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ONE DOLLAR

## Durden Banking Co., Inc. announces promotions

**Jim Cowart** has been promoted to the title of Chief Operations Officer (COO). Prior to this promotion, Mr. Cowart served as Senior Vice President and City President of the Twin City location. He will continue to serve in these roles while also taking over the COO role. Mr. Cowart's banking career began at Federal Savings Bank in Swainsboro in 1988. He later worked

with Sea Island Bank and then began his career with Durden Banking Co. in 1994. Mr. Cowart is a 1984 graduate of Emanuel County Institute. He then furthered his education at East Georgia State College and later graduated from Georgia Southern University in 1992 with his bachelor's degree. Mr. Cowart and his family attend Mt. Olivet Baptist Church. He is married to

Mrs. Sondra Gay Cowart, and they have two children, Zach (Katie) Cowart and Abigail Cowart, and a new granddaughter, Annie Caroline Cowart. When Mr. Cowart isn't working at the bank, he enjoys hunting, fishing, coin collecting, and saltwater fish collection.

**Matt Donaldson** has been promoted to the title of Chief Financial Officer. (Continued on page 6D)



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EMANUEL MEDICAL CENTER

## Emanuel Medical Center, Five star rating in 2022

Emanuel Medical Center has been named a Five Star Quality Rated Hospital by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Only six hospitals in Georgia and 429 hospitals nationwide out

of 3,093 hospitals evaluated were awarded the highest rating. In addition to the 429 five-star recipients, 192 hospitals received a one-star, 692 received two-stars, 890 received three-stars, and 890 received four-

stars. The overall star rating summarizes quality information related to a variety of measures within the following five groups: mortality, safety of care, readmission, patient experience, and timely and effective care.

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## Community Spotlight



TEAM SWAINSBORO GEORGIA 17-U

## For the love of the game

by BRITTANY HALL  
 Major league baseball historian John Thorn once said, "Baseball is not a conventional industry. It belongs neither to the players nor management, but to all of us. It is our national pastime, our national symbol, and our national treasure." While football is as close as religion and hunting

in the South, this quote runs tried and true in the hearts of many small-town baseball players who are filled with memories of their days in Dixie Youth League. Very few Swainsboro kids grew up without a moment on one of those legendary fields, where the smell of hotdogs, 50 cent dill pickles and

fresh cut grass wafted throughout those rusty stands. As you drive down Empire Expressway, in the late afternoon past those well-loved fields, you can still almost hear the smack of a baseball and the overjoyed, hootin' and hollering of happy mamas and daddys cheering on their (Continued on page 6D)

## Board of Education holds called meeting

by WHITLEY CLIFTON

The Emanuel County Board of Education convened for a called meeting on Friday, July 29, at 8:30 a.m. at the central office in Swainsboro.

Board members present included John Allen Bailey, Del Brown, Phyllis Dixon, Chairman Mason Henry, Vice Chairman Johnny Parker and Sandra Swinney. Absent was Tanya Lane. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mason Henry, who gave the welcome and invocation. Vice Chairman Johnny Parker followed by leading in the pledge of allegiance. The agenda was approved as presented and included action and/or discussion on items as follows:

**Consent Agenda**  
 • FY24 TCES Capital Outlay Application  
 • FY23 School Calendar Graduation Date Amendments (New graduation dates set for FY23) – Swainsboro High School, May 18; Emanuel County Institute, May 19.

**All items listed for discussion on the consent agenda were unanimously approved by board members.**

**Executive Session**  
 The board then entered executive session. Upon re-entering normal ses-

ion, the following action took place:

• Board members approved the certified employment of Dana Johnson, SHS Teacher; and JT Pollock, 49% SHS Athletic Director.

• The board approved the classified employment of Amanda Atkins, Pre-K Paraprofessional; and SFS Workers: Ella Bird and Danielle Solis, SMS; Shelley Parker and April Purvis, ECI; Naomi Hackett, SES; and Amanda Mimbs, SPS.

• Board members approved certified employee resignations from Dinah Cobb and LeCarrie Palmer, SMS Teachers.

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WALLEE KERSEY, SAVANNAH REYNOLDS, EMANUEL COUNTY 4-H AGENT JAKYN TYSON, NATALEIGH BELCHER, AND JACK WILLIAMS

## Williams wins at 79<sup>th</sup> Annual 4-H State Congress in Atlanta

Georgia 4-H celebrated excellence during the 79<sup>th</sup> Annual 4-H State Congress with competitions and recognition as top 4-H'ers from around the state gathered in Atlanta.

State Congress, which took place from July 19-22, includes the state-level Project Achievement and Leadership in Action contests, as well as recognition of youth development professionals, supporters, and public officials for their contributions to the success of 4-H in Georgia.

Three Emanuel County 4-H'ers competed at State Congress this year, including Nataleigh Belcher in the Beef project, Wallie Kersey in the Dog Care & Training project, and Jack Williams in the Food Safety & Preservation project. Williams placed first in his project while Belcher and Kersey placed third in their respective projects.

Students who place first at state-level competitions in Georgia 4-H earn the title of "Master 4-H'er." During State Congress, 204 delegates competed in 50 Project Achievement areas. Special event Master 4-H'ers from the 2021-22 program year were also recognized at State Congress.

Savannah Reynolds, the 2022 winner of the Georgia 4-H Deans Award for Civic Engagement, was also recognized during the Annual Banquet.

More than 48,000 youth participated in Project Achievement this year through 4-H programs at the county level. This essential Georgia 4-H program element empowers

young people with leadership, creativity, public speaking, and record keeping skills that will last a lifetime. At the high school level, students choose a project of interest from a list of areas that include agriculture, human development, performing arts, communication, engineering, and workforce preparation. They subsequently research the topic, create a detailed presentation, and participate in related community service and civic engagement activities. State Congress competition also includes individual interviews with qualified professionals who engage with 4-H'ers about their project work.

Georgia 4-H recognizes stakeholders who provide guidance and support to Georgia 4-H throughout the year at State Congress.

The Georgia Association of Educational Leaders (GAEL) received the 2022 Friend of 4-H Award. This award is presented annually to organizations or individuals that demonstrate outstanding support of Georgia 4-H with exemplary contributions towards the mission and vision of the program by the Georgia Association of Extension 4-H Youth Development Professionals (GEA4HYDP). GAEL supports Georgia 4-H through long-standing partnerships with educators that allow for in-school 4-H programming to continue to be the cornerstone of the organization. Collaboration between GAEL and 4-H makes positive youth development possible for hundreds of thousands of

Georgia 4-H'ers.

Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp and First Lady Marty Kemp received the 2022 Georgia 4-H Green Jacket Award. This prestigious award is presented to individuals who have shown outstanding, significant, and ongoing statewide support to the program. The Kems have been proponents of Georgia 4-H for decades, through legislative funding and hands-on programs such as the First Flock, tours, pet adoption days, and activities for youth at the Governor's Mansion. Governor Kemp served as the keynote speaker for the 2022 Georgia 4-H Day at the Capitol.

State Congress is made possible by generous contributions from organizations that support positive youth development in Georgia. Major sponsors include Georgia EMC, Harley Langdale Jr. Foundation, Inc., Premium Peanut, Georgia Power, Georgia 4-H Foundation, and Georgia Master 4-H Club.

Georgia 4-H empowers youth to become true leaders by developing necessary life skills, positive relationships, and community awareness. As the largest youth leadership organization in the state, 4-H reaches more than 225,000 people annually through UGA Extension offices and 4-H facilities.

For more information on Emanuel County 4-H and how you can get involved as a member, volunteer, or donor, contact Emanuel County Extension by calling 478-237-1226 or visit the office located at 129 N. Anderson Drive in Swainsboro.



TERWILLIGER RECEIVING HIS CERTIFICATE FROM PRESIDENT GENERAL DAVIS L. WRIGHT, N.S.S.R.



WILDER SMITH, JR., COURTNEY TERWILLIGER, DESS SMITH III, AND STEVE BURKE

## Terwilliger receives National EMS Commendation

On July 13, Courtney L. Terwilliger, Jr. was recognized before the 132nd Congress of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution at the Hyatt Regency in Savannah. President General Davis L. Wright awarded Terwilliger with the "Emergency Medical Services Award" in recognition of dedication to the preservation of life and health under emergency conditions and / or performing beyond the duties normally called for within the Emergency Medical Service profession. This EMS Commendation was from the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

We are residents of Forest Hills, the neighborhood off Oaklawn Drive and Golf Drive in Swainsboro.

For close to a year, we have had numerous incidents with packs of five to eight dogs that roam our neighborhood. We believe these dogs have killed many pets and small animals in our neighborhood including cats, chickens, and rabbits. They have also damaged fences, rabbit hutches, and garbage bins. These dogs have been seen crossing Kite Road during the day and night. They have also been spotted in the empty lot behind East Georgia Center for Oral & Facial Surgery on Kite Road.

Many of us have called the animal shelter to complain about these dogs, but nothing has been done. We need the city's help with this. These dogs are killing machines and they will NOT stop. This is a neighborhood with many young children, and these dogs have been using this area as their hunting ground. Does a child need to be hurt for anyone to do anything?

Thank you.

Alan Brasher  
Jacquie Brasher  
Sam and Jessica English  
Dustin and Lacey Everett  
Diane Kirby  
Kirbi Lamb  
Russell Lamb  
Patricia Ragsdale  
Cel & Phil Thompson  
Jennifer Ware



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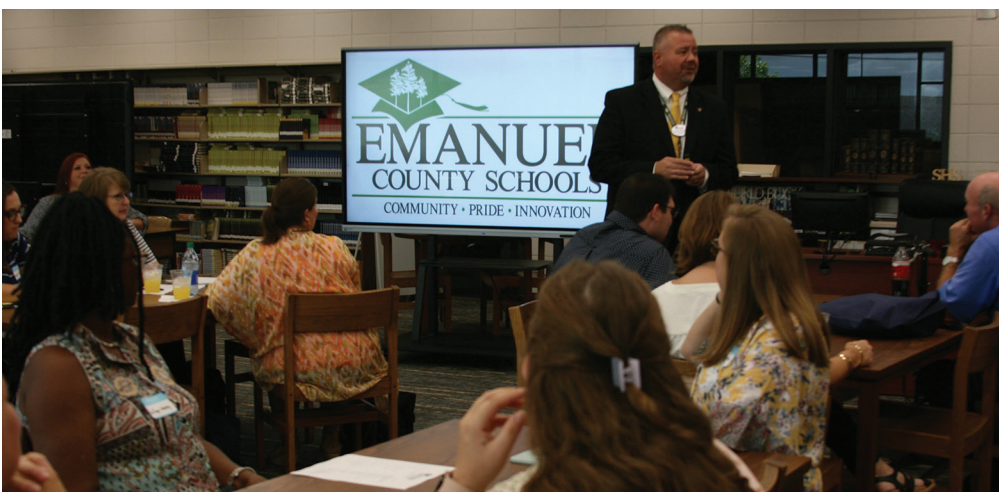
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HARDEN AND MOSLEY

## More veterans meet at Monday morning event

The Veterans at the Library held their weekly Monday morning breakfast at 9:30 a.m. at Franklin Memorial Library in the George L. Smith II room. With Chair John Tapley presiding, they had 29 in attendance including Joyce Fennell, Mary Ann Smith and Sherri Watt. The two newest veterans to meet with them were Willie L. Harden, Jr. and Delmus G. Mosley, Sr. Willie is a veteran of the 87th Combat Engineer Battalion and the 810th Sapper Company of the Georgia Army National Guard. Willie deployed overseas and is a combat veteran with his Army Guard Battalion on two tours in Iraq and one tour in Afghanistan. He retired with over 20 years of service. Delmus is the owner and Director of the Mosley Funeral Home. He served in the United States Air Force from 1966 through 1977.



SUPERINTENDENT HATTAWAY WELCOMING NEW EMPLOYEES

## Superintendent Hattaway welcomes new employees

With the excitement of a new school year right around the corner, Emanuel County Schools held a New Employee Orientation Monday, July 25, at Swainsboro High School to welcome over 70 new employees, including 30 new teachers, to ECS's family. The employees began the day with a continental breakfast prepared and served by Swainsboro High School's Nutrition Department.

Superintendent Scotty Hattaway kicked off the day by welcoming the employees to our system. When asked about his message to new employees, Superintendent Hattaway states, "I will quote Jimmy Casas, 'Every student is one caring adult away from achieving greatness!' Our students need us to be at the top of our game each and every day! They need you! Know your why and always circle back to your why! Believe that Public Education can change the world for good and that you can be an instrument

of that change. BELIEVE!!! Now, go be great this year!"

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Denise Warnock and directors also welcomed the staff. They expanded on the superintendent's message of the importance of relationships by explaining their support roles and commitment to employee relations. Other special guests presented on a variety of deserving topics. Human Resource Director Teri Burke comments, "Emanuel County Schools has been blessed with several new teachers for this upcoming school year, and I am excited to begin working with each of them. "We want our new employees to commit to the Emanuel County School System, so today is important. Before committing, they must understand our organization and why we do what we do. We aim to make them feel welcome and communicate why they are essential to our school system. Understanding the sup-

ports available to them will help them be their best for our students", said Tammy Gray, Teacher Induction Coordinator and Public Relations Specialist.

