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ONE DOLLAR

Students, faculty and staff recognized at recent Board of Education meeting

by WHITLEY CLIFTON

The Emanuel County Board of Education held its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Wednesday, August 10, in the cafeteria of Swainsboro Primary School. Chairman Mason Henry called the night's session to order and welcomed all prior to delivering the invocation. The pledge of allegiance then followed and was led by Vice-Chairman Johnny Parker. Board members then reviewed an amended agenda for the night's session and approved it as presented. *With all board members present, the following action and/or discussion took place:*

Superintendent Comments - Awards and Achievement Recognitions

Dr. Denise Warnock, Assistant Superintendent, recognized the following Swainsboro High School students that recently competed at the State Beta Convention this year. These students were sponsored by SHS Teacher Cindy Riner and their achievements are

as follows:

- Nathan Henry, Manuel Fernandez, Anna Donaldson, Chasity Adams, Jayla Williams and Landon Gay - Second place, character performance.
- Victoria McRee, Claire English, Nauseen Hall, Evan Rogers and Daniella Delgado - Fourth place, living literature.
- Madison Peebles, Anna Donaldson, Tisey Powell and Megan Peebles - Second place, portfolio.
- Lindsey Dalton - Third place, marketing and communications.
- Eleighana Warren and Victoria McRee - Fourth place, apparel design.
- Sammy Turner, Bryson Tarver, D'Andre Smith and Akira Marion - Fifth place, freshman problem solving.
- Zoe Carter - Third place, division one drawing; and Fifth place, on-site drawing.
- Jose Hernandez - First place, division II recyclable art; Fifth place, division II sculpture; and

Fifth place, 11th grade Spanish.

- Megan Peebles - Third place, division II jewelry
 - TyKerria Phillips - Fifth place, division I language arts.
 - Tisey Powell - First place, division I jewelry.
 - FaithAnn Rogers - Third place, division I digital art.
- CTAE student awards were then presented by Stefanie Mason as follows:
- Emanuel County Institute - FFA State Convention Awards; Sponsor: Tori Pellerin**
- Shanna Wilkerson - FFA State Degree; and First Place, FFA Agriculture Fair Award in Plant Science.
 - Amelia Meadows - State FFA creed, Ranked top 12 in the state.
- SHS - Georgia FFA State Degree; Sponsors: Faith Patrick and Ashley Henry**
- Alayna Stapleton and Justin Drake - Georgia FFA State Degree.
- ECI - Technology Student Association State Conference and Compe-**
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MAYOR BENNETT, CITY ADMINISTRATOR KIRBY, ATTORNEY JOHN LEVIS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS AT MONDAY NIGHT'S MEETING

Council holds lengthy Monday night meeting

by WHITLEY CLIFTON

Members of Swainsboro City Council and Mayor Greg Bennett convened for a meeting on Monday, August 15, at 6 p.m. at the city hall. The meeting was called to order and Bishop Bertha Jones gave the invocation that was followed by the pledge of allegiance. Minutes from the July 18 and July 21 meetings of City Council were presented for review. Dr. D.J. Davis requested that an amendment be made to the July 18 meeting minutes for better clarity. He then made a motion that unanimously passed to accept minutes presented from the July 21 meeting. In a second action, Dr. Davis motioned for amendments to be made

as requested for the July 18 meeting. This motion also passed on a 6-0 vote.

Old Business

- Council discussed 2021 and 2022 LMIG projects and unanimously voted that portions of the following six roads be repaved with LMIG funding: Thomas Street, Dawson Street, Waller Pass, Youngblood Steet, Rebecca Drive and Lakewood Drive.
- Discussion was entertained on Dellwood Baptist Church utilizing city property at 417 Lewis Street, formerly known as the Food Basket in Swainsboro. Listed on the agenda to speak on behalf of the church was JJ Palmer, who was absent for discussion. Instead, council

heard from Ida McMillan. McMillan advised that the property was approved to be given and utilized by her under prior city administration. However, there was never a deed issued to McMillan for the property. McMillan's testimony was also backed by a letter submitted to council just minutes before the night's meeting that came from former mayor Charles Schwabe, who advised that a deed was never issued although she had been awarded utilization of the property for missionary work. McMillan also presented water bill statements for the property that she had been paying for the last six years since being

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COMMISSIONERS APPROVE ADOPTION OF SOLAR FARM ORDINANCE

Commissioners approve participation with Georgia Regional Radio Network

by WHITLEY CLIFTON

The Emanuel County Board of Commissioners convened for its regular scheduled monthly meeting on Monday, August 15, at the John C. Coleman Hotel in Swainsboro. With all board members present except Desse Davis, Chairman Jim Sherrod called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. and welcomed all guests and media. Keith Thompson gave the invocation and Hugh Foskey led the pledge of allegiance.

In reference to the approval of minutes...

Commissioners unanimously approved minutes from the regular meeting held July 18, a budget/millage rate workshop meeting on August 2 and a budget workshop meeting on August 11. Foskey cast first motion of approval and James Canady seconded this action, with all in favor.

Old Business

- County Administrator L. Guy Singletary addressed council on the need to fill vacancies on the Hospital Authority Board. Furthermore, he suggested approving

the names of potential candidates at the next meeting set for the third Monday in September so that those names can be referred to the Hospital Authority Board for final selection and approval. These terms will begin in January 2023. Interested candidates wishing to seek placement on this board should contact the Emanuel County Commissioners Officer.

New Business

- Singletary presented a Solar Farm Ordinance for Commissioners to review. He advised that

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The Coleman House and Main Street Market: Drawing a crowd

by BRITTANY HALL

Swainsboro is known for many things. It's the crossroads of the great south with that small town, cinematic feel that you just can't replicate anywhere else. It has a cultural past that continues to thrive today and has created moments for many famous musicians and writers that probably wouldn't have ever been famous had they not first made a stop in our sleepy little town. One local, beloved restaurant is embracing this fact about us by sharing its visitors with a small business that recognizes the importance of representing these treasures and how they make our town unique.

Since 1995, the Coleman House Inn has been owned and operated by Connie Thurman who purchased the 'painted lady' and created it into an inviting place of true southern comfort for all who have found their way up the steps of its colorful wrapped around porch. Filled with histo-

ry, purchasable antiques and best of all, a buffet line full of authentic South Georgia cooking, it's a place that locals hold dear to their hearts and tourists keep coming back too.

Folks from near and far come down to our hometown just to get a taste of what everyone's been talking about. They leave with their bellies full and an urge to explore a little more. On Friday August 12, a large group of senior citizens from Warner Robins took a bus all the way to Swainsboro, just to relish in the experience that is the Coleman House.

"Our lunch crowd is

always extremely busy." Brandy Henderson with the Coleman House said, "We recently had a group from Warner Robins visit who are from the senior center there. They told us that they always try to do a monthly trip and asked what other things there are to do around here, so we referred them to Main Street Market."

Like the Coleman House, Main Street Market receives out of town visitors constantly, because it's a place of good finds, incredible wonder and holds one of the largest, private collections of music memorabilia that was once

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Commissioners approve participation...

(From front page) Commissioners approved a Southeast Georgia Regional Radio Network Governance and Operation Document. With the county's current public safety communications system being old and dated and the completion of the county's new emergency response building drawing closer, Singletary advised that a better communication system is still a strong need for the county and further informed commissioners that final figures for services have not been obtained yet by bidders. However, by agreeing to the network's memorandum of understanding (MOU), the submitted document presented for review, Emanuel County would be considered for participation with the Southeast Georgia Regional Radio Network. Benefits include opportunity for appointment of one commissioner to serve on the Southeast Georgia Regional Radio Network Board, guaranteed Motorola coverage for all departments using five towers, and the opportunity to be a leading bridgeway for other counties west of Emanuel County to tie into the radio network, if desired. However, the biggest perk of this proposal is that there is no associated cost for use of the system, saving the county millions of dollars. Singletary suggested that out of approximately five options of consideration, that Southeast Georgia Regional Radio Network was the most affordable option and offered better services than other submitted proposals. Canady made first motion for approval of the submitted document and was seconded by Thompson. The vote passed unanimously.

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Riner announced as 2023 Teacher of the Year for Emanuel County School District



RINER

Emanuel County Schools is proud to announce Cindy Riner, a math teacher at Swainsboro High School, is the 2023 Emanuel County School District's Teacher of the Year.

Mrs. Riner is a veteran teacher from Swainsboro High School. Following the district announcement, Mrs. Riner responded, "I am both honored and humbled to have been selected as the 2022-2023 Emanuel County Teacher of the Year. It is a privilege to have been chosen among many accomplished educators in our system. It is inspirational to receive affirmation that hard work and dedication in teaching are recognized. Everyone has been so gracious and genuine in their congratulations that I genuinely feel the appreciation of my profession as I never have before. Teaching is not just a job for me but an important part of my life. This recognition is just one more reminder of why I love teaching and working with such great educators."

As teacher of the year, Riner's message is one of inspiration and motivation. "Teaching is a noble profession which comes with so much responsibility and duty to students. Teachers do not only teach and impart knowledge but inspire and motivate students for life. Teachers play a major role in building their self-esteem. We provide students with a support system and encourage them to set and work toward goals. By inspiring them to dream bigger, teachers show students that they have the capacity to change their lives by their own efforts and also make a difference in the lives of those that come in contact with them. Educators also focus on identifying what challenges and interests children so that they can encourage kids to put more effort into their work, do better in their studies, learn new

things, and think critically about what they learn. Teachers have faith in their students, help turn a failure into an opportunity to try again, and assist them in their personal and academic struggles."

Mrs. Riner believes that the best teachers bring their passion, personality, and sense of humor to the classroom. "The enthusiasm we bring to the table will likely be mirrored by our students, making the classroom a highly energizing environment. We must let our unique personalities elevate the learning experience. We must use our individual gifts and talents to inspire and motivate our students," she said.

A 1991 graduate of Swainsboro High School, Mrs. Riner returned to her alma mater in 1999, where she has spent her entire career teaching math. She said she has always loved mathematics, and being a classroom teacher has allowed her to share that passion and love with her students. She loves working with students and sharing the "Aha!" moments they experience in their academic pursuits and personal growth.

"As I plan lessons, I always think about how I will respond to student understanding, including misconceptions and advanced thinking," Riner said of engaging students of all backgrounds and abilities in learning. "I give a lot of thought to how my students will respond to the learning experience so that I can respond thoughtfully with feed-

back that values who they are and advances their thinking in a meaningful way. I also make sure that my lessons involve a lot of mathematical discourse. I want my students to talk to each other enthusiastically about the math concepts we are learning. As students collaborate and make discoveries, their enthusiasm will skyrocket."

When asked to respond to how she ensures education transcends in the classroom and deliberately connects her students with the community, she explains, "As an educator, I believe I must be able to make learning fun and engaging to ensure that education transcends the classroom. Connecting learning to real life is important as we are making content meaningful and engaging for our students. This is one of the most effective ways to help students comprehend and learn the content at hand. I teach high school math, and so often, students want to know why they must learn the math concepts I am teaching. I always try to incorporate real-life application problems into my lessons so students better understand why they are learning the information we are covering and how it can benefit them in the real world."

In addition to her excellence in delivering research-based instruction, Mrs. Riner is a teacher leader. She has served on numerous committees, including the Organization Management Team at SHS and School Improvement Leadership Team. She has served as the Beta sponsor for the past twelve years.

Emanuel County Schools is proud of the significant contributions Mrs. Riner has made to the success of our students. Mrs. Riner is married to Greg Riner and has one child, Daylan Riner, who attends Swainsboro Middle School.

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The Coleman House...

(From front page) worn or owned by some of the biggest names in the music industry. Many of whom have once found themselves here in Swainsboro. Every month, the staff at Main Street Market and Music Memories Museum take diligent time and care to look through their guest book and count the number of travelers who have stopped to visit this community jewel.

"Our guest book has

been signed by people from all 50 states and from over 20 countries" Michael Bright, manager of the Main Street Market and owner of the Music Memories Museum, explained.

"But every month there's over 150 or more new visitors who sign that guest book, easily."

The very popular Main Street Market even had its time in the spotlight recently when it became a highlight on the Savannah News and the Augusta News, a few

weeks ago. It's also listed on RoadsideAmerica.com as a museum who first opened because "Hank Williams Jr had his first appearance here in Swainsboro in 1958 at age eight, with his mother, on the stage of the historic Nancy Auditorium."

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RECORD 32 VETERANS AT WEEKLY MEETING

Six new Veterans attend “Veterans at the Library”

The Veterans at the Library met Monday, August 15, at 9:30 a.m. for their weekly breakfast and coffee. Chair John Tapley opened the meeting by asking Wayne Cannady to bless the food and then called on Dess Smith III to lead the Pledge to the U.S. Flag. The group discussed the upcoming Ceremony of the one-year anniversary, August 26, 2021, honoring the eleven Marines, one Navy Corpsman and one Army soldier that were killed by an ISIS-K suicide bomber outside the Kabul airport. The US service members were helping to oversee the humanitarian evacuation mission of thousands of Americans and Afghan allies. This observance will be held on August 28, at the Pine Brook Nature Park, corner of Hwy 57 & U.S. Hwy 80 at 3 p.m. The “Wreaths Across America” project was next item on the agenda to be discussed. The main event will be held on Saturday, December 17, 2022, at 11 a.m. at the Swainsboro City Cemetery. After a short ceremony, volunteers will begin placing the wreaths on every veteran’s grave that was previously marked with a very small U.S. Flag. THE PARTICIPATION OF THE PUBLIC IS VITAL TO THE SUCCESS OF THIS PROJECT. You may

contact Sherri Watt at the Franklin Memorial Library at 478-237-7791 to discuss donations or information. It is the simple mission of this project to place a wreath this Christmas on every veteran’s grave in Emanuel County. Please contact Sherri with the veteran’s name, service date, branch and cemetery location in these four cemeteries: Swainsboro City Cem., First Baptist Cem., Early Settlers Cem. and East Brook Cem. or any other recognized burial site of a veteran that may not be noted on their tombstone.

At Monday’s meeting, six new veterans were welcomed to the group: Robert Nobles, Jr. who served in the U.S. Air Force from 1974 through 1980. He was stationed at George Air Force Base in Victorville, CA. Robert attained the rank of E-5 and was an Interior Electrician, Nuclear Disposal person and base Bugler; Henry Thompson who served in the U.S. Air Force from 1975-1979 and the Georgia Air National Guard from 1985-2007, which included TDY’s and active duty time in support of Bosnia, Gulf War (Saudi Arabia) spent 18 months federally activated for Iraqi Freedom, served in Iraq, Uzbekistan, from 2003-2005 and temporary in Afghanistan, all

while a member of the 165th Airlift Wing out of Savannah, GA; Randy Ellison served with the Department of Defense in Iraq and Lebanon from June 2006-February 2008; John Torpy, Sr. served in the U.S. Army and in Vietnam with the 44th IPSP, 25th Infantry Division; Bill Carmichael served in the Georgia Army National Guard as a member of Company A, 878th Combat Engineer Battalion here in Swainsboro from 1971 through 1978; Rufus Youmans served in the U.S. Army and was wounded in Vietnam and received the Purple Heart Medal.

Members of “Squadron 103 of the American Legion” attended Monday’s breakfast to make a donation to the Wreaths Across America project. They were Henry Thompson, Commander; Gary Mason, 1st Vice Commander; Chief Randy Ellison, 2nd Vice Commander; Billy Chapman, Chaplain; and Richard Claxton, member. This was the largest group in attendance with 32 attendees. Emory Fennell closed with a prayer. As always, the group greatly appreciates the help and support of the Franklin Memorial Library and staff.

