1928, to the late Professor Nathan F. Williams and Arsula Williams. She graduated from Swainsboro Industrial High School, then attended Tuskegee Institute where she earned a B.S. in Elementary Education in 1947. After graduating, Mrs. Heard taught for the Georgia public school system for two years and was inspired

to further her education. She returned to Tuskegee Institute in 1949, and earned a Master's in Education in 1952. Mrs. Heard then attended the University of Michigan to earn a PhD, and was employed as a Guidance Counselor for Atlanta BOE. She retired in 1994 after being an educator for more than 40 years. Mrs. Heard is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Charles Heard; brothers, Pleasant Williams and Newell F. Williams.

Mrs. Heard is survived by her sister, Ella Norma Williams of Riverdale; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Mosley's Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Frances Drake Keene, 73

Mrs. Frances Drake Keene, age 73, beloved wife of the late Kenneth Keene of Norristown, passed away Saturday, July 23, 2022, at Community Hospice in Vidalia. Funeral services will be conducted at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 27, in the Williams Chapel of Sammons Funeral Home with Pastor Jack Stafford and Sister Patty Stafford, of the Norristown Revival Center, officiating. Mrs. Keene will be laid to rest beside her husband in Keas Methodist Church Cemetery in Adrian.

Born in Adrian, Frances was the youngest of six children born to the late Thomas Frances Drake and Madie Lee Harrell Drake. She was a lifelong resident of the Adrian/Norristown communities. In the 1960s, Frances worked at Swainsboro Sportswear, and during the 1970s, she ran the snack bar at Sumner's Beach. Primarily, she was a Homemaker and Mama to not only her children, but also her grandchildren, great-grandchildren and many of the Norristown youngsters. Frances was happiest when doing something for her family, on the phone or watching her soap operas. She attended the Norristown Revival Center and the Blackville Church of God. In addition to her parents and husband,



KEENE

Mrs. Keene is preceded in death by a daughter, Penny Sue Lawrence; son, Danny Ray Durden; and two brothers, Bobby and Jimmy Drake.

Mrs. Keene leaves behind her son, Ricky Durden of East Dublin; two brothers, Johnny Drake, MD, and Tommy Drake, both of Adrian; sister, Virginia Drake of Warrenville, SC; grandchildren, Bonnie Sue King (Kevin) of Oak Park, Christopher Lee Lawrence (Victoria) of Tarrytown, and Kayla Leann McLendon (Charles) of Evans; nine great-grandchildren, Kaylie Alaina King, Hunter Steven McLendon, Collin Lee King, Kimmee Laine Lawrence, Penni Emerie Sue Lawrence, Ava Grace McLendon, Chloe Ann McLendon, Ella Jade McLendon, and Billee Christopher Evan Lawrence; and several nieces and nephews.

Sammons Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Nicholas Javontay Brown

Hall, 32

Nicholas Javontay Brown Hall, age 32, entered into rest on Saturday, July 9, 2022. A Homecoming Celebration was held Saturday, July 23, at 3 p.m. at the Swainsboro City Auditorium with Apostle Cheristerlyn Brooks officiating and Minister Mildred Phillips presiding. Interment followed in Swainsboro City Cemetery.

Nicholas was born February 2, 1990, to Darline Brantley and James Brown. At a young age, he joined St. Philip Baptist Church. Nicholas graduated from Swainsboro High School, and was employed with Boom Boom Tires in Millen. James will be remembered as a kind person with a giving heart and a smile that would light up any room.

Mr. Hall leaves to cherish his memories with his parents Darline (Vince) Brantley and James Brown, all of Swainsboro; adopted parents, Larry and Mary Hall of Swainsboro;



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brothers, Peter Kelly of Swainsboro and James Brown of Daytona Beach, FL; adopted brothers and sister, Fredrick Seabrough, Victor Hall, Audrerues Hall, all of Swainsboro, and Shakeyra Hall of Atlanta; step-brother, Vincent Carter of Statesboro; two step-sisters, Shimica Carter and Michelle Carter, both of Lawrenceville; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Mosley's Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Missi J. White, 66

Mrs. Missi J. White, age 66, of Swainsboro passed away Friday, July 22, 2022, following injuries sustained from an automobile accident. Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, July 26, at Jesus Saves Church with Reverend Brad McKenzie officiating. Interment followed in Old Canoochee Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery. The family received friends from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday, July 25, at Chapman Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Chris Poole, Cliff McGahee, Shane Estes, Cody Stapleton, Kyle Beach, and Hunter Goff.

Missi was born December 12, 1955, in Bulloch County, to Fred O. Joiner and Annie Durden. She loved spending time with her grandchildren, and loved Georgia Tech, reading, and traveling. Mrs. White is preceded in death by her parents; granddaughter, Savannah Reese McGahee; grandmother, Mary Kathleen "Ma" Durden; brother, Bick Baxter; and fur baby, Jerry Lee.

Mrs. White is survived by her husband, Tommy



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Gene "Bull" White of Swainsboro; daughters, Mary Alice Poole (Chris), Carli McGahee (Cliff), Anna Patton, Pate Stapleton (Cody), Erin Beach (Kyle), and Amy Estes (Shane); grandchildren, Tyler (Reagan), Emmi, James, Carson Jo, Allyson, Sara, Nate, Tessa, Rayleigh, Abigail, Liam, Natalia, Joseph, Jonah, Berkley, Grace, Shannon-Kate, Nevaeh, and Maggie Jo; fur baby, Walter; and several nieces, nephews, special friends, and church family.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Jesus Saves Church, P. O. Box 885, Swainsboro, Georgia 30401.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.

Barbara Ann Redding Meeks, 81

Mrs. Barbara Ann Redding Meeks, 81, of Swainsboro passed away Wednesday, July 20, 2022, at Emanuel County Nursing Home following an extended illness. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 23, at Twin City First United Methodist Church with Reverend Randall Smith officiating. Interment followed in Coleman Cemetery. The family received friends from 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 23, at Twin City First United Methodist Church.

Pallbearers were Shannon Bush, Brannon Bush, Gray Mendieta, Wess Mason, Shaun Bush, Josh Bush, Shann Bush, and Lake Bush.

Mrs. Meeks was born July 29, 1940, in Twin City, to William Otis "W. O." Redding and Edna Mae Reynolds Redding. She attended Emanuel County Institute and grew up in the Twin City United Methodist Church. Barbara was an avid reader and made the best sweet pickles, but her greatest love was her family and friends. She considered her colleagues at Delores & Woody's and Walmart as family. Barbara's most beloved hobby was following her grandchildren, nieces, and nephews around for singing performances, dance recitals, gymnastics competitions, and ball games.



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Mrs. Meeks is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Steve Meeks, Jr.; and a special son-in-law, Mike Bush; brother, William Otis "Bill" Redding, Jr.; sisters, Lila Jeanette Redding Seckinger (Lannie) and Willa Ree Redding Tomlinson; and her best friend, Ellen Edge Pitts.

Mrs. Meeks is survived by her son, Kenneth Paul "Kenny" Meeks (Kellie) of Swainsboro; daughters, Sharon Wren Bush and Stefanie Meeks Mason (Tim), all of Swainsboro; sister, Katie Redding Raley of Dothan, AL; grandchildren, Shannon Bush (Renee), Brannon Bush (Amanda), Whitney Bush, Gray Mendieta (Kelli), Wess Mason (Mary), Calissa Mason, Emma Mason, and Kenlie Meeks; eight great-grandchildren; her sweet puppy, Bella; and several nieces, nephews, and many friends.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.

Mary Rebecca Tuttle Justice, 74

Mrs. Mary Rebecca Tuttle Justice, 74, of Swainsboro, passed away Wednesday, July 20, 2022, at Emanuel Medical Center following an extended illness. Funeral services were held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 26, in the chapel of Chapman Funeral Home with Reverend Morris Brantley and Reverend Joe Bedgood officiating. The family received friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 26, at Chapman Funeral Home.

Mrs. Justice was born November 27, 1947, in Savannah, to Edward Rollie Riner and Loree Edenfield Riner. She enjoyed dancing, crossword puzzles, and playing cards. Rebecca was a person that truly had nine lives. If you knew her, you knew that she always had something medically going on; however, that did not stop her from being her best self. She took the most joy in caring for her children and even more so, her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. There wasn't anything she would not do to make sure they were all taken care of, even in the hardest, most struggling days leading to her last breath. Rebecca was more than just your average Granny, Mother, Daughter, and "Nee-Naw" - she was a provider, a way maker. She made a way of nothing. Rebecca didn't have all the money or fancy things in life, but she had her family and to her, that was much better than anything this world has to offer. Now with that said, of course, she enjoyed extra things like playing "joker-poker" machines or playing cards and drinking her "blues". She loved dancing, even when she did not have the energy. Rebecca loved to go on vacations and get out of the house. She loved spam callers (kidding), but it was always funny to hear her tell them about themselves. Rebecca was a spit-fire woman. She



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was not afraid to tell you what she thought, and she had no filter. Considering everything she had wrong, she sure did not let it show. Rebecca did not want anybody to help her or treat her any different than the average healthy person. She was determined to outdo everyone around her, and she did. Rebecca faced death multiple times and bounced back better than ever each time. She lived a great life and fought hard. Rebecca fought a tough battle and now, she can rest in peace and will no longer have to suffer. She is loved by many and will always have a huge part of lots of hearts. So, I speak for everyone that loved her and for everyone that she helped when I say that this is not goodbye, this is just see you later. Mrs. Justice is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Mark Justice; and daughter, Kellie Tuttle.

Mrs. Justice is survived by her sons, Brian Tuttle of Honduras, Michael Tuttle and Paul Tuttle (Joni), both of Swainsboro; grandchildren, Chris Tuttle, Laura Woodcock (Ridge), Kaleb Tuttle, Sean Tuttle, Chelsea Wiggins (Zane), J. P. Tuttle, Tyler Tuttle, Miranda Tuttle, Rayney Tuttle, and Caile Finley; great-granddaughters, Haylee Prince, Autumn Tuttle, Arabella Woodcock, and Julia Woodcock; and several other family members and friends.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.

Canoochee Baptist Church Homecoming and Revival

Canoochee Baptist Church will celebrate its 126th anniversary on Sunday, August 7. Worship service will begin at 10:30 a.m. featuring special music by Heartfelt from Toombs County, followed by the morning message by Pastor Mark Wiggins. A covered dish meal will be served in the social hall following the worship services. All are encouraged to attend and bring someone to enjoy the day of worship and fellowship.

Revival services will be held Sunday at 6 p.m. and Monday - Wednesday at 7 p.m. with Reverend Danny Zorn preaching. Special music will be provided each night. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

Canoochee Baptist Church is located on the Canoochee Garfield Road in the heart of Canoochee.

Dear Family and Friends,

We deeply appreciate everything you have done to help us get through this difficult time.

Your enduring love, support and prayers means so much to us.

With sincere thanks,

The Derrick Williams Family



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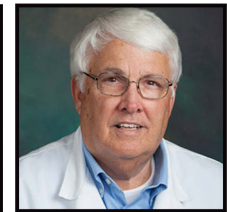
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Jesus Saves Church announces Grand Opening, Revival plans

Church welcomes special guests - Jordans River, Evangelist Reed

Jesus Saves Church will hold its grand opening dedication event at its new location in Swainsboro, 138 Highway 56 North, this Saturday, July 30. The event will begin with fun, games and fellowship from 3 until 5 p.m. and will feature a bouncy house, corn hole, free hot dogs and burgers as well as a competitive round of dodge ball at 3:30 p.m. followed by whiffle ball at 4 p.m. The church dedication will begin at 5



EVANGELIST REED p.m. and will include an introduction, church history and acknowledgements, a slide show presen-

tation, scripture reading, prayer dedication and ribbon cutting. A gospel sing featuring Jordans River will follow at 6 p.m. A love overing will be received and presented to the gospel group.