Following all presentations, employees met ECS's Instructional Coaches Kay Hooks, Selena Reynolds, Jodi Singletary, Dena Walden, Diane Ward, and April Woods, who showed excitement for the new school year. Veteran teachers selected as mentors for first-year teachers and teachers new to our system joined their mentees and other employees for lunch. These committed teachers serving as mentors donated their time to have fellowship with the mentees. The delightful lunch was sponsored by Dale Alexander with Alexander and Company and was prepared by Janna Gay Tucker with All the Fixin's. Following the fellowship and lunch, teachers returned to their respective schools to meet with their Instructional Coaches.

## Swainsboro High School Class of 1977 plans 45<sup>th</sup> class reunion

Dear Classmates,  
The Swainsboro High School class of 1977 cordially invites you to our 45th class reunion. The reunion will take place in Summertown, Georgia, on August 13, 2022. Each classmate is requested to contribute \$30.00 per person or \$60.00 per couple. The Finance Committee consists of Moses Thomas and Tommy Herrington. Moses will be receiving all funds. Checks and money orders are to be made payable to Moses Thomas. If possible, please send payments by August 6, 2022. Please do not send cash in the mail.  
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The reunion will begin at 2:00 pm. We will have a meet and greet at the Summertown Community Center (17 Summertown Green Street). At 4:00 pm, we will proceed across the street to Lela's Restaurant (2126 GA-56, Swainsboro, GA 30401) for the reunion dinner. After the dinner,

we will go back to the community center for activities and entertainment (6 pm-until). Dress for the day will be relaxed and casual. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact any of the following classmates: Joe Leschia Alston, Windy Brown Hawkins, Jessie Hudson Garrett, Kate Way Page, Julie Douglas Raines, Carol Franklin, Marylin Franklin Fann, Carolyn Daniels, Phyllis Jones Strobridge, Tommy Herrington, Harold Scott, John Dennis, Moses Thomas, Herbert Durden.

Regards,  
Reunion Planning Committee

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August 8 - 9	Housing Orientation - 5 p.m.
August 8	Middle Judicial CHINS Meeting - 10 a.m. EGSCPD Chief Swearing-In Ceremony & Reception - 1:30 p.m.
August 9	Georgia DNR Meeting/Training
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### Wednesday Night

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 6:30 PM - Family Dinner  
 7:00 PM - Chancel Choir



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## Martha "Marthie" White Johnson Campbell, 84

Mrs. Martha White Johnson "Marthie" Campbell, age 84, of Vidalia, died Friday, July 29, 2022, at Emanuel County Nursing Home in Swainsboro after an extended illness. Funeral service was held Tuesday, August 2, at 11 a.m. in the chapel of Ronald V. Hall Funeral Home with Pastor Rick Wilson and Kirk Cavanah officiating. Burial followed at Pinecrest Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Ben Johnson, Benji Johnson, Andy Johnson, Sam Johnson, Howell Sharpe and Tyler Peebles.

Mrs. Campbell was a native of Emanuel County, a graduate of Swainsboro Technical College, and was a licensed practical nurse. She worked as a nurse for Dr. Gillikin in Twin City for several years, and worked at several nursing facilities before retiring. Mrs. Campbell attended Antioch Primitive Baptist Church in Twin City and Lyons Free Will Baptist Church. She enjoyed dancing, fishing, and spending time with her family. Preceding her in death is her husband, Jack F. Campbell; granddaughter, Melissa Anne Johnson; parents, William Jackson White and Mattie Bell Collins White; son-in-law, Elder Gary D. Johnson; and siblings, Richard "Dick" White, Retta White Brinson, George White, Walter



CAMPBELL

White, John White, Grady White, Vera White Porterfield, and Bill White.

Mrs. Campbell's family includes three children, Dianne J. Johnson, Ben Edwin "Little Ben" Johnson and wife Wanda, all of Twin City, and Kathy Johnson Sharpe and husband Howell of Lyons; two sisters, Annie Ruth White Underwood of Twin City and Linda Rountree of Swainsboro; five grandchildren, Jessica English and husband Sam of Swainsboro, Benji Johnson of Statesboro, Tyler Peebles and wife Shay of Lyons, Andy Johnson and wife Jessica of Adrian, and Brette Johnson of Twin City; five great-grandchildren, Claire English, Emma Grace English, Jase English, Joshua Johnson, and Drew Johnson; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Those desiring may make memorial contributions to The Gideons International, PO Box 156, Vidalia, GA 30475.

Ronald V. Hall Funeral Home of Vidalia was in charge of arrangements.

## Ed Willie Carswell, 57

Mr. Ed Willie Carswell, 57, of Swainsboro, passed away Thursday, July 21, 2022, at his residence. Graveside service was held at 12 p.m. Saturday, July 30, at Swainsboro City Cemetery. Family received friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, July 29, at Chapman Funeral Home.

Mr. Carswell was born March 18, 1965, in Swainsboro, to Eddie Lee Carswell and Julia Mae Hughes. He is preceded in death by his father; brother, Joseph Carswell; and sisters, Rosie Carswell, JoAnn Hill.

Mr. Carswell is survived by his son, Curtis Tarver of Swainsboro; daughter, Starkela Carswell of Dallas, TX; mother, Julia H. Carswell of Swainsboro; brothers, Dock Carswell (Angie) of Swainsboro, Jimmie Carswell of Atlanta, John Car-



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swell of Seattle, WA, and Eddie Carswell, Jr. of Augusta; sisters, Brenda Mack of Millen, LaShonda Waters of Sylvania, Frankie Carswell of Statesboro, Betty King of Twin City, Mary Oglesby (Michael) of Canoochee, Annie Hill (London), Tarra Carswell, and Julia Carswell, all of Swainsboro; six grandchildren; and a host nieces, nephews, and many friends.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.

## Mary Frances Stroud Singletary, 88

Mary Frances Stroud Singletary, age 88, departed this life on July 30, 2022, surrounded by her loving family. Funeral services were held Monday, August 1, at 11 a.m. from the Chapel of Tomlinson Funeral Home with Elder Paul Thomas officiating. Interment followed in Eastbrook Cemetery. The Family received friends at Tomlinson Funeral Home one hour prior to the service.

Pallbearers were David Stroud, Brian Stroud, Robbie Adams, Brittan Boatright, Rob Gray and Ben Cooper.

Mary was born February 3, 1934, in Swainsboro, to the late Dessie Eugene Stroud and Martha Smith Stroud. She was a member of the first 12<sup>th</sup> grade class to graduate in Swainsboro in 1952. Following graduation, she completed an apprenticeship in Thomson, and became a beautician. Mary worked for a time as a receptionist at the NCOC in Columbus. She spent most of her working years at the Waller McRae Insurance office, from 1978 until her retirement in 1998. Mary was a member of Swainsboro Primitive Baptist Church where she devoted many years. She was an avid homemaker, and loved baking and sewing. Her favorite pastime was sitting around the table drinking coffee and talking about old times. Mary's home was always open and people felt welcome. She always called Swainsboro home, but in 1958, she and her husband, Calvin Edward Singletary, Jr., moved to Wertzberg, Germany where he was stationed during the construction of the Berlin Wall. While in Germany, they also traveled to France and Hong Kong. It was during their time in Germany



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that four of her five children were born. In 1962, the family left Germany and were stationed for three years in Leesville, LA, where her fifth child was born. Not long after in 1965, she moved back home to Swainsboro where she raised her family for the next 50 years. Mrs. Singletary is preceded in death by her parents; son, Calvin Edward Singletary, III; sisters, Dorothy S. Serrian and Alice Thompson; brothers, James P. Stroud and Dessie Eugene Stroud, Jr.

Mrs. Singletary is survived by her children, James Lyndon Singletary of Swainsboro, Rebecca S. (Frankie) Sheppard of Louisville, Dwight Nathan (Debbie) Singletary of Swainsboro, and Bradley Aaron Singletary of Swainsboro; grandchildren, Nicole M. Sheppard, Ashley (Ben) Cooper, Nathan (Sarah) Singletary, Guy (Jodi) Singletary, Michael (Marielle) Singletary, Whitney (Brittan) Boatright, and Hannah (Robbie) Adams; 20 great-grandchildren; a host of nieces and nephews; and special helper and friend, Rosa Acevedo.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, In Memory of Mary Frances Singletary, 919 N. Michigan Ave. Suite 1000, Chicago, IL. 60611.

Arrangements were by Tomlinson Funeral Home and Crematory of Swainsboro.

## Blanche Hood Simmons, 95

Mrs. Blanche Hood Simmons, 95, of Swainsboro, passed away Monday, July 18, 2022, at Emanuel Medical Center following a short illness. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Friday, July 22, in the chapel of Chapman Funeral Home with J. T. Thompson delivering the eulogy and Reverend Ray Jenkins and Reverend Tommy Henry officiating. Interment followed in Moxley Cemetery. The family received friends from 1 to 2 p.m. Friday, July 22, at Chapman Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were J. T. Thompson, Susie Thompson Hall, Lucas Thompson, William Hood, Craig Peebles and Jeff Overstreet. Honorary pallbearers were Kathy Hood and Jerry Hood.

Mrs. Simmons was born December 6, 1926, in Washington County, to Susie Kate Poole Hood and John Marshall Hood. She taught elementary and middle school in Chatham County School system before her retirement. Mrs. Simmons enjoyed reading, sewing, crossword puzzles, watching the Atlanta Braves and most of all, being with her family and friends. She was a member of Oak Chapel Baptist Church where she



SIMMONS

was the pianist for many years. Mrs. Simmons is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Everett Fisher "Buck" Simmons; great-grandson, Tony Thompson; brothers, Joseph Hood, Winton Hood, Herman Hood, and Marvin Hood.

Mrs. Simmons is survived by her daughters, Susan Payne and Paula Thompson (Larry), both of Swainsboro; grandchildren, J.T. Thompson, Susie Thompson Hall, and Lucas Thompson, all of Swainsboro; great-granddaughter, Emily Thompson; and many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family requested remembrances be made to the Oak Chapel Building Fund, The Gideons, or the charity of your choice.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.

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

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

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

### Janet Willene Harrison, 71

Mrs. Janet Willene Harrison, 71, of Kite, passed away Friday, July 29, 2022, following an extended illness. The family received friends from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, July 31, at 772 Old Nunez Road, Swainsboro. Memorial service followed at 5 p.m. with Reverend Brad McKenzie officiating.



HARRISON

Mrs. Harrison was born December 15, 1950, in Macon, to Cecil Ruffin and Mildred Hester Ruffin. She was of the Methodist faith. Mrs. Harrison is preceded in death by her parents; and grandson, Kyle Johnson.

Mrs. Harrison is survived by her husband, Danny Harrison of Kite; son, Phil Morris of Midville; daughters, Michelle Scott (Larry) of Swainsboro and Wendy Johnson (Bill) of Oak Park;

grandchildren, Rhett Scott (Sarah), Millie Sewell (Zach), Brook Claxton (Brian), Keith Riner (Bryanna), Caitlin Beasley (Tyler), Nicole Johnson, Macy Bashlor (Bryan), and Tyler Morris; brother, Ricky Ruffin of Warner Robins; eight great-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews, and many friends.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.

### Ronnie Lee Watson, 63

Mr. Ronnie Lee Watson, 63, of Swainsboro, passed away Thursday, July 21, 2022, at Fairview Park Hospital in Dublin following an extended illness. Funeral services were held at 12 p.m. Saturday, July 30, in the chapel of Chapman Funeral Home with Reverend Jerry Armstrong officiating. Interment followed in Swainsboro City Cemetery. The family received friends from 11 a.m. until 12 p.m. Saturday, July 30, at Chapman Funeral Home.



WATSON

Palbearers were Mr. Watson's nephews.

Mr. Watson was born February 14, 1959, in Swainsboro, to Purvis Watson and Lillie Williams Watson. He was always respectful and always wanted to take care of everyone. Mr. Watson loved Atlanta Falcons, fishing, and spending time with his family. He was retired from the U. S. Army. Mr. Watson is preceded in death by his parents; and sister, Betty Watson.

Mr. Watson is survived by his wife, Margaret Watson of Swainsboro; children, Sada Watson and Ronnie "Jaquez" Watson, Jr. (Kasheema), both of Swainsboro, Yasmin Watson of Sandersville, Tybee Haddock of Idaho, Trey Somerville and Justice Somerville, both of Swainsboro; brother, James Watson (Ann) of Swainsboro; sister, Hattie Parker (Willie) of Swainsboro; 11 grandchildren; 1 great-grandchild; several nieces, nephews, and many friends.

Chapman Funeral Home of Swainsboro was in charge of arrangements.



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## Canoochee Baptist Church Homecoming and Revival

Canoochee Baptist Church will celebrate its 126<sup>th</sup> 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 evening 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, Ga.