Shelter Adoptions continue through August

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

Perhaps adopting a pup isn’t suitable for life right now, but you still would like to help in other ways? The Betty Gambrell Animal Shelter welcomes volunteers

interested in lending a helping hand in caring for its four-legged residents and accepts donations! Donations can be brought into the shelter during regular business hours or purchased from the shelter’s Amazon Wishlist. All items purchased through the Amazon Wishlist will be delivered by mail to the shelter.

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

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Wimberly, Garrett recognized by GCAA for years of service

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 Drop/Add Period - Augusta Only
 Full Term/Session I Classes Begin - Augusta Only
 Final Fee Payment Deadline - Augusta Only
 Tennis & Cross Country Team Tryouts - 9 a.m.
 Welcome Week- Donut Get Lost - 10 a.m.
 Tennis & Cross Country Team Tryouts - 4 p.m.
 Academic Support Workshop - 5 p.m.
- August 18**
 Emanuel County Family Connection Meeting - 11 a.m.
 Welcome Week - Paint Your Dreams - 6 p.m.
- August 22**
 Full Term & Session I Drop for Non-Payment
 SGA Application Acceptance Begins
- August 23 - 25 August 23**
 Add-Back for Non-Payment - All Locations
 Ultimate Frisbee - 3 p.m.
- August 24**
 Academic Success Fair & Club Day - 11 a.m.
 Academic Support Workshop - 5 p.m.

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Wednesday Night

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

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Gregory Elliott "Greg" Barwick, 58

Durden-Hudson Funeral Directors, announces the death of Mr. Gregory Elliott "Greg" Barwick, age 58, of Adrian, on Saturday, August 13, 2022, at Ogeechee Hospice in Statesboro. Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 16, at 11 a.m. in the Swainsboro First United Methodist Church with Rev. David Oliver and Rev. Casey Shaw officiating. Interment will follow in the Watson-Odomville Cemetery in Adrian. The family received friends on Tuesday one hour prior to the service from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Church.

Masks were required for the visitation and service, at the request of the family, thank you for honoring their wishes.

Pallbearers were Stan Moore, Eddie Hall, John Hutcheson, James Mullis, Jon Kennedy and Bruce Frost. Honorary pallbearers were Hunter Spivey, Jessie Yawn, Rufus Youmans, Julian Sconyers, J. J. McNair, Tye Willis, Willie Brown, J. T. Mincey, Terry Manus, John Hart, Jon Wyatt and Guilda Harris.

Mr. Barwick, "Greg" was born November 26, 1963, in Dublin, Laurens County, and was a lifelong resident of Adrian. He was a 1981 graduate of Adrian High School, and received his Foresters Degree from Waycross Ware Tech. "Greg" was a licensed forester and owner of Barwick Construction and Forestry LLC. He enjoyed hunting tur-



BARWICK

key, pheasant, duck, quail and deer; fishing for red fin pike and for the past 25 years organized his annual dove shoot for friends, neighbors and clients. "Greg" loved restoring old cars, dozers or any kind of equipment really; and was known to stop at every antique market he passed collecting old tools and things. He was a member of Swainsboro First Baptist Church. Mr. Barwick is preceded in death by his sister, Debra Sue Barwick.

Survivors include his wife of 19 years, Donna Holder Barwick of Adrian; mother and father, Mary Smith Barwick and Linton "Elliott" Barwick of Adrian; step-son, Tyler Youmans (Briana) of Chicago, IL; brother, Mark Smith Barwick of Atlanta; and his beloved boy, Blue.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to Gideons International, P O Box 365, Swainsboro, GA 30401 or online at www.gideons.org.

Durden-Hudson Funeral Directors was in charge of arrangements.

William O. "Billy" Overstreet, 81

Durden-Hudson Funeral Directors announces the death of Mr. William O. "Billy" Overstreet, age 81, of Swainsboro, on Tuesday, August 9, 2022, at the Emanuel Medical Center. Funeral services were held Friday, August 12, at 11 a.m. in the Peebles-Curry Memorial Chapel with Rev. Ray Jenkins and Rev. Casey Shaw officiating. Interment followed in the Eastbrook Cemetery and Mausoleum with Military Honors. The family received friends Thursday, August 11, at the funeral home from 6 to 8 p.m. Pallbearers were Albert Hall, Dennis Ross, Larry Bell, Ronny Spence, Gary Spence, William Riner and Billy Boulineau. Honorary pallbearers were River Rats. Mr. Overstreet, "Billy" was born April 28, 1941, to the late Linwood and Cora Lee Hall Overstreet in Swainsboro. He attended Summertown School and was a 1959 graduate of Swainsboro High School. "Billy" enlisted in the US Air Force in 1961, and served his country until 1965, while stationed in Minot, ND. For the last 30 plus years, he has owned and operated Overstreet Sewer and Rooter Service, was a past member of the Swainsboro Shrine Club, was a master mason and member of the Swainsboro



OVERSTREET

Masonic Lodge #244. In addition to his parents, Mr. Overstreet is preceded in death by his brother, Charles Overstreet.

Survivors include his wife of 39 years, Sarah Smith Overstreet of Swainsboro; daughter, Paula Overstreet Amerson (Bobby) of Swainsboro; son, Bill Overstreet (Kim) of Swainsboro; step-daughters, Michelle Farrow and Melanie White, both of Swainsboro; step-sons, Wendy Farrow and Chris Farrow, both of Swainsboro; brother, Jimmy Overstreet (Patsy) of Swainsboro; grandchildren, Brandon Overstreet (Cara), Trey Amerson, Kaelyn A. Meadows (Austin), Bailey Overstreet and Skylar Tran; great-grandchildren, Blake Overstreet, LeeAnna Meadows, Caleb Overstreet, Thomas Brooks Meadows and Madison Overstreet.

Durden-Hudson Funeral Directors was in charge of arrangements.

Free clothing for all

Swainsboro Church of Christ, located on Turner Drive in Swainsboro, will host a free clothing give away for all ages and genders on Saturday, August 27, from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m.

Clean your heart to clean your mouth

by BISHOP BERTHA JONES

Now it doesn't take a rocket scientist to determine that our world is in evil times. As a matter of fact, you don't have to check out the world, just check yourself, your home, your community. It doesn't matter where you look, evil is all around. But don't fear, LOVE conquers all. Remember love is the greatest because God is the greatest and God is LOVE.

Now we know the answer, let's see how to get there. Jesus said in Luke 6:45, "A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the treasure of his heart brings forth that which is evil: for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks". See you must clean your heart to clean your mouth. A lot of times people say things and become embarrassed that someone learned who they really are. They say things like, "oops I didn't mean to say that, or that just jumped out". Well, will you believe what Jesus said, that it comes from the heart? Jesus said in Matthew 15:18, "But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile the man." Proverbs 16:23 tells us, "The heart of the wise teaches his mouth, and adds learning to his lips". So, clean up your heart and it will clean up your mouth and your

whole body. This will change the world, person by person, home by home, community by community. You see it all comes from God. First of all, it tells you who you are. I can't tell you to stop wishing evil on others but I will recommend you to someone who can change your heart and that is Jesus Christ. He came to look for and to save the lost. If you don't have the love of God, then you are separated from him which means you are lost from God. Jesus came to restore us back to God. (Thank You Jesus)

In Psalms 119:9-11, David asks a question then gives us the answer. He says, "Wherewith shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed there to according to thy word. With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments. Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee." Now if anyone knew that he needed the Word of God to live right it was David. O how he learned the tragedy of wandering away from the Word of God.

So today we have the answer for the world today. We must not be hearers, no matter if it's on social media or church, but doers of God's word. Remember it's in your mouth, which comes from the heart, so clean your heart with the Word of God. Blessings to you.



BLUNDALE BAPTIST CHURCH

Blundale Baptist Church to celebrate their 112th homecoming

Blundale Baptist Church will celebrate their 112th homecoming on August 28. Service will begin at 9:45 a.m. with a call to worship before going to Sunday school at 10 a.m. At 11 a.m., they will enjoy the music ministry of King's Cross, formally Kindred Spirit. Members are calling all past members to join them on this day to commemorate their church beginning.

Blundale Baptist announces chicken plate sale

Blundale Baptist Church WMU will host a chicken plate sale on Saturday, September 10. The cost per plate will be \$10 and tickets are being sold now. Pick up will be held from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Emanuel Missionary Baptist Association located on Moring Street in Swainsboro.

Council holds lengthy...

(from front page)

awarded use. Collins and Parker also testified that the property was indeed given to her and were both puzzled as to why a deed was not presented nor were there any records filed saying she was awarded the property. Mayor Bennett suggested advertising the property to be legally deeded to McMillan during the next 30 days and for council to return to the matter for final action to take place at an upcoming meeting. Voting to conduct business the "legal" way, Davis, Sconyers and Stafford voted to discuss the subject after the 30-day advertisement. Eric Quarterman, Collins and Parker opposed waiting since the property had already been unofficially deeded to McMillan and that the proposal needed to be honored rather than put off longer. Mayor Bennett broke the 3-3 tie, opting that advertisement take place for 30 days to prevent any legality setbacks.

Jerome Bynes addressed council with a progress update on the Veterans Recycling Community Service and discussed a lease for the property being signed. Council unanimously voted to issue a 29-day lease for continued use of the property, with Bynes returning next month to provide an update report and further action/discussion to be made.

Mayor Bennett requested council's permission to enter discussions with the county for the county to take over airport expenses. This item was voted to be tabled until the next meeting of council.

Mayor Bennett presented a contract for BAK Builders of Statesboro and made a proposal that the company perform work at The Karrh Center Theater project. Discussion was held on decisions made during the July meeting of council, when council opted for both projects to be re-bid as a bundle project for reduced. Council was informed that BAK did not submit a formal bid for the gym project when previous bids were made. Council then passed a 6-0 vote that action be postponed until proposals are received for the gym project.

Mayor Bennett requested permission from council to send a request for quote (RFQ) for engineering services. Currently, the city's engineering services are conducted by Turnipseed. Parker made first motion to approve the mayor's request in seeking another engineering company to provide services for the city. Dr. Davis seconded this action and all remaining council voted accordingly.

New Business

Stanley Wimberly with Men Reaching Men Outreach addressed council on an upcoming event, a prayer vigil, set to take place August 20 at 1 p.m. at Swainsboro's Boneyard Pavilion.

Alan Brasher addressed council regarding a road closure request on the 100 block of North Green Street from 4 until 7 p.m. on Thursday, October 6, for a community art event showcasing art

work of local high school students from Swainsboro High School and Emanuel County Institute as well as East Georgia State College students. If weather prevents these tentative plans, Brasher requested the road closure be reserved for a later date on October 13. The event will feature a block-party like vibe for judged art exhibition and a sidewalk chalk competition for high school and college students. Music entertainment is to be presented by Donald Jenkins. Council unanimously approved the street closure request on a 6-0 vote.

Brad McKenzie addressed council on a topic discussed during last month's regular meeting regarding alcohol sales on Sundays being added to the ballot this upcoming election. McKenzie, along with church members and other churches opposed to this being an option, questioned if council properly researched the proposed plan before jumping so quickly to decide for this to be a voting matter. Dr. Davis motioned for the previous decision made in last month's meeting to add this to the ballot be reconsidered and that Mayor Bennett abstain from voting on the matter. This motion was passed by council and was followed with another motion to keep all alcohol sales on Sundays off the upcoming voting ballot. With Collins serving as mayor protem and a motion on the floor for Sunday alcohol sales to not be listed on upcoming ballots, the vote passed 3-2.

Barbara Moore addressed setbacks faced at the local animal shelter that involved drainage issues at the animal shelter as well as the dog ordinance. She advised council that she had made contact with a plumbing and sewing expert and a civil engineer on an on-going issue the shelter has dealt with for years involving drainage issues. She advised that both parties have come out to the animal shelter property and examined the layout of the area several times and have offered numerous recommendations. She further informed council that the sewage/plumbing representative recently detected a 30-foot section of the sewage system connecting to the main drain has collapsed when checking drains with a scope camera. She advised that it was recommended for the old pipe to be dug up and fixed and was informed that the issue would be looked into by Chris Morton with ClearWater Solutions to correct this problem.

Moore discussed other issues faced by shelter employees that included a need for the city's dog ordinance to be reviewed and updated to be more suitable for needs of the city and county. She advised that due to a former volunteer rescue coordinator not complying with releasing contact information to the shelter for rescue transfers, that there has been a spike seen in shelter intakes and the maximum occupancy level has been

met and exceeded, leading to euthanizations as an only solution. Due to an intake limit set in place, the shelter can lose its license if numbers are too high. According to SPD Chief Ellison, the current maximum intake for the shelter is set at 40, but the facility is allowed up to 50 intakes, and the shelter has received numerous calls on dogs at large that can't be responded to due to lack of room available for placement. Numbers were provided for shelter operations that included 21 adoptions being made since July 13, with an additional four adoptions pending as of Monday.

Moore discussed possible options to resolve this issue, which included the installment of additional kennels, paying fees to alleviate associated pressure from being maxed out, the need to hire a third staff to increase the numbers of approved maximum intakes, the need to obtain contact information for rescue assistance, revision of the city's dog ordinance as well as implementing foster services to help clear room at the local shelter and further promoting responsible pet ownership and animal cruelty prevention. Moore was advised that possible options would be looked in to and she was requested to return to next month's meeting for further action/discussion to be entertained.

Matthew Bright addressed council with property concerns at Swainsboro address 245 Brown Street. Further discussion on the matter is to be held at an upcoming meeting of council.

Council heard concerns from Randall Snellgrove regarding streetlights and limbs hanging over roadways. Snellgrove advised council of making a complaint of a streetlight being out approximately six months ago to the city and further stated that he was referred to speak to the power company, who in turn, referred Snellgrove back to the city, advising that the problem is one the city would have to fix. Snellgrove stressed that this should not be the responsibility of citizens, but rather the city. Mayor Bennett agreed and suggested that council approve that all reported issues pertaining to street light issues be reported to the city for the city to resolve rather than its citizens. This vote passed 6-0. Council also unanimously passed a vote to appoint a tree board with five members, with Snellgrove being selected as one of the five to serve on the board. City Attorney Jon Levis suggested the city do two things: update the city's tree ordinance and list names for potential board members and return at the next meeting to set board reams. A motion was then made to discuss the four other potential candidates at the next meeting.

Police Chief Ellison presented a request to hire Monique Hammell as an animal control officer. This request passed unanimously on a 6-0 vote.

Mayor Bennett proposed

giving the old DOT building on Kite Highway to the Joint Development Authority/Chamber of Commerce. Discussion included stipulations being enforced by the deed that prevents the city from utilizing the location. A motion to deed the property over to the Joint Development Authority/Chamber of Commerce and include the city receives writer's first refusal to obtain property back (subject to DOT provisions) was made and tied 3-3. Mayor Bennett cast the final vote to approve the property be deeded to the Joint Development Authority/Chamber of Commerce as mentioned above.

Chris Morton presented a quote in the approximate amount of \$3,500 for repair work to be performed at the Ops building housed at the wastewater treatment plant. He also presented a quote by Southern Truck Center of Vidalia for truck and leaf machine repairs in the amount of approximately \$14,464. With approximately \$97,515 available in SPLOST funds, council approved both expenditure repairs to be covered by SPLOST funds.

Swainsboro Fire Department Chief Strobridge approached council with a request to hire Michael Wilson as a full-time firefighter. This request was unanimously passed by council.

Collins expressed her appreciation of sign installments honoring the 1969 Emanuel Co. Rattler's State Track Champions and the 2007 SHS Boys State Track Champions.

A motion to amend the agenda to adopt LMIG 2022 and 2023 resolutions was unanimously passed by council. Council then voted 6-0 to award the projects to Sikes Brothers Inc. of Cobbtown for the maximum bid of 446,200, subject to the approval of the Department of Transportation.

The meeting then concluded with no action taken to enter executive session or adjournment.