The following day, Sunday, July 31, the church will kick off a 4-night revival that will challenge and encourage those attending. Revival will conclude on Wednesday, August 3. Service times will begin at 7 p.m. each night.

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The Youngs: Bonds with EMC strengthen during the pandemic

Syvetta Young and her daughter, Sara, both have long-lasting ties to Emanuel Medical Center (EMC). Syvetta's own mom was a nurse at EMC and also worked for Chuck Bass Physical Therapy. Sara, who was born at EMC, started working there at age 18 as a switch board operator and is now a PRN in the ER. Their ties with EMC are strong, and those bonds were only strengthened in 2020 during the pandemic.

Syvetta said her son, Rosey Young, an assistant football coach at Swainsboro High School, came home one day and had been in contact with someone who had tested positive for Covid.

"The week of August 5th (2020), my brother started feeling bad," Sara said. "He stayed in his room. He was just SICK." Rosey's symptoms consisted of coughing, congestion and a headache, so Syvetta took him to EMC, where he tested positive for Covid. During this time, he had also spent time at Sara's house.

"A few days later, I actually woke up in the middle of the night and I felt like I was drowning," Sara said. "I went to the ER, and on the way there, I was panting and panicking. I couldn't catch my breath."

Once she arrived at the ER, Sara was tested for Covid, but the test came back negative. At this time, Rosey had already been admitted to EMC as a Covid patient. EMC kept Sara overnight to monitor her, and the next day, she felt improved.

"The next day, I felt fine," Sara said. "I got some IV fluids, some medication, and I told my doctor, 'I feel fine. I think I can go home.' My vitals were good. They let me go home. Then, the next day, they were bringing me back by ambulance."

Sara had to call 911, and an ambulance took her back to EMC, where she was admitted as a Covid patient. Her fever skyrocketed to 105 degrees.

Sara remembered Chris Barnes, EMC's Respiratory Manager, encouraging her through those scary moments: "He kept saying, 'Baby, you've got to pull through this. You've got to work with us and fight with us, because I don't want to have to vent you. We are going to put you on some oxygen and you've got to fight.'"

After both her children were admitted to EMC, Syvetta began to feel unwell. Sara said that, when she first became sick, Syvetta was determined to make sure her children were being taken care of, despite her own health.

"My brother, I can recall before I went to the hospital, looking at him on video calls and I was so worried, because he has this big mask on and he's talking with fingers and I was like, 'God let him pull through, keep him covered,'" Sara said. "And then my Mom, who is just as sick, but she's like, 'I've got to make sure my kids are fine.' She was like, 'If I've got to drag you out of this house, I'm going to get you seen about,' and she was just as weak herself. It was very stressful, it was very scary."

"I had no energy, was coughing and tired, had no appetite," Syvetta said. "I just didn't feel well. I came to the emergency room, got a shot, got some medicine, and then I remember coming back home, and that was the sickest I had ever been."

Syvetta said that her main concern at that time was her children and that they were being taken care of.

"I knew that if my children were admitted to Emanuel Medical Center, they were going to be taken care of," Syvetta said. "If they could take care of them, then I could take care of me."

Sara spent five days in the hospital before she was able to return home. Rosey also recovered and was able to return home.

"They took very good care of me," Sara said. "The love shown from the nursing staff, respiratory, x-ray, as well as the community itself, the outpouring of love and support made things a lot easier."

Syvetta said and that support from the community, her faith and her confidence in EMC are what held up her during that time.

"I'm not a celebrity or anything like that, but I worked in the school system for over 35 years. A lot of people knew what we were going through, and there were a lot of people praying for us to come through this," Syvetta said. "My faith kept me going when my children were in a situation where, for the first time in their lives, I couldn't get to them and they couldn't get to me. But my faith kept me going during that time. We had so many friends and people from the community dropping food off, you never know how much people really care about you until you are in a position where you need somebody. Swainsboro, Emanuel County and Emanuel Medical Center, they came through for us when we really needed somebody."



Rosey, Syvetta, Syvetta's granddaughter Zaylin and Sara

Table 1 Recommended Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedule for ages 18 years or younger, United States, 2022

These recommendations must be read with the notes that follow. For those who fall behind or start late, provide catch-up vaccination at the earliest opportunity as indicated by the green bars. To determine minimum intervals between doses, see the catch-up schedule (Table 2).

Vaccine	Birth	1 mo	2 mos	4 mos	6 mos	9 mos	12 mos	15 mos	18 mos	19-23 mos	2-3 yrs	4-6 yrs	7-10 yrs	11-12 yrs	13-15 yrs	16 yrs	17-18 yrs
Hepatitis B (HepB)	1 st dose	← 2 nd dose →															
Rotavirus (RV): RV1 (2-dose series), RV5 (3-dose series)			1 st dose	2 nd dose	See Notes												
Diphtheria, tetanus, acellular pertussis (DTaP <7 yrs)			1 st dose	2 nd dose	3 rd dose				← 4 th dose →			5 th dose					
Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib)			1 st dose	2 nd dose	See Notes			← 3 rd or 4 th dose, See Notes →									
Pneumococcal conjugate (PCV13)			1 st dose	2 nd dose	3 rd dose			← 4 th dose →									
Inactivated poliovirus (IPV <18 yrs)			1 st dose	2 nd dose				← 3 rd dose →				4 th dose					
Influenza (IIV4) OR Influenza (LAIV4)																	
Measles, mumps, rubella (MMR)						See Notes	← 1 st dose →					2 nd dose					
Varicella (VAR)							← 1 st dose →					2 nd dose					
Hepatitis A (HepA)					See Notes												
Tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (Tdap ≥7 yrs)																1 dose	
Human papillomavirus (HPV)																See Notes	
Meningococcal (MenACWY-D ≥9 mos, MenACWY-CRM ≥2 mos, MenACWY-TT ≥2 years)																1 st dose	2 nd dose
Meningococcal B (MenB-4C, MenB-FHbp)																	See Notes
Pneumococcal polysaccharide (PPSV23)																	See Notes
Dengue (DEN4CYD; 9-16 yrs)																	Seropositive in endemic areas only (See Notes)

 Range of recommended ages for all children
 Range of recommended ages for catch-up vaccination
 Range of recommended ages for certain high-risk groups
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BERKLEY GRACE WILKERSON

Welcome Berkley Grace

Hunter Wilkerson and Cierra Sherrod of Wrightsville are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Berkley Grace Wilkerson. She made her appearance at Fairview Park Hospital in Dublin on June 16, 2022, at 2:50 a.m. weighing 6lbs 7.0 oz and 19 1/2 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Donnie & Crystal Gregory of Swainsboro and Chris Sherrod & Michelle Headrick of Summertown. Paternal grandparents are Kimberley Lewis & Craig Collins of Swainsboro and Alan and Tiffany Wilkerson of Wrightsville. Maternal great-grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Tifton and Terri Lamb of Swainsboro, Mr. Jimmy Sherrod of Summertown, and the late Nancy Sherrod of Swainsboro. Paternal great-grandparents are Ms. Judy Lewis & the late Ricky Lewis of Swainsboro and Ms. Brenda Wilkerson and the late Roger Wilkerson of Wrightsville.

Welcome twin sisters Laitlyn and Lauren Ray

Jordan and Harley Radford of Summertown are pleased to announce the birth of their twin daughters, Laitlyn and Lauren Ray Radford. The twins made their entrance on July 21, 2022.

Laitlyn was born at 8:11p.m. weighing 5lbs 4oz and Lauren was born at 8:51p.m. weighing 5lbs 8oz. The sisters were welcomed home by their older brother, Ethan Radford, as well as their mater-

nal grandparents, Jeff and Angie Wren of Swainsboro and their paternal grandparents, Tracy, and Jane Radford of Summertown. Congratulations, Jordan, and Harley on your newest additions!



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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



Community Spotlight

You can't rely on bringing people downtown, you have to put them there

by BRITTANY HALL
Swainsboro is a main street city, due to its heart being at the crossroads of the great south. Though small, our downtown offers a progressive array of restaurants, shops, and distinctive charm, where people live, learn, work and play. We all have a sweet memory on our hometown's square, but rarely have we ever stopped to think about the incredible, hardworking people who have devoted their time and energy to beautify and progress Swainsboro's vibrant core. These magnificent people are the Downtown Development Authority, and they work diligently to assure the long-term stability of Swainsboro by promoting economic growth and community activities to bring people downtown and to preserve and enhance the character of our historic city.

Among this creative collaborative team is the Director of Downtown Development who is the soul of the authority and ensures that each main street goal falls into place. At the Monday July 18, City Council meeting, this honorable role was

handed to Swainsboro native, Elizabeth Gilmer, who's thrilled at the opportunity to make a difference. Her vision for the future of downtown Swainsboro is to initiate a livelier and more approachable cultural center through excitement and positive energy while keeping the small town feel combined with a safe, family environment.

"When I received the news that I had gotten the job, I was very excited." Gilmer said as she beamed with a smile, "I am ready to work and make a difference. There is opportunity and pathway creation through integration of service, businesses, healthcare industries, education and individuals that can provide a realistic approach to making positive action for the people in this city and county."

Though Gilmer was born here, she moved when her father went to work at the Savannah River Site. She spent her childhood growing up in New Ellenton, South Carolina and graduated from Aiken High School before finding her way back to Swainsboro after meeting the love of her life, Ricky Gilmer.

"My husband, Ricky,

was a Swainsboro native and a University of Georgia graduate. We met at my first cousin, Nancy and Roy Lin Stroud's wedding and were fortunate to move from Augusta to Swainsboro in 1991. I was widowed in 2006 but during our time together he gave me two amazing sons, Jim Willis and Richard Gilmer who blessed me with two daughters in law, Allison Willis, and Jodi Gilmer. The icing on the cake are my three grandchildren 10-year-old Alli Mac, seven-year-old Hattie Willis and eight-month-old Rafe Gilmer." She stated with joy.

Over the past 30 years, Gilmer has served on many boards and community advisory groups which have contributed to her vast administrative knowledge and her most recent title. Some of these include the Board of Trustees, Finance, and Pastor Parish Relations at First United Methodist Church. She has also been a member of the Advisory Council for Swainsboro Technical College, has served as a member and two term President of the Swainsboro Pilot Club as well as the Emanuel County Chamber of

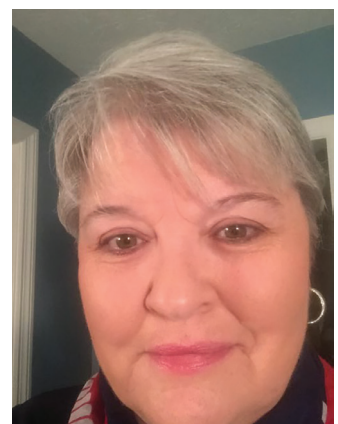
Commerce, and continues to serve on the fundraising committee for the Sunshine House Child Advocacy Center, while also being a dedicated member of the East Georgia State College Foundation, board of trustees, the Mill Creek Foundation Board of Grantors, and the South Georgia rural Prosperity Council. That's not all though. Even while allocating to many groups at once, she also designates even more of her benevolent heart to volunteering at the Summertown Food Pantry.