## It's not too late

by BISHOP BERTHA JONES

I know life is busy right now and you could be caught up with everyday life. When that happens, usually you will miss an important appointment or assignment. There are many things where you might have been too late. For instance, renewing your licenses before your birthday. You could have been too late to catch a flight although you had a ticket. You can also wait too late to register and miss your opportunity to vote.

Please know, there is one thing which is always an open enrollment for more than two-thousand years. That is an invitation to be restored back to God through his Son, Jesus Christ. He is still waiting for you to accept his invitation. If you are reading this article, it's not too late. Regardless, of your age or your condition, or what you have done, you still have time to accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior. Please be reminded he is coming back soon.

There is a parable in Matthew chapter twenty-five where Jesus tells a scenario of a wedding and his return. It's about the ten virgins. The Bible tells us that they were all clean and fellowshiping together. The foolish virgins waited too late to get their lamps filled with oil. The bridegroom returned at midnight. When everyone lite their lamps, the wise virgins' lamps kept burning. The foolish virgins' lamps went out. They went to buy oil. When they returned, the door was shut, and they missed the wedding. They waited too late.

Don't be like the foolish virgins and get locked out. Be wise and accept Jesus now. Be prepared for his return. (St. John 14:1-6). Respond to the invite.



BISHOP JONES

Jesus is knocking at the door of your heart. Check your lamp. Be sure it is filled with oil, which is the anointing, which is the Holy Spirit. Please let him in. It's not too late. (St. John 3:16-17).

### In Loving Memory of Maria Vinson-Matthews on her 2nd Heavenly Birthday



August 2, 1964

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### In Memory

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August 2, 1919 - July 31, 2017

The LORD is my shepherd-Psalms 23:1



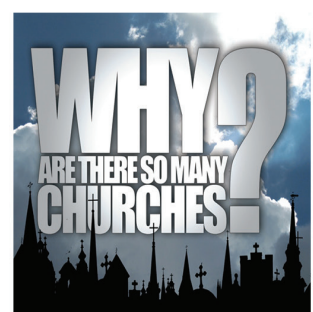
A life-long Emanuel County native, wife and a woman God blessed life with 10 children, 27 grandchildren, 36 great grandchildren, 29 great great grandchildren, 4 great great great grandchildren. Mrs. Mitchell was dedicated member of the Mount Moriah AME Church and the Jethro Council. While raising her family, she lived caringly and peacefully among her neighbors in the Oak Park and Mount Zion.

# MATTHEW 16:18

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ROMANS 16:16



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## Chief Curtis k. Armstrong, Jr. attends the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police 2022 annual summer training conference

As part of his continuing education and training in the administration of law enforcement, Chief Curtis Armstrong, of the Garfield Police Department recently attended the 2022 Annual Summer Training conference sponsored by the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police. Heads of law enforcement agencies from throughout the state participated in the four-day conference. The Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police is responsible for the delivery of training to the chiefs of Georgia's police departments and law enforcement agencies.

The Summer Training Conference was held at the Savannah International Trade &

Convention Center from July 24<sup>th</sup> through July 27<sup>th</sup>. This year's conference covered a variety of topics. Chief Curtis Armstrong was among more than 625 heads of law enforcement agencies attending the 54th Annual Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police Summer Training Conference.

Chief Alan Rowe of the Valdosta State University Police Department and President of the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police, stated:

"In this new era of law enforcement, the expectations of the public demand higher performance and accountability. The pivotal first step to achieving that goal is to attend training sessions that are

relevant and up to date. The GACP has done an excellent job in keeping up with the times and providing the necessary training and direction for the police chiefs of this state. Often looked upon as being the national standard, the GACP provides an unmatched caliber of instructors and material to the attendees. In addition, coordinated response to emergencies and crime require that agencies build quality work relationships with one another. The GACP Summer Conference allows Chiefs from all agency sizes, types, and location to learn from each other's experience to better respond in their own community in the future. The network-



**CHIEF CURTIS ARMSTRONG**

ing and knowledge of the approximately 625 attendees in those classrooms are unprecedented. The GACP continues to excel at providing outstanding training opportunities for our members and will continue to be a national example."

# Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

...to EVERYONE who played a part in helping the fund raiser held on Saturday, July 30th for Donnie Kirkland and family be so successful. The family is overwhelmed and humbled by your love, support, prayers and generosity.



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For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. - **John 3:16**

## What's Happening at Franklin Memorial Library

Franklin Memorial Library announces the following upcoming events:

### DAILY EVENTS

#### August 3

• **Staff Meeting** - Due to today's staff meeting, the library will open to the public at 10 a.m. instead of their normal 9 a.m. opening time.

#### August 4

• **National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day** - Be sure to stop by the library for Happy National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day on Thursday, August 4, and request a cookie!

#### August 9

• **National Book Lovers Day** - Calling all book lovers! Be sure to swing by the library for National Book Lovers Day on Thursday, August 9, and receive a keychain!

#### August 15

• **This or That Movie Voting Ends** - The library welcomes youth opinions on its next movie showing. Should the library show *Atlantis - The Lost Empire* or *The Emperor's New Groove*? Cast your vote with the library today! Voting ends August 15. Showtime is set for 4 p.m., August 18.

#### August 18

• **Movie Showing** - Join the library for popcorn and a show at 4 p.m., August 18!

#### August 23

• **Back to School Kid's Craft** - Franklin Memorial Library will host a Back to School Kid's Craft at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, August 23. Sign-up in required.

• **Board of Trustees Executive Committee Meeting** - The Emanuel County Library Board will meet in the library's Smith Room at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, August 23.

### WEEKLY EVENTS

• **Toddler Time** - The library will host Toddler Time at Harmon Park each Friday throughout the month of August. Sessions will be held at 10:30 a.m. on August 5, August 12, August 19, and August 26.

• **Veteran's Coffee** - On a weekly basis, Franklin Memorial Library welcomes local heroes for Veteran's Coffee at 9:30 a.m. each Monday. Veterans Coffee dates for the remaining month of August are set for August 8, August 15, August 22 and August 29.

### BI-WEEKLY EVENTS

• **Art-Anime Club** - The library will host an art-anime club at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 10, and again on Wednesday, August 24.

### MONTH-LONG EVENTS

• **Donation Drive** - In honor of August 20 being International Homeless Animals Day, the library will be accepting donations of pet food, toys, treats, blankets and beds throughout the month of August.

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MR. AND MRS. PATRICK ON THEIR WEDDING DAY

## Patrick's celebrate Golden Wedding Anniversary

Deana and Frank Patrick celebrate their golden wedding anniversary on August 12, 2022.

The Patrick's met when Deana moved from Anchorage, AK to Atlanta to attend Massey College. Frank was in charge of the college facilities department and they first became acquainted when Deana came to check-out a vacuum. Their first date was at Gene & Gabe's restaurant where Deana was highly impressed by Frank's sense of humor and the outstanding veal piccata. A whirlwind romance com-

menced and the couple became engaged three months later. They were married at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, GA in 1972.

Fast-forward fifty years and the Patrick's have been residents of the Pine Lake Subdivision of Swainsboro for over forty years. Frank retired from Advanced Metal Components and Deana retired from Emanuel Co. DFCS. The Patrick's have remained active as members of the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club, centralizing service to the community as an important part

of how they spend their time and energy. Deana works part-time at Franklin Memorial Library and stars in her own cooking show, Deana's Dash of Delish. Frank enjoys growing too many squash and tomato plants and giving his produce away to friends and neighbors.

The Patrick's have four adult children, Michelle and Carl Hall of Tucker, GA and Adam and Kelly Patrick of Atlanta, GA. One rambunctious grandson, Miles (age 5) and a yellow lab named Bo whom they enjoy spoiling.

## Historic Society partners with Commissioners

The Historic Society is joining with the Emanuel County Commissioners in restarting the old Keep Emanuel Beautiful program. Commissioner Jim Sherrod spoke at the recent Emanuel County Historic Society meeting on the goals of this program and George Elder spoke on getting the organization started and connecting with Keep America Beautiful. Shown in photo are George and Missy Elder with Jim Sherrod. For any information, contact the County Commissioners' office 478-237-3881 or 478-763-3631.



G. ELDER, SHERROD AND M. ELDER

## SHS Mini Cheer Camp 2022

Swainsboro High School will host its Mini Cheer Camp 2022 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday, August 20, at Swainsboro High School. Cost for participation is \$55 and includes snack, lunch and a t-shirt.

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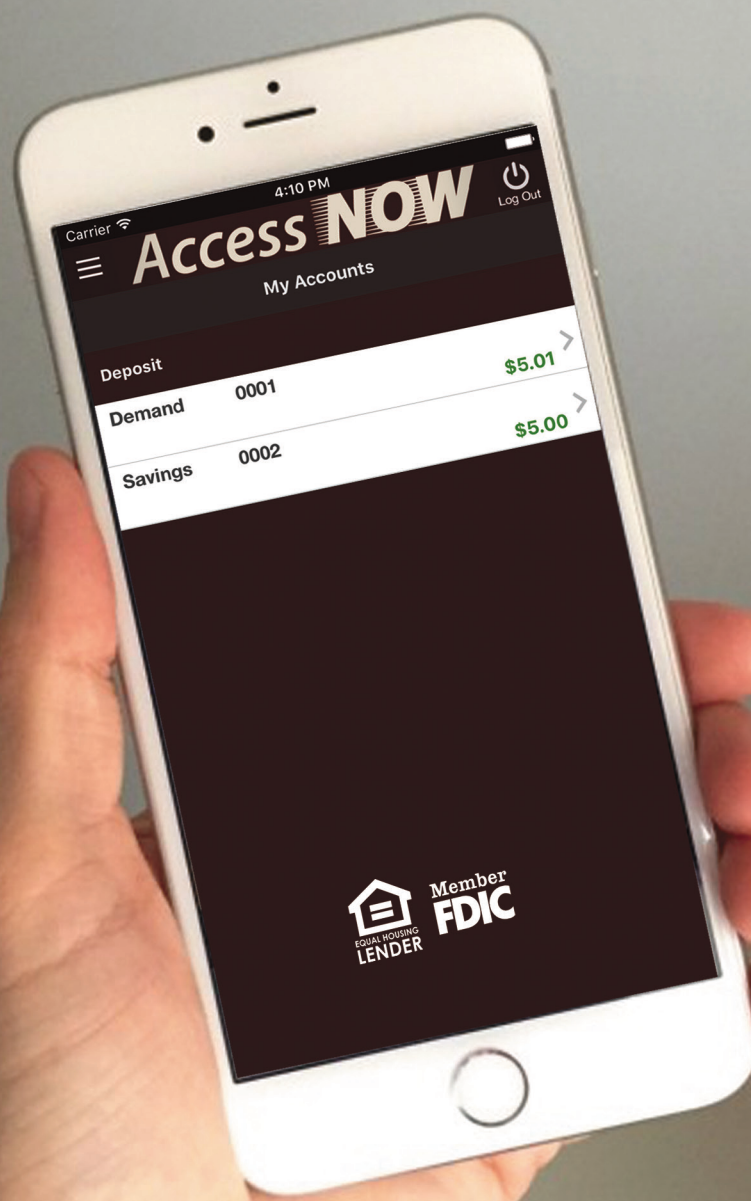
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# Boneyard BBQ racks it for third year as Tattnall's BEST BBQ

For the third consecutive year, Boneyard BBQ in Reidsville has been voted by its loyal and new customers as the BEST BBQ in Tattnall County for 2022.

"I am really appreciative of this honor and thank all those who dine with us and voted for Boneyard BBQ. I see many customers in the restaurant who are here several times a week. Patronizing your local restaurants and other merchants is simply good business for everyone concerned," said owner Shot Scarboro.

Boneyard BBQ opened in Reidsville in November of 2018 by Shot and his brother, Scrap Scarboro. Their parents, Wayne and Wanda Scarboro, live in Swainsboro, and they opened the original Boneyard BBQ in Soperton. Shot commented that the restaurant in Soperton has been successful and has been expanded, too.

In October of last year, Shot bought his brother's interest in the Boneyard BBQ in Reidsville, and Scrap continues to own and operate the restaurant in Soperton with their parents. Scrap and his wife, Heather, live in

Swainsboro, with their children, Lainey, Leanna, and Luke.

"I worked at Vandy's in Statesboro when I was in college, starting as a bus boy and leaving there as assistant manager. I was a teacher and coach in the Evans County School System for several years, but I liked the restaurant industry and wanted to make that investment," said Shot.

The location is on the right as one enters Reidsville (from Glennville) at 183 S. Main Street. The site offers plenty of parking, and the 2400 square foot restaurant area is ample space for dozens of diners. An attached open patio is perfect for those who may have a pet with them or simply would like to dine outside. A convenient drive-thru for pickup of orders is provided, too.

Boneyard BBQ has awesome specials that attract their customers. On Monday, "Hot Mess" is offered, which is a mixture of their leftover ribs and chicken along with mashed potatoes and several barbecue sauces. This is a really tasty concoction that brings in their Monday customers, similar to a loaded bake

potato, but even better! Pork chops, fried or grilled, are also available on Mondays.

Tuesday's specials are hamburger steaks and nachos, and any choice of meat can be added, and even chicken fingers.