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Frances Cross: *the EMC staff rose to the challenge with top quality care*

Emanuel Medical Center (EMC) has long been a trusted healthcare provider in the community. When Covid began to spread throughout Emanuel County in 2020, EMC was called upon to provide care for a vast number of patients in unprecedented numbers. Despite the circumstances of the pandemic, the EMC staff rose to the challenge, providing top-quality care to patients, along with something they couldn't get anywhere else – the feeling of home. Frances Cross of Midville knows that as well as anyone.

Cross has been familiar with EMC for a long time. Her sister, Rhonda Oglesby, is a nurse practitioner at EMC, and Cross herself has visited the emergency room on prior occasions. But in October 2020, she spent more time at EMC than she ever had before.

"I wasn't feeling well, so I got a test over at Dr. Clifton's," Cross said. "You had to drive up at that time, you couldn't go in. I thought I had the flu, but it came back positive for Covid."

Cross said she was shocked when she learned she had Covid, so she returned home, thinking she would recover with some rest.

"I went home – back then, they didn't have any kind of medicine or anything to give you," Cross said. "So, they just told me to go home and rest. I wasn't feeling well after about three days, and I told my husband, 'I think I need to go to the hospital. I can't breathe.'"

Cross and her husband went to EMC. During that time, visitors were not being admitted, so Cross had to go in by herself. At EMC, Cross was diagnosed with double pneumonia, a lung infection that affects both of your lungs and makes it hard to breathe. She was immediately admitted.

Struggling with Covid was not only a difficult experience physically, but mentally as well, according to Cross. As many people experienced, being isolated came with another set of challenges.

"You'd watch TV because that was about all you could do, and you'd see the bad stories about Covid, and here you are in the hospital," said Cross. "Can't breathe, can't see anybody – it challenged you mentally. I have a husband and two children. I was worried to death about them, and they were worried about me. It was a terrible time."

Despite the many difficulties Cross faced, she said she never worried about the care she was receiving at EMC.

"Respiratory was so good to me," said Cross. "I don't know how they could be any better than they are here. They would do treatments on me, and I'm telling you, when they would come in and I could see the relief on their face, I knew I was getting better. They were really one-on-one with me. They stayed on me about breathing. They would come in and spend a lot of time with you and do work with your breathing."

Part of the reason Cross was able to receive top-quality care during such a challenging time was EMC's telemedicine partnership with Augusta University Health (AU Health), a program that gives EMC's patients access to AU Health's specialists through technology provided by Amwell. The program makes consults available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and the visit is conducted on Amwell's Telemedicine Carts. All ER faculties at AU health, including pediatric emergency physicians, participate in the program.

With the emergence of COVID-19 in early 2020, the impact of the telemedicine program grew drastically. The program pivoted to provide critical care consults to patients with COVID-19 and other chronic conditions who could not be transferred to other higher levels of care. According to Dr. Matt Lyon, Service Chief of Virtual Care for the Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University, in the first months of the program, participating rural hospitals like EMC reduced their transfers by more than 80%, enabling patients to receive specialized care in their own communities.

"They were caring, you could tell that they wanted me to get better and they were just doing everything they could," Cross said. "From the time I walked into that emergency room to the time they rolled me out of that door, I know I had the best care here. We are very blessed to have them here. They had everything here like I was in Augusta, going back and forth talking to the doctors there. It was as good of an experience as I could have had having Covid."

It wasn't just the quality of care that Cross received at EMC that gave her comfort, but also the personal care from the EMC team. It was that personal experience, Cross said, that made her confident she was in the right place.

"There was a little nurse that came in, she was just overwhelmed, she came in and I kept asking her, 'Am I going to be ok?'" Cross said. "And they had been saying, 'Ms. Frances, if you don't get better, you may have to go on the ventilator,' but that nurse would come in and pray with me, and that meant a lot. It was personal, you got that personal experience. They would hold your hand when you needed your hand held. You didn't know if you were going to be able to get out to see your family again. That was a rough experience. But I don't think I could have been at a better place than I was here at Emanuel Medical."

Damien Scott, CEO of EMC, said the telemedicine partnership allows EMC to keep patients local while giving them top-quality care, which became paramount during the pandemic.

"We had some really complicated patients that would typically have gone to a large center, like Augusta University," said Scott. "We were having to house them. There was no other option. It's allowing us to keep patients local. They get not only excellent medical care from us, but we can get consultations from Augusta University and bring in their expertise to treat people right here at home, and that is such a good thing."

Cross agreed that being able to stay close to home was important to her recovery.





"They said at one time they were thinking about transferring me out, but I am glad they kept me here," Cross said. "I did great here. Everything was wonderful. Somebody was always there to see about me. They were in and out all the time, and they really cared. Nobody (from outside the hospital) could come in, and I stayed in here for 13 days. All the nurses, the respiratory, lab, everybody was just wonderful. I was just thankful that I could stay in Swainsboro here at Emanuel Medical and be close to home plus seeing people that I knew, making me feel comfortable. If I had gotten transferred to Augusta, I would have been by myself and not known anybody."

Cross said she feels "truly blessed" to be here, and she is thankful for the vaccines and medicines that are now available to help others struggling with Covid and Covid-related sickness. But for her, she credits the care and attention she received at EMC for getting her through her own battle with it.

"I think everyone in Emanuel County and the surrounding counties should support this hospital," Cross said. "They truly care. We have a good hospital, and we need to be here for the hospital. There are a lot of people that can't get to Augusta, and this is where they can be saved. It's a good hospital, with good people working here. They were wonderful to me."



Frances with her husband Carson and sons Chandler and Carson

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MR. SCOTT AND MISS RIGDON

**Miss Rigdon, Mr. Scott
announce wedding plans**

Mr. and Mrs. Benji Rigdon of Metter proudly announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Miss Railey Fayeth Rigdon, to Mr. Kenton Bishop Scott. Mr. Scott is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Scott of Portal.

The bride-elect is a 2017 graduate of Metter High School and a 2020 graduate of Ogeechee

Technical College. She is currently employed as a master cosmetologist at Haus of Luxe in Statesboro. Miss Rigdon is the granddaughter of Bobby and Lynette Rigdon and the late Ray and Vivian Brown, all of Metter.

The future groom is a 2015 graduate of David Emanuel Academy. He

is self-employed at Four County Farms, a family owned and operated business. Mr. Scott is the grandson of Bo and Susan Bishop of Metter and Jency J. Bishop, Judy Scott and the late Kenny Scott, all of Twin City.

The wedding is planned for February 11, 2023 at The Copper Barn in Portal.

Welcome, Baby Conor Lane

Cody and Teresa Usry are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Conor Lane Usry. He made his entrance at Memorial Health Meadows Hospital in Vidalia on July 26, 2022 at 12:15 p.m., weighing 6 lbs., 2 oz. and measuring 19 inches long.

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Community Spotlight

A lasting impression: Changing the world through administration

by BRITTANY HALL
The first day of school is a strange thing. It's a roller coaster of emotions for all who are involved with it. Parents experience heartbreak through joy that their children are growing up and slipping through their fingertips with each year, while students feel a mixture of excitement and sadness that school is beginning, and summer is ending. No matter how old you get, the first's always hit a lot harder with the butterflies than the ending's do, because they're the beginnings of a new chapter. Although these days are something we all want to look forward to, after the past few years it's hard not to brace yourself for the worst while still hoping for the best. However, Emanuel County Institute's assistant principal, Brooke Frye, says that she anticipates a year filled with the sweet and simple normalcy, we and our children all miss and remember.

"The education system as a whole has been dealt a tough hand of cards over the past couple of years." She explained, "It has been motivating to plan for a school year that mirrors a pre-pandemic year. We are looking forward to moving the needle on student

achievement, building new relationships, and fostering the old, and growing our community one child at a time."

Frye has called Swainsboro home her entire life. She graduated from David Emanuel Academy in 2002 and went on to Georgia Southern University to Pursue an Early Childhood Education degree. Upon graduating from GSU in 2006, she began her teaching career at Adrian School of Performing Arts where she taught fourth grade. After devoting five years to the school, she decided to further her education by going back to Georgia Southern University to obtain her master's degree. In 2011, she transferred to Swainsboro Elementary School where she taught fifth grade reading for three years, and the outlook gifted program for five years. In 2018, she graduated from GSU for the third time with an Education Specialist degree in Educational Leadership and in 2019 she became the assistant principal of Emanuel County Institute which is a role that she continues to hold with grace and positivity.

"This is my 17th year in education. I chose this profession because I saw an opportunity for service. One of my

greatest desires in life is to serve others, and this profession has afforded me that opportunity tenfold." Frye said with gratitude.

Her diligence for creating the best learning atmosphere for Emanuel County Students is an important aspect of not only who she is as an educator but as a person entirely. She is accommodating, attentive and always confidently optimistic, even kindly explaining that it isn't in her nature to speak negativity into existence when asked if there are any challenges in her line of work. These constructive characteristics will positively influence Emanuel County students as they grow into working adults and will leave an ever-lasting impression on their lives for years and years to come. While she's dedicated to molding young minds, Frye also makes time for the most important part of her life, her husband Peyton and their two children, Lawson, and Anna Caroline.

Now that you've met the teacher and heard her story, read her Q/A's below to further understand her core values as an educator.

What have you found most rewarding in your career?

Frye: The ability to



FRYE WITH HER HUSBAND PEYTON AND THEIR CHILDREN LAWSON AND ANNA CAROLINE

watch the great things my students have accomplished once they leave my classroom. There is nothing like running into a former student and hearing them talk about their successes.

Do you feel that each of your students have left a lasting impression on you?

Frye: We talk often about how teachers impact the lives of students, but in reality, students tend to positively change our lives more than they get credit

for. I think back to specific students often and reflect on how they positively changed me as a person.

What advice can you give to new or upcoming educators?

Frye: Remember to take time for yourself. Students deserve the best version of you each and every day.

If you could tell your past students or future students one thing that you hope will stick with them all throughout life, what would

that be?

Frye: Be willing to make mistakes, success is not a one-time event, and growth doesn't happen in comfort zones.

The Blade will be featuring at least one Emanuel County teacher monthly. If you are interested or know of an educator you would like to be featured, please contact us at 478-237-9971 or email Brittany at forestbladewriter@gmail.com



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SHS slates parent meeting

Swainsboro High School will host a parent meeting on Thursday, September 1, to review documents and solicit parent input. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. with the Parent Involvement Plan, followed by a discussion of the school compact at 6:15 p.m. and the school-wide plan at 6:30 p.m. The annual Title I parent meeting will be held at 6:45. After the Title I meeting, parents will be able to meet with teachers to discuss progress reports.

ECI announces Parent Night

Emanuel County Institute will host Parent Night on Monday, August 29. The event will begin with a Title I Annual Review session in the school cafeteria at 5 p.m. Parent meetings will follow in the auditorium with ninth grade parents meeting at 5:30 p.m. and 12th grade parents meeting at 6 p.m. Classroom visitation will be held from 5:30 until 7 p.m.

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Tapley and Smith speak at Twin City Lions Club luncheon

At last week's monthly Twin City Lions Club luncheon, Lion John Bussell invited Johnny Tapley and Wilder Smith, who are representing Wreaths Across America, to speak to the group. Wreaths Across America is a group dedicated to remember all U.S. Veterans by placing a wreath on each hero's grave each December. The group's motto is to remember our fallen U.S. Veterans, Honor those who service and teach your children the value of freedom. Mr. Tapley stated there are 182 cemeteries in Emanuel County and they're looking for help from the community, churches and civic organizations to help identify each veteran at each cemetery and honor them with a



SMITH AND TAPLEY

wreath each December in recognition of their service to our country. Each wreath cost \$15 to order and orders are due by the first week of November. The date throughout the country that these wreaths will be placed on the graves is December 17, 2022. Arlington National

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Seedling Garden Club announces Yard of the Month

The Seedling Garden Club proudly announces that the August Yard of the Month is the home of Vicki Bailey, 2592 U.S. 80 West, Adrian. Vicki enjoys working in her

yard to help Emanuel County stay beautiful. Nominations for Yard of the Month are welcomed for each month. The Seedling Garden Club wants to honor homeowners

and organizations that personally work so diligently with pride and love to maintain their yards. Please call in your nominations to 478-299-2733 or 478-494-6754.



GARMAN TAKES PHOTO ON FRONT LAWN WITH SIGN AND CERTIFICATE

Garman residence named August Yard of the Month by City of Adrian

The City of Adrian proudly announces the residence of Judy Garman as its August 2022 Yard of the Month recipients. The City of Adrian appreciates the efforts of its residents in helping "Build for the Future". Each month, a resident of the Adrian

neighborhood is eligible for Yard of the Month recognition.

The Yard of the Month Program and the City of Adrian recognizes and supports neighbors who demonstrate exceptional efforts to maintain and improve their property

in a manner that contributes to the overall appearance of the community at large. Debby Alfonso, project founder, is assisted by Adrian Mayor Wynola Smith and City Council Members Suzanne Hutchinson and Michelle Love.

Cook of the Week

Featuring the recipes of...

Gracie Durden

This week's Cook of the Week is Gracie Durden. Gracie is the 8-year-old daughter of Whitley Clifton and David Durden. She attends Twin City Elementary School and is in Miss Teresa Hatcher's third grade class. In her spare time, Gracie enjoys spending time with family, ziplining, dancing, gaming, pranking her older brothers and dabbling in her mom's closet and makeup bag. Her favorite color is blue, she loves animals, and she always loves a good challenge - especially a cooking challenge. Here are three recipes she would like to share. Enjoy!



From the kitchen of Gracie

Mocha Frappe



- 3/4 c. strong brewed coffee
- 1 Tbsp. granulated sugar
- 1/2 c. milk
- 1 Tbsp. chocolate syrup
- Whipped cream (optional)

Pour your brewed, and slightly cooled coffee into an ice mold. Freeze solid, roughly 3 to 4 hours. Place frozen coffee cubes, sugar, milk, and chocolate syrup in a blender. Blend at a medium/high speed for two minutes. Pour into a glass and top off with whipped cream.

From the kitchen of Gracie

Breakfast Banana Splits



- Bananas
- Greek yogurt
- Almond slices
- Granola
- Blueberries
- Raspberries
- Blackberries
- Chocolate chips

Split bananas in half carefully with a knife. Add 1/2 cup Greek yogurt to each. Top with sprinkles of almond slices, granola, chocolate chips and berries.

From the kitchen of Gracie

No Bake Peanut Butter Pie



- Premade graham cracker pie crust
- 3/4 c. peanut butter
- 4 oz. cream cheese softened
- 1 c. confectioners' sugar
- 8 oz. Cool Whip

Pie Toppings

- 4 oz. Cool Whip
- Salted peanuts
- Chocolate Syrup

In a bowl, combine cream cheese, peanut butter, and confectioners' sugar. Whip until smooth. Fold in 8 oz. Cool Whip whipped topping and combine well. Pour into pie shell to fill. Top with an additional 4 oz. Cool Whip and smooth to edges. Refrigerate for at least two hours before serving. Top with salted peanuts and chocolate sauce, if desired

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"We are so excited to have Robert join our team at East Georgia and lead the Office of Institutional Advancement. He already has so much enthusiasm to meet students, faculty, staff, and community members. With this enthusiasm and his experience and knowledge, he will be a great asset to EGSC and the local community," said Dr. David Schecter, president of EGSC.

Grant was raised in a military family and had the privilege of growing up all over the world. He graduated from Clemson University with a degree in secondary education and history. Grant has spent his whole career in some facet of educa-



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tion. He started out as a high school social studies teacher and then found his way to the nonprofit sector in development at Junior Achievement of Georgia. He then made the move to higher education as the Director of Development at the Parker College of Business at Georgia Southern University.

Grant has lived in Effingham County for almost 20 years where he served as a school board member and on the boards of many

nonprofits in the Coastal Empire. He is a graduate of Leadership Effingham and Leadership Southeast Georgia and a member of the Savannah Downtown Rotary Club. He enjoys being outdoors, kayaking, swimming, biking, and walking. A lifelong harmonica player, he plays in his church on Sundays. He and his wife, Elizabeth, live in Guyton with their five children.