These boards have differed throughout the years but lit the path for Gilmer to inaugurate a thriving community for us to live in and enjoy. She has also attained many degrees including, an associate degree from the University of South Carolina Aiken, a bachelor's degree in Business Management and Marketing from the University of South Carolina and a master's degree in Business Administration from Georgia Southwestern University. All of which have given her the expertise to lead throughout her life and work history:

"After I received my BA, I immediately went

to work in banking. Over the next 30 years, I worked in all phases of consumer and commercial banking completing my career as Senior Vice President and Manager of Durden Banking Company in Swainsboro. I then changed careers and became Vice President for Institutional Advancement at East Georgia State College until I retired in 2020. I then went back to work part time at the college until a restructuring this past May." Gilmer explained.

Now, Gilmer is using her wealth of experience to revitalize our community with thrilling possibilities and projects that she has cleverly developed. One of her first major points is the forming of a five-year strategic plan that she says will be reviewed semi-annually and involve choosing people who are willing to serve with 5-7 strategic goals, objectives, outcomes, and assessments. She is also organizing an Event Management plan, an interactive web page that will allow the community to share their thoughts and request and implement ideas for funding through grants



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and opportunities that will allow the public to search and apply for them with ease.

"People here do care about the community and each other. We all deserve the opportunities not because we are entitled to them but because we know they are worth it. I love Swainsboro for the people, the history, and the possibilities." Gilmer sweetly said in conclusion.

Little things make big things happen and like Journalist Jane Jacobs, who wrote the novel titled *The Death and Life of Great American Cities*, once said, "You can't rely on bringing people downtown, you have to put them there." A hopeful sentiment that Elizabeth Gilmer will surely bring to fruition.

Kiwanians host cookout for reading program

The Kiwanis Club of Swainsboro met at the Franklin Memorial Library on Thursday July 21, to host its annual cookout at 11 a.m. for the end of the Summer Reading program. President Dianna Wedincamp grilled the hotdogs and Chair Deana Patrick brought chips, cookies, lemonade and condiments for a super meal. The Summer Reading program ended with a Hawaiian luau. The Swainsboro Kiwanis Club, Farm Bureau and Friends of the Library hosted the hot dog cookout and then the library presented a Hawaiian dancer to give everyone lessons. There were 76 in attendance. Bingo games were played for prizes and books were given away.



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Crider Foods announces names of 2022 Teacher Pay 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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Plans announced for annual beauty pageant

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.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the 4th of July Celebration Committee for the City of Adrian, we would like to express our gratitude on a job well done. From the car show, to the vendors, to the participants in the parade and the finale of the fireworks, it was a day of celebration for our country and our little town.

A special shout out goes to all of the volunteers. The Hinton House went over and beyond to help to make sure that we had all the things that we needed. The sponsors donated monetarily for the festival and donations were given for the fireworks show. We must say that the fireworks show was the best that we have ever had. They continue to get better every year. Our goal is to continue to provide activities for our citizens. We encourage citizen involvement and are trying to provide positive changes to our "little, close-knit" town. We will keep the citizens informed of future activities.

Thank you,
Michelle Love and Suzanne Hutchinson

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Webb lawn recognized by City of Adrian for month of July

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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

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All Good Things . . . depend on you!

"All good things must come to an end". Well, maybe. It all depends on your perspective. If you are 7 or 13 or 17 years old, you could say this week that summer is, for all practical purposes, about done. That's it! You might have a few more days, but that "good thing" has almost come to an end. Teachers report to work today. Students file in next Wednesday. Now, if you are a parent or otherwise responsible for the care

of someone 7 or 13 or 17, "you might say that "all good things" are actually getting back to getting good again." Either way, it's a time for shift in the seasons, and it's all good for everybody. Well, for almost everybody. Students get back into their school day routine, and weary parents and grandparents get a welcomed break from child rearing duties. But what about the teachers? There are approximately 300 teachers in our coun-

ty school system. Many, if not most, have children. And of those children, many are school age. So there, emerges the conundrum. Bless the teachers' hearts. It's a bit confusing. When does the "good thing" start, and when does it stop? It's sort of like having your birthday on December 23rd. You just get a little shortchanged on the presents, and in this case, the vacation time. My mother was a teacher. My father

coached and taught. I married a teacher. My aunt was a teacher. Both of my brothers taught, and my daughter-in-law is a teacher. So, just let me say, I sympathize with teachers. In our county, teachers have the responsibility of trying to make something out of 4,077 young, impressionable, amazing, sometimes brilliant and occasionally exasperating minds. That puts teachers among some of the MOST import-

Charles Schwabe



ant people in Emanuel County. Each year, an average of 84% of our high school seniors walk across the graduation stage as a testament to the hard work that these professionals put in. So, must all good things come to an end? Nope,

not at all, not as long as the mind searches for answers, and teachers teach, and education endures. So regardless of your perspective, we wish all of our teachers, students and administrative and support staff a great '22-'23 school year!

Sharing some Olympic-sized memories of the 1996 Centennial games

It is hard to believe it has been 26 years since the Centennial Olympic Games were in Atlanta. They began on July 19, 1996, and wound-up August 4th. To refer to them as Atlanta's Games is not entirely accurate. Competitions were held throughout the state, from Athens to Gainesville to Savannah and even one in Ocoee, Tennessee. Most everyone knows the story today about how local real estate attorney and former UGA football star Billy Payne decided to obtain the bid for the 100th anniversary of the modern Olympic Games. The general consensus was the event would be staged in Athens, Greece

which has been home to the 1896 Olympic Games. Payne, who had never been to the Olympics, didn't know when the selection was made or how, enlisted the help of a small group of friends to set out on what many – including me at the time – thought was a wild goose chase to win the bid for Atlanta. And he did it. In my long life, I have met and have been associated with a number of remarkable people but Billy Payne exceeds them all. He is one of the brightest and most-driven people I have ever known and one of the most decent. Although I didn't know him at the time – I joined the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games

after Atlanta won the bid as managing director of communications and government relations – I became and still am fiercely loyal to him. The Games themselves were extremely successful. More than 10,000 athletes set 32 world records and 111 Olympic records. We sold more tickets to women's competitions alone than Barcelona had sold total tickets 4 years earlier. More than 209 million people watched the 1996 Centennial Olympic Games on television which made it the most-watched event in television history at the time and some 5 million saw the competitions in person, aided by 50,000 volunteers who gave

new meaning to the term "Southern hospitality." Also, the Centennial Olympic Games were privately-funded, meaning taxpayers were not left holding the bag once the Games were over as has happened in a number of cities before and after Atlanta. The darkest moment was the evening of July 27, when a bomb went off in Centennial Olympic Park. We had been assured by the FBI that while there was always the possibility of a random act of terror, the agency had the people and resources to quickly identify and apprehend the perpetrators. Eric Rudolph who set off the bomb eluded capture for 5 years until he was arrested climbing out of a dumpster by a rookie deputy sheriff in North Carolina. In the meantime, poor Richard Jewell was the victim of a worldwide media feeding-frenzy. Ten thousand media representatives, all assured that he was the culprit and all trying to scoop each other. Jewell was

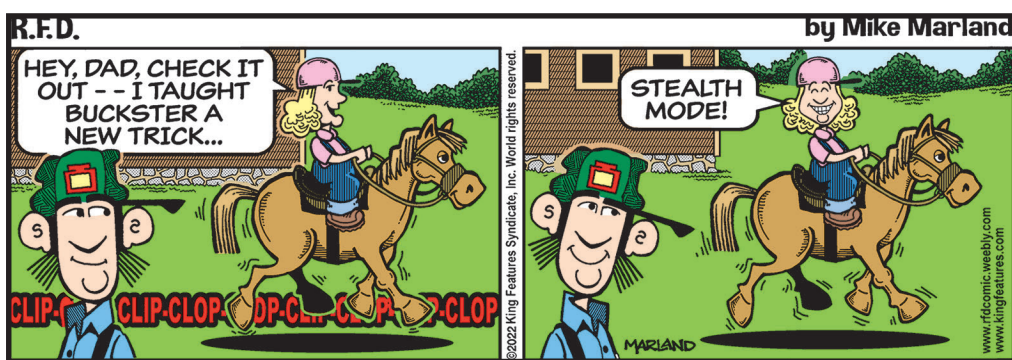
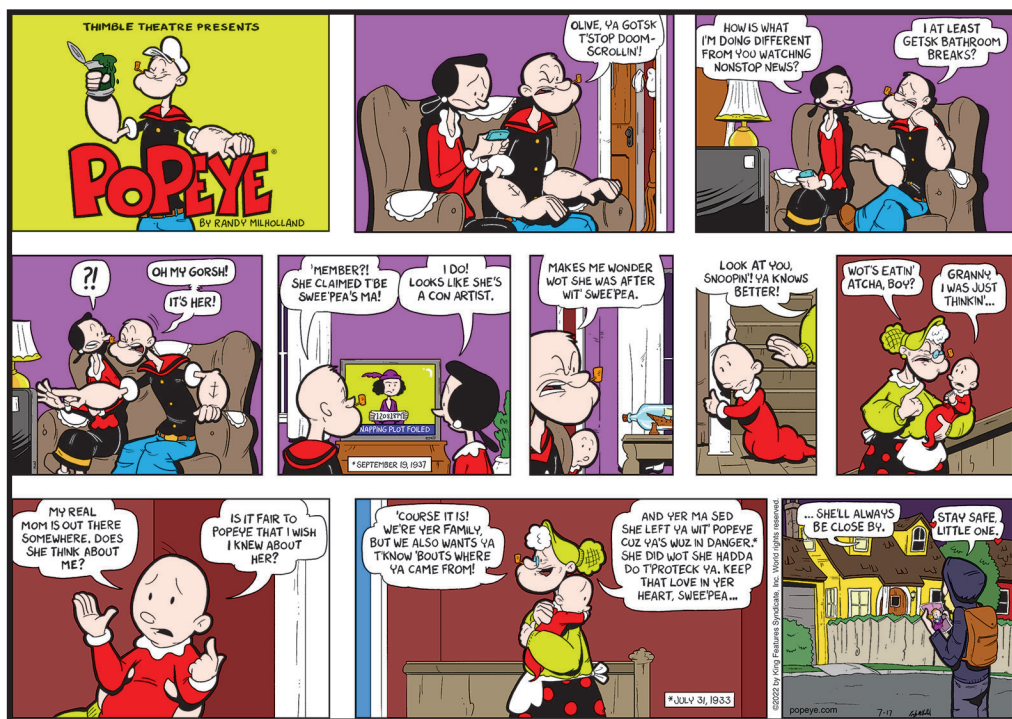
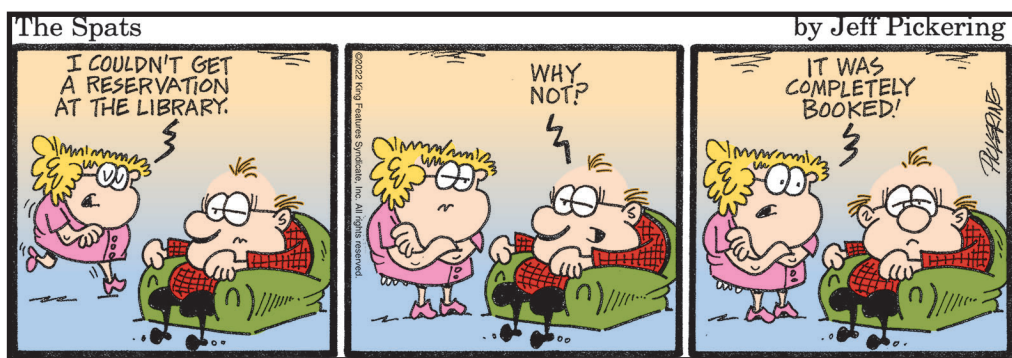
Dick Yarbrough



completely exonerated. He turned out to be the winner. The media and the FBI were the losers. That brings me to the biggest loser of all: The City of Atlanta. The city blew a golden opportunity to look like the great international city it claimed to be. Officials authorized an ambush marketing program aimed at our sponsors even though sponsor dollars were helping ensure the city would be spared committing any tax dollars for the Games. Mayor Bill Campbell's sidewalk vendors program did nothing but clog city streets and crush the dreams of a lot of small businesses that bought into the scheme. The business community was afraid to speak up lest they incur the wrath of a volatile mayor who could make a racial issue out of a potato chip. The local media were better suited to cover a high school football game than something as com-

plex as the Olympics. Perhaps the best thing to come out of the 1996 Olympic Games was a new career. Mine. I was asked by a local paper to assess the city's performance after the event was over. I was not kind for all of the reasons stated above. The column attracted national attention. I was asked to write another one and then another one. As of this day, I have penned some 2,000 columns and am still swinging for the fences. Twenty-six years have passed and the Centennial Olympic Games are a distant memory. There have been 6 Olympiads since ours. But looking back on those 17 days in July 1996, I am proud to say I was a part of the best Games ever. You can reach Dick Yarbrough at dick@dick-yarbrough.com; at P.O. Box 725373, Atlanta, Georgia 31139 or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/dick-yarb.