Wednesday is "Wings," and these are a favorite with many of Boneyard BBQ's customers.

Thursday and Friday specials are fried fish and shrimp, and these are probably their most popular menu items.

"Of course, we offer catering services, too, at your place or ours, if it is after our closing time of 8 p.m. We have catered wedding receptions, family and class reunions, business meetings, and private functions. Just call us, and we can discuss your food options for your next big event," said Shot, with quite a few catering events held at the Jack Hill State Park in Reidsville. Shot will also rent his facility for a private event, if requested.

"We have been faithfully patronized by the local schools, catering a meal to them every Friday, at Collins Elementary and Reidsville Elementary. This has really been

good for morale for the teachers, too. We have also delivered to Optim Medical in Reidsville," said Shot.

Boneyard BBQ sides include baked beans, baked potato, Brunswick stew, coleslaw, French fries, fried okra, green beans, macaroni and cheese, onion rings, potato salad, sweet potato fries, and tossed salad. These come in a six-ounce serving to a quart.

Barbecue is often requested, and many customers purchase it by the half pound or pound. Boneyard BBQ's ribs and brisket are other menu items that are the chief choice of customers.

Other menu items include chicken (1/4 or 1/2), chicken fingers, and a variety of sandwiches, with a kids' menu and family specials. For the sweet tooth in most of us, choose from Oreo pudding and banana pudding. Beverages include lemonade, Coke products, and sweet and unsweet tea.

"We weathered COVID, and we are thankful for the drive-thru that allowed us to survive those months of uncertainty for so many restaurants in our coun-



BONEYARD BBQ OWNER, SHOT SCARBORO, BY HIS SIGN IN REIDSVILLE



CAROLINE, SCARBORO'S WIFE, WITH THEIR TWO CHILDREN, COOPER AND CAMERON

try. We are glad to be back to normal, and our customers enjoy the fellowship of dining with others," said Shot.

Shot lives in Statesboro with his wife, Caroline, and their two children, four-and-a-half-year-old son Cooper and soon to be two-year-old daughter Cameron. Caroline is a teacher at Langston

Chapel Middle School in Statesboro.

Boneyard BBQ days and hours of operation are Monday-Friday, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., closed on Saturdays and Sundays. Order online at [boneyardbbq.com](http://boneyardbbq.com) and to see their full menu options. Phone number is 912-557-6330.



FROM L TO R: HUDDIE CULBRETH, CAROLYN DERDEN, BOBBIE DAUGHTRY, JEAN SCHWABE, JOHN DERDEN, LYNN TORRANCE, LENA NWAKUDU (NOT PICTURED: JUDY HENDRIX, CHERIE HOOKS, SYVETTA YOUNG)

## Empowered to Serve: EREA holds July meeting

The Emanuel Retired Educators Association (EREA) Executive Committee met recently at the Fulford Center on the campus of East Georgia State College for its annual planning session. The theme for the year is *Empowered to Serve: Fellowship, Service, Support*. President Jean Schwabe discussed and reviewed her goals for the year, as well as the 2022-23 meeting dates,

locations, and speakers. Treasurer Lena Nwakudu provided a financial update.

EREA is one of 140 local units of the Georgia Retired Educators Association and was founded in 1972. Since that time, the organization has worked diligently to promote education and its importance, to improve benefits for educators, and to recognize and award

scholarships to students pursuing a career in education.

The first meeting of the year is set for Wednesday, September 21, at Swainsboro High School, at noon. Retired educators are encouraged to join EREA for this kick-off meeting. Emanuel County Schools Superintendent Scotty Hattaway will provide a school district update.

## Kiwanis donates to annual school supply drive

Swainsboro Kiwanis Club donated \$250 to Future Generation Youth School Supply Drive. This is the 19th annual school supply drive held that supports the local community youth. The distribution was held Saturday, July 30, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the corner of West Martin Luther

King Blvd. and North Green Street at Robert's Quick Stop parking lot.

This is a Christ-called ministry that Ronnie Shuemaker and local businesses and organizations have been providing for 19 years so that community children have school supplies needed to succeed.

"Kiwanis is proud to provide hands on volunteer help for the day of the distribution along with a financial donation. Helping our community youth is what Kiwanis is all about and this project fits our mission 100 percent," said Kiwanis President Dianna Wedincamp.



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## Back to school fun day and supply giveaway

Waymaker Community Group hosted a Back to School fun day and school supplies giveaway. Mayor Wynola Smith, City Council Members Suzanne Hutchinson and Orweco Hutchinson, Chief of Police Kyle Strickland and Shauna Strickland, Adrian Baptist Church, Adrian Camp and Conference Center, and all those that donated supplies, made this event a great success.

Waymaker Community Group is an Encouragement and Education Group for all ages. Their goal is to help others by helping our community through building up and supporting one another.



MR. GRAY WITH MRS. & MRS. SHUEMAKE

## Shuemake speaks to Rotary

The Swainsboro Rotary Club met on Monday, July 25, at the Rustic Grill during the noon hour. In the absence of President Kenneth Willoughby, Cason Devane filled in. He brought the meeting to order and led the club in the invocation, pledge and four-way test. After brief discussion, Milton Gray introduced his guest, Ronnie Shuemake and

wife, Linda. Ronnie is in charge of the "Bookbags for Kids" program that was held Saturday, July 30, at MLK and North Green Street. This is a program that Ronnie started many years ago and he gives out bookbags and school supplies to underserved children in our community. There are several churches in the community that assist in handing out

the bags. Ronnie and his wife feel led to mentor to these young children and spread the gospel by providing this service and meeting other needs in Swainsboro and Emanuel County. Shuemake works to support funding for this program with donations from a host of community supporters. After his presentation, the meeting was adjourned.

# Cook of the Week

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## Azure Bailey



### Give your kids an A+ back to school lunch with Sausage Stuffed Zucchini Boats!

The school bells are ringing once again and if your kids are anything like mine, then the best part of their day is lunchtime! There is one dish my daughter begs for in her lunchbox and that is Sausage Stuffed Zucchini Boats. This savory meal has tender zucchini, filled with creamy garlic & herbs, then blended with sausage and a delicious filling that will have your kids thinking you have made the grade on packing their school lunch.



From the kitchen of Azure

#### SAUSAGE STUFFED ZUCCHINI BOATS

**Items needed:**

- 6 medium Zucchini
- 1 Tablespoon Olive Oil
- 1/3 cup finely diced Onion
- 1 pound ground Jimmy Dean Regular Sausage
- 1 (5.2-ounce) package Boursin Garlic & Herb Cream Cheese (room temp)
- 1/2 cup Plain Breadcrumbs
- 1/4 cup Beef Broth
- 1 teaspoon Italian Seasoning
- 1/2 teaspoon Salt
- 1/4 teaspoon Pepper
- 1 cup shredded Mozzarella Cheese
- Non-Stick Cooking Spray

**Directions:**

Bring a large pot of water to a boil over medium-high heat. Once boiling, add the zucchini and cook for 10 minutes, then drain in a colander and set aside to let cool. Lay out paper towels and once the zucchini has cooled, cut the tops of each zucchini, and then cut in half lengthwise. Using a teaspoon, carefully remove the seeds and pulp to hollow out, leaving a little amount of the border, then turn over on the paper towels to drain any excess water. Repeat this process with the remaining zucchini. While the zucchini drains on the paper towels, preheat oven to 350 degrees. Add olive oil to a large skillet and turn to medium heat. Once hot, sauté onion for 1 1/2 minutes. Add the sausage and cook until no longer pink, then add the softened cream cheese and stir into meat until everything is creamy and combined. Remove from heat and add sausage mixture to a large mixing bowl along with the breadcrumbs, beef broth, Italian seasoning, salt, and pepper. Stir until combined, then lay the zucchini on an 11x17 inch pan. Using a teaspoon, fill each cavity with the sausage mixture. Top with shredded mozzarella cheese, then spray a large sheet of foil with cooking spray and loosely cover the zucchini boats with the foil. Bake on the 3<sup>rd</sup> (middle) rack for 15 minutes. Remove the foil and bake uncovered for an additional 10 minutes. Let cool slightly, then cut the zucchini boats into sections to fit down in your kid's lunch thermos.

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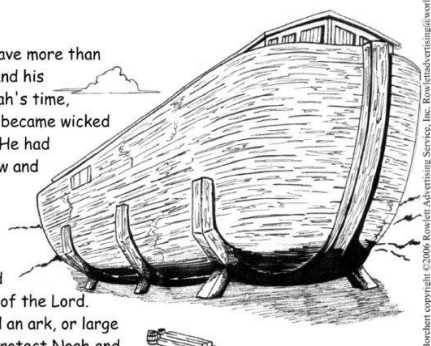
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## Editorials Columns

### The secret psychology of grass cutting and four quarters

Far be it from me to advise anyone on the secrets to a happy and fulfilling life. But experience tells us there are common threads that are undeniable when you stop and examine the question of what really brings “transcendental peace and inner awareness” to our lives in this troubled time? It’s singularly simple. Well, it’s actually two things. The first one is the “inner awareness” and the knowledge that college football starts in less

than a month, and the second one is, of course, “the transcendental peace” that settles upon all who cut the grass. Surprised? Oh really? If you can truthfully confront the emptiness in your soul since the National Championship (where we beat the ears off the Alabama Red Tide Elephants, by the way) and now not be imbued by the rising, restorative effects of a new and glorious SEC season dawning in the distance, then, you, my friend, have not been

watching enough 2021 season replays on channel 44. It’s ok, you will be fine. Just make sure you immediately increase your dosage of that. Also, it might be time to move on up to that 75-inch flat screen that’s in the Walmart sale paper you’ve been leaving around your spouse’s recliner. At any rate, prepare now for your ascendancy into total inner awareness. It starts September 3rd, Georgia vs Oregon.

OK, that’s the first

secret, you’re halfway there. Here’s the follow-up secret, and it works no matter what season it is. If you need some “me time” from your husband, wife, parent, child, sibling or other unnamed relative or friend, get on out in the yard and crank up that mower. Nothing creates “space” like a loud, snorting, threatening 22 horsepower yard demon. Now that’s what I call real peace! Trust me. Not only does it give you immunity from

### Charles Schwabe



phone calls, other chores and all miscellaneous interruptions and distractions, but it also re-asserts your authority and clearly gives you the title of “bad dawg and metaphysical YogaMaster” of the neighborhood. Sadly, this will cost you about a dollar a gallon more than last season, but talk to Joe Biden about that. Anyway, the

best part is you get the lawn cut right before kickoff, and you are now fully protected by transcendental peace... which will last until the first interception, or fumble. So, there you have it. Get on out there folks and jump on that higher ring of enlightenment. Help will be here soon. Namaste and Go Dawgs! Life is Good!

### An open letter to Georgia’s public schoolteachers

Dear teachers, let me begin my annual message to you as I am going to end it: Thank you.

Thank you for your willingness to go back into the classroom once again this year in spite of every roadblock imaginable. A lot of your colleagues have thrown in the towel and decided that the teaching isn’t worth the hassle. It is and you know it because you have a chance to make a positive difference in young lives. Not many of us can say that or do that. You can. And you do.

You do it in spite of bureaucratic red tape and often conflicting directives from the federal government and the state government and the local school board. Each with a silo view of how and what you should be teach-

ing but non responsible for the results – just you.

Over the past couple of years, you have experience challenges for which none of us were prepared, teaching remotely through a pandemic as if you needed any more trials. Trying to ensure you had your student’s attention, hoping the technology would work and knowing that Georgia Milestones tests would be evaluated no matter the circumstances. But you hung in there.

Now that you are back in the classroom face-to-face, you have to contend with a shortage of staff – cafeteria workers, maintenance personnel, bus drivers and the like – but you can’t postpone classes because of those shortages. Learning goes on.

It was not only good

but fitting that you got a nice \$5,000 raise, thanks to Gov. Brian Kemp and the General Assembly. It helps that Georgia, unlike many states in the Northeast and Midwest, is flush with cash. It looks like we’ll end the budget year with a \$5 billion surplus, so why not reward you?

But don’t forget the Great Recession from 2009 to 2012 which saw a major decline in state tax revenue. Lawmakers quickly cut school funding and teachers and school staff furloughs were common. The state giveth but when economic times get tough, they will taketh away in a heartbeat.

Pardon my cynicism but it is an election year, and our intrepid public servants will be sure to remind you of the pay

raises they so graciously granted you and how much they respect your good works because their mother/sister/cousin/uncle/whoever was a schoolteacher.

But beware of Greeks, or in this case, legislators bearing false gifts. As soon as they are reelected, they will go back to Atlanta ready to cut your legs out from under you with their voucher schemes so that well-to-do Georgians can send their kids to private schools while getting a tax break. The same legislators who loved you when they wanted your vote will lament the sorry state of public education, which includes you and your efforts. Mark my words, it will happen. Be prepared.

The voucher crowd wants to conveniently forget that there is no way to keep society’s issues – hunger, abuse, drugs, gangs, transiency – from coming in your classroom and that instead of

### Dick Yarbrough



running away from the challenges you face, they should be trying to fix them.