In this role, Grant will provide leadership and strategic focus to further the college's development, alumni relations, marketing, communications, and engagement. He will work with the EGSC Foundation and its members to implement strategies to increase private funding for college programs and capital needs, as well as secure gifts and grants from private foundations and government sources.

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Plans for 43rd annual Miss Emanuel County & Miss Southeast Georgia / Miss Crossroads of the South Competition announced

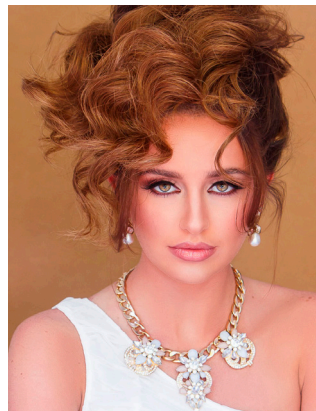
The Miss Emanuel County / Miss Southeast Georgia Board will proudly present the 43rd annual Miss Emanuel County & Miss Southeast Georgia / Miss Crossroads of the South Competition on Saturday, August 20, at 6:30 p.m. at the Swainsboro / Emanuel County Auditorium. The pageant will consist of Miss and Outstanding Teen competitions including interview, talent, evening wear, fitness, and on-stage question. By the end of the evening, four young women will be crowned to represent our area in the Miss Georgia & Miss Georgia's Outstanding Teen competition to be held in June 2023.

Returning to the stage to entertain the audience will be the current Miss Crossroads of the South 2022, Abby Callaway. Destiny Levant, Miss Emanuel County 2018, will be welcomed to the stage as Mistress of Ceremonies.

Candidates in the Outstanding Teen are Riley Browne of Guyton, Aubrey Page of Evans, and Brooke Story of Bonaire. Candidates in the Miss division are Taylor Cocke of Macon, Elizabeth Colston of Kite, Hannah Conway of Atlanta, Allie Griffis of Eastman, Charleigh Harper of Nashville, Elise Higgins of Columbus, Chyann Hoyle of Statesboro, Mary Margaret McNeil of Saint Marys, Lily Seeman of Brunswick, and Zayna Taylor of Swainsboro. Please join us on Saturday to find out who our new representatives will be. Tickets are available at the door.



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Lady Dawgs continue to roll

by RON WEATHER-FORD

The ECI Lady Dawg softball team improved to 4-0 last week defeating 2 more higher classification teams. Tuesday, they defeated 3A Harlem 4-1 in the home opener and continued their hot streak in Guyton on Thursday with a 2-1 win over 6A South Effingham. It was a pitcher's duel against the Harlem Bulldogs as both teams combined for just 7 hits, 3 for ECI and 4 for Harlem.

Harlem put the first run on the board in the fourth inning on 3 hits to take a 1-0 lead.

The Bulldogs fought back in the top of the fifth inning. ECI loaded the bases and drew the first run on a walk with the second on a wild pitch. Shayla Stephenson scored 2 more on her 2 out single as the Bulldogs took a 4-1 lead. The

game was called by Harlem with one out in the top of the sixth due to a lengthy lightning delay. Stephenson, Ally Taylor and Kayanna Thompson had the only hits for ECI with one hit each. Charla Clifton stood in the circle for ECI giving up 4 hits while striking out 4 in her 6 innings of work.

Thursday the team traveled to Guyton to take on South Effingham, defeating the Mustangs 2-1.

The score would indicate another pitcher's duel, but the Lady Dawgs out-hit the Mustangs 11-4. The Bulldogs couldn't get those timely hits leaving 10 runners on in scoring position. ECI scored their first run in the top of the first inning. Charla Clifton, on after a 2 out double, put the first run on the board on a single by Shayla Stephenson. Playing small

ball, the Bulldogs added one more run in the top of the third inning. Jayna Kearson on after a leadoff error, scored after a Clifton sac, a Stephenson single, and one more sac bunt by Ally Taylor for a 2-0 Bulldog lead. Stephenson led the hit parade with 3 hits, with Kearson, Lily Robertson and Sullee Boddiford getting 2 hits each. Clifton and Kelsey Harper collected 1 hit. Clifton went the distance for ECI allowing just 4 hits, striking out 7 Mustangs, giving up one run in the bottom of the seventh inning.

The Bulldogs played Appling Co. Tuesday, (yesterday) at home. Results will be in next week's edition of The Forest Blade. On Friday, the Lady Dawgs will travel to Cordele to compete in the Crisp County Watermelon Invitational.



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East Georgia State College honors employees at Appreciation and Recognition Program

Each year at East Georgia State College's (EGSC) fall workshop, faculty and staff come together to meet about the upcoming academic year. During the workshop, the annual EGSC Employee Appreciation and Recognition Program is held.

During this year's workshop on August 3, outstanding faculty and staff were acknowledged. Employees achieving service milestones were presented awards for their dedication and years of service. In addition, STAR Staff Awards were presented to a staff member in each department and Distinguished Faculty Awards were presented to faculty members who have gone above and beyond for students.

The first awards given out, the Service Milestone Awards, were for years of service. The award recipients have 285 years of

combined service to EGSC. David Gribbin was awarded the 40 years of service award. Wilder Coleman, James Steptoe, and Michael Rountree were celebrated for 25 years of service. Keith Barrs was recognized for 20 years of service. Jennifer Fields and Donna Freeman received recognition for 15 years. Pamela Adams, Willie Freeman, Amber Hodges, Michael Luzzi, Thomas Parillo, John Rincon, Amelia Simmons, and Brittany Strickland were all recognized for 10 years of service to EGSC. Gregory Avra, John Cadle, John Gleissner, Christian Kraus, Jaehyuk Lee, Gloria Robinson, Audrey West, and Cindy Wadley celebrated five years of service.

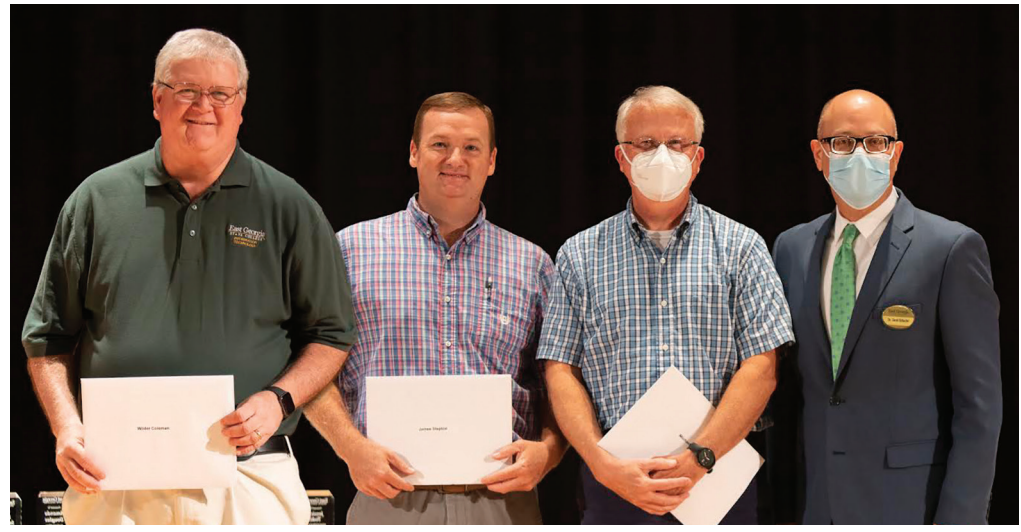
The next awards presented at the event were the awards for STAR Staff of the Year and Distinguished Faculty Awards. The recipients of these awards were

chosen by the head of their department.

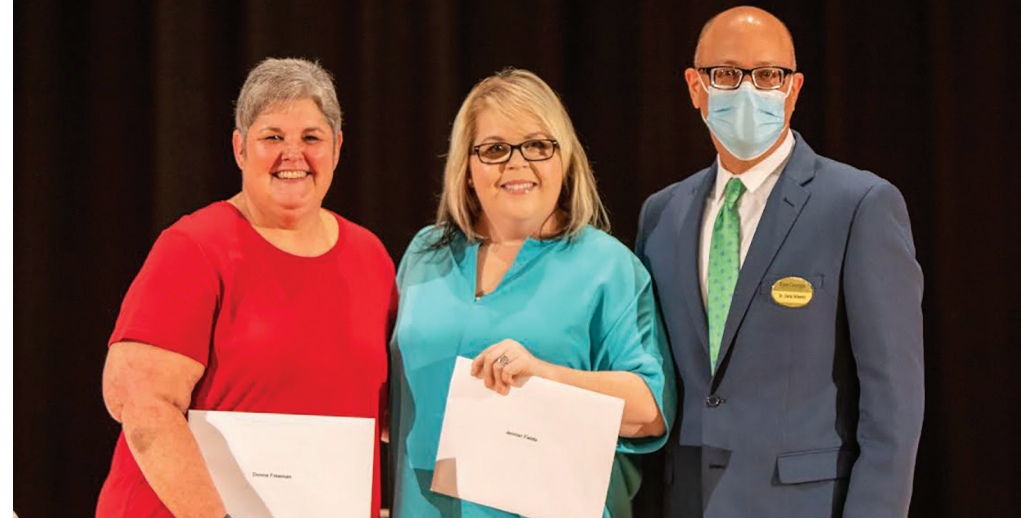
In the STAR Staff of the Year category, five full-time staff members were recognized. They were as follows: Michael Rountree for the President's Office, Alex Smith for Information Technology, Amanda Douglas for Academic Affairs, Lynette Saulsberry for Student Affairs, and Clair Wright for Business Affairs.

The Distinguished Faculty of the Year Awards for the School of Liberal Arts, Mathematics and Natural Sciences were awarded to Candace Lynn, Breana Simmons, Jessica Todd, and Laura Chambers.

EGSC's success as an institution is strengthened by its dedicated faculty and staff who are focused on helping every student achieve a college degree. EGSC would like to thank the faculty and staff for their hard work each year.



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STC graduates honored for Associate of Science in Nursing Bridge

The ASN faculty of Southeastern Technical College (STC) proudly pinned graduates in the 2022 Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN) Bridge Option program in a ceremony held in the Toombs Auditorium on the Vidalia campus.

The graduates were Rayne Binns and Amber Hood from Swainsboro, Jennifer Borders from Byron, Maeghan Carver and Harlee NeeSmith from Hazlehurst, Nicole Dasher from Metter, Kathryn Duncan and JaMeshia Kemp from Savannah, Jacob Floyd and Rya Simmons from Brooklet, Latosha Grace

and Amy Price from Soperton, Summer Grantham and Racheal Thomas from Reidsville, Carley Jackson and Talia Williams from Baxley, Ashlyn Johnson from Cobtown, Alison Jones and Monica Moseley from Twin City, Tanesha Jones, Raechel Roberts, and Brenna Vance from Waynesboro, Hayley Kuntz from Vidalia, and Bailee Small from Millen.

Jennifer Corner, Associate of Science in Nursing Program Director, opened the ceremony with a welcome. She congratulated and thanked the graduates for choosing Southeastern

Technical College as part of their journey and charged the graduates, "As you enter the nursing profession, allow the same concepts of hard work, determination, and dedication to always drive you to provide the best care for your clients and your patients."

The ASN Bridge Option program, accepting cohorts once a year, is offered on the Swainsboro campus and allows qualified individuals who possess current, Georgia unrestricted licensure as a licensed practical nurse (LPN) or paramedic (EMT-P) to bridge their education into a degree program. Rayne Binns has achieved all of her healthcare education goals through STC, receiving her Nurse Aide certificate in 1998, her Practical Nursing diploma in 2004, and now her Associate of Science in Nursing degree – all in Emanuel County where she calls home.

Rayne said, "I believe in technical education because it provided me an education that I could achieve in a short amount of time – just what I needed as a parent of three and as a full-time worker. My best advice to anyone consider-



ASN NURSING GRADUATES (FRONT ROW L-R): CARLEY JACKSON, MAEGHAN CARVER, TALIA WILLIAMS, AMY PRICE, NICOLE DASHER, BAILEE SMALL, SUMMER GRANTHAM, HAYLEY KUNTZ, ALISON JONES, RAYNE BINNS, KATHRYN DUNCAN (BACK ROW L-R): MONICA MOSELEY, JAMESHIA KEMP, HARLEE NEESMITH, AMBER HOOD, LATOSHA GRACE, JACOB FLOYD, ASHLYN JOHNSON, TANESHA JONES, JENNIFER BORDERS, RACHEAL THOMAS, AND RYA SIMMONS

ing this route is to go for it; always remember that opportunities do not just happen, you create them."

To the audience she said, "It is a true honor to celebrate this occasion with so many wonderful people." She also thanked the audience, as friends, family, and faculty, for stepping up to help this class to achieve this dream. "Without your selfless acts of love and kindness, we would have never made it this far. A year ago, we received what I like to call the golden ticket. It acknowledged that we were accepted into one of the most competitive pro-

grams that technical education has to offer. We, as graduates, accepted that invitation, but you all in the audience accepted that invitation as well."

Latosha Grace, 2013 Practical Nursing graduate of STC, said, "After nine years of nursing, I decided it was time to level up, so I came back to where I started. Tonight, I walk across the stage ready for the National Council Licensing Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN)." Graduates pledged themselves to the work they have chosen by lighting their ceremonial

lamp, a tradition in honor of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing. Graduates were awarded their pins by their instructor Beth Hendrix.

Nicole Dasher said, "As much as I love being a paramedic, I look forward to being a nurse in an ER setting. I attended the Bridge Option program because I wanted a more stable setting for my children and my family."

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ECI FBLA members attend SLOTS

Nine FBLA members from Emanuel County Institute attended the Georgia FBLA Summer Leadership & Officer Training Summit (SLOTS) at Swainsboro High School along with more than 250 FBLA members from throughout Central and South Georgia. This training workshop is meant to prepare local chapter officers and other leaders for upcoming duties and roles. In addition, chapter officers work with advisers to develop or refine the program of work and plan chapter strategy for the upcoming year. The mission behind this training is to create a stronger officer team through chapter strategic planning sessions. When members arrived at SLOTS, they participated in several ice breaker challenges. They were then split into classes based on their officer position and within each class, members worked on tasks associated with their specific position. Next, all participating members were brought back together to enjoy a pizza lunch. Then members were to share activities about their chapter from the previous year. A chapter representative from each school then shared a "one minute" success story with the entire group. Lily Kate Robertson, chapter president, discussed how ECI FBLA has excelled in the past year. Members then worked on team-building activities and the 2022-2023 FBLA Program of Work.



WILKERSON (FAR RIGHT IN THE FRONT ROW)

ECI FFA member begins service as area FFA Officer

Shanna Wilkerson, a member of the Emanuel County Institute FFA chapter, began her term as the Area 4 Sentinel on July 29-30, 2022, when the Georgia FFA area officers met for the Area Officer Training Conference. Forty-eight new area officers from six areas of the state attended the two-day training conference held at the FFA Camp John Hope near Fort Valley. The objective was to orient the new officers to their position as area leaders. Each area team met with a member of their regional agricultural education staff, as well as the Georgia FFA leadership program specialist, FFA executive secretary, and state FFA advisor to discuss their roles and responsibilities. The officers explored their decision-making process, developed a team philosophy of leadership, discussed what it means to be an ambassador for the FFA, and began setting goals for the coming year. Throughout the school year, Shanna Wilkerson and her fellow officers will have the opportunity to represent Area 4 FFA members at a variety of teachers' meetings, career development events, leadership conferences and area training activities. The first assignment given to the new area officers was the FFA Day at the Fair program. In October, more than 2,000 middle school students will meet in Perry to attend FFA Day at the Georgia National Fair. Their hosts for the event will be the Area Officers. Each officer team has been charged with creating booths and displays that showcase the benefits of FFA and agricultural education. Next spring, each Area Officer team will be responsible for conducting their respective Area banquet and award assemblies. The officers will also serve as courtesy corps at the Georgia State FFA Convention in Macon in April 2023. The Georgia FFA Association has a membership of more than 42,000 making it the third largest association in the nation. The National FFA Organization is a national organization of over 600,000 members preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture. FFA is an integral part of the agricultural education program in public schools. The FFA mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.