Editorial Cartoons



Peer Pressure


Lanna Douglas



Peer pressure, we have all seen it take place at least once in our lives. It comes in many different forms, and a person can be peer pressured to do a lot of different things. The real question is, how do we learn how to just say no? Can peer pressure be a good thing and a bad thing? Like I said, peer pressure can affect anyone, not just teenagers. From my personal experience, I have seen all ages commit stupid acts because their "friends" made them feel like they had to. Would a true friend force you to do something you did not truly want to do? No, they would stick by you and stand up

for you always. Never be afraid to say no to something you do not want to do, the outcomes will improve massively. Be yourself, and do not worry about what people have to say. No matter what, we are all truly scared on the inside. It takes extreme courage to learn to say no. Many people fear others judging them or losing the "friends" that are peer pressuring them. Sometimes saying no may open other people's eyes to the fact that "maybe I

don't have to partake in these activities to be cool." Saying no can have benefits; standing your ground shows courage. As bad decisions increase, the more likely you are to make worse decisions. As we grow, we can learn to say no and better ourselves. One day you will find true friends that you won't have to worry about losing if you stand up for yourself. Allow courage into your heart and I promise you will not regret that decision.



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The Blade reserves the right to edit letters and limit the number of letters on any one subject from any one person.



Shelter adoptions to continue through August

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 vacci-

nations and adoption fees for your new best friend!

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 accepts donations! Donations can be brought into 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.

ECI Kiddie Cheer Camp held

Emanuel County Institute (ECI) Cheer Squad held its ECI Kiddie Cheer Camp on Monday, July 25. The event, housed at Emanuel County Institute's new gym, began at 8 a.m. and welcomed a large group of campers between the ages of 4-years-old and up to fifth grade students.

"We haven't held our annual cheer camp for the past two summers because of Covid so we were kind of anticipating low numbers with this year's camp

registrations, around 35, at least," ECI Head Cheer Coach Tabatha Downer explained. The cheer group's expectations were exceeded by a little more than 20 additional registered campers attending this year's event and had an overall turnout of 57 mini cheerleaders in attendance, all hyped up with Bulldog Pride.

Participants enjoyed a day full of cheerleading fun as they were instructed on cheers, dance, stunts, jumps and tumbling by ECI cheerleaders. Camp

attendees enjoyed a pizza lunch served with chips and drinks and were presented with take-home souvenirs and certificates following their 2 p.m. performances for family and friends at pick-up time.

"This year's camp was a success, and we appreciate the support we received. The campers and ECI cheerleaders did a great job and we look forward to this year's camp participants performing at our pregame show set for August 26 at home," Downer concluded.

Schwabe meets with Veterans

On Monday, July 18, Charles Schwabe met with the Veterans at the Library to assist us in organizing and making sure the group has covered every aspect of its on-going Wreaths Across America project. He talked about how the veterans group could get the word out to family members of veterans who are buried at four cemeteries, East Brook, Early Settlers, First Baptist and Swainsboro City Cemeteries, that do not have anything on their tombstone that shows they are a veteran. He mentioned that Emanuel County has numerous organizations that would help place the growing number of over 600 wreaths on each grave in these four cemeteries. He also discussed how to handle removing these wreaths after a month or two. Schwabe has been in public service for close to 20 years and he felt that the citizens of Emanuel County would be glad to assist on this project. The veterans group also had a chance to hear Veteran Josh Lewis give a quick presentation of his military service. Lewis was born and



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raised in Swainsboro, having graduated from Swainsboro High School in 1961. His father was sheriff in Emanuel County and his grandfather was the Emanuel County clerk. Lewis is a veteran of Company A,

878th Combat Engineer Battalion from 1965 - 1971, having advanced to the Rank of Staff Sergeant. He formed a very successful survey company in the early 1960s in Atlanta and is enjoying retirement.



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Durden/Hudson Funeral Directors assist WAA

The Veterans of the Library meet each Monday morning at 9:30 a.m. except holidays at the Franklin Memorial Library for coffee, pastries and fellowship. With the leadership of Veteran John Tapley, the veterans have taken on the National project, "Wreaths Across America" for the first time and have selected four cemeteries in Emanuel County out of the more than 170 cemeteries, to place wreaths on the graves of veterans. So far, the veterans have walked these four cemeteries and have come up with more than 600 marked veteran's graves. Many families have not

marked their family veterans that have been buried in these four cemeteries, so they have asked the public to help identify their veterans. Debbie Hudson Dubberly and Faith Vedder with Durden/Hudson Funeral Directors came and informed them on how to help these families obtain government headstone or markers. They presented each member a packet containing Form SF 180, request pertaining to military records and an instruction and information sheet on how to get these records, along with VA Form 40-1330, a claim for standard government headstones

or markers. They also included a VA Form 27-2008, the Application for United States Flag for Burial Purposes. Finally, they explained and provided the group with the instructions for completing an application for burial benefits, VA Form 21P-530. The project WAA will occur on December 17, 2022, at 10 a.m. Remember, if your family veteran or veterans are buried in the East Brook Cemetery, Old Settlers Cemetery, First Baptist Cemetery or the Swainsboro City Cemetery and their tombstone is not marked as a veteran, their names are not on the list. Please, if your vet is



GARY MASON, HUDSON-DUBBERLY, VEDDER, AND TAPLEY

not marked as a veteran, contact the library, Sherrie Watt, at 478-237-7791 and give her your

vet's name, service, cemetery and the location in the cemetery. They need this information by

the first of November in order to order a wreath for your vet without any cost to you.

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Front porch memories

Some of my favorite memories happened on the front porch. It was a family meeting place for us throughout the years. Tons of butter beans and peas were shelled there, and the ghost stories that would scare the pants off a grown man were improvised by, and told by my dad. No gory details, filled with blood and goes, were ever left out; He was a master storyteller. The night air was crisp and cool, which brought out the fireflies with their green gold glow, as they lit up the dark places in our front yard. The soft

chirping of a few crickets and the low croaking of a lone bullfrog set the tone of peace and tranquility for the long night. And at times we felt like we were a million miles away from our nearest neighbor, but only a stone's throw from the nearness of God. It had been a long, hot, scorching day, and there had been prayer for rain all week at our church. Now dad pointed out of the west where a cloud was making, and the promise of a shower was evident from occasional sharp streaks of lightning moving

slowly towards us. Mama felt a sense of relief tonight because all the family members were already home. She made it a point to always leave the front porch light on until each family member was safely indoors for the night, and they had been home for hours. Tomorrow would be another adventure on the front porch. The door curtain of the night was covering the landscape with the sound and sights that Mother Nature and Father Time can only provide. Only the moon and the stars are visible tonight. God



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seems to have turned the dimmer light down for tonight. Sleep peacefully, the sun will rise again in the morning.

THIS CHRISTMAS, BE A PART OF WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA



Use this form to let us know of the burial site of any U.S. veteran located in any Emanuel County cemetery. This will ensure that this grave is added to the list of sites that will be honored with the placement of a live evergreen wreath on Saturday, Dec 17th, 2022.

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Please return this completed form to WWA, PO Box 478, Swainsboro, GA 30401, or drop off at The Forest Blade, or Franklin Memorial Library in Swainsboro, Ga.

For questions or information contact Shari Watt at Franklin Memorial Library 478-237-7791

Corporal Davis new Resource Officer

Corporal Matt Davis of the Emanuel County Sheriff's Office recently completed the Georgia public Safety Training Center class on School Resource Officer Training. This course equips officers with the baseline knowledge, skills, and techniques to engage students, work with supportive staff, and protect school grounds by providing them with the needed information to protect the futures of our youth.



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School Resource Officers are equipped with the knowledge, skills, and techniques to work with our students, educators,

and support staff. This course helps to prepare them for successful service in our schools." Sheriff Jeffery Brewer explained. Corporal Matt Davis can now apply these usefully learned techniques to better protect our Emanuel County Schools and the precious lives within them. Congratulations Corporal Matt Davis on becoming one of our School Resource Officers and thank you for dedicating your service to protecting our students, educators & school staff.

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Progressive FARMER READER INSIGHTS

East Georgia State College student-athletes recognized on NJCAA All-Academic Team

The National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) recently announced the 2021-2022 All-Academic Teams recognizing student-athletes across the country for their dedication in the classroom. East Georgia State College has 15 student-athletes who made the list. Student-athletes are eligible to earn academic honors by achieving an overall GPA of 3.60 or higher for the 2021-22 academic year. The athletes were selected from across the Nation from over 60,000 athletes who compete in intercollegiate athletics.

"We as an institution are truly fortunate to have such amazing student-athletes representing EGSC in all four NJCAA Division One sports," said EGSC Athletic Director Chuck Wimberly. "We are very proud of these athletes for their hard work and dedication both on and off the fields of East Georgia State College."

EGSC 2021-22 All-Academic Team:

Men's Basketball
Preston Crisp – Sophomore – Savannah, GA

Ridge Turner – Sophomore – Ellenwood, GA

Women's Basketball
Nia Lawrence – Sophomore – Stockbridge, GA
Zuriyah Davis – Sophomore – Sugar Hill, GA

Baseball
Jim Brown – Sophomore – Breman, GA

Robert Kirkland – Sophomore – Alma, GA
Matthew Mead – Freshman – Vidalia, GA
Elliott Vickery – Sophomore – Newnan, GA

Softball
Alyssa Barbrick – Freshman – Byron Center, MI

Stacia Raley – Freshman – Arvada, CO
Hilarie Jackson – Sophomore – Statesboro, GA

Madeline Cash



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FORRESTER



WILKERSON

– Sophomore – McDonough, GA

Bailey Davis

– Freshman – Ringgold, GA

Carly Forrester

– Sophomore – Statesboro, GA

McKenzi Wilkerson

Smith Presents Cowpens Program at Brier Creek

On Thursday afternoon, July 7, 2022, Compatriot Dess Smith traveled 55 miles to Sylva, GA to present his program on the Battle at Cowpens, a Battle to Remember. With President Wayne Howard presiding, there were 14 in attendance. President Wayne discussed the up-coming cleaning and mowing of the monthly Brier Creek Battlefield project of the BCRWBA, Inc. President Wayne also asked members about the upcoming 132nd National Congress that would be held in Savannah on July 10 - 15. Compatriots Steve Burke, Lee Herron, Don Bazemore and Bernard Martin would be attending and participating with the NSSAR Color Guard and firing their flintlocks and the Forts cannon during the special tour of



SMITH

Fort Morris event and the Historic Midway Church Cemetery 5 grave markings that would occur on Sunday, July 10th. Compatriots Dess Smith and Wilder Smith would be "Day Captions" on Sunday, July 10th from 11:00-3:00 at the Congress locat-

ed at the Hyatt Regency in Savannah. President Wayne then introduced Compatriot Dess Smith to present his program on the Battle of Cowpens, a Battle to Remember. The Cowpens battle was held on January 17, 1781. Brigadier General

Daniel Morgan won the Battle of Cowpens, a decisive Revolutionary War victory over British Lieutenant Colonel Banastre Tarleton. This American victory had an estimated 1,017 casualties with 149 Americans and 868 British.