Although I will occasionally split an infinitive like an atom or forget to move a decimal point where it belongs, I got a pretty good public-school education which translated into a rewarding career, thanks to teachers who taught me the basics and made sure I learned them.

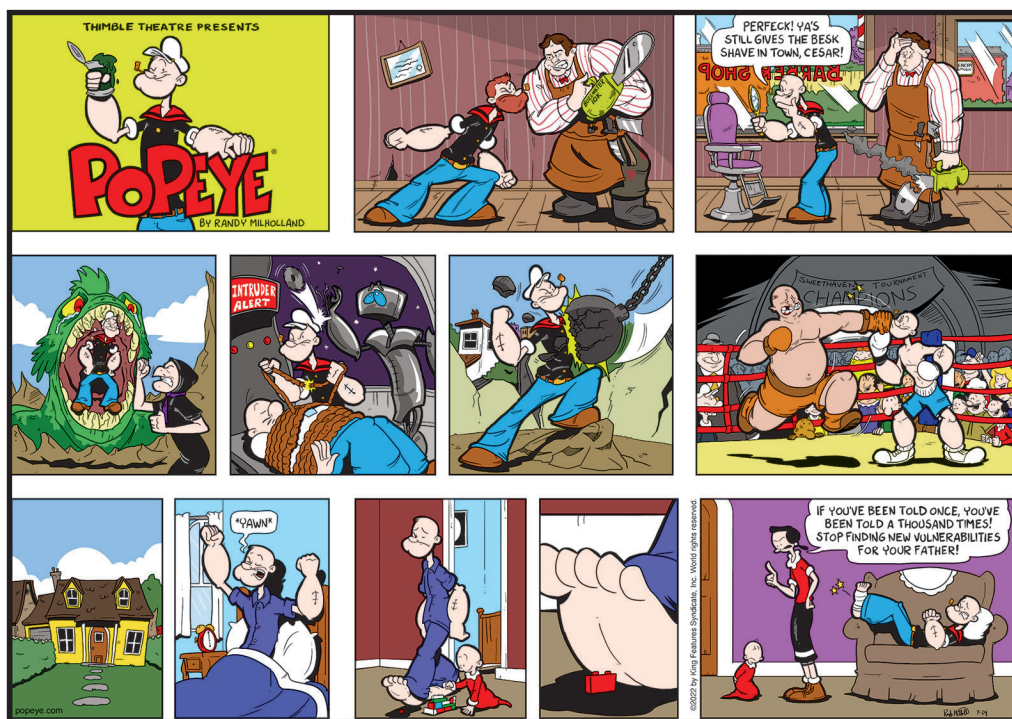
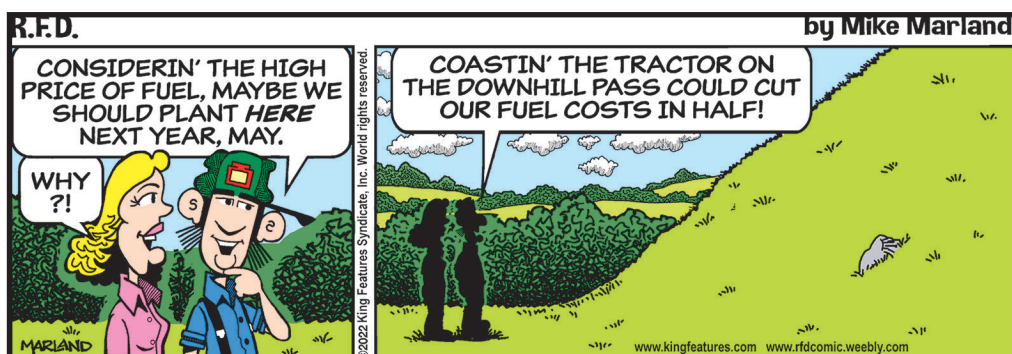
Now, there is pressure to make you sociologists. There are those who want you to take students on a guilt trip regarding our past behavior and ignore the gains we have made and are making. In Georgia, we have a Black woman who has a serious chance of being our next governor as well as Black and Jewish U.S. Senators

just elected. That is progress and is the kind of thing we should be focusing on and not dredging up a past that is gone with the wind.

And violence. What has happened to our society that we now fear becoming another Sandy Hook or Marjorie Stoneman Douglas or Uvalde? While special interests’ groups argue murderers vs. gun control, you have to live with the prospects of violence each and every day. I pray it never happens but please be vigilant.

Obviously, I haven’t told you anything you don’t already know. So, I will end our conversation by wishing you the very best as you begin another school year. Thank you for what you do. I am glad you are there.

## Editorial Cartoons



### Tough times call for tough measures

### Ronnie Johnson



“Tough times call for tough measures,” and if you were born country, you know what I mean. Now-a-days, we have a population who can’t cross a road because the cement is too hot for their tender, pampered feet; and it is an emergency when they sweat. In our hay day, we could cross a freshly plowed field while barefoot because over the years, the undersides of our feet had grown as tough as elephant’s hide from daily crossings. We were not sissies!

Recently, a woman was overheard in Harvey’s Grocery Store complain that she intended to be indoors for the rest of the day because of the extreme high heat and too much sweating would surely

lead her to health problems and dehydration.

“Better be safe than sorry,” the well-dressed lady said.

Back in the day, no one advised us not to work in the fields on certain heat-related days. There was a certain unspoken mantra, “Work or go hungry.”

How soon we forget our country was built on hard work, and inspired mind over matter, which included wiping away the sweat from our foreheads while working in a corn, cotton, or tobacco field and doing it with God’s help by our side for inspiration. Yes, “Tough times did call for tough measures.”

Now, in our computer-controlled, air conditioned rooms with

pre-packaged food in the refrigerator that is instantly cooked in a microwave in mere minutes and served on throwaway paper plates with the local and C.N.N. worldwide news coming into our homes in a flash, we have gained so much from modern tec“know”ledgy, but lost the toughness and hard, determined drive and work that made our country what it is today.

But we have also left behind home-churned ice cream and settled for easy soft serve which has become a metaphor for our daily lives. We don’t need another pied piper from Hamlin to lead us to victory, for God is waiting for our call.



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### Watkins presents supplies to Swainsboro Primary

Many students begin the school year without basic supplies like paper and pencils. Thanks to Millie Watkins and her parents, Emanuel County students will receive nearly \$400 in school supplies.

In June, The Forest Blade featured Millie, an upcoming first grader at Swainsboro Primary School. Millie was planning to host a lemonade

stand and bake sale to raise funds for school supplies so students in need could start the new school year prepared. And she did just that! On Wednesday, June 29, Millie hosted her lemonade stand at the Forest Blade on Morning Street.

With the help of the community, her venture was a success. Millie's parents agreed to match any proceeds she made

from the stand so that Millie could buy supplies for primary school students and other schools in the system. Millie has a servant's heart and thinks of others. Realizing other students may not have what they need, Millie wanted to do something "sweet." Millie shows you do not have to be an adult to make a difference in others' lives.



JODI SINGLETARY, SPS INSTRUCTIONAL COACH, SARA TAPLEY, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, MILLIE WATKINS, AND RON HIRST, PRINCIPAL



JUDY GARRETT, DALTON FLOWERS, FARRAH WILLIAMSON, AND DIANE LAWSON



LAWSON, MILLY FARMER, FLOWERS, GARRETT

### DEA students enjoy cabbage growing contest

Bonnie Plant Company provided David Emanuel Academy with cabbage plants the last of March for 23 third graders. This cabbage growing contest is sponsored by Emanuel County Farm Bureau Women's Committee. The students take the plants home and care for them by watering, fertilizing and weeding, if necessary, to see who can grow the largest plant. Since the plants were received late, they were not able to bring the plants back before school turned out. Three students brought their plants to the Farm Bureau office on July 26 to have them weighed. Dalton Flowers was the winner with a 9 1/2 lb. cabbage. Runner up was Farrah Williamson with a 5 1/4 lb. cabbage and Milly James Farmer came in third with a 1 lb. cabbage. Dalton was awarded a cash prize by the ECFB Women's committee.

### 7 DAY FORECAST

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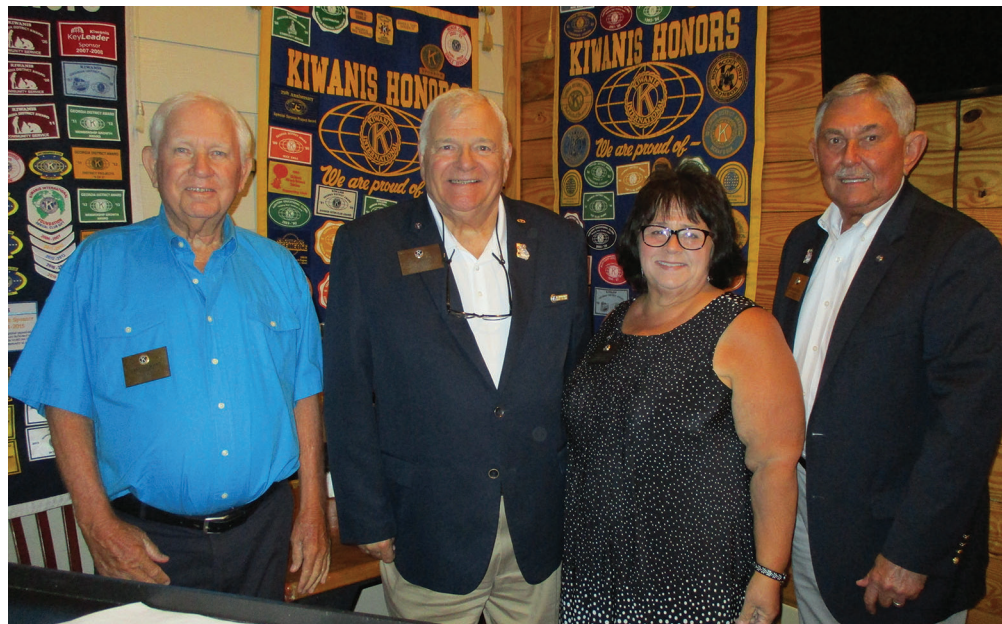
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## Frye speaks to Kiwanis

The Kiwanis Club of Swainsboro held its weekly meeting, Tuesday night, July 19, at the Rustic Grille at 7 p.m. With President-Elect Tammy Allen presiding, there were 25 in attendance. The Hersey-Bar cake donated by Paul Cerpovicz and baked by Petite Garrett was won by Peyton Frye. The Domino's pizza donated by Domino's Pizza was won by Tracy Mason.

The program for the evening was hosted by Dianna Wedincamp. Petite Garrett introduced 11-year-old Lawson Frye, a rising 7th grade honor student at ECI. Recently, Frye placed second at the National Jr. Beta Club speech contest. Along with the Jr. Beta Club, Frye is a

member of FBLA, FFA, 4-H, and is in the gifted program. He still finds time to play football and baseball. He plans to become a Biomedical Engineer. He entertained Kiwanis Club members with an award-winning speech which talked about great people having great vision and those willing to serve, not just be served. It was appropriate and fit the ideals of Kiwanis.

Governor Byron Mullican and Past Governor George Elkins, both former Lt. Governors in Division 17, made some remarks. Past Governor Elkins reminded the club that it could go from good to great in Kiwanis and talked about the encouragement he received

from Chip Durden to become Governor. Governor Mullican also noted the support and encouragement from Durden. He reminded everyone about the Convention on August 12-14 in Macon.

If you would like to become a member of the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club, contact Membership Chair Jane Durden at 478-494-4113 or e-mail her at hsdurden@bellsouth.net. If you would like more information about this club and the many community service projects performed each year, go to the Swainsboro Kiwanis website: <http://www.swainsborokiwanis.org> or visit the Swainsboro Kiwanis Facebook page.

## Swainsboro High FBLA attends SLOTS

On July 20, 2022 Swainsboro High Schools FBLA 2022 - 23 NEW officer team attended their very first SLOTS (Summer Leadership & Officer Training Summit). This summit is an event that utilizes the officer's intelligence in various ways and helps them to learn the duties of their new role. This event focuses on team building to better relations, diversifying with other schools, and planning for a successful upcoming school year. Swainsboro High officers said, "SLOTS was an overall great event/experience, and be on the lookout because SHS FBLA have big things planned for the future!"



NAUTIS HALL, CALEY WILKERSON, KELCY WOMACK, QUINTUS WILLIAMS, ANNA DONALDSON, MEGAN PEBBLES, MADISON PEBBLES, AND JORDAN WADLEY-GARDNER



WILLOUGHBY, MANGERI, AND SMITH

## Mangeri speaks to Swainsboro Rotary Club

Swainsboro Rotary Club held a weekly meeting at the Rustic Grill on July 18, 2022. New president, Kenneth Willoughby, welcomed the members and introduced the speaker for the meeting, Tony Mangeri, from the Swainsboro-Emanuel

County Recreation Department. Mr. Mangeri gave a very interesting program on the recreation department and all the responsibilities and duties they have in our county. SECRD serves around 1,100 children in just the athletics division,

not including all the residents and people from out of the county that enjoy the splash pad, walking park, dog park and other areas that they are responsible for. The club also welcomed new member, Harley Smith, from East Georgia College.