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Coach Roberts speaks at Exchange Club meeting

The Swainsboro Exchange Club welcomed Swainsboro High School Varsity Football Head Coach Scott Roberts to its meeting last week. Coach Roberts spoke on the upcoming football season with club members and announced that the high school team will be competing on a new district level. He also spoke on his 13 returning seniors and the team's high expectation for another great season.

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Jail Report

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

Raymond Andy Bush, entered 8/8/22; Disorderly conduct; released 8/9/22; ECISO
 Brandon Matthew Meadows, entered 8/8/22; Battery/Obstr/ofc/Probation/Swainsboro PD/Middle Ga Probation; SPD
 Joshua Jerome Russell, entered 8/8/22; Hold for Johnson Co.; HOLD
 Danielle Nicole Decarlo, entered 8/8/22; Theft/shoplifting; released 8/8/22; SPD
 Michael W. Blocker, entered 8/9/22; Driving lic susp/rev/VGCSA possession of drug related object; released 8/9/22; SPD
 Galen Alexander Sterling, entered 8/9/22; Crim trespass/Probation/Swainsboro PD/Middle Ga

Probation; ECISO
 Kayla Danielle Johnson, entered 8/9/22; Possession of meth/VGCSA possession of drug related object; released 8/11/22; SPD
 Kyle Matthew Edenfield, entered 8/10/22; Aggr stalking/Terror threats and acts/Crim trespass/Aggr battery; ECISO
 Kale Davar Livingston, entered 8/10/22; Sentenced to State; ECISO
 Felecia Nichole Moss, 8/10/22; Expired tag/Driving lic susp/rev; released 8/10/22; ECISO
 James Stuart Davis, entered 8/10/22; Theft/shoplifting; released 8/10/22; SPD
 Jason Ja'Colby Samples, entered 8/11/22; Hold for out of county billing/VGCSA

marijuana/poss less than oz/Firearm poss by conv felon; released 8/13/22; SPD
 Brian Eugene Mason, entered 8/11/22; Crim trespass; released 8/12/22; SPD
 Keldrick Cornelius Brown, entered 8/11/22; Hold for Burke CO; ECISO
 Amanda Lynn Thornton, entered 8/11/22; Disorderly conduct; released 8/12/22; SPD
 Dylan Hunter Jones, entered 8/12/22; Probation/Swainsboro PD/Middle Ga Probation; entered 8/14/22; WALK-IN
 Chevy Clay Sluder, entered 8/12/22; Reckless driving/Fleeing/attempt to elude ofc/Driving lic susp/

rev/Suspended registration/No insurance/Failure to stop at stop sign/Failure to maintain lane; ECISO
 Balik Tynierious Johnson, entered 8/12/22; VGCS possession of drug related object/VGCSA marijuana/poss less than oz; released 8/12/22; SPD
 Nashaun Jeremiah Wright, entered 8/12/22; Obstr/ofc/Give false name/false info/police/ Hold for out of state extradition; ECISO
 Barney Dewayne Sheppard, entered 8/13/22; Aggr stalking; ECISO
 Amanda Virginia Harden, entered 8/13/22; Theft/shoplifting; released 8/13/22; SPD
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Wallace, entered 8/13/22; Hold for out of county billing;
 Leilani Dakota Beneteau, entered 8/13/22; VGCSA drugs schedule I&II drugs/ Possession of meth/Sale of meth; ECISO
 Blake Allen Harmon, entered 8/14/22; Other; released 8/14/22; SPD
 Laila Lasan Stuckey, entered 8/14/22; Alcohol bev-under age/consump/purch/furn/sell/Other/VGCSA marijuana/poss less than oz/VGCSA possession of drug related object; released 8/14/22; SPD
 Christopher Davis Thornton, entered 8/14/22; DUI/alch/Speeding 15-29 MPH over; released 8/14/22; GSP

Sheriff's Reports

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

August 7

Deputy was involved in a foot pursuit while

assisting another agency. Deputies stopped on New Street to assist with a call SPD was responding to. Offender was told not to leave on the belief that he had drugs in his possession but did not listen to commands and started to run. Offender finally stopped after he entered a wooded area and then complied to commands. During the pursuit, offender dropped a bag which contained a loaded 9mm pistol, a small bag of white powdery substance, a small bag of green leafy substance, small clear baggies, a scale, and rolling papers.

August 8

Deputies responded to Marlynn Dr. in reference to a disturbance caused by suspect identified as a mental subject that was recently released from DOC. Suspect was taken into custody and transported to EmCo Det. Ctr.

Deputy talked to complainant by phone who stated she witnessed suspects beating victim with a belt. C/p stated the suspects would beat victim and make her stay in a very hot room all day. C/p also stated they would bot feed the victim right and they actually hit her in her colostomy bag and she heard victim holler and tell them they hit her bag and they know they not supposed to hit her

there. Victim's son told c/p to stay out of their business because she is an outsider. C/p stated some officers already went to the residence and she was supposed to call and give her statement. It wasn't clear if c/p was supposed to call ECISO or SPD since the residence is in the city limits so she was advised to call SPD also. C/p stated she moved from the Abundance St. before victim started being abused.

Deputies were dispatched to Keith Screw Rd. in reference to a burglary. Victim stated he noticed his home had been broken into and his TV was stolen. It was observed that there were some broken windows on the house where offender gained access.

Deputy met with complainant at ECISO who stated she hit an animal on Grandy Creek Rd. and it messed up her car and made her AC stop working. Deputy observed moderate damage to the passenger side.

Deputies responded to Kathleen St. in reference to a structure fire. Deputies and SPD discovered a fully engulfed home and all occupants were assisted off the property with no reported injuries. Deputies then assisted with traffic control.

August 9

Deputy responded to Coleman Chapel Rd. regarding an unwanted person at the residence. Complainant stated offender was no longer allowed at his residence and that he has been told three times that he wasn't allowed back. C/p stated offender has caused conflict each time he has been there and they had a dispute on 8/3 and it escalated to offender pushing c/p to the ground.

Deputy talked with complainant over the phone who stated his vehicle was stolen from Cowford Bridge Rd. C/p stated that a known subject admitted that another male subject stole the car and where it was possible at.

August 10

Deputy received a report from complainant stating she was on Hwy

80 and struck a deer causing minor damage.

Deputies discovered a vehicle on Keith Screws Rd. While the tag was being verified as belonging to suspect by 911, another vehicle came up to Keith Screws Rd. heading towards Cowford Bridge Rd. The vehicle came to a stop and suspect stepped out of the vehicle and was taken into custody. Suspect was riding with offender who had two small children in the vehicle.

Deputy was dispatched to Old Kenfield Rd. where he met with complainant who stated she is tired of her brother staying on her property and stealing her power from her camper. C/p also stated her brother has damaged her vehicle so she can't drive it. C/p is fed up with her brother and does not want him on her property anymore. Offender had already left prior to deputy's arrival.

Deputy responded to Hwy 192 in reference to a possible burglary. Deputy met with complainant who sated her fiancé's brother attempted to break the front door down. C/p stated offender went to her residence to retrieve a dog and she advised him not to go until her fiancé could be home so they could properly exchange the dog and offender began beating on her door and she refused to let him in so he threw his shoulder into the door and broke the door frame.

Deputy received a call from 911 stating a caller needed to make a report over the phone. Deputy talked with complainant who stated she lives in Garfield but has property in Twin City and a neighbor saw suspects take an AC unit from her property. C/p stated that one known suspect lives in Twin City.

August 11

Deputy responded to S&S Collision in reference to a domestic. Complainant advised that his fiancé went to his work and began causing issues. While enroute, c/p called back and advised that offender was leaving. A few moments later,

c/p called 911 for a third time and advised that offender had since returned and busted windows at his work place. Upon arrival, deputy met with the owner of the building who stated he observed offender driving around the building. Deputy then drove around the perimeter but she was gone. Deputy then returned to the location and met with c/p who had locked himself inside the building. C/p stated he and his fiancé have been arguing and it escalated to the point that he left and stayed in a hotel. C/p state he refused to talk to offender all day so she went to this work in an attempt to keep arguing with him. C/p advised he locked himself inside and refused to go out and speak with offender and it made her irate and struck the window pane causing it to shatter. Victim advised deputy that the cost to repair the window would be around \$500.

Deputy then had c/p call offender so he could speak with her. Offender advised deputy tat c/p is an alcoholic and becomes belligerent and irate and verbally abuses her every day. Offender further advised that she had enough and lost her temper resulting in breaking the door window. Deputy advised offender that per the victim, building owner, she was not to go back on the property or her would pursue criminal charges for Criminal Damage to Property. C/p was advised of the TPO process.

Deputy was dispatched to Griffin Ferry Rd. in reference to a MVA.

August 12

Suspect was apprehended in reference to warrants.

Deputy was dispatched to Oak Grove Church Rd. and met with complainant who stated his John Deere mower, weed eater, trimmer, lawn edger, and leaf blower were stolen off his trailer that was kept in the backyard.

911 got a call from JW Hammock Rd. and all they could hear was static. 911 called the number

back and couldn't get anyone. Deputy went to the residence and talked to the occupant who stated she did not call 911. There was severe weather during the call.

August 13

Deputy was dispatched to Cowford Bridge Rd. in reference to a welfare check. Deputy spoke with the female show stated she was ok.

Deputies began receiving complaints of loud music coming from Club Rolex.

Deputies were dispatched to I16 to assist a motorist due to the vehicle losing power and becoming disabled.

Complainant stated someone went into his fenced yard and keyed both of his vehicles.

August 14

Deputies responded to Lake Ohoopsee Rd. in reference to a welfare check on a 10-year-old that was struck by her mother. Victim was emotionally upset sitting on the front steps and advised deputies that she and her mother got into an altercation because her mother turned off the internet. Victim stated her mother then struck her in the face and she tried to all her father but he didn't answer. The mother stated her daughter got upset because her phone was taken away and the internet was turned off and punched her in the nose. After speaking with the victim further, it is suspected that the victim may be suffering a mental illness and anger issues.


Deputies responded to Hereford Rd. in reference to a single vehicle accident. There were no injuries reported.

Deputies responded to Hwy 1 South in reference to a vehicle being ran off the road by a vehicle that was speeding and went into victim's lane.

August 15

Deputies were dispatched to Ehrlich Farm Rd. in reference to an animal collision.

Complainant stated he struck a deer on Hwy 56 South causing minor damage to the vehicle.



There are some religions in the Orient that follow practices that are condemned by Scripture and society. A member of one of them was jailed for robbery and murder which was part of his "faith." While imprisoned he was visited by a missionary who shared with him the message of salvation. After he accepted Christ, the missionary gave him a Bible which became his dearest possession.

When he appeared before the judge, he testified that he had been brought up to be a worshiper of Kali. As a young child he was taught that if he shed the blood of the victims he robbed he would please Kali - a Hindu goddess - and win her favor. He faithfully practiced his belief in this goddess all of his life.

When the judge confronted him with his crime, he broke down and began to weep. After a few moments he was able to speak and with tears streaming down his face told the judge that he had committed many murders - more than he could remember.


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Swainsboro Police Reports

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

August 6

Officer observed a vehicle traveling 50 MPH in a 35 MPH zone, at which time he initiated a traffic stop. Offender accelerated a couple times before stopping and took off running. Offender was spotted in a wooded area and detained. It was found that offender had suspended license.

Officer observed a male standing in front of the Flea Market who was known to have outstanding probation warrants for his arrest. Offender was detained and transported to EmCo Jail.

Officer responded to Lakewood Dr. in reference to a report of dogs at large.

Officer responded to S. Main St. for a lost card.

Officer made a traffic stop for a speeding vehicle to find the driver's license are suspended.

Officer observed a female walking in the center turn lane and stopped to make sure she was okay. Offender stated she was fine and was told she couldn't walk in the turn lane and she told the officer to give her a ticket and leave her alone, then started cussing and yelling. Upon being transported to EmCo jail, offender was kicking and headbutting the cage. Once at the jail, offender cussed at officers and jailers and was trying to pull away and she had to be placed in a restraint chair due to being belligerent and combative and threatening staff and officers.

Officer met with complainant at the SPD in reference to an incident that occurred on Anderson St. C/p stated she was playing the machines at Lucky Spot when offender entered the store and requested to speak with her and she told offender that she was busy but offender insisted they speak. C/p stated offender became angry and told her she would blow her head off and reached inside her purse before two witnesses separated the dispute.

Officer made contact with complainant who stated he was on William St. playing cards and someone stole his medicine out of his vehicle.

August 7

Officer observed a male subject at The Sunset Inn yelling and cursing loudly and he walked over to the officer and told him that the hotel owner would not let him in his room where his belongings were. The room was not in offender's name.

Office made contact with complainant in reference to a theft report at The Roadway Inn.

Officer was dispatched to Center St. in

reference to a domestic dispute.

Officer responded to the area of Gumlog Rd. in reference to two car loads of people and some people walking arguing and about to get in a fight. 911 advised that there was a crowd of males and females in the area of Racetrack St. that were about to fight and that guns had been reported to be involved.

August 8

Officer took a walk-in report where complainant stated she had been scammed through Facebook by buying three \$100 Apple gift cards in exchange for money.

Complainant stated she went to Murphy's to get gas and when she returned to her vehicle, she noticed \$180 was missing.

Officer responded to WalMart in reference to a shoplifter.

Officer responded to W. Main St. in reference to unwanted subjects and a possible domestic dispute.

August 9

Officer was dispatched to Lewis St. for a report about damages being done to complainant's AC unit.

Officer was dispatched to The Wash Station in reference to vandalism.

August 10

Officer was dispatched to Anderson Dr. in reference to an improperly parked vehicle.

Officer responded to Pierce Ave. for someone getting hit in the face.

Officer was dispatched to the area of Coleman St. and William St. in reference to graffiti being spray painted on the surface of the road. Officer met with complainant at SPD in reference to financial transaction card fraud.

Officer responded to Anderson Dr. for a female calling and saying someone hit her.

August 11

Officers were dispatched to Enmarket for a subject who was criminally trespassed but was at the location.

Officers were dispatched back to Enmarket in reference to a person on the premises who had been criminally trespassed.

Officer met with complainant who stated she is being talked about and her name and character slandered on Facebook by offenders.

Officer was dispatched to Enmarket in reference to a theft by shoplifting.

Officer was dispatched to N. Main St. in reference to an unwanted female at the residence beating on the door with a baseball bat.

Officer responded to Sunoco in reference to an unwanted person who is an ex-employee that would not return the store keys.

Officer responded to Wrens St. in reference to a welfare check.

Fire destroys Joe Bynes Road home

by BILL CAHILL

Fire of unknown origin caused major damage to the home at 53 Joe Bynes Road. Firefighters from Swainsboro, Summertown and Canoochee were dispatched to the scene at 11:55 AM on Monday August 15th. Heavy smoke and fire was showing from the 1400 sq. Ft. one story wood frame dwelling when Engine 200 from Swainsboro arrived. The fire was burning through the wall on one side of the structure and had extended into the metal roof covered attic. A part of the roof had sagged, and fire was showing along the ridge line. Firefighters mounted ground ladders and cut the metal roof to ventilate the heat and fire from the attic. An attack line was stretched into the structure and firefighters battled not only the fire but weather temperatures in the 90's. With no water lines in the area, a tanker shuttle of water was conducted by Canoochee & Summertown firefighters. The fire was declared under control after a two-hour battle with units conducting overhaul operations for three hours. EMS stood by during the blaze, however no one was injured.