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•Maintain a cool home environment. In case the residence is not air conditioned, make certain blinds are kept closed in the day, fans are utilized, and windows are opened each night. If it's still uncomfortably hot, look into alternative arrangements during the day, such as attending a senior day program or spending time at the shopping center or library.

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

Brandon Fidel Mendieta, entered 7/18/22; Crim trespass/hold for out of county billing/VGCSA possession of marijuana w/intent to distribute/Possession of meth w/intent to distribute/Probation/Superior court; SPD

Hugh Avery Glisson, entered 7/18/22; Sentenced to State; released 7/19/22;

WALK-IN Heather Lynn Henry, entered 7/18/22; Bench warrant - City; released 7/21/22; SPD

Caleb Joseph Schott, entered 7/18/22; Probation/Swainsboro PD/Middle Ga Probation/hold for Treutlen Co; released 7/22/22; SPD

Aaron Michael Williams, entered 7/19/22; Possession of meth/Driving lic susp/rev; SPD

Bryan Jawayne Blackwood, entered 7/19/22; Possession of meth/Firearm poss by conv felon/Possession of prescription drugs outside original container; released 7/20/22; SPD

James Andrew Bell II, entered 7/19/22; Probation/Superior court/VGCSA possession of cocaine w/intent to distribute/VGCSA possession of crack cocaine w/intent to distribute/VGCSA manuf marijuana/Poss of firearm during commission of felony/Possession of meth w/intent to distribute/Firearm poss by conv felon/VGCSA possession of drug related object; ECSCO

Kaitlyn Paige Wright,

entered 7/19/22; Bench warrant/State court/Bench warrant/State court; SPD

Amber Elisha Howell, entered 7/19/22; Other; released 7/19/22; SPD

Donald Eugene Gregory Jr, entered 7/19/22; Hold for Johnson Co; released 7/20/22; SPD

Guam Jermaine Wells, entered 7/19/22; No insurance/Probation/State court/Middle Ga Probation/Other/VGCSA marijuana/poss less than oz/Unregistered vehicle/Driving lic susp/rev; released 7/21/22; SPD

Charles Jenkins Lafavor, entered 7/20/22; VGCSA possession of marijuana w/intent to distribute/Other/Possession of cocaine/VGCSA possession of drug related object/Aggr assault

Brittany Rose Bankston, entered 7/20/22; VGCSA possession of drug related object; SPD

Ashely Nicole Franco, entered 7/20/22; Possession of meth/VGCSA possession of drug related object/VGCSA marijuana/poss less than oz/Inmates-possession of weapons/drugs;

released 7/22/22; SPD

Michael Anthony Harrell, entered 7/20/22; Speeding 15-29 MPH over/VGCSA possession of drug related object; SPD

Randall Cory White, entered 7/20/22; VGCSA possession of drug related object; SPD

Maria Flower Small, entered 7/20/22; Impeding the flow of traffic/DUI/alch/Open container; released 7/21/22; GSP

Amber Elisha Howell, entered 7/21/22; Other/hold for SPD/VGCSA possession of MDMA/possession of meth

Ryan Taylor Reeves, entered 7/21/22; Parole violation/Flee/attempt to elude police/Unregistered vehicle/No proof of insurance/Other/Failure to stop at stop sign/Failure to maintain lane/Obstr/hindering of officer/VGCSA possession of drug related object/DUI/drugs/VGCSA possession of MDMA/possession of meth; SPD

Noah Joseph Hutto, entered 7/21/22; DUI less safe/Driving lic susp/rev/No license of

person/Speeding 15-29 MPH over; released 7/21/22; ECSCO

Melissa Ann Temple, entered 7/21/22; Theft/shoplifting; released 7/21/22; SPD

Laura Sue Williams, entered 7/21/22; DUI/alch/Driving lic susp/rev/Probation/Superior court/Probation/State court/Middle Ga Probation; ECSCO

Kyle Matthew Edenfield, entered 7/22/22; Crim trespass/Impeding the flow of traffic; ECSCO

Leon Wilter Domingo Buchi De Leon, entered 7/22/22; Driving while unlicensed/expired/Speeding 15-29 MPH over; released 7/22/22; ECSCO

Cassandra Lynn Goodwin, entered 7/22/22; Theft/shoplifting; released 7/22/22; SPD

Willie James Terrell, entered 7/22/22; Disorderly conduct; released 7/23/22; ECSCO

Edin Belzain, entered 7/22/22; Open container/Speeding 15-29 MPH/DUI/alch; released 7/23/22; GSP

George Albert Bush, entered 7/23/22; Probation/Swainsboro

PD/Middle Ga Probation; SPD

Edmond Defour Lay entered 7/23/22; Hold for out of county billing; STILLMORE PD

Christopher Lance Fowler, entered 7/23/22; Bench warrant - out of county; ECSCO

Mariquez S'Rod Wilson, entered 7/23/22; DUI/alch/Open container/Reckless driving/Speeding school zone 30+ MPH over; released 7/24/22; GSP

Cedric Jerome Cunningham, entered 7/23/22; DUI less safe/Driving lic susp/rev/Failure to maintain lane/DUI/endangering child; released 7/24/22; GSP

Rafael Ibarra Francisco, entered 7/23/22; Driving while unlicensed/expired/No license of person/Failure to maintain lane/Headlight requirements; released 7/23/22; ECSCO

Kadijah Kalia Gillis, entered 7/24/22; Other/Driving lic susp/rev/Seatbelt violation/Driving lic susp/rev/Probation/Swainsboro PD/Middle Ga Probation/Other; SPD

Swainsboro Police Reports

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

July 13

A report was made of a damaged vehicle. The complainant stated she let her child's father use her car, and

his ex-girlfriend threw a bottle at the vehicle and damaged both the right side of the vehicle and the driver side door.

Officers responded to a report of an irate male with a gun. When arriving in the area, the offender had already left. The officers then went on a search for the offender, and proceeded to pull him over once they found him. He admitted to drinking, having weed, and having a pistol. He was arrested. The complainant stated the gun wasn't drawn but he looked as if he was thinking about using it.

July 14

Officers responded to a report of domestic violence. When they arrived, the complainant stated he heard a male beating on a female in a room of a motel. The offi-

cers checked the room, and there was no one there. The complainant seemed under the influence and wasn't answering questions with good thought. The manager had him criminally trespassed from the property.

An unwanted person report was made. The complainant's step-son's sister came in after being told to leave. She later left walking down the street.

Officers responded to a report of a dog at large. When arriving on the scene, the complainant stated he saw a dog chasing two girls so he caught the dog's attention and it bit him on the calf. Animal control was called, but when they found the dog, it was in a cage with puppies. It was decided to fine the owner instead of taking the dog.

A report was made of a stolen phone. The complainant stated the offender was at his home earlier looking for a tire plug and stole his phone. He called it later in the day, and an unknown male answered, stating he bought the phone from someone for \$50.

July 15

Officers responded to a report of a dispute. The complainant stated that she and a male were having an argument, so she left his residence to go to her sister's house. He followed her there because he believed she had his phone and wallet. She showed the officers that she did not have either. The male wants the female evicted from his home.

A report was made of a damaged vehicle. The complainant stated she was leaving her daughter's house and hit a curb, damaging the front end of her vehicle.

July 16

Officers responded to a report of an underage drinker. When on the scene, there was liquor and jello shots all over the motel room. The offender stated she got the alcohol from someone in Wadley. All three offenders were given citations.

July 17

A report was made of a damaged vehicle. The complainant stated the side of his vehicle was hit while he was in Walmart.

Officers performed a traffic stop due to a vehicle having an illegal tint level. When pulled over, the driver looked visibly intoxicated. He was given multiple tests, and failed. He was arrested.

Officers responded to a report of battery. The complainant stated when the offender got back from the club, she was asked to leave. She refused, and threw a cooler at the complainant. She was arrested for battery.

Officers performed a traffic stop due to a vehicle having a malfunctioning brake light. When pulled over, officers noticed the driver's license was suspended due to not appearing. She was arrested.

July 18

Officers arrested a male and female, due to them both having warrants for their arrest.

An officer assisted

another officer with a traffic stop due to a weapon being in arms reach of the offender. The offender was asleep in the vehicle, so the officers retrieved the weapon without waking him. He was then woken up and asked for consent to search. Officers found crystal meth and numerous pills. He was arrested.

Officers responded to a report of an unwanted person. The complainant stated the offender was passed out in her vehicle with the door wide open. The offender admitted to smoking weed, and believed he had been drugged. He had outstanding warrants in Bryan County. He was arrested.

A report was made of a stolen tag. The complainant stated his tag was stolen overnight.

Officers responded to a report of stolen car parts. The complainant stated she went to go get her mother's car, and the battery was missing out of it.

Officers responded to a dispute at a local bank. A female tried to take out a large withdrawal, but due to the account being open less than three months, the request was denied. The female was very upset at this, and it caused an argument.

Officers responded to a report of a gun being drawn on employees of a local business. When confronting the offender, he stated he never pulled a gun. There was a verbal altercation between the parties, and the male stated he was not going to get

jumped. No charges were pressed.

July 19

Two females and one male were arrested due to them having warrants for their arrest.

Officers performed a traffic stop due to a vehicle not having registration or insurance. When pulled over, the officer noticed the driver didn't have a license either. They then searched the vehicle and found a marijuana grinder. He was arrested.

A report was made of a damaged vehicle. The complainant stated their vehicle was damaged while they were in Walmart.

July 20

A report was made of a damaged vehicle. The complainant stated he believes somebody was trying to break into his vehicle, because there are scratches around his door.

Officers responded to a report of a male using a stolen EBT card. He tried to use an old receipt as well. When officers arrived, the male was already gone. They went to the male's motel room and he wasn't there either. The manager stated he tried to sell her the card for \$20.

Officers attempted a traffic stop due to a vehicle not having insurance and having an expired registration. The vehicle did not stop, and initiated a chase. When they caught up with the offender, he was arrested. The passenger was also arrested due to having active warrants on them. Officers later found methamphetamine in the vehicle.

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Sheriff's Reports

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July 18

Deputy met with complainant on Keith Screws Rd. in reference to an unwanted person. Contact was made with offender and he was issued a Criminal Trespass Warning at the request of c/p for all property associated with c/p's address.