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## Summer Camps wrap up at The Fulford Community Learning Center

The Sudie A. Fulford Community Learning Center on the campus of East Georgia State College recently wrapped up its 2022 summer camps. This year, the Fulford Community Learning Center was able to host five different summer camps for children in first through sixth grade.

The first camp held in June was the Emanuel Arts Council Art Camp. During the annual camp students learned how to draw, paint, and make clay pinch pots and door hangers. The camp, hosted by the Emanuel Arts Council for rising third through fifth grade students, was made possible by a generous grant from the Mill Creek Foundation.

The second camp of the summer was the Magnolia Midlands Georgia Youth Science and Technology Center (MMGYSTC) Discovery STEM Camp. During the four-day camp students learned about the engineering design process and a series of steps that engineers follow to find a solution to a problem. The steps included problem solving processes such as determining objectives and constraints, brainstorming ideas, creating prototypes, testing the design, and evaluation.

The third camp, Makerspace Day Camp, was also hosted by MMGYSTC and Erin Youmans, the MMGYSTC Coordinator. A makerspace is a place where students can create, problem solve, and develop skills, talents, thinking, and mental rigor. The students enjoyed exploring, designing, and creating while expanding their knowledge base.

The Fulford Center partnered with MMGYSTC during the summer to host Astronomy Camp for the second year in a row. This camp was offered to rising first and second graders. Participants explored the solar system and universe through a variety of lessons and hands-on activities.

The final and largest camp of the summer was Camp Invention. The weeklong summer adventure provided opportunities for open-ended, hands-on exploration of science, technology, engineering and more. Rotating through a variety of exciting activities each day, children collaborated with friends thinking creatively and inventing their own solutions to real-world challenges. Participants dove into cutting-edge ocean research as they adopted their own robotic fish, designed aquatic plants, and took their fish friend home in a mini tank. They also discovered real space exploration technology when they created Spacepacks

and AstroArm devices, mined an asteroid and observed erupting ice volcanoes. Campers experimented with the fun of physics, engineering, and gaming as they designed, built and tested their own mega marble arcades.

The Fulford Center would like to thank Jacquie Brasher and the Emanuel Arts Council, Erin Youmans and MMGYSTC, Macy Fagler, Sierra Milligan, Jean Schwabe, and the many other people who helped make the Fulford Summer Camps a huge success!



SUMMER CAMP PARTICIPANTS

To view photos from the summer camps, visit East Georgia State College's Flickr album at the following link: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/egcpr/albums/>



# SWAINSBORO-EMANUEL COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT



# FALL SPORTS

## Registration

### Tackle & Flag Football...August 8-12

### Soccer...August 15-19

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<b>Tackle Football</b>	<b>\$45.00</b>
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First time participants must bring copy of birth certificate.

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**Flag Football (Ages 5-6) Player must be 5 before September 1, 2022 and cannot turn 7 before September 1, 2022**

**Tackle Football (Ages 7-12) Player must be 7 before September 1, 2022 and cannot turn 13 before September 1, 2022**

**Tot Soccer (Ages 3-4) Player must be 3 before September 1, 2022 and cannot turn 5 before September 1, 2022**

**Soccer (Ages 5-18) Player must be 5 before September 1, 2022 and cannot turn 19 before September 1, 2022. 18 year olds must be attending high school.**

Member of the Georgia Recreation and Park Association, the largest sports organization in the state of Georgia.




# Jail Report

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

Dept. (GPD); Adrian Police Dept. (APD); Child Support Recovery Unit (CSRUI); Intensive Probation Service (IPS); or Probation Office (PROB). Joqueil Kameron Watson, entered 7/25/22; Probation/Swainsboro PD/Middle Ga Probation/Hold for out of county billing; SPD Russell Clint Givens, entered 7/25/22; Driving lic susp/rev/Obstr/Hindering of officer/Other/VGCSA possession of marijuana/No insurance/Unregistered vehicle; SPD Brandy Nacole

Cooper, entered 7/26/22; Driving lic susp/rev/Other; released 7/26/22; SPD Jacob Allen Corbitt, entered 7/27/22; Failure to maintain lane/VGCSA drugs schedule I & II Drugs/Probation/Superior Court/Sale of Meth; SPD Megan Deann Nasworthy, entered 7/27/22; Possession of meth w/intent to distribute/VGCSA marijuana/poss less than oz/VGCSA possession of drug related object/Probation/Swainsboro PD/Middle Ga Probation/Other; SPD

Rebecca Sue Wilkerson, entered 7/27/22; VGCSA possession of drug related object; released 7/29/22; SPD Steven Anthony Willis, entered 7/27/22; Possession of meth/Other/VGCSA drugs schedule I & II drugs/Other/VGCSA possession of drug related object; ECSO Mikhail Demeseraile Coney, entered 7/28/22; Driving lic susp/rev; released 7/28/22; SPD Joshua Maurice Brown, entered 7/28/22; VGCSA possession of drug related object/Other; SPD

Okelius Jervont Lott, entered 7/28/22; Aggr assault; released 7/29/22; SPD Brian Eugene Mason, entered 7/28/22; Disorderly conduct; SPD Samuel Hunter Kelly, entered 7/29/22; VGCSA possession of drug related object/VGCSA marijuana/poss less than oz; released 7/29/22; SPD Joshua Craig Crosby, entered 7/30/22; Failure to obey traffic control device/DUI less safe; released 7/30/22; TCPD Christie Melanie Shedrick, entered

7/30/22; VGCSA marijuana/poss less than oz; released 7/31/22; SPD Tyrone Gunn, entered 7/31/22; DUI/multiple subs; released 7/31/22; TCPD Zhivago Estrada Travet, entered 7/31/22; Hold for out of county billing; SPD Erika Drew Lane, entered 7/31/22; Hold for out of county billing; ECSO Gregorio Lara, entered 7/31/22; DUI/alch/Failure to maintain lane/Speeding 15-29 MPH over/Driving while unlicensed/expired; released 7/31/22; SPD

## Sheriff's Reports

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

### July 25

Deputies were dispatched to Modoc Rd. to assist SPD to a fight call with a subject on scene bleeding. Subjects were uncooperative and refused to give further details of the incident. Victim was found to

have lacerations to his head which appeared to require medical attention but victim refused EMS upon their arrival. The incident was found to have occurred at the intersection of Center St. and Modoc Rd. with victim being struck by a weapon. Suspect was believed to have been the offender in the incident. Scene was turned over to SPD Det. for further investigation.

Deputies were dispatched to Fairground Rd. in reference to a suspicious person. Caller list witness as a male subject walking along the fence with a flashlight. Deputies checked the area around the business but did not locate any persons walking.

Deputies responded to McGarrh Mill Pond Rd. in reference to property damage. Complainant advised she had been gone for two weeks and returned to find all her and her children's belongings outside and ruined due to the weather. C/p's belongings were located under a carport and had been covered with a tarp. C/p stated the suspect threw her property out of the residence and he has not lived there since December of last year. Property owner showed up on scene and advised that c/p was verbally told months ago to move out and she has refused. Deputies advised the property owner of the eviction process and also advised c/p of the process to seek for possible property damage. Deputy talked to

suspect via phone and he stated that he and c/p share a child and she left 3-4 months ago and has been staying in motels and had told c/p months ago to retrieve her property but she refused. C/p advised she would move out by the end of the week and deputies informed her of the eviction process.

Deputies were dispatched to Maple St. in Twin City in reference to an unwanted person. Deputies were unable to make contact with anyone at the residence 911 made contact with the caller who advised the unwanted person who his grandson, had left and everything was fine.

Deputy took a report at Chevron in Twin City in reference to complainant stated offender backed into the pump trash can and damaged the windshield cleaner bucket.

Deputy took a walk-in report at ECSO in regards to a stolen debit/credit card. Complainant stated she checked her bank account and noticed several charges that she had not made or authorized. C/p stated she then noticed her debit/credit card was missing and the last time she used it was the day prior at El Valle. C/p provided a print-out of all the fraudulent charges that were made.

### July 26

Deputy met with complainant in reference to a stolen license plate that is believed to have been taken from his vehicle while in Swainsboro.

Deputy was dispatched to Oak St. in Twin City in reference to damage to a vehicle. Complainant stated she noticed a long scratch along the side the side of her vehicle and has no idea how it was done. There was also damage to the fuel door of the vehicle.

### July 27

Deputies were dispatched to Old Kenfield Rd. in reference to a prowler. Complainant advised of subjects on the roof of her camper

turning her power off. Caller advised 911 she did not wish to speak to deputies, only asking for them to patrol the area. Deputies met with c/p who advised of what she believes to be teenagers climbing on top of her camper that she lives in and turning off her power. C/p stated the unknown persons have also tampered with her belongings outside of the camper and storage compartments of the camper. Deputies did not note any persons on the roof of the camper, nor were any persons found walking the area. Shortly after deputies left the location, c/p contacted 911 again advising of the same activity at her residence.

C/p is believed to have mental health and/or drug issues. Deputy assisted investigators with the execution of a search warrant on a residence on Mary Ann St. Offender was arrested for possession of meth. During the search, illegal controlled substances and drug related objects were located. Offender was asked as he was walking to the patrol unit if he had anything on his person and was informed that if he did and crossed the guard line at the jail with it that he could be charged with a felony. Offender informed deputy that he had nothing and took a seat in the back of the patrol unit and was transported to EmCo Jail. Upon arriving at the jail, ISO on duty was asked to complete a strip search before entering the jail, and nothing was found. ISO on duty exited the bathroom with offender, and was holding a bandana wrapped tight and closed with a rubber band. Deputy activated his body camera and opened the item the ISO took off of offender and inside the bandana were two blood strip tubes. The first tube had a package of naloxone fiber, a SIM card, and a small rock-like substance inside it. The second tube had a crystal-like substance believed to be meth in it. Deputy advised the booking officer to add the charge of crossing the guard line with narcotics to the booking sheet and placed the tubes in an evidence bag. Evidence was turned over to Inv. Deputies responded to

Cross Jones Rd. in reference to a person having suicidal thoughts. Complainant was found in the yard of the residence and stated she was having suicidal thoughts and requested help. C/p was transported by EMS to EMC for evaluation.

### June 28

Deputy took a report regarding property being stolen. Complainant stated that on 7/17 around 1400 hours, his trail camera captured a white extended cab truck at the location. C/p stated a male subject could be seen driving the vehicle but could not be identified. C/p also stated the subject gained access to the property from Thompson St.

### July 29

Deputies responded to Tiger Trl. in reference to an unwanted person. Complainant advised the suspect had been in her yard by her bedroom window the night before around 2 to 3 a.m. and found him in her yard again, then he walked off towards the woods. C/p advised that she knows the suspect but had no dealings with him and does not want him to return to her property. Suspect was located in the area and deputies advised c/p to notify them if suspect returns.

Deputy unlocked a vehicle with no incident or damage.

Deputies responded to Bowne Dr. in reference to an unwanted person. Complainant advised that she heard someone in her yard and was concerned for her family's safety. C/p stated she had just moved in the does not know anyone in the area and heard someone by her back door. Deputies searched the area and did not find anyone in the area.

Complainant stated she put her baby to bed then she went to bed and her dogs started barking and someone started beating on the front door. Deputy checked around the house and an outside building, but nobody was found.

Victim stated her son/witness was mowing the roads on their property and when came across a wheeled tote with several fishing reels, tackle boxes, and landscaping fence in it. C/p doesn't know where it came from. Det. looked around but could

not find anything. The following day, witness came across a machete stuck in a tree.

### July 30

Deputy met with Toombs County deputy in reference to a courtesy transport. Toombs County advised they found a female walking North on Hey 1 South trying to get to her daughter's house due to a dispute with her husband. Witness was transported to her daughter's residence.

Deputies were dispatched to Hwy 86 East in reference to cows in the road, but did not locate any loose cattle in or alongside the roadway.

Deputies were dispatched to Long Bay Dr. in reference to a report of property damage.

Deputies were dispatched to Gwenda St in reference to an unwanted person.

Deputies were dispatched to Club Rolex in reference to loud music.

### July 31


Deputies were dispatched with EMS to Miller Dr. in reference to an intoxicated male. The male was advised to be vomiting and not verbally responding. The male subject was seen by EMS and released without needing transport for further medical attention. The caller advised she had never consumed alcoholic beverages and did not know the male to be displaying the consequences of overindulgence.

Deputies were dispatched to Bowen Dr. to meet with complainant in reference to criminal trespass. C/p stated she recently moved to the location and had been having several issues with unknown persons trespassing. C/p has filed reports through ECSO for these prior incidents. C/p stated she arrived home and found what appeared to indicate an unknown person(s) had attempted to gain entry to her residence. C/p stated the damages to the door and deadbolt were not present when she left. It did not appear as though entry had been made into the residence.

### August 1

Deputies assisted SPD with an alarm call at SMS. SPD found an open door to the building and deputies assisted with entry and clearing of a portion of the building.