SCENE FROM FIRE ON JOE BYNES ROAD



FIREFIGHTER OPENING THE ROOF

Kathleen Road home ravaged by fire

By BILL CAHILL

On Tuesday, August 9, at approximately 9:30 p.m., a fire of unknown origin destroyed a one story 3,350 sq. ft. brick house located at 115 Kathleen Road. First arriving Swainsboro police officers reported the structure was fully involved. Three engines responded from Swainsboro; EMS staged an ambulance on scene while police blocked access to the area. A total of 16 full time and volunteer firefighters were battling not only the blaze but adverse weather conditions for over six hours. Additional photos can be found on emanuel-countylive.com.



FIREFIGHTER FIGHTING THE BLAZE

Grand Jury returns 16 True Bills, 1 No Bill

The July 2022 term of the Emanuel County Grand Jury convened Tuesday, August 9. With the Honorable Judge Tommy J. Smith presiding, he swore in John Allen Bailey to serve as bailiff. Elected by the grand jurors to serve as foreperson was Leslie Frederick. Weldon Stafford was elected as assistant foreperson and Wendy Webb as clerk. The District Attorney's Office presented 17 bills of indictment, and the grand jury returned 16 true bills and 1 no bill follows:

Timothy Frank Wright – one count burglary in the first degree and one count interference with government property.

Shelton Anthony Wright – one count habitual violator and one count seat belt violation.

Antonia Terry Phillips – one count

obstruction of an officer and one count maintain a disorderly house. An additional count of possession of firearms by a convicted felon was deemed a no bill.

Adam Lloyd Hackle II – one count terroristic threats.

Jerry Lee Driggers, Jr. – one count cruelty to a child in the first degree and one count possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

Bobby Lee Parker – one count theft by taking and one count entering an automobile.

Jason Glenn Wilkerson – one count burglary in the second degree and one count possession of a tool for the commission of a crime.

Raymond Leartis Shanks, Jr. – one count possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

Garnell Schuyler

– one count suspended license, one count habitual violator, one count obstruction of an officer and one count operation of an unregistered vehicle.

Samantha Pearl Clark – one count fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer and one count giving false information to a law enforcement officer.

Robert Lee Mack – one count obstruction of an officer and one count possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

Samantha Lee Gatlin, Sarah Beth Hackle and Robert Dustin Morris – one count possession of heroin (Gatlin and Morris), one count possession of oxycodone (Gatlin and Morris), one count operation of an unregistered vehicle (Gatlin and Morris), one count driving with-

out a license (Morris), one count possession of methamphetamine (Hackle) and one count possession of a drug related object (Hackle).

Verlon Wadley, Jr. – one count possession of cocaine with intent to distribute, one count obstruction of an officer, one count suspended license, one count no proof of insurance and one count window tint violation.

Burwell Jordan (Jody) Drew III – one count terroristic threats.

Darrick Alcott Mann – two counts aggravated assault.

Gregory Lamont Jordan, Jr. – two counts burglary in the first degree.

Jermani Xaire Centuri Wimberly – one count aggravated assault and one count possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony.

Editorials Columns

Good Tiger, Good Dog

Starting this week and going through Labor Day, Halloween, Election day, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's is, let's say it all together, Football! If you love football, really love football, then there's no such thing as too much football, too much commercialization of football, too much in-depth analysis of football, and too much over the top hype of the whole thing. Team stats and depth charts and coach's favorite offense, it's all very important, every detail. But if you fade back a few decades to a Friday night at Mitch-

ell Field down where some of the buildings of Southeastern Tech now stand, you could see more of a true, bread and butter brand of high school football. There wasn't a lot of glitz and hype. Sure, we were the Tigers, but we didn't have a roar on the PA system every time we got a first down, and we didn't have some eager-beaver 9th grader running up and down the sidelines in a tiger costume. Instead, in the early 1960's a "canine legend" appeared on campus and thereafter came to be the true mascot and first Bad Dawg

of SHS. Towser didn't look anything close to a tiger, but our principal, Mr. Bill Fordham took a liking to him and as they say, "that was that", and nobody I ever knew was going to argue with Principal Fordham. Towser was a husky black and white spotted Heinz 57 breed, definitely not Westchester Kennel Club material but he definitely had the air of a celebrity. He ambled around campus at will and was often seen riding around in Mr. Fordham's car appearing not too interested in anything. I think that was just an atti-

tude he developed to attract the attention of young, adoring female students. However, on football Friday nights, he was all business. As game time neared, all of a sudden, there was Towser. He might be marching in front of the band or participating in the presentation of the Homecoming court or maybe just making an unauthorized stroll out to the 20-yard line to get the crowd stirred up right before kick-off. Whatever he had planned, it always seemed appropriate, and the fans totally loved it. Towser was there for every school

Charles Schwabe



event all year-round. He ruled the roost from Church Street down to Kite Road and any other dogs who might have wandered onto the campus got a personal notification from Towser that there was a one-dog limit in the area. He was not a cuddly, sentimental animal. He would let you pet him, but he would rather build a relationship based on leftovers from your lunch or French

fries from the concession stand. I'm not sure how long Towser lived, but he was there when I started high school and still there when I graduated. I think the High School yearbook was dedicated to him one year, and if it wasn't, it should've been. He was a good, simple dog who liked football. That's not a bad epithet for man or beast. *Go Towser and Go Tigers!*

What would Will Rogers think of today's Republicans?

American humorist Will Rogers once observed, "I'm not a member of any organized political party. I'm a Democrat." There is no question that if of Will was around today, he would probably be a Republican. The Grand Old Party gives new meaning to the term disorganized. For example, former University of Georgia football legend Herschel Walker is the Republican

nominee for the United States Senate, challenging incumbent Democrat Sen. Raphael Warnock in this November's general election. Should he win, it would likely give Republicans a majority in the Senate. As you might expect in a race with so much at stake, Walker is on the receiving end of a series of attack ads. Some are a result of self-inflicted wounds. He claims he graduated from UGA in the

top 1% of his class as well as being valedictorian. Records show that he never graduated, leaving school after his junior year to play professional football. What makes these particular attack ads unusual is they are not coming from Democrats. They are coming from — are you ready?—Republicans. A group called The Republican Accountability Project is currently running an ad of an old interview

with Walker's ex-wife Cindy DeAngelis Grossman, saying that he once held a gun to her temple and said he was going to "blow my brains out." The organization says it will spend \$1 million targeting Walker in his race against Warnock. "Herschel Walker might have been a great football player, but he clearly doesn't deserve to be a senator," says Sarah Longwell, treasurer of the Republican Accountability Project. "That's why our campaign is built around the voices of Georgia Republicans who know that he's unfit for office." So, who or what is the Republican Accountability Project? Headed up by noted conservative commentator and author William Kristol, the group says they represent Republicans and conservatives intending to hold accountable those who tried to overturn the 2020 presidential election. They plan to spend "eight-figures" across six crucial battleground states—obviously including Georgia — to defeat Republican candidates who support Donald Trump's claims that his 2020 election loss was due to voter fraud. An aside: They aren't having a whole lot of success to date. Trump-backed candidates have won various primary contests in Arizona, Wisconsin, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Washington and North Carolina thus far.

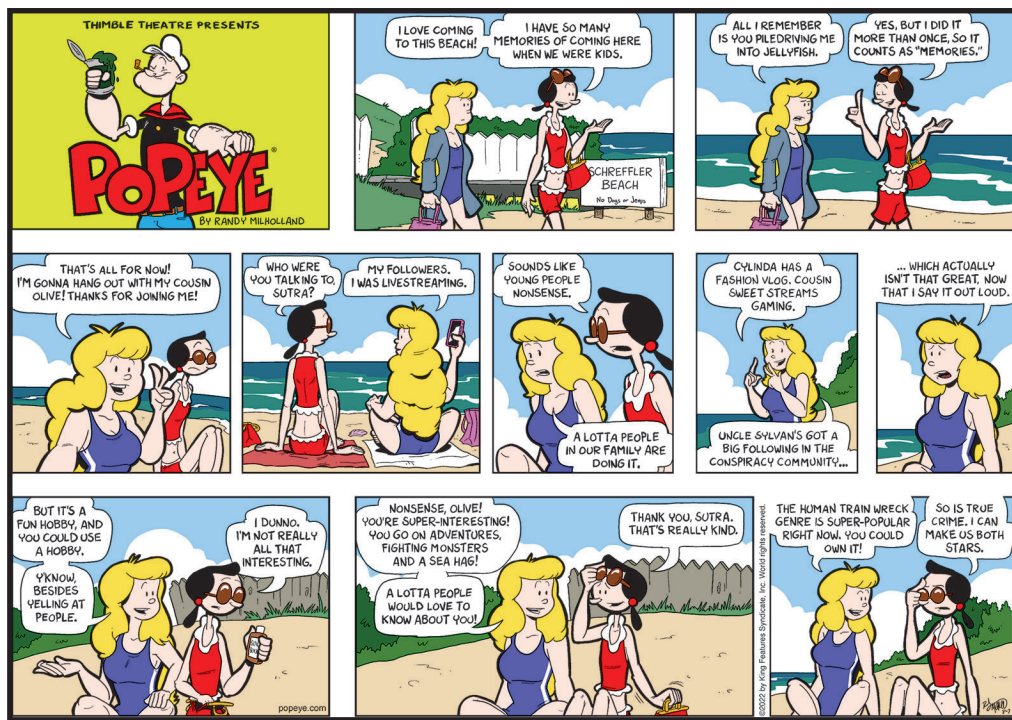
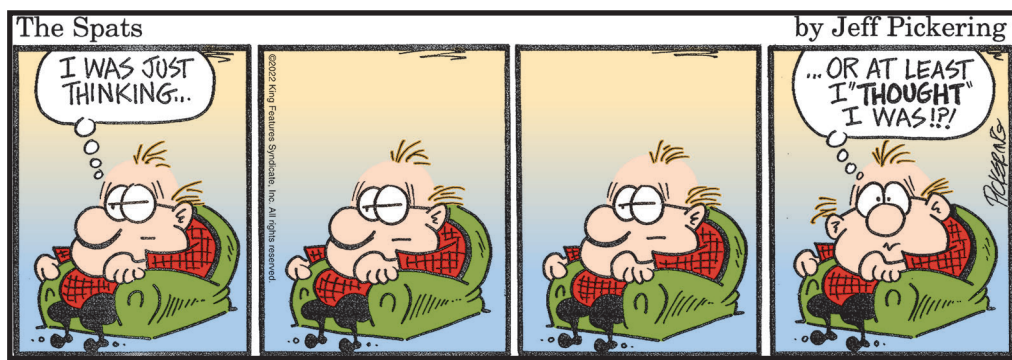
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Herschel Walker says he is glad the ad has run because it gives him the opportunity to explain that his ex-wife's comments were taken out of context and that the state of his mental health at that time was the reason for the alleged domestic violence incident. He also says "The fact is Sen. Warnock can't talk about accomplishments. He's failed Georgia. So he and his friends will lie and deceive." Uh, Hershel, this isn't Warnock talking. These are your fellow Republicans saying you aren't qualified to be Georgia's United State senator. Big difference. As usual, Republicans seem unable to figure out who is the enemy. (Hint: I think it's supposed to be the Democrats.) They throw around RINO (Republican in Name Only) like a frisbee. They booed their own governor at their state convention. Their supreme leader is on record as saying he would prefer Democrat Stacey Abrams as governor. If Republicans don't stop their internecine feuding, he may get his wish. Democrats have to be laughing their heads off. A group of Republicans are spending a million dollars attacking their own party's senatorial candidate in an upcoming election

where political control of the U.S. Senate hangs in the balance. Why waste money on ads questioning the character and electability of your opponent when your opponent will do it for you? Before you Trump grumps fire off your predictable harrumph dumps, let me assure that I have not turned into a Chardonnay-sipping, tree-hugging liberal weenie. I will get to that crowd in days to come. Right now, I am looking at the party of Ronald Reagan and Johnny Isakson and Paul Coverdell and shaking my head that it has degenerated into a name-calling, finger-pointing, mud-slinging dysfunctional bunch of myopic RINOs too busy obsessing over the past to focus on the future. Will Rogers noted that the Republicans opened their convention in 1928 with a prayer and said, "If the Lord can see his way to clear the Republican Party the way it's been carrying on, then the rest of us ought to get by without even asking." The more things change, the more they remain the same. Can Will and I get an Amen? You can reach Dick Yarbrough at dick@dickyarbrough.com; at P.O. Box 725373, Atlanta, Georgia 31139 or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/dickyarb.

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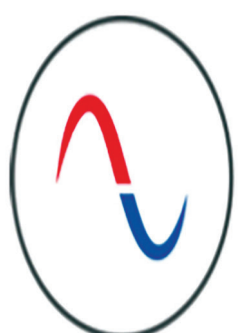
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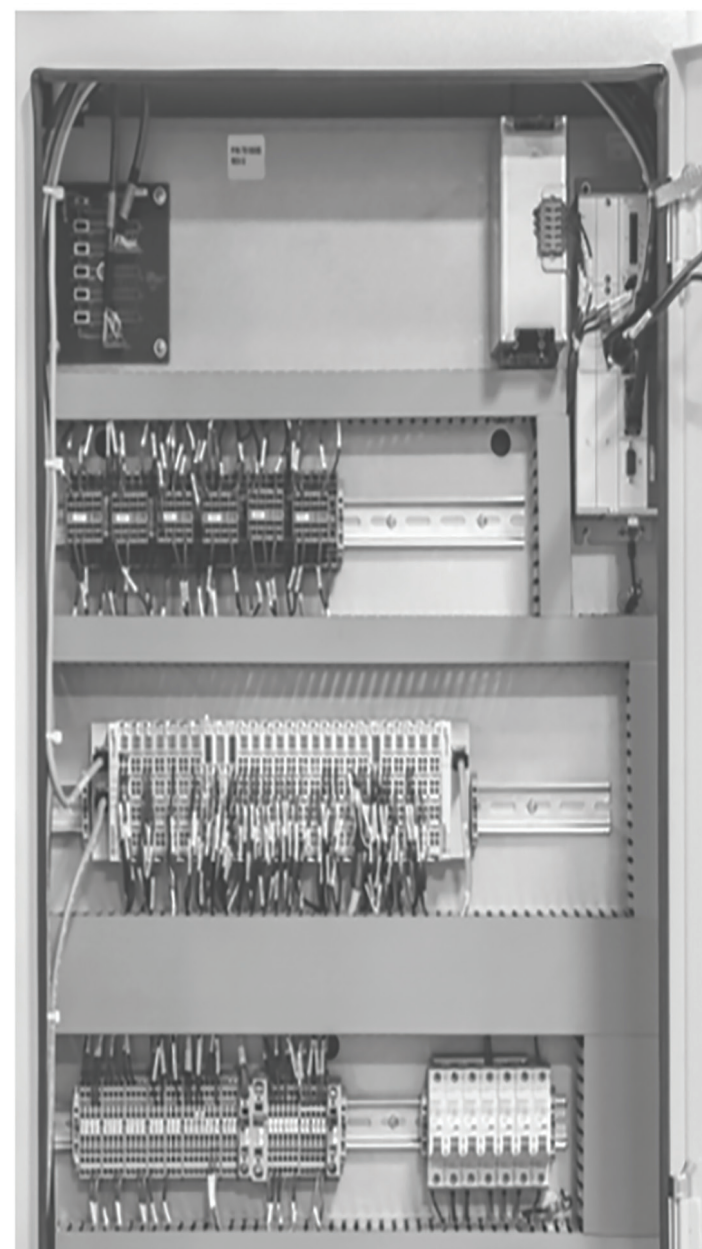
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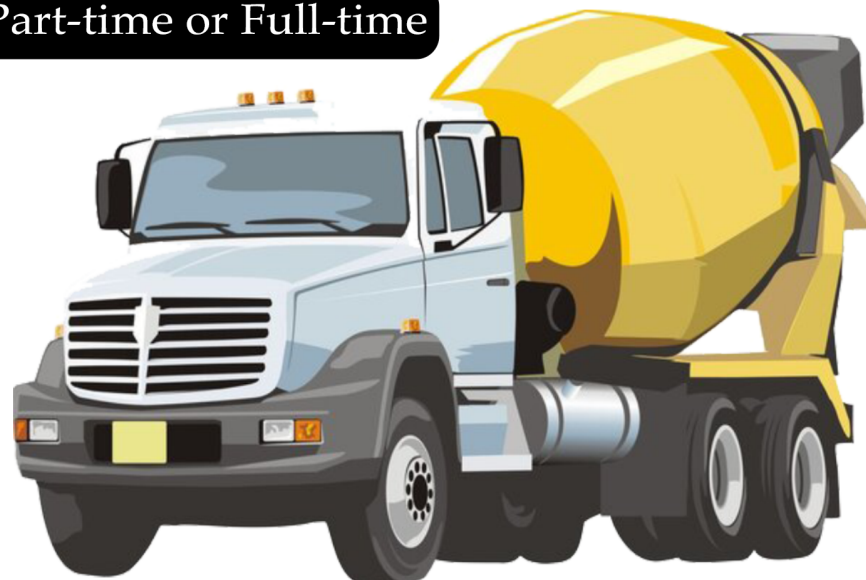
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 IN RE: The Estate of Willard S. Wilkes, Jr., deceased.
 All debtors or creditors of the Estate of NAME, deceased, late of Emanuel County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are to make immediate payment to me.
 This 3rd day of August 2022.