Deputy responded to Hwy 46 East in reference to a domestic dispute. Complainant advised she is renting a home from her aunt/offender and offender went into her home without permission. C/p stated offender got mad because of the condition of the inside of the home and an argument started. C/p advised that she told offender to get out several times and she refused and then advised that offender slapped her in the face as she was trying to walk out the house. C/p then stated that offender followed her outside and was trying to pull on her car door as the c/p was trying to leave. Deputy advised c/p of the eviction process and the process to seek through the courts in resolving the matter. Deputy then made contact with offender who denied any physical contact with c/p and advised that she did go into the house and was upset because of the conditions inside. Deputy then advised offender of the eviction process and advised her to stay away from c/p until they could solve the matter through the courts or civilly.

Deputy met with complainant in reference to a nuisance animal call on John Deer Rd. Animals in question are dogs that have been seen on property scattering trash form house garbage. Dogs are believed to belong to someone on JM Spearman Rd. C/p was advised that an attempt to contact the dog owner would be made.

Deputy responded to Red Roof in reference to a report of illegal dumping. Contact was made with the cashier who stated she confronted an unknown female subject illegally dumping her household garbage in the store trash can. Cashier advised that she told the subject that the public trash site was located on Old Kenfield Rd. and she was not permitted to dump her garbage in the store trash can. The female subject advised the cashier that she did not know where the public trash site was and she would continue to us the store trash can because it was easier for her to use, then threatened

to do physical bodily harm to the cashier. Cashier advised that she took a picture of the license plate and produced the said picture. Deputy ran the tag number through GCIC and learned the vehicle came back to Serenity Hospice out of Dublin.

July 19

Deputy responded to Hawhammock Church Rd. in reference to an alarm.

Deputy responded to Canary Ln. in reference to a residential alarm. Everything appeared to be secure.

911 called about several 911 hand-up calls coming from Glenwood Rd. Upon arrival, deputy found several children were present in the home. Deputy talked to the victim who was looking after the children and he said he would take care of the problem.

July 20

Deputies responded to Waller Wood Cir. in reference to a domestic dispute. Upon arrival, complainants had already separated. C/p's are married and advised they were arguing over finances and the argument was verbal until they pushed each other. Neither party wanted to press charges and were separating for the night until the situation calmed down.

Deputies responded to Egret Pl. in reference to a burglary. Deputy met with complainant who advised she went to her cabin and realized someone had broken in. C/p stated she noticed a window screen laying in the yard and a window had been broken to gain access. C/p also noticed pry marks on the front door. Offenders went through all her drawers and took a boom box and a trail camera. C/p noticed a broken window but had two windows unlocked in the cabin and noticed offenders urinated in her toilet and wasn't flushed due to the water being turned off because they were away for a while.

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

Complainant stated she had been moving her stuff from the residence on Cowford Bridge Rd. and when she went back to get more stuff, her TV was missing and believes the witness took it. Witness stated she wasn't going to let c/p get any of her other property because she owed her one and a half months rent. Deputy explained to witness that she could not hold c/p's property and that she would

have to take a civil suit against c/p to get her money.

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

Complainant stated she rents a house on Lindsey Rd. her two brothers stay with her, and they were supposed to split the cost for rent and utilities. They all got into an argument about paying the bills because the lights got turned off. C/p wanted the two offenders out of the house and was advised of the eviction process.

Deputy was dispatched to Parris Pond Rd. in Twin City in reference to an attempted burglary. Complainant stated someone tried to enter his out building by prying open the door, but was unsuccessful. Nothing was taken at this point but c/p wanted to make a report.

July 21

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

Deputies were dispatched to Quick Rd. in reference to a call of a suspicious vehicle. Vehicle was located on Mt. Shady church Rd. and the driver was subsequently arrested.

Deputies were dispatched to Griffin Ferry Rd. for a single vehicle accident. GSP was requested and arrived for accident investigation. Driver and occupant were transported by EMS to Meadows Regional in Vidalia for injuries. Vehicle was removed by a towing company at owner's request.

Deputy was dispatched to Hwy 57 West to meet with complainant in reference to a traffic related incident.

July 22

Deputies, along with Nunez Fire Dept., were dispatched to Nunez-Lexsy Rd. in reference to a fire behind the residence. Fire was observed to be contained in a burn barrel. Contact was made with the homeowner who was aware of the fire and keeping it under control.

Deputies responded to Keith Screws Rd. in reference to offender entering the property. On July 18, offender was told by complainant that he was not welcome on his property and was never to return, and if he ever went back on his property, he would be arrested for trespassing, being witnessed by a deputy. Investigators located offender walking on Keith Screws Rd. a short distance from c/p's property.

At the time deputies located offender, it was obvious he was under the influence of a controlled substance. Offender's speech was slurring, and as he spoke, he jumped from topic to topic and was not making sense. Offender spoke of past events as if they had just happened. Offender stated he was looking for a gold chain that was taken from him and was lost on the road somewhere but he could not tell deputies when it was lost. Offender admitted he walked to c/p's house where he spoke with witness, c/p's daughter. Offender also admitted he was told by witness to leave the property and that she did not want anything to do with him. Offender's vehicle was parked appx. 20 yards from where deputies located him. It was partly parked on Keith Screws Rd. and on private property. The land owner advised deputies that offender parked in two different locations, that last being on his land. The land owner watched offender go to c/p's property. A check on the license plate revealed that it was invalid and the vehicle had no insurance. Offender was placed under arrest for Criminal Trespass and due to his condition, his history of drug abuse, SPD K-9 unit was requested to conduct an open-air search for any indication of contraband. K-9 made a positive alert around the driver's door and when the K-9 officer told offender, he stated that there had been drugs in the truck but there was nothing left because he used them all. Offender gave Dets. Permission to search the vehicle. A search was made and not contraband was found, and the vehicle was towed. Invs. requested offender be transported to EmCo Det. Ctr. on charges of Criminal Trespass and Impeding the flow of traffic. Deputy attempted to place offender in the rear of his patrol unit at which time he became irate and uncooperative. Assistance was requested and offender was placed in the rear of the patrol unit.

911 dispatched a call to Cowford Bridge Rd. in reference to a burglary. Officers spoke with victim who stated she believes her ex-room mates who still have a key to her house, went in and took items. There was no sign of forced entry to the residence and victim was advised to change the locks.

Complainant stated she and offender work at Crider's and offender keeps harassing her at work. Offender

talks bad about the victim to other workers and keeps going to HR and making complaints about victim. Victim stated HR finds out the complaints are unfounded and her supervisor advised her to make a report about harassment.

Deputy assisted GSP with a call about a suspicious person on Hwy 1 South close to I16. Upon deputy's arrival, trooper was talking with offender who was acting strange and would not tell his name and did not have an ID on him. Offender kept saying that the trooper was going to shoot him and asked if he could have a beer before he was shot. Offender kept getting down on his knees and laying on the ground, and walked into traffic a couple of times. Deputy took offender into custody and transported him to EmCo Jail and charged him with Disorderly Conduct.

Deputy responded to Kemp Rd. to a call regarding threats being made to an individual. Complainant stated offender sent threatening texts to her daughter stating he was going to go to their residence with a gun. C/p stated she and offender have been having ongoing disputes for a while now. The two have two children together and c/p has custody of both. C/p stated offender was not allowed at her residence out of fear that he will be violent towards all of them.

July 23

Complainant stated he keeps having problems with his neighbor's dogs going on his property and killing his chickens. C/p had two stray puppies to show up at his house and asked deputy what to do with them and he told him to call Animal Control to see if they could pick them up. C/p also stated the bank foreclosed on the property and someone moved into it and called the bank about them living there.

Victim stated someone stole her chihuahua dog on Bowen Dr. Victim stated someone keeps tearing down her No Trespassing signs, and she heard a car door slam one night in front of her house and that her landlord

gave her a number to someone that might know something about her stolen dog. Victim called the number and they cussed her out. Victim stated her son was killed in 2020 in Vidalia and it was still an open case and she's not sure if her son's murderer has anything to do with this.


July 24

Deputies were dispatched to Almond Rd. in reference to a stolen ATV.

Deputy took a report regarding an incident with a vehicle. Complainant stated the truck received damage after it was partly submerged and got stuck.

Deputies were dispatched to Oak Island in reference to a suspicious person. Offender was described and stated he left walking towards Longbay Dr. Caller advised the male was seen at the front door bent over as if her was attempting to gain entry to the business. Deputies checked the building and found it secure with not noted signs of tamper or forced entry. Deputies also rode the area but did not make locate any persons walking the area that matched the given description.

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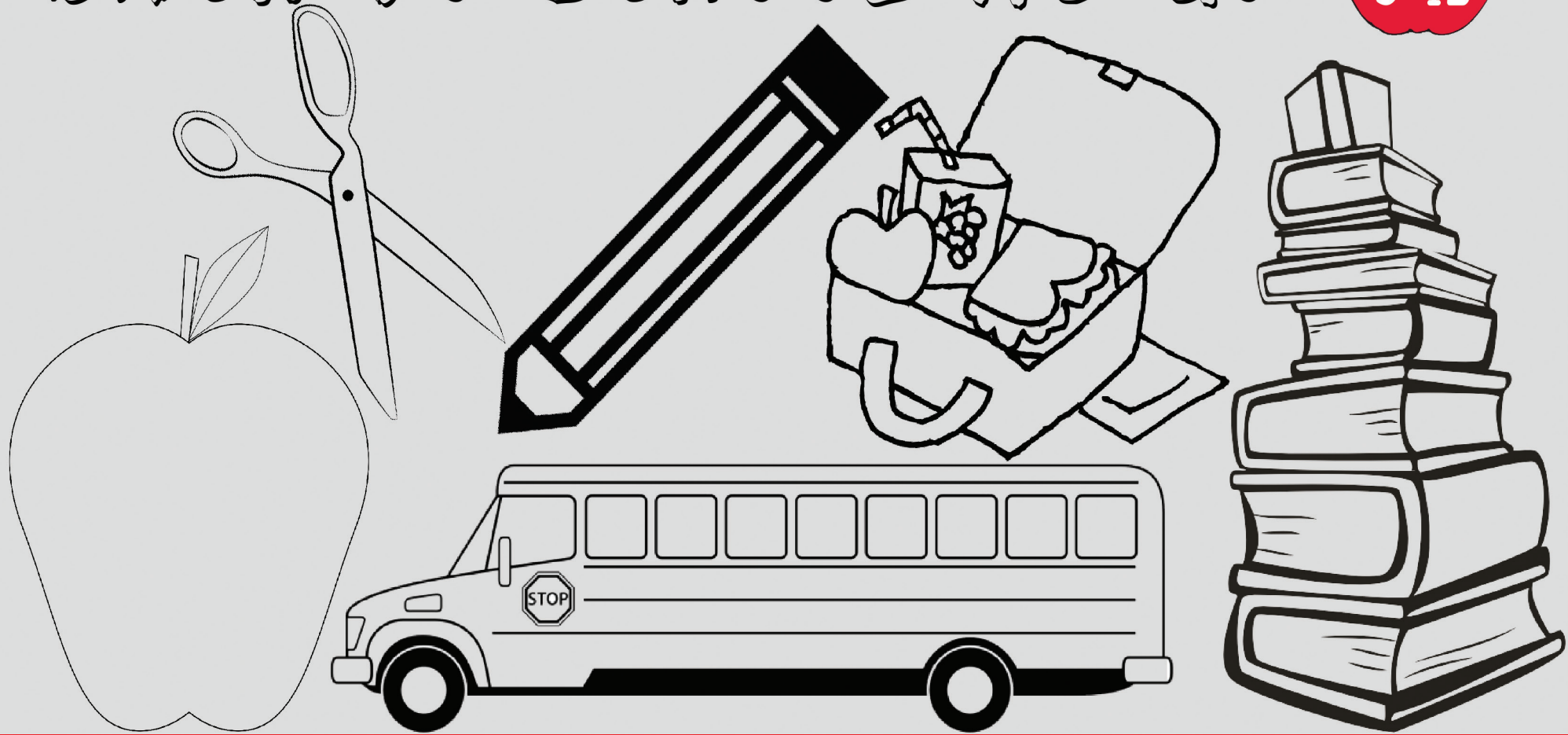
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With the 2022 Hurricane season officially underway, USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) State Executive Director, Arthur Tripp, invites agricultural producers and industry stakeholders to join him in a virtual meeting to discuss what producers need to do before, during, and after the impact of a hurricane. Tripp and FSA program specialists will provide an overview of current disaster assistance programs, required loss of documentation, and related information needed when conducting business with FSA following a natural disaster event. The virtual meeting is free, open to the public, and can be attended on Thursday, July 28, 2022 at 10 a.m. eastern by joining the meeting online. To RSVP and receive the virtual meeting link for this event, please email GASED@usda.gov.