**Seeds of Hope**



A youth pastor and his "Win One Now" team were passing out tracts and talking to a group of young people in New York one Saturday evening. A gang leader went up to him and shouted, "I'm sick and tired of you people talking about love. I've never seen love so if you've got it let me see it!"

How many others want to see "it?" We talk about love, sing about love, preach about love but the world is still trying to find out what love looks like.

Someone once said they wanted to see "love with skin on it." And that's what God's love is all about. He did not speak of an empty, greedy love - but a love that passes all human understanding.

The Psalmist said that "The Lord has made His salvation known." By God's faithfulness to protect and provide for the well-being of the Children of Israel "He made His salvation known and revealed His righteousness to the nations." He made His salvation known by His faithfulness and the fulfillment of His covenant with His children. That was then.

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# Swainsboro Police Reports

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

**July 21**

Officers responded to a report of a male being jumped on. The complainant stated the offender got out of a vehicle and jumped on him. He was intoxicated and caught off guard.

Officers responded to a report of a stolen debit card. The complainant stated her granddaughter stole her card and charged a total of \$185.00 at a local gas station.

Officers responded to a report of a dispute. A female stated she was staying at this residence

to help take care of her sister. She says she was told she could stay for a few months, but the landlord stated it was only agreed she could stay a few days. Both parties were told the eviction process and to stay apart during this time.

Officers responded to a report of a breaking and entering into a factory. When on the scene, the complainant stated when they arrived, the wifi was turned off and this isn't usually the case. One of the cameras was also cut off. They weren't sure how many pillows were stolen due to the count being unknown before the incident. Fingerprints

will be taken.

Vandalism was reported at the Vann Community Center. Forced entry was done with a shovel. The window was busted from a thrown object. The fire extinguishers were used.

A report was made of a threat. The complainant stated he was threatened at work and told if he reported this the offender would hurt his family.

A report was made of loitering. The complainant stated the offender was messing with his gas tank on his vehicle. Extra patrol will be used to break up the crowd.

**July 22**

Officers responded to a report of aggravated assault with a knife. The victim stated two men came to his apartment demanding he paid them back money he owed. The two men cut him with a knife. He stated he didn't know them, nor owed them anything.

A report was made of theft or mislaid property. The complainant stated he paid for a mattress topper, and when he got to his vehicle it was no longer in his cart. Video footage will be reviewed.

A female was criminally trespassed for past behavior.

A damaged vehicle report was made. The

complainant stated his vehicle was damaged while he was parked at a funeral home.

**July 23**

Officers were dispatched in reference to a dispute.

**July 26**

A report was made of a dog at large. The complainant stated that she and her daughter were threatened by 3 dogs. She also believes that the dogs killed her two cats. They were taken to the pound.

A male was criminally trespassed on a business for continually asking for money.

A report of a damaged vehicle was made. The

complainant stated he believes somebody put a dent in his vehicle when his daughter borrowed it.

**July 27**

Officers responded to a report of a dispute. A female was trying to run a male over because he caught her cheating on him and took her phone. Both the parties were told to separate.

A report was made of a theft by deception. The complainant stated he had someone repair his vehicle and has already paid for the repairs, but hasn't got his vehicle back. The offender was waiting to order parts.



PHOTO OF RECENT VANDALISM

## Vandalism at Vann Community Park building

*Investigation on-going*

Swainsboro-Emanuel County Recreation Department Director Tony Mangeri recently reported vandalism at one of the recreation department's Swainsboro locations, Vann Community Park.

According to information from a police report made with Swainsboro PD, Mangeri visited the location just two days prior to the report being made and everything was okay at that time. On the day the report was made, Mangeri stated that he arrived at the Vann Community Park building complex to prepare it for a rental arrangement made with the local library and found the building vandalized. Details included in the report included all fire extinguishers being taken

off the wall and activated throughout the building, busted windows, brick damage on the back of the building and damage to a door with what is believed to be caused a shovel.

In a social media post made by SECRD via Facebook, it states this is the second time in four months that vandalism has taken place at this location. In November 2021, the same park had fallen victim to vandalism twice within an 8-month timeframe. During this time, property damage was made twice to the park's bridge, both incidents leading to repairs being made to correct the damage.

"It's just complete vandalism of government property," SPD Chief Randy Ellison

commented.

The chief doesn't think these acts are related to any type of hate-crime and thinks this could be a result of child's play and boredom. He further stated that investigators are still looking into the incident and asks that anyone with any leads to contact Angie Wilkerson with the Swainsboro Police Department by calling 478-237-8967 or SECRD Director Mangeri at 478-237-8098.

## SPD traffic stop leads to arrest of four Douglas residents

An officer with Swainsboro Police Department conducted a traffic stop on a speeding vehicle on East Main Street on July 20, that led to the arrests of four Douglas residents passing through the area. According to the incident report, the officer conducted the traffic stop after verifying with his radar that the involved vehicle was traveling 52 MPH in a 35 MPH marked speed zone within city limits.

As the officer approached the driver's side of the vehicle, contact was made with the driver, Michael Anthony Harrell, along with three other passengers, Ashley Nicole Franco, Randall Cory White and Brittany Rose Brankston. Due to behavior fit for probable cause of a search exhibited by the passengers, assistance was requested from SPD SGT Young and K9 Maya, who responded to the scene to conduct a free air sniff. During the search, K9 Maya signaled officers to check the driver's side backseat area where drug related objects and marijuana were found inside of the vehicle. During the search, officers located a used methamphetamine glass pipe, three containers with crystal-like residue substance and cotton



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BRANKSTON

inside, two used marijuana pipes, two grinders, two used syringes, and a glasses case containing a green leafy material believed to be marijuana. The four individuals involved, Harrell, Franco, White and Brankston were then transported to the Emanuel County Jail for booking. Once arriving at the jail and an on-person search was conducted, jail staff reported locating two small bags containing crystal-like substances in Franco's possession that she tried concealing on her person as well as a partially smoked marijuana joint and a lighter. This addition-

al evidence was turned over to Sgt. Young upon his arrival at the jail to add with other evidence. Charges for each individual are as follows:

Harrell - Possession of drug-related objects and speeding.

Franco - Possession of drugs - methamphetamine, possession of marijuana (less than one ounce), possession and use of drug-related objects and crossing the guard line with weapon or drugs.

White - Possession and use of drug-related objects.

Brankston - Possession and use of drug-related objects.

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Thank You to the Book Bag Drive Staff and all the volunteers that help us with this event.  
Because of your generosity and blessings from our Savior, we were able to donate 597 bookbags filled with supplies and socks. Everyone was also able to enjoy hot dogs, chips, cookies and juices.  
God Bless You all,  
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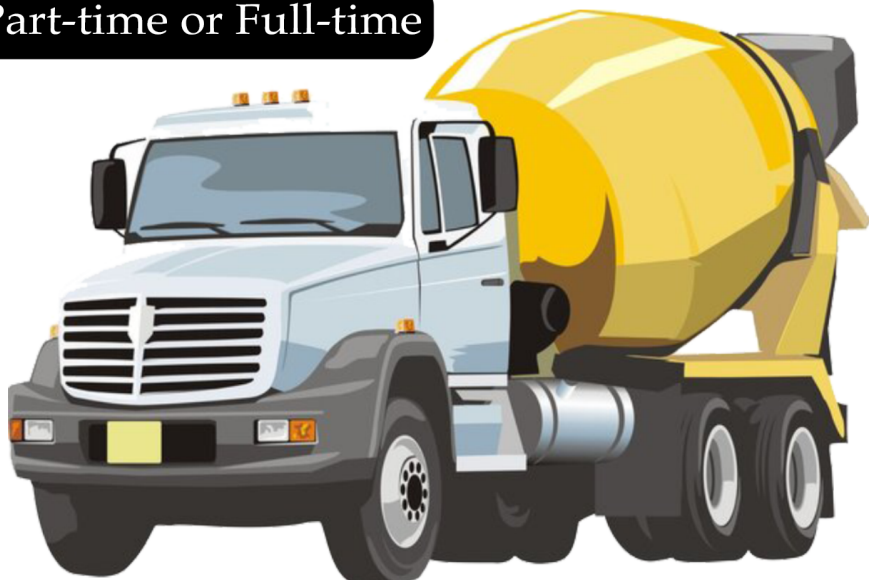
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# Savvy Senior: Cheap basic cell phone plans for penny pinching seniors

Dear Savvy Senior, I read a column you wrote on extremely cheap smartphone plans for budget-conscious seniors. Can you do a similar column for those of us who still use basic flip phones?

My old 3G flip phone is about to become obsolete, so I'm looking for the cheapest possible replacement. I only need a simple cell phone (no data) for emergency calls when I'm away from home.

Penny Pincher  
Dear Penny,  
For many seniors, like yourself, who only want a simple basic cell phone for emergency purposes and occasional calls, there are a number of super cheap plans available from small wireless providers you may have never heard of. Here are some of the best deals available right now.

**Cheapest Basic Plans**  
For extremely light cell phone users, the cheapest wireless plan available is through US Mobile (USMobile.com), which has a "build your own plan" that starts at only \$2 per month for 75 minutes of talk time. If you want text messaging capabilities, an extra \$1.50/month

will buy you 50 texts per month.

US Mobile runs on Verizon's and T-Mobile's networks and gives you the option to bring your existing phone (if compatible or unlocked) or purchase a new device, while keeping your same phone number if you wish.

If your flip phone is becoming obsolete, as you mentioned in your question, you'll need to buy a new device, which you can do through US Mobile if you choose their plan. They offer the "NUU F4L" flip phone for \$39 for new customers. Or you can purchase an unlocked phone through retail stores like Walmart or Best Buy, or online. One of the best value flip phones right now is the (unlocked) "Alcatel GO FLIP 4044 4G LTE," available at Amazon.com for \$80.

Some other super cheap wireless plans worth a look are Ultra Mobile's "PayGo" plan (UltraMobile.com/PayGo), which provides 100 talk minutes, 100 texts for only \$3 per month.

And Tello's (Tello.com) "build your own plan" that starts at \$5 per month for 100 talk minutes and

unlimited texting.

Both Ultra Mobile PayGo and Tello also run on T-Mobile's network and will let you use your existing phone (if compatible or unlocked) or buy a new one.

Senior Targeted Providers

In addition to these super cheap plans, there are several other wireless companies that cater to older customers and offer low-cost basic plans and simple flip phones. One of the least expensive is through TracFone (Tracfone.com), which offers a 60-minute talk, text and web plan for \$20 that lasts for 90 days. That averages out to \$6.66 per month.

Three other providers that are popular among seniors are Snapfon (Snapfon.com), which offers a

100 minutes and unlimited texting plan for \$10. Consumer Cellular (ConsumerCellular.com), which provides an unlimited talk plan or \$15 per month. They also give 5 percent discounts to

AARP members. And Lively (Lively.com), maker of the popular Jitterbug Flip2 senior-friendly flip phone. Their cheapest monthly plan is 300 minutes of talk and text for \$15.

**Subsidized Plans**  
You also need to know that if you're on a government program such as Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income or food stamps/SNAP. Or, if your annual household income is at or below 135

percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines - \$18,347 for one person, or \$24,719 for two - you might also qualify for free or subsidized wireless plans from various carriers via the federal

Lifeline program. To find out if you're eligible or apply, visit [LifelineSupport.org](http://LifelineSupport.org) or your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit [SavvySenior.org](http://SavvySenior.org). Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

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# SAR dedicates SAR Bench in Savannah

During the 132nd NSSAR Congress held in Savannah, GA, an SAR Bench commemorating the 250th Anniversary of the founding of the United States of America was dedicated in historic Johnson Square in downtown Savannah on July 13, 2022. In addition to Georgia Society SAR and NSSAR leadership, President General Davis L Wright, Georgia Society Congress Host co-Chairs Allen Greenly & Mike Tomme, and SAR Bench Chair John Trussell, the ceremony featured Savannah Mayor the Honorable Van R. Johnson and District two Alderman Detric Leggett, as well as members of the GA and NSSAR Color Guard. Other SAR and DAR members gathered to witness the ceremony despite the rainy weather. Our very own Compatriot Steve Burke from the Wiregrass Chapter was selected to be a part of the NSSAR Color Guard for the event. He is standing 3rd from the left. Also, Emil Decker, Editor of the GASSAR Newsletter "The Hornets Nest" is 4th from the left in the NSSAR Color Guard.



THE SAR BENCH ON JOHNSON SQUARE



COMPATRIOT STEVE BURKE IS PART OF THE COLOR GUARD, 3RD FROM THE LEFT. COMPLATRIOT EMIL DECKER IS 4TH FROM THE LEFT

## City of Twin City 2021 Annual Water Quality Report WSID 1070006

**Is my water safe?**

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

**Do I need to take special precautions?**

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

**Where does my water come from?**

The city water is pumped from the Upper Floridan Aquifer from two wells located within the city limits. We add chlorine for disinfection purposes and fluoride for strong teeth and bones.

**Source water assessment and its availability**

The city at this time is not required to perform this assessment due to our smaller population size.