DANILE J. O'CONNOR
 Attorney for Executrix, Ann Wilkes BRYANT & O'CONNOR LAW FIRM
 P.O. Box 28
 Vidalia, GA 30475

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF NORA LEE STANFORD, DECEASED
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE
 TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern:
ASHA VEKELIA STANFORD has petitioned for to be appointed administrator of the estate of **NORA LEE STANFORD** deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before **September 6, 2022**.
BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
DON E. WILKES
 Judge of the Probate Court
 By: Jeanie Hooks
 Clerk of the Probate Court
 P. O. Box 70 / 125 South Main Street
 Swainsboro, Ga. 30401
 Address

THE SUPERIOR COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
RICHARDO BERNARD CHANDLER,
 PETITIONOR, CIVIL ACTION NO. V
STANDLEY MCCOLLUM,
 RESPONDENT.
AFFIDAVIT FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
 Personally, appeared before the undersigned officer, came, **RICARDO**

BERNARD CHANDLER, who upon being sworn, disposes and says a follows, to-wit:
 This Affidavit is given on the basis of the Affidavit having knowledge pertaining to the above-styled action and more particularly to the fact the Defendant cannot be found within this state for service of summons. Affiant states that a claim exists against the Respondent in respect to whom the service is to be made, and that the Respondent is a necessary and proper party to this action.
 Affiant has made a diligent effort to locate the Respondent by contacting the persons in his last two places of residence in Millen, GA and Augusta, GA. Both places had parties indicating that he was in jail in either Augusta, GA or Millen, GA. Both Sheriff's Departments denied that had him. No other parties or relatives contacted knew of his whereabouts. The Defendant cannot be located within this State. Affiant has no knowledge of his present residence or whereabouts
 This 19th day of July 2022

RICARDO CHANDLER
 478-237-7091
 Telephone Number

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER IN SECURITY DEED STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF EMANUEL
 Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in the Construction Security Deed from Herschel Hart Enterprises, LLC to Renasant Bank, dated October 13, 2017, and recorded in Deed Book 454, Page 124, Emanuel County, Georgia records, as modified by Modification of Security Deed dated July 2, 2018, and recorded in Deed book 467, Page 304, aforesaid records (as same may have been further modified from time to time, collectively the "Security Deed"); the undersigned will sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash before the door of the Courthouse of Emanuel County, Georgia, during the legal hours of sale, on the first Tuesday in September, 2022, the following described real property, to wit:
 ALL THAT CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE 58TH GMD OF EMANUEL COUNTY, GEORGIA, CONTAINING 26 ACRES AS SHOWN ON A PLAT PREPARED BY GEORGE WILLIAM DONALDSON, SURVEYOR, DATED OCTOBER 29, 2015, WHICH PLAT IS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 22, PAGE 645 OF THE RECORDS OF THE CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY, GEORGIA, SAID PLAT IS BY EXPRESS REFERENCE INCORPORATED HEREIN FOR A MORE FULL, COMPLETE AND ACCURATE DESCRIPTION OF SAID PROPERTY. SAID 26 ACRES BEING BOUNDED AS SHOWN ON SAID PLAT NOW OR FORMERLY AS FOLLOWS: ON THE NORTHWEST BY A BRANCH; ON THE NORTH BY LANDS OF BILLIE EUGENE HILL AND LAND OF CLINTON RAY AKRIDGE; ON THE EAST BY GEORGIA HIGHWAY 57; AND SOUTH BY LANDS OF TERESA MCLENDON.
 THE PROPERTY HEREIN CONVEYED IS A PORTION OF A 474.7 ACRE TRACT OF LAND SHOWN AS 4 PARCELS OF LAND ON A PLAT PREPARED BY AUBREY E. SCOTT, SURVEYOR, DATED SEPTEMBER 16, 1981, AND REVISED ON SEPTEMBER 22, 1983 WHICH PLAT IS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 12, PAGE 174 OF THE RECORDS OF THE CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY, GEORGIA.
 EMANUEL COUNTY MAP AND PARCEL: 135 012
 PROPERTY BELIEVED TO BE MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1118 GEORGIA HIGHWAY 57 EAST, TWIN CITY, GEORGIA 30471 [TAX PARCEL ID # 135 012A]
 In addition, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in the Security Deed, the undersigned will also sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the door of the Courthouse of Emanuel County, Georgia, immediately following the sale of the above-described real property, the following described personal property owned by Herschel Hart Enterprises, LLC, or its successors-in-title and secured by the Security Deed, to wit:

All personal property described in and subject to the Security Deed, which is hereby incorporated by this reference.
 Less and except any fixtures subject to the security interest on the above-described real property.
 The debt secured by the Security Deed is evidenced by a renewal Promissory Note dated July 2, 2018, from Herschel Hart Enterprises, LLC in favor of Renasant Bank in the original principal amount of Two Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Five and 35/100 Dollars (\$233,155.35) (as same may have been modified, renewed or amended, the "Note"), plus interest from date on the unpaid balance until paid, and other indebtedness.
 Default has occurred and continues under the terms of the Note and Security Deed by reason of, among other possible events of default, the nonpayment when due of the indebtedness evidenced by the Note and secured by the Security Deed and the failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the Note and Security Deed. By reason of this default, the Security Deed has been declared fore-closable according to its terms.
 The above-described real property will be sold to the highest and best bidder for cash as the property of Herschel Hart Enterprises, LLC, the proceeds to be applied to the payment of said indebtedness, attorneys' fees, and the lawful expenses of said sale, all as provided in the Note and Security Deed. The sale shall be subject to the following: all outstanding ad valorem taxes and/or assessments, if any; possible redemptive rights of the Internal Revenue Service, if any; and all other prior assessments, easements, restrictions or matters of record.
 To the best of the undersigned's knowledge and belief, the real property is presently owned by Herschel Hart Enterprises, LLC.
 To the best of the undersigned's knowledge and belief, the party in possession of the real property is Herschel Hart Enterprises, LLC, and tenants or other persons holding under it.
 All personal property will be sold in one lot to the highest and best bidder for cash as the property of Herschel Hart Enterprises, LLC, or its successors-in-title, on an "as is, where is" basis and without representation, warranty or recourse, express or implied, of the undersigned, and subject to all matters of record affecting said personal property, the proceeds to be applied to the payment of said indebtedness, attorneys' fees and the lawful expenses of said sale, all as provided in the Security Deed.
 Renasant Bank, as Attorney-in-Fact for Herschel Hart Enterprises, LLC.
 M. Todd Westfall, Esquire
 WESTFALL, LLC
 4994 Lower Roswell Rd, Ste 6
 Marietta, Georgia 30068 Renasant / (678) 384-7005

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS
 All creditors of the estate of JERRELL LARRY CANNADY, decedent late of Emanuel County, State of Georgia, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to me.
 This 28th day of July, 2022.
BRENDA RIGDON CANNADY, executor/executrix of the estate of JERRELL LARRY CANNADY, decedent
 211 Neal Street Swainsboro, Ga. 30401
 Address of Executor / Executrix
 (478)-237-5301
 Telephone

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF CHARLOTTE KAY HORNE, DECEASED
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE
 TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern:
TINA MARIE HADDEN has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of **CHARLOTTE KAY HORNE** deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of

bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before **SEPTEMBER 12, 2022**.
BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
DON E. WILKES
 Judge of the Probate Court
 By: Jeanie Hooks
 Clerk of the Probate Court
 P. O. Box 70 / 125 South Main Street
 Swainsboro, Ga. 30401
 Address
 478-237-7091
 Telephone Number

NOTICE OF PRITITION TO CHANGE NAME
 Notice is hereby given that, the undersigned, filed her Petition in the Superior Court of Emanuel County, Georgia, on the 9th day of August 2022, praying for a change in the name of Petitioner from **MARY EVANS KEY SMITH** to **EVANS KEY SMITH**. Notice is hereby given pursuant to law to any interested or affected party to appear in said Court and file objections to such name change. Objections must be filed with said Court within thirty (30) days of the filing of said Petition.
 This 8th day of August

MARY EVANS KEY SMITH
 Sidney B. Shepherd
 Shepherd, Gary, & McWhorter
 Attorneys at Law
 P.O. Box 99,
 Swainsboro, GA 30401
 Telephone No. 478-237-7551

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF EMANUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN THE INTEREST OF:
S.N. SEX: F DOB:
04/26/2012 CASE #
A.N. SEX: M DOB:
01/12/2011
CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE
NOTICE OF SUMMONS
TO: HEATHER NICOLE WARE, ANTHONY DEWAYNE NICHOLS, and Any Unknown biological, legal, and/or putative father of the above-named children born to Heather Nicole Ware at Doctor's Hospital in Augusta, Richmond County, Georgia and East Georgia Regional Medical Center in Statesboro, Georgia.
 You are hereby notified that the above-styled action has been brought by the Emanuel County Department of Family and Children Services, and the Georgia Department of Human Services, seeking to terminate your parental rights with regard to the above referenced child; that said action has been filed in the Juvenile Court of Emanuel County, Georgia; and that by reason of an Order for Service of Summons by Publication dated August 11, 2022, you are hereby notified that you may obtain a copy of the petition from the Clerk of the Juvenile Court of Emanuel County, Georgia and may file with the Clerk of said Court and serve upon Marnique Oliver, Petitioner's Attorney, whose mailing address is P.O. Box 308, 115 S. Racetrack Street, Swainsboro, Georgia, 30401, an answer to the petition at any time prior to the Final Hearing.
 You are hereby commanded and required to appear before this court on the 10th day of November, 2022 at the EMANUEL County Courthouse in Swainsboro, Georgia at 10:00 a.m., for a FINAL HEARING, and show cause, if any you have, why the relief requested in the petition should not be granted. You are hereby commanded and required to appear before this Court at said final hearing or the findings of the Court

will be made the permanent order of this Court in the above case. You must attend the final hearing in order to preserve your rights. At the final hearing you will be given an opportunity to show cause, if any you have, why the relief requested in the petition should not be granted. Prior to the Final Hearing a Provisional Hearing on the petition will be held before the Court on **October 27th, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in the Juvenile Courtroom at the Emanuel County Courthouse, Swainsboro, Georgia.**
 The parties notified hereby are entitled to legal counsel in the proceedings, and the Court will appoint legal counsel if any party should be unable, without undue hardship, to employ counsel. You are further notified that you will lose all rights to the child and will not be entitled to object to the termination of your rights to the child unless, within thirty days of receipt of this notice, you file:

A petition to legitimate the child pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 19-7-22; and
 Notice of the filing of the petition to legitimate with the Emanuel County Juvenile Court.
 The Findings of Fact and Order of Disposition made at the Provisional Hearing will become final at the Final Hearing unless the party served by publication appears at the Final Hearing. If the party served by publication fails to appear at the Final Hearing on the petition, the Findings of Fact and Interlocutory Orders made will become final without further evidence and will be governed by the Juvenile Court Code as if made at the Final Hearing. If the party served by publication appears at the Final Hearing, the Interlocutory findings and Orders shall be vacated and disregarded, and the hearing shall proceed upon the allegations of the motion.
 The parties notified hereby are entitled to legal counsel in the proceedings, and the Court will appoint legal counsel if any party should be unable, without undue hardship, to employ counsel. A copy of this petition may be obtained at no charge from the Office of the Clerk of Court between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.
 WITNESS, the Honorable Sherri McDonald, Judge of said Juvenile Court.
 This _____ day of _____, 2022.

Clerk, Emanuel County Juvenile Court

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF EMANUEL
IN RE: ESTATE OF CHARLES W. STEWART, DECEASED
 All creditors of the Estate of Charles W. Stewart, Deceased, late of Emanuel County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment to me.
 This 12th day of August, 2022.
Publication Dates: August 17, 24, 31 and September 7, 2022
Era M. Stewart, Executor of the Estate of Charles W. Stewart, Deceased
Stephen T. Rushing, Attorney at Law,
Post Office Box 327, Statesboro, Georgia 30459

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF ENAMUEL COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
Nancy Ann Jennings
 Plaintiff, Civil
 Action No. 22CV173
 v.
Dennis Jennings
 Defendant.
NOTICE OF SUMMONS SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
 TO: DENNIS JENNINGS, Defendant Named Above:
 You are hereby notified that the above-styled action seeking divorce [state the relief sought]
 Was filed against you in said court on August 11th, 2022, and that by reason of an order for service of summons by publication entered by the court on August 11th, 2022 you are hereby commanded and required to file with the clerk of said court and serve upon Nancy Jennings, plaintiff, whose address is 113 Augusta Rd. Garfield, Georgia 30429, an answer to the complaint within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for service by publication. If you fail to do so, judgement by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.
 Witness the Honorable Robert S. Reeves, Judge of said Court.
 This the 11th day of August, 2022

Clerk of Superior Court
 Emanuel County

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A 21-2-13 (3) NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A SPECIAL ELECTION WILL BE HELD **NOVEMBER 8, 2022 FOR THE CITY OF SUMMERTOWN, GEORGIA, OFFICES & FEE ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

OFFICE	FEE
COUNCIL SEAT, HEALD BY JODY A. WILSON	\$25.00

Qualifying for said office will be held August 22 & 23, 2022 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. Qualifying will take place at the City Hall of Summertown.
 The last day to register to vote in this election is October 11, 2022.