"A major storm or hurricane can be devastating for farmers and livestock producers," said Tripp. "When a major weather event

disrupts an agricultural operation, the impact does not stop at the farm, the effects of the losses are felt from the field to the dinner table. Through this preparedness meeting, we will provide producers with the information and tools they need to successfully navigate available federal farm program and loan assistance should the need arise."

USDA offers a full suite of risk management and disaster assistance programs to help producers recover from severe weather, including those impacted by hurricanes and tropical storms. FSA has a variety of loans available, including emergency loans that are triggered by disaster declarations and operating loans that can assist producers with credit needs. Additionally, producers should consider FSA's loan servicing options if they are unable to make scheduled farm loan debt payments to FSA because of reasons beyond their control.

Livestock and perennial crop producers often have more risk management options available including the Livestock Indemnity Program, the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees, and Farm-raised Fish Program, and the Tree Assistance Program. Producers of crops for which crop insurance is not available should consider FSA's Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP).

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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 of 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, DESCRIBED 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
P. O. Box 70 / 125 South Main Street 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
Swainsboro, Georgia 30401
(478) 237-7551
EXHIBIT "A"

All that tract or parcel of land, together with improvements, situate, lying and being in the 58th G.M. District of Emanuel County, City of Oak Park, Georgia, containing 0.694 acres of land having such metes, bounds, and location as shown on a plat of survey dated February 8, 2002, prepared by A. G. Wells, Jr., G.R.L.S. #1656 which is recorded in Plat Book 21, Page 448, Emanuel County, Georgia Deed records and incorporated herein by reference. Said property is currently identified by the Emanuel County Tax Assessor's Office as Tax Map #102, Parcel 070A.

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

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 Marnique 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 _____ day of _____, 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 at said final hearing or the findings of the Court will be made the permanent order of this Court in the above case. You must attend the final hearing in order to preserve your rights. At the final hearing you will be given an opportunity to show cause, if any you have, why the relief requested in the petition should not be granted. Prior to the Final Hearing a Provisional Hearing on the petition will be held before the Court on _____, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in the Juvenile Courtroom at the Emanuel County Courthouse, Swainsboro, Georgia.

The parties notified hereby are entitled to legal counsel in the proceedings, and the Court will appoint legal counsel if any party should be unable, without undue hardship, to employ counsel. You are further notified that you will lose all rights to the child and will not be entitled to object to the termination of your rights to the child unless, within thirty days of receipt of this notice, you file:

A petition to legitimize the child pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 19-7-22; and Notice of the filing of the petition to legitimize with the Emanuel County Juvenile Court.

The Findings of Fact and Order of Disposition made at the Provisional Hearing will become final at the Final Hearing unless the party served by publication appears at the Final Hearing. If the party served by publication fails to appear at the Final Hearing on the petition, the Findings of Fact and Interlocutory Orders made will become final without further evidence and will be governed by the Juvenile Court Code as if made at the Final Hearing. If the party served by publication appears at the Final Hearing, the Interlocutory findings and Orders shall be vacated and disregarded, and the hearing shall proceed upon the allegations of the motion.

The parties notified hereby are entitled to legal counsel in the proceedings, and the Court will appoint legal counsel if any party should be unable, without undue hardship, to employ counsel. A copy of this petition may be obtained at no charge from the Office of the Clerk of Court between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

WITNESS, the Honorable Sherri McDonald, Judge of said Juvenile Court. This _____ day of _____, 2022.

_____, 2022.

Clerk, Emanuel County Juvenile Court

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE INTEREST OF: S.F. SEX: F DOB: 03/22/2021 CASE # CHILD UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE NOTICE OF SUMMONS TO: GEORGIA FLOYD and Any Unknown biological, legal, and/or putative father of the above-named child born to Georgia Ann Floyd at Fairview Park Hospital in Laurens 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 July 5th, 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 Marnique 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 6th day of October, 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 at said final hearing or the findings of the Court will be made the permanent order of this Court in the above case. You must attend the final hearing in order to preserve your rights. At the final hearing you will be given an opportunity to show cause, if any you have, why the relief requested in the petition should not be granted. Prior to the Final Hearing a Provisional Hearing on the petition will be held before the Court on September 22, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in the Juvenile Courtroom at the Emanuel County Courthouse, Swainsboro, Georgia.

The parties notified hereby are entitled to legal counsel in the proceedings, and the Court will appoint legal counsel if any party should be unable, without undue hardship, to employ counsel. You are further notified that you will lose all rights to the child and will not be entitled to object to the termination of your rights to the child unless, within thirty days of receipt of this notice, you file:

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The parties notified hereby are entitled to legal counsel in the proceedings, and the Court will appoint legal counsel if any party should be unable, without undue hardship, to employ counsel. A copy of this petition may be obtained at no charge from the Office of the Clerk of Court between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

WITNESS, the Honorable Sherri McDonald, Judge of said Juvenile Court. This _____ day of _____, 2022.

Clerk, Emanuel County Juvenile Court

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE INTEREST OF: G.G. SEX: M DOB: 08/26/2021 CASE # CHILD UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE NOTICE OF SUMMONS TO: Carmelita Falliner Gregory, Jeffrey Allen Gregory, Jr., and any Unknown biological, legal, and/or putative father of the above-named child born to Carmelita Falliner Gregory at Memorial Health Meadows Hospital in Vidalia, Toombs 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 July 5th, 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 Marnique 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.

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The parties notified hereby are entitled to legal counsel in the proceedings, and the Court will appoint legal counsel if any party should be unable, without undue hardship, to employ counsel. You are further notified that you will lose all rights to the child and will not be entitled to object to the termination of your rights to the child unless, within thirty days of receipt of this notice, you file:

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The parties notified hereby are entitled to legal counsel in the proceedings, and the Court will appoint legal counsel if any party should be unable, without undue hardship, to employ counsel. A copy of this petition may be obtained at no charge from the Office of the Clerk of Court between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

WITNESS, the Honorable Sherri McDonald, Judge of said Juvenile Court. This _____ day of _____, 2022.

Clerk, Emanuel County Juvenile Court

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF

BOBBIE LEE SMITH-HUGHES, ESTATE NO. 22E0098

DECEASED PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern:
BARBARA SMITH DIXON has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of BOBBIE LEE SMITH-HUGHES 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 15, 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
P. O. Box 70 / 125 S. Main Street Swainsboro, Ga. 30401
Address
478-237-7091
Telephone Number

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF EMANUEL

IN RE: ESTATE OF BETTY JO MAY, DECEASED

All creditors of the Estate of Betty Jo May, Deceased, late of Emanuel County, are hereby notified to render their demands to Richard M. McNeely, attorney for James (Jimmy) H. May, Jr. and Julie May Mercer, Executors of the Betty Jo May Estate, at P. O. Box 767, Swainsboro, Georgia 30401, according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment of any indebtedness due the estate. This 18th day of July, 2022.

RICHARD M. MCNEELY,
Attorney for James (Jimmy) H. May, Jr.
And Julie May Mercer
Executors of the Betty Jo May Estate
Richard M. McNeely, P.C.
P. O. Box 767
Swainsboro, Georgia 30401
(478) 237-4225

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF

DAVID A. HALEY, ESTATE NO. 22E0066 DECEASED

NOTICE
IN RE: The Petition to Probate Will in Solemn Form in the above-referenced estate having been duly filed.

TO: DAVID L. HALEY
This is to notify you to file objection, if there is any, to the petition to probate will in solemn form, in this Court on or before AUGUST 22, 2022.

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



Pet's Owner's Name: Riley, Erin, Kalem & Nellie Hutcheson
Pet's Name: Boomer Pet's Age: 7
Was this pet a rescue: No



Pet's Owner's Name: Riley, Erin, Kalem & Nellie Hutcheson
Pet's Name: Rufus Pet's Age: 3
Was this pet a rescue: Yes



Pet's Owner's Name: Richard Claxton Jr.
Pet's Name: Buddy Pet's Age: 3 1/2
Was this pet a rescue: No



Pet's Owner's Name: Kay Armstrong
Pet's Name: Kaine Pet's Age: 4
Was this pet a rescue: No



Pet's Owner's Name: Kay Armstrong
Pet's Name: Mellow Pet's Age: 4
Was this pet a rescue: No



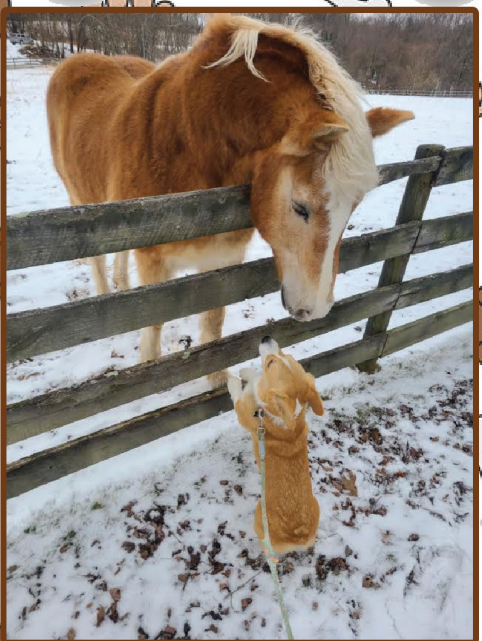
Pet's Owner's Name: Patricia Kea
Pet's Name: Sugarfoot-Cooper Pet's Age: 3
Was this pet a rescue: Yes



Pet's Owner's Name: Gary Curry
Pet's Name: Rip Pet's Age: 1
Was this pet a rescue: Yes



Pet's Owner's Name: Kay Armstrong
Pet's Name: Benji Pet's Age: 3
Was this pet a rescue: No



Pet's Owner's Name: Steven & Julie Chrysoferidis
Pet's Name: Stryder Pet's Age: 3
Was this pet a rescue: N/A



Pet's Owner's Name: Imogene Buckley
Pet's Name: Gina Pet's Age: 9
Was this pet a rescue: No