**Why are there contaminants in my drinking water?**

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791). Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity: microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife; inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming; pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential use; organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems; and radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

**How can I get involved?**

The regular scheduled council meeting are held on the first Tuesday of each month at city hall which is located on 112 South Railroad Avenue. If you wish to be on the agenda, please notify the city clerk at 478-763-2695.

**Additional Information for Lead**

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

## WATER QUALITY DATA TABLE

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

Contaminants	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL, TT, or MRDL	Detect In Your Water	Range		Sample Date	Violation	Typical Source
				Low	High			
<b>Disinfectants &amp; Disinfection By-Products</b>								
(There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants)								
Chlorine (as Cl <sub>2</sub> ) (ppm)	4	4	1.2	.8	1.2	2021	No	Water additive used to control microbes
<b>Inorganic Contaminants</b>								
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	.8	.6	.8	2021	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
<b>Microbiological Contaminants</b>								
Total Coliform (TCFC)	NA	TT	NA	NA	NA	2021	No	Naturally present in the environment
<b>Volatile Organic Contaminants</b>								
Toluene (ppm)	1	1	.0065	NA	NA	2021	No	Discharge from petroleum factories
<b>Other Contaminants</b>								
Contaminants	MCLG	AL	99 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	Sample Date	# Samples Exceeding AL	Exceeds AL	Typical Source	
<b>Inorganic Contaminants</b>								
Copper - action level at consumer taps (ppm)	1.3	1.3	.057	2019	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits	
Lead - action level at consumer taps (ppb)	0	15	3.4	2019	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits	

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

In June, students were emersed in the Magnolia Midlands Georgia Youth Science and Technology Center (MMGYSTC) STEM Discovery Camp at the Sudie Fulford Community Learning Center at East Georgia State College. Students learned about the engineering design process and a series of steps that engineers follow to find a solution to a problem. The steps included problem solving processes such as determining objectives and constraints, brainstorming ideas, creating prototypes, testing the design, and evaluation.

Throughout the week, students participated in various STEM challenges including designing and building a paddle boat, a Rube Goldberg machine, a solution for pollution, and a structure from newspaper that would support several large books. Students also made and observed homemade lava lamps, and they created a model of a honeybee and modeled pollination. Camp participants then tried to improve the design to be a better pollinator.

Mrs. Erin Youmans, camp instructor, showed the students how they could keep a close watch on the East Georgia State College Apiary by visiting the following site, <https://www.ega.edu/about/>

sustainability/bee-camp-sustainability/bee-camp.html.

For the technology component, students used Makey-Makeys to test insulators and conductors and ultimately create sounds and songs on computers. The students learned about various STEM careers connected to each activity and finished off the week creating their first resume'.

Georgia Youth Science and Technology Centers' (GYSTC) STEM Discovery Camp is an exciting four-day learning experience for students who will evolve into our next generation of scientist, engineers, and IT professionals. The camp is held annually around the state.

Opened in 1995, the Magnolia Midlands Georgia Youth Science & Technology Center is a Regional Center for GYSTC, Inc. which is a private, not-for-profit educational organization designed to increase interest in and enthusiasm for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) for serious study, particularly among elementary and middle school teachers, students, and parents in typically underserved areas in the state. Magnolia Midlands GYSTC is located at the Fulford Center at East Georgia State College in Swainsboro.



STEM DISCOVERY CAMP PARTICIPANT



STEM DISCOVERY CAMP PARTICIPANTS



STEM DISCOVERY CAMP PARTICIPANTS WITH YOUMANS



COMPATRIOT DR. DERDEN GIVES PRESENTATION

## Derden speaks to 132nd Congress NSSAR

On Wednesday, July 13, Compatriot Dr. John Derden, a Wiregrass Chapter member, traveled to the Hyatt Regency in Savannah, GA to be the main speaker at the President Generals Banquet of the 132nd Congress, National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. The banquet was at capacity which some estimated at around 600 in attendance. Besides Dr. Derden in attendance from Swainsboro, was his wife Carolyn, Jane Durden, President of the Georgia Society SAR Ladies Auxiliary, plus Steve Burke, Wilder Smith, Jr. and Dess Smith III as part of the National Society Color Guard. The following was taken out of Dr. Derden's address, "It All Started in a Bar: Revolutionary Savannah," focused on the role and significance of the port city in the American Revolution. He emphasized that Savannah's strategic importance to both sides during the war made the town a focal point of several campaigns, and that

the failed attempt by the combined French and American forces to retake Savannah in October 1779 led to what has been described as "the bloodiest hour of the American Revolution." Dr. Derden also stressed the impor-

tance of Georgia's role in the Revolution and pointed to the increasing emphasis by modern historians of the broader significance of the Southern campaigns in the eventual Patriot triumph at Yorktown in 1781.

## Public Notice

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. 21-2-132(c) (3) notice is hereby given that a General Election will be held November 8, 2022 for the City of Oak Park. Offices and fee are as follows:

Office	FEE
Mayor	\$72.00
City Council, Ward 1	\$15.00
City Council, Ward 2	\$15.00

Qualifying for said offices will be held August 15, 2022 through August 17, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Such qualifying will take place at the Emanuel County Elections Office at 105 South Main Street, Swainsboro, Georgia. The last day to register to vote in this election is October 11, 2022.

Kerry K. Curry  
Emanuel County  
Elections Director



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All units listed will be sold on or after August 15, 2022 if balances on said units are not paid in full.

Ashley Fulmer  
Unit 421  
Tiffyne Crouch  
UNIT 442  
ANGELA TILLMAN  
UNIT 439

## CALL FOR SPECIAL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that, in accordance with O.C.G.A. 21-2-540, a special election shall be held in Emanuel County for the purpose of submitting to the voters the following question for approval or rejection:

### SPECIAL ONE PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX

- ( ) YES  
( ) NO
- Shall a special one percent sales and use tax be reimposed in the special district of Emanuel County for a period of time not to exceed six years and for the raising of an estimated amount of \$22,039,000 for the purpose of (i) funding the following capital outlay projects at: (A) County-wide, level one and level two capital outlay projects consisting of County administrative offices, hospital improvements, jail improvements, County buildings improvements, public safety vehicles and equipment, solid waste improvements and equipment, E-911 system, rural fire vehicles, and equipment, and technology equipment; (C) for the City of Adrian, public safety vehicles and equipment, recreation improvements, water and sewer debt, and public works vehicles and equipment; (D) for the City of Garfield, street and drainage improvements, public safety vehicles and equipment, and public works vehicles and equipment; (E) for the City of Nunez, public works improvements, park improvements and equipment, and public safety vehicles and equipment; (F) for the City of Oak Park, public works equipment and improvements, public safety vehicles and equipment and improvements, streets and road improvements, public facility improvements, and recreation department equipment and improvements; (G) for the City of Stillmore, street improvements, water system improvements, public safety facility and equipment, community house improvements, and recreation equipment; (H) for the City of Summertown, public works equipment and improvements, street improvements, recreation improvements, water and sewer improvements, public safety vehicles and equipment, and public facility improvements; (I) for the City of Swainsboro, water and waste water improvements, fire department vehicles and equipment, police department vehicles and equipment, public works vehicles and equipment, streets and sidewalks improvements, cultural arts and education infrastructure; city hall renovations, and public facility improvements; and (J) for the City of Twin City, water and sewer system improvements, road improvements, police vehicles and equipment, fire department equipment, recreation improvements and equipment, sidewalk and trail improvements, public works equipment, and public building/facility improvements?

The election will be held November 8, 2022.

The last day to register to vote in this election is Tuesday, October 11, 2022. Advanced voting for the special election will begin October 17, 2022 from 9:00am until 5:00 pm Monday through Saturday and shall end on November 4, 2022.  
Emanuel County  
Elections Director  
Kerry K. Curry

## For the love...

(From front page)  
boys with the excitement of a double play, a home run or a slide into third.

While the days of Dixie Youth in Swainsboro are over, the talent that came from its existence is still carried within the local athletes that those sandlots created. Some have even traveled across the country just to get a little more time on turf, win a few tournaments and put Emanuel County on the map for the love of the game. In May of this year, 10 Swainsboro boys and three of their coaches decided that spring just wasn't long enough for baseball, so together, they created a pre-major summer ball league that they call Swainsboro Georgia 17-U.

"They're just a group of Swainsboro boys who wanted to play summer ball. So, we

got together, formed a team and did just that," one of the coaches, Billy Chapman, explained. Chapman has coached and been with many of them since they were children and played for Dixie Youth.

Since their establishment, the team has won several games throughout the duration of the super 6 tournament, including State in Columbus on July 1, which gained them access to play in the World Series tournament in Monroe, Louisiana, from July 22 to July 25. This unlikely "miracle team" not only represented our hometown but the entire state of Georgia in their division. Though that's incredible on its own, this isn't their first time taking on a world series.

"Most of these boys played in the Dixie Youth World Series

when they were between seven and 10 years old," Coach Billy Livey explained. "They've always been a team but just seeing them really come together and grow overtime is just awesome. I think that they've learned that when you put the work into what you love, there isn't anything you can't accomplish."

The team consists of Swainsboro high school graduate Kaleb Edenfield, Swainsboro high school seniors Jakari Nobles and River Green; Swainsboro high school juniors, Brandon Chapman, Lenox Lively, Caden Dailey, Jackson Gray and Isaiah Fultz; Swainsboro high school sophomore, Ashton Deloach; and David Emanuel Academy freshman, Richard "Peanut" Braddy.

"The most rewarding experience I've had with

these guys is witnessing their growth," Coach Rick Mitchell said. "I only had a few weeks to work with them and in that short period of time they took in what was said and used it to their advantage. They trusted me and trusted each other. That quality was best shown at the World Series fight! They battled every single inning to try and come out on top! Even when we were down, they were still ready to come back and win! We faced setbacks in spirit along the way like when we had to go all the way out there with barely enough guys to get by. Most of our guys were physically exhausted and gave out towards the end, but they still gave 120% to try and win!"

One of the toughest losses of their lives that the team experienced together was not on the

field, but was the loss of their teammate, Cody Parks, who heartbreakingly passed away earlier this year. Cody was a devoted player that had been with them from the very beginning. Even though his absence was deeply felt, his memory was a driving force that inspired his teammates to give it their all. Each player made it a priority to share the moment with him, by carrying him with them in their hearts. With his initials on their uniform sleeves, Cody was with them for every play, and helped them push through the exhaustion to keep going.

"I would like to point out that this group of guys gave everything they had. The town of Swainsboro should be extremely proud of these young men and where the future will lead them," Mitchell added in conclusion.

## Plans for first annual county pop-up shop announced

The First Annual Emanuel County Pop Up Shop, hosted by Kristen Patterson, will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, August 14, at Vann Community Center located at 105 S. Roberts St. in Swainsboro. A vendor fee of \$35 will be applicable to all participating vendors and must be paid by Friday, August 5. Vendors will be responsible for space set up.

For more information or to reserve your space, call 478-455-3318.

## THIS CHRISTMAS, BE A PART OF



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.

Name of Veteran \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of Cemetery \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Cemetery \_\_\_\_\_

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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

## Durden Banking Co...

(From front page)  
Officer (CFO). Prior to this promotion, Mr. Donaldson has served as Vice President and Controller. He began his career at Durden Banking Co. in 2006 as a part-time teller while still in high school. Mr. Donaldson graduated high school at Emanuel County Institute and then furthered his education at both East Georgia State College and Georgia Southern University where he earned his bachelor's degree. He is also a graduate of the LSU Graduate School of Banking. When Mr. Donaldson is not at the bank, he spends much of his time in public service. He is the current Mayor of Twin City, and also represents the 12<sup>th</sup> Congressional District on the Georgia State Board of Education. Mr. Donaldson serves on numerous local boards and is a member of the Twin City Lions Club.

Judy Price has been promoted to the title of City President of the Swainsboro location. Prior to this promotion, Mrs. Price has served as Vice President and Loan Officer. She began her career at C&S Bank in 1968 (Atlanta) and later worked for Central Bank (Swainsboro) from 1972 and continued to work there in 1996 when Central Bank sold to First

Liberty Bank. Mrs. Price remained at First Liberty until the year 2000 when she joined Durden Banking Co., Inc. She is a 1966 graduate of Emanuel County Institute and then attended Brewton Parker College majoring in Business. Mrs. Price is married to Mr. Ezra Price and she has one stepson, Jimbo, one daughter, Krystal, two step-grandkids, and one grandson. When Mrs. Price isn't at the bank, she enjoys her time in her backyard around her pool, visiting with friends and family, cooking, and she enjoys working in her yard.

Durden Banking Co. CEO, H. Wade Johnson, states that "Working with such a great team of people is a blessing. Jim, Matt, and Judy are all leaders within our organization and work every day to make our bank better for our staff, customers, shareholders, and our community. We are proud of these promotions as they are very deserving and will place Durden Bank in a better position for future years."

Durden Banking Co., Inc. is a local owned community bank that opened its doors in 1935 in Twin City. Today, the bank has four locations: Twin City, Swainsboro, Metter, and Millen. To learn more about Durden Banking Co, please visit the website at [www.durdenbc.com](http://www.durdenbc.com).

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