Linda C. Kirkland
 City of Summertown, Clerk

NOTICE								
The Emanuel County Board of Education does hereby announce that the millage rate will be set at a meeting to be held at Emanuel County Board of Education Central Office, 201 North Main Street, Swainsboro, GA 30401 on August 25th at 8:30 am and pursuant to the requirements of O.C.G.A. § 48-5-32 does hereby publish the following presentation of the current year's tax digest and levy, along with the history of the tax digest and levy for the past five years.								
CURRENT 2022 PROPERTY TAX DIGEST AND 5 YEAR HISTORY OF LEVY								
BOARD OF EDUCATION		2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
V A L U E	Real & Personal	525,985,578	542,342,494	549,960,414	549,555,744	613,704,669	646,046,006	
	Motor Vehicles	17,904,190	14,733,490	12,878,870	6,088,295	9,324,110	8,753,130	
	Mobile Homes	6,386,363	5,993,271	5,451,239	5,822,382	5,926,198	6,201,398	
	Timber - 100%	12,112,686	12,785,410	20,771,854	13,787,812	13,359,448	20,441,545	
	Heavy Duty Equipment	59,688	0	58,855	0	20,148	0	
	Gross Digest	562,448,505	575,854,665	589,121,232	575,254,233	642,334,573	681,442,079	
	Less Exemptions	121,972,002	124,742,281	125,499,214	110,524,221	106,937,618	110,059,215	
	NET DIGEST VALUE	440,476,503	451,112,384	463,622,018	464,730,012	535,396,955	571,382,864	
	R A T E	MILLAGE RATE (Maintenance & Operation)	13.6910	13.6570	14.0000	13.9970	13.2310	12.9600
TAX		TOTAL M&O TAXES LEVIED	\$6,030,564	\$6,160,842	\$6,490,708	\$6,504,826	\$7,083,837	\$7,405,122
		Net Tax \$ Increase	\$6,030,564	\$130,278	\$329,866	\$14,118	\$579,011	\$321,285
		Net Tax % Increase		2.16%	5.35%	0.22%	8.90%	4.54%

Compatriots Burke and Martin present program to SCV

On Tuesday night, July 26, Compatriot's Steve Burke and Bernard Martin traveled to Thomson to present their programs to the Thomson Guards SCV Camp at the McDuffie County Library at 7 p.m. with about 35 in attendance. Steve presented his program on all the artifacts that he has fabricated from roadkill and the many weapons that were used during the Revolutionary War period. He recognized Compatriot Woody Woodard, who was in attendance, for his input on Black Powder weapons and all of the Hog nosed skunks that he has provided to Steve to make skunk hats. Bernard also contributed to the presentation by his impersonation of a "French Trapper".



COMPATRIOT BURKE



COMPATRIOT MARTIN AND BURKE

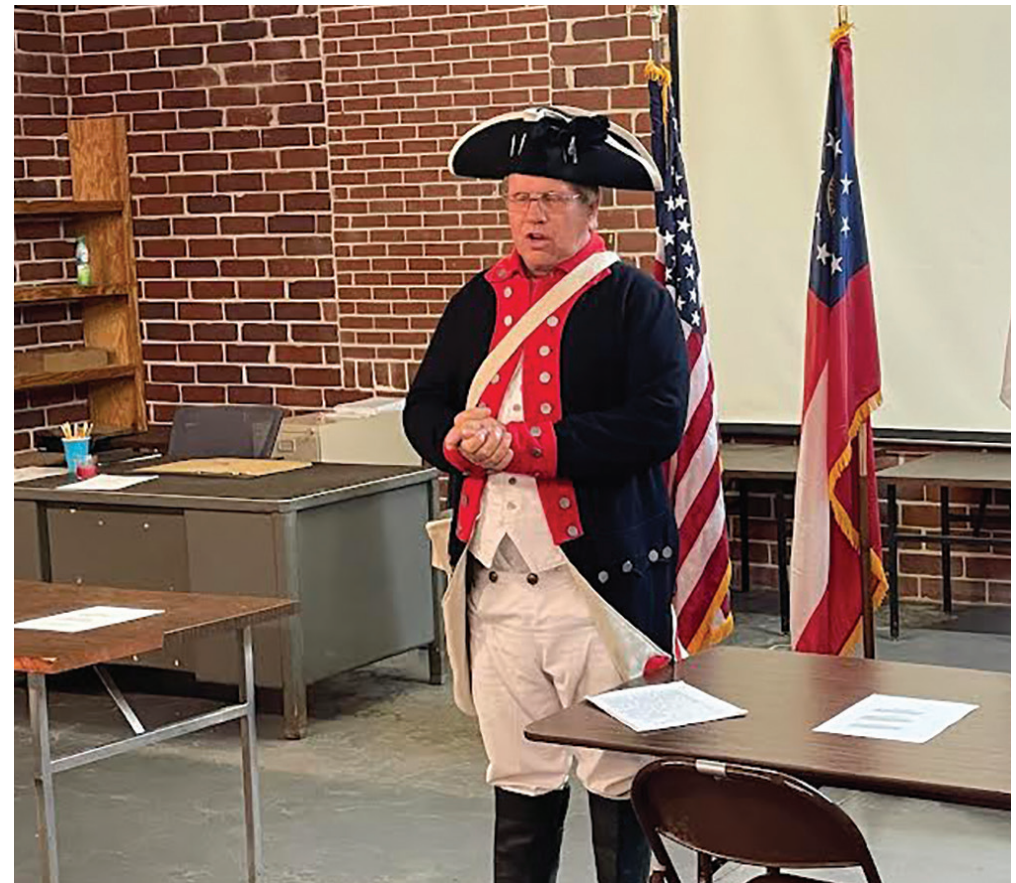
Burke speaks to Brier Creek Chapter, SAR

On Thursday night, August 4, the Brier Creek Chapter held its monthly meeting at Walls Diner in Sylvania at 7 p.m. With Sgt-at-Arms Don Bazemore presiding, there were eleven members in attendance. After a great supper, SAA Don asked dual member Emory Fennell to lead the Pledge to the U.S. Flag and the Pledge to the SAR. Dual member Dess Smith then gave a report on the previous 132nd National Society Sons of the American Revolution Congress that was held July 9 - 14. Of a particular interest was Compatriot Steve Burke holding the pillow that was holding George Washington's Ring before it was presented to the 2022-23 President General Bruce Pickette. SAA Don then introduced Compatriot Steve Burke who then presented his program on "The Battle at Trenton". Steve stated that this battle was held on the early



BURKE PRESENTING PROGRAM TO THE BRIER CREEK

morning of December 26, 1776. General Washington had crossed the Delaware River with his Continental Army and attached the Hessian auxiliaries that were stationed at Trenton. The Hessian's were surprised, and the battle was very short. The Continental Army strength was 2,400 with the Hessian's at 1,500. The casualties and losses for the Continental army were two frozen to death and five wounded, and the Hessian's were 22 killed, 83 wounded and 800-900 captured. A lot of the Continental Army's enlistments were up this month, but because of the great victory, it boasted the morale and most of the soldiers re-enlisted and new recruits were attracted to the ranks.



BURKE PRESENTING PROGRAM

Burke speaks to the Brier Creek Chapter

The Brier Creek Chapter, Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution, held its monthly meeting, Thursday night at the American Legion, Sylvania at 7 P.M. With President Wayne Howard presiding, ten members were attending. President Wayne asked dual member Dess Smith for a report on the upcoming 132nd National Congress to be held in Savannah. He also asked dual member Wilder Smith to report on the special Artillery School that was held in Swainsboro this month and attended by fifteen compatriots. President Wayne then introduced Compatriot Steve Burke who presented his program on a "Sharpshooters, Shooter".

PUBLIC NOTICE			
The Emanuel County Board of Commissioners do hereby announce that effective August 24, 2022 all legally required administrative budgets for FY 2022-2023 have been submitted to the Commissioners and are available at the Commissioner's Office for public review. These include the General Fund and all Special Revenue Funds. O.C.G.A. §36-81-5(d)			
A public hearing will be held Wednesday September 6th, 2022 at 5:00 PM at the County Office Building, 101 N. Main Street, Swainsboro, Georgia 30401 to receive public comment on the Budget O.C.GA §36-81-5(e)			
Notice is also given that all FY 2022-2023 Budgets will be adopted on September 19, 2022 at 6:00 PM at the County Office Building at 101 N. Main Street Swainsboro, Georgia 30401. O.C.G.A. §36-81-6(a) and 31-81-5(e)			
General Fund 100			
Revenue Category	Total	Expenditure Category	Total
General Property Taxes	\$8,455,000.00	General Government	\$3,047,972.00
General Sales and Use Tax	\$1,550,000.00	Judicial	\$1,233,324.00
Selective Sales and Use Tax	\$115,000.00	Public Safety	\$5,050,240.00
Business Taxes	\$902,500.00	Public Works	\$3,376,843.00
Penalties and Interest on Del. Taxes	\$120,000.00	Health and Welfare	\$357,836.00
Licenses and Permits	\$32,500.00	Culture/Recreation	\$575,000.00
Intergovernmental	\$192,875.00	Housing and Dev.	\$504,910.00
Charges for Services	\$1,781,250.00	Other Financing Uses	\$325,000.00
Fines and Forfeitures	\$962,000.00	Total	\$14,471,125.00
Investment Income	\$85,000.00		
Contributions and Donations	\$0.00		
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$135,000.00		
Telephone Commissions	\$0.00		
Reimbursement for Damaged Prop.	\$0.00		
Other	\$140,000.00		
Other Financing Sources	\$0.00		
TOTALS	\$14,471,125.00		
Special Revenue Fund			
Fund	Revenue	Expenditures	Total
Juvenile Service Fund 202	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Jail Fund 206	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$0.00
Drug Fund 212	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00
E-911 Fund 215	\$783,000.00	\$783,000.00	\$0.00
Multiple Grants Fund 250	\$0.00	\$2,850,000.00	(\$2,850,000.00)
Fire Fund 270	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00	\$0.00
Development Authority Fund 271	\$530,000.00	\$530,000.00	\$0.00
EIP Fund 275	\$40,000.00	\$0.00	\$40,000.00
LMIG Fund 301	\$1,199,000.00	\$1,199,000.00	\$0.00
SPLOST 6 Fund 321	\$3,200,000.00	\$4,807,000.00	(\$1,607,000.00)
TSPLOST Fund 335	\$785,000.00	\$785,000.00	\$0.00
Major Grants Fund 341	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Local Resources Fund 350	\$0.00	\$700,000.00	(\$700,000.00)

A bloodsucking Dracula

by: RONNIE JOHNSON



Summer used to be my favorite season. Sunshine, going to the beach, and especially enjoying sliced tomatoes and garden vegetables were just a few of the reasons. Now I question my loyalty to that unique time of the year. One little pesky insect has quickly changed my mind. It is the dreaded mosquito. It is a blood sucking Dracula of the insect world. Plain and simple, I have given more blood to the female mosquito than I have at the blood bank over the years. Remedies, I have tried them all, to no avail. Steady sprays from a powerful aerosol can of raid, hourly lathering down in skin so soft, and buying another zapper for mosquitoes at night, which didn't work. I'm a front porch sitter, and no matter how early in the morning or late in the evening, those tiny, telepathic scoundrels send out their little 'zing like' signal that a meal of warm flesh and blood awaits them, just for the taking.

Lately, whether 100 degrees or more, I'm properly dressed to protect myself from the dreaded sting. Long pants with long sleeve shirts make it harder for the mosquitoes to score a hit, and if you forgot your shoes inside, they probably have a perfect path up your pants to other private quarters. Sadly, they are persistent in reaching their mark. I respect and love all God's creatures; everything has a purpose. But the mosquito only annoys me, because it steals my blood, causes pain, and gets away with it without detection. The greatest joy in my life is to catch one on my arm or leg, raise my hand with extra gusto, slap and crush that little blood sucker into smithereens, with a smile on my face.

Scenes from the Flats Lounge Gift Card Drive



Students, faculty and staff...

(From front page)

tition; Sponsor: Kendall Hadden

- Will Sasser – First place, on-demand video.
- Will Taylor – Twelfth place, CAD-Engineering.
- MacKenzie Davis – Top 20 CAD-Architecture.

ECI - FBLA State Leadership Conference (Middle School and High School); Sponsor: Jessica Smith

• Lawson Frye – First place, Elevator Speech. (Qualified for Nationals in Chicago).

• Amelia Meadows and Lawson Frye – Fifth place, business ethics (team event).

• Wallee Kersey, Smith Willoughby and Will Sasser – Business Achievement Awards – Capstone.

• Lily Kate Robertson – Fourth place, local chapter annual business report (team event; qualified for Nationals in Chicago).

ECI – FCCLA State STAR Event Winners; Sponsor: Anna Johnson

• Janna Scott - Chapter Service Project Portfolio Level 2 SILVER

Lizzie Millsaps and Marti Woodward - National Program in Action Level 3 Bronze

• Dhahami Salgado and Alaina Conley - National Program in Action Level 2 Bronze

Tammy Gray then recognized F.A.M.I.L.Y., P.A.U.S.E. and S.A.S. award recipients for the month of May as follows:

- F.A.M.I.L.Y. - Chandra Hooks, executive director of school nutrition.
- P.A.U.S.E. - Lawson Mercer, ECI Senior.
- S.A.S. - Annie "Lynn"

Henry, SES School Secretary.

Additional recognitions that took place during Wednesday night's meeting included:

• Swainsboro Elementary School Principal Valorie Watkins presented the 2022 Teacher Hero award to Barbara Poole, fifth grade teacher; the Robins Federal Credit Union Grant to Courtney Sikes, third grade teacher; and the Crider's Poultry Grant to Debra Austin, fourth grade teacher.

• Twin City Elementary School Principal Robbie Warnock presented the Be Part of the Music Honoree award to Adam Akridge, music teacher.

Superintendent Comments – Other Presentations

• Stacey Barber presented an attendance zone map to the board.

• Mollie Smith presented the FY23 Property Tax Digest and Five-year History report to board members.

• SPS Principal Ron Hirst presented an FY23 SPS Share-out plan with the board.

Consent Agenda

• Minutes of the July 19, 2022 Regular Board Meeting and July 29, 2022 Called Board Meeting.

• Financial Reports

• Fundraisers

• FY23 CTAE Budget and Programs

• Approval of Policy IEDA and new Policy IKBB and new Regulation JRB-R(1)

• SPS Book Disposal

• SRO Compensation

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

Executive Session

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

• Board members approved the certified employment of Anita Cerpovicz, SHS Teacher; Andrea Davis and Tracey McReed Lee, SMS Teacher; Jan Durden, SHS Teacher (49%); Alison Jones, SMS School Nurse; Gray Mendieta, SHS Assistant Principal (50%).

• Classified employments approved by the board included Precious Butler, Julie Rodas and Rebecca Coleman, SFS – SES; Visa Douglas, SFS – SMS; Laura Hinson, SFS - SPS; Angela Jarrell, SFS – TCE; Shirley Rucker, SFS – ECI; Anthony Snyder, SHS Custodian; Jennifer Harrison, Bus Driver; Cherry Hill, Driver/Trainer (49%); and Christian Ellington, ECI Paraprofessional.

• Board members approved certified employee resignations Miya Boston, SMS Teacher.

• Classified employee resignation approved by the board included Marcia Arrington and Brittany Hill, Pre-K Paraprofessionals; Ashley Landon, ECI Paraprofessional; and Shateria Jenkins, Bus Driver.

• The board approved a certified employee transfer request for Whitney Calhoun from Pre-K to SMS FACS Teacher.

• Board members approved the retirement of classified employee George Brown, ECI Custodian.



PRINCIPAL ANETRIA EDENFIELD, ECI FCCLA ADVISOR ANNA JOHNSON, AND SUPERINTENDENT SCOTTY HATTAWAY WITH FCCLA STATE STAR EVENT WINNERS.



PRINCIPAL ANETRIA EDENFIELD, ADVISOR KENDALL HADDEN, AND SUPERINTENDENT SCOTTY HATTAWAY WITH ECI TECHNOLOGY STUDENT ASSOCIATION STATE CONFERENCE AWARD WINNERS



ECI FFA ADVISOR TORI PELLERIN, PRINCIPAL ANETRIA EDENFIELD, AND SUPERINTENDENT SCOTTY HATTAWAY WITH FFA STATE CONVENTION AWARD WINNERS AMELIA MEADOWS AND SHANNA WILKERSON



JESSICA SMITH, ECI FBLA ADVISOR, PRINCIPAL ANETRIA EDENFIELD, AND SUPERINTENDENT SCOTTY HATTAWAY WITH FBLA STATE LEADERSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS



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