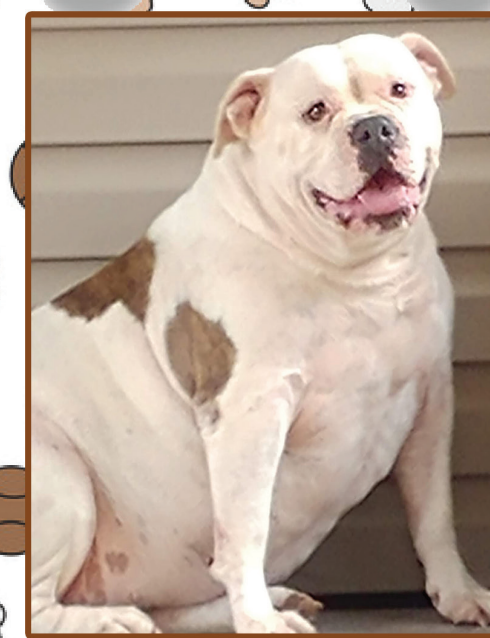
Pet's Owner's Name: Tammy Peebles
Pet's Name: Snoopy Pet's Age: 5
Was this pet a rescue: Yes



Pet's Owner's Name: Mary Ellen Smith
Pet's Name: Rosi Pet's Age: 10
Was this pet a rescue: Yes



Pet's Owner's Name: Peter & Kait Chrysoferidis
Pet's Name: Rocky Pet's Age: 2
Was this pet a rescue: N/A



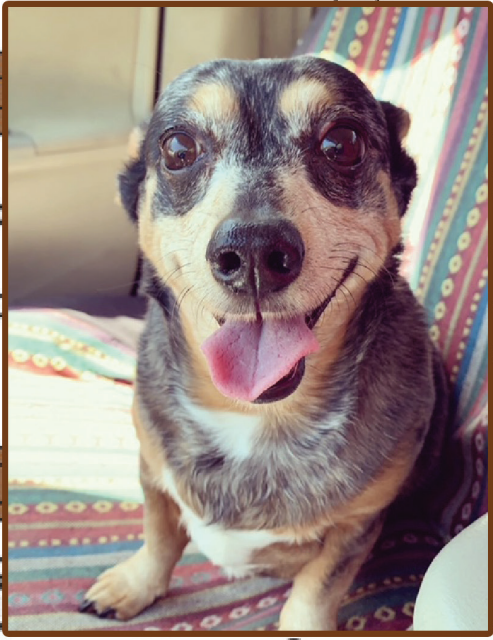
Pet's Owner's Name: Chris & Pam Akridge
Pet's Name: Lucy Pet's Age: 5
Was this pet a rescue: Yes



Pet's Owner's Name: Perry & Lacey Bishop
Pet's Name: Ellie Pet's Age: 4
Was this pet a rescue: Yes



Pet's Owner's Name: Christin Flanders
Pet's Name: Bella & Ellie Pet's Age: 3
Was this pet a rescue: Yes



Pet's Owner's Name: Cameron & Jordan Braswell
Pet's Name: Dottie Pet's Age: 9
Was this pet a rescue: Yes



Pet's Owner's Name: Cameron & Jordan Braswell
Pet's Name: Remi Pet's Age: 2
Was this pet a rescue: Yes



Pet's Owner's Name: Cameron & Jordan Braswell
Pet's Name: Riley "In Memory Of"
Was this pet a rescue: Yes



Pet's Owner's Name: Heather & Andy Cook
Pet's Name: Bristol Finn Age: 4
Was this pet a rescue: No



Pet's Owner's Name: Heather & Andy Cook
Pet's Name: Laine Brook Age: 1
Was this pet a rescue: No



Pet's Owner's Name: Heather & Andy Cook
Pet's Name: Harlee Age: 7
Was this pet a rescue: No



Pet's Owner's Name: Heather & Andy Cook
Pet's Name: Dixie Age: 7
Was this pet a rescue: No



Pet's Owner's Name: Heather & Andy Cook
Pet's Name: Jake Age: 5
Was this pet a rescue: No



Pet's Owner's Name: Heather & Andy Cook
Pet's Name: Lillie Age: 1
Was this pet a rescue: No



Pet's Owner's Name: Heather & Andy Cook
Pet's Name: Marlee Age: 1
Was this pet a rescue: No



Pet's Owner's Name: Jonathan & Zade Hullander
Pet's Name: Ace Age: 7
Was this pet a rescue: No



Pet's Owner's Name: Jonathan & Zade Hullander
Pet's Name: Oaklee Age: 4
Was this pet a rescue: No



Pet's Owner's Name: Jonathan & Zade Hullander
Pet's Name: Tucker Age: 1
Was this pet a rescue: No

Congratulations Dixie & Family



Thanks to all of you that have donated and entered into the Dog Cause. There were 31 entries in our first Dog Cause contest. We hope next year there will be twice as many. All proceeds are being donated to our local animal shelter, so please next year be part of the cause.
-The Forest Blade Staff

OMI vs. The...

(From front page)

- \$50,000 by September 1, 2022
- \$100,000 by December 31, 2022
- \$100,000 by January 31, 2023
- \$140,000 by February 28, 2023

Making first motion for approval of the installment payment plan was John Parker. Dr. D.J. Davis seconded, and all remaining council voted accordingly. Mutual releases to resolve the lawsuit between OMI and the city of Swainsboro are pending in the southern district of Georgia case #6:21-cv-00068-JRH-BKE. However, some are questioning... Should the city spend its allotted funds on a voided contract for lack of service?

Recap

OMI first signed a contract to perform work with the City of Swainsboro in 1992. Since that time, the company has undergone various structural changes and versions of corporate branding. In 2016 OMI became affiliated with Jacobs Engineering. Through these changes however, the basic contract remained in effect until issues began to arise approximately 3-4 years ago. In a September 2018

meeting, Councilperson Sue Bragg introduced a motion in council committing the City of Swainsboro to an early renewal of the existing contract with Jacobs, also known as OMI. Though questioned by Mayor Charles Schwabe and other council members as to whether entering an early contract would be beneficial to the city rather than checking for lower bids from a more suitable company, Bragg's motion passed on a 4-2 vote. Councilpersons Bragg, Bobbie Collins, Rita Faulkner, and Johnny Parker voted in favor while Councilpersons Sconyers and Johnny Ray Stafford opposed.

The following month in October, Mayor Schwabe addressed council on old business discussion that included the need for clarifications of the contract between the city and OMI. At that time, the city had already received multiple complaints on job performances of Jacobs/OMI. At this meeting, issues discussed with Jacobs /OMI included the upkeep of the City Cemetery, Recreation Department, storm debris clean up as well as the property of Matthew Bright. With complaints

already made with this issue, City Administrator Al Lawson requested log information from Jacobs/OMI to go along with a Recreation Department log to be submitted with a letter to address this issue.

In one month, during the city's September 2019 regular meeting session, the contract between the City of Swainsboro and Jacobs/OMI was again a topic on the table. Bragg requested to inquire as to the upcoming rebate contract that needed to be made with Jacobs for the month of September. This rebate contract, estimated at \$40,000, was voted to be discussed at a workshop meeting scheduled for that month and included topics such as prison crew detail work not being performed, trash and debris along roadways, an inquiry of a possible sinkhole not being investigated into, as well as Jacobs' status of short staff and multiple turnovers in jobs to have occurred.

By the November 2019 meeting, Stafford addressed a reported water leak issue had yet been fixed in an appropriate timeframe by OMI employees. All members of council as well as Mayor Schwabe addressed concerns about the mat-

ter and were appalled that no representative from Jacobs was present to discuss the issue. By this time, the business relationship between the City of Swainsboro and Jacobs/OMI still refused to perform and meet the specific needs of the city, and, pending legality, council voted 6-0 on not signing an extended contract with Jacobs/OMI and was forced to consider other suitable options for maintaining city services. By May 2020, Mayor Schwabe received the council's approval to conduct further clarification of the contract with Jacobs/OMI.

During the July 2020 regular meeting of city council, City Administrator Al Lawson addressed council with an internal problem faced by the City of Swainsboro with one of its contracted companies, Jacobs/OMI. According to reported complaints of residents and council members, the company, who is contracted to perform public works for the City of Swainsboro, had been denying requests to perform services, under the pretense the requests were not covered under the contract. Requests included

correcting water drainage issues, potholes, ditch draining, washouts, sidewalk services, property clean-up of cemeteries and right-of-ways, and other similar matters. It was also stated that OMI had made changes to the contract within the recent 45 days. Mayor Schwabe advised council that Jacobs/OMI representatives had until the end of July to resolve issues and respond to requests before legal action would be pursued. Council then discussed the future of the city of Swainsboro's agreement with Jacobs/OMI. Discussion included the dissatisfaction with OMI's performance and compliance with job requests. Taking action, a motion was finally made to terminate all services provided by Jacobs/OMI. In doing so, a deadline of September 15, 2020, was set for Jacobs/OMI to allow the removal of all equipment and personnel. With Parker and Collins opposing said action, the vote passed 4-2. Ricky Stevens made first motion for approval, Sconyers seconded, and Stafford and Faulkner were in favor. After the approval to terminate services with Jacobs/OMI, Council then entertained discussion on

the future of the city's water/wastewater and public works departments. A motion was made to hire ClearWater Solutions from South Carolina to provide city services on an interim basis until a request for proposals from qualified firms could be written to allow for competing bids to be received by council. ClearWater started operations for the city on a month-to-month basis and also offered continued employment to all current employees who had formerly worked under Jacobs/OMI. In favor of said discussion, Stevens motioned for approval and Stafford seconded. Faulkner opposed and Collins abstaining from the matter of voting on the item, but the vote passed on a 4-1 vote. By November 2020, despite OMI removing crucial information regarding city operations and their refusal to provide the city with needed operation-related documents, the presence of ClearWater Solutions and the company's work performance had made a significant improvement in city services and the company was commended on job performance as shown in minutes of council meetings.

BOE holds monthly...

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Arrington, Suzanne Hedricks, Valerie Douglas, Jacob Kimmons, William Mckee, and LaToya Nealey, teachers; and Denise Whitmer, ELA teach-

er. Employee location placements are as follows: Arrington, Kimmons, Mckee and Nealey, SMS; Hendricks and Whitmer, SHS; and Douglas, TCE.

• Classified em-

ployments approved by the board included Kristi Griffin, Melissa Hampton, Tara Hayslip, Julie Oglesby, Letrice Pearson, Erica Pennington and Tayler Rountree, paraprofessionals; Tracy Steele, MRSS paraprofessional; Trena Houston, parent mentor 50%; James Crews, bus driver trainer; and Linda Radford, bus driver. Employee location placements

are as follows: Griffin and Pennington, SMS; Hampton, Oglesby and Pearson, SPS; Hayslip and Rountree, TCE; Steele, ECI; Crews and Radford, Transportation; and Houston, dis-

trict system.

• Board members approved certified employee resignations from Hannah Alexander, PE Teacher; and Katie Collins, Shannon Cunningham, Sandra Newkirt and Clarence Taylor, teachers. Submitted resignations were made for following locations: Alexander, Cunningham, Newkirt and Taylor, SMS; and Collins, ECI.

• Classified employee resignation approved by the board included Cassandra Allen, Tracy Bell, Denise Branch, Tamakia Ford and Carolyn McNeal, paraprofessionals; and Tara Green, school nurse. Submitted resignations were made for following locations: Allen, Bell and Branch, SPS; Ford, SES; Green, SMS; and McNeal, TCE.

• The board approved certified employee transfer requests for Caleb Fields, SPED teacher; and Tyler Johnson, teacher. Approved transfers are as follows: Effective July 27, Fields will transfer his employment from SES to ECI and Johnson will transfer from SMS to ECI.

• Board members also approved classified employee transfer requests submitted by Angela Bunyon, paraprofessional; and Bryanna Riner, secretary/registrar. Approved transfers are as follows: Effective July 27, Bunyon will transfer from SPS to CTA and Riner will remain at the same campus of ECI, fulfilling a new position at that school.

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